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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:

RICHARD P. BARTH, 35060835, Corporal, FA, \*\*\*\* Armored Field Artillery Battalion, for gallantry in action in France on 24 September 1944. Corporal BARTH, serving as a signal corporal, was with his battalion in support of Infantry and Tank operations near LORRY, France. During a heavy enemy artillery bombardment the communications line running to adjacent artillery battery positions was severed by shell fragments. Corporal BARTH, realizing the vital importance of the line to the successful execution of his battalion's fire mission, crept forward under an incessant barrage of bursting shells to make the necessary repairs. While performing the task, he was mortally wounded. Corporal BARTH's gallant disregard for his personal safety, loyal devotion to duty and supreme sacrifice reflect the highest credit upon himself and the Army of the United States. Entered Military Service from Ohio. Next of Kin: Mrs. Katherine D. Barth (Mother), 3642 W. 118th Street, Cleveland, Ohio.

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:

CHARLES F. MC LANE, 0326805, Captain, MC, \*\*\*\* Armored Field Artillery Battalion, for heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France on 24 September 1944. Captain MC LANE, serving as battalion surgeon, demonstrated a high order of courage and professional skill when his unit's position was undergoing a severe German mortar barrage. Flying fragments seriously wounded an officer and two enlisted men and they lay helpless in an area exposed to the shelling. Without regard for his personal safety, Captain MC LANE groped his way across the shell-torn field and administered first aid to the casualties and then supervised the evacuation of the stricken men. Captain MC LANE's fearlessness and devotion to duty reflect high credit upon himself and the Army of the United States. Entered Military Service from Pennsylvania.

PAUL J. CLIFFORD, 01821973, First Lieutenant, FA, \*\*\*\* Tank Destroyer Battalion, for heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France on 7 September 1944. Lieutenant CLIFFORD, serving as leader of a reconnaissance platoon, was preceding his unit into the village of JOUDREVILLE when he observed a large German tank. After he had notified the tank destroyer platoon commander of the enemy tank's location, the hostile machine started to move, and in so doing exposed itself to Lieutenant CLIFFORD's weapons. He opened fire on it, causing it to flee aimlessly into the gun sights of another American force which destroyed it. When crews from two German halftracks attempted to escape, Lieutenant CLIFFORD chased them into a "blind" alley with his vehicle where he blocked the entrance, dismounted and continued the pursuit on foot. Though they had hidden, the officer sought the enemy soldiers with great determination, disregarding his personal safety, and in a few moments captured them.

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His courage, initiative and devotion to duty reflect distinct credit upon himself and the Army of the United States. Entered Military Service from New York.

GEORGE R. LAMB, 01037114, First Lieutenant, CWS, \*\*\*\* Chemical Smoke Generator Company, for heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France from 10 September 1944 to 19 September 1944. Serving as executive officer of his company, and then commanding officer after the first day of operations, Lieutenant LAMB continually exposed himself to enemy fire to supervise the laying of smoke to screen bridging operations at ARNAVILLE, France. Attached to the 5th Infantry Division, he crossed to the enemy-held side of the MOSELLE RIVER and reconnoitered for positions and directed the emplacement and use of the smoke generators, despite heavy German shelling which caused many casualties within his unit. While other units were forced to withdraw from the enemy bank and from the bridge site itself, Lieutenant LAMB, although wounded by shrapnel, remained at the scene voluntarily to continue his mission. His complete disregard for personal safety, bravery and perseverance reflect the highest credit upon himself and the Army of the United States. Entered Military Service from Idaho.

WILLIAM E. BOYD, 18031960, Staff Sergeant, FA, \*\*\*\* Field Artillery Battalion, for heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France on 22 September 1944. Staff Sergeant BOYD was observing artillery fire from his Battalion Forward Observation Post near LOIVILLE, France, when the position was subjected to a heavy enemy counter-bombardment. Wire communications between the Observation Post and the Fire Direction Center were disrupted by the exploding shells. Sergeant BOYD, realizing the importance of maintaining constant contact with Battery positions, fearlessly exposed himself to the barrage to repair the lines. On five occasions throughout the day he repeated the task, advancing across 300 yards of fire-swept terrain to service the lines. Sergeant BOYD's heroic actions in restoring the vital communications link permitted accurate and effective artillery fire to be directed upon the enemy. His courage, determination and steadfast devotion to duty reflect distinct credit upon himself and the Army of the United States. Entered Military Service from Oklahoma.

WELDON D. GRIFFIN, 11065581, Sergeant, TA, \*\*\*\* Tank Destroyer Battalion, for heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France on 26 August 1944. While serving as section sergeant with a reconnaissance platoon, Sergeant GRIFFIN drove into the village of GAYE, France, where he learned from French civilians that an enemy force was defending ground on the outskirts. With complete disregard for his personal safety, he proceeded alone toward the supposed enemy location and was stopped by a hail of enemy small arms fire which wounded him in the shoulder. Realizing that the enemy held numerical superiority over his small section, he requested additional help and remained at the site, though suffering intense pain from his injury, and held the Germans at bay until reinforcements arrived. Directing the fire of his now reinforced group, he succeeded in destroying an enemy halftrack and causing the remainder of the hostile unit to flee. Sergeant GRIFFIN's fearlessness, leadership and initiative reflect great credit upon himself and the Army of the United States. Entered Military Service from Connecticut.

HENRY F. RYAN, 6982130, Sergeant, OE, \*\*\*\* Engineer Combat Battalion, for heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France

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on 16 September 1944. Sergeant RYAN was on reconnaissance in enemy-held CHARITRES with the mission of finding a bridge or ford by which a Task Force of the 7th Armored Division, to which he was attached, could cross. His patrol, of which he was second in command, was fired upon by German snipers and machine gunners. Attaching themselves to an armored Infantry platoon, the patrol undertook to drive the enemy from positions in the CHARITRES Cathedral. Sergeant RYAN led a machine gun crew. Heavy enemy fire soon caused the platoon to withdraw, but the patrol remained at the site and Sergeant RYAN repeatedly exposed himself while making his reconnaissance and covering movements of his men. When all other units had withdrawn and he had been refused the assistance of a tank, Sergeant RYAN drove forward in a jeep, defying the enemy fire to rescue two of his men who were pinned down. With his rifle and Bazooka, he succeeded in quelling the enemy force. Through his bravery, disregard for personal safety and marked leadership, Sergeant RYAN completed his mission, and by his personal example inspired his men. Such actions reflect high credit upon himself and the Army of the United States. Entered Military Service from New York.

ALBERT N. WALLACE, 36516833, Sergeant, CWS, \*\*\*\* Chemical Smoke Generator Company, for heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France from 10 September 1944 to 19 September 1944. While his company was attached to the 5th Infantry Division, Sergeant WALLACE, with elements of the unit, crossed to the East bank of the MOSELLE RIVER to establish and operate smoke generators. This was accomplished under direct German observation and incurred heavy artillery fire. In the next nine days, enemy bursts wiped out generators and smoke pots almost as soon as they were put into operation. As section leader, Sergeant WALLACE had the responsibility of keeping his unit supplied with fog oils and smoke pots, and in doing so, constantly had to expose himself to enemy fire. But placing duty before self, he remained steadfastly at his work, inspiring his men by his personal example of leadership. His fearlessness, aggressiveness and devotion to duty reflect credit upon himself and the Army of the United States. Entered Military Service from Michigan.

RAYMOND L. LUPIEN, 39134400, Corporal, FA, \*\*\*\* Field Artillery Battalion, for heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France between 5 October 1944 and 12 October 1944. Serving in the wire section of his battery, Corporal LUPIEN repeatedly came under German artillery and small arms fire while servicing the battery communications net. Seemingly oblivious to the danger, however, he steadfastly persevered in his work both night and day. On the afternoon of 12 October 1944, the battery wire lines were cut by enemy shellfire and vital communications between the batteries were severed. Corporal LUPIEN unhesitatingly led his wire section to the break, and calmly repaired it under heavy enemy fire. Though he was wounded in this action, he remained on duty until the break was repaired before reporting for medical aid. His leadership, attention to duty and initiative reflect credit upon himself and the Army of the United States. Entered Military Service from California.

FREDERICK W. WHEELER, 34840191, Private First Class, CWS, \*\*\*\* Chemical Smoke Generator Company, for heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France between 10 September 1944 and 19 September 1944. Private First Class WHEELER, with elements of his company, crossed to the east bank of the MOSELLE RIVER with smoke generator equipment to maintain a protective smoke screen during bridge construction operations. Although the site was subjected to heavy and destructive enemy artillery fire throughout the period, Private First Class WHEELER, disregarding the danger, remained steadfastly at his machine and continued

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to light smoke pots to preserve the protecting screen around the American positions. When he was appointed acting section leader, he carefully supervised the efforts of his men and by personal example, moulded them into an efficient team. Private First Class WHEELER's bravery, determination and tenacious loyalty to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the Army of the United States. Entered Military Service from South Carolina.

THOMAS C. HOPPER, 33424159, Private, FA, \*\*\*\* Field Artillery Battalion, for heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France on 22 September 1944. Private HOPPER's battalion was engaged in counter-battery fire with German forces near LOIVILLE, France, and he was moving forward to assist in operating an Observation Post. Throughout the day, enemy bombardment severed wire communications between the Observation Post and the Fire Direction Center. Perceiving that communications had to be maintained constantly, Private HOPPER voluntarily left his dugout five times during the day to repair the lines, despite the enemy artillery and small arms fire. His ventures varied from distances of 300 yards to two miles over fire-swept terrain. Through his courage, initiative and technical skill, Private HOPPER succeeded in maintaining vital communications within his unit. His disregard for personal safety and outstanding devotion to duty reflect distinct credit upon himself and the Army of the United States. Entered Military Service from Pennsylvania.

LEE O. WARD, 38107629, Private, FA, \*\*\*\* Field Artillery Battalion, for heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France on 21 September 1944. Private WARD was a member of a wire patrol laying telephone lines from his battalion's position to the Forward Observation Post during operations near LOIVILLE, France. The Germans held commanding ground to the front, bolstered by pillboxes and previously prepared positions, giving them excellent observation and accuracy of fire. Private WARD, in order to complete his mission, was required to cross an open, bullet-swept area which was 800 yards long. Though pinned down innumerable times by the flying enemy shells, he continued his task fearlessly and undaunted. Learning that the forward observer had moved 500 yards farther forward, he returned over the dangerous terrain, secured more wire and then went back to finish his mission. Private WARD's initiative, technical skill and outstanding devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the Army of the United States. Entered Military Service from Texas.

By command of Major General WALKER:

W. A. COLLIER  
 Brigadier General, General Staff Corps  
 Chief of Staff

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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:

SOLOMON F. CLARK, 05341, Colonel, FA, 195th Field Artillery Group, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France between 6 August 1944 and 30 September 1944. Entered Military Service from Texas.

LEO L. HOLLAND, 0318186, Lieutenant Colonel, ORD, \*\*\*\* Ordnance Battalion, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in France between 4 September 1944 and 1 October 1944. Entered Military Service from Missouri.

CALVIN C. SEAVEY, SR., 0129701, Lieutenant Colonel, FA, \*\*\*\* Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France between 7 August 1944 and 1 September 1944. Entered Military Service from New Hampshire.

JOHN D. ARMSTRONG, 0398155, Major, QMC, \*\*\*\* Quartermaster Battalion (Mobile), for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France between 11 August 1944 and 3 September 1944. Entered Military Service from Florida.

WILLIAM R. CARPENTER, 0268641, Major, FA, 195th Field Artillery Group, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France between 6 August 1944 and 1 September 1944. Entered Military Service from Kansas.

HAROLD L. HAUSMAN, 0430761, Major, CWS, \*\*\*\* Chemical Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France between 6 June 1944 and 7 October 1944. Entered Military Service from Texas.

JOHN H. JACKSON, 0324423, Major, CE, 1139th Engineer Combat Group, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France between 15 September 1944 and 17 September 1944. Entered Military Service from Virginia.

ARTHUR R. MARSHALL, 01038231, Captain, CWS, \*\*\*\* Chemical Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France between 6 June 1944 and 7 October 1944. Entered Military Service from Florida.

ARTHUR V. PINGREE, 01165547, Captain, FA, 195th Field Artillery Group, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France between 6 August 1944 and 1 September 1944. Entered Military Service from Massachusetts.

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RICHARD E. SPRUILL, 0483214, Captain, ORD, \*\*\*\* Ordnance HM Company (FA), for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in France between 4 September 1944 and 1 October 1944. Entered Military Service from North Carolina.

HIRAM D. FRANKEL, 01039350, First Lieutenant, CWS, \*\*\*\* Chemical Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France between 6 June 1944 and 1 October 1944. Entered Military Service from Indiana.

CHARLES CURTIS L. CUTHBERTSON, 01555192, Second Lieutenant, ORD, \*\*\*\* Ordnance HM Company (FA), for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France between 4 September 1944 and 1 October 1944. Entered Military Service from Oklahoma.

STEPHEN J. BYSCO, 36588434, First Sergeant, CAV, 3d Cavalry Group (Mechanized), for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France between 10 August 1944 and 30 September 1944. Entered Military Service from Michigan.

CLETUS HOUSTON, 6249042, Technical Sergeant, FA, \*\*\*\* Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France between 29 August 1944 and 21 September 1944. Entered Military Service from Oklahoma.

DANIEL W. MULLER, 34083348, Staff Sergeant, CAV, 3d Cavalry Group (Mechanized), for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France between 10 August 1944 and 30 September 1944. Entered Military Service from Georgia.

ALVIN M. PHILLIS, 20734176, Staff Sergeant, FA, 195th Field Artillery Group, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France between 6 August 1944 and 1 September 1944. Entered Military Service from Kansas.

HOUSTON C. SHEPPARD, 6959626, Staff Sergeant, FA, \*\*\*\* Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France between 12 September 1944 and 22 September 1944. Entered Military Service from Texas.

MERLE A. LATHEY, 35677184, Sergeant, CWS, \*\*\*\* Chemical Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France between 6 June 1944 and 1 October 1944. Entered Military Service from Ohio.

HARVEY R. COLOME, 31183824, Private First Class, CWS, \*\*\*\* Chemical Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France between 18 June 1944 and 1 October 1944. Entered Military Service from Rhode Island.

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BERNARD B. JONES, 32835154, Private First Class, CAV, 3d Cavalry Group (Mechanized), for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France between 10 August 1944 and 30 September 1944. Entered Military Service from New York.

DONALD F. WHISTLER, JR., 39115276, Private First Class, CWS, \*\*\*\* Chemical Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France between 18 June 1944 and 1 October 1944. Entered Military Service from California.

II AWARD OF AIR MEDAL: Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Air Medal is awarded to:

RALPH W. LANGEARTEL, 01174039, First Lieutenant, FA, \*\*\*\* Field Artillery Battalion, for distinguishing himself by meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights over France between 1 September 1944 and 14 October 1944. Entered Military Service from Pennsylvania.

RICHARD G. NYSTROM, 01178583, First Lieutenant, FA, \*\*\*\* Field Artillery Battalion, for distinguishing himself by meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights over France between 11 September 1944 and 29 October 1944. Entered Military Service from Illinois.

BENJAMIN T. O'BYRNE, 01169676, First Lieutenant, FA, \*\*\*\* Field Artillery Battalion, for distinguishing himself by meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights over France between 17 August 1944 and 6 October 1944. Entered Military Service from Iowa.

RICHARD G. DUNN, 01184040, Second Lieutenant, FA, \*\*\*\* Field Artillery Battalion, for distinguishing himself by meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights over France between 16 September 1944 and 31 October 1944. Entered Military Service from Rhode Island.

BRUCE E. WALTERS, 0553152, Second Lieutenant, FA, 33d Field Artillery Brigade, for distinguishing himself by meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights over France between 9 September 1944 and 25 October 1944. Entered Military Service from Oklahoma.

LESLIE A. WARNER, 01178977, Second Lieutenant, FA, \*\*\*\* Field Artillery Battalion, for distinguishing himself by meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights over France between 15 September 1944 and 21 October 1944. Entered Military Service from Connecticut.

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

JOHN J. MARTIN, 01181361, First Lieutenant, FA, \*\*\*\* Field Artillery Battalion, for distinguishing himself by meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights over France between 1 September 1944 and 20 October 1944. Entered Military Service from New York.



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LESLIE K. CARRARA, 01175397, Second Lieutenant, FA, 5th Field Artillery Group, for distinguishing himself by meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights over France between 21 September 1944 and 3 October 1944. Entered Military Service from New Jersey.

IV AWARD OF SECOND OAK-LEAF CLUSTER: Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, in addition to an Air Medal and one Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster to the Air Medal previously awarded, a second Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to:

GEORGE G. IRVINE, 01176074, First Lieutenant, FA, \*\*\*\* Armored Field Artillery Battalion, for distinguishing himself by meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights over France between 28 September 1944 and 22 October 1944. Entered Military Service from Minnesota.

V AWARD OF THIRD OAK-LEAF CLUSTER: Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, in addition to an Air Medal and two Bronze Oak-Leaf Clusters to the Air Medal previously awarded, a third Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to:

NEIL R. SHELL, 01178335, Second Lieutenant, FA, 5th Field Artillery Group, for distinguishing himself by meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights over France between 19 September 1944 and 11 October 1944. Entered Military Service from Arkansas.

VI So much of par I, GO 21, this Hq dated 5 September 1944, as reads: "GEORGE W. WICKMAN, 39676732, Private First Class" is amended to read: "GEORGE H. WICKMAN, 39676732, Private First Class".

By command of Major General WALKER:

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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:

MARION H. PATTERSON, 01110710, Captain, CE, \*\*\*\* Engineer Combat Battalion, for heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France on 23 September 1944. All through the night, Captain PATTERSON had been supervising the efforts of his company to build a bridge across the SEILLE RIVER only 800 yards from the enemy lines in CHEMINOT, France. At dawn, feeling that the site his men had been working at was inadequate, he reconnoitered for another and on finding one, decided, despite the proximity of the enemy, to immediately begin construction of a steel treadway bridge under cover of the fog that enveloped them. No sooner had the first treadway been placed across the stream than the fog lifted and the operation was exposed to the view of the Germans only 700 yards away. Mortar fire fell on Captain PATTERSON and his men almost immediately. But scorning the danger, he spurred his men on to complete the task, setting an example for them by striding fearlessly among them while supervising their work. The bridge was within five minutes of completion when an enemy burst disabled a truck and wounded several men, and unable to finish the job without the truck, a halt had to be called. Captain PATTERSON ordered his men to seek cover and was himself the last to leave. His bravery under fire and intense devotion to duty reflect credit upon himself and the Army of the United States. Entered Military Service from Texas.

EIMER R. BURNS, JR., 0449189, First Lieutenant, FA, XX Corps Artillery, for heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France on 5 October 1944. Lieutenant BURNS, as Assistant S-2, distinguished himself by an outstanding display of courage and superior technical knowledge. When large enemy shells were reported to be falling in a field near XX Corps Headquarters, Lieutenant BURNS voluntarily entered the area to obtain a "shell rep", which is a calculation that determines the approximate location and size of the gun laying down the barrage. With complete disregard for his personal safety, he fearlessly exposed himself to the bombardment, observing from dangerously close range the trajectory and explosive impact of each shell as it hurtled to earth. Lieutenant BURNS' bravery, proficiency and unstinting devotion to duty reflect distinct credit upon himself and the Army of the United States. Entered Military Service from Oklahoma.

BERNARD R. BUSER, 01178430, First Lieutenant, FA, \*\*\*\* Armored Field Artillery Battalion, for heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France on 24 September 1944. Lieutenant BUSER was serving as executive officer of his Field Artillery Battery when his unit's position was bombarded by German guns, causing several casualties. Seeing two men badly wounded and lying in positions vulnerable to the enemy shelling, Lieutenant BUSER, with utter disregard for his personal safety, strode into the area to their aid. While rendering them assistance, he was struck in the leg by a flying shell fragment. Despite his painful injury, he remained at the side of the two casualties until they were removed by medical personnel, refusing first aid until his men had been cared for. Lieu-

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tenant BUSER's personal bravery, initiative and perseverance reflect great credit upon himself and the Army of the United States. Entered Military Service from Pennsylvania.

EDWARD O. SCHUMANN, 01108305, Second Lieutenant, CE, \*\*\*\* Engineer Combat Battalion, for heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France on 21 September 1944. Lieutenant SCHUMANN, serving as a platoon commander, volunteered to undertake a hazardous reconnaissance mission into enemy-held territory to obtain vital information on possible bridge sites and fords across the SEILLE RIVER west of LONGUEVILLE, France. Under cover of darkness, he led his small scouting party up and down the river and into LONGUEVILLE, which was under constant heavy shelling by German forces attempting to retake the town. Dissatisfied with the amount of information he could obtain at night, Lieutenant SCHUMANN waited until daylight to continue his reconnaissance. Although under direct observation from enemy artillery positions and subjected to their continuous fire, he successfully completed his mission, obtaining the complete information desired. Lieutenant SCHUMANN's utter disregard for his personal safety, aggressive leadership and devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the Army of the United States. Entered Military Service from Pennsylvania.

DILLARD L. PRUITT, 6972349, Master Sergeant, CE, \*\*\*\* Engineer Combat Battalion, for heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France on 23 September 1944. The bridge across the SEILLE RIVER at LONGUEVILLE, France, had been blown out by the enemy and there was a twenty-foot gap in the span. Sergeant PRUITT was given the difficult task of constructing a foot-bridge across the gap despite constant mortar and small arms fire. No bridging materials were available as the approaches to LONGUEVILLE were under enemy control. Headless of these difficulties, Master Sergeant PRUITT proceeded to the bridge at night, carrying with him only a hammer and nails. Under cover of darkness, he constructed a footbridge out of the broken timbers of the bridge and at H-Hour supervised the placing of it in position. A few minutes later, the Infantry attacked over the only route open, this bridge. The ingenuity, perseverance and daring of Sergeant PRUITT made possible this attack and reflect credit upon himself and the Army of the United States. Entered Military Service from Tennessee.

JAMES R. MADON, 35132003, Technical Sergeant, FA, XX Corps Artillery, for heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France on 5 October 1944. Technical Sergeant MADON distinguished himself by an outstanding display of courage and superior technical knowledge. When large enemy shells were reported to be falling in a field near XX Corps Headquarters, Technical Sergeant MADON voluntarily entered the area to obtain a "shell rep", which is a calculation to determine the approximate location and calibre of the gun laying down the barrage. With complete disregard for his personal safety, he fearlessly exposed himself to the bombardment, observing from dangerously close range the trajectory and explosive impact of each shell as it hurtled to earth. Technical Sergeant MADON's bravery, proficiency and unstinting devotion to duty reflect distinct credit upon himself and the Army of the United States. Entered Military Service from Kentucky.

JOHN W. NICHOLS, 38340806, Staff Sergeant, CE, \*\*\*\* Engineer Combat Battalion, for heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France on 23 August 1944. Sergeant NICHOLS' platoon was supporting troops

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assaulting the SEINE RIVER near TILLY, France. Heavy German artillery and small arms fire was falling in the area and the platoon leader was an early casualty. Staff Sergeant NICHOLS immediately assumed command of the platoon and successfully completed the task of getting it across the river. In the ensuing action, under heavy enemy fire, the platoon, encouraged and spurred on by their new leader, breached both mine fields and barbed wire entanglements of the enemy successfully. In the day's operations, the platoon, led by Staff Sergeant NICHOLS, aided in the capture of over twenty prisoners. His leadership, energy and courage reflect credit upon himself and the Army of the United States. Entered Military Service from Texas.

GABRIEL M. STANKIEWICZ, 20317810, Staff Sergeant, MC, \*\*\*\* Engineer Heavy Ponton Battalion, for heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France on 16 September 1944. Sergeant STANKIEWICZ was one of several Medical Detachment men attached to a battalion which had the task of laying a bridge across the MOSELLE RIVER near PAGNY-sur-MOSELLE. About noon the men set to work, and by late afternoon they had completed the job. Just as the mission was accomplished, heavy enemy shelling began and one man was badly wounded. Oblivious to the German fire, Sergeant STANKIEWICZ ran across the open field and obtained a vehicle to evacuate the casualty. Calmly, with disregard for his own safety, he drove over to the wounded man, placed him in the vehicle, and carried him away to a place shielded from the enemy barrage. His courage, coolness under fire and loyalty to duty reflect credit upon himself and the Army of the United States. Entered Military Service from Pennsylvania.

ROBERT W. BENSLEY, 20245317, Corporal, FA, \*\*\*\* Armored Field Artillery Battalion, for heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France on 8 September 1944. Corporal BENSLEY was serving as a communications corporal with his battalion near TALANGE, France, during a heavy enemy artillery barrage. Shell fragments severed communications lines over which fire commands were being transmitted. Realizing the importance of maintaining the line in constant operational order, he left his safe position and crawled forward under the fierce concentration of fire to make the necessary repairs. Corporal BENSLEY remained in an exposed position throughout the bombardment keeping the line in continuous service. His heroic actions contributed materially to the adjustment of accurate and effective fire upon enemy positions. Corporal BENSLEY's courageous disregard for his personal safety, persistence and unstinting devotion to duty reflect distinct credit upon himself and the Army of the United States. Entered Military Service from New Jersey.

CLAUDE C. STEWART, 34659704, Private First Class, CWS, \*\*\*\* Chemical Smoke Generator Company, for heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France between 10 September 1944 and 19 September 1944. While his Company was attached to the 5th Infantry Division, Private First Class STEWART, with elements of the unit, crossed to the east bank of the MOSELLE RIVER to establish and operate smoke generators. This was accomplished under direct German observation and heavy artillery fire. For the next nine days, enemy bursts wiped out generators and smoke pots almost as soon as they were put into operation. But ignoring the danger, Private First Class STEWART remained steadfastly at his machine and continued to light smoke pots to preserve the protecting screen around the American positions. When he was appointed Acting Assistant Section Leader, during this period of opera-

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tions, he carefully supervised the efforts of his men and by personal example, helped mould them into an efficient team. His disregard for his own safety, his wholehearted cooperation and tenacious loyalty to duty reflect credit upon himself and the Army of the United States. Entered Military Service from South Carolina.

JAMES H. RICHMOND, 36464493, Private, MC, Medical Detachment, \*\*\*\* Armored Field Artillery Battalion, for heroic service in connection with military operation against the enemy in France on 15 September 1944. Private RICHMOND was serving as an aid-man with his battalion near VERNEVILLE, France, during a heavy enemy artillery barrage. As shells fell all around his position, Private RICHMOND, noticing a man lying helplessly wounded in an area dangerously exposed to the fire, left the security of his foxhole and crawled to the aid of the casualty. Although he was struck by shrapnel, Private RICHMOND remained at the fallen soldier's side and gave him emergency first aid. He refused to accept treatment for his own wounds until the other had been removed to safety. Private RICHMOND's utter disregard for his personal safety and loyal devotion to the welfare of his comrades reflect great credit upon himself and the Army of the United States. Entered Military Service from Michigan.

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

JAMES W. STUART, 01032121, First Lieutenant, CAV, \*\*\*\* Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron (Mechanized) for gallantry in action on 27 September 1944 in France. Lieutenant STUART noticed that one of his tanks had been stopped and the crew disabled by enemy fire. The day was bright and enemy observation was excellent, making the halted tank a perfect target for hostile fire. Realizing the danger of the men inside the tank, Lieutenant STUART ran across the open field entered the tank and without assistance pulled out the three wounded men. Then, completely exposed to enemy artillery fire which was raining down on the field, he took them to cover. Assured of their safety, he returned to the tank and drove it out of the fire of the enemy guns. Shortly thereafter, he noticed two other tanks which were endangered by enemy artillery. Both had poor radio communication and their hatches were closed. With complete disregard for his safety, and thinking only of the men in the tanks, he ran out into the open and directed the tanks to safety. His intrepid courage, leadership and unswerving devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the Army of the United States. Entered Military Service from Alabama.

THOMAS A. DRAPER, 35173380, Technician Fifth Grade, FA, \*\*\*\* Armored Field Artillery Battalion, for gallantry in action in France on 26 September 1944. Technician Fifth Grade DRAPER, serving as a halftrack driver, was bivouaced near his battalion's motor park when the area was heavily shelled by German Artillery. A direct hit upon an M-7 tank killed one member of the section, injured three others, and set the vehicle afire. Technician Fifth Grade DRAPER, seeing the dense clouds of oily black smoke boiling from the stricken tank and realizing that the fully loaded ammunition trailer coupled to it might at any moment be reached by the flames, ran fearlessly through a hail of bursting shrapnel, and vigorously attacked and smothered the flames. He then assisted in the removal of the wounded from their endangered position and, with the help of the battalion aid men, gave them medical treatment. Technician Fifth Grade DRAPER's gallant actions prevented an ammunition explosion which might have resulted in a disastrous loss of life and equipment, and denied the enemy opportunity to see the results of their fire. His alertness, exceptional daring and loyal devotion to the welfare and safety of his comrades reflect the highest credit upon himself and the Army of the United States. Entered Military Service from Ohio.

II 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:

CARL H. CHAVIS, 13136702, Corporal, CWS, \*\*\*\* Chemical Smoke Generator Company, for heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France on 10 September 1944. Continually exposing himself to severe German small arms and artillery fire, Corporal CHAVIS discharged his duties of

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section leader in a manner of great distinction during operations on the MOSELLE RIVER. Attached to the 5th Infantry Division, he crossed the river amid a hail of whistling shell fragments and bullets to supervise the operation of smoke generators in a mission to maintain a covering smoke screen over a proposed bridge site. Disregarding his personal safety, he ventured around the area to supply his positions with oil and smoke pots, thereby successfully completing his assignment. On 11 September 1944, while directing his section, Corporal CHAVIS was mortally wounded by enemy fire. His courage, leadership and his great devotion to duty reflect high credit upon himself and the Army of the United States. Entered Military Service from Maryland. Next of Kin: Mr. Lloyd J. Chavis (Father), 1227 Pearson Street, High Point, North Carolina.

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

ROBERT J. BREARTON, 01184777, First Lieutenant, FA, XX Corps Artillery, for heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France on 5 October 1944. One night while heavy artillery fire of huge caliber was falling in the vicinity of XX Corps Headquarters, Lieutenant BREARTON courageously volunteered to go out into the barrage of shells and make a "shell rep" to ascertain the size of the shells, their velocity and the direction from which they were coming. In procuring this information, he received a painful wound from a flying fragment, but unhesitatingly continued his search for information. His careful appraisal of the situation and his accordingly accurate report made known the caliber and location of the railroad gun which was doing the firing. His daring, initiative and loyalty to duty reflect credit upon himself and the Army of the United States. Entered Military Service from New York.

PAUL Q. LIPMAN, 36725065, First Sergeant, CE, \*\*\*\* Engineer Combat Battalion, for heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France on 23 August 1944. First Sergeant LIPMAN's company was assigned the mission of furnishing engineer support for an assault crossing of the SEINE RIVER near PONTILIERRY, France. As American Artillery laid down a heavy protective barrage, the first wave of troops struck the enemy-held shore and drove inland past concealed German positions. When the bombardment lifted, hostile forces armed with light machine guns and small arms, swept the engineer-manned assault boats with scathing fire as they returned for succeeding waves. Infantrymen waiting on the friendly shore to be ferried across were forced to take cover. Sergeant LIPMAN, perceiving that the success of the entire operation was seriously endangered, left his safe position, assembled a full boat load of men, and started across the river. With complete disregard for his own safety as bullets churned the water all around his craft, he successfully landed the second wave of the attacking force. His courageous efforts contributed greatly to the speedy reinforcement of the first assault wave and the mopping-up of enemy positions. Sergeant LIPMAN's bravery, initiative and steadfast devotion to duty reflect credit upon himself and the Army of the United States. Entered Military Service from Illinois.

RALPH L. GILLIAM, 39575221, Technician Fourth Grade, FA, \*\*\*\* Field Artillery Battalion, for heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France on 28 September 1944. An enemy shell struck near his battery's

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position during operations in the vicinity of CORNY. Fragments from the bursting missile ignited a nearby powder charge and the flames from the burning powder quickly set fire to the clothes of the Lieutenant commanding the gun crew. After rolling on the ground in an effort to smother the searing flames, the officer started to run aimlessly about the area, screaming and tearing at his clothes. Instantly, disregarding the enemy bombardment which was continuing in the area, Technician Fourth Grade GILLIAM, a radio operator, seized a can of water, raced after the stricken officer, caught him, and helped to extinguish the blaze. When medical aid arrived, he assisted in evacuating the casualty to a safe position. The officer later died of his burns. Technician Fourth Grade GILLIAM's coolness, initiative, and heroism reflect great credit upon himself and the Army of the United States. Entered Military Service from California.

JOHN E. MINNICK, 38107705, Corporal, FA, \*\*\*\* Field Artillery Battalion, for heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France on 21 September 1944. Corporal MINNICK was serving on a wire patrol near LOIVILLE, France, when it became necessary to get a line to a forward observer far to the front. In order to get through to him, Corporal MINNICK had to cross an open area blanketed by heavy German fire. Several times, his attempts were halted by an enemy barrage and he had to take cover. But he persevered and finally reached the spot where the observer was supposed to be, only to find he had advanced some five hundred yards farther to the front. The corporal thereupon continued the line to the new location, but discovered it would not reach all the way. He crawled back, got more wire and again braved the enemy fire to reach the observer. His steadfast loyalty to duty and bravery under fire enabled him to successfully complete his mission and reflect credit upon himself and the Army of the United States. Entered Military Service from Texas.

RUSSELL E. BARRETT, 33256932, Technician Fifth Grade, CE, \*\*\*\* Engineer Combat Battalion for heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France on 11 September 1944. Technician Fifth Grade BARRETT, when his unit was pinned down by heavy German artillery and small arms fire, became alarmed about the safety of his Commanding Officer, for whom he was vehicle driver. Voluntarily, and with complete disregard for his safety, he entered the shell-torn area to search for the officer, and perceiving that he was unharmed, turned his attention to some men who had been wounded. Quickly and efficiently, he helped wounded personnel into his vehicle and drove them to a place of safety. Then he went back a second time, collected another group of wounded and successfully evacuated them. The courage, loyalty to duty and resourcefulness of Technician Fifth Grade BARRETT reflect credit upon himself and the Army of the United States. Entered Military Service from Pennsylvania.

IGNATIUS S. BISESI, 35060839, Technician Fifth Grade, FA, \*\*\*\* Armored Field Artillery Battalion, for heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France on 24 September 1944. Technician Fifth Grade BISESI was serving as a Lineman with his battalion near LORRY, France, when its gun positions were subjected to a severe enemy artillery bombardment. Shell fragments severed communications lines leading to an adjacent battalion. Technician Fifth Grade BISESI, realizing the importance of maintaining the vital link at all times, left his safe position and, accompanied by his section chief, crawled forward under the fierce concentration of fire to repair the lines. While engaged in their work, the two men were struck by shrapnel. Technician Fifth Grade BISESI,



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although severely wounded, remained loyally by the side of his fallen comrade and refused medical treatment until he had been evacuated. Technician Fifth Grade BISESI's utter disregard for his personal safety, determination and unstinting devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the Army of the United States. Entered Military Service from Ohio.

CLIFFORD E. POHIMAN, 32731017, Private First Class, SC, \*\*\*\* Signal Battalion, for heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France on 16 September 1944. Private First Class POHIMAN assisted in the laying of two "Spiral-Four" Cable Circuits across two bullet-swept bridges spanning the MOSELLE RIVER near ARNAVILLE. Working under direct enemy observation and fire, he continuously exposed himself to danger to establish the vital link. When one of the Circuits was disrupted by the heavy shelling, Private First Class POHIMAN, with utter disregard for his own safety, again braved the bombardment to make the necessary repairs. His heroic actions assisted materially in the establishment and maintenance of necessary telephonic communications between tactical elements. Private First Class POHIMAN's fearlessness, determination and unstinting devotion to duty reflect credit upon himself and the Army of the United States. Entered Military Service from New York.

WILLIAM A. CHILDS, 37477044, Private, SC, \*\*\*\* Signal Battalion, for heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France on 16 September 1944. Private CHILDS, a Lineman, volunteered to assist in the laying of two "Spiral-Four" Cable Circuits across the MOSELLE RIVER near ARNAVILLE. As the work progressed across two bridges, which were subjected to constant heavy enemy shelling, he repeatedly exposed himself to danger to complete the mission. When shell fragments severed one of the cables, Private CHILDS, with utter disregard for his personal safety, worked under the fire to make the necessary repairs. Private CHILDS' bravery, aggressiveness and steadfast devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the Army of the United States. Entered Military Service from Nebraska.

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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:

JOHN S. NILES, 0170571, Colonel, CM, Headquarters, 1139th Engineer Combat Group, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France between 24 August 1944 and 27 August 1944. Entered Military Service from Missouri.

RUSSELL M. FRINK, 0259868, Lieutenant Colonel, FA, \*\*\*\* Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France between 6 August 1944 and 31 October 1944. Entered Military Service from Michigan.

JACK W. LIPPHARDT, 0313328, Lieutenant Colonel, CWS, \*\*\*\* Chemical Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France between 6 June 1944 and 7 October 1944. Entered Military Service from West Virginia.

HAROLD F. DYER, 0316043, Major, CE, \*\*\*\* Engineer Combat Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France between 19 September 1944 and 31 October 1944. Entered Military Service from Montana.

STEPHEN W. ONDASH, 0358355, Major, MC, \*\*\*\* Field Hospital, 2d Hospitalization Unit, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France between 22 September 1944 and 1 November 1944. Entered Military Service from Ohio.

ARNOLD L. SEGEL, 0399905, Major, MC, \*\*\*\* Field Hospital, 3d Hospitalization Unit, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France between 22 September 1944 and 1 November 1944. Entered Military Service from Massachusetts.

MALCOLM R. HARRISON, 01168274, Captain, FA, \*\*\*\* Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France between 10 August 1944 and 17 August 1944. Entered Military Service from New Jersey.

FRANCIS L. LAM, 0421461, Captain, MC, Medical Detachment, \*\*\*\* Engineer Combat Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France between 16 August 1944 and 23 August 1944. Entered Military Service from Michigan.

WILLIAM S. McLEAN, 0246534, Captain, FA, \*\*\*\* Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France between 24 August 1944 and 28 August 1944. Entered Military Service from Pennsylvania.

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FRANCIS A. SCHURTZ, 0375513, Captain, FA, \*\*\*\* Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France between 12 September 1944 and 22 September 1944. Entered Military Service from Ohio.

GEORGE S. ACTON, 01174205, First Lieutenant, FA, \*\*\*\* Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in France on 25 September 1944. Entered Military Service from Tennessee.

CHARLES MAC CLINTOCK, 01173362, First Lieutenant, FA, \*\*\*\* Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France between 20 August 1944 and 20 October 1944. Entered Military Service from Illinois.

HAYNES R. MAHONEY, 01168352, First Lieutenant, FA, \*\*\*\* Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France between 10 September 1944 and 18 September 1944. Entered Military Service from Florida.

WALTER W. WIKAN, 01168520, First Lieutenant, FA, \*\*\*\* Field Artillery Battalion, 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 Wisconsin.

GEORGE E. CALEY, 01174245, Second Lieutenant, FA, \*\*\*\* Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in France on 25 September 1944. Entered Military Service from Pennsylvania.

URIEL H. GRIGGS, JR., 01184505, Second Lieutenant, FA, \*\*\*\* Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France on 20 September 1944. Entered Military Service from Texas.

CURTIS H. HARBEN, 01175727, Second Lieutenant, FA, \*\*\*\* Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France between 4 September 1944 and 29 October 1944. Entered Military Service from Illinois.

CARROLL J. JONES, 01115934, Second Lieutenant, CE, \*\*\*\* Engineer Combat Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France between 11 August 1944 and 25 October 1944. Entered Military Service from Nebraska.

ARTHUR H. HARD, 31042855, Master Sergeant, FA, \*\*\*\* Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in France on 25 September 1944. Entered Military Service from Connecticut.

FREDERICK W. MOEN, 37072625, Master Sergeant, CAV, 3d Cavalry Group (Mechanized), for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France between 10 August 1944 and 30 September 1944. Entered Military Service from South Dakota.

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JOHN A. CHRISTENSEN, 31152682, Staff Sergeant, FA, \*\*\*\* Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France between 24 August 1944 and 28 August 1944. Entered Military Service from Maine.

EDWIN W. HOWE, 20146791, Staff Sergeant, FA, \*\*\*\* Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France on 17 August 1944. Entered Military Service from Maine.

ROBERT P. KANDETZKI, 31171214, Staff Sergeant, FA, \*\*\*\* Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France between 10 September 1944 and 18 September 1944. Entered Military Service from Connecticut.

AMOS T. LAMBL, 31174847, Staff Sergeant, (then Corporal), FA, \*\*\*\* Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France between 27 August 1944 and 5 September 1944. Entered Military Service from New Hampshire.

LEONARD B. MORGAN, 32470419, Staff Sergeant, FA, \*\*\*\* Field Artillery Battalion, 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 New York.

NATHAN P. WILCOX, 20146661, Sergeant, FA, \*\*\*\* Field Artillery Battalion 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 Maine.

CHESTER J. SWISTAK, 31285300, Corporal, FA, \*\*\*\* Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France between 2 July 1944 and 15 September 1944. Entered Military Service from Massachusetts.

ROBERT E. BOTKIN, 18033199, Technician Fifth Grade, FA, \*\*\*\* Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France between 1 September 1944 and 22 September 1944. Entered Military Service from Texas.

JAMES P. KELLY, 35385009, Technician Fifth Grade, FA, \*\*\*\* Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France between 24 August 1944 and 28 August 1944. Entered Military Service from Ohio.

FLOYD W. CARPENTER, 32470761, Private First Class, FA, \*\*\*\* Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France between 24 August 1944 and 28 August 1944. Entered Military Service from New York.

II AWARD OF AIR MEDAL: Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Air Medal is awarded to:

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BRUCE BARLOW, 0408189, Major, FA, 203d Field Artillery Group, for distinguishing himself by meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights over France between 11 September 1944 and 8 November 1944. Entered Military Service from New Jersey.

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

WILBUR L. LOUTH, 01171651, First Lieutenant, FA, \*\*\*\* Field Artillery Battalion, for distinguishing himself by meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights over France between 28 September 1944 and 29 October 1944. Entered Military Service from Rhode Island.

DONALD MANLEY, 0449233, First Lieutenant, FA, 40th Field Artillery Group, for distinguishing himself by meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights over France between 26 August 1944 and 6 October 1944. Entered Military Service from Texas.

RALPH E. MUNTZEL, 01169264, First Lieutenant, FA, \*\*\*\* Field Artillery Battalion, for distinguishing himself by meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights over France between 19 September 1944 and 12 October 1944. Entered Military Service from Missouri.

JAMES J. REDMON, 0460453, First Lieutenant, FA, \*\*\*\* Field Artillery Battalion, for distinguishing himself by meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights over France between 30 August 1944 and 23 September 1944. Entered Military Service from Massachusetts.

HERBERT A. SCHROER, 01173448, First Lieutenant, FA, \*\*\*\* Field Artillery Battalion, for distinguishing himself by meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights over France between 16 September 1944 and 13 October 1944. Entered Military Service from Ohio.

HEROLD L. VON BROCK, 01175892, First Lieutenant, FA, \*\*\*\* Field Artillery Battalion, for distinguishing himself by meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights over France between 24 August 1944 and 8 October 1944. Entered Military Service from Connecticut.

VERNON C. WICK, 01175899, First Lieutenant, FA, \*\*\*\* Field Artillery Battalion, for distinguishing himself by meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights over France between 23 August 1944 and 30 September 1944. Entered Military Service from Michigan.

ROY E. VON INS, 0524181, Second Lieutenant, FA, \*\*\*\* Field Artillery Battalion, for distinguishing himself by meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights over France between 20 September 1944 and 30 September 1944. Entered Military Service from Ohio.

ARON J. SIELER, 17115366, Staff Sergeant, FA, \*\*\*\* Field Artillery Battalion, for distinguishing himself by meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights over France between 14 September 1944 and 20 October 1944. Entered Military Service from Nebraska.

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IV AWARD OF SECOND OAK-LEAF CLUSTER: Under the provisions of AR-600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, in addition to an Air Medal and one Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster to the Air Medal previously awarded, a second Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to:

ROBERT HUBER, 01181914, First Lieutenant, FA, \*\*\*\* Field Artillery Battalion, for distinguishing himself by meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights over France between 26 September 1944 and 8 October 1944. Entered Military Service from Kansas.

JAMES J. REDMON, 0460453, First Lieutenant, FA, \*\*\*\* Field Artillery Battalion, for distinguishing himself by meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights over France between 24 September 1944 and 11 October 1944. Entered Military Service from Massachusetts.

ROY E. VON INS, 0524181, Second Lieutenant, FA, \*\*\*\* Field Artillery Battalion, for distinguishing himself by meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights over France between 30 September 1944 and 13 October 1944. Entered Military Service from Ohio.

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

DOUGLAS C. RUTHERFORD, 16161269, Corporal, FA, \*\*\*\* Field Artillery Battalion, for gallantry in action on 28 September 1944 in France. Corporal RUTHERFORD was stationed at his Battalion's Forward Observation Post, located in an old World War I dugout near DORNOT, when gun emplacements about fifty yards behind his position were subjected to a heavy German artillery bombardment. A shell scored a direct hit on powder charges stored in a ditch and set them afire, transforming the site into a blazing inferno. Corporal RUTHERFORD, upon seeing the bright flames leap into the air and completely envelop the position, ran forward to assist in the evacuation of injured crew members. In the absence of sufficient Medical Aid Men, he volunteered as a litter bearer to carry a severely injured man to a place of safety across four hundred yards of open terrain under direct enemy observation. With utter disregard for his personal safety, Corporal RUTHERFORD and another volunteer, carrying the casualty between them, started across the shell-pocked field. They had progressed about fifty yards of the way when they were observed by enemy artillery observers and heavily bombarded. With shells falling all around them and shrapnel fragments whistling perilously near their heads, Corporal RUTHERFORD and his comrade fearlessly advanced through the lethal hail until they reached a sheltered position out of range of the fire. Corporal RUTHERFORD's exceptional bravery, firm determination and steadfast concern for the welfare and safety of his comrades reflect the highest credit upon himself and the Army of the United States. Entered Military Service from Michigan.

DAVID D. NELSON, 34765344, Private First Class, FA, \*\*\*\* Field Artillery Battalion, for gallantry in action on 28 September 1944 in France. Private First Class NELSON was stationed at his Battalion's Forward Observation Post, located in an old World War I dugout near DORNOT, when gun emplacements about fifty yards behind his position were subjected to a severe German artillery barrage. A shell scored a direct hit upon powder charges stored in a ditch and set them afire, transforming the site into a blazing inferno. Private First Class NELSON, seeing the bright flames leap into the air and completely envelop the position, ran forward to assist in the evacuation of crew members. As he approached the scene, a soldier, his clothing ablaze, burst from a furiously burning gun position, and crazed by the terrible pain of his seared flesh, ran frantically into an open field fully exposed to enemy observation and fire. Private First Class NELSON, unhesitatingly, with complete disregard for his personal safety, chased the panic-stricken man across the fire-swept terrain, overtook him, ripped off the flaming portions of his clothing, and then, still in the intense enemy barrage, helped carry him to a place of safety where medical treatment could be administered. Private First Class NELSON's gallantry, aggressiveness and steadfast devotion to the welfare and safety of his comrades reflect the highest credit upon himself and the Army of the United States. Entered Military Service from Georgia.

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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:

PAUL JOHANSEN, 20925438, Staff Sergeant, FA, \*\*\*\* Field Artillery Battalion, for heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France on 9 September 1944. Sergeant JOHANSEN's battery was in position near the town of REZONVILLE when it was suddenly subjected to a shower of 88mm. shell fire. Some shells landed within fifty yards of the kitchen truck compelling Sergeant JOHANSEN and his mess personnel to seek cover. Fragments of one missile hit a gas burner in the side of the truck, and searing flames shot from it. On seeing the fire envelop his vehicle, Sergeant JOHANSEN, without regard for his safety, left the cover of his foxhole, ran to the truck and began to put out the flames. His courageous single-handed action saved the truck. His prompt initiative and unselfish devotion to duty reflect credit upon himself and the Army of the United States. Entered Military Service from Utah.

FRANK F. MATRINETZ, 35144495, Corporal, FA, \*\*\*\* Field Artillery Battalion, for heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France on 14 September 1944. Corporal MATRINETZ's battery was in position on the west bank of the MOSELLE RIVER, near ARNAVILLE. A new observation post had just been established across the river, about two miles away, and communication wires had to be run to it from the battery position. Though the entire distance was subjected to heavy enemy artillery and mortar fire, Corporal MATRINETZ successfully laid the wire and helped to maintain it so that the highly important information from the Observer could be relayed to the battery position. His tireless devotion to duty and bravery under fire reflect credit upon himself and the Army of the United States. Entered Military Service from Indiana.

ZOLA W. DENTON, 38333139, Private First Class, SC, \*\*\*\* Signal Battalion, for heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France on 16 September 1944. Private First Class DENTON was serving as a line-man on a wire team that was called on to lay two "Spiral-Four" cable circuits across the MOSELLE RIVER in the vicinity of ARNAVILLE. The river and its banks at this time were subjected to concentrated German artillery and mortar fire. Undaunted by the death-dealing missiles, Private First Class DENTON persevered at his task and the circuits were successfully laid. Once established, however, one of the sets of wires was broken by shell fire. With dogged determination, Private First Class DENTON again defied the German fire, returned to the break in the line and calmly repaired it. By his bravery and calmness under fire and by his devotion to duty, Private First Class DENTON brought credit to himself and the Army of the United States. Entered Military Service from Louisiana.

CHARLES D. KENNEDY, 35454128, Private First Class, SC, \*\*\*\* Signal Battalion, for heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France on 16 September 1944. Private First Class KENNEDY's unit had the mission of laying two "Spiral-Four" cable circuits across the MOSELLE RIVER in the vicinity of ARNAVILLE, France. The circuits, vital to the communications of Combat Teams of the 7th Armored Division and regiments of the 5th Infantry Division, were laid despite the hazard of incessant artillery and mortar fire.

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In helping lay the wires, it was necessary that Private First Class KENNEDY constantly expose himself to the enemy barrage, but he persevered in his work until the task was completed. As soon as one circuit was laid, a shell made a direct hit, making it necessary to splice it. Again, Private First Class KENNEDY ventured forth from a position of cover and repaired the damage. His courage under fire, presence of mind and steadfast devotion to duty reflect credit upon himself and the Army of the United States. Entered Military Service from Ohio.

GEORGE W. MAGIN, 32673932, Private First Class, SC, \*\*\*\* Signal Battalion, for heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France on 16 September 1944. Private First Class MAGIN's unit had the mission of laying a pair of "Spiral-Four" cable circuits across the MOSELLE RIVER in the vicinity of ARNAVILLE, France. The entire locality was being subjected to intense German artillery and mortar fire. Driving for the officer and non-commissioned officers in charge of the work, Private First Class MAGIN drove his vehicle across two bridges which were being showered with the German missiles and over large portions of the banks of the river which were under strong enemy fire. Undaunted by the danger, Private First Class MAGIN persevered at his task until it was brought to a successful completion. His bravery, tenacity of purpose and willingness to place mission above self reflects credit upon himself and the Army of the United States. Entered Military Service from New York.

JOHN L. VANAMAN, 35753853, Private First Class, FA, \*\*\*\* Field Artillery Battalion, for heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France on 14 September 1944. Private First Class VANAMAN volunteered to assist in laying a communications line from the vicinity of ARNAVILLE across the MOSELLE RIVER to a newly established Artillery Observation Post. Although all approaches to the river were subjected to continuous and heavy enemy artillery fire, with utter disregard for his personal safety, he labored under the shelling until the vital line was established. Private First Class VANAMAN's heroic actions in maintaining constant contact between Artillery Batteries and the Observation Post contributed immeasurably to the successful adjustment of effective fire upon the enemy. His fearlessness, determination and unstinting devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the Army of the United States. Entered Military Service from West Virginia.

ALFRED B. PLUSKIS, 35144491, Private, FA, \*\*\*\* Field Artillery Battalion, for heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France on 14 September 1944. The battery was in position on the west bank of the MOSELLE RIVER not far from the little town of ARNAVILLE. A daring American Forward Observer had established an observation post on the enemy side of the river, making it necessary to run a line of communications to it from the battery position. The entire distance from the new post to the battery emplacement was under constant enemy artillery and mortar fire, but placing the mission before his personal safety, Private PLUSKIS went out into the enemy barrage and succeeded in spanning the two mile stretch with a wire. His courage and devotion to duty reflect credit upon himself and the Army of the United States. Entered Military Service from Indiana.

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CHARLES A. SEFTON, 33720847, Private, SC, \*\*\*\* Signal Battalion, for heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France on 16 September 1944. Private SEFTON, while serving as a lineman, assisted in the laying of two "Spiral-Four" cable circuits across the MOSELLE RIVER near ARNAVILLE, France. The lines formed a vital communications link between tactical units and had to be completed despite continuous and severe enemy fire. As the work progressed across two bullet-swept bridges spanning the river, Private SEFTON repeatedly exposed himself to danger to complete the mission. Once, just as the work was finished, one of the cables was severed by shell fragments. With utter disregard for his own safety, he braved the fire to make the necessary repairs. Private SEFTON's courage, determination and unstinting devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the Army of the United States. Entered Military Service from Maryland.

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SECTION I - Award, Posthumous, of Silver Star.  
 SECTION II - Award of Soldier's Medal.  
 SECTION III - Award of Bronze Star Medal.

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:

Second Lieutenant ROBERT C. DOWNS, 01032752, CAV, \*\*\* Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron, for gallantry in action on 20 October 1944 in France. Lieutenant DOWNS was accompanying two other officers on a reconnaissance of the banks of the MOSELLE RIVER in the vicinity of MALLING. As they walked forward, they suddenly came under violent small arms and mortar fire from the far bank, and were pinned down. Perceiving that they would all become casualties if immediate steps were not taken, Lieutenant DOWNS, disregarding his own safety, crawled and ran back to a small creek, swam across and reached a road leading back to the town of GAVISSE where help might be found. Though doing so completely exposed him to the intense fire, he leapt to his feet and ran down the road to the town, where he organized a rescue party. Then he resolutely led the little group back down the road into a hail of enemy fire to rescue his senior commanders. As he reached them, he received a mortal wound and the rescue party withdrew. The courageous attempt to rescue his commanding officers, his fearless leadership, and supreme devotion to duty reflect great credit both on himself and the Army of the United States. Entered Military Service from Pennsylvania. Next of Kin: Mrs. Virginia F. Downs, 28 Roumford Road, Mt. Airy, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

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

Staff Sergeant CARL E. BRIMHALL, 39228757, FA, \*\*\* Field Artillery Battalion, for heroism not involving actual conflict with the enemy on 23 August 1944 at sea. Sergeant BRIMHALL was aboard a boat in the English Channel when suddenly a terrific explosion occurred near the stern of the vessel. The rudder and propeller were badly damaged and the boat began to drift helplessly. The force of the explosion was so great that hatch covers had been hurled into the air and had fallen back through the open hatches onto the deck below, pinning beneath them several men who had been sitting there at the time of the blast. The full extent of the damage was not known. There were large piles of ammunition stored in the hold which might have exploded at any minute. Oblivious to the danger, Sergeant BRIMHALL descended into the ship and managed to bring six injured men to the deck where their wounds might be treated. His prompt and courageous action was instrumental in saving the lives of several of the men. His bravery, initiative and zeal reflect credit upon himself and the Army of the United States. Entered Military Service from California.

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Technician Fourth Grade THOMAS H. DONOVAN, 31306651, FA, \*\*\* Field Artillery Battalion, for heroism not involving actual conflict with the enemy on 23 August 1944 at sea. While crossing the English Channel, Technician Fourth Grade DONOVAN's boat was rocked by a terrific explosion. Considerable damage was done to the stern of the boat, the propeller and rudder were rendered useless and the vessel drifted aimlessly in the choppy sea. Hatch covers were wrenched from their moorings, hurled into the air and fell back through the open hatches onto the decks below, stunning and pinning to the deck some men who had been sitting there at the time of the blast. There were large piles of ammunition in the hold which were liable to go off at any minute. The full extent of the damage was not known. Disregarding the dangers, Technician Fourth Grade DONOVAN went below and helped get the wounded men up onto the deck for medical treatment. His prompt, courageous and decisive action was instrumental in saving the lives of the wounded men, and reflects credit upon himself and the Army of the United States. Entered Military Service from Massachusetts.

Corporal WALTER R. MARTZOLFF, 36592630, FA, \*\*\* Field Artillery Battalion, for heroism not involving actual conflict with the enemy on 23 August 1944 at sea. Corporal MARTZOLFF was crossing the English Channel aboard a troop transport when a terrific underwater explosion occurred just off the stern of the vessel. Hatch covers on all deck levels, wrenched from their moorings by the tremendous force of the blast, blew into the air and fell back down through the open hatchway to the bottom level where they landed on top of several men and severely injured them. Fully aware that large amounts of naval artillery ammunition stored in the hold might at any moment detonate, Corporal MARTZOLFF, with utter disregard for his own safety, went below, extricated the disabled men and carried them to the top deck where they could be given medical aid. His prompt and courageous actions enabled the casualties to be treated much sooner than would otherwise have been possible. Corporal MARTZOLFF's fearlessness, initiative and devotion to the welfare of his comrades reflect distinct credit upon himself and the Army of the United States. Entered Military Service from Michigan.

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

Captain JOHN S. PETTY, 01167580, FA, 5th Field Artillery Group, for heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France on 28 August 1944. While passing through the newly-liberated village of Le GAULT la FORET, lead vehicles of Headquarters Battery of the Group and a Field Artillery Battalion were confronted by a large German tank which battered the column with ferocious, point-blank fire. Without regard for his personal safety, Captain PETTY exposed himself to the enemy fire, and, displaying a high degree of calmness and organizational ability, coordinated and directed operations of rocket gun crews and riflemen against the tank. While leading his men, he was wounded by shell fragments. Captain PETTY's bravery, initiative and unstinting devotion to duty prevented the column from catastrophe, reflecting high credit upon himself and the Army of the United States. Entered Military Service from Louisiana.

First Sergeant ROGER W. WALLACE, 34131199, FA, 5th Field Artillery Group, for heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in

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France on 28 August 1944. The unarmored column of vehicles in which he was riding was suddenly attacked by a German tank in the recently-liberated village of le GAULT la FORET. The tank was delivering devastating fire upon the lead vehicles of the convoy at point-blank range. Disregarding his own safety, Sergeant WALLACE continually exposed himself to the fire of the tank in carrying out orders of his commander and in assuring himself that his men had taken protective cover. Coolly and aggressively, he assisted in carrying a Bazooka gun forward to a favorable position where fire was directed against the ramming tank. While assisting in organizing riflemen to protect flanks of the crew, he was wounded as he exposed himself to the enemy fire. Sergeant WALLACE's bravery, initiative and leadership reflect great credit upon himself and the Army of the United States. Entered Military Service from Mississippi.

Staff Sergeant CYRIL A. BRANDT, 33162226, FA, 5th Field Artillery Group, for heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France on 28 August 1944. The unarmored column of vehicles in which he was riding was surprised by a large German tank in the village of le GAULT la FORET, which had been liberated by Allied troops only a short time before. The tank threatened to cause serious damage to equipment and personnel as it fired from an advantageous position. While members of his unit maneuvered to bring the tank under fire, Sergeant BRANDT acted as a runner for the Commanding Officer and assisted in directing movement of the column off the road. While performing his duties, he constantly exposed himself to the enemy fire, disregarding his personal safety and displaying marked bravery and initiative. Sergeant BRANDT's calmness under fire and his outstanding devotion to duty contributed materially to the successful destruction of the enemy force and reflect distinct credit upon himself and the Army of the United States. Entered Military Service from Pennsylvania.

Corporal LAUREN C. LINDSEY, 20715546, FA, 5th Field Artillery Group, for heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France on 28 August 1944. A German tank fired at point-blank range against the convoy in which he was riding through the village of le GAULT la FORET, threatening to destroy vital equipment and bring injury or death to personnel. Corporal LINDSEY acted as runner when the party dismounted to combat the enemy vehicle. Displaying marked courage and disregard for his personal safety, he exposed himself to the enemy firing in carrying out his assignment. While protecting the flank of a Bazooka team advancing to bring the tank under fire, Corporal LINDSEY was wounded by shell fragments. Despite his painful injury, he remained at his post until his comrades had eliminated the enemy threat. Corporal LINDSEY's courage and devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the Army of the United States. Entered Military Service from Iowa.

Technician Fifth Grade REX C. HANKINS, 6292661, FA, 5th Field Artillery Group, for heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France on 28 August 1944. Technician Fifth Grade HANKINS was riding in a convoy through the village of le GAULT la FORET, recently liberated by an American force, when the column was attacked by a German tank firing from close, point-blank range. When the party dismounted to combat the tank, Technician Fifth Grade HANKINS assumed the duties of runner. In exposing himself to enemy fire, he displayed marked courage. During the fight, he acted as rifleman to protect a Bazooka team advancing to fire upon the tank and it was in this part

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of the action that he was wounded by enemy shelling. His action under fire was an inspiration to his comrades, reflecting distinct credit upon himself and the Army of the United States. Entered Military Service from Texas.

Private First Class HOMER TURNER, 33153582, FA, 5th Field Artillery Group, for heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France on 28 August 1944. When the convoy in which he was riding was attacked by a heavy German tank in the village of le GAULT la FORET, Private First Class TURNER immediately assumed the duties of runner and rifleman during the operations that followed. Displaying unusual courage, coolness and disregard for his personal safety, he was instrumental in protecting the Bazooka team from enemy snipers. While occupying a dangerous position close to the tank, he was wounded by shell fragments from a 75mm. shell that exploded only thirty yards from him. Private First Class TURNER's enthusiasm, initiative and outstanding devotion to duty reflect the highest credit upon himself and the Army of the United States. Entered Military Service from Tennessee.

Private First Class STEPHEN J. ULMAN, 31241751, FA, 204th Field Artillery Group, for heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France on 2 October 1944. German artillery fire was falling continuously on the Group air strip and explosions had severed numerous wire communication lines which connected the Group Fire Direction Center with attached battalions and higher headquarters. With complete disregard for his own safety, he voluntarily undertook to repair the lines with two other men. Undaunted, he kept up his mission until the shelling became so intense that one man was wounded and continuation of the work was impossible. Showing a high degree of bravery, he assisted in bringing the injured man to safety and then returned to the area to complete his job. Private First Class ULMAN's bravery and outstanding devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the Army of the United States. Entered Military Service from Rhode Island.

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SECTION I - Award of Silver Star.

SECTION II - Award of Bronze Star Medal.

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

First Lieutenant FRED P. JONES, 01182394, FA, \*\*\* Field Artillery Battalion, for gallantry in action in France on 28 September 1944. Lieutenant JONES was observing army movements from his Battalion's Forward Observation Post located in an old World War I dugout near DORNOT, when a 155mm self-propelled gun emplacement about fifty yards behind his position was subjected to a sudden enemy artillery bombardment. Powder charges stored near the gun were hit by an exploding shell and ignited, flames enveloping the gun. With utter disregard for his personal safety, Lieutenant JONES left his dugout and ran to the site where he found an officer and three enlisted men badly burned and immediately in need of medical treatment. As he directed their evacuation, another severely burned soldier, his clothing aflame, ran madly into the open field directly exposed to the fierce shelling. Lieutenant JONES, perceiving that the man was temporarily crazed by the intense pain he suffered, ran through the enemy barrage, caught the stricken soldier, tore off the flaming portions of his clothing, and returned him safely to the gun position for evacuation. Lieutenant JONES remained with the casualties administering to their needs until they could be removed to a Medical Aid Station. His gallantry, initiative and outstanding devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the Army of the United States. Entered Military Service from Mississippi.

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 LEONARD R. YOCUM, 01172727, FA, \*\*\* Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in France between 5 August 1944 and 15 October 1944. Entered military Service from Kansas.

Second Lieutenant FRANK E. KNUTZEN, 0523384, FA, \*\*\* Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France between 14 September 1944 and 15 September 1944. Entered Military Service from Illinois.

First Sergeant MERWIN E. MC CREW, 39156710, FA, \*\*\* Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France between 2 July 1944 and 28 July 1944. Entered Military Service from California.

Staff Sergeant THOMAS L. HOWARD, 20925839, FA, \*\*\* Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against

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the enemy in France between 14 July 1944 and 3 November 1944. Entered Military Service from Utah.

Staff Sergeant BUREN F. LASATER, 38212294, FA, \*\*\* Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France on 7 October 1944. Entered Military Service from Arkansas.

Staff Sergeant ELDON A. MORRIS, 20925233, FA, \*\*\* Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France between 21 July 1944 and 3 November 1944. Entered Military Service from Utah.

Staff Sergeant ROBERT L. WELCH, 12005180, 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 New York.

Staff Sergeant JOHN E. WILSON JR., 34466140, FA, \*\*\* Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France between 1 August 1944 and 7 October 1944. Entered Military Service from North Carolina.

Sergeant WILLIAM P. BROOKS SR., 38468327, FA, \*\*\* Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France between 7 August 1944 and 29 August 1944. Entered Military Service from Oklahoma.

Sergeant WILLIAM G. BRUTTEL, 36109643, MD, \*\*\* Medical Collecting Company (Separate), for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France on 12 September 1944. Entered Military Service from Michigan.

Sergeant BERKLEY G. EISELE, 39303022, FA, \*\*\* Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France between 21 July 1944 and 3 November 1944. Entered Military Service from Oregon.

Technician Fourth Grade JOHN KUZEJA, 31285294, FA, \*\*\* Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France between 2 July 1944 and 20 September 1944. Entered Military Service from Massachusetts.

Corporal HENRI R. BENDIT, 39133156, FA, 193d Field Artillery Group, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France between 6 August 1944 and 19 August 1944. Entered Military Service from California.

Corporal FRANK G. COZART, 36157865, FA, \*\*\* Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France between 11 September 1944 and 4 October 1944. Entered Military Service from Michigan.

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Corporal JOSEPH A. DEL PRINCIPE, 36004598, FA, \*\*\* Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France between 11 September 1944 and 4 October 1944. Entered Military Service from Illinois.

Corporal JAMES E. MATHEWS, 31298604, FA, \*\*\* Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France between 5 July 1944 and 28 July 1944. Entered Military Service from Massachusetts.

Corporal FRANCIS J. MERTEN, 36037817, FA, \*\*\* Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France between 5 August 1944 and 23 October 1944. Entered Military Service from Illinois.

Corporal ROBERT R. MIZE, 34579582, FA, \*\*\* Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France between 11 September 1944 and 4 October 1944. Entered Military Service from Georgia.

Corporal GILFORD L. MORRIS, 36038048, FA, \*\*\* Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France between 11 September 1944 and 4 October 1944. Entered Military Service from Illinois.

Corporal CUTHBERT A. ROWELL, 34202400, FA, \*\*\* Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France between 11 September 1944 and 4 October 1944. Entered Military Service from Florida.

Corporal FRANK ZAVILLA, 33034585, MD, \*\*\* Medical Collecting Company, (Separate), for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France on 12 September 1944. Entered Military Service from Pennsylvania.

Technician Fifth Grade HAROLD E. BOLO, 36152684, FA, \*\*\* Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France between 11 September 1944 and 16 September 1944. Entered Military Service from Michigan.

Technician Fifth Grade JOHN H. HEATH, 38419091, FA, \*\*\* Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France between 7 August 1944 and 29 August 1944. Entered Military Service from Texas.

Private First Class CHARLES H. MC CARTHY, 34466402, FA, \*\*\* Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France between 22 September 1944 and 5 October 1944. Entered Military Service from North Carolina.

Private First Class MICHAEL J. O'CONNOR, 35025774, FA, \*\*\* Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against

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the enemy in France between 22 September 1944 and 4 October 1944. Entered Military Service from Ohio.

Private First Class CALVIN SMITH, 38484407, FA, \*\*\* Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France between 7 August 1944 and 29 August 1944. Entered Military Service from Louisiana.

Private First Class RAYMOND J. TRADER, 33896842, CE, \*\*\* Engineer Combat Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France between 20 September 1944 and 26 October 1944. Entered Military Service from Maryland.

Private WYLIE W. COOPER, 20451521, FA, \*\*\* Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France on 7 October 1944. Entered Military Service from Tennessee.

Private RALPH MC DANIELS JR., 35142635, FA, \*\*\* Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France on 14 September 1944. Entered Military Service from Indiana.

Private THOMAS MEARES, 36752052, FA, \*\*\* Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France between 11 September 1944 and 4 October 1944. Entered Military Service from Illinois.

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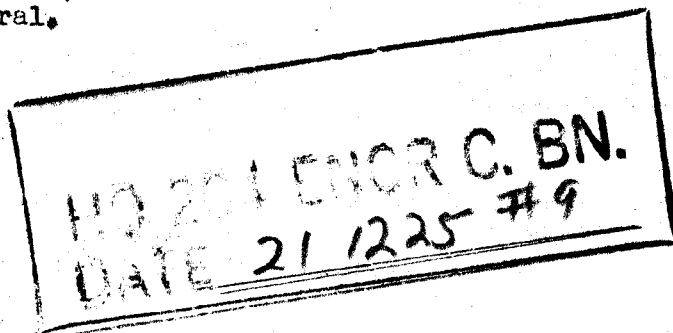
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- SECTION I - Award of Silver Star.
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I. AWARD OF SILVER STAR - Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Silver Star is awarded to:

Captain WILLIAM S. BARRETT, 0375644, FA, \*\*\*\* Armored Field Artillery Battalion, for gallantry in action on 7 September 1944 in France. Captain BARRETT was commanding a battery of an Armored Field Artillery Battalion when the unit moved into position near the town of MAIZIERES-les-METZ to support attacking elements of the 7th Armored Division. Just as the occupying forces became established, they were subjected to heavy German mortar, machine gun and artillery fire. Captain BARRETT, seeking to determine the source of the action, was engaged in a personal reconnaissance of the area when he suddenly encountered a group of strongly entrenched Germans. Drawing his pistol, he organized a small group of volunteers, and, advancing at their head under the protection of covering machine gun fire, charged the enemy position. The ferocity of the assault so unnerved the hostile force that they threw down their weapons and surrendered. Determined to ferret out the remainder of the enemy strongholds from which strong machine gun and sniper fire was being directed upon his men, he proceeded to scout along the boundaries of the bivouac area. Advancing fearlessly over the unknown terrain, Captain BARRETT was repeatedly pinned down by fierce machine gun bursts poured down upon him from concealed positions. Deducing from the staccato rhythm of the guns their approximate location, he crept forward until he came within a few yards of an ingeniously concealed network of trenches occupied by snipers and machine gun crews. Withdrawing silently, he returned to his battery position, organized a gun section and led them to a point overlooking the entrenchments. Carefully adjusting his fire, Captain BARRETT directed a devastating barrage upon the position and successfully neutralized it. Captain BARRETT's gallant and aggressive leadership, determination and unstinting devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the Army of the United States. Entered Military Service from New York.

S/R Hm Private First Class SAMUEL KLEINFELD, 32860107, CE, \*\*\*\* Engineer Combat Battalion, for gallantry in action on 11 September 1944 in France. Private First Class KLEINFELD was engaged with other members of his platoon in pulling an Infantry support raft across the MOSELLE RIVER at ARN-VILLE when their position was pounded by a concentrated enemy artillery barrage of such intensity that the men were forced to abandon their tow lines and seek cover in foxholes. Private First Class KLEINFELD, perceiving that the raft carrying a vehicle loaded with wounded soldiers floated helplessly in midstream and was seriously endangered by the bombardment, left his safe position and, with utter disregard

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for his personal safety, ran to the river bank, picked up the tow lines, and with the aid of three other men, attempted to pull the floundering raft to the friendly shore. With almost superhuman strength, Private First Class KIEINFELD and his comrades struggled with a task which normally required eleven men to perform. Slowly, as shells began to fall all around their position, the grimly determined men drew the cumbersome craft to safety. By his gallant action, Private First Class KIEINFELD saved the lives of several seriously wounded Infantrymen. His fearlessness, aggressiveness and loyal devotion to the welfare and safety of his comrades reflect the highest credit upon himself and the Army of the United States. Entered Military Service from New York.

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

First Sergeant ELLIX P. BACCO, 20133229, FA, 203d Field Artillery Group, for heroism in France on 23 October 1944 not involving actual conflict with the enemy. Sergeant BACCO, upon learning that a burning ammunition truck had stopped and been abandoned near the Group Headquarters mess at ONVILLE, immediately, without thinking of his personal safety, gave the alarm and ordered all men to stand clear. Another soldier procured a fire extinguisher and Sergeant BACCO and the soldier crawled under the blazing vehicle, knowing full well that the ammunition was liable to explode at any moment, and together they quenched the flames. Sergeant BACCO's bravery and outstanding devotion to duty reflect the highest credit upon himself and the Army of the United States. Entered Military Service from Connecticut.

Technician Fifth Grade AUGUST BERWANGER, 32637167, FA, 203d Field Artillery Group, for heroism in France on 23 October 1944 not involving actual conflict with the enemy. Technician Fifth Grade BERWANGER was on duty as a sentry at the entrance to the Group Command Post near ONVILLE when he observed a heavily-laden two and one-half-ton truck pass him at a distance of about twenty-five yards, smoke streaming from it. An immediate investigation revealed that the truck, loaded with ammunition, was ablaze and that the occupants had fled, leaving the truck abandoned near a group of officers and men who were at mess. After notifying the First Sergeant of the danger, he procured a fire extinguisher and with the Sergeant crawled under the truck, mindful that the ammunition was liable to erupt in deadly destruction any minute, and put out the fire. Technician Fifth Grade BERWANGER's heroism, instantaneous action and disregard for his personal safety reflect great credit upon himself and the Army of the United States. Entered Military Service from New York.

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

Major LORR E. MACDONALD, 0294397, FA, \*\*\*\* Field Artillery Battalion, for heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France on 30 August 1944. As the motor column in which he was riding approached the city of ST. MASMES, it was subjected to heavy enemy artillery fire which threatened to destroy vital equipment and bring injury or death to personnel. Coolly and with disregard for his personal safety, Major MacDONALD,

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serving as Battalion Executive Officer, exposed himself to the fire and located the hostile strongpoint. Displaying marked courage and leadership ability, he organized into a combat force the men present in the immediate vicinity. Aggressively, he led them against the enemy position, causing the surprised German force of 64 to surrender. Major MacDONALD's initiative, personal courage, and outstanding devotion to duty reflect high credit upon himself and the Army of the United States. Entered Military Service from Colorado.

Captain RAY C. FINNEY, 0421810, FA, \*\*\*\* Field Artillery Battalion, for heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France on 8 September 1944. Captain FINNEY's battery position was suddenly subjected to intense, destructive German shell fire. A tree burst killed the First Sergeant and seriously wounded four other men, causing them to fall and lie helpless in an area exposed to the bombardment. Unhesitatingly, without thinking of his personal safety, Captain FINNEY, after calling for medical aid, raced into the shell-plastered field to the aid of his men. With the help of kitchen personnel, he removed the injured men to cover. Captain FINNEY's instantaneous action was largely responsible for the saving of the lives of several of these men. His actions reflect the highest credit upon himself and the Army of the United States. Entered Military Service from Michigan.

Chaplain (Captain) JOSEPH F. HOGAN, 0531249, Corps of Chaplains, 204th Field Artillery Group, for heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France on 2 October 1944. The Group air strip near GORZE was under heavy and continuous German artillery fire which was destroying much equipment and injuring personnel. Chaplain HOGAN, learning of the serious conditions at the air strip, volunteered to assist in any way possible and then, with disregard for his own safety, began walking toward the bombarded site. He observed a wounded soldier lying helplessly in an open area exposed to the bursting shells. Ignoring the shelling and conscious only of the fact that injured men needed attention, Chaplain HOGAN remained at the side of the casualty, gave spiritual comfort, and then helped evacuate him to safety. Again he walked about the area searching for other casualties and it was not until he had satisfied himself that there were no others that he sought safety himself. Chaplain HOGAN's courage and unstinting devotion to the welfare of his fellow men and his duty reflect the highest credit upon himself and the Army of the United States. Entered Military Service from Illinois.

Captain HERMAN E. KARRER, 01693401, MC, \*\*\*\* Field Artillery Battalion, for heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France on 8 September 1944. German artillery fire had caused many casualties in a battery position of his Field Artillery Battalion. Summoned to give aid to the men, Captain KARRER, despite the continued bombardment and without regard for his personal safety, went into the area where the wounded men were lying. Captain KARRER moved to first one victim and then the other, giving them first aid treatment and directing their removal to safety. Only after the injured personnel had been cared for did he seek cover himself. Captain KARRER's courage, professional knowledge and unstinting devotion to duty were an inspiration to the men and officers with whom he served, reflecting great credit up-

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on himself and the Army of the United States. Entered Military Service from Ohio.

First Lieutenant WILLIAM B. PRINGIE, 01177942, FA, \*\*\*\* Armored Field Artillery Battalion, for heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France on 7 September 1944. Shortly after occupying positions near MAIZIERES-les-METZ in support of the 7th Armored Division, Lieutenant PRINGIE's unit was subjected to intense mortar, artillery and machine gun fire from German strongholds. As Survey Officer, he immediately instituted position area surveys, which were essential to the coordination and employment of the fires of the battalion since only small scale maps were available. In order to make his survey, Lieutenant PRINGIE exposed himself to the devastating enemy fire, disregarding his personal safety and displaying a marked degree of initiative, resourcefulness and technical knowledge. All other personnel in the area had taken cover, but he continued at his task until he had successfully completed it, contributing materially to the fire effect of the battalion, which in turn was largely responsible for the task force holding its position under intense fire in close proximity to the enemy. Lieutenant PRINGIE's actions were an inspiration to all, reflecting great credit upon himself and the Army of the United States. Entered Military Service from Illinois.

Second Lieutenant COLEMAN D. BLACKWELL, 01646697, CE, \*\*\*\* Engineer Combat Battalion, for heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France between 1 September 1944 and 8 September 1944. On 1 September 1944, while reconnoitering for a proposed bridge site near BRAS, Lieutenant BLACKWELL advanced into hostile territory with full knowledge that the Germans had prepared an ambush on the route he traversed. Undaunted, with only a few tanks in the area ahead of him, he skillfully scouted the area and completed his mission. On 8 September 1944, Lieutenant BLACKWELL undertook another reconnaissance mission on the MOSELLE RIVER near DORNOT to select a river crossing site. Although both sides of the river were completely covered by German artillery observation from strong fortress installations, he scouted stealthily and boldly up and down stream and through the enemy lines to gather the information he required. Lieutenant BLACKWELL's cool judgment, bravery and unstinting devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the Army of the United States. Entered Military Service from Kentucky.

Corporal JOSEPH M. BUONO, 32835328, CAV, \*\*\*\* Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron (Mechanized), for heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France on 2 September 1944. Corporal BUONO was with his platoon near ORRAVILLE when it was halted abruptly by fierce and devastating enemy artillery and small arms fire. The platoon was directed into an assembly area. Corporal BUONO and three other men volunteered to search the bullet-torn area for several members of the platoon believed separated from the group. Disregarding the enemy fire and his personal safety, he bravely and unhesitatingly reconnoitered the area until he had ascertained that none of his comrades had been left behind or were in danger. During this mission he found four one-quarter-ton trucks, belonging to the platoon, which he saved

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from destruction. Corporal BUONO's willingness to attempt a dangerous mission and his outstanding devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the Army of the United States. Entered Military Service from New York.

Corporal JESUS C. GARCIA, 39156238, FM, 204th Field Artillery Group, for heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France on 2 October 1944. Enemy artillery fire was dropping steadily on the Group air strip and had cut several wire communication lines which connected the Group Fire Direction Center with attached battalions and higher echelons. Voluntarily, ignoring the German shelling, Corporal GARCIA and two other men started immediately to find the breaks and to make the badly needed repairs. Dauntlessly, he continued his mission until the shelling became so intense that he was wounded and had to be evacuated by a comrade. Corporal GARCIA's marked bravery, devotion to duty and disregard for personal safety reflect great credit upon himself and the Army of the United States. Entered Military Service from California.

IV. REVOCATION IN GO NO. 48 THIS HQ CS.

So much of Section I, General Orders No. 48, this Headquarters, 11 November 1944, as awards a Bronze Star Medal to Second Lieutenant COLEMAN D. BLACKWELL, 01646697, Corps of Engineers, is revoked. This award is republished in Section III, of this General Order.

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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:

Sergeant MICHAEL E. VISNYEI, 32847562, CAV, \*\*\* Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron (Mechanized), for heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France on 2 September 1944. Sergeant VISNYEI was on a mission with his platoon near ORRAVILLE when it was stopped by fierce and continuous enemy artillery and small arms fire. The platoon was halted and organized in an assembly point where Sergeant VISNYEI and three other men volunteered to search the bullet-swept area for several members of the platoon and their vehicles. Disregarding the enemy fire, he bravely and unhesitatingly reconnoitered the area until he had ascertained that none of his comrades had been left behind or were in danger, at the same time finding four one-quarter-ton trucks, belonging to the platoon, which he saved from destruction. Sergeant VISNYEI's bravery, willingness to attempt a dangerous mission and his outstanding devotion to duty reflect high credit upon himself and the Army of the United States. Entered Military Service from New York.

Corporal CHARLES W. COLE, 36039747, FA, 204th Field Artillery Group, for heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France on 2 October 1944. German artillery fire was falling on the Group air strip and had cut several wire communication lines which connected the Group Fire Direction Center with attached battalions and higher headquarters. Voluntarily, disregarding the enemy barrage and his personal safety, Corporal COLE and two other men started immediately to find the breaks and make necessary repairs. Dauntlessly, he continued his mission until one man was wounded. Displaying marked bravery, he assisted in bringing the injured man to safety and then returned to the area to look for other casualties in need of assistance. Corporal COLE's courage, initiative, technical skill and devotion to duty reflect distinct credit upon himself and the Army of the United States. Entered Military Service from Illinois.

Technician Fifth Grade EDWARD J. FINNIGAN, 32567802, CAV, \*\*\* Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron (Mechanized), for heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France on 2 September 1944. Technician Fifth Grade FINNIGAN was on a mission with his platoon near ORRAVILLE when it was halted abruptly by fierce and destructive enemy artillery and small arms fire. The platoon was led into an assembly area and organized. Technician Fifth Grade FINNIGAN and three other soldiers volunteered to search the bullet-raked area for several members of the platoon who were believed separated from the group. Disregarding the enemy shelling and his personal safety, he bravely and daringly reconnoitered the area until he had made sure that none of his comrades had been left behind or were in danger. His reconnaissance, however, resulted in his finding four "Jeeps" which he saved from destruction at the hands of the Germans. Technician Fifth Grade FINNIGAN's bravery and great devotion to duty reflect distinct credit upon himself and the Army of the United States. Entered Military Service from New Jersey.

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Technician Fifth Grade HOWARD M. FLYNN; 33173938, CE, \*\*\* Engineer Treadway Bridge Company, for heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France on 23 September 1944. Technician Fifth Grade FLYNN, a truck driver, was attached to an Engineer Combat Battalion for the purpose of assisting in the construction of a fixed treadway bridge across the SEILLE RIVER approximately one-half mile below BOUXIERS. Construction was delayed five hours because of heavy German shelling. Immediately after the work had started and Technician Fifth Grade FLYNN had his truck at the bridge site, the entire area was blanketed by a lethal barrage from a German 88mm. gun. Disregarding his personal safety, thinking only of the importance of the bridge and his mission, Technician Fifth Grade FLYNN remained in the deadly area and continued to operate his "A" frame hoist until the bombardment became so intense that the work was stopped. Seeking refuge in a foxhole, he remained there only until the drubbing slackened and time and again he returned to the bridge to attempt completion of the job. His bravery and unflinching devotion to duty reflect distinct credit upon himself and the Army of the United States. Entered Military Service from Pennsylvania.

Private First Class LEON E. KRANTZ, 32841662, CAV, \*\*\* Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron (Mechanized), for heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France on 2 September 1944. Private First Class KRANTZ was on a mission with his platoon near ORRAVILLE when it was halted suddenly by fierce and destructive German artillery and small arms fire. The platoon was led into an assembly area to organize. Private First Class KRANTZ volunteered with three other men to search the shell-pocked area for several members of the platoon believed separated or lost with their vehicles. Ignoring his personal safety, he unhesitatingly and aggressively entered the area and reconnoitered until he had made sure that none of his comrades had been left behind or were in danger. His search, however, resulted in his finding four quarter-ton trucks which he saved from destruction by the enemy. Private First Class KRANTZ's daring, courage and devotion to duty reflect the highest credit upon himself and the Army of the United States. Entered Military Service from New York.

Colonel SAMUEL R. BROWNING, 017081, FA, 4th Tank Destroyer Group, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France between 6 August 1944 and 31 October 1944. Entered United States Military Academy from Texas.

Colonel WILLIAM C. HALL, 018391, CE, \*\*\* Engineer General Service Regiment, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France between 8 August 1944 and 30 August 1944. Entered United States Military Academy from Missouri.

Lieutenant Colonel JAMES P. SCHWARTZ, 0344069, FA, \*\*\* Field Artillery Observation Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France between 6 August 1944 and 31 October 1944. Entered Military Service from New York.

Major JAMES F. CANTWELL, 0396657, FA, \*\*\* Armored Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France on 8 September 1944. Entered Military Service from New Jersey.

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Major WILLIAM G. HAUPT, 0289312, FA, 203d Field Artillery Group, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France between 12 September 1944 and 4 October 1944. Entered Military Service from Georgia.

Major GORDON L. STAKER, 0334985, FA, \*\*\* Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France between 21 July 1944 and 2 November 1944. Entered Military Service from Utah.

Captain DUDOK B. LANGERAK, 01178541, FA, \*\*\* Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France between 7 August 1944 and 15 October 1944. Entered Military Service from Iowa.

Captain HAROLD P. MATTOCKS, 01171666, FA, \*\*\* Armored Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France between 30 July 1944 and 15 September 1944. Entered Military Service from Oklahoma.

Captain FRED B. PERRY, JR., 0468499, FA, \*\*\* Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France between 7 August 1944 and 16 October 1944. Entered Military Service from Michigan.

Captain THOMAS E. SNYDER, 0389323, FA, \*\*\* Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France between 7 August 1944 and 16 October 1944. Entered Military Service from New Jersey.

First Lieutenant CHARLES R. HIATT, 01177448, FA, \*\*\* Armored Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France between 28 August 1944 and 16 September 1944. Entered Military Service from Indiana.

First Lieutenant THOMAS P. LEWIS, 01174045, FA, \*\*\* Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France between 1 August 1944 and 12 October 1944. Entered Military Service from Pennsylvania.

First Lieutenant JAMES L. SLECHTICKY, 01180719, FA, \*\*\* Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France between 5 October 1944 and 8 October 1944. Entered Military Service from Missouri.

First Lieutenant ALFRED M. VOGEL, 01169378, FA, \*\*\* Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France from 1 August 1944 to 7 October 1944. Entered Military Service from Missouri.

Second Lieutenant NELSON L. RISLEY, 01595786, GE, \*\*\* Engineer Topographic Company, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France between 1 August 1944 and 10 September 1944. Entered Military Service from Missouri.

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tary Service from Mississippi.

Staff Sergeant HENRY F. HAGEMeyer, 36008847, FA, \*\*\* Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France between 22 September 1944 and 5 October 1944. Entered Military Service from Illinois.

Staff Sergeant JOHN M. HANBERG, 39378285, FA, \*\*\* Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France between 2 July 1944 and 15 September 1944. Entered Military Service from Washington.

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SECTION I - Award of Silver Star.  
SECTION II - Award of Soldier's Medal.  
SECTION III - Award, Posthumous, of Bronze Star Medal.  
SECTION IV - Award of Bronze Star Medal.

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

First Lieutenant (then Second Lieutenant) HARRY J. KALBITZER, O1031654, CAV, \*\*\*\* Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron (Mechanized), for gallantry in action in France on 6 September 1944. Lieutenant KALBITZER was leading his platoon on a dangerous and vigorous reconnaissance mission to the banks of the MOSELLE RIVER. As he and his men pushed on to AUMETZ, they were deluged by well-aimed, heavy German machine gun and 20mm. fire at every crossroad. Disregarding the enemy fire, displaying outstanding and aggressive leadership, Lieutenant KALBITZER inspired his men to move forward toward their objective. In AUMETZ, presence of the platoon was discovered by German forces who compelled them to withdraw. Moving to FILLIEPES later that day, the platoon was cut off from friendly troops by approximately two hundred Germans. Employing the element of surprise, Lieutenant KALBITZER so expertly maneuvered his troops and made such tactical use of weapons on hand that the enemy was split and the platoon was able to force its way through the barricade to safety. Throughout this action, Lieutenant KALBITZER exposed himself to hostile fire, showing no regard for personal safety. His example of leadership and aggressiveness was an inspiration to his men. His display of gallantry and outstanding devotion to duty reflects the highest credit upon himself and the Army of the United States. Entered Military Service from West Virginia.

Staff Sergeant CHARLES B. MORRIS, JR., 32145661, MD, \*\*\*\* Armored Field Artillery Battalion, for gallantry in action in France on 8 September 1944. An Infantry tank assault against the town of MAIZIERES-les-METZ was repulsed by stubborn, bitterly fighting German forces which, in a desperate effort to quell the speedy drive of the American troops across France, overwhelmed the attackers with a devastating wall of fire. Withdrawing troops were suffering heavy casualties and requested medical aid for wounded men left lying helpless in the enemy-occupied town. Without regard for his personal safety, thinking only of his injured comrades, Sergeant MORRIS volunteered to accompany the Battalion Surgeon into the midst of fighting. Bravely and aggressively, ignoring the enemy shelling and small arms fire, he gallantly cared for wounded personnel found within the area. Learning that other wounded Infantrymen lay forward of the American line, Sergeant MORRIS unhesitatingly moved ahead. With the help of an aid man, he reached a casualty, but suddenly his assistant was struck. Alone, unaided, he gave first aid to both men. After carrying the stricken Infantry soldier to a "jeep" and driving him to safety, he returned for his medical comrade and successfully evacuated him. His actions, in addition to giving vital medical aid, saved some of the Infantrymen from being

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captured by the Germans. Sergeant MORRIS's display of courage and devotion to duty reflect the highest credit upon himself and the Army of the United States. Entered Military Service from New Jersey.

Technician Fourth Grade JAMES H. BRIDWELL, 35143746, CE, \*\*\*\* Engineer Combat Battalion, for gallantry in action on 11 September 1944 in France. Technician Fourth Grade BRIDWELL was a member of a towing crew engaged in pulling an Infantry support raft loaded with injured personnel across the MOSELLE RIVER at ARNAVILLE, when the site was subjected to an intense enemy artillery barrage which forced the men to drop their tow ropes and seek cover in foxholes. Technician Fourth Grade BRIDWELL, perceiving that the raft floated helplessly in midstream and was seriously endangered by the German fire, ran fearlessly to the river bank, picked up the untended lines and, with the aid of three others, began to pull the ponderous craft to safety. Exerting tremendous effort to perform a task which normally required the combined strength of eleven men, Technician Fourth Grade BRIDWELL and his companions brought the raft safely across the bullet-swept river to the shelter of the friendly shore. His heroic efforts contributed materially to the saving of valuable military property from costly damage and expedited the removal of many severely wounded infantrymen to medical treatment. Technician Fourth Grade BRIDWELL's gallantry, brave determination and unswerving devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the Army of the United States. Entered Military Service from Indiana.

Technician Fifth Grade JAMES C. AXON, 34597472, MD, \*\*\*\* Armored Field Artillery Battalion, for gallantry in action in France on 8 September 1944. An Infantry tank attack against the town of MAIZIERES-les-METZ was halted abruptly by fanatical, bitterly fighting German forces which, in an effort to stem the speedy drive of the American troops across France, smothered the unit with devastating fire. Withdrawing troops were suffering heavy casualties and requested immediate medical aid for wounded men who were lying helpless in the enemy-held town. Technician Fifth Grade AXON, who was an Aid Man with the forward firing battery of the battalion, voluntarily proceeded through the withdrawing troops and into the town to give assistance to the casualties. He learned that a wounded Infantryman lay forward of the American line and without hesitation, he crept through the enemy fire to the soldier. While treating the wounded man, Technician Fifth Grade AXON was seriously wounded by small arms fire and had to be evacuated. His gallant action, in addition to preventing a wounded man from being captured, contributed to the saving of the soldier's life, and reflected the highest credit upon himself and the Army of the United States. Entered Military Service from South Carolina.

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

Private First Class MALCOLM C. STALLARD, 33046872, CE, \*\*\*\* Engineer Topographic Company, for heroism not involving actual conflict with the enemy on 30 October 1944 in France. The Webendorfer press truck, of which he was the assigned driver, burst into flames after a gasoline heater in the van-type body exploded while the vehicle was parked in an area at CONFLANS. The fire became an increasing threat to a nearby open shed filled with hay. First, Private First Class STALLARD moved another reproduction truck out of danger and

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then returned to the burning vehicle. The blaze was already through the forward wall of the van immediately behind the truck cab, and a spare tire and camouflage net on top of the cab were afire. Without regard for his personal safety, he bravely entered the driver's seat of the truck, started the motor, drove clear of the hay stack, which was in imminent danger of catching fire, and successfully extinguished the flames. By his quick thinking and daring actions, Private First Class STALLARD saved valuable civilian and military property from costly damage. His fearlessness, determination and unswerving devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the Army of the United States. Entered Military Service from Virginia.

III. 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:

Sergeant CARL E. ROSENTRETER, 37023043, CAV, \*\*\*\* Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron (Mechanized), for heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France on 5 November 1944. Sergeant ROSENTRETER was a tank commander in the attack on the village of BERG, a strong point heavily defended by German forces. So that he might better adjust fire on targets ahead, he opened the turret of his tank and ordered his vehicle forward. Despite heavy artillery and mortar fire directed at his tank, disregarding his personal safety, he maneuvered his tank directly into the path of the sweeping fire from two machine guns and succeeded in wiping out the two nests before he was killed. Sergeant ROSENTRETER's courage and coolheadedness in the face of withering enemy fire were an inspiration to all officers and men with whom he served. As a result of his heroic action, the tank was able to proceed toward its objective, contributing materially to the success of the mission. His marked bravery, daring and outstanding devotion to duty reflect the highest credit upon himself and the Army of the United States. Entered Military Service from Minnesota. Next of kin: Mr. Karl Rosentreter (Father), Box #52, Perham, Minnesota.

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:

Technician Fourth Grade EDGAR P. ALEXANDER, 20245540, FA, \*\*\*\* Armored Field Artillery Battalion, for heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France on 8 September 1944. Technician Fourth Grade ALEXANDER'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, Technician Fourth Grade ALEXANDER, disregarding his personal safety, left the comparative safety of his slit trench and with the aid of his section leader succeeded in extinguishing the burning ammunition after pulling it piece by piece from the trailer. Technician Fourth Grade ALEXANDER'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.

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Technician Fourth Grade MAX L. HULL, 36592156, CAV, \*\*\*\* Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron (Mechanized), for heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France on 27 September 1944. Technician Fourth Grade HULL was operating with his troop in the vicinity of METZ when Germans laid down a tremendous artillery barrage. One shell exploded near the M-8 assault vehicle which he was driving, seriously wounding three members of the crew and severing communications. As the bombardment blasted the area around him, Technician Fourth Grade HULL crawled out of the vehicle and with the aid of another man, carried one wounded soldier to safety. As he returned for the other two casualties, the position was again blanketed by fierce artillery fire. Bravely, aggressively, he entered the vehicle, despite the shelling, and drove it to safety where he gave the casualties first aid and assisted in their evacuation. Technician Fourth Grade HULL's extreme courage, initiative and devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the Army of the United States. Entered Military Service from Michigan.

Technician Fifth Grade JAMES ATHORN, 32570198, CAV, \*\*\*\* Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron (Mechanized), for heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France on 28 August 1944. During the battle for the town of EPERNAY, Technician Fifth Grade ATHORN and his platoon were engaged in a fierce, house-to-house skirmish with the German defenders when two of his comrades were seriously wounded. Technician Fifth Grade ATHORN, realizing that only immediate treatment could save the soldiers' lives, obtained civilian clothes and changed into them. He searched fearlessly through the enemy-infested streets until he located a French doctor. Then, returning to the casualties, he carried them, one by one, to the physician's house where their wounds were treated. Technician Fifth Grade ATHORN then remained with his comrades throughout the night to insure their safety. His bravery, aggressiveness and loyal devotion to the welfare of his comrades reflect the highest credit upon himself and the Army of the United States. Entered Military Service from New Jersey.

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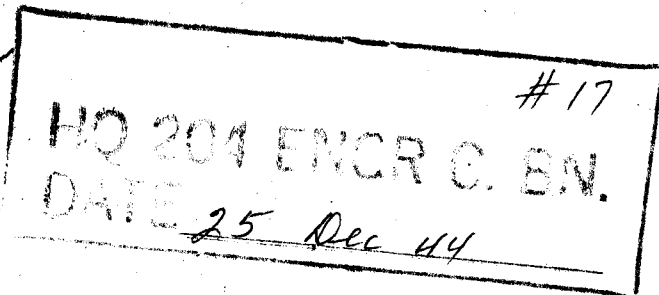
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SECTION II - Award of Bronze Star Medal.

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

Technician Fifth Grade BRUNO C. SHATKUS, 36653796, CAV, \*\*\*\* Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron (Mechanized), for gallantry in action in Luxembourg on 24 September 1944. Technician Fifth Grade SHATKUS's reconnaissance team, for which he was a vehicle driver, halted at the approaches of a small valley, bordered on each side by wooded hills which ranged upward and nearly enveloped the road. While he moved forward on foot to examine the terrain for possible enemy positions, the section sergeant was fired upon and pinned to the ground by heavy small arms and machine gun fire from a nest dug in the side of a hill. Realizing the peril of his leader, Technician Fifth Grade SHATKUS, with total disregard for his personal safety, drove his vehicle through the hail of enemy bullets, faced the nest at close range and savagely and defiantly blasted the Germans with the machine gun mounted on his "jeep". Momentarily dazed by this unusual and courageous action, stunned by the devastating fire, the enemy slackened their fire long enough for the sergeant to crawl to cover. Technician Fifth Grade SHATKUS returned to the team and continued his mission. It was not until the team was well out of the danger zone that he revealed a painful gunshot wound in his leg. Technician Fifth Grade SHATKUS's coolness under fire, gallantry and distinct devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the Army of the United States. Entered Military Service from Illinois.

Private First Class LOWELL H. TRIPP, 34785439, CE, \*\*\*\* Engineer Combat Battalion, for gallantry in action in France on 11 September 1944. Private First Class TRIPP's unit was engaged in ferrying troops across the MOSELLE RIVER near ARNAVILLE. A brilliant moon, coupled with clear skies, afforded Germans entrenched on the opposite bank of the river excellent observation, though the hour was nearly midnight. Aided by the brightness, the enemy was able to direct accurate and heavy artillery and mortar fire against the American forces. Learning that wounded men were on a raft drifting down the river, Private First Class TRIPP, voluntarily, with utter disregard for his own safety, entered an M-2 assault boat with two companions and paddled to the raft. While bullets and shell fragments churned the waters, he assisted in bringing the seriously wounded men back to medical aid and safety. Private First Class TRIPP's aggressiveness, gallantry and outstanding devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the Army of the United States. Entered Military Service from Florida.

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Private MORRIS BLUMENREICH, 32829110, CE, \*\*\*\* Engineer Combat Battalion, for gallantry in action in France on 11 September 1944. Private BLUMENREICH, during operations of his unit on the MOSELLE RIVER near ARNAVILLE, was helping to pull an infantry support raft, carrying a vehicle loaded with wounded soldiers, across the river, when the site was subjected to a severe enemy artillery barrage of such ferocity that the members of the towing crew were forced to take cover in their foxholes, leaving the heavily loaded raft to flounder helplessly in midstream. Private BLUMENREICH, perceiving the danger of its exposed position, fearlessly returned to the river bank, picked up the abandoned tow ropes, and assisted by three others, began to pull the ponderous craft to safety. Through an expenditure of almost superhuman effort, performing a task which normally requires eleven men, he and his comrades were able to bring the raft through the hail of fire to the friendly shore without mishap. Private BLUMENREICH's brave actions prevented a possible loss of valuable military property and expedited the delivery of many severely wounded casualties to a place where medical aid could be administered. His gallantry, aggressiveness and loyal devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the Army of the United States. Entered Military Service from New York.

Private LAWRENCE E. HERRINGSHAW, 32857514, CE, \*\*\*\* Engineer Combat Battalion, for gallantry in action in France on 11 September 1944. Private HERRINGSHAW, during ferrying operations of the MOSELLE RIVER at ARNAVILLE, was a member of a crew engaged in towing an infantry support raft across the river when the position was pounded by a heavy German artillery bombardment. To escape the lethal hail, the men were forced to abandon their task and seek cover in their foxholes, leaving the raft heavily loaded with injured infantry personnel to flounder helplessly in midstream. Private HERRINGSHAW, perceiving its imperiled state, fearlessly, with utter disregard for his personal safety, ran to the river bank, manned the tow lines and, with the aid of three others, began to pull the ponderous craft to the shelter of the friendly shore. Exerting tremendous efforts, performing a task which normally required the strength of eleven men, Private HERRINGSHAW and his comrades moved the raft through the fierce shelling to safety. His courageous actions contributed materially to the expeditious delivery of infantry casualties to a medical aid station and saved valuable military property from possible damage. Private HERRINGSHAW's gallantry, heroic determination and unstinting devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the Army of the United States. Entered Military Service from New York.

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 JACK H. WHITE, 0375327, CAV, \*\*\*\* Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron (Mechanized), for heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France on 5 November 1944. Lieutenant WHITE distinguished himself by his aggressive leadership and marked tactical knowledge while leading his platoon in an attack on the strongly-defended and strategically important village of BERG. He took his platoon to the far end of the village and immediately set up an observation post. He and three other Cavalrymen began a house-to-house search for enemy, capturing six Germans and killing three. He quickly

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reorganized his platoon after the assault and directed a limited pursuit of eight Germans trying to escape across the MOSELLE RIVER. Without regard for his personal safety, he daringly, unaided, captured an enemy observation post and radio and prevented any further direction of well-observed mortar and artillery fire upon his troops. His effective leadership, combined with his unerring judgment and initiative in this engagement materially aided the accomplishment of the mission. Lieutenant WHITE's bravery and outstanding devotion to duty reflect distinct credit upon himself and the Army of the United States. Entered Military Service from New Mexico.

Second Lieutenant GEORGE A. GARBOWIT, 01031485, 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. Lieutenant GARBOWIT distinguished himself by his daring, aggressiveness and tactical skill when, on three occasions he volunteered to lead nightly reconnaissance patrols across the MOSELLE RIVER into strongly-held German territory. On the night 19-20 October 1944, he directed his men across the river and reconnoitered heavily-manned and fortified enemy positions for 300 yards and did not cease operations until forced to withdraw by withering machine gun fire. On the night 21-22 October 1944, he undertook the same mission, continued the reconnaissance in the face of heavy fire and returned with vital information. The third mission, for which he again volunteered, took place on the night 24-25 October 1944, a mission to attack German positions and capture prisoners. Though the enemy retreated before any prisoners could be taken, Lieutenant GARBOWIT obtained valuable information concerning hostile fortifications. His bravery and outstanding devotion to duty set an inspiring example for the officers and men serving with him and reflect the highest credit upon himself and the Army of the United States. Entered Military Service from Massachusetts.

First Sergeant EARNEST W. LYBARGER, 6862529, CE, \*\*\*\* Engineer Combat Battalion, for heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France on 11 September 1944. His company was engaged in bridging operations across the MOSELLE RIVER near ARNAVILLE. The Germans, in a desperate attempt to stem the advance of American forces and prevent the spanning of the river, were subjecting the working crews and bridge site to a tremendous, devastating artillery barrage. Bursting shells were constantly taking a toll of key personnel, threatening to disrupt the mission. Sergeant LYBARGER, with utter disregard for his personal safety, continually exposed himself to the enemy fire, reorganizing his company into efficient working platoons. He persistently inspired members of his unit and bolstered their morale to the highest degree through his personal example of coolness and aggressiveness. When ordered to withdraw, due to the unrelenting and ever-increasing intensity of the bombardment, he personally directed the withdrawal of his company without additional loss of personnel. Throughout the operation, Sergeant LYBARGER displayed exceptional leadership ability, initiative and devotion to duty, reflecting distinct credit upon himself and the Army of the United States. Entered Military Service from Kansas.

Staff Sergeant JOHN H. BRANNAN, 34283543, CE, \*\*\*\* Engineer Combat Battalion, for heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France on 24 August 1944. Shortly after midnight, Sergeant BRANNAN's

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unit began bridging operations across the SEINE RIVER near FONTAINEBLEAU. He was directing efforts of his platoon. In an attempt to halt the steady advance of the American forces waiting to cross the river and continue the attack eastward, the Germans released a lethal hail of artillery, mortar and automatic small arms fire against the laboring Engineer personnel and bridge site. Disregarding his personal safety and ignoring the barrage, Sergeant BRANNAN remained at the water's edge throughout the mission, devoid of cover or concealment. Once, he aggressively waded into the water, waist deep, to secure a pontoon that was in danger of floating away and which was badly needed to further construction of the bridge. Sergeant BRANNAN's coolness under fire, extreme bravery and devotion to duty reflect the highest credit upon himself and the Army of the United States. Entered Military Service from Tennessee.

Staff Sergeant JAMES T. HUTCHERSON, 6863692, CAV, \*\*\*\* Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron (Mechanized), for heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France on 27 September 1944. Sergeant HUTCHERSON was participating in a counter-reconnaissance mission one mile northeast of GORZE. The reconnaissance party was continually subjected to heavy and accurate 150mm. artillery fire which wounded a member of a tank crew and rendered him helpless against the destructive shelling. With utter disregard for his personal safety and thinking only of his wounded comrade, Sergeant HUTCHERSON left a safe position, exposed himself to the bombardment, entered the tank, and brought the wounded man to safety. Sergeant HUTCHERSON's aggressiveness, bravery and outstanding devotion to duty reflect the highest credit upon himself and the Army of the United States. Entered Military Service from Nebraska.

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