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I. AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, OF SILVER STAR - Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Silver Star is awarded, posthumously, to:

Staff Sergeant CHARLES R. DE LONG, 36158649, CAV, *** Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron (Mechanized), for gallantry in action in France on 5 November 1944. Sergeant DE LONG, advancing at the head of his platoon, entered the town of BERG in the initial elements of a dismounted assault force. Advancing under withering German mortar, artillery and small arms fire, the men attained a position for which they deployed to establish two observation posts. After directing the placing of his men, Sergeant DE LONG marshalled and supervised the movements of other groups of soldiers as they entered the outskirts. With complete disregard for his personal safety, he circulated through the bullet-swept streets, running from place to place to see that his troops had achieved covered positions. After satisfactorily establishing his observation posts, he gathered together more men in preparation for a mopping-up of pockets of the enemy force holding out in houses and buildings. As he led the attack, boldly exposing himself to the lethal hail of fire which poured down around him, Sergeant DE LONG was killed by a sniper. His fighting determination, aggressive leadership and gallantry inspired in his men a will to fight which was an important contribution to the successful liberation of the town, reflecting great credit upon himself and the Army of the United States. Entered Military Service from Michigan. Next of Kin: Mrs. Elsie De Long (Mother), Route #2, Bellevue, Michigan.

II. AWARD OF SILVER STAR - Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Silver Star is awarded to:

Captain JAMES M. DEASON, 01110452, CE, *** Engineer Combat Battalion, for gallantry in action on 9 November 1944 in France. Captain DEASON's company was assigned the mission of assisting in an Infantry assault crossing of the MOSELLE RIVER near MALLING. For many days before the attack, Captain DEASON made reconnaissance trips to the proposed site to gather information for a plan of operations. Repeatedly he was fired upon from enemy positions across the river, but he remained fearlessly at the position until he had solved all engineering problems incident to the mission. On the night of the attack, Captain DEASON led his men under the cover of darkness down to the river bank where routes of advance were marked and the assault boats made ready. As soon as the first wave of Infantrymen struck the enemy-held shore, surprise was lost and the ferrying site was subjected to an intense German mortar and artillery barrage. Bravely exposing himself to the full force of the bombardment, Captain DEASON, with utter disregard for his

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personal safety, circulated through the area organizing the succeeding assault waves and directing their crossing. His expeditious and courageous actions resulted in the rapid reinforcement of the first Infantry wave and the continuation of the attack without loss of valuable time. Captain DEASON's gallant leadership, aggressiveness and unswerving devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the Army of the United States. Entered Military Service from Alabama.

✓ First Lieutenant HENRY C. BOREN, 01031701, CAV, *** Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron (Mechanized), for gallantry in action on 17 October 1944 and 17 November 1944 in France and Germany. During his several months of combat duty, Lieutenant BOREN repeatedly performed difficult and dangerous assignments in a thorough and courageous manner. On the night of 17 October 1944, he led a small patrol across the MOSELLE RIVER deep into strongly-fortified enemy territory to obtain information of German positions. On returning to the river, an enemy patrol was encountered and annihilated. One man in the American patrol was wounded in the fray and after guiding the rest of the party back across the river, Lieutenant BOREN personally evacuated him to a place of safety. The information he gained proved to be invaluable in later assault operations. On 17 November 1944, Lieutenant BOREN led one of the first patrols across the border into Germany. The group surprised an enemy force in the town of MAJMUHLE, Germany, and in the ensuing struggle, Lieutenant BOREN suffered a serious wound. Ignoring the pain and brushing aside attempts to administer medical treatment, he persisted in the attack until all the German soldiers were killed or captured. The repeated valorous, determined and efficient deeds of Lieutenant BOREN have been examples to his men and uphold the high traditions of the Army. Entered Military Service from Illinois.

✓ Technician Fourth Grade MARTIN J. MAXWELL, 36589210, CAV, *** Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron (Mechanized), for gallantry in action in France on 20 October 1944. Technician Fourth Grade MAXWELL was a member of a small patrol reconnoitering in enemy-occupied territory between the town of GAVISSE and the MOSELLE RIVER. The scouting party suddenly encountered an enemy force also engaged in a reconnaissance mission. As Technician Fourth Grade MAXWELL and his comrades engaged the Germans in a fierce battle, a heavy artillery bombardment was directed upon them from prepared hostile positions on the east side of the MOSELLE. With the devastating fire inflicting severe casualties among his men, Technician Fourth Grade MAXWELL, with utter disregard for his personal safety, assisted in the evacuation of the wounded from the battlefield. As he returned to the scene, he saw another injured member of the patrol lying under direct exposure to artillery air bursts. Running forward through a shower of whistling shrapnel, Technician Fourth Grade MAXWELL, using his own body as a shield from the lethal hail, covered the casualty until the barrage had subsided and the wounded soldier removed. Technician Fourth Grade MAXWELL's gallantry under fire, fearless determination and loyal devotion to the safety of his comrades reflect great credit upon himself and the Army of the United States. Entered Military Service from Michigan.

Technician Fifth Grade EARL J. GREEN, 35729932, FA, *** Armored Field Artillery Battalion, for gallantry in action in France on 18 November 1944. Technician Fifth Grade GREEN, serving as a half-track driver, was with the battalion liaison section near BOUZONVILLE when the area was suddenly deluged by German artillery fire. One of the half-tracks was hit by a ricochet from a shell bursting above it and a radio operator was critically wounded. Hearing the wounded man calling for

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help and realizing the need for immediate medical aid, Technician Fifth Grade GREEN, with utter disregard for his personal safety, volunteered to go for an ambulance. Ignoring the enemy shelling, he ran through the fierce barrage, found an ambulance, and returned with it. After assisting aid men in putting the stricken soldier in the ambulance, he guided the vehicle to a hard-surfaced road. Thick, bottomless mud caused the ambulance to bog down as it attempted to pass a stalled truck on the narrow road. Thinking only of the safety of the injured man and the ambulance crew, Technician Fifth Grade GREEN assisted in moving the ambulance from its dormant position, but while so doing he was severely injured by a shell fragment. Through his coolness under fire, his gallantry and outstanding devotion to duty, he succeeded in getting the wounded man to safety and in restoring the ambulance to operational order. Technician Fifth Grade GREEN's actions reflect the highest credit upon himself and the Army of the United States. Entered Military Service from Indiana.

III. AWARD OF SOLDIER'S MEDAL - Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Soldier's Medal is awarded to:

Colonel JOHN C. BUTNER, JR., 07129, FA, 203d Field Artillery Group, for heroism in the United States on 11 May 1944 not involving actual conflict with the enemy. An army airplane crashed near CAMP FORREST, Tennessee. Colonel BUTNER was the first to reach the scene of the accident. The wreckage was completely saturated with high octane gasoline and in great danger of exploding and bursting into a blazing inferno. Disregarding his own safety, he personally rescued the pilot, who was pinned under the twisted mass of steel, by cutting him loose from the binding parachute harness and safety belt and lifting him from under the engine. The pilot removed, Colonel BUTNER, unaided, carried him to a place of safety. In effecting the rescue, he forced his body into the maze of disengaged fuselage members, placing himself in a position from which escape would have been impossible in the event of an explosion. Colonel BUTNER's aggressiveness, initiative and devotion to duty reflect credit upon himself and the United States Army. Entered Military Service from Georgia.

IV. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL - Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to:

First Lieutenant HARRY J. KALBITZER, 01031654, CAV, *** Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron (Mechanized), for heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France on 5 November 1944. Immediately prior to an early-morning attack on BERG, Lieutenant KALBITZER and his platoon were pinned to the ground by fierce German machine gun fire directed from well-concealed positions and by accurate mortar and artillery barrages. Trapped in a mine field through which he was leading his men, he realized the imminent danger, and ordered an immediate withdrawal for the purpose of reorganization. Though H-Hour had not yet arrived, he called for artillery and tank support and signified his readiness for the assault. Racing behind the tanks as they rumbled toward the village, he led his men inside the German positions and set up observation posts. With five other Cavalrymen, he dashed to the far end of the village, established another post and thereby trapped the escaping enemy. Throughout the action, Lieutenant KALBITZER displayed aggressive leadership, marked tactical knowledge and complete disregard for his own safety and reflected great credit upon himself and the Army of the United States. Entered Military Service from West Virginia.

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Staff Sergeant RAYMOND F. SZKATULSKI, 35017816, MD, *** Medical Collecting Company, for heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France on 12 November 1944. Sergeant SZKATULSKI's unit was operating in support of the 378th Infantry, 95th Infantry Division, during the fierce attack against METZ. Casualties had been severe as a result of the intense battling and litter bearers were much in demand. When one soldier was needed to complete a four-man litter squad, Sergeant SZKATULSKI volunteered for the mission, knowing that the squad would be delayed until a man could be reached to fill the vacancy. Under heavy artillery, mortar and small arms fire, he worked with tireless energy, with complete disregard for his own safety. While returning to a battalion aid station on his fourth trip from the casualty-strewn area, Sergeant SZKATULSKI was wounded by shell fragments. His heroism, courage and outstanding devotion to duty were an inspiration to the officers and men with whom he served and reflect great credit upon himself and the Army of the United States. Entered Military Service from Ohio.

V. REVOCATION IN GO NO. 71 THIS HQ CS.

So much of Section I, General Orders No. 71, this Headquarters, 19 December 1944, as awards a Bronze Star Medal to Colonel WILLIAM C. HALL, 018391, Corps of Engineers, is revoked.

By command of Major General WALKER:

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SECTION I - Award of Silver Star.
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 SECTION III - Award of Oak-Leaf Cluster.

I. AWARD OF SILVER STAR - Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Silver Star is awarded to:

Private ANTONIO TRUJILLO, 38454421, CAV, *** Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron (Mechanized), for gallantry in action on 5 November 1944 in France. Private TRUJILLO, during a dismounted cavalry attack upon the town of BEIG, was assigned with three others the mission of conducting a house-to-house search for scattered pockets of enemy resistance which were harassing the invading troops with sniper and machine gun fire. Just before the men were scheduled to begin their task, Private TRUJILLO's three comrades were given other duties, leaving him to accomplish the mission alone. Advancing fearlessly through streets commanded by observed fire from concealed sniper positions, he relentlessly began his mopping-up operations, entering house after house in search of the foe. As he was moving through the rooms of one dwelling, Private TRUJILLO suddenly encountered a lone enemy soldier whom he ordered to surrender. When the German stubbornly refused, Private TRUJILLO savagely opened fire with his submachine gun, killing the man. With fighting determination, Private TRUJILLO then proceeded to an adjacent building where he surprised another German. Suddenly realizing that he had expended all his ammunition, Private TRUJILLO menaced his victim with his empty weapon and demanded his surrender. The enemy refused. Keeping his ineffective submachine gun trained threateningly upon the man, Private TRUJILLO stealthily sidled toward a door leading to an adjoining room where he had seen a hand grenade. In one quick movement, he picked up the missile, threw it at the German and forced his surrender. Private TRUJILLO's gallant determination, exceptional bravery and unswerving devotion to duty reflect the highest credit upon himself and the Army of the United States. Entered Military Service from Texas.

II. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL - Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to:

First Lieutenant PAUL M. McANDREW, 01647171, CE, *** Engineer Combat Battalion, for heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France on 10 November 1944. After leading his platoon across the MOSELLE RIVER as a supporting element of an Infantry attack, Lieutenant McANDREW remained on the narrow bridgehead with his unit and withstood constant bombardment by enemy artillery, mortar and small arms fire for six hours. For forty-eight hours he was cut off from his company command post and unable to contact it in any way. Skillfully, he directed his platoon in sweeping and removing mine fields; finding and deactivating booby traps; and making engineer reconnaissance of roads and bridges essential to the advance of the Infantry. He personally led reconnaissance parties under withering enemy machine gun fire. His inspiring leadership and technical ability made possible the continuous and rapid advance of attacking forces. Entered Military Service from Pennsylvania.

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32/12/44 Technician Third Grade GERALD L. McCLEES, 36460457, MD, *** Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron (Mechanized), for heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France on 6 September 1944. The ambulance, of which he was a crew member, was following a task force on a mission near REZONVILLE. A mine field, thoroughly covered with German artillery fire, held up the advance of the task force and an adjacent unit. The mines had caused casualties among groups attempting to traverse the area. With utter disregard for his own safety, Technician Third Grade McCLEES volunteered with two other men to rescue the casualties lying in the mine field. Carefully, he picked his way through the vicious field and the artillery barrage, reached the men, gave them first aid and then assisted in carrying them to safety and final evacuation. Through his skill, honest devotion to the welfare of his fellow man and allegiance to duty, Technician Third Grade McCLEES made a major contribution toward the saving of several men's lives. Entered Military Service from Michigan.

Sergeant NICHOLAS J. MARCELLO, 32145715, FA, *** Armored Field Artillery Battalion, for heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France on 8 September 1944. Sergeant MARCELLO's battery was subjected to a continuous German artillery barrage near the town of MAIZIERES-les-METZ and personnel in the area had been forced to seek cover from the deadly, destructive fire. Many casualties had been suffered and some equipment damaged. Suddenly, a near-miss ignited ammunition in a trailer belonging to his section. Realizing the danger that now existed, Sergeant MARCELLO, disregarding his personal safety, left the shelter of his slit trench and with the aid of his driver succeeded in extinguishing the burning ammunition after pulling it piece by piece from the trailer. Sergeant MARCELLO's instantaneous action, courage and outstanding devotion to duty reflect high credit upon himself and the Army of the United States. Entered Military Service from New Jersey.

9/12/44 Technician Fourth Grade HEFMAN ZORDANI, 36650644, CAV, *** Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron (Mechanized), for heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France on 5 November 1944. Entering the village of BERG during an attack, Technician Fourth Grade ZORDANI, a rifleman, set up a machine gun with the aid of another soldier and pursued the mission of destroying a German machine gun nest which had pinned down approaching cavalymen. Creeping, crawling, carrying the machine gun by hand, the two men put the gun into action, despite the continuous enemy firing, and succeeded in wiping out the nest. From that assignment, he joined other members of his troop in cleaning out snipers from barricaded houses. When a comrade was seriously wounded by sniper fire, Technician Fourth Grade ZORDANI, disregarding his own safety, braved the enemy fire and gave him first aid. When the Platoon Sergeant was killed in the action, Technician Fourth Grade ZORDANI assumed command of the group, and throughout the completion of the mission he demonstrated inspiring troop leadership ability and resourcefulness. His actions are a credit to himself and the Army of the United States. Entered Military Service from Illinois.

Technician Fifth Grade HAROLD E. PLANTZ, 32253466, CE, *** Engineer Treadway Bridge Company, for heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France on 10 November 1944. While constructing an M-2 Treadway Bridge across the MOSELLE RIVER at MALLING, members of Technician Fifth Grade PLANTZ's engineer company were subjected to intense artillery shelling from German positions on the opposite shore. A Utility Boat Operator, he worked incessantly for forty-

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two hours without sleep or rest in order to guide his boat through the treacherous current and ferry the bridge sections to the site. Devastating German artillery fire crashed into the bridge immediately after it was completed, punctured a number of floating sections and tore the bridge from its anchorage. Though warned that the bridge was about to be swept down the river, Technician Fifth Grade PLANTZ, with utter disregard for his personal safety, ran down the treadway to where his boat was moored and succeeded in starting the motor and moving the boat before the last restraining cable broke. His fearlessness and tireless devotion to duty are a credit to himself and the Army of the United States. Entered Military Service from New York.

37-21 ✓ Private First Class JOHN P. LUCKETTE, 32847724, MD, *** Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron (Mechanized), for heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France on 6 September 1944. Private First Class LUCKETTE was a member of an ambulance crew which accompanied a task force on a mission near REZONVILLE. During the advance, Private First Class LUCKETTE saw three severely wounded soldiers lying in the middle of a mine field. Perceiving that the casualties were dangerously exposed to an intense enemy artillery barrage and desperately needed medical aid, he resolved to effect their rescue. With utter disregard for his personal safety, Private First Class LUCKETTE and two others advanced fearlessly into the mined field. Despite the combined danger from the falling shells and explosive laden ground, the men reached the stricken soldiers and administered emergency first aid. Then Private First Class LUCKETTE and his comrades carried the wounded back through the heavy fire to a sheltered position where they received further medical treatment. Private First Class LUCKETTE's daring and tenacious actions are in keeping with the highest standards of the Medical Corps and the Army of the United States. Entered Military Service from New York.

37-21 ✓ Private FRANK E. FIUMARA, 42041750, CAV, *** Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron (Mechanized), for heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France between 19 October 1944 and 25 October 1944. On three occasions Private FIUMARA volunteered to participate in nightly reconnaissance patrols across the MOSELLE RIVER into enemy-infested territory. On the night of 19-20 October 1944, he crossed the river and scouted German installations in a 300 yard area until his patrol was detected and driven back by intense enemy machine gun fire. Again on the night of 21-22 October 1944, he undertook a similar mission and secured more information despite heavy enemy opposition. The third mission was designed to discover the location of hostile installations. With utter disregard for his personal safety, Private FIUMARA deliberately exposed himself to draw fire which would reveal the position of the strongholds. His daring actions secured information which figured prominently in future operations within the territory. Private FIUMARA's bravery and determination reflect great credit upon himself and the Army of the United States. Entered Military Service from New York.

III. AWARD OF OAK-LEAF CLUSTER - Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal previously awarded, a Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to:

Captain ARTHUR C. CADEGAN, JR., 01113622, CE, *** Engineer Combat Battalion, for heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France on 19 November 1944. Captain CADEGAN, as Battalion Intelligence Officer,

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accompanied a scouting party on a reconnaissance mission along the SIELLE RIVER in the enemy-occupied city of METZ. When the group had penetrated deep into enemy territory, they were detected by a German patrol and fired upon. Eluding the attackers, the party boldly continued their mission. Proceeding farther down the river to an area surrounded by burning ammunition warehouses, Captain CADEGAN and his men discovered a stone arch bridge which had not yet been blown by enemy demolitions. After thoroughly inspecting the structure for mines and booby traps, Captain CADEGAN enlisted the aid of an infantry platoon to guard the bridge and returned to his unit with the vital news of his discovery. Captain CADEGAN's courageous and skillful action opened to attacking American troops an important entrance into the city. His daring and unswerving devotion to duty reflect distinct credit upon himself and the Army of the United States. Entered Military Service from Massachusetts.

Captain WILLIAM J. CHUBAK, 0450622, CE, *** Engineer Combat Battalion, for heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France on 19 November 1944. Captain CHUBAK's unit, of which he was Executive Officer, was supporting a task force engaged in crossing the SIELLE RIVER in the vicinity of METZ. Enemy demolitions had destroyed all known bridges in the area, bringing the force to an abrupt halt at the waters' edge. Captain CHUBAK, with a small reconnaissance party, began the rigorous task of finding a possible river crossing site. The area through which he and his party traversed was infested with German patrols, one of which spotted the American force and brought them under fire. When the firing temporarily ceased, Captain CHUBAK led his troops farther down the river to an area dangerously surrounded by burning ammunition warehouses. Proceeding past the burning buildings, he discovered a stone arch bridge across the river. Moving back under fire to his headquarters, Captain CHUBAK reported his extremely important find. American troops were soon pouring across the bridge, mainly because of the heroic and skillful action of Captain CHUBAK. His deed reflects credit upon himself and the Army of the United States. Entered Military Service from New Jersey.

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to the success of future operations in the sector. Entered Military Service from Pennsylvania.

B
42 ✓ Technician Fifth Grade DANIEL E. MURPHY, 31390035, CAV, *** Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron (Mechanized), for heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France on 5 November 1944. Technician Fifth Grade MURPHY served as gunner of a light machine gun during an attack against the strongly-fortified village of BERG. His platoon suddenly became pinned to the ground by German fire, causing the Commander to order an immediate withdrawal for reorganization. Technician Fifth Grade MURPHY remained unfalteringly at his post to deliver machine gun fire against the enemy nest. His tenacity and expert marksmanship greatly reduced the German machine gun and small arms volleys and enabled his platoon to withdraw without further casualties. His eager manner in accepting a dangerous mission of great responsibility is praiseworthy and reflects credit upon himself and the Armed Forces. Entered Military Service from Massachusetts.

B
42 ✓ Technician Fifth Grade ROBERT C. SCHMITZ, 16125463, CAV, *** Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron (Mechanized), for heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France on 30 October 1944. Under cover of darkness, Technician Fifth Grade SCHMITZ, as a member of a reconnaissance patrol, crossed the MOSELLE RIVER and advanced deep into territory strongly held by the Germans. Infiltrating past their positions, he finally came upon an enemy command post adjacent to an occupied fort. Despite the proximity of this fort, he and other members of the patrol unhesitatingly and aggressively attacked the command post, routed its personnel, destroyed it and escaped with papers containing valuable information. Slipping by the now alerted German sentries, Technician Fifth Grade SCHMITZ made his way back to the river, crossed and reported the valuable information that had been procured. Technician Fifth Grade SCHMITZ's skill, courage and soldierly conduct set a standard for the other men in his unit and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the Army of the United States. Entered Military Service from Illinois.

B
42 ✓ Technician Fifth Grade ROBERT L. TURNBULL, 36813183, CAV, *** Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron (Mechanized), for heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France on 5 November 1944. During the attack on BERG, several vehicles approached the town through the fields and bogged down. As BERG gradually came under American control, these vehicles were needed to fortify outposts and other purposes. Technician Fifth Grade TURNBULL ventured forth to haul the mired vehicles out with his tank despite the fact that the open field in which they were stuck was under direct enemy observation. As soon as he approached them, an enemy barrage was laid down, but he coolly dismounted from his tank, hitched it to a bogged-down quarter-ton truck and pulled it clear. He returned to the field and while freeing an armored car he was struck by a piece of flying shrapnel. His determination and courage in this action were in keeping with the highest traditions of the Army of the United States. Entered Military Service from Wisconsin.

B
42 ✓ Private First Class HENRY T. ULANSKI, 36711496, CAV, *** Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron (Mechanized), for heroic service in connection with mili-

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tary operations against the enemy in France on 5 November 1944. Private First Class ULANSKI was serving as a machine gunner during the attack on BERG, when his platoon was pinned down by withering fire directed upon them from concealed machine gun positions. The platoon leader, realizing the imminent danger of their exposed position, ordered his men to withdraw. Private First Class ULANSKI, however, with utter disregard for his personal safety, remained with his weapon in the bullet-swept area and covered his comrades' retreat. His fearless and aggressive action enabled the remainder of his platoon to withdraw, reorganize and successfully accomplish their mission. Private First Class ULANSKI's bravery under fire, determination and devotion to duty reflect distinct credit upon himself and the Army of the United States. Entered Military Service from Illinois.

Co F 312 ✓ Private ROBERT E. BUTTS, 36589777, CAV, *** Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron (Mechanized), for heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France between 19 October 1944 and 25 October 1944. On three occasions Private BUTTS volunteered to participate in nightly reconnaissance patrols across the MOSELLE RIVER into enemy-infested territory. On the night of 19-20 October 1944, he crossed the river and scouted German installations in a 300 yard area until his patrol was driven back by intense enemy machine gun fire. Again on the night of 21-22 October 1944, he undertook a similar mission and secured more valuable information despite heavy enemy opposition. The third mission was designed to discover the location of hostile strongholds. With utter disregard for his own safety, Private BUTTS deliberately exposed himself to draw fire which would reveal the position of the installations. His daring actions secured vital information which figured prominently in future operations within the territory. Private BUTTS' courage and unswerving devotion to duty reflect high credit upon himself and the Army of the United States. Entered Military Service from Michigan.

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SECTION I - Award of Bronze Star Medal.

I. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL: Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to:

B-182 ✓ Sergeant EDWARD E. CODY, 32700218, CAV, *** Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron (Mechanized), for heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France on 30 October 1944. Sergeant CODY was a member of a reconnaissance patrol which crossed the MOSELLE RIVER near EBANGE to scout territory strongly defended by the enemy. Under the cover of darkness, Sergeant CODY and his comrades infiltrated past strong German outposts until they came upon an enemy command post located near a fortress installation. Fearlessly, the small party attacked and routed the foe from the position, seized valuable papers and burned the structure to the ground. Then, with utter disregard for his personal safety as alerted German patrols scoured the area for their attackers, Sergeant CODY and his men passed dangerously near the fort, escaped watchful guards and made their way back across the river. The valuable information obtained by the scouting party contributed materially to the final capture of the territory by our forces. Sergeant CODY's bravery, scouting skill and devotion to duty reflect credit upon himself and the Army of the United States. Entered Military Service from New York.

B-182 ✓ Sergeant HERBERT G. KRINKE, 36588120, CAV, *** Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron (Mechanized), for heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France on 5 November 1944. Sergeant KRINKE was serving as a machine gunner during the attack on BERG, when his platoon was pinned down by withering fire directed upon them from well-concealed enemy machine gun positions. The platoon leader, realizing the imminent danger of their exposed position, ordered his men to withdraw. Sergeant KRINKE, however, with utter disregard for his personal safety, remained with his weapon in the bullet-swept area and covered his comrades' retreat, riddling the German installations with an overwhelming fusillade. His fearless and aggressive actions enabled the remainder of his platoon to withdraw, reorganize and successfully accomplish their mission. Sergeant KRINKE's exceptional determination, bravery under fire and unswerving devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the Army of the United States. Entered Military Service from Michigan.

Sergeant CHARLES A. LEE, 35143801, CE, *** Engineer Combat Battalion, for heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France on 19 November 1944. Sergeant LEE was a member of a scouting party which was reconnoitering for a possible bridge site along the SIELE RIVER and into the enemy-occupied city of METZ. When the group had reached a point well within the enemy lines, they were detected by the enemy and subjected to scathing small arms fire which forced them to seek cover. Proceeding on down the river, they advanced still deeper into enemy territory and discovered a stone arch bridge. Directly exposing themselves to the enemy fire, Sergeant LEE and his comrades made a thorough inspection of the bridge for mines and

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booby traps. Leaving part of the men behind to guard the structure, Sergeant LEE and two others returned under heavy mortar and artillery bombardment to an Infantry Command Post where they procured a security platoon to hold the bridge. The discovery of the bridge enabled vitally needed armor and troops to cross the river and liberate a large section of the city. Sergeant LEE's courage, fearless determination and steadfast devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the Army of the United States. Entered Military Service from Indiana.

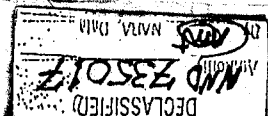
Sergeant THURMAN J. MILLER, 34254345, CE, *** Engineer Treadway Bridge Company, for heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France on 13 November 1944. Sergeant MILLER's company was assigned the mission of constructing an M-2 Treadway Bridge across the MOSELLE RIVER near MALLING. A few days earlier a bridge constructed at this point had been totally wrecked by enemy shell fire. Volunteering to assist in preparing the former site for construction operations to begin on the following day, Sergeant MILLER proceeded at night to the position and, working under constant exposure to enemy fire, cleared away the debris and wreckage. He remained at the task throughout the night despite continuous enemy shelling which inflicted severe casualties among construction crews. Sergeant MILLER's fearlessness, courageous determination and unswerving devotion to duty materially facilitated the expeditious completion of the bridge, reflecting great credit upon himself and the Army of the United States. Entered Military Service from North Carolina.

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Technician Fourth Grade JAMES F. VAN ES, 36744159, CAV, *** Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron (Mechanized), for heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France on 5 November 1944. Technician Fourth Grade VAN ES was a Tank Driver participating in an attack against BERG. He was given the mission of locating possible anti-tank guns and mine fields in the forward areas. Without faltering, he drove his tank directly into what he thought was a mine field. The undercarriage of his tank was totally destroyed when the heavy machine struck a triple Teller-Bar Mine, and the explosion seriously wounded Technician Fourth Grade VAN ES. As a result of this fearless action, attacking forces were provided with valuable knowledge of the mined terrain and were able to bypass this dangerous obstacle and reach the objective. Technician Fourth Grade VAN ES, through his bravery and outstanding performance of duty, brought great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces. Entered Military Service from Illinois.

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Technician Fifth Grade PASQUALE F. DANINO, 33579814, CAV, *** Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron (Mechanized), for heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France on 30 October 1944. Technician Fifth Grade DANINO was a member of a patrol engaged in reconnaissance activities deep within German-occupied territory. Arriving on an enemy-held bank, he followed the patrol in its infiltration past and through enemy positions until a command post was discovered adjacent to an occupied fort. Attacking the command post, the enemy was routed and vital information secured. Many times that night, Technician Fifth Grade DANINO eluded enemy patrols while making his way back to the MOSELLE RIVER where he crossed and returned to his unit with valuable information. Throughout the action, he exhibited distinct bravery and thorough scouting ability. His achievement contributed materially

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SECTION I - Award, Posthumous, of Bronze Star Medal.
 SECTION II - Award of Bronze Star Medal.

I. AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL: Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded, posthumously, to:

Staff Sergeant DONALD R. HIGGINS, 20238968, CMP, *** Military Police Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France between 25 July 1944 and 26 October 1944. Entered Military Service from New Jersey. Next of kin: Mrs. Virginia E. Higgins, (Wife), 12 Bloomfield Avenue, Flemington, New Jersey.

II. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL: Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to:

✓ Lieutenant Colonel PHILLIP B. DAVIDSON, JR., 021969, CAV, 3d Cavalry Group (Mechanized), for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France between 10 August 1944 and 23 November 1944. Entered Military Service from Oklahoma.

✓ Lieutenant Colonel GEORGE C. MERKEL, 0306262, FA, *** Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in France on 5 November 1944. Entered Military Service from Iowa.

Lieutenant Colonel NINIAN L. YUILLE, 0270933, FA, *** Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France between 19 August 1944 and 11 November 1944. Entered Military Service from California.

Major ROBERT S. EININGER, 0254619, CE, 1139th Engineer Combat Group, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France between 8 November 1944 and 11 November 1944. Entered Military Service from Pennsylvania.

Major JAMES C. FORSYTH, 0343119, CE, *** Engineer Combat Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France between 10 August 1944 and 13 November 1944. Entered Military Service from Pennsylvania.

✓ Major ALVIN P. UTTERBACK, JR., 0380479, CAV, *** Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron (Mechanized), for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in France between 26 October 1944 and 5 November 1944. Entered Military Service from Texas.

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Major CHARLES E. WRIGHT, 0367027, CE, *** Engineer Combat Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France between 9 November 1944 and 12 November 1944. Entered Military Service from Illinois.

Captain ROBERT H. JENSEN, 01102316, CE, *** Engineer Combat Battalion, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in France on 9 November 1944. Entered Military Service from Wisconsin.

Captain LEONARD LORD, 0488448, CWS, 1st European Civil Affairs Regiment, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in France on 28 September 1944. Entered Military Service from Connecticut.

Captain STANLEY WOICEKOWSKI, 01285682, CMF, *** Military Police Company, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France between 1 August 1944 and 1 November 1944. Entered Military Service from Pennsylvania.

First Lieutenant JOHN R. GLICK, 0515941, FA, *** Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in France on 29 October 1944. Entered Military Service from Illinois.

First Lieutenant MICHAEL P. MANGAN, 01115335, CE, *** Engineer Combat Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France on 9 November 1944. Entered Military Service from Pennsylvania.

First Lieutenant HARRY J. NOVEMBER, 01172578, FA, *** Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in France on 16 August 1944. Entered Military Service from New York.

First Lieutenant HARRY J. SEMENOCK, 01174432, FA, *** Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France between 6 October 1944 and 15 October 1944. Entered Military Service from Washington.

First Lieutenant CECIL G. STALLING, 01109032, CE, *** Engineer Treadway Bridge Company, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France between 10 November 1944 and 12 November 1944. Entered Military Service from Texas.

Second Lieutenant HAROLD E. HOWARD, 01178840, FA, *** Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in France on 14 September 1944. Entered Military Service from Massachusetts.

Second Lieutenant CARROLL A. STAIRS, 01558096, CE, *** Engineer Combat Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France between 9 November 1944 and 13 November 1944. Entered Military Service from Connecticut.

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Technical Sergeant JOSEPH C. RADANOVICH, 36813574, CAV, *** Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron (Mechanized), for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France on 17 August 1944. Entered Military Service from Wisconsin.

Technical Sergeant GLEN E. SMITH, 37023223, CAV, *** Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron (Mechanized), for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France between 11 August 1944 and 17 November 1944. Entered Military Service from Minnesota.

Technical Sergeant JOE C. WILLIAMS, 38397209, CE, *** Engineer Combat Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France between 9 November 1944 and 13 November 1944. Entered Military Service from Oklahoma.

Sergeant CLARENCE R. HUGHTO, 32835182, CAV, *** Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron (Mechanized), for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France on 5 November 1944. Entered Military Service from New York.

Sergeant FRANK KLOIBER, 33112243, CE, *** Engineer Combat Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France between 11 August 1944 and 9 November 1944. Entered Military Service from Pennsylvania.

Sergeant (then Private) BERNARD F. TURNER, 33740774, CWS, *** Chemical Smoke Generator Company, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France on 12 November 1944. Entered Military Service from District of Columbia.

Sergeant ROBERT T. WALLACE, 20643913, FA, *** Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in France between 7 August 1944 and 15 October 1944. Entered Military Service from Michigan.

Technician Fourth Grade GEORGE W. BARKER, 36114081, FA, *** Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in France on 6 August 1944. Entered Military Service from Michigan.

Technician Fourth Grade WILLIAM M. BECK, 20925362, FA, *** Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France between 21 July 1944 and 31 July 1944. Entered Military Service from Utah.

Technician Fourth Grade ARTHUR J. CAPONE, 31297043, FA, *** Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France between 15 September 1944 and 30 September 1944. Entered Military Service from Massachusetts.

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Technician Fourth Grade GEORGE V. MICHAELS, 36654193, CAV, *** Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron (Mechanized), for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France between 11 August 1944 and 17 November 1944. Entered Military Service from Illinois.

Corporal JOHN P. COOK, 31202179, FA, *** Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France between 6 October 1944 and 12 October 1944. Entered Military Service from Massachusetts.

Corporal WILLIAM W. LOFTIN, 38418387, FA, *** Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in France on 14 November 1944. Entered Military Service from Texas.

Private First Class L. D. SWARTZ, 36587713, CAV, *** Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron (Mechanized), for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France between 2 September 1944 and 6 September 1944. Entered Military Service from Michigan.

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SECTION I - Award, Posthumous, of Bronze Star Medal.
 SECTION II - Award of Bronze Star Medal.
 SECTION III - Award of Oak-Leaf Cluster.

I. AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL: Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded, posthumously, to:

Private First Class JAY RASMUSSEN, 39922011, CAV, *** Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron (Mechanized), for heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France on 5 November 1944. Private First Class RASMUSSEN was a member of a tank crew advancing on the heavily-defended village of BERG. Despite tremendous mortar and machine gun fire, he exposed himself in the open turret of his tank in an effort to bring effective fire on German snipers who were firing on his tank and the many dismounted cavalymen who were advancing along the streets of the village. Enemy fire found Private First Class RASMUSSEN and killed him during the advance of the tank. Private First Class RASMUSSEN's aggressiveness, bravery and unstinting devotion to duty contributed materially to the success of the mission and reflect great credit upon himself and the Army of the United States. Entered Military Service from Utah. Next of kin: Mr. Farrel J. Rasmussen (Father), Roosevelt, Utah.

II. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL: Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to:

Second Lieutenant DON D. LITTLE, 0519238, FA, *** Field Artillery Observation Battalion, for heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France on 21 November 1944. Lieutenant LITTLE, accompanied by two enlisted men, was engaged in a night reconnaissance mission near RITZING. Riding in a truck, the party was proceeding down a little-used road under sporadic enemy shell fire when their vehicle struck a mine. The explosion completely demolished the truck and severely wounded Lieutenant LITTLE's two companions. Although badly shaken and suffering a critical facial wound, he administered first aid to the casualties and set off through the complete blackout to locate an aid station. After walking two miles, he obtained transportation to the nearest station, procured an ambulance, and led it back. His prompt and courageous action expedited the evacuation of the men to medical treatment and was largely responsible for saving their lives. Lieutenant LITTLE's exceptional heroism, determination and steadfast concern for the welfare of his men uphold the high traditions of the Army of the United States. Entered Military Service from Texas.

Technician Third Grade DAVID GOLDBERG, 35461393, MD, *** Field Artillery Battalion, for heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France on 17 August 1944. Technician Third Grade GOLDBERG was engaged in evacuating casualties from an exposed position under incessant German machine gun, mortar and small arms fire. The wounded men lay near a fiercely blazing truck loaded with gasoline and ammunition. Although the vehicle was in imminent danger of exploding at any moment, Technician Third Grade GOLDBERG, seeing a critically wounded man who was suffering from a severe loss of blood, ran fearlessly through

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the bullet-raked area to his side and skillfully staunched the hemorrhage. Then, with utter disregard for his personal safety, Technician Third Grade GOLDBERG lifted the stricken soldier and carried him to safety. His brave actions were largely responsible for the saving of the man's life. Technician Third Grade GOLDBERG's courage and loyal devotion to duty reflect the greatest credit upon himself and the United States Army Medical Corps. Entered Military Service from Kentucky.

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 Sergeant ALFRED NEUKUCKATZ, 36744271, CAV, *** Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron (Mechanized), for heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France on 5 November 1944. During the action against the town of BERG, Sergeant NEUKUCKATZ's platoon leader and platoon sergeant were wounded and had to be evacuated. Undaunted, Sergeant NEUKUCKATZ assumed command of the platoon and continued the attack against the town. Devastating observed fire rained down on the tanks, causing a loss of communication, and making it necessary for Sergeant NEUKUCKATZ to expose himself in an open turret to control the movements of his vehicles. While valiantly directing his comrades, he was wounded, but determinedly stayed at his post until his platoon had neutralized the German machine guns and routed the enemy. Sergeant NEUKUCKATZ's courage under fire, fidelity and perseverance reflect credit upon himself and the Army of the United States. Entered Military Service from Illinois.

Technician Fourth Grade ABE TRUGMAN, 32565169, MD, *** Field Artillery Battalion, for heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France on 17 August 1944. Technician Fourth Grade TRUGMAN was engaged in evacuating casualties from an exposed position under incessant German machine gun, mortar and small arms fire. The wounded men lay near a fiercely blazing truck loaded with ammunition and gasoline. Although the vehicle was in imminent danger of exploding at any moment, Technician Fourth Grade TRUGMAN, seeing a critically wounded man, ran fearlessly forward through the bullet-raked area to his side. The soldier suffered from a throat wound which had severed his wind pipe and threatened him with strangulation. Expertly administering first aid, Technician Fourth Grade TRUGMAN stopped the bleeding and made it possible for the man to breathe. Then, with utter disregard for his personal safety, he carried the casualty through the hail of fire to safety. His brave actions were largely responsible for saving the injured soldier's life. Technician Fourth Grade TRUGMAN's bravery, technical proficiency and loyal devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the Army Medical Corps. Entered Military Service from New Jersey.

Corporal ROBERT L. CARTER, 35770999, MD, *** Field Artillery Battalion, for heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France on 17 August 1944. Corporal CARTER was participating in the evacuation of wounded personnel from a fire-swept area near CHARTRES. The casualties lay perilously near a truck loaded with ammunition and gasoline which had been set afire during the action. Although the vehicle was in imminent danger of exploding at any moment, Corporal CARTER, seeing a critically wounded man lying in an exposed position, ran fearlessly to his side and administered first aid. Then, disregarding his personal safety, Corporal CARTER lifted the casualty and carried him to safety. His prompt and courageous actions were largely responsible for saving the soldier's life. Corporal CARTER's bravery, technical skill and steadfast devotion to the welfare of others reflect great credit upon himself and exemplify the highest traditions of the United States Army Medical Corps. Entered Military Service from Kentucky.

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Technician Fifth Grade ROBERT V. SAKOWICZ, 36655662, CAV, *** Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron (Mechanized), for heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France between 19 October 1944 and 25 October 1944. On three occasions he volunteered to participate in nightly reconnaissance patrols across the MOSELLE RIVER into heavily-fortified German territory. On the night 19-20 October 1944, he crossed the river and reconnoitered enemy positions for 300 yards and ceased operations only when the patrol was forced to withdraw by machine gun fire. On the night 21-22 October 1944, he went on a similar mission and secured more valuable information in spite of the heavy fire. The third mission was to take prisoners. Though the enemy retreated before any soldiers could be captured, Technician Fifth Grade SAKOWICZ assisted in securing valuable information concerning hostile fortifications. His courage and enthusiastic willingness to perform his duty reflect high credit upon himself and the Army of the United States. Entered Military Service from Illinois.

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 Technician Fifth Grade HERBERT H. WEBB, 32842389, CAV, *** Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron (Mechanized), for heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France on 5 November 1944. Technician Fifth Grade WEBB was serving as a light machine gunner with his platoon while it was engaged in an attack against BERG. As they advanced, they suddenly came under heavy German mortar and machine gun fire from concealed positions. Temporarily at a disadvantage, the platoon leader ordered a withdrawal. Technician Fifth Grade WEBB had already established a position for his gun, however, and volunteered to remain, despite the enemy blanket of fire, in an attempt to knock out some of the German emplacements. His fire so reduced the effectiveness of the enemy guns that the platoon, after a brief withdrawal, was able to reorganize, return and successfully neutralize the German positions. His daring and persistence were in keeping with the highest traditions of the Army. Entered Military Service from New York.

Private First Class MIKE A. SICA, 36420950, CAV, *** Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron (Mechanized), for heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France on 22 September 1944. In the early morning hours, Private First Class SICA, accompanied by a Sergeant, set out in a vehicle on a mission to GRAVELOTTE. On their return trip, they were suddenly attacked by a German patrol armed with concussion grenades and submachine guns. Enemy bullets riddled the vehicle, pierced its battery, and severely wounded the Sergeant, who had been driving. When the "Jeep" stalled within ten yards of the attackers, Private First Class SICA, with immediate concern for his wounded comrade's safety, pulled him to the rear seat where he would be partially shielded. Then, with utter disregard for his personal safety, he leaped from the vehicle, pushed it down a grade and managed to start the motor. Remounting, he drove fearlessly through the lethal hail and brought the casualty to safety. Private First Class SICA's bravery, aggressiveness and determination exemplify the highest traditions of the Army of the United States. Entered Military Service from Michigan.

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 Private CLIFF A. MC LAUGHLIN, 35751693, CAV, *** Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron (Mechanized), for heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France on 30 October 1944. Private MC LAUGHLIN was a member of a reconnaissance patrol which crossed the MOSELLE RIVER near EBANGE to scout territory strongly defended by the enemy. Under the cover of darkness, Private MC LAUGHLIN and his comrades infiltrated past strong German outposts until they came upon an enemy command post located near a fortress installation. Fearlessly, the small party attacked and routed the foe from the position, seized valuable

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papers and burned the structure to the ground. Then, with utter disregard for his personal safety as alerted German patrols scoured the area for their attackers, Private MC LAUGHLIN and his daring comrades passed perilously near the fort, eluded vigilant guards and made their way back across the river. The valuable information obtained by the scouting party contributed materially to the ultimate capture of the reconnoitered territory. Private MC LAUGHLIN's heroic actions were a continuous inspiration to the other members of the patrol and aided conspicuously in their final success. His bravery, aggressiveness and unswerving devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the Army of the United States. Entered Military Service from West Virginia.

III. AWARD OF OAK-LEAF CLUSTER: Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal previously awarded, a Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to:

Technician Fifth Grade RICHARD W. RUDZINSKI, 20644266, FA, *** Field Artillery Battalion, for heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France on 19 November 1944. Technician Fifth Grade RUDZINSKI, with two officers and another soldier, was driving a German jeep near Fort AU FOUR A CHAUX just south of METZ. Surprised by the approach of one of their own vehicles, two German soldiers immediately surrendered when they discovered the occupants to be Americans. With quick presence of mind, Technician Fifth Grade RUDZINSKI leapt behind a tree and covered sixty more German soldiers, including two officers, all from the Fort, helped disarm them, and marched them to the rear. His instantaneous action and calmness are a credit to himself and the Service. Entered Military Service from Michigan.

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