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**HEADQUARTERS 90TH INFANTRY DIVISION
APO 90, U. S. Army**

22 June 1944

GENERAL ORDERS

No. 16

AWARD OF PURPLE HEART

1. Under provisions of AR 600-45, dated 22 September 1943 the Purple Heart is awarded Captain Louis H. Fletcher, 0506566, DC, 315th Medical Battalion for wounds received in action against the enemy on 11 June 1944, in France. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

2. Under provisions of AR 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, the Purple Heart is awarded Pfc Adam O. Hartle, 38103660, Co E 358th Infantry for wounds received in action against the enemy on 15 June 1944 in France. Entered military service from Colorado.

3. Under provisions of AR 600-45, dated 22 September 1943 the Purple Heart is awarded Pvt Archie Mellish, 37154752, Co A 315th Medical Battalion for wounds received in action against the enemy on 11 June 1944 in France. Entered military service from Kansas.

4. Under provisions of AR 600-45, dated 22 September 1943 the Purple Heart is awarded Tec 4 Elbert D. Baugh, 18108850, Co D 315th Medical Battalion for wounds received in action against the enemy on 11 June 1944 in France. Entered military service from Texas.

5. Under provisions of AR 600-45, dated 22 September 1943 the Purple Heart is awarded Pvt Arvin L. Huntley, 39317629, Co A 315th Medical Battalion for wounds received in action against the enemy on 10 June 1944 in France. Entered military service from Oregon.

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APO 90, U. S. Army

23 June 1944

GENERAL ORDERS

No. 17

AWARD OF SOLDIER'S MEDAL

1. Pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45 the Soldier's Medal is awarded to the following named officers:

Lt Col James O. Boswell (Army Serial Number 019188) General Staff Corps, Hq 90th Infantry Division. For heroism not involving actual conflict with an enemy, enroute to France 7 June 1944. Entered service from District of Columbia.

Maj Gilbert E. Strickler (Army Serial Number 0362580) General Staff Corps, Hq 90th Infantry Division, United States Army. For heroism not involving actual conflict with an enemy, enroute to France, 7 June 1944. Entered service from Wisconsin.

Capt Richard F. Lynch (Army Serial Number 0351778) General Staff Corps Hq 90th Infantry Division, United States Army. For heroism not involving actual conflict with an enemy, enroute to France, 7 June 1944. Entered service from California.

1st Lt Carl B. Everett (Army Serial Number 0402941) Infantry, Hq 90th Infantry Division, United States Army. For heroism not involving actual conflict with an enemy, enroute to France, 7 June 1944. Entered service from Texas.

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29 June 1944

No. 20

I. POSTHUMOUS AWARD OF SILVER STAR --- Under the provisions of AR 600-45 and circular 66, First U. S. Army, cs, the Silver Star is awarded posthumously to the following named officers and enlisted men for gallantry in action in northern France:

✓ LT COL JAMES A. COSTAIN, 019423, PA, United States Army. On 15 June 1944, the ** Bn commanded by Lt Col James A. Costain was in direct support of the ** Inf. Two assault companies were cut off from the remainder of their battalion and had no communications, consequently no artillery support. Col Costain realized that if the assault companies were to receive artillery support, communications must be reestablished and the location of German machine guns holding up the flank be determined. He therefore, and with no concern for his own safety, organized and led a patrol forward. The patrol was shortly pinned to the ground by enemy fire and a friendly machine gun covering his advance was destroyed. Col Costain with the utmost bravery returned the fire of the enemy machine gun in an effort to silence it. He continued to fire until his ammunition was exhausted. At this time he was mortally wounded by enemy fire. Entered service from Minnesota.

✓ 2D LT WILLIAM D. WOODS, 01323888, Inf, United States Army. On 12 June 1944 Lt Woods, while leading his platoon on an open forward slope toward an orchard and stone walls, came under fire of three enemy machine guns. Since his men were inexperienced, Lt Woods was moving at the head of his platoon with his scouts. On receiving fire, he moved directly toward the enemy machine guns and threw one hand grenade, knocking one gun out of action. He was then mortally wounded but by his example, the platoon continued the attack and overcame the remaining enemy machine guns. Entered service from California.

✓ Tec 4 Joseph R. Sinkewicz, 31025572, Med Dept, United States Army. On 17 June 1944 Tec 4 Sinkewicz was attached to an Infantry unit for duty as a Medical aid man. Near a village an adjacent company was held up by extremely accurate sniper and automatic weapons fire and was forced to withdraw. In the withdrawal, the wounded of this company could not be evacuated and were left before the German lines. Tec 4 Sinkewicz, seeing that the adjacent company was without an aid man, left his position of comparative safety and gave aid to those wounded. While in the commission of this act he was killed in action. Entered service from Massachusetts.

II. AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR -- Under the provisions of AR 600-45 and circular 66 First U. S. Army, cs, the Silver Star is awarded to the following named officers and enlisted men for gallantry in action in northern France.

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✓ CAPTAIN STANTON A. TURNER, 0396232, Inf, United States Army. On 15 June 44 a company under the command of Capt Turner was attacking northwest across a wide plain containing two marshy streams, under conditions of extreme hostile machine gun and mortar fire. Capt Turner, with utter disregard for his own personal safety moved among his men, directing and guiding the attack until he was severely wounded. His action was an inspiration to his men and the attack was successful with but moderate casualties. Entered service from California.

✓ 1ST LT DAVID B. ANDREWS, 0341620, FA, United States Army. On 14 June 1944 Lt Andrews was serving in the capacity of FA forward observer in the attack, when after an Artillery preparation on enemy prepared positions, the Infantry attack was impeded due to loss of front line leaders. Lt Andrews perceived the situation, seized the initiative and although not an Infantry officer himself, hastily organized and led the forward elements to drive opposing forces from several strong points, before the enemy could recover from the effect of the bombardment. Entered service from Wisconsin.

✓ T Sgt Harold C. Heggerness, 37169723, Inf, United States Army. On 12 June 1944, Sgt Heggerness' company, assaulting enemy positions, came under heavy machine gun and sniper fire. One of the Corporals of his platoon fell wounded. Sgt Heggerness, without thought of his own personal safety, crawled approximately 100 yards under enemy fire to the other soldier and brought him to cover where he could be evacuated by Medical aid men. Entered service from Minnesota.

III. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR -- Under the provisions of AR 600-45 and circular 66 First U. S. Army, cs, the Bronze Star is awarded to the following named enlisted men for bravery in action in northern France:

✓ T Sgt Alexander Penoff, 6291870, Med Dept, United States Army. On 12 June 1944 Sgt Penoff and three other Medical Department soldiers were selected as litter bearers to bring in a wounded officer who was lying in a field about 400 yards away. They made their way along a ditch where the advance of Infantry units was held up by enemy fire and found it necessary to move over a cross road upon which enemy machine gun and mortar fire was being placed. After moving about 60 yards past the cross roads, a badly wounded soldier was found and evacuated. They then returned and evacuated the officer over the same route notwithstanding the enemy fire which was unceasing. Entered service from Oklahoma.

✓ S. Sgt Frank Michael Rovezzi, 20110166, Med Dept, United States Army. On 12 June 1944 Sgt Rovezzi and three other Medical Department soldiers were selected as litter bearers to bring in a wounded officer who was lying in a field about 400 yards away. They made their way along a ditch where the advance of Infantry units was held up by enemy fire and found it necessary to move over a cross road upon which enemy machine gun and mortar fire was being placed. After moving about 60 yards past the cross roads, a badly wounded soldier was found and evacuated. They then returned and evacuated the officer over the same route notwithstanding the enemy fire which was unceasing. Entered service from Massachusetts.

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Trc 3 Ira J. Wilson, 37179266, Med Dept, United States Army. On 12 June 1944 Sgt Wilson and three other Medical Department soldiers were selected as litter bearers to bring in a wounded officer who was lying in a field about 400 yards away. They made their way along a ditch where the advance of Infantry units was held up by enemy fire and found it necessary to move over a cross road upon which enemy machine gun and mortar fire was being placed. After moving about 60 yards past the cross roads, a badly wounded soldier was found and evacuated. They then returned and evacuated the officer over the same route notwithstanding the enemy fire which was unceasing. Entered service from Missouri.

Pfc Earl Watson Dungan, 38110039, Med Dept, United States Army. On 12 June 1944 Pfc Dungan and three other Medical Department soldiers were selected as litter bearers to bring in a wounded officer who was lying in a field about 400 yards away. They made their way along a ditch where the advance of Infantry units was held up by enemy fire and found it necessary to move over a cross road upon which enemy machine gun and mortar fire was being placed. After moving about 60 yards past the cross roads, a badly wounded soldier was found and evacuated. They then returned and evacuated the officer over the same route notwithstanding the enemy fire which was unceasing. Entered service from Colorado.

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GENERAL ORDERS

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I. AWARD OF SILVER STAR. Under the provisions of AR 600-45 and circular 66, First U. S. Army, cs, the Silver Star is awarded the following named enlisted men for gallantry in action in northern France:

Staff Sergeant Marvin H. Atkinson, 18062730, Inf, United States Army. On 14 June 1944 the field in which an artillery ammunition dump was located was heavily shelled. The ammunition dump was set on fire and during the ensuing explosions, Sgt Atkinson, seeing a wounded soldier trapped in a burning truck filled with exploding ammunition, hurried to the truck accompanied by two other enlisted men and succeeded in extricating the wounded man and carrying him to safety. Entered service from Texas.

Pfc Vaughn E. Miller, 36179334, Inf, United States Army. On 14 June 1944 the field in which an artillery ammunition dump was located was heavily shelled. The ammunition dump was set on fire and during the ensuing explosions Pfc Miller, seeing a wounded soldier trapped in a burning truck filled with exploding ammunition, hurried to the truck accompanied by two other enlisted men and succeeded in extricating the wounded man and carrying him to safety. Entered service from Michigan.

II. POSTHUMOUS AWARD OF SILVER STAR. Under the provisions of AR 600-45 and circular 66, First U. S. Army, cs, the Silver Star is awarded posthumously to the following named enlisted man for gallantry, under fire, in northern France:

Pfc Virgil J. Tangborn, 37172938, Inf, United States Army. On 14 June 1944 the field in which an artillery ammunition dump was located was heavily shelled. The ammunition dump was set on fire and during the ensuing explosions, Pfc Tangborn, seeing a wounded soldier trapped in a burning truck which was filled with exploding ammunition, hurried to the truck accompanied by two other enlisted men to effect the rescue of the wounded man. At that point Pfc Tangborn was mortally wounded by enemy shell fire. Entered service from Minnesota.

III. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR. Under the provisions of AR 600-45 and circular 66, First U. S. Army, cs, the Bronze Star is awarded the following named officer for bravery in action in northern France:

1ST LT ROBERT T. CORNS, 0409724, Inf, United States Army. On 11 June 1944 during an attack, a rifle company was held up by incessant enemy machine gun, mortar and small arms fire. Lt Corns led a rifle squad toward a strong enemy position, killing several of the enemy and capturing six. He then proceeded to organize the position, making it possible for the attack to continue and while so doing was seriously wounded by enemy shell fire. Entered service from Texas.

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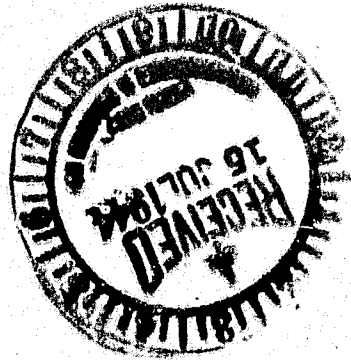
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GENERAL ORDERS

No. 22

I. AWARD OF SILVER STAR. Under the provisions of AR 600-45 and circular 66 First U. S. Army, cs, the Silver Star is awarded the following named officers and enlisted men for gallantry in action in northern France:

MAJ MURRAY FRANKLIN, O442251, MG, United States Army. On 16 June 1944 Maj Franklin, being informed that Medical supplies were needed at the aid station of an isolated Infantry unit and realizing the wounded were in need of attention, personally attempted to reach this unit by going through enemy fire. Although wounded while attempting to make this contact and in great pain, he refused to be evacuated and remained with his Detachment until adequate relief was sent eight hours later. Entered service from New York.

CAPT DAVID E. GRAF, O38329E, FA, United States Army. On 14 June 1944 an Infantry battalion in the attack was advancing across small, level fields bounded by hedge rows. Excellent observation was afforded the enemy and heavy artillery, machine gun and small arms fire was encountered. Despite this enemy fire, which was unceasing, Capt Graf, as Field Artillery Combat Liaison Officer, advanced to the furthest point possible, analyzed the situation and succeeded in neutralizing the enemy emplacements within a distance of 50 yards with Artillery fire, thus enabling the Infantry elements to withdraw and reorganize. Entered service from Illinois.

CAPT ROBERT H. SCHULZ, O25303, Inf, United States Army. On 11 June 1944 a rifle squad in the attack was pinned down by fire from enemy machine guns. Capt Schulz, a Battalion Executive Officer, arriving and finding the platoon leader had been wounded, with disregard for his own safety brought forward a telephone and crawled forward to where he could direct mortar fire into the machine gun positions following which he personally led a bayonet charge resulting in destruction of the enemy. Entered service from Iowa.

CAPT RALPH L. LaFORGE, O25806, Inf, United States Army. During the period 10-13 June 1944 Capt La Forge continually exposed himself to enemy fire to aid in successive organization of the attack and led the assault on three separate occasions on the town of * * *, France. His courage and devotion to duty were an inspiration to his troops and a considerable factor in their success. During this period he personally attacked and overcame enemy machine gun positions on two occasions. Entered service from Arkansas.

CAPT THOMAS J. MORRIS, JR, O387871, Inf, United States Army. On 14 June 1944 Capt Morris was leading his company in the attack. Heavy machine gun fire covered the entire area of advance and some casualties were suffered from mortar fire, causing their attack to break. Without regard for his own

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safety Capt Morris deliberately exposed himself to this fire, reorganized his unit, pushed forward to capture immediate enemy positions and continued the attack to capture his objective. Entered service from Kansas.

6 CAPT LAWRENCE R. WATSON, 0410281, Inf, United States Army. On 11 June 1944 Capt Watson was given the mission of organizing and supervising the assault on a fortified position. He personally led the attack in the face of heavy machine gun and mortar fire and when all members of the assaulting party were pinned down, worked his way forward to a position where he was able to attract fire away from his men. By firing numerous rounds with his own weapon he killed at least five of the enemy and was placed in an extremely hazardous position where he was the object of machine gun and small arms fire and enemy hand grenades. Nevertheless he continued to direct the operation from his position until relieved. Entered service from South Carolina.

1ST LT RONALD W. CAMPBELL, 0512850, Inf, United States Army. On 11 June 1944 Lt Campbell, while leading a rifle company, was wounded and given first aid. Since all other officers of his company had become casualties, he refused to be evacuated but led his company through extremely difficult terrain into the town of * * *, France. Though later forced to withdraw through lack of support, his resolute example was a considerable factor in maintaining high morale despite severe casualties and unceasing contact with the enemy. Entered service from Kansas.

S Sgt Ernest W. Flentge, 3F155702, Inf, United States Army. On 13 June 1944 when his company was held up by concentrated fire of three enemy machine guns, Sgt Flentge, on his own initiative, took a rocket launcher team and at great danger worked his way to a position from which fire could be placed on the enemy. Despite heavy opposing fire he remained there until successful in knocking the enemy guns out of action. By so doing he enabled his unit to continue the advance and his courageous action was an example to the remainder of the organization who had suffered a number of casualties. Entered service from Texas.

Sgt Earle Welfare, 37190267, Inf, United States Army. On 19 June 1944 a mortar squad commanded by Sgt Welfare received enemy fire and was rendered inactive. Although himself wounded, Sgt Welfare remained in command of his squad, assisted in evacuating one wounded man and returned to cover his squad against enemy attack while other men evacuated the wounded. His leadership, courage and devotion to duty were conspicuous and by his gallantry he prevented the wounded from falling into enemy hands. Entered service from Iowa.

Tec 4 Walter J. Starvish, 31031508, Inf, United States Army. On 12 June 1944 Tec 4 Starvish's company was moving forward across an open field when they received enemy machine gun fire. While the men sought cover, one soldier was wounded, rendered helpless and unable to move. Tec 4 Starvish, with disregard for his own life, made his way to the wounded man and despite the heavy fire which was unceasing, removed him to a point of comparative safety from which he might be evacuated. Entered service from Massachusetts.

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// Tec 5 Maurice Y. White, 16000130, Inf, United States Army. On 16 June 1944 Tec 5 White, receiving fire from an enemy machine gun, set out alone to overcome the machine gun. After advancing approximately 100 yards, he was again fired upon by both rifles and machine guns from nearby cover. He answered the fire with hand grenades whereupon the firing ceased and two enemy soldiers came out and surrendered to him. His courage and coolness were predominate despite the fact that during the course of the action a bullet passed through his helmet, grazing his face and his rifle was rendered ineffective by enemy fire. In taking out the enemy position he undoubtedly saved numerous lives and made possible a more rapid advance to the objective. Entered service from Texas.

Pfc Russel J. DeBenadetto, 36487442, Med Dept, United States Army. On 14 June 1944 the Infantry company to which Pfc DeBenadetto was attached, moving forward in the attack, had outdistanced the units on its right and left. When the left flank platoon received heavy surprise machine gun fire, three men were wounded and although the enemy continued to spray the unit with withering fire, Pfc DeBenadetto, without regard for his own safety, advanced over the field, administered first aid and remained with the wounded until relieved. Entered service from Louisiana.

II. POSTHUMOUS AWARD OF SILVER STAR. Under the provisions of AR 600-45 and circular 66, First U. S. Army, cs, the Silver Star is awarded posthumously to the following named onlisted man for gallantry in action in northern France:

Pvt James F. Casalnuovo, 33482896, Inf, United States Army. On 11 June 1944 during an action, another soldier of Pvt Casalnuovo's organization was wounded by enemy machine gun fire and so paralyzed that he could not move to cover. Pvt Casalnuovo crawled to him under direct enemy fire and extricated the wounded man to a position which afforded protection. Later during the action his platoon was ordered to withdraw and consolidate its position and in order to remove the wounded soldier from this forward position so that he would not fall into enemy hands or remain in the fire-swept area unattended, Pvt Casalnuovo again exposed himself to direct enemy machine gun fire as a result of which he lost his left in a gallant effort to save a comrade. Entered service from Pennsylvania.

III. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR. Under the provisions of AR 600-45 and circular 66 First U. S. Army, cs, the Bronze Star is awarded to the following named onlisted man for bravery in action in northern France:

T Sgt Carl M. Amber, 38125102, Inf, United States Army. On 15 June 1944 during the attack on * * *, France, the platoon leader of the assaulting platoon of his company was killed. Sgt Amber took command of the platoon and by his initiative and aggressive leadership coupled with personal example and bravery, led his platoon to successfully rout approximately forty enemy soldiers who had infiltrated into his company's position. This action assisted greatly in pressing the attack without interruption. Entered service from Texas.

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S Sgt T. G. (I.O.) Hull, 6297720, FA, United States Army. During the period 13-17 June 1944 Sgt Hull, as an assistant in the Forward Observation Party of a Field Artillery Battalion so competently and thoroughly performed his duties under machine gun, mortar and artillery fire that he was able to maintain practically continuous wire communication as a result of which the observer was able to adjust heavy, casualty-producing Artillery fire upon enemy forces. Sgt Hull operated over a period of several days with little rest, ignoring snipers and although greatly fatigued, continued to perform his duties in a superior manner. Entered service from Oklahoma.

S Sgt Virgil C. Peterson, 38149071, Inf, United States Army. On 12 June 1944 Sgt Peterson was leading his squad in assault when four enemy machine guns suddenly opened fire. His men, being inexperienced, were confused and in state of disorder but Sgt Peterson calmly reorganized his squad and in plain view of the enemy, opened fire himself. His leadership and control resulted in the remainder of his company being able to flank the enemy machine guns, compel them to withdraw and enabled the advance to continue. Entered service from Colorado.

S Sgt Ivan D. Rieder, 35001950, Inf, United States Army. On 15 June 1944 Sgt Rieder, while advancing with his company on enemy position in dense and numerous hedge rows, came under intense cross-fire from two hostile machine guns and numerous machine pistols. Notwithstanding this fire which pinned down his platoon at a point where they could not return it, Sgt Rieder moved to an exposed position and fired upon the enemy until his weapon jammed; then boldly exposing himself, threw three hand grenades at spaced intervals, thus holding down the opposing fire until his platoon could withdraw to suitable firing positions. During this action Sgt Rieder was wounded. Entered service from Ohio.

Sgt Selmer H. Johnson, 37173152, Inf, United States Army. During the period 9-20 June 1944 Sgt Johnson, as wire chief of an Infantry Battalion Headquarters Company, operated over very difficult terrain through territory known to the enemy and often under heavy mortar and machine pistol fire. During the assault on * * *, France, and in later actions against * * *, he succeeded in maintaining excellent wire communications under fire with a high degree of technical proficiency. Entered service from Minnesota.

Sgt Jay A. Pilgrim, 37172213, Inf, United States Army. On 13 June 1944 while supporting an assault by an Infantry Company, Sgt Pilgrim and his machine gun squad were attacked from their left rear by a group of enemy soldiers making a counter-attack. When the enemy threw hand grenades into and around the machine gun position, all of the squad with the exception of Sgt Pilgrim took cover. Sgt Pilgrim remained at his gun alone, continuing to fire and his outstanding courage and devotion to duty resulted in the enemy counter-attack being repulsed and fifteen enemy soldiers being slain at his gun position. Entered service from North Dakota.

Tec 5 J. D. (I.O.) Hahn, 38089961, Md Dept, United States Army. During the attack of * * *, France, 10 June 1944, Tec 5 Hahn advanced with the forward elements of an Infantry rifle company as an aid man and assisted in the evacuation of numerous casualties. Headless of machine gun and mortar fire, he gave first aid to many wounded men, in most cases without cover or

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concealment, and also rendered great assistance in carrying a number of casualties to the rear or to defiladed places of safety. Entered service from Texas.

Tec 5 Edwin Larson, 37173208, Inf, United States Army. During the period 9-20 June 1944 this soldier operated as a line man over very difficult terrain known to the enemy and often under heavy mortar and machine pistol fire. He operated many times with the leading echelons of troops and while severe casualties were sustained. During the assault on * * *, France and in later action against * * *, he maintained excellent wire communication under fire. His skill, devotion to duty and efficiency were outstanding. Entered service from Minnesota.

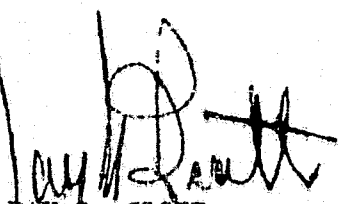
Pfc Frank S. Hartman, 33481506, Med Dept, United States Army. On 10 June 1944 Pfc Hartman led aid men and litter bearers into a shelled position being abandoned by an Infantry company. Although troops were withdrawing and he had been told it was impossible to evacuate casualties, he remained to make a thorough search for casualties, was the last man to leave and reported promptly upon departure that no men were left who could be treated. Entered service from Pennsylvania.

IV. AWARD OF SOLDIERS MEDAL. Under the provisions of AR 600-45 the Soldiers Medal is awarded the following named enlisted men for heroism in northern France not involving actual conflict with an enemy.

Tec 5 Robert J. Schuetz, 37156394, FA, United States Army. On 14 June 1944 an airplane crashed on its takeoff and began to burn. Disregarding the impending explosion, Tec 5 Schuetz rushed to the plane and extricated the observer who was still alive before the gasoline tank exploded. His fearlessness and prompt action saved the life of the airplane observer who would otherwise have burned to death in a few moments. Entered service from Kansas.

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AWARD OF PURPLE HEART

1. Under provisions of AR 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, the Purple Heart is awarded Pfc George L. Helwig, 42007527, Sig C, United States Army, for wounds received in action against the enemy on 10 July 1944 in France. Entered military service from New Jersey.

2. Under provisions of AR 600-45 dated 22 September 1943, the Purple Heart is awarded Tec 5 Lenard B. Weaver, 37107909, Cav, United States Army for wounds received in action against the enemy on 6 July 1944 in France. Entered military service from Arkansas.

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AWARD OF PURPLE HEART

Under the provisions of AR 600-45 dated 22 September 1943, the Purple Heart is awarded CAPT GLENN E. FISHER, 0386963, Inf, United States Army for wounds received in action against the enemy on 10 July 1944 in France. Entered military service from South Dakota.

By command of Major General LANDRUM:

JOHN C. WHITCOMB,
Col, GSC,
CofS.

OFFICIAL:

F. W. Jones, Jr.
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Major, AGD,
Asst Adj Gen.

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I. POSTHUMOUS AWARD OF SILVER STAR. Under the provisions of AR 600-45 and circular 66, First U. S. Army, cs, the Silver Star is awarded posthumously to the following named officer for gallantry in action in northern France:

** Action Awarded by Reg 33 - July 31, 1944*

1ST LT ROBERT R. MARTEE, 61305280, Inf, United States Army. On 14 June 1944, Lt Martee a machine gun platoon leader lost one gun and the crew of another in an intense Artillery and Mortar concentration preceding an enemy counterattack. With utter disregard for heavy enemy fire, Lt Martee himself manned the crewless gun in its incompacted position and contributed to a major degree the firepower necessary to break the counterattack. Practically at the moment the counterattack was broken, Lt Martee was killed while still manning the gun. By his gallantry, Lt Martee upheld the highest traditions of the military service and his courageous act was a timely inspiration to his entire battalion. Entered military service from California.

II. AWARD OF SILVER STAR. Under the provisions of AR 600-45 and circular 66 First U. S. Army, cs, the Silver Star is awarded the following named Officers and Enlisted Men for gallantry in action in northern France:

1ST LT WILMER T. BECK, 01175036, FA, United States Army. During a counterattack on 6 July 1944, all communication lines with supporting artillery were blown out. Lt Beck, Artillery Liaison Officer, on his own initiative and without regard for his personal safety, went alone through several hundred yards of intense artillery and mortar fire to find the breaks and to repair them. He then returned through the same fire and successfully directed his artillery to help break up four more successive counterattacks by infantry and tanks. His meritorious conduct was largely responsible for the battalion's ability to hold its ground. Entered service from New Jersey.

1ST LT WENDELL T. NICKERSON, 01319222, Inf (then 2d Lt) United States Army. On 16 June 1944, Lt Nickerson, a Platoon Leader, waded and swam some 800 yards under heavy fire to the Battalion C.P. in order to get supporting fire placed upon the enemy position. Lt Nickerson then worked his way back through hostile fire to the forward elements which he moved to a secure position and directed evacuation of the wounded from the fire swept area. By his leadership, courage and determination Nickerson was not only an inspiration to the men but

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many additional casualties and contributed largely to the fulfillment of his battalion mission. Entered service from Nebraska.

T Sgt H. L. Schmidt, 18080627, Inf (then S Sgt), United States Army. On 3 July 1944 when his Platoon Leader and Platoon Sergeant had become casualties and the platoon had become disorganized by heavy enemy fire, Sgt Schmidt took command and reorganized the platoon. Sgt Schmidt then advanced alone for 100 yards and personally knocked out two enemy machine gun nests with hand grenades. This feat so inspired the platoon that he was able to lead it forward and take a well organized enemy position. The meritorious leadership and initiative of Sgt Schmidt enabled the entire battalion to advance to its objective. Entered service from Texas.

S Sgt Martin Garcia, 38120190, Inf (then Pfc), United States Army. On 18 June 1944, Sgt Garcia, a leading scout, was wounded in the head by a nearby machine gun. In spite of his wound and the great odds against him, Sgt Garcia alone attacked the machine gun, killing one of the enemy machine gunners and capturing the remaining two. His tenacity of purpose was a decided inspiration to all members of his unit. Entered service from Colorado.

Sgt Do. C. Seal, 17052935, Inf (then Pvt) United States Army. On 12 June 1944 Sgt Seal's squad was advancing alone through a village when heavy hostile fire from an enemy position killed the squad leader. Sgt Seal, displaying great leadership and initiative, took charge of the squad and ordered it to withdraw while he alone engaged the enemy and attracted its fire from the remainder of the squad. After the squad had reached cover, Sgt Seal rejoined it and led it back to its unit. Sgt Seal's bravery and initiative was a timely inspiration to his unit. Entered service from Arkansas.

III. POSTHUMOUS AWARD OF BRONZE STAR. Under the provisions of AR 600-45 and circular 66, First U. S. Army, cs, the Bronze Star is awarded posthumously to the following named officers and enlisted men for bravery in action in northern France:

CAPT ROBERT MOSS, 0360711, Inf, United States Army. On 6 June 1944, when landing operations were under intense enemy artillery fire, Capt Moss saw that the water between the landing craft and shore was so deep that many of his battalion vehicles were stalling. On his own initiative he secured necessary equipment and personally directed it in the salvage of the vehicles during which time he was continually exposed to the enemy fire. Later when the fire became intense, Capt Moss obtained a truck and continued the operation. Entered military service from California.

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1ST LT GREGG S. ANDERSON, 01318850, Inf, (then 2d Lt), United States Army. On 3 July 1944, as his company was advancing, two men on the right flank were wounded by enemy fire. Lt Anderson crawled 25 yards under increasing machine gun fire to give them first aid, then made two trips through this hazardous fire to bring the men to safety. Entered service from California.

S Sgt Lloyd C. Sparby, 37154980, Inf, United States Army. On 16 June 1944, Sgt Sparby seeing his supported troops pinned down by heavy enemy fire, mounted and fired a heavy machine gun in a position under enemy fire and observation with such effect as to enable riflemen to withdraw to defilade. While covering the withdrawal of the riflemen Sgt Sparby was mortally wounded. By his gallant and meritorious action Sgt Sparby saved the lives of many of his comrades, while sacrificing his own. Entered service from South Dakota.

Tec 4 Robert W. Dick, 37173648, Med Dept, United States Army. On 13 July 1944, two men were shot, while in an open field. Tec 4 Dick, not being certain they were dead and in spite of warnings of the danger, attempted to work his way out to give them aid. In his attempt to help his comrades Tec 4 Dick was killed by enemy fire. Entered service from Minnesota.

Sgt James Hughes, 31156399, Inf, United States Army. On 12 June 1944 during an advance, Sgt Hughes, a machine gun squad leader, lifted his machine gun to an exposed position over a hedgerow and alone so fired on the enemy that his troops could secure their position. While in the performance of this meritorious service. Sgt Hughes met his death from enemy fire. The courageous leadership and conduct of Sgt Hughes inspired the other members of his unit in their initial action and instilled in them the strength to carry on. Entered service from Massachusetts.

IV. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR. Under the provisions of AR 600-45 and circular 66, First U. S. Army, cs, the Bronze Star is awarded the following named officers and enlisted men for bravery in action in northern France:

LT COL CHRISTIAN H. CLARKE, JR, 018213, Inf, United States Army. On 11 June 1944 Lt Col Clarke assumed command of the *** Inf which was in a disorganized state after having launched two unsuccessful attacks against ****, France. Lt Col Clarke effectively reorganized the regiment, resumed the attack and took the objective. The high degree of leadership shown by Lt Col Clarke inspired a feeling of confidence and determination that carried down through all ranks and resulted in the capture of the town. Entered service from Georgia.

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2D LT JERROLD R. HENDERSON, 0524572, Inf, United States Army. On 3 - 4 July 1944 in the vicinity of * * *, France, Lt Henderson constantly reconnoitered routes through mined areas in order to keep his companies supplied with ammunition. On 3 July during the threat of a tank attack, Lt Henderson and a detail personally carried bazooka ammunition forward under heavy mortar and small arms fire. Routes selected by Lt Henderson greatly facilitated the supply to and evacuation of casualties from the battalion zone of action. Entered service from Wyoming.

2D LT CHARLES F. KINGSLEY, 01302142, Inf, United States Army. On 5 July 1944 after a withdrawal, Lt Kingsley without regard for his safety returned under heavy fire to the vacated position to care for three wounded men. He moved each of them through intense enemy fire to a defiladed point before returning to his platoon. Entered service from New Jersey.

2D LT JAMES SOMERVILLE, 01319673, Inf, United States Army. By leading his platoon aggressively in all actions from 10 June to 12 June 1944 and by personally leading small patrols in envelopments of enemy machine gun emplacements in the vicinity of * * *, France, Lt Somerville was a deciding factor in the successful attack of the town. His energetic and meritorious leadership was an inspiration to all. Entered service from Delaware.

T Sgt Don H Bobitt, 38098367, Inf, United States Army. On 8 June 1944 Sgt Bobitt deliberately exposed himself in order to draw fire until he located and shot two enemy snipers. His fearlessness was an inspiration to his company and a credit to the military service. Entered service from Texas.

T Sgt Lehman A. Rawls, 38000839, Inf, United States Army. On 15 July 1944, Sgt Rawls fought for an hour and a half to extinguish a fire in a truck loaded with explosives and gasoline. Sgt Rawls fearlessness under constant threat of explosion and in increased enemy shelling was one of the highest examples of meritorious conduct. Entered service from Texas.

S Sgt Lloyd E. Hall, 37172946, Inf, United States Army. On 15 July 1944 Sgt Hall fought for one and one-half hours to extinguish a fire in a truck loaded with gasoline and explosives. Sgt Hall's fearlessness under constant threat of explosion and in increased enemy shelling was one of the highest examples of meritorious service. Entered service from Minnesota.

T Sgt Jarral M. Moore, 38089819, Inf (then Pvt) United States Army. On 14 June 1944 in the vicinity of ***, France, Sgt Moore stood up in the face of heavy enemy fire and threw hand grenades at enemy emplacements holding up his unit. This gallant act so inspired the remainder of Sgt Moore's platoon that three of the enemy emplacements were quickly knocked out thus enabling the attack to continue. Entered service from Texas.

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S Sgt Michael J. Nedesky, 37173545, Inf, United States Army. On 9 July 1944 Sgt Nedesky, his platoon leader and an Anti-Tank gun crew were pinned down by hostile machine gun crossfires. Sgt Nedesky crawled under and ran through 350 yards of this fire to get a tank forward to cover the withdrawal of his comrades. His meritorious conduct was in keeping with the highest military standards. Entered service from Minnesota.

S Sgt Warren N. Snider, 38099525, Inf, United States Army. In the vicinity of * * *, France, on 12 June 1944, infantry supported by Sgt Snider's unit were pinned down by heavy enemy fire. Without regard for his own safety, Sgt Snider exposed himself in order to draw fire and thereby locate enemy positions so that he could adjust mortar fire upon them. Sgt Snider stayed in position for one hour and held the enemy down until a rifle platoon could envelope and drive them out. By his gallant and meritorious action Sgt Snider was able to facilitate the advance of the battalion. Entered service from Texas.

S Sgt John L. Taylor, 37155186, Inf, United States Army. On 13 June 1944, Sgt Taylor and his mortar section were supporting a rifle company which withdrew when stopped by heavy enemy fire. Sgt Taylor kept his section in action in spite of his then exposed and unprotected position. By thus remaining in a position considered untenable for mortars, Sgt Taylor covered the withdrawal of the rifle company. His courage, determination and leadership beyond the call of duty were high examples of meritorious conduct. Entered service from Nebraska.

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* S Sgt Douglas C. Wakefield, 20110273, Inf, United States Army. On 7 July 1944 upon his own initiative, Sgt Wakefield with one man set out from an O.P. to reconnoiter an enemy position. They crawled 180 yards across an open field which was covered by hostile observation and spasmodic fire and entered a wooded area held by the enemy where a machine gun section of 15 or 20 men was located. When another machine gun was located and fired upon him, Sgt Wakefield killed one of its crew before starting back through the enemy fire to the O.P. Enroute, two snipers were discovered and captured. By his courageous and aggressive search for information, Sgt Wakefield greatly facilitated the later advance of his battalion. Entered service from Massachusetts.

Sgt Floyd Runnels, 38094727, Inf, United States Army. On 11 June 1944 in the vicinity of * * *, France, Sgt Runnels, serving as field lineman, finding his wire being continually shot out by hostile fire, personally and alone made eight trips between the O.P. and C.P. to repair breaks in his lines. By almost continuous work through the fire swept area and by his meritorious conduct, Sgt Runnels maintained his communications and thus enabled the battalion to hold its position. Entered service from Texas.

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Sgt Watson B. Smith, 37107457, Inf, United States Army. On 16 June 1944, Sgt Smith's battalion was stopped by heavy enemy fire. Without regard for his own safety, Sgt Smith helped to mount and fire a heavy machine gun in plain view of the enemy. This covering fire enabled the riflemen to withdraw to defilade. Sgt Smith continued to man the machine gun until wounded by the intense enemy fire that it drew. By his meritorious action he helped save the lives of many of his comrades. Entered service from Oklahoma.

Sgt Chester J. Thornton, 38126812, FA, United States Army. On 6 July 1944, an Infantry Company was subjected to numerous counterattacks. During these attacks Sgt Thornton, the only artilleryman present, took over the observers job and through his initiative and courage aided materially in holding the position by bringing effective artillery fire upon the enemy. Sgt Thornton's meritorious service is highly commendable and worthy of recognition. Entered service from Oklahoma.

Tec 4 Thomas J. Neville, 32406696, Med Dept, United States Army. On 10 June 1944 an enemy shell wounded several men in a battalion aid station. Although the shelling continued and Tec 4 Neville was wounded, he continued to administer first aid with utter disregard of his own injury until all casualties were taken care of. By his courage and devotion to duty, Tec 4 Neville's meritorious service was in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered service from New York.

Tec 5 Rufus A. Nalley, 38093971, Inf, United States Army. On 15 July 1944, Tec 5 Nalley fought for one and one-half hours to extinguish a fire in a truck filled with explosives and gasoline. Tec 5 Nalley's fearlessness under constant threat of explosion and in increased enemy shelling was one of the highest examples of meritorious service. Entered service from Texas.

Tec 5 Robert C. Radl, 37271111, Inf, United States Army. On 6 July 1944, Tec 5 Radl, vehicle driver for his regimental commander, saw his regimental commander fall wounded in an open field some hundred yards away. With total disregard for his own safety, Tec 5 Radl left his position of cover and under constant exposure to enemy fire moved across the open terrain to drag the wounded officer to safety. Entered service from Minnesota.

Tec 5 Joseph A. Sustak, 36373791, Med Dept, United States Army. On 13 June 1944, Tec 5 Sustak on his own initiative left his station with the battalion reserve company and went forward to give first aid to the wounded of other companies. He succeeded in evacuating at least five wounded men through a 300 yard area which was swept by intense enemy machine gun, mortar and artillery fire before he himself was wounded. Tec 5 Sustak's courage and devotion to duty were a fine example of meritorious conduct. Entered service from Illinois.

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Pfc Victor Boxberger, 38149149, Inf, United States Army. On 12 June 1944, Pvt Boxberger's Platoon Leader was seriously wounded in an area covered by intense hostile fire. Pvt Boxberger, with disregard for his own safety, worked his way to the side of the officer under heavy enemy fire where he remained with him for five hours until slackening of the fire permitted others to advance and assist in evacuating the officer. Such devotion and meritorious conduct typifies the highest standard of military tradition. Entered service from Minnesota.

Sgt Wayne T. Bybee, 37156050, Inf, United States Army. On 15 June 1944 when Sgt Bybee's unit was stopped by intense machine gun and mortar fire, he lifted his light machine gun to the top of a hedgerow and fired from this exposed position for more than an hour. This courageous action by Sgt Bybee helped make it possible for his unit to take the ground from the enemy. Entered service from Wyoming.

Pfc Wallace G. Condiff, 19148200, Inf, United States Army. On 8 July 1944, Pfc Condiff, a machine gunner, kept his gun in action when the road block he was helping to defend was attacked and his supporting riflemen withdrew. With courage and determination, Pfc Condiff continued his fire into the enemy despite their hand grenades and rifle fire and finally drove them off. Such tenacity of purpose upholds the high standards of our military service. Entered service from Washington.

Sgt John W. Curtis, 34174135, Inf (then Pfc) United States Army. On 8 July 1944 Sgt Curtis, an assistant machine gunner, stayed with his gunner when their road block was attacked and supporting riflemen withdrew. By feeding the machine gun and throwing hand grenades, including the return of one thrown by the enemy, Sgt Curtis assisted in beating off the attack and denying a vital road to the enemy. Such tenacity of purpose is vital to victory. Entered service from North Carolina.

Pfc Russell K. Lind, 37172029, Inf, United States Army. On 20 June 1944, the mortar platoon in which Pfc Lind was a member was in position but without communication with the forward elements of the battalion. Pfc Lind was ordered to lay the wire as soon as heavy shelling of the area ceased. However, without waiting he laid the wire over the 300 yards of open field. Pfc Lind's meritorious action in disregarding the artillery concentrations speeded the reduction of the enemy resistance and permitted his battalion to continue its advance. Entered service from Minnesota.

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Pfc Norman H. O'Neill, 33039753, Med Dept, United States Army. On 7 July 1944 Pfc O'Neill was wounded by a shell fragment. Despite his own injury, Pfc O'Neill went to the aid of other wounded men. Pfc O'Neill later refused to be evacuated beyond the battalion aid station and returned to duty where he administered aid until he had to be evacuated an hour later because of further injury. Entered service from Pennsylvania.

Sgt Kenneth E. Osmondson, 36686045, Inf (then Pfc), United States Army. On 10 June 1944, Sgt Osmondson a messenger, saw the need of wire communication to his company, on his own initiative carried a roll of wire one-half mile to his Battalion C.P. then retraced his steps to the front lines, laying the wire and thus making observed artillery fire available to his company. During both trips, Sgt Osmondson went through intense enemy fire and was also fired upon by enemy snipers. His utter disregard for his own personal safety and his timely act reflect great credit upon the military service. Entered service from Illinois.

S Sgt Lewis E. Pearman, 37108199, Inf (then Pfc), United States Army. On 13 July 1944 in the vicinity of * * *, France, when Sgt Pearman and four soldiers were fired upon by mortars and machine guns, two were wounded. After dropping back, Sgt Pearman and another soldier decided to return and give aid to the wounded men. They crawled under heavy enemy fire and through a mine field to do so. After administering first aid they went back through the fire swept area and returned with a medical aid man with whom they succeeded in evacuating their wounded comrades. Entered service from Arkansas.

S Sgt Marshall L. Plocher, 38099720, Inf (then Pfc), United States Army. On 13 July 1944 when Sgt Plocher and four soldiers were fired upon by mortars and machine guns, two were wounded. After dropping back, Sgt Plocher and another soldier decided to return and give aid to the wounded men. They crawled under heavy enemy fire and through a mine field to do so. After administering first aid they went back through the fire swept area and returned with a medical aid man with the assistance of whom they finally succeeded in evacuating their wounded comrades. Entered service from Texas.

Sgt Adolph J. Podgurski, 37256179, Inf (then Pfc), United States Army. On 19 June 1944, when his company was overrun by a tank-led counterattack, Sgt Podgurski took cover in the area held by the enemy. Setting off at dusk to rejoin his unit, he came upon a seriously wounded comrade and undertook the task of bringing him back to an aid station. The burden of the wounded man made his progress slow and difficult and greatly increased the probability of his capture. It took Sgt Podgurski three days to get back to his own lines with the wounded soldier. In this act which required great physical stamina, he displayed conspicuous courage and devotion beyond the call of duty. Entered service from Nebraska.

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Pfc Albert M. Smith, 34148053, Inf, United States Army. On 14 July 1944, all the communication wires to the battalion O.P. were knocked out by intense hostile fire. Pfc Smith, without regard for his own personal safety, moved to an exposed position to repair the wires. In doing this he was seriously wounded, but his meritorious conduct was highly responsible for the successful defense of the position. Entered service from Tennessee.

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*Pfc Wendell W. Wolfanger, 32548206, Inf, United States Army. On 7 July 1944, Pfc Wolfanger and his sergeant, upon their own initiative, set out from an O.P. to reconnoiter an enemy position. After crawling 180 yards across an open field which was covered by enemy fire, a wooded area occupied by the enemy was searched and a machine gun section of 15 or 20 men located. Regardless of personal safety, the reconnaissance was continued until they were fired upon by another machine gun. After killing one of its crew, they returned through the hostile fire to their O.P. Enroute, two enemy snipers were discovered and captured. Such courageous and aggressive search for information by Pfc Wolfanger and his sergeant greatly facilitated the later advance of their battalion. Entered service from New York.

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*Pfc John B. Garner, 33147198, Inf, United States Army. On 3 July 1944, Pfc Garner was at his battalion O.P. when he located a well concealed enemy machine gun nest about 20 yards from his position. Without regard for his own personal safety, Pfc Garner alone crept up to the enemy position and knocked it out with two hand grenades. Entered service from Texas.

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*Pvt Albert J. Zanca, 32956231, Inf, United States Army. On 3 July 1944, Pvt Zanca, a BAR man, was shot through the left leg. Despite his painful wound, Pvt Zanca insisted on staying in the fire fight and materially aided in the success of the attack by BAR fire and by also knocking out a machine gun nest with a hand grenade. It was not until three hours after receiving his wound that Pvt Zanca would allow himself to be evacuated and his courage and devotion to duty were a great inspiration to his comrades. Entered service from New Jersey.

V. AWARD OF SOLDIER'S MEDAL. Under the provisions of AR 45, the Soldier's Medal is awarded the following named officers for heroism not involving actual conflict with an enemy:

CAPT ROBERT A. NACHTWEY, 0445802, MC, United States Army. On 7 June 1944 when the S.S. * *, struck a mine, Capt Nachtwey was painfully injured by the explosion. Obviously in great pain, Capt Nachtwey insisted upon administering aid to numerous wounded soldiers and would not permit himself to be treated until all casualties were evacuated from the sinking ship. Capt Nachtwey's unselfish devotion to duty facilitated the prompt rescue of all personnel in the short time the vessel remained afloat. Entered service from Iowa.

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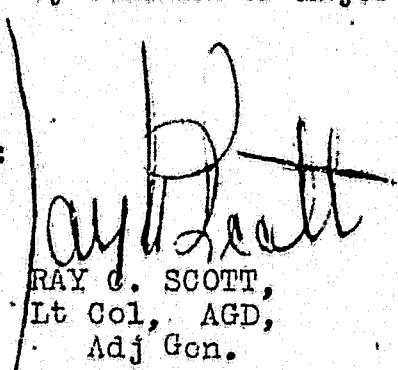
VI. AWARD OF PURPLE HEART. Under the provisions of AR 600-45 dated 22 September 1943, the Purple Heart is awarded the following named enlisted men:

Cpl Timothy J. Sullivan, Jr, 12156282, Cav, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy on 14 1944 in France. Entered military service from New York.

Pvt Joseph S. Moscinski, 42010829, Cav, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy on 12 July 1944 in France. Entered military service from New Jersey.

By command of Major General LANDRUM:

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I. POSTHUMOUS AWARD OF SILVER STAR. Under the provisions of AR 600-45 and circular 66, First U. S. Army, cs, the Silver Star is awarded posthumously to the following named enlisted man for gallantry in action in northern France:

Pfc Gilbert A. Helland, 37171214, FA, United States Army. On 10 June 1944, Pfc Helland, a lineman, made nine trips across a bridge that was under continuous artillery fire to repair breaks in telephone lines. Although others were forced to take cover, Pfc Helland, without regard for his personal safety and without orders, continually exposed himself on the bridge to service the wires so that much needed artillery support could be available to the Infantry. Pfc Helland was killed the following day while continuing such meritorious conduct. Entered service from Washington.

II. AWARD OF SILVER STAR. Under the provisions of AR 600-45 and circular 66 First U. S. Army, cs, the Silver Star is awarded the following named officers for gallantry in action in northern France:

1ST LT PAUL D. PHIPPS, 01319971, Inf (then 2d Lt) United States Army. On 3 July 1944, Lt Phipps was advancing ahead of his scouts when he was fired upon and wounded by an enemy machine gun. Despite his wound and the odds against him, Lt Phipps assaulted the machine gun position alone and knocked it out with two hand grenades. By his gallant act Lt Phipps facilitated the continued advance of his unit. Entered service from Tennessee.

2D LT CULVER D. FIELD, JR, 01180892, FA, United States Army. On 6 July 1944 Lt Field, an Artillery Observer, was severely wounded by mortar fire. Although suffering severely, Lt Field refused to be evacuated and after receiving only first aid, he continued to direct fire and later moved his O.P. 350 yards for better observation. By his tenacity of purpose in refusing to be evacuated until the enemy fire had been silenced three hours later, Lt Field clearly upheld the high traditions of the military service. Entered service from Indiana.

III. POSTHUMOUS AWARD OF BRONZE STAR. Under the provisions of AR 600-45 and circular 66, First U. S. Army, cs, the Bronze Star is awarded posthumously to the following named enlisted man for bravery in action in northern France:

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S Sgt James E. King, 37156585, Inf, United States Army. On 12 June 1944, Sgt King crawled through ten yards of intense machine gun and mortar fire to reach his wounded platoon leader. Without regard for his own safety, Sgt King helped remove the wounded officer back to a point where he could be treated. Such courage and loyalty is highly meritorious. Entered service from Kansas.

IV. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR. Under the provisions of AR 600-45 and circular 66, First U. S. Army, cs, the Bronze Star is awarded the following named officer and enlisted men for bravery in action in northern France:

1ST LT LEONARD M. LINTON, 0418991, Inf, United States Army. On 7 July 1944, Lt Linton, an Infantry Officer, took over the duties of Artillery Observer in an O.P. 75 yards in front of his defense lines. In this role, and under intense enemy fire, he directed artillery fire for five hours. Without regard for his personal safety, he often stood upright to observe hits and at one time he drew the friendly fire to within 50 yards of himself to repulse the enemy. Entered service from Maryland.

Sgt Clarence W. Ehlers, 37155305, Inf, United States Army. On 3 July 1944, Sgt Ehlers was wounded during a withdrawal. Without regard for his wound or his own personal safety, he rescued at least five wounded men under intense enemy fire before he himself was evacuated. Entered service from Nebraska.

Sgt Bernhard Christiansen, 33475002, Inf (then Toc 5) United States Army. On 5 July during a tank battle, Sgt Christiansen saw a soldier who was so seriously wounded that he could not move, about to be crushed by a friendly tank. Sgt Christiansen, without regard for his personal safety in the fire swept area, dashed 50 yards from his foxhole and helped move the wounded man to safety. Entered service from Pennsylvania.

Sgt Melvin J. Sprang, 36202517, (then Cpl), ** Tank Bn, United States Army. On 3 July 1944, when his driver was killed and the tank stopped by a direct hit from a 75mm gun emplaced 80 yards to its front, Sgt Sprang immediately returned the fire. A second enemy projectile pierced the turret and destroyed the traversing mechanism. Despite this handicap, Sgt Sprang managed to fire another shot which destroyed the enemy gun. By his meritorious action and coolness in face of direct short range anti-tank fire, Sgt Sprang saved the lives of the crew and complete destruction of the tank. Entered service from Wisconsin.

Cpl Edward J. Kowal, 31182941, FA, United States Army. On 14 June 1944 Cpl Kowal, lineman in a liaison detail, without regard for his personal safety, exposed himself to small arms and mortar fire which had pinned down the Infantry for two hours and ran approximately 350 yards of his wire line to repair a break. His meritorious action enabled the artillery to silence the enemy position and permitted the Infantry to continue its advance. Entered service from Rhode Island.

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Cpl Richard R. L. Slobig, 39086429, FA, United States Army. On 10 June 1944 Cpl Slobig, a lineman, without regard for his own safety, laid a wire across a bridge and 600 yards of marsh which were under continuous artillery fire. Cpl Slobig, often working in water waist deep, disregarded the fact that eight men were killed in his vicinity and continued to expose himself by repairing breaks at least four different times. By his meritorious service, Cpl Slobig greatly facilitated a difficult advance by making close artillery support possible. Entered service from California.

Tec 5 Earl C. Bender, 39085133, FA, United States Army. On 15 June 1944 in the vicinity of * *, France, Tec 5 Bender, while driving his Commanding General, crashed into a road block and drew immediate close range enemy fire. Springing to the roadside, Tec 5 Bender returned the enemy fire with his carbine until he was seriously wounded. By his unselfish loyalty and courage, Tec 5 Bender greatly facilitated the escape of his Commanding General. Entered service from California.

Tec 5 John T. Woodruff, 34434920, FA, United States Army. On 8 July 1944, Tec 5 Woodruff, a member of a wire party, was caught in a heavy concentration of machine gun and mortar fire. Tec 5 Woodruff, without orders, and with complete disregard for his personal safety, proceeded forward alone and while making repairs was wounded by small arms fire. His example encouraged the remainder of the party to come forward and complete the work, restoring communications at a critical time. Entered service from North Carolina.

Tec 5 David H. Troxell, 33259893, Med Dept, United States Army. On 12 June 1944 when a withdrawal of his unit was ordered, Tec 5 Troxell, of his own accord, stayed on the vacated position to care for the wounded. He gave aid to and directed four walking casualties back to their lines. Tec 5 Troxell then found a seriously wounded soldier with whom he stayed all night under friendly artillery fire falling in the area. At daylight he succeeded in carrying the wounded man to safety. Such loyalty and devotion to duty upholds the highest traditions of military service. Entered service from Pennsylvania.

Pfc Howard Howe, 12159836, Inf, United States Army. On 5 July 1944, during a tank battle, Pfc Howe saw a soldier who was so seriously wounded that he could not move, about to be crushed by a friendly tank. Pfc Howe, without regard for his own safety in the fire swept area, dashed 50 yards from his foxhole and helped move the man to safety. Entered service from New York.

Pfc Manuel Perez, 38093898, Inf, United States Army. On 12 June 1944, Pfc Perez crawled through ten yards of intense machine gun and mortar fire to reach his wounded platoon leader. Without regard for his own safety, Pfc Perez helped remove the wounded officer back to a point where he could be treated. Such courage and loyalty is highly meritorious. Entered service from Texas.

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Pvt Ben M. Flud, 18086676, FA, United States Army. On 14 June 1944 Pvt Flud, with total disregard for his personal safety, went twice through mortar fire that had cut artillery communication lines, to find the breaks and repair them. By thus exposing himself while others were forced to take cover, Pvt Flud restored communications which made it possible to silence enemy mortar fire upon our forward elements at a critical point of the engagement. Entered service from Oklahoma.

V. AWARD OF AIR MEDAL. Under the provisions of AR 600-45 and Circular 66, First U. S. Army, cs, the Air Medal is awarded the following named officers.

1ST LT GRADY F. LILLY, 01175211, FA, United States Army. For meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights from 10 June 1944 to 13 July 1944 as Artillery Liaison Pilot. Entered service from Oklahoma.

1ST LT GEORGE W. KILMER, 0534006, FA (then 2d Lt) United States Army. For meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights from 10 June 1944 to 29 June 1944 as Artillery Liaison Pilot. Entered service from Texas.

By command of Major General LANDRUM:

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APO 90, U. S. Army

31 July 1944

GENERAL ORDERS

No. 31

ORIGINAL ORDER - ETOUSA

I. POSTHUMOUS AWARD OF SILVER STAR. Under the provisions of AR 600-45 and Circular 66, First U. S. Army, cs, the Silver Star is awarded posthumously to the following named enlisted men for gallantry in action in northern France:

S Sgt Arthur F. Kueker, 18070999, Inf, United States Army. On 15 June 1944, Sgt Kueker and one man advanced against a mortar and a machine gun position that were holding up their unit with intense fire. Sgt Kueker and his companion, without thought of personal safety, worked their way to a point from which they knocked out the mortars with hand grenades. Then, having no more grenades, they turned upon the machine gun position and assaulted it with their bayonets. In the ensuing action Sgt Kueker was killed. By his gallantry and aggressiveness, Sgt Kueker made possible the continued success of his unit. Entered service from Virginia.

Pvt John M. Horvatin, 33683947, Inf, United States Army. On 13 June 1944, Pvt Horvatin and his Sergeant advanced against a mortar and a machine gun position that were holding up their unit with intense fire. Pvt Horvatin and his companion, without thought of personal safety, worked their way to a point from which they knocked out the mortar position with hand grenades. Then, having no more grenades, they turned upon the machine gun and assaulted it with bayonets. In the ensuing action, Pvt Horvatin was killed. By his gallantry and aggressiveness Pvt Horvatin made possible the continued success of his unit. Entered service from Pennsylvania.

II. AWARD OF SILVER STAR. Under the provisions of AR 600-45 and Circular 66, First U. S. Army, cs, the Silver Star is awarded to the following named officers and enlisted men for gallantry in action in northern France:

CAPT RALPH B. MERRICK, 0391391, Inf (then 1st Lt) United States Army. On 5 July 1944, Capt Merrick led his company in an assault which overran a town and netted 40 prisoners. The town was soon counterattacked from three sides while the fourth side was cut off by mortar fire. Although twice wounded, Capt Merrick, with utter disregard for his wounds or personal safety, directed the withdrawal from the exposed position and succeeded in extricating his company, his wounded and the prisoners from the precarious position. The gallantry and fortitude of Capt Merrick clearly upheld the high traditions of the military service. Entered service from Ohio.

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2D LT EDGAR R. MILLER, 01320473, Inf, United States Army. On 15 June 1944, while questioning French civilians regarding German defenses, Lt Miller learned that an ex-French officer who was taking refuge in a house some distance beyond the American lines had valuable information. Without regard for his personal safety, Lt Miller, with two men, went forward, found the civilian and obtained important information from him. During the interrogation a fire fight developed nearby and Lt Miller found himself 200 yards behind German positions. Realizing the importance of the information he had obtained if received in time, he worked his way back through the enemy lines and through intense small arms fire to his own lines. The meritorious achievement and foresight of Lt Miller furnished higher headquarters with information that materially aided in the subsequent capture of Valognes and Cherbourg. Entered service from Texas.

Sgt Herman H. Ludwig, 37120745, Inf, United States Army. In the vicinity of * * *, France on 12 June 1944 when his platoon withdrew from an untenable position, Sgt Ludwig, an acting squad leader, without regard for his personal safety, remained alone in an exposed position to cover its withdrawal by throwing grenades. After arrival upon the new position, Sgt Ludwig discovered that one of his men was missing. He returned in the face of the enemy fire to the position just given up to find the man wounded and succeeded in bringing him back to the new position. Sgt Ludwig's courage and loyalty to his men were in accordance with highest military tradition and of great inspirational value to his platoon. Entered service from Nebraska.

Cpl Raymond W. Lustig, 36556163, CIC, United States Army. On 15 June 1944, Cpl Lustig volunteered to accompany his lieutenant in an attempt to gain information from a civilian who was taking refuge in a house some distance beyond the American lines. During the interrogation of this civilian, a fire fight developed in the vicinity of the house and Cpl Lustig found that they were 200 yards behind German positions. Realizing the importance of the information obtained if received in time, Cpl Lustig left his place of comparative safety and worked his way back through the enemy positions and through 400 yards of intense small arms fire to his own lines. The meritorious achievement and devotion to duty of Cpl Lustig aided materially in the subsequent successes at Valognes and Cherbourg. Entered service from Michigan.

Pfc Frank J. Tamaska, 15338363, Med Dept, United States Army. On 8 July 1944, Pfc Tamaska was wounded in the knee, ankle and arm. Despite his own wounds and the intense fire, he immediately gave aid to three men and took them to safety. Still refusing aid for himself he returned to the hazardous area in search of other wounded comrades. It was not until he had assisted in moving the aid station that he permitted himself to be treated and evacuated. The disregard of self and devotion to duty exhibited by Pfc Tamaska reflects great credit upon himself and upon the military service. Entered service from West Virginia.

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Pfc Hosea Chastain, 34883203, Inf, United States Army. On 17 June 1944, a patrol of which Pfc Chastain was a member had been ambushed and pinned down by machine gun fire and ordered to withdraw. Pfc Chastain, despite wounds in his abdomen and arm and without regard for his own safety, remained alone in an exposed position and threw grenades at the advancing enemy to cover the withdrawal of his squad before seeking to escape himself. His courage, initiative and spirit of self sacrifice were exemplary and in accordance with the highest military traditions. Entered service from Tennessee.

Pvt Lloyd P. La Vaux, 12218456, PI, United States Army. On 15 June 1944 in the vicinity of * * *, France, Pvt La Vaux volunteered to accompany his lieutenant in an attempt to gain information from a civilian who was taking refuge in a house some distance beyond the American lines. During the interrogation of this civilian, a fire fight developed in the vicinity of the house and Pvt La Vaux found that they were 200 yards behind German positions. Realizing the importance of the information obtained if received in time, Pvt La Vaux left his place of comparative safety and worked his way back through the enemy positions and through 400 yards of intense small arms fire to his own lines. The meritorious achievement and devotion to duty of Pvt La Vaux aided materially in the subsequent successes at Valognes and Cherbourg. Entered service from New York.

III. POSTHUMOUS AWARD OF BRONZE STAR. Under the provisions of AR 600-45 and circular 66, First U. S. Army, cs, the Bronze Star is awarded posthumously to the following named officer and enlisted man for bravery in action in northern France:

CAPT WOODROW R. ALLEN, 0365316, Inf, United States Army. On 10 July 1944 in the vicinity of * * *, France, when his company was ordered to attack, Capt Allen personally in the face of heavy enemy fire and with total disregard for his own safety, did, due to the losses of company officers and non-commissioned officer, lead the advance elements of his company forward. Under intense fire Capt Allen constantly exposed himself in directing dispositions and consolidating ground gained. Upon gaining his objective, Capt Allen took over two additional rifl. companies and organized the position for defense. In addition to leading his own company and two others, Capt Allen directed artillery and mortar fire in the defense of his position until mortally wounded by enemy fire. Entered service from Texas.

Sgt Robert C. Levec, 15322430, Inf, (then Pfc) U.S. Army. On 12 June 1944 in the vicinity of * * *, France, when his company was pinned down by intense small arms fire and had been out of water since the preceding day, Sgt Levec, on his own initiative and with complete disregard for his own safety, crossed 100 yards of open ground in full view of the enemy and under heavy fire to obtain a supply of water which he brought back and distributed to his comrades. By his unselfish loyalty and devotion, Sgt Levec upheld the high standards of the military service. Entered service from Ohio.

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IV. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR. Under the provisions of AR 600-45 and circular 66, First U. S. Army, cs, the Bronze Star is awarded the following named officers and enlisted men for bravery in action in northern France:

Quoted by No 150 - Dec. 1, 1944.
1st LT GROVER C. KING, 0449492, Inf, United States Army. On 10 June 1944, Lt King, a platoon leader of a mortar team, upon learning that the rifle units he was supporting were falling back, went forward in the face of intense enemy fire to an exposed and unprotected observation post from which he directed mortar fire with such effectiveness that a successful disengagement with the enemy was made possible. Entered service from Mississippi.

1st LT GEORGE F. SPATH, 01322726, Inf (then 2d Lt) United States Army. On 7 July 1944 when his company had received heavy casualties during an attack upon a strongly defended position, Lt Spath, who himself was wounded and in great pain, refused to be evacuated and spent the night reorganizing his company. As a result of the determination and courage of Lt Spath, his unit was firmly in control of the sector by morning. Entered service from Oklahoma.

Cpl Paul E. Taylor, 31219188, FA, United States Army. On 8 July 1944, an enemy group was cutting the wire to an artillery forward observer's O.P. and covering the break with small arms fire. Cpl Taylor and his wire team went three times to this point and repaired the breaks despite the enemy fire and artillery shells bursting in that vicinity. Cpl Taylor's determination to maintain communication despite the ambushing tactics of the enemy enabled the artillery to give continuous support to the Infantry and inspired other wire teams of the section to keep the entire network in repair. Entered service from Maine.

Tec 5 James E. Curtis, 36864234, Med Dept (then Pfc), United States Army. On 22 June 1944, during an exceptionally heavy engagement, Tec 5 Curtis, without regard for his own safety administered first aid to approximately 30 men in an area swept by heavy fire. This valorous conduct and devotion to duty displayed by Pvt Curtis in the face of great danger was an inspiration to the men and no doubt saved the lives of many of the wounded. Entered service from Michigan.

Pfc George A. Gowen, 33442446, FA, United States Army. On 8 July 1944, when an enemy group was cutting the wire to an artillery forward observer's O. P. and covering the break with small arms fire, Pfc Gowen went with members of his wire team to this point three times and repaired the breaks despite the enemy fire. Pfc Gowen's courage and determination to maintain communications despite the ambush set by the enemy enabled the artillery to give continuous support to the infantry and helped inspire other members of the section to keep the entire network in repair. Entered service from Virginia.

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Pvt Orival E. Dick, 20535839, FA, United States Army. On 8 July 1944, when an enemy patrol was cutting the wire to an artillery forward observer's O. P. and covering the break with small arms fire, Pvt Dick went with members of his wire team to this point three times and repaired the breaks despite the enemy fire. Pvt Dick's courage and determination to maintain communications despite the ambush set by the enemy enabled the artillery to give continuous support to the infantry and helped inspire other members of the section to keep the entire network in repair. Entered service from Kentucky.

Pvt Clarence Hollandsworth, 35876545, FA, United States Army. On 8 July 1944 in the vicinity of * * * France, an enemy patrol was cutting the wire to an artillery forward observer's O. P. and covering the break with small arms fire. Pvt Hollandsworth went with members of his wire team to this point three times and repaired the breaks despite the enemy fire. Pvt Hollandsworth's courage and determination to maintain communication despite the ambushing tactics of the enemy enabled the artillery to give continuous support to the infantry and inspired other members of his section to keep the entire network in repair. Entered service from Ohio.

Pvt Melvin E. Ward, 35116702, Inf, United States Army. On 5 July 1944, Pvt Ward was wounded while performing his duties as company runner in a highly meritorious manner under most hazardous conditions. Despite the handicap and pain of his wounds, he refused to be evacuated and continued to perform his duties until his company was able to occupy a more favorable position. Entered service from Ohio.

Pvt A. C. Doebler, 36879047, Med Dept, United States Army. On 8 July 1944, Pvt Doebler, a company aid man, made two trips under intense enemy fire to carry wounded men to safety. The last man to be rescued was located in an area where the intensity of the enemy fire prevented a litter squad from reaching him. Pvt Doebler placed this man on his back and with complete disregard for his own personal safety carried the man at least one-half mile to a point where he could be evacuated by litter. Entered service from Michigan.

V. AWARD OF SOLDIER'S MEDAL. Under the provisions of AR 600-45, the Soldier's Medal is awarded the following named enlisted man for heroism in northern France not involving actual conflict with an enemy.

Tec 5 Fredrick J. Boerger, 35677090, Ord Dept, United States Army. On 11 June 1944, when a gasoline fire enveloped another soldier, Tec 5 Boerger without regard for his personal safety caught the panic stricken man, threw him to the ground and smothered the flames with a raincoat. Tec 5 Boerger's heroic action prevented the possible death of the soldier, who suffered severe third degree burns. Entered service from Ohio. - 5 -

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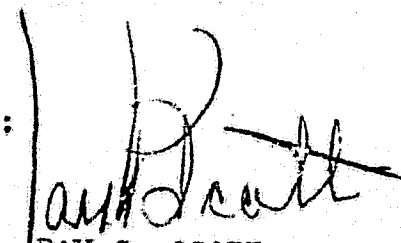
VI. AWARD OF PURPLE HEART. Under the provisions of AR 600-45 dated 22 September 1943, the Purple Heart is awarded the following named enlisted man:

Pvt Andrew A. Bocka, Jr, 33309796, MP, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy on 6 July 1944 in France. Entered service from Pennsylvania.

By command of Brigadier General McLAIN:

JOHN C. WHITCOMB,
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APO 90, U. S. Army

31 July 1944

GENERAL ORDERS

No. 33

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POSTHUMOUS AWARD OF SILVER STAR

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Section I General Orders No. 28, this Hq cs pertaining to the posthumous award of Silver Star to 1ST LT ROBERT R. MARTEE, 01305280, Inf, United States Army, is revoked, and the following substituted therefor:

"Under the provisions of AR 600-45 and circular 66, First U. S. Army, cs, the Silver Star is awarded posthumously to the following named officer for gallantry in action in northern France:

1ST LT ROBERT R. MARTEE, 01305280, Inf, United States Army. On 14 June 1944, Lt Martee a machine gun platoon leader lost one gun and the crew of another in an intense artillery and mortar concentration preceding an enemy counterattack. With utter disregard for heavy enemy fire, Lt Martee himself manned the crewless gun in its unemplaced position and contributed to a major degree the firepower necessary to break the counterattack. Practically at the moment the counterattack was broken, Lt Martee was killed while still manning the gun. By his gallantry, Lt Martee upheld the highest traditions of the military service and his courageous act was a timely inspiration to his entire battalion. Entered military service from California.

By command of Brigadier General McLAIN:

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AWARD OF PURPLE HEART

Under the provisions of AR 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, the Purple Heart is awarded CH (CAPT) CLEMENS C. CLEMENS, 0525488, United States Army for wounds received as a result of enemy action on 12 July 1944 in France. Entered military service from Tennessee.

By command of Brigadier General McLAIN:

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I. AWARD OF SILVER STAR. Under the provisions of AR 600-45 and Circular 6, Third U. S. Army, cs, the Silver Star is awarded to the following named officers and enlisted men for gallantry in action in northern France:

1ST LT CLAUDE E. LOVETT, JR, 0521431, Inf (then 2d Lt) United States Army. On 12 June 1944 attacking troops became disorganized due to heavy artillery and small arms fire. Despite the danger, Lt Lovett gathered together some forty men, resumed the attack and gained a position which he held, until ordered to withdraw. His display of leadership under fire was an inspiration to his companions and to the remainder of the forces in that vicinity and prevented a complete disorganization. Entered service from Texas.

2D LT HOLMAN A. BROTHERTON, JR, 0519647, Inf, United States Army. On 12 June 1944 attacking troops became disorganized due to heavy artillery and small arms fire. Despite the danger, Lt Brotherton gathered together some forty men, resumed the attack and gained a position which he held until ordered to withdraw. His display of leadership under fire was an inspiration to his companions and to the remainder of the forces in that vicinity and prevented a complete disorganization. Entered service from Texas.

T Sgt Frank M. Burford, 33446445, Inf (then Sgt) United States Army. On 14 June 1944 in the vicinity of **, France, Sgt Burford led a small group against machine gun positions of an enemy strongpoint. This group led by Sgt Burford knocked out two machine gun emplacements, killing four of the enemy. They then routed another enemy group and later killed two more and were proceeding on to continue the attack until ordered by the Battalion Commander to move to another position. The gallantry in action displayed by Sgt Burford resulted in the rapid advance of his troops and was an inspiration to his comrades and in keeping with the best traditions of the service. Entered service from Virginia.

S Sgt Emery K. Taylor, 38148626, Inf, United States Army. On 6 July 1944 when Sgt Taylor's squad was attacked by tanks and infantry, the bazooka man of his squad was wounded. Sgt Taylor took the bazooka, personally placed himself in an exposed but advantageous position, made a direct hit on the turret of the tank and stopped it. He fired two other rounds at the tank, badly damaging it and causing it to retreat and broke up the enemy attack. The following day his squad received another counterattack and when the bazooka failed to function, he manned a BAR, keeping up continuous fire at the approaching tank until he was wounded and evacuated from the position. Entered service from Colorado.

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Sgt Henry J. Cersosimo, 31277155, Inf, United States Army. On 6 July 1944 when his platoon sergeant was seriously wounded and enemy fire was too intense for a litter squad to reach him, Sgt Cersosimo, on his own initiative, voluntarily started forward with a litter to rescue him. In this attempt Sgt Cersosimo was seriously wounded. This gallant action in an attempt to reach the wounded man was an inspiration to his comrades and in keeping with the best traditions of the service. Entered service from Connecticut.

Sgt David H. Murphy, 42028712, Inf, (then Pvt) United States Army. On 6 July 1944 when his platoon sergeant was seriously wounded and another man was wounded attempting to rescue him, Sgt Murphy on his own initiative, went forward through intense enemy fire and rescued the second man. This gallantry in action displayed by Sgt Murphy was an inspiration to his comrades and in keeping with the highest traditions of the service. Entered service from New York.

II. POSTHUMOUS AWARD OF BRONZE STAR. Under the provisions of AR 600-45 and circular 6, Third U. S. Army, cs, the Bronze Star is awarded posthumously to the following named enlisted men for bravery in action in northern France:

T Sgt Henry G. Bohlen, 37155355, Inf, (then S Sgt) United States Army. On 21 June 1944, Sgt Bohlen was a member of a company which was surprised by the enemy at about 0400 hours and its outpost overrun. Awakened by the noise, Sgt Bohlen leaped from his foxhole and lunged into the fight, killing six of the enemy and wounding several more. His bravery and disregard for his personal safety assisted in bringing about the surrender of 135 of the enemy and the killing or wounding of 45 more. Entered service from Kansas.

T Sgt Vincent E. Arnold, 13075614, Inf, United States Army. On 11 June 1944 when his company was pinned down by enemy machine gun and mortar fire and suffering heavy casualties, Sgt Arnold, with four others of his section, rushed two enemy machine gun emplacements knocking them out and permitting the advance of our troops. Entered service from Washington, D. C.

T Sgt John Kemper, 37168281, Inf, United States Army. On 14 June 1944 when his company was trapped in action and pinned down by heavy enemy fire, Sgt Kemper assembled a group of volunteers and moved forward to an advantageous position where he could cover the withdrawal of the trapped company. In this situation he displayed qualities of leadership and courage and successfully covered the withdrawal of the trapped company. Entered service from Minnesota.

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Pfc James A. Nelson, 39918513, Inf, United States Army. On 11 June 1944 Pfc Nelson led the assault on machine gun positions causing the enemy to withdraw and thereby facilitating the advance of his unit. Entered service from Idaho.

III. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR. Under the provisions of AR 600-45 and Circular 6 Third U. S. Army, cs; the Bronze Star is awarded the following named officers and enlisted men for bravery in action in northern France:

MAJ EDWARD S. HAMILTON, 022165, Inf, United States Army. On 10 July 1944 when his battalion had suffered extremely heavy casualties, it was necessary to effect immediate reorganization. His commander broke down under the pressure of these circumstances and Maj Hamilton immediately assumed control of the situation, effected reorganization, inspired the men, moved them forward and attacked with vigor exhibiting qualities of leadership and clear thinking and inspired confidence in his men at a critical time. Entered service from Alabama.

CAPT CHARLES E. NADEAU, 0343164, Inf, United States Army. On 13 June 1944 Capt Nadeau led an assault on enemy positions when he quickly organized his company and attempted to drive the enemy back. His initiative and prompt action enabled the line to move forward, Capt Nadeau being seriously wounded in the action. His diligence in quickly organizing the attempt under conditions of confusion was exceptionally meritorious and commendatory. Entered service from Texas.

1ST LT MAX G. KOCOUR, 0514266, Inf, United States Army. On 15 June 1944, Lt Kocour accompanied a group into a village for the purpose of mopping it up. Under resistance from the enemy, Lt Kocour repeatedly disregarded his own personal safety and directed mortar fire on enemy machine gun positions and by his own personal conduct inspired the group which he accompanied to complete their mission. Entered service from Kansas.

1ST LT CHARLES E. SMITH, JR, 0413676, Inf, United States Army. On 15 June 1944, Lt Smith led a small group of men into a village where he successfully knocked out two or more machine gun nests, silenced snipers hidden in the buildings and mopped up a section of the village. Lt Smith's exemplary conduct in the face of the enemy and his courageous action were an inspiration to the men of his unit. Entered service from Maine.

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T Sgt William J. Peaslee, 37138447, Inf, United States Army. On 11 June 1944, south of * * *, France, when his company was pinned down by enemy machine gun and mortar fire and suffering heavy casualties, Sgt Peaslee, with four others of his section, rushed two enemy machine gun emplacements, knocking them out and permitting the advance of our troops. Entered service from Missouri.

T Sgt James L. Lessel, 37107952, Inf, United States Army. On 27 June 1944 in the vicinity of * * *, France, Sgt Lessel coolly and courageously made his way through enemy small arms and artillery fire, repairing wires to an observer of a mortar platoon. Later, on 29 June he again proceeded one mile under heavy artillery fire in order to bring up additional ammunition to repel attack. Entered service from Arkansas.

T Sgt William B. Haley, 37108104, Inf, United States Army. On 11 June 1944, Sgt Haley led the assault on machine gun positions causing the enemy to withdraw and thereby facilitating the advance of his unit. Entered service from Arkansas.

T Sgt Sheldon L. Faler, 37138766, Inf, (then Pfc) United States Army. On 13 June 1944 Sgt Faler, with three other members of his platoon, charged an enemy machine gun position dislodging it and permitting his company to push forward on its mission. Entered service from Missouri.

S Sgt Charles R. Bruce, 20111157, Inf, United States Army. On 21 June 1944 when his company was pinned down by enemy machine gun and mortar fire and suffering heavy casualties, Sgt Bruce, with four others of his section, rushed two enemy machine gun emplacements, knocking them out and thereby permitting the advance of our troops. Entered service from Massachusetts.

S Sgt Porfirio Ponce, 36613763, Inf (then Pfc) United States Army. On 21 June 1944 in the vicinity of * * *, France, Sgt Ponce was a member of a company which was surprised by the enemy at about 0400 hours and its outpost overrun. Awakened by the noise, Sgt Ponce leaped from his foxhole and plunged into the fight, killing two of the enemy and wounding several more. His bravery and disregard for his personal safety assisted in bringing about the surrender of 135 of the enemy and the killing or wounding of 45 more. Entered service from Illinois.

S Sgt Willard A. Stafford, 35292916, Inf, United States Army. On 27 June 1944 in the vicinity of * * *, France, when wire communications with forward observer of his 81mm mortar platoon became extremely hazardous to maintain because they were being frequently cut by artillery shelling, Sgt Stafford worked the line diligently under both artillery and small arms fire and succeeded in maintaining communications. Entered service from Ohio.

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S Sgt Clifford E. Brooks, 15329582, Inf, United States Army. On 11 June 1944 when his company was pinned down by enemy machine gun and mortar fire and suffering heavy casualties, Sgt Brooks, with four others of his section, rushed two enemy machine gun emplacements knocking them out and thereby permitting the advance of our troops. Entered service from Ohio.

Sgt George S. Grady, 36538298, Inf, United States Army. On 22 June 1944 near * * *, France, Sgt Grady voluntarily left his place of safety and assisted in removing a severely wounded soldier to where he could receive early treatment for his wounds thereby preventing him from receiving additional wounds from the continuous fire. Entered service from Michigan.

Sgt Martin M. Miller, 17050621, Inf (then Pfc) United States Army. On 11 June 1944 Sgt Miller participated in a hazardous assault on enemy positions, causing them to withdraw, thereby facilitating the advance of his company. Entered service from North Dakota.

Sgt Ingvald C. Birk, 37172171, Inf, United States Army. On 11 June 1944 south of * * *, France, Sgt Birk led the assault on machine gun positions causing the enemy to withdraw and thereby facilitating the advance of his unit. Entered service from North Dakota.

Tec 5 Rodolfo San Miguel, 38094604, Med Dept, United States Army. On 13 July 1944, after attending wounded soldiers and finding that because of heavy shelling it was impossible to get litter bearers to evacuate the wounded soldiers, he and another comrade improvised a litter and carried a wounded man through shell fire into the safety area. Entered service from Texas.

Tec 5 Jerry C. Miles, 37155632, Med Dept, United States Army. On 9 July 1944 near * * *, France, Tec 5 Miles, disregarding his own personal safety by proceeding under heavy artillery fire to treat three severely wounded soldiers, definitely saved the life of at least one of the wounded men. Entered service from Nebraska.

Tec 5 Melvin A. Wurm, 20519310, Med Dept, United States Army. On 22 June 1944, Tec 5 Wurm voluntarily left his place of safety and assisted in removing a severely wounded soldier to where he could receive early treatment for his wounds, thereby preventing him from receiving additional wounds from the continuous fire. Entered service from Ohio.

Tec 5 Oscar L. Kaufman, 35493695, Med Dept (then Pfc) United States Army. On 19 June 1944 when friendly troops after a severe engagement had been ordered to withdraw to new defensive positions, many wounded men were left on the field of battle. Tec 5 Kaufman, disregarding his own personal safety and still under fire, remained on the battle field attending to the wounded men and removing them

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to the rear. By his calm action and cool thinking, several men were evacuated who might otherwise have died of wounds. Entered service from Kentucky.

Tec 5 George W. Mattila, 37172617, Inf, United States Army. On 10 July 1944 in the vicinity of * * *, France, Tec 5 Mattila was part of a volunteer force formed to stop an enemy break-through in his position. During a heavy artillery concentration, Tec 5 Mattila was severely wounded in the chest. After securing aid for another wounded comrade, he returned to his position in the line. Sometime later he was evacuated as a walking wounded with instructions to send up litters for other wounded men. With disregard for his own condition, Tec 5 Mattila returned with the litters and assisted in evacuating the other wounded men. Entered service from Minnesota.

Pfc Jessie M. Dearing, 34871616, Inf, United States Army. On 21 June 1944, Pfc Dearing was a member of a company which was surprised by the enemy at about 0400 hours and its outpost overrun. Awakened by the noise, Pfc Dearing leaped from his foxhole and plunged into the fight, killing an enemy officer and two men and wounding several others. His bravery and disregard for his personal safety assisted in bringing about the surrender of 135 of the enemy and the killing or wounding of 45 more. Entered service from Mississippi.

Pfc Homer L. Smith, 33407594, Inf, United States Army. On 13 June 1944 Pfc Smith with three other members of his platoon, charged an enemy machine gun position, dislodging it and thereby permitting his company to push forward on its mission. Entered service from Pennsylvania.

Pfc Epifanio Maldonado, 38103791, Inf, United States Army. On 13 June 1944, Pfc Maldonado, with three other members of his platoon, charged an enemy machine gun position, dislodging it and thereby permitting his company to push forward on its mission. Entered service from New Mexico.

Pfc William A. Sinclair, 37522805, Med Dept, United States Army. On 19 June 1944 in the vicinity of * * *, France, when friendly troops after a severe engagement had been ordered to withdraw to new defensive positions, many wounded men were left on the field of battle. Pfc Sinclair, disregarding his own personal safety and still under fire, remained on the battle field attending to the wounded men and removing them to the rear. By his calm action and cool thinking several men were evacuated who might otherwise have died of wounds. Entered service from Missouri.

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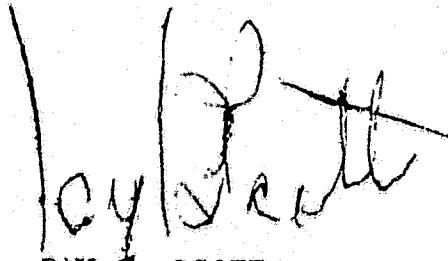
Pfc Olaf Stangeland, 37156141, Inf, United States Army. On 13 June 1944 south of * * *, France, Pfc Stangeland with three other members of his platoon charged an enemy machine gun position, dislodging it and thereby permitting his company to push forward on its mission. Entered service from Wyoming.

Pvt Norris J. Smith, 37172262, Inf, United States Army. On 11 June 1944 when his company was pinned down by enemy machine gun and mortar fire and suffering heavy casualties, Pvt Smith, with four others of his section, rushed two enemy machine gun emplacements knocking them out and thus permitting the advance of our troops. Entered service from North Dakota.

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AWARD OF PURPLE HEART

Under the provisions of AR 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, the Purple Heart is awarded the following named Officer and Enlisted Men:

1ST LT DURWARD W. RANDOLPH, 01305310, Inf, United States Army. For wounds received as a result of enemy action on 5 August 1944 in France. Entered service from California.

T Sgt Lindsey L. Gordon, 17045257, Med Dept, United States Army. For wounds received as a result of enemy action on 5 August 1944 in France. Entered service from Missouri.

Pvt Melvin G. Theoes, 37190043, Inf, United States Army. For wounds received as a result of enemy action on 5 August 1944 in France. Entered service from Iowa.

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No. 37

I. AWARD OF SILVER STAR. Under the provisions of AR 600-45 and Circular 6, Third U. S. Army, cs, the Silver Star is awarded to the following named enlisted man for gallantry in action in northern France:

Cpl Leftwich Bentley, 37107809, Med Dept, United States Army. On 10 June 1944 when his battalion launched an attack toward * * *, France over very difficult terrain, his company commander received a severe wound. While the area was still under very heavy artillery and small arms fire, Cpl Bentley, disregarding his own personal safety and being warned that he ran great risk of becoming a casualty himself, set out with two companions and worked his way 150 yards into the shelled area where the enemy had excellent observation. Reaching the wounded Captain he removed him from the shelled area where he was able to receive timely treatment for his wounds. This gallant action on the part of Cpl Bentley is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and an inspiration to all who witnessed his actions. Entered service from Arkansas.

II. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR. Under the provisions of AR 600-45 and Circular 6 Third U. S. Army, cs, the Bronze Star is awarded the following named officers and enlisted men for bravery in action in northern France:

1ST LT WALLACE A. KAPAUN, 041117, Inf, United States Army. On 13 June 1944 when his company was in line under very heavy pressure from the enemy, Lt Kapaun worked his way to a smoke-stack tower where he was able to direct mortar fire throughout the day's action although his position was under frequent fire from the enemy and the tower from which he was observing was hit twice by enemy shelling. From his hazardous but favorable position he was able to direct accurate mortar fire on the enemy and greatly decreased the effectiveness of fire on our troops. Entered service from North Dakota.

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1ST LT KENNETH J. GOLZ, 01317776, Inf, (then 2d Lt) United States Army. On 14 June 1944 when his company was in line under very heavy pressure from the enemy, Lt Golz worked his way to a smokestack tower where he was able to direct mortar fire throughout the day's action although his position was under frequent fire from the enemy and the tower from which he was observing was hit three times by enemy shelling. From his hazardous but favorable position he was able to direct accurate mortar fire on the enemy and greatly increased the effectiveness of fire on our troops. Entered service from Wisconsin.

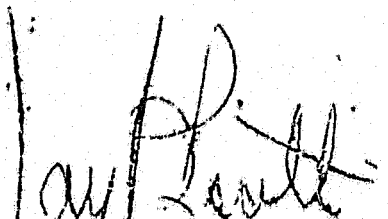
Tec 5 Raymond F. Lombardi, 38084734, Inf, United States Army. On 9 and 10 July 1944 Tec 5 Lombardi and three companions laid and maintained a wire line to an advance position. His task was completed under heavy enemy mortar and artillery fire and he remained at his post throughout the night in order to keep the line in service. Entered service from Colorado.

Pfc Philip B. Trout, 33139860, Med Dept, United States Army. On 12 June Pfc Trout, as aid man in his unit which suffered heavy casualties, was wounded in the abdomen by shell fragments. Notwithstanding and being unable to walk, he crawled to another seriously wounded man and attempted to administer first aid until he himself collapsed in the effort. Entered service from Pennsylvania.

Pvt William J. Gauntlett, 33831885, Inf, United States Army. On 3 July 1944 Pvt Gauntlett voluntarily crawled one hundred yards into "no man's land"; rescued and brought to safety a wounded comrade who was bleeding badly and thereby saved his life. Entered service from Pennsylvania.

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I. AWARD OF SILVER STAR. Under the provisions of AR 600-45 and Circular 6, Third U. S. Army, cs, the Silver Star is awarded to the following named officer and enlisted men for gallantry in action in northern France:

2D LT RAYMOND H. PAULEY, 01296739, Inf, United States Army. On 4 July 1944 Lt. Pauley, advancing with other members of his company, encountered a defended enemy CP. He, with two other members of his company, moving out in advance of their platoon, rapidly charged through the enemy position, killing one officer and six other members of the garrison, capturing one officer and twenty-three others, seven machine guns, three machine pistols, eight rifles and five pistols; rioting the garrison and rapidly taking the position. Entered service from Louisiana.

S Sgt Abraham Jamail, 18114594, Inf, United States Army. On 4 July 1944 Sgt Jamail, advancing with other members of his company, encountered a defended enemy CP. He, with two other members of his company, moving out in advance of their platoon, rapidly charged through the enemy position killing one officer and six other members of the garrison, capturing one officer and twenty-three others, seven machine guns, three machine pistols, eight rifles and five pistols; rioting the garrison and rapidly taking the position. Entered service from Texas.

Cpl James J. Dines, 33475150, Med Dept, (then Pfc) United States Army. On 11 June 1944 in the vicinity of * * *, France, when his battalion was attacking, Cpl Dines volunteered to go into an area then under heavy mortar and small arms fire. He assisted in carrying out a man who was wounded and bleeding badly. Making his way under fire to the wounded man he was able to stop the bleeding and improvised a litter from impregnated clothing and boards and completed the evacuation thereby saving a life at the great risk of his own. This gallant action on the part of Cpl Dines is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered service from Pennsylvania.

Tec 5 Arden E. Pritts, 33412453, Med Dept (then Pfc) United States Army. On 10 June 1944 when his battalion launched an attack over very difficult terrain, his company commander received a severe wound. While the area was still under very heavy artillery and small arms fire, Tec 5 Pritts, disregarding his own personal safety and being warned that he ran great risk of becoming a casualty himself, set out with two companions and worked his way 150 yards into the shelled area where the enemy

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had excellent observation. Reaching the wounded Captain, he removed him from the shelled area and enabled him to receive timely treatment for his wounds. This gallant action on the part of Pfc 5 Pritts is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and an inspiration to all who witnessed his actions. Entered service from Pennsylvania.

Pfc Frank P. Nagra, 36364737, Med Dept (then Pvt) United States Army. On 11 June 1944 when his battalion was attacking, Pfc Nagra volunteered to go into an area then under heavy mortar and small arms fire. He assisted in carrying out a man who was wounded and bleeding badly. Making his way under the fire to the wounded man, he was able to stop the bleeding and improvised a litter from impregnated clothing and boards and completed the evacuation thereby saving a life at the great risk of his own. This gallant action on the part of Pfc Nagra is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered service from Illinois.

Pfc George W. Waschow, 36835630, Inf (then Pvt) United States Army. On 8 July 1944 in the darkness of an early morning action, Pfc Waschow and a companion heard what they believed to be two tanks approaching their lines. Knowing that no anti-tank guns were in the vicinity, they voluntarily left their protected positions and worked their way to where they had a clear field of fire covering the approach to their lines. Withholding their fire, they waited until the enemy armored vehicles approached within thirty-five feet of their position when they opened fire, knocking out both armored vehicles. During the entire action the enemy was sweeping the zone with small arms and mortar fire. This gallant action on the part of Pfc Waschow is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and prevented the enemy armored vehicles from penetrating our lines. Entered service from Wisconsin.

Pvt Oscar B. Winters, 36880641, Inf, United States Army. On 13 July 1944 near * * *, France, when Pvt Winters and his companions were holding a position protecting the right flank of his company and firing to the front, he discovered six or eight of the enemy attempting to out-flank his position. Leaving his position on his own initiative, he worked himself to a position where he beat off the attack with hand grenades. Again, on 15 July 1944 near * * *, France, when his company was advancing down a road, it was held up by small arms fire from a house. Pvt Winters, on his own initiative, worked himself to a position where, using his rifle grenades, he brought fire on the German position, killing one and causing the remaining enemy soldiers to surrender. Pvt Winters' actions were an inspiration to his companions and in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered service from Michigan.

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II. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR. Under the provisions of AR 600-45 and Circular 6 Third U. S. Army, cs, the Bronze Star is awarded the following named officers and enlisted men for bravery in action in northern France:

CAPT HOBBS H. McCALL, 0422737, Inf, United States Army. On 3 July 1944, Capt McCall personally led an assault on a group of buildings in the village of * * *, France. Capt McCall, whose duty is battalion S-3, inspired the troops to vigorous assault on the village resulting in its capture. Entered service from Texas.

CHAPLAIN (CAPT) JOSEPH K. SIMMONS, 0522961, Chaplain Corps, United States Army. On 12 June 1944 northeast of * * *, France, when his unit had sustained heavy casualties and the wounded men were moved into a collecting station, the position became untenable immediately under enemy artillery and mortar fire. The wounded being unable to take cover, Chaplain Simmons remained with them giving aid and encouraging them. Afterwards, he took charge of sixteen walking wounded and guided them through a safe passage in an enemy swept zone, thereby contributing greatly to the morale of his unit and greatly assisting the wounded. Entered service from Texas.

1ST LT EUGENE A. VANN, 01310325, Inf, United States Army. During the period 8 June 1944 to 17 July 1944 on the Normandy beachhead, France, Lt Vann worked tirelessly under extremely difficult circumstances in supplying his company with food. On 10 July 1944 he showed exceptionally meritorious conduct by getting food to his battalion which was almost surrounded and access to their position extremely hazardous and under continuous enemy mortar and small arms fire. Entered service from Florida.

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1ST LT RICHARD K. ELWELL, 01325484, Inf, (then 2d Lt) United States Army. During the period 8 June 1944 to 17 July 1944 on the Normandy beachhead, France, Lt Elwell supplied his unit with ammunition under extremely difficult circumstances and in particular on 10 June 1944 when his battalion was very nearly surrounded and cut off and the road of advance under heavy mortar and small arms fire he continued this function in a superior manner. Entered service from Ohio.

2D LT JOSEPH R. MELLON, 01312421, Inf, United States Army. On 3 July 1944 in the vicinity of * * *, France, when his unit after very heavy fighting had been forced to fall back before heavy enemy fire and leaving many men on the battle field, Lt Mellon, at great risk to his personal safety and without regard for the enemy fire, went onto the battle field and assisted in moving five wounded men to safety, thereby contributing to saving the lives of these men and to sustain the morale of his unit. Entered service from Pennsylvania.

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Sgt Jeremiah J. McKowen, 37172004, Inf, United States Army. On 4 July 1944 when his unit was receiving heavy machine gun fire and the area in which it was organized was being shelled by enemy artillery and mortars, Sgt McKowen left his place of safety and worked his way to a position from which he could observe and direct the fire of his mortar section, knocking out one machine gun, killing and wounding five of the enemy troops and forcing eight others to surrender. Entered service from Minnesota.

Sgt Thomas C. Howard, 37155283, Inf, United States Army. On 3 July 1944 when his unit, after very heavy fighting had been forced to fall back before heavy enemy fire and leaving many men on the battle field, Sgt Howard, at great risk to his personal safety and without regard for the enemy fire, went onto the battle field and assisted in moving five wounded men to safety thereby contributing to saving the lives of these men and sustaining the morale of his unit. Entered service from Nebraska.

Tec 5 Raymond A. Anderson, 36613180, Med Dept, United States Army. On 3 July 1944 when his company, after heavy fighting, had sustained a large number of casualties and was ordered to withdraw, Tec 5 Anderson voluntarily remained behind for four hours giving first aid to the wounded until litter bearers were able to evacuate all of the wounded men. Again on 5 July Tec 5 Anderson remained behind to administer first aid to eight wounded men who remained on the battle field still under enemy artillery fire and against the threat of tanks. As a result of his diligence and attention to the wounded men, it greatly relieved their suffering and contributed to the morale of the remainder of the unit. Entered service from Illinois.

Pfc John M. Waldrop, 34473878, Med Dept, United States Army. On 9 July 1944 when informed that three wounded men were trapped in a tank, Pfc Waldrop went forward with two companions to aid the wounded men. The area at this time was under very heavy enemy artillery fire. Pfc Waldrop succeeded in giving first aid to two of the men and directed them to walk to the rear. The third man who was fastened in the forward compartment and badly wounded, took a considerably longer time to remove and although the position was under fire, they successfully removed the wounded man and completed the evacuation. Entered service from Mississippi.

Pfc Frederick A. Halstead, 36652276, Inf, United States Army. On 23 July 1944 in the vicinity of * * *, France, when a companion had been wounded and lay in "no man's land", Pfc Halstead left the comparative safety of his foxhole and voluntarily went forward to recover and bring to safety an officer of his battalion. Subsequently, he continued voluntarily, crossing the river further into "no man's land" in an effort to locate and remove his wounded companion. Entered service from Illinois.

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Pvt Kenneth C. Moore, 37663680, Inf, United States Army. On 23 July 1944 when a companion had been wounded and lay in "no man's land", Pvt Moore left the comparative safety of his foxhole and voluntarily went forward to recover and bring to safety an officer of his battalion. Subsequently, he continued voluntarily, crossing the river further into "no man's land" in an effort to locate and remove his wounded companion. Entered service from Iowa.

Pvt Andy Loraine, 37404797, Inf, United States Army. On 9 and 10 July 1944 Pvt Loraine and three companions laid and maintained a wire line to an advance position in * * * *, France. His task was completed under heavy enemy mortar and artillery fire and he remained at his post throughout the night in order to keep the line in service. Entered service from Missouri.

Pvt Joseph Schnabl, 10600805, Inf, United States Army. On 9 and 10 July 1944 Pvt Schnabl and three companions laid and maintained a wire line to an advance position. His task was completed under heavy enemy mortar and artillery fire and he remained at his post throughout the night in order to keep the line in service. Entered service from Wisconsin.

Pvt Preston J. Dailey, 38094018, Inf, United States Army. On 9 and 10 July 1944, Pvt Dailey and three companions laid and maintained a wire line to an advance position. His task was completed under heavy enemy mortar and artillery fire and he remained at his post throughout the night in order to keep the line in service. Although slightly wounded, he refused to be evacuated because of the importance of his mission which he fully accomplished. Entered service from Texas.

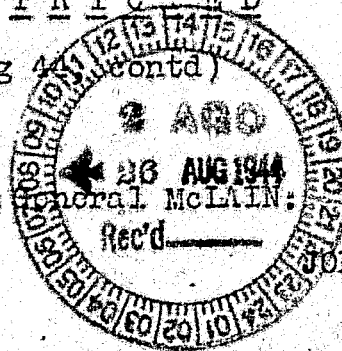
III. AWARD OF SOLDIER'S MEDAL. Under the provisions of AR 600-45 the Soldier's Medal is awarded the following named officer for heroism in northern France not involving actual conflict with an enemy:

MAJOR LEONARD C. DULL, 0313564, Inf, United States Army. On 11 July 1944 when shelling fell into a position occupied by his battalion igniting an ammunition trailer, the ammunition started exploding. The Battalion Commander ordered all men to vacate the position to avoid casualties but Major Dull, on his own initiative and despite the order, seized a fire extinguisher and attempted to put out the fire. This failing, he took the cover from the trailer and at great risk to his own person, smothered the fire and extinguished it thereby removing the hazard to all materiel and troops in the vicinity. Entered service from Nebraska.

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GENERAL ORDERS

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I. AWARD OF SILVER STAR. Under the provisions of AR 600-45 and Circular 6, Third U. S. Army, cs, the Silver Star is awarded to the following named officers and enlisted men for gallantry in action in northern France:

CAPTAIN DONALD B. HUTCHENS, 043899, Inf, United States Army. On 6 July 1944 when his company had reached its objective which they were to organize and secure, they encountered very heavy enemy mortar and artillery concentrations. Troops on the flank fell back and the enemy began a counterattack. Capt Hutchens rapidly organized his position and in order to better direct his company, took an exposed position in a tree from which he not only supervised the defense but directed mortar fire to repel the counterattack. When enemy fire clipped off the limb on which he was resting, knocking him to the ground, he immediately climbed back into the tree and continued to direct the fire. Later, he personally went to the right front of the sector being heavily pressed and assisted in repelling the attack by personally throwing hand grenades at the advancing enemy troops. His action was an inspiration to the men and in keeping with the highest traditions of the military spirit. Entered service from Oregon.

1ST LT ALBERT E. HART, 01315307, Inf, United States Army. On 6 July 1944 when his company was extremely hard pressed, Lt Hart worked himself to an exposed position where he knocked out an enemy machine gun. When the enemy began to counterattack, Lt Hart ordered the men to hold position and directed the fire to repel the counterattack. When his troops showed signs of wavering, Lt Hart grabbed two hand grenades, maneuvered to a position from which he could reach an enemy gun and, although knocked down by an enemy hand grenade, he continued on his mission and knocked out the machine gun, forcing the enemy to withdraw. When he encountered two other machine gun positions, he placed himself in a position where he could direct friendly mortar fire on them and silenced them. This gallant action of Lt Hart's contributed greatly to the successful defense of the position and was an example of the highest traditions of the military spirit. Entered service from New Jersey.

CAPTAIN EDWARD R. LIENHART, 0355003, Inf (then 1st Lt) United States Army. On 5 July 1944 when his company was held up by heavy enemy fire and one of the platoons was greatly depleted by losses, Capt Lienhart worked his way along the hedgerow alone, rounded up twelve prisoners including one officer and brought them back to the

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company. Turning them over to the guard to take them to the rear, he returned to the hedgerow again alone and returned some time later with six prisoners including another officer. Sending them to the rear, he sought out three friendly tanks which had retired to avoid anti-tank fire and directed them toward this position which resulted in the capture of the strong point and made it possible to advance his company. Entered service from South Dakota.

T Sgt Albert Lowe, 35459989, Inf (then Sgt) United States Army. On 4 July 1944 Sgt Lowe, advancing with other members of his company, encountered a defended enemy CP. He, with two other members of his company, moving out in advance of their platoon, rapidly charged through the enemy position, killing one officer and six other members of the garrison; capturing one officer and twenty-three others, seven machine guns, three machine pistols, eight rifles and five pistols; rioting the garrison and rapidly taking the position. Entered service from Kentucky.

Sgt John K. McGuire, 42023405, Inf, (then Pvt) United States Army. On 5 July 1944 in the vicinity of * * *, France, Sgt McGuire was acting as assistant squad leader. Noting enemy machine guns holding up their attack, he shifted to a position some sixty yards from his foxhole, leaving the squad in position. He crawled thirty yards to place himself in position to use rifle grenades against the enemy machine guns. When the rifle grenade failed to detonate, he crawled to within close proximity of the machine gun position, which was then firing, and threw a hand grenade into the machine gun nest, killing three of the enemy gun crew and dispersing the remainder. Entered service from New York.

Sgt Elzy F. Moss, 35258395, Inf (then Pfc) United States Army. On 6 July 1944 Sgt Moss, with his platoon, was holding a defensive position against powerful and repeated counterattacks. The enemy succeeded in placing a machine gun at a point which threatened the platoon's position. Sgt Moss, acting at the time as a rifleman, crawled through a hedgerow onto a road and worked himself to a position close to the enemy gun where he threw five hand grenades and thereby wiping out the machine gun nest single handed. Sgt Moss' aggressiveness and determination was in keeping with the highest traditions of the military spirit and an inspiration to the members of his platoon. Entered service from Kentucky.

II. POSTHUMOUS AWARD OF BRONZE STAR. Under the provisions of AR 600-45 and Circular 6, Third U. S. Army, cs, the Bronze Star is awarded posthumously to the following named officer for bravery in action in northern France:

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(Sec II Posthumous Award of Bronze Star, GO 39 Hq 90th 17 Aug contd)

1ST LT FRANK A. SPADAVECCHIA, 01311442, Inf, United States Army. On 5 July 1944 when his company's position was exposed to an attack from the flank, Lt Spadavecchia learned that a companion had been wounded and that at the time was in "no man's land" with a mortar. Lt Spadavecchia crawled seventy-five yards into "no man's land" under enemy machine gun fire. Finding his wounded companion had died, he retrieved the mortar, crawled back to his position and set up the mortar in time to repel a counterattack and maintain the position. Lt Spadavecchia was killed in a later action. Entered service from California.

III. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR. Under the provisions of AR 600-45 and Circular 6 Third U. S. Army, cs, the Bronze Star is awarded the following named officers and enlisted men for bravery in action in northern France:

CAPTAIN ORWIN C. TALBOTT, 024617, Inf, United States Army. On 5 July 1944 in the vicinity of * * *, France, when his company, after heavy fighting, was greatly reduced in strength, Capt Talbott rallied the men, frequently exposing himself to the continuous machine gun and mortar fire. He reassured his men of the situation and personally conducted artillery fire in the absence of an artillery officer so that his depleted organization was able to effectively break up an enemy attack and continue to hold the position. Entered service from California.

CAPTAIN JOHN L. GASKINS, 0384173, Inf, United States Army. On 7 July 1944 while occupying a defensive position then under heavy attack of the enemy and receiving artillery and mortar fire, troops on his flank began falling back. Capt Gaskins left his foxhole and moved along the line, reassuring the men and ordering them to stay in position. He then rallied members of an adjacent unit, placing them back on the line and stabilizing the position so that it was able to repel counterattacks. Entered service from South Carolina.

CAPTAIN JOHN S. FISK, 0413891, Inf, United States Army. On 7 July 1944 when units which he was supporting with his machine gun and heavy weapons were attacked and driven back, Capt Fisk voluntarily left his foxhole and rallied the retreating troops while under artillery and machine gun fire. He continued to move from position to position reassuring the men and rallying members of adjacent units and thereby was able to maintain the position. Entered service from Oregon.

1ST LT DANIEL H. HOWELL, 0503301, Inf, United States Army. On 15 July 1944 when a truck of his regiment loaded with ammunition received a direct hit from an enemy shell igniting the ammunition, Lt Howell fought the fire until it was extinguished notwithstanding the great threat to his personal safety and the continued shelling of the enemy on the position, thereby preventing destruction of other ammunition in the vicinity and damage to materiel. Entered service from Texas.

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1ST LT ROBERT C. DuPUIS, 01310176, Inf, United States Army. On 7 July 1944, Lt DuPuis was given the mission of reconnoitering enemy positions which were holding up his unit. To determine enemy dispositions, he led a patrol and, although it became somewhat dispersed, he continued the mission and located three different groups of enemy machine guns, bringing back information that was necessary to the successful capture of the hill which was under attack. Entered service from Oregon.

2D LT EMANUEL M. STRAUSS, 0460005, Inf, United States Army. On 5 July 1944 in the vicinity of * * *, France, while his unit was holding a position, it received a heavy counterattack which somewhat disorganized his platoon. He quickly rallied to the situation and organized the platoon and was able to repel three more counterattacks. Lt Strauss not only retained control under difficult circumstances but directed fire of mortar units in his vicinity and furnished information to the artillery, pulling it at times to within fifty yards of his position, thus assisting in breaking up the counterattacks and inflicting heavy casualties on the enemy. Entered service from South Carolina.

T Sgt Gaines E. Staggs, 34280518, Inf. (then Pvt) United States Army. During the period 14 to 21 July 1944 in the vicinity of * * *, France, when his platoon leader had become a casualty, Sgt Staggs took command of the platoon when senior leaders failed to do so. During this period he continued to act in the capacity of leadership until heavy casualties necessitated the combining of his platoon with another platoon at which time he assumed the duties of platoon sergeant of the combined platoons. His acceptance of these responsibilities beyond his grade at a critical time greatly contributed to the successful defense of the position by his unit. Entered service from Tennessee.

T Sgt William A. Ray, 17013316, Inf, United States Army. On 6 July 1944 Sgt Ray was commanding a machine gun platoon when his company was strongly counterattacked. In addition to his own platoon, he immediately took command of the riflemen in that vicinity and successfully repulsed the counterattack and personally used hand grenades against eight enemy soldier who tried to reach his position, killing two, injuring one and taking one prisoner. Sgt Ray's individual heroism so encouraged the riflemen in his vicinity that he was able to effect reorganization and hold the position against another counterattack in greater strength. Entered service from Arkansas.

T Sgt Orlington A. Brechtel, 37155074, Inf (then S Sgt) United States Army. On 5 July 1944 when his company was ordered to withdraw to a new position due to heavy enemy fire, the withdrawal became somewhat disorganized due to a platoon leader being wounded. Sgt Brechtel, seeing the threatened disorder, on his own initiative, took command of the troops in his vicinity, conducted them to a new position and assembled other troops in the area where he organized and successfully defended the new position. Entered service from South Dakota.

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Sgt James R. Thomson, 37169551, Inf, United States Army. When Sgt Thomson's unit touched the beach on "D" day, it grounded a considerable distance out in the water and the first vehicles which attempted to land stalled and blocked the ramp of the landing craft. Sgt Thomson waded ashore in very deep water, secured assistance and returned in the water to the craft. There, on his own initiative and while the beach and the craft were under fire from enemy artillery, took the responsibility and assisted vehicles ashore and directed the landing of equipment and ammunition. Entered service from North Dakota.

Tec 4 Troy L. Kuykendall, 38147235, Med Dept, United States Army. On 9 July 1944 in the vicinity of * * *, France, when informed that three wounded men were trapped in a tank, Tec 4 Kuykendall went forward with two companions to aid the wounded men. The area at this time was under very heavy enemy artillery fire. Tec 4 Kuykendall succeeded in giving first aid to two of the men and directed them to walk to the rear. It took a considerably longer time to remove the third man who was fastened in the forward compartment and badly wounded but they successfully removed him and completed the evacuation although the position was under fire. Entered service from Texas.

Tec 4 Austin E. Preble, 37155434, Med Dept, United States Army. During the period 13-14 June 1944 in the vicinity of * * *, France, when his platoon had been pinned down by heavy artillery fire and three of his comrades had been seriously wounded, Tec 4 Preble ran 150 yards under heavy artillery fire and rendered first aid to his wounded comrades. When this was completed, he found fourteen wounded in the same field and immediately proceeded to aid and dress the wounds and administer to the dying and stayed with them under continuous fire until they were evacuated to safety. Entered service from Nebraska.

Tec 4 Michael Chedrik, 33829857, Med Dept (then Tec 5) United States Army. On 3 July 1944 when his company had halted and come under concentrated fire from enemy artillery, they sustained heavy casualties. A member of his unit was wounded seriously in "no man's land" and Tec 4 Chedrik crawled 90 yards, placed him on his shelter-half and dragged him to the rear. Thereafter, Tec 4 Chedrik made five other trips, each time returning with a wounded man. All of these trips were made in an area swept by machine gun fire. Entered service from Pennsylvania.

Tec 4 Orville R. Steele, 37172466, Inf (then Pfc) United States Army. When Tec 4 Steele's unit touched the beach on "D" day, it grounded a considerable distance out in the water and the first vehicles which attempted to land stalled and blocked the ramp of the landing craft. Tec 4 Steele waded ashore in very deep water, secured assistance and returned in the water to the craft. There, on his own initiative and while the beach and the craft were under fire from enemy artillery, took the responsibility and assisted vehicles equipment and ammunition ashore. Entered service from North Dakota.

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Tec 4 Russell D. Smith, 37190291, Inf, (then Pfc) United States Army. When Tec 4 Smith's unit touched the beach on "D" Day, it grounded a considerable distance out in the water and the first vehicles which attempted to land stalled and blocked the ramp of the landing craft. Tec 4 Smith waded ashore in very deep water, secured assistance and returned in the water to the craft. There, on his own initiative and while the beach and the craft were under fire from enemy artillery, took the responsibility and assisted vehicles, equipment and ammunition ashore. Entered service from Iowa.

Tec 5 Alfred C. Wood, 34442522, Med Dept, United States Army. On 4 July 1944 in * * *, France, Tec 5 Wood, while with his platoon under heavy artillery and machine gun fire, was pinned down. With complete disregard for his own safety, he crawled 125 yards to reach five wounded men of his company to whom he rendered first aid and attempted to carry them to the rear. Additional fire further injured the men he was attempting to evacuate. Notwithstanding this, Tec 5 Wood continued his efforts and with another man evacuated eight men from the area to a place of safety approximately 800 yards to the rear. Entered service from Georgia.

Pfc George Lee, 36703440, Inf, United States Army. On 5 July 1944 when his unit was subjected to intermittent artillery fire and his company was pinned down by machine gun fire, his sergeant was hit by fragments from an artillery shell. Pfc Lee, without regard for his own safety and disregarding the artillery fire, left his foxhole and crawled about 150 yards and dragged his sergeant back to a place of safety where he administered first aid and stopped the bleeding. Entered service from Illinois.

Pfc James F. Kimmel, 34624432, Med Dept, United States Army. On 9 July 1944 when informed that three wounded men were trapped in a tank, Pfc Kimmel went forward with two companions to aid the wounded men. The area at this time was under very heavy enemy artillery fire. Pfc Kimmel succeeded in giving first aid to two of the men and directed them to walk to the rear. It took a considerably longer time to remove the third man who was fastened in the forward compartment and badly wounded, but they successfully removed him and completed the evacuation although the position was under fire. Entered service from Mississippi.

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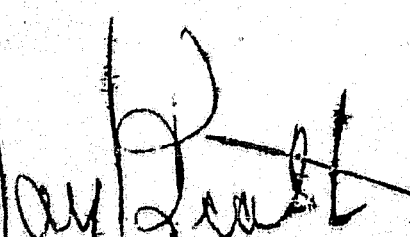
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Pfc Todd McIntyre, 3874611, Inf, United States Army. On 12 July 1944 when two of his companions were seriously wounded and their position was subject to enemy shelling, Pfc McIntyre, disregarding his own safety, made two trips to lead the wounded men 125 yards to the rear. There he sought out aid men and personally assisted in recovering supplies in order to complete the treatment of the wounded men. Entered service from Texas.

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HEADQUARTERS 90TH INFANTRY DIVISION
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18 August 1944

GENERAL ORDERS

No. 40

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I. AWARD OF SILVER STAR. Under the provisions of AR 600-45 and Circular 6, Third U. S. Army, cs, the Silver Star is awarded to the following named officers and enlisted men for gallantry in action in northern France:

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* 1ST LT MARSHALL T. WARFIELD, JR., 01015240, Inf, ** Tank Bn, United States Army. On 8 August 1944 in the vicinity of ** France, Lt Warfield was leading a reconnaissance platoon riding in a $\frac{1}{2}$ -ton truck, advancing in the rear of a light tank platoon which was leading a task force. Upon reaching a turn in the road, an enemy anti-tank weapon fired on and hit the leading tank which the crew immediately abandoned. Unable to bring fire from other sources, Lt Warfield worked himself forward to the disabled tank, found its gun unimpaired and used it to knock out the enemy gun and ammunition truck. This gallant action permitted the column of the task force to advance rapidly and facilitated the mission of the whole force and was in keeping with the best traditions of the military spirit. Entered service from Maryland.

1ST LT HARRY E. COE, 01287481, Inf, **, Tank Bn, United States Army. On 8 August 1944 when leading the advance in the column of a task force marching on ***, France, Lt Coe's tank was hit and disabled by an enemy anti-tank gun. He led the attack by a flanking movement against the anti-tank gun and forced it to retire and took over another tank of his platoon and continued to lead the column. Upon reaching ***, this tank was also knocked out by a high velocity gun whereupon Lt Coe, with the remaining member of his crew who was not a casualty, on his own initiative, joined the other troops and continued to lead the attack until the resistance was cleared. His gallant action was a fine example of determination and resistance and was in keeping with the high traditions of the military spirit. Entered service from Nebraska.

2D LT JAMES R. GIBSON, 01015643, Cav, ** Tank Bn, United States Army. On 3 July 1944 when his company was supporting an attack against enemy mortar and machine gun fire, Lt Gibson reached a point which was under heavy fire and his companion dismounted to reconnoiter the area. Lt Gibson's companion was severely wounded, resulting in the loss of his arm. The area was covered by such intense fire that aid men were unable to reach the wounded soldier. Lt Gibson, disregarding the danger to himself, dismounted in the face of heavy enemy fire and from the relative security of his tank but at a great personal risk, administered first aid to the wounded soldier and then carried him back to a place of safety in the rear. His gallant action saved the life of the soldier. Entered service from South Carolina.

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Sgt Herman Pacione, 36004617, Inf, * * Tank Bn, United States Army. On 23 July 1944 when his battalion was in position, Sgt Pacione was sent out on a reconnaissance mission with his Major and two Lieutenants and the party came under heavy mortar fire. All four members of the party were wounded including Sgt Pacione. After his aid men took care of the three officers, Sgt Pacione noticed a soldier lying in a foxhole nearby badly wounded. Enemy machine gun fire was so intense that aid men were unable to reach the wounded soldier. Although wounded himself, Sgt Pacione crawled to the foxhole and pulled the injured man to cover where first aid was administered. After receiving first aid for his own wounds, Sgt Pacione returned to his tank and continued his job, refusing to be evacuated. This gallant action of Sgt Pacione was an inspiration to his companions and contributed materially to the success of the operation. Entered service from Illinois.

Sgt George W. Nelson, 37438461, Inf, (then Pfc) United States Army. On 8 July 1944 in the darkness of an early morning action, Sgt Nelson and a companion heard what they believed to be two tanks approaching their lines. Knowing that no anti-tank guns were in the vicinity, they voluntarily left their protected positions and worked their way to where they had a clear field of fire covering the unprotected approach to their lines. Withholding their fire, they waited until the enemy armored vehicles approached within thirty-five feet when they opened fire, knocking out both armored vehicles. During the entire action the enemy was sweeping the zone with small arms and mortar fire. This gallant action on the part of Sgt Nelson is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and prevented the enemy armored vehicles from penetrating our lines. Entered service from Minnesota.

Cpl Jack A. Fitzwater, 18086824, FA, United States Army. On 4 July 1944 when his battalion was supporting the advance of the Infantry south of * * *, France, it came under heavy and continuous enemy mortar fire. The forward observer established an observation post at a favorable position. This position was immediately taken under heavy enemy artillery and mortar fire and as a result, the communication wire was cut in many places. Cpl Fitzwater, realizing the importance of the situation, left his foxhole and rather than undertake to repair the numerous breaks, rapidly established a new line in a zone under continuous enemy fire and while other troops were in their dug-in positions and receiving casualties. After the wire was laid, it was again cut and Cpl Fitzwater again proceeded to make repairs. A companion with him was killed. Fragments tore holes in his field jacket and his fatigue trousers but he continued on his mission until the repair was made and the communications restored thereby greatly assisting the resumption of fire on the areas from which the mortar fire was coming until the Infantry accomplished their mission. Entered service from Oklahoma.

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Tec 5 William Rumick, 38070650, FA (then Pvt) United States Army. On 14 June 1944 near * * *, France, when the regiment which his FA battalion was supporting, was attacking the town under heavy machine gun and mortar fire, the forward observer for the artillery who had occupied an observation post, was unable to use his radio because of interference and at a critical time the wire line was cut. Although the route back along the wire line was under heavy small arms and mortar fire, Tec 5 Rumick, disregarding his own personal safety, left his foxhole near the OP, moved along the line in the area covered by the mortar fire where other troops were dug in, located and repaired the break and thereby restored communication and contributed materially to the resumption of the advance by the Infantry. Entered service from Oklahoma.

Pfc Sylvester T. Snaza, 37171654, FA, United States Army. On 6 July 1944, Pfc Snaza, a lineman of the * * FA Bn, was with a group which had established an observation post on a hill in the vicinity of * * *, France and was getting observation important to the operation. The position received very heavy mortar fire and the line back to the batteries was cut about 100 yards east of the OP. Realizing the importance of communication, Pfc Snaza and one companion made their way rapidly to the zone swept by mortar fire, located the breach in the line and repaired it thereby restoring communication at a critical time. Pfc Snaza's gallant action enabled the artillery to silence enemy mortars and permitted the Infantry in that zone to resume the advance. Entered service from North Dakota.

Pfc John F. Welborn, 34515897, Inf, United States Army. On 23 July 1944, after his battalion had a serious engagement and had been forced back to a new position leaving many wounded on the battle field, Pfc Welborn initiated an effort to recover the wounded in full view of the enemy. Disregarding the threat of enemy fire, he voluntarily went into "no man's land" to remove the wounded to a place of safety. His example was an inspiration to his companions and four others followed him. They successfully removed several of the wounded men before they were driven from the field by enemy fire. Pfc Welborn's initiative, courage and gallant action was an inspiration not only to those who followed his example but to those who witnessed his actions. Entered service from South Carolina.

Pfc Raymond D. Brown, 38080109, FA, United States Army. On 6 July 1944, Pfc Brown, a lineman of the * * FA Bn, was with a group which had established an observation post on a hill in the vicinity of * * *, France and was getting observation important to the operation. The position received very heavy mortar fire and the line back to the batteries was cut about 100 yards east of the OP. Realizing the importance of communication, Pfc Brown and one companion made their way rapidly to a zone swept by mortar fire, located the breach in the line and repaired it thereby restoring communication at a critical time. Pfc Brown's gallant action enabled the artillery to silence enemy mortars and permitted the Infantry in that zone to resume the advance. Entered service from Texas.

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Pvt Roy R. Brakebill, 39397588, CE, United States Army. On 12 July 1944 when his company came under heavy enemy artillery fire and an ammunition truck was hit and set on fire causing numerous explosions, several casualties were sustained from the enemy fire and exploding shells. One casualty near the burning ammunition truck had an arm almost completely torn from his body by a shell fragment and was losing blood rapidly. The aid men were unable to cross the hedgerow and go to the assistance of the wounded man due to the heavy barrage and the exploding shells on the ammunition truck. Pvt Brakebill, disregarding his own personal safety, jumped the hedgerow and ran rapidly to the injured man, pulled him to a place of safety and stayed with him until the barrage ceased and he could be evacuated. His gallant action saved the life of his companion and was in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered service from Missouri.

Pvt Boris Krestoff, 19084985, CE, United States Army. On 9 July 1944 in the vicinity of * * *, France, Pvt Krestoff was acting as an assistant observer for the mortar section. Although his position was under constant shelling by enemy mortars and artillery, Pvt Krestoff made eight trips to the CP located 200 yards north and to the rear of his outpost, locating and repairing breaks in the telephone wire over a route which was exposed to small arms fire as well as enemy mortars. By keeping his line in operation, his action materially aided in repulsing a strong enemy counterattack. On his ninth trip to repair the wire, Pvt Krestoff was seriously wounded and later evacuated. Pvt's Krestoff's gallant action was a fine example to his companions and was in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered service from California.

II. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR. Under the provisions of AR 600-45 and Circular 6 Third U. S. Army, cs, the Bronze Star is awarded to the following named officers and enlisted men for bravery in action in northern France:

1ST LT JOSEPH P. GODFREY, 01169534, FA (then 2d Lt) United States Army. On 7-8 July 1944, Lt Godfrey showed exceptional ability, diligence and perseverance as a forward observer for an artillery battalion in pushing his observation post well forward, personally staying well up with the Infantry, encouraging their efforts and setting an example of courage and aggressiveness. Although exhausted from continuous efforts during the night and day to keep up artillery support with the Infantry, he declined advice to return to the rear for a short rest and continued until the Infantry had successfully accomplished its mission. His aggressive leadership and professional skill contributed highly to this end. Entered service from New Hampshire.

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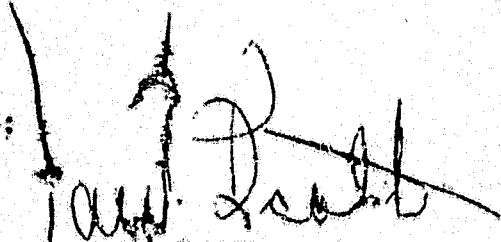
1ST LT PAUL P. FLYNN, 01175115, FA (then 2d Lt) United States Army. On 5 July 1944 Lt Flynn was acting as forward observer for his battalion near * * *, France, reporting Infantry advances. A flank movement was attempted and Lt Flynn volunteered to accompany the Infantry in order that it might receive very close artillery support. When the Infantry received a counterattack from enemy infantry and tanks, Lt Flynn pushed himself well forward with the leading elements of the enveloping company and was able to bring effective fire on the enemy counterattack, covering the withdrawal of our troops to a position which they were able to hold until the attack could be reorganized and again push forward. Entered service from Illinois.

Tec 5 Ruben E. Cook, 37492072, CE, (then Pvt) United States Army. Near the enemy held town of * * *, France, on 16 June 1944, Tec 5 Cook, in company with members of a platoon of Engineers, was caught in a field by enemy mortar and machine gun fire. Tec 5 Cook, seeing his companion wounded by mortar fire and paralyzed from the waist down, stopped and bandaged the soldier's wounds, stopping the blood flow. Being unable to remove him, Tec 5 Cook improvised a tourniquet from the sling of his rifle. Slowly he dragged the wounded man under intense enemy machine gun and mortar fire to the safety of a hedgerow some thirty-five yards away. Entered service from Missouri.

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GENERAL ORDERS

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I. DESIGNATION OF COMBAT INFANTRY REGIMENT. Under the provisions of paragraph 6 War Department Circular 186, 1944, the 359th Infantry Regiment is designated as a Combat Infantry Regiment, retroactive to 9 July 1944.

II. AWARD OF COMBAT INFANTRYMAN BADGE. Under the provisions of paragraph 3 War Department Circular 186, 1944, the Combat Infantryman Badge is awarded the following named officers for exemplary conduct in action against the enemy:

- COONEL ROBERT L. BACON, 08657, Infantry, 359th Infantry
- COONEL GEORGE B. BARTH, 011241, Field Artillery, 357th Infantry

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