

95TH INFANTRY DIVISION

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APO 95, U. S. ARMY

GENERAL ORDERS)  
NUMBER 14)

7 October 1944

*Per Order*

SOLDIER'S MEDAL

Under the provisions of AR 600-45, and Memorandum No. 12, Headquarters Ninth United States Army, dated 8 September 1944, the SOLDIER'S MEDAL is awarded for disregard for personal safety to,

LAWRENCE E GILL, 35390612, Sergeant, 377th Infantry Regiment, United States Army

For heroism displayed in the West Virginia Maneuver Area on 13 June 1944. Sergeant Gill, while engaged in rock climbing, saw another soldier on an adjoining rope hanging upside down, gripping rope with only one hand and in immediate danger of losing his grip and falling thirty or forty feet to the rocks below. Realizing this man's danger, Sergeant Gill, with utter disregard for his own safety, dangerously swung on the rope on which he was practicing, used his legs as a scissor grip around the imperiled man's body and held him in that manner until both were lowered to the ground. His courageous and prompt action undoubtedly saved the soldier from death or serious injury.

By command of Major General TADDLE:

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APO 95, U.S. Army

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2. Under the provisions of AD Cir 186 dated 11 May 44 COL CLIFFORD P CHAPMAN  
01491 INF 379th Inf is awarded the Combat Infantryman badge for exemplary conduct  
in action against the enemy.

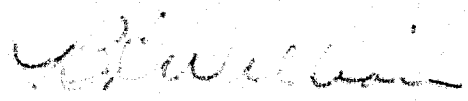
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/s/ W. J. FLORES  
/t/ W. J. FLORES  
MAJ AGD  
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B. E. WILLIAMS  
Capt AGD  
Asst AG

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APO 95, U.S. Army

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13 Nov 44

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1. Under the provisions of D.C. 1101 dated 11 May 44 COL FRUO E GAILLARD 010295 INF 377th In<sup>fc</sup> is awarded the Combat Infantryman Badge for exemplary conduct in action against the enemy.

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By command of Major General TWADDE:

H. J. GOLIGHTLY  
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/s/ W. J. FLOWERS  
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10 November 1944

GENERAL ORDERS)

NUMBER 17)

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AWARD OF BRONZE STAR

By direction of President and under provisions of Army Regulations 600-45 and Letter, Headquarters XX Corps, File AG 200.6, 16 October 1944, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded to:

WOODROW A. KAISER, 36142738, Technician Fifth Grade, Infantry,  
\*\*\*\*\*  
United States Army

For meritorious service on 8 November 1944 against an enemy of the United States in France.

By command of Major General TWADDLE:

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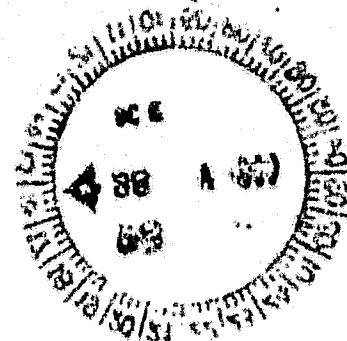
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11 November 1944

GENERAL ORDERS)

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I. AWARD OF SILVER STAR: By direction of the President, and under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and Ltr. Hq. XX Corps, File AG 200.6, 16 October 1944, the Silver Star is awarded to:

✓ MAX M. LEWIS, O1289445, 1st Lieutenant, INF, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action, on 21 October 1944 and 22 October 1944 in France. Entered Military Service from Washington.

II. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL: By direction of the President, and under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and Ltr. Hq. XX Corps, File AG 200.6, 16 October 1944, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following:

✓ EDWIN A. KOLODZIEJ, 42005132, Private First Class, INF, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 21 October 1944 and 22 October 1944 in France. Entered Military Service from New Jersey.

✓ GAYLORD RITTER, 35333246, Sergeant, INF, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 21 October 1944 and 22 October 1944 in France. Entered Military Service from Ohio.

✓ MELVIN C. RODGERS, 35390356, Private First Class, INF, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 21 October 1944 and 22 October 1944 in France. Entered Military Service from Ohio.

✓ HAROLD DENNISON, 35391649, Staff Sergeant, INF, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 21 October 1944 and 22 October 1944 in France. Entered Military Service from West Virginia.

✓ JOHN R. KRAUZER, 12217664, Private First Class, Med Dept, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 21 October 1944 in France. Entered Military Service from New York.

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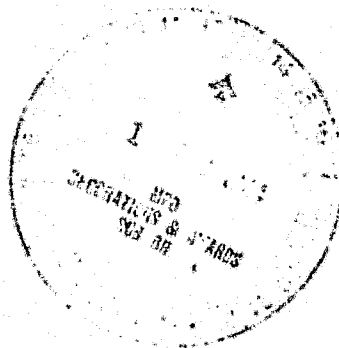
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GENERAL ORDERS)

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AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

By direction of the President, and under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and Ltr. Hq, XX Corps, File AG 200.6, 16 October 1944, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to:

✓ ROBERT R. SCHULTZ, 35411361, Technician Fourth Grade, Mod Dept, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 21 October 1944 in France. Entered Military Service from Ohio.

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HEADQUARTERS 95TH INFANTRY DIVISION  
APO 95, U. S. Army

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16 November 1944

GENERAL ORDERS)

NUMBER 20)

ORIGINAL ORDER - 57011

I. AWARD OF SILVER STAR: By direction of the President, and under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and Ltr. Hq. XX Corps, File AG 200.6, 16 October 1944, the Silver Star is awarded to:

JOHN A. LEHAN, 31452035, Private, INF, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action, on 24 October 1944 in France. Entered Military Service from Massachusetts.

II. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL: By direction of the President, and under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and Ltr. Hq. XX Corps, File AG 200.6, 16 October 1944, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to:

ROY F. JENNINGS, 39709424, Private, INF, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 21 October 1944 and 22 October 1944 in France. Entered Military Service from California.

By command of Major General TWADDE:

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NUMBER 21)

ORIGINAL ORDER - STOUSSA

AWARD OF SILVER STAR

By direction of the President, and under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and Ltr. Hq. XX Corps, File AG 200.6, 16 October 1944, the Silver Star is awarded to:

AUTREY J. MAROUN, O19865, Lieutenant Colonel, INF, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy on 15 November 1944 in France. Entered United States Military Academy from Louisiana.

By command of Major General TWADDE:

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HEADQUARTERS 95TH INFANTRY DIVISION  
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18 November 1944

GENERAL ORDERS)

NUMBER 22)

ORIGINAL ORDER - FLORES

I. AWARD OF SILVER STAR: By direction of the President, and under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and Ltr. Hq. XX Corps, File AG 200.6, 16 October 1944, the Silver Star is awarded to:

EDWARD E. SMITH, 37213169, Sergeant, INF, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action, on 31 October 1944 in France. Entered Military Service from Kansas.

II. AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL: By direction of the President, and under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and Ltr. Hq. XX Corps, File AG 200.6, 16 October 1944, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded posthumously to:

JOHN L. HENKEL, 37287741, Sergeant, CMP, \*\*\*\*Military Police Platoon, for meritorious service in connection with military operations, from 17 August 1944 to 22 October 1944 in the United Kingdom and France. Entered Military Service from Minnesota.

III. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL: By direction of the President, and under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and Ltr. Hq. XX Corps, File AG 200.6, 16 October 1944, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following:

WILLIAM I. POMEROY JR., 35770241, Private First Class, Med Dept, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 31 October 1944 in France. Entered Military Service from Kentucky.

ROBERT D. VAN DYKE III, 34884315, Private, INF, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 31 October 1944 in France. Entered Military Service from Georgia.

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20 November 1944

GENERAL ORDERS)

ORIGINAL ORDER - FIGURE

NUMBER 24)

I. AWARD OF SILVER STAR: By direction of the President, and under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and Ltr. Hq. XX Corps, File AG 200.6, 16 October 1944, the Silver Star is awarded to the following:

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\* ROBERT L. BACON, 06657, Colonel, INF, Headquarters, 95th Infantry Division, for gallantry in action, from 8 November 1944 to 20 November 1944 in France.

MARK MC CLURE, 014935, Colonel, FA, Headquarters, 95th Division Artillery, for gallantry in action, from 8 November 1944 to 20 November 1944 in France.

FRED E. GAILLARD, 010295, Colonel, INF, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action, from 8 November 1944 to 20 November 1944 in France.

SAMUEL L. METCALFE, 09684, Colonel, INF, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action, from 8 November 1944 to 20 November 1944 in France.

II. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL: By direction of the President, and under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and Ltr. Hq. XX Corps, File AG 200.6, 16 October 1944, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following:

DON G. SMITH, 06690, Brigadier General, USA, Headquarters, 95th Infantry Division, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 8 November 1944 to 20 November 1944 in France.

HARVEY J. GOLIGHTLY, 010304, Colonel, JSC, Headquarters, 95th Infantry Division, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 8 November 1944 to 20 November 1944 in France.

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✓ OLEN B. SHAFAN, 0130370, Lieutenant Colonel, OD, \*\*\*\*\* Ordnance Company, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 8 November 1944 to 20 November 1944 in France.

✓ CLARENCE H. MACKEY, 0298050, Lieutenant Colonel, GSC, Headquarters, 95th Infantry Division, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 8 November 1944 to 20 November 1944 in France.

✓ MAX W. CARVER, 023590, Lieutenant Colonel, MC, \*\*\*\* Medical Battalion, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 8 November 1944 to 20 November 1944 in France.

✓ JOHN E. CARTER, 0303529, Lieutenant Colonel, GSC, Headquarters, 95th Infantry Division, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 8 November 1944 to 20 November 1944 in France.

✓ JAMES I. CROWTHER, 0324047, Lieutenant Colonel, CE, \*\*\*\* Engineer Battalion, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 8 November 1944 to 20 November 1944 in France.

✓ DORSEY E. MC CRODY, 022683, Lieutenant Colonel, GSC, Headquarters, 95th Infantry Division, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 8 November 1944 to 20 November 1944 in France.

✓ HOWARD L. BARNETT, 0237574, Lieutenant Colonel, SC, \*\*\*\* Signal Company, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 8 November 1944 to 20 November 1944 in France.

✓ PATRICK J. HEND, 0283736, Lieutenant Colonel, MC, Headquarters, 95th Infantry Division, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 8 November 1944 to 20 November 1944 in France.

THOMAS W. CROSBY, 0300509, Lieutenant Colonel, CWS, Headquarters, 95th Infantry Division, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 8 November 1944 to 20 November 1944 in France.

GRANVILLE E. TYSON, 0357769, Major, GSC, Headquarters, 95th Infantry Division, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 8 November 1944 to 20 November 1944 in France.

THOMAS V. HOLLAND, 0480130, Major, AC, Headquarters, 95th Infantry Division, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 8 November 1944 to 20 November 1944 in France.

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22 November 1944

GENERAL ORDERS)

ORIGINAL ORDER - KTCUWA

NUMBER 25)

I. AWARD OF SILVER STAR, MISSING IN ACTION: By direction of the President, and under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and Ltr. Hq. XX Corps, File AG 200.6, 16 October 1944, the Silver Star is awarded to:

JOHN D. NOEL, 35730491, Private First Class, INF, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action, on 21 October 1944 and 22 October 1944 in France. Entered Military Service from Kentucky.

OK II. RESCISSION: So much of Section I, General Orders, Number 24 this Headquarters, dated 20 November 1944, as pertains to ROBERT L. BACON, 08657, Colonel, INF, Headquarters 95th Infantry Division, is rescinded.

III. AWARD OF OAK-LEAF CLUSTER: By direction of the President, and under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and Ltr. Hq. XX Corps, File AG 200.6, 16 October 1944, in addition to the Silver Star previously awarded, a Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to:

ROBERT L. BACON, 08657, Colonel, INF, Headquarters 95th Infantry Division, for gallantry in action, from 8 November 1944 to 20 November 1944 in France.

IV. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL: By direction of the President, and under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and Ltr. Hq. XX Corps, File AG 200.6, 16 October 1944, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following:

WILLIAM C. SHURE, 022751, Lieutenant Colonel, GH, Headquarters 95th Infantry Division, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 8 November 1944 to 20 November 1944 in France. Entered Military Service from Pennsylvania.

JAMES H. COMINGS, 0374201, Lieutenant Colonel, FD, Headquarters 95th Infantry Division, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 8 November 1944 to 20 November 1944 in France. Entered Military Service from Minnesota.

PRESTON R. BISHOP, 0228836, Lieutenant Colonel, INF, \*\*\*\*Tank Battalion, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 12 November 1944 to 20 November 1944 in France. Entered Military Service from Florida.

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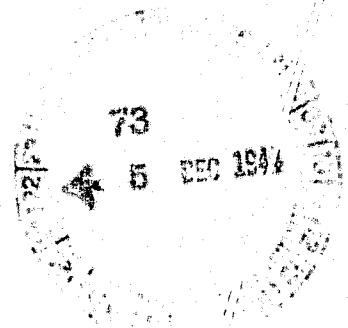
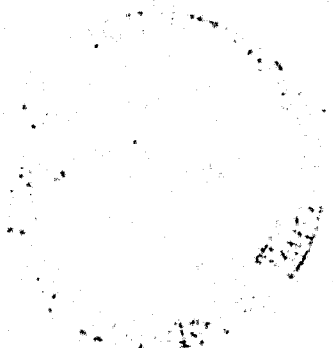
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HEADQUARTERS 95TH INFANTRY DIVISION  
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23 November 1944

GENERAL ORDERS)

ORIGINAL ORDER - 2100A

NUMBER 26)

I. AWARD OF SOLDIER'S MEDAL: By direction of the President, and under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and Ltr. Hq. XX Corps, File AG 200.6, 16 October 1944, the Soldier's Medal is awarded to:

WILLIAM B. TYLER, 13096582, Private, FA, \*\*\*\*Field Artillery Battalion, for heroism not involving actual conflict with the enemy, on 27 September 1944 in France. Entered Military Service from Pennsylvania.

II. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL: By direction of the President, and under provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and Ltr. Hq. XX Corps, File AG 200.6, 16 October 1944, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following:

JOSEPH R. DOUGHERTY, 016608, Lieutenant Colonel, QMC, \*\*\*\*quarter-master Company, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 8 November 1944 to 20 November 1944 in France.

JAMES L. NEWTON, 0284095, Lieutenant Colonel, INF, Headquarters Special Troops, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 8 November 1944 to 20 November 1944 in France.

III. AWARD OF AIR MEDAL: By direction of the President, and under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and Ltr. Hq. XX Corps, File AG 200.6, 16 October 1944, the Air Medal is awarded to the following, [For meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight from 10 November 1944 to 13 November 1944 in France.

ELMER C. BLAHA, 020662, Major, FA, Headquarters 95th Division Artillery.

RAYMOND B. MARIE, 01167528, Captain, FA \*\*\*\*95th Division Artillery.

WILLIAM G. ALCORN, 01166656, First Lieutenant, FA, \*\*\*\*Field Artillery Battalion.

WILLIAM J. HELTON, 01177443, First Lieutenant, FA, \*\*\*\*95th Division Artillery.

PERRY WEST JR, 01177694, First Lieutenant, FA \*\*\*\*Field Artillery Battalion.

EDWARD C. ENGELHART, 01182357, First Lieutenant, FA \*\*\*\*Field Artillery Battalion.

WILLIAM K. STRICKLIN, 01182723, First Lieutenant, FA, \*\*\*\*Field Artillery Battalion.

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NANCE G. FERRELL, 0555443, Second Lieutenant, FA, \*\*\*\*Field  
Artillery Battalion.

JAMES R. KING, 0555551, Second Lieutenant, FA, \*\*\*\*Field Artillery  
Battalion.

JAMES F. NICHOLS Jr., 0555444, Second Lieutenant, FA, \*\*\*\*Field  
Artillery Battalion.

JOHN J. OLIVER, 18132181, Staff Sergeant, FA, \*\*\*\*Field Artillery  
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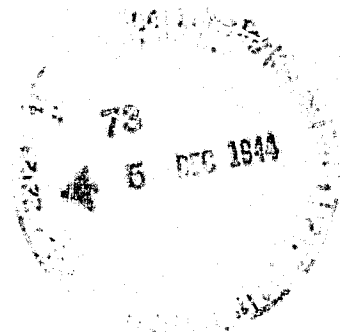
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24 November 1944

GENERAL ORDERS)

NUMBER 27)

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I. AWARD OF SILVER STAR: By direction of the President, and under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and Ltr. Ho. XX Corps, File AG 200.6, 16 October 1944, the Silver Star is awarded to the following:

ALEXANDER R. STEWELL, O16453, Lieutenant Colonel, FA, \*\*\*\*Field Artillery Battalion, for gallantry in action, from 8 November 1944 to 21 November 1944 in France. Entered Military Service from Louisiana.

WALTER F. ULMER, O264359, Lieutenant Colonel, FA, \*\*\*\*Field Artillery Battalion, for gallantry in action, from 8 November 1944 to 21 November 1944 in France. Entered Military Service from Maine.

EDWARD W. WATKINS, O243292, Lieutenant Colonel, FA, \*\*\*\*Field Artillery Battalion, for gallantry in action, from 8 November 1944 to 21 November 1944 in France. Entered Military Service from Arkansas.

THOMAS R. BROWN, O267634, Lieutenant Colonel, FA, \*\*\*\*Field Artillery Battalion, for gallantry in action, from 8 November 1944 to 21 November 1944 in France. Entered Military Service from Florida.

NIMLIAN L. YUILLE, O270933, Lieutenant Colonel, FA, \*\*\*\*Field Artillery Battalion, (Separate), for gallantry in action, from 8 November 1944 to 21 November 1944 in France. Entered Military Service from California.

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\* HAROLD S. SUNDT, O13774, Lieutenant Colonel, FA, \*\*\*\*Tank Destroyer Battalion, for gallantry in action, from 8 November 1944 to 21 November 1944 in France. Entered Military Service from New Mexico.

WILLIAM G. HINCKLEY, O229918, Lieutenant Colonel, FA, \*\*\*\*Field Artillery Battalion, (Separate), for gallantry in action, from 8 November 1944 to 21 November 1944 in France. Entered Military Service from Indiana.

ELMER C. BLAHA, O20662, Major, FA, \*\*\*\*95th Division Artillery, for gallantry in action, from 14 November 1944 to 19 November 1944 in France.

RAYMOND B. MARIE, O1167528, Captain, FA, \*\*\*\*95th Division Artillery, for gallantry in action, from 14 November 1944 to 19 November 1944 in France.

WILLIAM J. HELTON, O1177443, First Lieutenant, FA, \*\*\*\*95th Division Artillery, for gallantry in action, from 14 November 1944 to 19 November 1944 in France.

✓ PERRY WEST JR, 017764, First Lieutenant, FA, \*\*\*\*Field Artillery Battalion, for gallantry in action, from 14 November 1944 to 19 November 1944 in France.

EDWARD C. ENGELHART, 0112357, First Lieutenant, FA, \*\*\*\*Field Artillery Battalion, for gallantry in action, from 14 November 1944 to 19 November 1944 in France.

MILTON F. SVCBODA, 37072430, Sergeant, FA, \*\*\*\*Tank Destroyer Battalion, for gallantry in action, on 13 November 1944 in France. Entered Military Service from Nebraska.

✓ FRANCIS J. MC HUGH, 32572037, Corporal, Med. Dept. \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action, on 12 November 1944 in France. Entered Military Service from New Jersey.

CLIFFORD H. ELLIS, 35690721, Private, FA, \*\*\*\*Tank Destroyer Battalion for gallantry in action, on 18 November 1944 in France. Entered Military Service from Kentucky.

II. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL: By direction of the President, and under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and Ltr. Hq. XX Corps, File AG 200.6, 16 October 1944, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following:

KELVIN H. HUNTER, 0236203, Lieutenant Colonel, FA, \*\*\*\*95th Division Artillery, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 8 November 1944 to 21 November 1944 in France. Entered Military Service from Utah.

✓ RUSSELL T. KEITH, 0366835, Lieutenant Colonel, IGD, Headquarters 95th Infantry Division, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 8 November 1944 to 20 November 1944 in France. Entered Military Service from Indiana.

✓ GUY P. MILLER, 0316026, Major, INF, Headquarters 95th Infantry Division, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 8 November 1944 to 20 November 1944 in France. Entered Military Service from Washington.

✓ JERALD J. HARTRICH, 01165740, Major, FA, \*\*\*\*95th Division Artillery, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 8 November 1944 to 21 November 1944 in France. Entered Military Service from Indiana.

✓ GARLAND WILSON JR, 0360883, Major, FA, \*\*\*\*95th Division Artillery, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 8 November 1944 to 21 November 1944 in France. Entered Military Service from Missouri.

✓ WILLIAM H. KEATING, 01184677, First Lieutenant, FA, \*\*\*\*95th Division Artillery, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 8 November 1944 to 21 November 1944 in France. Entered Military Service from Missouri.

✓ LEO J. FLOWERS, 3534645, Master Sergeant, CWS, Headquarters 95th Infantry Division, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 2 November 1944 in France. Entered military Service from Indiana.

III. AWARD OF MERITORIOUS SERVICE UNIT PLAQUE: Under the provisions of WD Circular Number 345, dated 23 August 1944, a Meritorious Service Unit Plaque is awarded to the 795th Ordnance (LM) Company for superior performance and outstanding devotion to duty in performance of exceptionally difficult tasks during the period 1 May 1944 to 30 June 1944.

The 795th Ordnance (LM) Company during this period performed outstanding service in the preparation of the 95th Infantry Division for overseas movement. This organization was responsible for the technical inspection of Ordnance material prior to turn in, and the reissue of new Ordnance material. The accomplishment of this along with the continuation of their Company training program and normal maintenance functions called for many long and arduous hours which were put in willingly and cheerfully. The 795th Ordnance (LM) Company accomplished all duties assigned to it in a superior manner. This organization during the entire period maintained an enviable disciplinary record, reflecting credit upon itself and the Military Service.

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HEADQUARTERS 95TH INFANTRY DIVISION  
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26 November 1944

GENERAL ORDERS)

NUMBER 28)

ORIGINAL ORDER - 110322

I. AWARD OF SILVER STAR: By direction of the President, and under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and Ltr. Hq. XX Corps, File AG 200.6, 16 October 1944, the Silver Star is awarded to the following:

JOSIPH F. BECKER, O394026, Lieutenant Colonel, INF, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action, from 15 November 1944 to 20 November 1944 in France. Entered military service from Alabama.

ALBERT L. SELLSTA, O297919, Major, INF, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action, from 14 November 1944 to 20 November 1944 in France. Entered military service from Texas.

EDGAR E. CLEAVEL, O368553, Major, MC, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action, from 19 November 1944 to 22 November 1944 in France. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

ALEXANDER C. GRANZIN, O235900, Major, INF, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action, from 15 November 1944 to 22 November 1944 in France. Entered military service from Indiana.

PAUL M. HEDMANN, O376928, Major, INF, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action, from 8 November 1944 to 21 November 1944 in France. Entered military service from Indiana.

WILLIAM F. CREHAN, O1285126, Major, INF, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action, from 8 November 1944 to 21 November 1944 in France. Entered military service from New York.

MCCLES M. CUTLER, O392018, Captain, CAV, \*\*\*\*Reconnaissance Troop, for gallantry in action, from 15 November 1944 to 22 November 1944 in France. Entered military service from Georgia.

WILBUR G. REEL, O1214922, Captain, INF, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action, from 20 November 1944 to 21 November 1944 in France. Entered military service from California.

OK: II. REVISION: So much of Section I, General Orders, Number 27, this Headquarters, dated 24 November 1944, as pertains to HAROLD S. SUNDT, O18774, Lieutenant Colonel, FA, \*\*\*\*Tank Destroyer Battalion, is rescinded.

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III. AWARD OF CAM-LEAF CLUSTER: By direction of the President, and under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and Ltr. Hq. XX Corps, File AG 200.6, 16 October 1944, in addition to the Silver Star previously awarded, a Bronze Cam-Leaf Cluster is awarded to:

HAROLD S. SUNDT, C18774, Lieutenant Colonel, FA, \*\*\*\*Tank Destroyer Battalion, for gallantry in action, from 8 November 1944 to 21 November 1944 in France. Entered military service from New Mexico.

IV. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL: By direction of the President, and under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and Ltr. Hq. XX Corps, File AG 200.6, 16 October 1944, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following:

WOODBUFF J. FLOWERS JR, C1000116, Major, AGD, Headquarters 95th Infantry Division, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 8 November 1944 to 20 November 1944 in France. Entered military service from Kentucky.

JOHN S. PINGELL, C362525, Major, CMF, \*\*\*\*Military Police Platoon, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 8 November 1944 to 20 November 1944 in France. Entered military service from Michigan.

JOHN B. HOLST, C476165, Major, MC, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 8 November 1944 to 21 November 1944 in France. Entered military service from Michigan.

CHARLES H. GULLETT, 0516171, Captain, JAGD, Headquarters 95th Infantry Division, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 8 November 1944 to 20 November 1944 in France. Entered military service from Texas.

DOUGLAS H. AITKEN, 0511121, Captain, MC, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 8 November 1944 to 21 November 1944 in France. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

RICHARD R. GOLDCAMP, 0441568, Captain, MC, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 8 November 1944 to 21 November 1944 in France. Entered military service from Ohio.

JOSEPH M. HERBERT, 0469974, Captain, MC, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 8 November 1944 to 21 November 1944 in France. Entered military service from Ohio.

IRWIN M. GLASSER, 0522692, First Lieutenant, CE, \*\*\*\*Engineer Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 15 November 1944 to 22 November 1944 in France. Entered military service from Texas.



RICHARD H. INGERSOLL, O1523433, First Lieutenant, INF, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 15 November 1944 to 22 November 1944 in France. Entered military service from New York.

DONALD P. PAUL, O1285110, First Lieutenant, INF, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 15 November 1944 to 22 November 1944 in France. Entered military service from New York.

HAROLD L. INMAN, O1306103, Second Lieutenant, INF, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 15 November 1944 to 22 November 1944 in France. Entered military service from New York.

CARL L. REEVES, O1622427, Second Lieutenant, SC, \*\*\*\*Signal Company, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 8 November 1944 to 20 November 1944 in France. Entered military service from Texas.

DANIEL A. MURPHY, O1323161, Second Lieutenant, INF, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 15 November 1944 to 22 November 1944 in France. Entered military service from North Carolina.

JAMES B. ABLEID, 37209838, Sergeant, SC, \*\*\*\*Signal Company, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 8 November 1944 to 20 November 1944 in France. Entered military service from Kansas.

SIDNEY J. FLOM, 36249447, Technician Fourth Grade, SC, \*\*\*\*Signal Company, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 8 November 1944 to 20 November 1944 in France. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

PAUL B. ANDERSON, 37422120, Technician Fifth Grade, INF, \*\*\*\*Company, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 14 November 1944 to 16 November 1944 in France. Entered military service from Iowa.

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HEADQUARTERS 95TH INFANTRY DIVISION  
APO 95, U. S. ARMY

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27 November 1944

GENERAL ORDERS)

NUMBER 29)

I. AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, OF SILVER STAR: By direction of the President, and under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and Ltr. Hq. XX Corps, File AG 200.6, 16 October 1944, the Silver Star is awarded posthumously to the following:

THOMAS E. WILLIAMS, 01301907, First Lieutenant, INF, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action, on 3 November 1944 in France. Entered military service from New Jersey.

DEANE E. RICHMOND, 01285303, First Lieutenant, INF, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action, on 17 November 1944 in France. Entered military service from Vermont.

RAYMOND E. REDING, 36600327, Private First Class, INF, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action, on 17 November 1944 in France. Entered military service from Illinois.

SHERIDAN MONTGOMERY, 35505482, Private First Class, INF, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action, on 18 November 1944 in France. Entered military service from Indiana.

II. AWARD OF SILVER STAR: By direction of the President, and under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and Ltr. Hq. XX Corps, File AG 200.6, 16 October 1944, the Silver Star is awarded to the following:

CHRISTIAN L. OLIVIER JR, 0309443, Lieutenant Colonel, INF, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action, from 16 November 1944 to 17 November 1944, in France. Entered military service from Louisiana.

JOHN E. KELLY, 020156, Lieutenant Colonel, INF, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action, from 16 November 1944 to 19 November 1944 in France. Entered military service from Georgia.

KENNETH W. HAWORTH, 0350712, Major, MC, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action, from 16 November 1944 to 19 November 1944 in France. Entered military service from Kansas.

ROBERT E. ADAIR, 0367110, Captain, INF, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action, on 19 November 1944 in France. Entered military service from Texas.

PAUL A. SCHATTAUER, 01285317, Captain, INF, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action, from 11 November 1944 to 19 November 1944 in France. Entered military service from Hawaii.

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RAYMOND L. SMITH, 0453160, Captain, INF, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action, on 19 November 1944 in France. Entered military service from Iowa.

JACOB H. THOMSON JR, 0409337, Captain, INF, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action, on 9 November 1944 in France. Entered military service from Indiana.

DONALD L. MCORE, 01284915, First Lieutenant, INF, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action, on 9 November 1944 in France. Entered military service from Colorado.

WILLIAM L. KRUEGER, C1297053, First Lieutenant, INF, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action, on 9 November 1944 in France. Entered military service from New Jersey.

JAMES R. PENDERGRAST, 024905, First Lieutenant, INF, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action, on 11 November 1944 in France. Entered United States Military Academy from Texas.

HERBERT H. HARDY, 01308333, Second Lieutenant, INF, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action, on 9 November 1944 in France. Entered military service from Texas.

MARK V. GOODYEAR, 01324164, Second Lieutenant, INF, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action, on 9 November 1944 in France. Entered military service from New York.

HENRY G. ECKERT, 0538086, Second Lieutenant, INF, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action, on 15 November 1944 in France. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

WALTER O. BRUNCK, 37293708, Staff Sergeant, INF, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action, on 18 November 1944 in France. Entered military service from Minnesota.

CURTIS R. SCALES, 35435037, Staff Sergeant, INF, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action, on 9 November 1944 in France. Entered military service from Indiana.

JAMES P. ROBINSON, 35485776, Staff Sergeant, INF, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action, on 15 November 1944 in France. Entered military service from Indiana.

HALBERT M. SIMPSON JR, 38082597, Staff Sergeant, INF, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action, on 16 November 1944 in France. Entered military service from Texas.

JOE G. LERMA, 39285068, Private First Class, INF, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action, on 11 November 1944 in France. Entered military service from California.

LUNA PARKER, 34393541, Private First Class, INF, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action, on 19 November 1944 in France. Entered military service from Alabama.

III. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL: By direction of the President, and under the provisions of AR 600-10, as amended, and Ltr. Hq. XX Corps, File AG 200.6, 16 October 1944, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following:

HAROLD L. PAIS, 0128432, Lieutenant Colonel, INF, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 8 November 1944 to 20 November 1944 in France. Entered United States Military Academy from Indiana.

HENRY W. GILERS, 0453737, Major, SC, \*\*\*\*Signal Company, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 8 November 1944 to 20 November 1944 in France. Entered military service from Arkansas.

EDWIN J. RUMMAN, 01285121, Major, GSC, Headquarters 95th Infantry Division, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 8 November 1944 to 20 November 1944 in France. Entered military service from Arkansas.

HARRY S. ASHMORE, 0397064, Major, GSC, Headquarters 95th Infantry Division, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 8 November 1944 to 20 November 1944 in France. Entered military service from South Carolina.

JULIUS MANF, 0453180, Major, AGD, Headquarters 95th Infantry Division, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 8 November 1944 to 20 November 1944 in France. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

ALBERT K. TINK, 01285336, Major, GSC, Headquarters 95th Infantry Division, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 8 November 1944 to 20 November 1944 in France. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

PAUL W. WHILIP, 0319475, Major, ORD, \*\*\*\*Ordnance (LI) Company, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 8 November 1944 to 20 November 1944 in France. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

JOHN BISBING, 0404268, Major, INF, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 8 November 1944 to 20 November 1944 in France. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

PHILIP Z. HORTON JR, 0337402, Major, INF, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 8 November 1944 to 20 November 1944 in France. Entered military service from Illinois.

SIDNEY P. KIRSTY, 0326123, Major, INF, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 8 November 1944 to 21 November 1944 in France. Entered military service from South Carolina.

HERBERT PARKER, 01177930, First Lieutenant, FA, Headquarters 95th Infantry Division, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 8 November 1944 to 20 November 1944 in France. Entered military service from Texas.

JAMES C. BILLING, 01304536, First Lieutenant, INF, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 15 November 1944 in France. Entered military service from Mississippi.

BENJAMIN B. ROTH, 01526125, First Lieutenant, MC, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 11 November 1944 to 18 November 1944 in France. Entered military service from New Jersey.

CHARLES D. CRAWFORD, 01285205, First Lieutenant, INF, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 18 November 1944 in France. Entered military service from North Carolina.

ELLIOT L. KATZ, 01324339, First Lieutenant, INF, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 11 November 1944 to 19 November 1944 in France. Entered military service from New Jersey.

KERMIT A. BRIDDLE, 0533415, Second Lieutenant, INF, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 11 November 1944 to 20 November 1944 in France. Entered military service from Texas.

WALTER J. HUGHES, 01325643, Second Lieutenant, INF, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 15 November 1944 in France. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

MORRIS F. STEFFEN, 36248920, Technical Sergeant, INF, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 15 November 1944 in France. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

FRANK B. MC GINN, 36061944, Technical Sergeant, INF, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 18 November 1944 in France. Entered military service from Illinois.

CHARLES L. LOVE, 13008666, Sergeant, Mcd Dept, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 11 November 1944 to 21 November 1944 in France. Entered military service from Texas.

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SAMUEL B. DE VORE, 6065960, Technician Fifth Grade, Med Dept, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 11 November 1944 in France. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

LEO J. FALCO, 37212733, Private First Class, INF, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 13 November 1944 in France. Entered military service from Missouri.

FRANK L. COLLIER, 3343270, Private First Class, INF, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 10 November 1944 to 21 November 1944 in France. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

RAY L. FLESHER, 37208274, Private, INF, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 13 November 1944 in France. Entered military service from Kansas.

By command of Major General TWADDLE:

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HEADQUARTERS NINTH-FIFTEEN AIRBORNE DIVISION  
APO 95, U. S. ARMY

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29 November 1944

SUBJECT: Posthumous award of Bronze Star Medal.

TO : The Adjutant General, Washington 25, D. C.

By direction of the President, and under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-49, as amended, and letter, Headquarters, XX Corps, file no 200.6, dated 10 October 1944, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded posthumously to:

Second Lieutenant Richard Stafford, (ASN 01160360), RA, Service Battery, 359th Field Artillery Battalion. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, in France, from 12 September 1944, to 18 September 1944.

During his entire service with Service Battery, 359th Field Artillery Battalion, the meritorious conduct and achievement of Second Lieutenant Stafford was an inspiration to all. While serving as convey officer, in the 95th Truck Regiment (Provisional), he was killed, on 18 September 1944, in an accident on the Red Ball Route.

Second Lieutenant Stafford's unflinching concern for the well-being of the personnel of his organization, and his exemplary devotion to the accomplishment of the missions assigned to his organization, reflect lasting credit upon himself, and exemplify the highest traditions of the military service.

For the Commanding General:

*W. J. Flowers*  
W. J. FLOWERS  
Major, AGO  
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GENERAL ORDERS)

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ORIGINAL ORDER - 11008A

I. AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, OF SILVER STAR: By direction of the President, and under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and Ltr. Hq. XX Corps, File AG 200.6, 16 October 1944, the Silver Star is awarded posthumously to:

FITZ HOLLERDA, 16423510, Private First Class, Med Dept, \*\*\*\*Medical Battalion, for gallantry in action, on 17 November 1944 in France. Entered military service from Michigan.

II. AWARD OF SILVER STAR: By direction of the President, and under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and Ltr. Hq. XX Corps, File AG 200.6, 16 October 1944, the Silver Star is awarded to the following:

*orig. Amended by G.O. 33 - Dec 1944 CAC*  
WESLEY G. BAILY, 30153757, Private, \*\*\*\*Anti-aircraft Artillery Battalion, for gallantry in action, from 14 November 1944 to 16 November 1944 in France. Entered military service from California.

LEONARD L. STURGLON, 17133400, Private, Med Dept, \*\*\*\*Medical Battalion, for gallantry in action, on 17 November 1944 in France. Entered military service from Missouri.

*orig. Amended by G.O. 37 - Dec 1944 CAC*  
HAROLD A. STITZLE, 18012149, Private, \*\*\*\*Anti-Aircraft Artillery Battalion, for gallantry in action, from 14 November 1944 to 16 November 1944 in France. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

III. AWARD OF OAK-LEAF CLUSTER: By direction of the President, and under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and Ltr. Hq. XX Corps, File AG 200.6, 16 October 1944, in addition to the Silver Star previously awarded, a Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to:

RICHARD A. REYNOLDS, 01170532, First Lieutenant, FA, \*\*\*\*Tank Destroyer Battalion, for gallantry in action, on 17 November 1944 in France. Entered military service from Tennessee.

IV. AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL: By direction of the President, and under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and Ltr. Hq. XX Corps, File AG 200.6, 16 October 1944, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded posthumously to:

RICHARD STAFFORD, 01180350, Second Lieutenant, FA, \*\*\*\*Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 15 September 1944 to 18 September 1944 in France. Entered military service from Oregon.

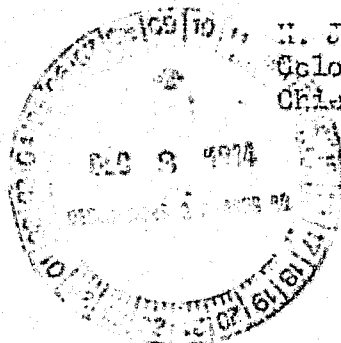
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APO 95, U. S. Army

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A BRONZE STAR MEDAL

By direction of the President, and under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and Ltr. Hq. XX Corps, File AG 200.6, 15 October 1944, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following:

THEODORE B. LYON, 01297063, First Lieutenant, INF, Headquarters Military Intelligence Service, European Theater of Operations, United States Army, (attached this Headquarters), for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 8 November 1944 to 20 November 1944 in France. Entered military service from New York.

CLETON C. FORTON, 0133041, First Lieutenant, INF, Headquarters Military Intelligence Service, European Theater of Operations, United States Army, (attached this Headquarters), for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 8 November 1944 to 20 November 1944 in France. Entered military service from New Jersey.

JOHN F. IAJESKI, 32720754, Master Sergeant, INF, Headquarters Military Intelligence Service, European Theater of Operations, United States Army, (attached this Headquarters), for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 8 November 1944 to 20 November 1944 in France. Entered military service from New York.

DONALD E. MAC COUL, 36646486, Staff Sergeant, INF, Headquarters Military Intelligence Service, European Theater of Operations, United States Army, (attached this Headquarters), for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 8 November 1944 to 20 November 1944 in France. Entered military service from New York.

JAMES H. LORD, 12283139, Technician Third Grade, INF, Headquarters Military Intelligence Service, European Theater of Operations, United States Army, (attached this Headquarters), for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 8 November 1944 to 20 November 1944 in France. Entered military service from New York.

WALTER B. PRUDEN JR, 32467251, Technician Third Grade, INF, Headquarters Military Intelligence Service, European Theater of Operations, United States Army, (attached this Headquarters), for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 8 November 1944 to 20 November 1944 in France. Entered military service from New Jersey.

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By command of Major General WADDLE:

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HEADQUARTERS NINETY-FIFTH INFANTRY DIVISION  
APO 95, U. S. ARMY

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29 November 1944

SUBJECT: Posthumous Award of Bronze Star Medal.

TO : The Adjutant General, Washington 25, D. C.

By direction of the President, and under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, and Letter, Headquarters, XX Corps, File AG 200.6, dated 16 October 1944, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded posthumously to:

Second Lieutenant RICHARD STAFFORD, (ASN 01180350), PA, Service Battery, 359th Field Artillery Battalion. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, in France, from 15 September 1944 to 18 September 1944.

During his entire service with Service Battery, 359th Field Artillery Battalion, the meritorious conduct and achievement of Second Lieutenant Stafford was an inspiration to all. While serving as convoy officer, in the 93rd Truck Regiment (Provisional), he was killed, on 18 September 1944, in an accident on the Red Ball Route.

Second Lieutenant Stafford's unflagging concern for the well-being of the personnel of his organization, and his exemplary devotion to the accomplishment of the missions assigned to his organization, reflect lasting credit upon himself, and exemplify the highest traditions of the military service.

For the Commanding General:

W. J. FLOWERS  
Major, AGD  
Adjutant General

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SECTION I - AWARD OF SILVER STAR.  
SECTION II - AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

I. AWARD OF SILVER STAR: By direction of the President, and under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and Ltr. Hq. XX Corps, File AG 200.6, 16 October 1944, the Silver Star is awarded to the following:

PETER H. SKALA, 01326224, Second Lieutenant, INF, Military Intelligence Service, Headquarters European Theater of Operations, United States Army, attached to \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action, from 20 November 1944 to 22 November 1944, in France. When Company I was attacking the caserne, at Metz, Second Lieutenant SKALA went ahead of the attacking echelon to demand the surrender of a German officer and his men who were firing from windows in upper stories. When his demand was refused, Second Lieutenant SKALA opened fire and attacked up a stairway. Enemy grenade blasts drove him downstairs, but he courageously resumed the attack, and the rifle troops advanced. On many occasions, on the same day, at a considerable distance in front of friendly riflemen, Second Lieutenant SKALA repeated his intrepid performance, thus securing valuable information of the enemy, and forcing the surrender of four hundred enemy troops. The conspicuous gallantry displayed by Second Lieutenant SKALA reflects great credit upon himself and is in keeping with the highest traditions of the Military Service. Entered military service from New York.

ELMER L. SCHEFFLER, 35405505, Staff Sergeant, INF, Company D, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action, on 15 November 1944, in France. Staff Sergeant SCHEFFLER was wounded twice the morning of 15 November 1944, but he courageously remained with his section, under the enemy's heavy artillery, and successfully directed fire on an enemy mortar one hundred yards away. This gallant action of Staff Sergeant SCHEFFLER'S enabled the rifle companies of his battalion to gain their objective, and reflects great credit upon himself. His faithful devotion to duty is in accordance with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Ohio.

JOHN M. HIGH, 35411330, Staff Sergeant, INF, Company D, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action, on 15 November 1944, in France. Staff Sergeant High, Section Leader, in Company D, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, was following a rifle company in the attack when he perceived the formation of an enemy counter-attack in such strength as to threaten destruction of the rifle company. With cool direction, he emplaced the machine guns of his section and employed them so effectively that the hostile counter-attack was broken up and the rifle elements saved. The aggressive gallantry displayed by Staff Sergeant HIGH on this occasion reflects great credit upon himself and exemplifies the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Ohio.

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JOSEPH T. O'MALLEY, 35213394, Technician Fourth Grade, INF, Headquarters Company, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action, on 15 November 1944, in France. In the attack on Fort Jussy, Technician Fourth Grade O'MALLEY, a radio operator, accompanied the assaulting elements of the First Battalion, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment. Numerous casualties were inflicted by intense, accurate fire from enemy machine guns and mortars. Technician Fourth Grade O'MALLEY was among the first to be wounded. However, he refused medical attention, and continued to advance, carrying his radio set, transmitting all messages from the Battalion Commander. In addition to operating his radio, Technician Fourth Grade O'MALLEY assisted in setting a German power house. When the assault reached Fort Jussy, Technician Fourth Grade O'MALLEY voluntarily crawled into areas exposed to the enemy's fire in order to recover food, ammunition and medical supplies dropped by friendly planes. During the entire operation, Technician Fourth Grade O'MALLEY'S gallant behavior, reflecting honor upon himself, was in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Ohio.

STANLEY OLSEN, 36352605, Private First Class, INF, Company D, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action, on 15 November 1944, in the vicinity of Fort De Feves, France. Private First Class OLSEN was ammunition bearer in a heavy machine gun squad of Company D, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, when a strong enemy counter-attack struck his organization. Number one man of his squad was wounded while advancing with the machine gun tripod, and the number two man became a casualty while trying to replace him. Then, Private First Class OLSEN moved up to replace the tripod and, even after being hit by enemy fire in the shoulder, pressed on in support of rifle elements until relieved by another member of his squad. The extreme gallantry displayed by private First Class OLSEN on this occasion reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Illinois.

JAMES H. NEFF, 35466628, Private First Class, INF, Company H, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action, on 14 November 1944, in France. Private First Class NEFF was serving as ammunition bearer in Company H, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, during the attack on fortified positions outside Fort Jeanne D'Arc when he observed a German machine gun firing on an officer of Company E. He noted that the officer had absolutely no cover, in an area in which artillery was registering, and that the officer was unable to move to cover because of the German machine gun fire. Without hesitation private First Class NEFF moved quickly across forty-five yards of fire-swept ground to a position from which he could shoot the German machine gunner. This he did, silencing the enemy weapon, and enabling the officer to take cover. The outstanding gallantry displayed by Private First Class NEFF reflects great credit upon himself, and exemplifies the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Ohio.

CARSON L. SMELTZER, 6947867, Private First Class, FA, Battery B, \*\*\*\*Field Artillery Battalion, for gallantry in action, on 4 November 1944, in France. Private First Class SMELTZER, a wireman in Battery B, \*\*\*\*Field Artillery Battalion, volunteered to go out in a patrol of infantry soldiers for the purpose of obtaining information, and destroying a hostile platoon holding Fromcourt Ferme. He also volunteered to carry the only bazooka and ammunition on the patrol. Under cover of darkness, the patrol reached the north edge of the farm. There, the patrol split into two parties in order to surround the house. Private First Class SMELTZER went around the east side of the house,

with the officer in command of the patrol. When encirclement was complete, the patrol opened fire. With the second round from his bazooka Private First Class SMELIER blew a German soldier out of the second story window of the house. Other verified damage included one machine gun destroyed, four enemy killed; and several more probably killed. The patrol sustained one casualty. Throughout the action Private SMELIER proved a superior infantryman. His gallant prowess warrants great credit upon himself and exemplifies the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

GORDON B. PEARSON, 3204495, Private, INF, Company H, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action, on 14 November 1944, in France. During the attack on strongly fortified German positions outside Fort Jeanne D' Arc, Private PEARSON volunteered to carry messages and to escort prisoners to the Battalion Command Post through areas in which artillery fire was falling and small arms fire was plentiful. He made five trips across the danger-fraught ground between his company and the Battalion Command Post. He then volunteered, with another enlisted man, to guide the battalion reserve company in an assault upon an enemy strong point which was holding up the advance. In so doing he was wounded by artillery fire, and crawled two hundred and fifty yards across exposed terrain to a bunker occupied by friendly troops. The gallant action of Private PEARSON contributed materially to the success of the Battalion mission by keeping open the communication and supply lines, and reflecting great credit upon himself and is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

JIM L. SIMONS, 396981, Private First Class, INF, Company H, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action, from 14 November 1944 to 18 November 1944, in France. On 14 November 1944, Private First Class SIMONS participated in the assault on fortified positions in the vicinity of Fort Jeanne D' Arc. While attacking, an element of the Battalion became isolated from the main body by fierce enemy fire. Private First Class SIMONS volunteered to go to the Command Post for food, ammunition and other supplies. He made nine hazardous trips across the area swept by the enemy's artillery, mortar and small arms; for four days he maintained communication and supply lines between his unit and the Battalion Command Post. Finally, he volunteered to guide battalion elements in the second and conclusive assault on the Battalion's objective. Private First Class SIMONS' supreme gallantry and his heroic devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Georgia.

II. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL: By direction of the President, and under the provisions of Act 600-45, as amended, and Ltr. Hq. XX Corps, File AG 200.6, 16 October 1944, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following:

HUGH J. LE BLANC, 16093424, Sergeant, FA, Headquarters Battery, \*\*\*\*Field Artillery Battalion, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 15 November 1944, in France. During the night of 15 November 1944, the enemy succeeded in cutting off communications between Hekange and Arneldeure, both occupied by the First Battalion, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, leaving radio the only means of communication. Our troops in Arneldeure required heavy artillery support in order to keep off an aggressive enemy. This support was made possible only by means of a remote control unit



from a radio set at one end of Uckange to an artillery radio set at the other end of the town. When this line was cut, it became imperative that another line be laid, even though our infantry in Uckange had orders to shoot at any moving target after dark. In full knowledge of these orders, Sergeant LE BLANC, with one enlisted man, laid a new wire to the artillery radio, thus keeping communication open and enabling friendly artillery fire to prevent further enemy advance on our troops in Imeldange. Sergeant LE BLANC'S heroic achievement reflects great credit upon himself and is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

MARVIN L. TANTON, 3727714, Corporal, FA, Headquarters Battery, \*\*\*Field Artillery Battalion, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 15 November 1944, in France. During the night of 15 November 1944, the enemy succeeded in cutting off communications between Uckange and Imeldange, both occupied by the First Battalion, \*\*\* Infantry Regiment, leaving radio as the only means of communication. Our troops in Imeldange required heavy artillery support in order to keep off an aggressive enemy. This support was made possible only by means of a remote control unit from a radio set at one end of Uckange to an artillery radio set at the other end of the town. When this line was cut, it became imperative that another line be laid, even though our infantry in Uckange had orders to shoot at any moving target after dark. In full knowledge of these orders, Corporal TANTON, with a non-commissioned officer, laid a new wire to the artillery radio, thus keeping communication open and enabling friendly artillery fire to prevent further enemy advance on our troops in Imeldange. Corporal TANTON'S heroic achievement reflects great credit upon himself and is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from North Dakota.

PAUL E. STOICHEFF, 36430603, Technician Fifth Grade, FA, Battery A, \*\*\*Field Artillery Battalion, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 14 November 1944, in France. Technician Fifth Grade STOICHEFF left his trench and went across forty yards of fire-swept ground to obtain a first aid kit, and returned to administer first aid to a wounded comrade. Hostile mortar fire continued to fall while Technician Fifth Grade STOICHEFF administered first aid and he himself was wounded by it. The unselfish loyalty displayed by him reflects great credit upon himself and is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Illinois.

ROY E. CROW, 38125150, Private First Class, FA, Headquarters Battery, \*\*\*Field Artillery Battalion, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 15 November 1944, in France. When the First Battalion, \*\*\* Infantry Regiment was cut off from normal means of communication, Private First Class CROW attempted to lay wire to it across the Moselle River. Chest-high in water he worked with a hundred pounds of cable wire, ten yards from shore, against the drag of the swollen river, until hit by enemy fire. Private First Class CROW'S courageous achievement, in effecting temporary wire communication across the Moselle River in the face of intense hostile fire, reflects great credit upon himself and is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Texas.

HERBERT E. GAUSEWITZ, 2541934, Private, Med Dept, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 14 November 1944 to 17 November 1944, in France. Litter bearer in the Medical Detachment, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, Private GAUSEWITZ led his squad through intense enemy fire, with the assault elements in the attack on the fortifications near Fort Jeanne D'Arc, in order to more quickly evacuate the wounded. In one instance, on 15 November 1944, Private GAUSEWITZ entered a bunker occupied by the enemy, in order to treat and then evacuate American casualties whose survival is primarily owed to this soldier's courage. Private GAUSEWITZ, although physically exhausted, declined to accept relief until the last casualty had been cared for. The heroic action displayed by Private GAUSEWITZ reflects honor upon himself, and is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

RICHARD A. SPENCE, 3724246, Technical Sergeant, FA, Headquarters Battery, \*\*\*\*Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 20 October 1944 to 20 November 1944, in France. Entered military service from Minnesota.

PATRICK E. SULTOW, 36557000, Staff Sergeant, FA, Headquarters Battery, \*\*\*\*Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 20 October 1944 to 20 November 1944, in France. Entered military service from Illinois.

HOWARD R. GRIFFIN, 32543725, Sergeant, FA, Battery A, \*\*\*\*Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 9 November 1944, in France. Entered military service from New York.

JEROME RIVEN, 33356511, Private First Class, INF, Company D, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 15 November 1944, in France. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

EDUARDO T. SALAS, 33112791, Private First Class, Med Dept, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 15 November 1944, in France. Entered military service from Texas.

CONDY J. STUCKES, 6295437, Private, Med Dept, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 14 November 1944, in France. Entered military service from Maryland.

JOHN G. KOPP, 34544803, Private, Med Dept, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 14 November 1944, in France. Entered military service from Georgia.

CLARENCE F. BRATTON, 6931105, Private First Class, INF, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 14 November 1944, in France. Entered military service from Illinois.

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JOSEPH HELLMER, 37208942, Technician Fifth Grade, Med Dept, \*\*\*\*  
Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in connection with military operations  
against the enemy, on 14 November 1944, in France. Entered military service  
from Missouri.

HENRY R. RADTKE, 36247292, Technician Fifth Grade, Med Dept, \*\*\*\*  
Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in connection with military operations  
against the enemy, on 14 November 1944, in France. Entered military service from  
Wisconsin.

STANLEY M. GAVERN, 36899712, Private First Class, INF, Company D,  
\*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in connection with military  
operations against the enemy, on 15 November 1944, in France. Entered military  
service from Michigan.

By command of Major General TWIDDLE:

H. J. GOLIGHTLY  
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SECTION I -- AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, OF SILVER STAR  
SECTION II -- AWARD OF SILVER STAR  
SECTION III -- AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL  
SECTION IV -- AGREEMENT

I. AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, OF SILVER STAR: By direction of the President, and under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and Ltr. Hq. XX Corps, File AG 200.6, 16 October 1944, the Silver Star is awarded posthumously to:

CESNA E. MCKINTOSH, 35589717, Private First Class, Fi, Headquarters Battery, \*\*\*\*Field Artillery Battalion, for gallantry in action against the enemy, on 13 November 1944, in the vicinity of Uckange, France. When the First Battalion, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment was cut off from normal means of communication, Private First Class MCKINTOSH attempted to lay wire to it across the Moselle River. Chest-high in water he worked with a hundred pounds of cable wire, ten yards from shore, against the drag of the swollen river. In effecting temporary wire communication across the Moselle River, Private First Class MCKINTOSH gave his life. His fearless and extreme devotion to duty reflects lasting honor upon himself, and exemplifies the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Ohio.

II. AWARD OF SILVER STAR: By direction of the President, and under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and Ltr. Hq. XX Corps, File AG 200.6, 16 October 1944, the Silver Star is awarded to the following:

WILLIAM G. HOBINE, 01325893, Second Lieutenant, INF, Company F, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action against the enemy, on 17 November 1944, in the vicinity of Ay Sur Moselle, France. When Task Force \*\*\*\*\* assault on Ay Sur Moselle was obstructed by two enemy machine guns, supported by rifle fire, Second Lieutenant HOBINE led half a rifle-squad across one hundred yards of open ground to reduce the hostile obstacle. The two machine guns were destroyed; three of the enemy were killed; four prisoners were taken. Second Lieutenant HOBINE'S bold action enabled the Task Force to enter and capture Ay Sur Moselle. His distinct gallantry reflects great credit upon himself, and exemplifies the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Maryland.

JOHN F. MURPHY, 31207836, Corporal, CMP, \*\*\*\*Military Police Platoon, for gallantry in action against the enemy, on 23 November 1944, in the vicinity of Metz, France. Corporal MURPHY was on a traffic control post at the east approach to the Moselle River pontoon bridge. Extremely heavy traffic was crossing the bridge from the west, and a large number of vehicles were waiting at the east approach. Suddenly there was an explosion about two hundred yards from Corporal MURPHY'S post. Several officers and enlisted men rushed to care

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for a man who had been injured. Then, more artillery shells began to fall in the area. Despite the intense shelling, Corporal MURPHY remained at his post and using signals, orders and the authority of his weapon, he cleared the brig., and the approach, of all vehicles. Corporal MURPHY'S quick thinking and prompt action saved many persons and vehicles from possible destruction by artillery fire. The intrepidity displayed by Corporal MURPHY reflects distinct honor upon himself, and is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

III. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL: By direction of the President, and under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and Ltr. Hq. VX Corps, File AG 200.6, 16 October 1944, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following:

GEORGE W. BURKE, 39399306, Staff Sergeant, FA, Company B, \*\*\*\*Tank Battalion, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 19 November 1944, in the vicinity of Sansonnet, France. The infantry was being delayed by two enemy platoons in well-protected positions in buildings at Sansonnet, when Staff Sergeant BURKE led his own and another tank beyond the friendly infantry and into withering fire to dislodge the enemy. In addition to inflicting considerable casualties among the hostile force, Staff Sergeant BURKE'S heroic act enabled the friendly infantry to continue its advance. His achievement reflects distinct credit upon himself, and is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from California.

ARTHUR E. WOOL, 31225956, Staff Sergeant, FA, Company B, \*\*\*\*Tank Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 15 November 1944 to 21 November 1944, in France. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

IV. AMENDMENT: So much of General Order, Number 30, Section II, this headquarters, dated 28 November 1944 as reads:

✓ WESLEY G. BRADY, 39153757, Private, FA  
✓ HAROLD A. STITZER, 18012149, Private, FA  
is amended to read:

✓ WESLEY G. BRADY, 39153757, Private, CAC  
✓ HAROLD A. STITZER, 18012149, Private, CAC

By command of Major General TWADDLE:

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- SECTION IV - AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

I. AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, OF SILVER STAR: By direction of the President, and under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and Ltr. Hq. XX Corps, File AG 200.6, 16 October 1944, the Silver Star is awarded posthumously to the following:

EUGENE F. NEFLAN, 35424552, Private First Class, INF, Company I, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action against the enemy, on 9 November 1944, in the vicinity of Haizières-les-Bois, France. In an attack on the Chateau at Haizières-les-Bois, Private First Class NEFLAN was shot through the chest by an enemy sniper. He fell to the ground but continued to fire his automatic rifle in support of his advancing squad; not until the squad had carried its objective did he cease firing. When his comrades returned to administer first aid to Private First Class NEFLAN, they found that he was dead. The exemplary devotion to duty given by Private First Class NEFLAN reflects lasting honor upon himself, and is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Ohio.

ERNEST FLEDEL, 31193157, Private, INF, Company I, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action against the enemy, on 9 November 1944, in the vicinity of Haizières-les-Bois, France. In the afternoon attack on Chateau Brioux, Private FLEDEL was wounded in both legs. Replied to the enemy despite these wounds, he fired two magazines of ammunition from his automatic rifle, and verbally encouraged his squad, until a third wound proved fatal. The magnificent valor that distinguished Private FLEDEL'S conduct during the Chateau Brioux action is an inspiration to his comrades and reflects enduring honor upon himself. Entered military service from Connecticut.

II. AWARD OF SILVER STAR: By direction of the President, and under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and Ltr. Hq. XX Corps, File AG 200.6, 16 October 1944, the Silver Star is awarded to the following:

JOHN E. HOOKS, 34903873, Private First Class, IF, Company M, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action against the enemy, on 9 November 1944, in the vicinity of Uckonge, France. On the morning of 9 November 1944, while participating in the assault on Chateau Brioux, Private First Class HOOKS, Company M, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, noticed a wounded rifleman one hundred and fifty yards ahead of him. In the absence of an aid man, Private First Class HOOKS crawled through a heavy mortar and artillery concentration and evacuated the casualty to the rear where first aid was administered. Private First Class

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HOOKS immediately returned to his gun position, in the attack. Private HOOKS' outstanding gallantry reflects distinct credit upon himself, and is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Tennessee.

BERNIE G. CARL, 3660247, Private First Class, INF, Company H, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action against the enemy, on 21 November 1944, in the vicinity of Metz, France. On the afternoon of 21 November 1944, Private First Class CARL, with another soldier, responded to the appeal of a Red Cross representative to remove a wounded soldier from an open street, which was being swept by enemy sniper and machine gun fire, in the city of Metz. Aware of the danger to his own life, Private First Class CARL went into the street, reached the wounded soldier, and carried him to cover where first aid was administered. Then, he returned to his duty as an ammunition handler. Private First Class CARL'S gallant act was an encouragement to friendly troops who witnessed it. Distinct credit is reflected upon Private First Class CARL and upon the military service by his intrepid conduct. Entered military service from Illinois.

RICHARD L. PEDDICORD, 33564960, Private First Class, Med Dept, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action. In the attack on Chateau Braux, Private First Class PEDDICORD observed a wounded rifleman struggling to his feet in a mine field one hundred and fifty yards away. Without regard for his own safety, Private First Class PEDDICORD, with another aid man, proceeded through the mine field under a heavy mortar barrage to evacuate the casualty. While returning, Private First Class PEDDICORD received machine gun wounds in both legs. Despite his wounds, he refused to stop and continued to help the other aid man carry their patient to the aid station. Private First Class PEDDICORD'S act of gallantry reflects great credit upon himself, and is in keeping with the high traditions of the Medical Department. Entered military service from Maryland.

III. AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL: By direction of the President, and under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and G. O. Hq. XX Corps, File AG 200.6, 16 October 1944, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded posthumously to:

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JOSEPH R. MYZEL, 56249491, Private First Class, Med Dept, \*\*\* Medical Battalion, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations, on 12 November 1944, in France. Because of intense enemy activity, several attempts to evacuate casualties from Inoy, France over the route then in use failed. An attempt made during the night was also unsuccessful. Ambulance driver, Private First Class MYZEL, and his assistant, on duty at St Catherine's Farm, in the vicinity of Gorze, volunteered on the morning of 12 November to drive to Inoy over the road on the west bank of the Moselle River, under direct observation, and within range of fire, from the enemy-held east bank. Inadvertently the ambulance struck several of our own mines, and Private First Class MYZEL was killed. The heroic devotion to duty given by Private First Class MYZEL reflects lasting honor upon him, and is in keeping with the high traditions of the Medical Department. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

IV. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL: By direction of the President, and under the provisions of Act No. 15, as amended, and Ltr. Pq. XX Corps, File No 200.6, 16 October 1944, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following:

LEONARD J. LITVALL, 3727760, Private First Class, Med Dept, \*\*\* Medical Battalion, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations, on 12 November 1944, in France. When several attempts to evacuate casualties from Anzy, France over the route then in use failed because of intense enemy activity, Assistant Ambulance Officer, Private First Class LITVALL, along with the driver, on duty at St Catherine's Farm, in the vicinity of Gorze, volunteered to endeavor to reach Anzy over the road on the west bank of the Moselle River, under direct observation, and within range of fire, from the enemy-held east bank. Unavoidably the ambulance struck several of our own mines, and Private First Class LITVALL was severely injured. The heroic devotion to duty displayed by Private First Class LITVALL reflects distinct credit upon him, and is in keeping with the high traditions of the Medical Department. Entered military service from Minnesota.

EMANUEL F. VELAZQUEZ, 32507314, Technician Fifth Grade, Med Dept, \*\*\* Medical Battalion, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations, on 14 and 15 November 1944, in France. On 14 and 15 November 1944 Technician Fifth Grade VELAZQUEZ was attached with his litter squad to the Second Battalion Aid Station, \*\*\* Infantry Regiment. During this forty-eight hour period they followed the attack of the Second Battalion through Leipzig and Moscow Farms, carrying casualties as far as two miles. They came under heavy enemy artillery and mortar fire and on one occasion, to treat and evacuate our wounded, they entered a bunker held by the enemy. Enemy soldiers warned them of the extreme danger of hostile artillery fire, and urged them not to return to this area, but Technician Fifth Grade VELAZQUEZ ignored the warning and courageously led his squad in the evacuation of casualties through the enemy positions. Technician Fifth Grade VELAZQUEZ' fearless action reflects distinct credit upon him, and upon the Medical Department. Entered military service from New York.

LENN R. FRANCIS, 35425440, Private, Med Dept, \*\*\* Medical Battalion, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations, on 14 and 15 November 1944, in the vicinity of Metz, France. On 14 and 15 November 1944 Private FRANCIS, with his litter squad, was attached to the Second Battalion Aid Station, \*\*\* Infantry Regiment. During this forty-eight hour period Private FRANCIS' squad followed the Battalion's attack through Leipzig and Moscow Farms, and carried casualties as far as two miles. During this period they came under hostile artillery and mortar barrages and Private FRANCIS was wounded by shell fragments, necessitating his evacuation. The valiant leadership of Private FRANCIS, and his exemplary devotion to duty, reflect great credit upon himself, and are in keeping with the high traditions of the Medical Department. Entered military service from Kentucky.

PETER F. SLOVEY, 31225999, Technician Fifth Grade, Med Dept, \*\*\* Medical Battalion, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations, on 14 and 15 November 1944, in the vicinity of Metz, France. On 14 and 15 November 1944, Technician Fifth Grade SLOVEY was attached to the Second Battalion Aid Station, \*\*\* Infantry Regiment, with his litter squad. During this forty-eight hour period they followed the attack of the Battalion through Leipzig and Moscow Farms, carrying casualties as far as two miles. They came under heavy



enemy artillery and mortar fire and trees, when they were carrying a casualty to the aid station, they were warned by the enemy not to continue their evacuation because the road was going to be under enemy fire. Technician Fifth Grade SLOVEY disregarded the warning and, because of his exceptional initiative and leadership, his squad continued to evacuate the wounded in spite of enemy fire. The heroic action of Technician Fifth Grade SLOVEY reflects distinct credit upon himself, and is in keeping with the high traditions of the Medical Department. Entered military service from New York State.

FRANCIS M. JOSEPH, 3129277, Private First Class, Med Dept, \*\*\*\* Medical Battalion, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations, on 21 November 1944, in the vicinity of Metz, France. Ambulance Driver, Private First Class JOSEPH, and the Assistant Driver, while on duty at Maulins-les-Metz, were given the mission to evacuate casualties isolated for several days at Fort Jussy (North and South). This necessitated moving through a segment of the enemy's front line. Leaving the road at a point known to be mined, Private First Class JOSEPH, with the Assistant Driver, continued the trip to Fort Jussy cross-country over an open field not yet cleared of mines, under the direct observation of the enemy. At the Fort they were met by a Medical Officer, from there to care for the wounded. Accompanied by him, Private First Class JOSEPH and his companion evacuated the casualties from the Fort, with the enemy three hundred yards north, at Fort St Hubert, and three hundred yards south, at Fort B. de la Dame. Private First Class JOSEPH'S achievement reflects great credit upon himself, and is in keeping with the high traditions of the Medical Department, entered military service from Illinois.

FRANK A. RICHER, 36184373, Private, Med Dept, \*\*\*\* Medical Battalion, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations, on 21 November 1944, in the vicinity of Metz, France. Assistant Ambulance Driver, Private RICHER, and the Ambulance Driver, while on duty at Maulins-les-Metz, were given the mission to evacuate casualties isolated for several days at Fort Jussy (North and South). This necessitated moving through a segment of the enemy's front line. Leaving the road at a point known to be mined, Private RICHER, with the driver, continued the trip to Fort Jussy cross-country over an open field not yet cleared of mines, under the direct observation of the enemy. At the Fort they were met by a Medical Officer, from there to care for the wounded. Accompanied by him, Private RICHER and his companion evacuated the casualties from the Fort, with the enemy three hundred yards north, at Fort St Hubert, and three hundred yards south, at Fort B. de la Dame. Private RICHER'S heroic achievement reflects great credit upon himself, and is in keeping with the highest traditions of the Medical Department. Entered military service from Michigan.

JAMES F. FINE JR., 53331712, Private, INF, Company I, \*\*\*\* Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 17 November 1944, in the vicinity of Uckange, France. In an attack on a farm southeast of La Hesse, Private FINE was a member of a light machine gun squad which had the mission of protecting the company left flank. The first gunner was killed shortly after the attack began and Private FINE took his place. As the Company entered the farm, six enemy riflemen began to deliver effective

fire, obstructing the assault. Private PINE moved to a position, beyond the protection of friendly riflemen, from which he could engage the enemy through a hole in a stone fence; and from this position he destroyed them. Private PINE'S heroic action, preventing the enemy from inflicting extensive casualties, and enabling his company to advance, reflects great credit upon himself, and is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

STEPHEN J. HUSBY, 362 9737, Private First Class, Red Dept, \*\*\*\* Medical Battalion, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations, on 21 November 1944, in the vicinity of Metz, France. Ambulance Driver, Private First Class HUSBY, and his assistant, while on duty at St Raffine, were given the mission to evacuate casualties isolated for several days at Fort Jussy (North and South). This necessitated moving through part of the enemy's front line. Leaving the road at a point known to be mined, Private First Class HUSBY and the Assistant Driver continued the trip to the Fort cross-country over an open field not yet cleared of mines, under direct observation of the enemy. At Fort Jussy they evacuated casualties with the enemy three hundred yards to the north, at Fort St Hubert, and three hundred yards to the south, at Fort R. de la Dore. The evacuation of the casualties from the Fort made it possible for troops to advance to their parent units and thus continue the attack. Private First Class HUSBY'S heroic achievement reflects great credit upon himself, and is in keeping with the high traditions of the Medical Department. Entered military service from Illinois.

WILLIAM E. SCHMIDT, 3432 7005, Private First Class, Red Dept, \*\*\*\* Medical Battalion, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations, on 21 November 1944, in the vicinity of Metz, France. Assistant Ambulance Driver, Private First Class SCHMIDT, and the Ambulance Driver, while on duty at St Raffine were given the mission to evacuate casualties isolated for several days at Fort Jussy (North and South). This necessitated moving through part of the enemy's front line. Leaving the road at a point known to be mined, Private First Class SCHMIDT and the Driver continued the trip to the Fort cross-country over an open field not yet cleared of mines, under direct observation of the enemy. At Fort Jussy they evacuated casualties with the enemy three hundred yards to the north, at Fort St Hubert, and three hundred yards to the south, at Fort R. de la Dore. Private First Class SCHMIDT'S heroic achievement reflects great credit upon himself, and is in keeping with the high traditions of the Medical Department. Entered military service from Georgia.

CHAS. N. HOGG, 14006243, Master Sergeant, G/C, \*\*\*\* Quartermaster Company, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 6 November 1944, to 20 November 1944, in France. Entered military service from Louisiana.

HENRY J. PIETH, 3206887, Technical Sergeant, G/C, \*\*\*\* Quartermaster Company, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 6 November 1944, to 20 November 1944, in France. Entered military service from New Jersey.

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ANTHONY G. REINHART, 36314979, Technical Sergeant, QIG, \*\*\*Quarter-  
master Company, for meritorious service in connection with military operations  
against the enemy, from 8 November 1944 to 20 November 1944, in France. Entered  
military service from Illinois.

EJUL W. PAMERTE, 11059019, Technical Sergeant, ORD, \*\*\*Ordnance (LM)  
Company, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against  
the enemy, from 8 November 1944 to 20 November 1944, in France. Entered military  
service from New Hampshire.

JOHN HEIN JR, 36319784, Technical Sergeant, ORD, \*\*\*Ordnance (LM)  
Company, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against  
the enemy, from 8 November 1944 to 20 November 1944, in France. Entered military  
service from Illinois.

EDWIN A. FANCETT, 32027926, Technical Sergeant, ORD, \*\*\*Ordnance (LM)  
Company, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against  
the enemy, from 8 November 1944 to 20 November 1944, in France. Entered military  
service from Texas.

RAYMOND GILSON, 17011458, Staff Sergeant, ORD, \*\*\*Ordnance (LM)  
Company, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against  
the enemy, on 16 November 1944, in France. Entered military service from  
Iowa.

LEWIS S. WHISTLER, 39130195, Private First Class, Med Dept, \*\*\*  
Medical Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations,  
on 13 November 1944, in France. Entered military service from California.

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I. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL: By direction of the President, and under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and Ltr. Hq. XX Corps, File AG 200.6, 16 October 1944, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following:

✓ JACK BRUM, 39075837, Master Sergeant, INF, Headquarters 95th Infantry Division, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 8 November 1944 to 20 November 1944, in France. Entered military service from California.

✓ JOSEPH L. DAVIS, 36244004, Master Sergeant, INF, Headquarters 95th Infantry Division, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 8 November 1944 to 20 November 1944, in France. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

✓ ROBERT M. GENTLE, 39150308, Master Sergeant, INF, Headquarters 95th Infantry Division, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 8 November 1944 to 20 November 1944, in France. Entered military service from California.

✓ RICHARD V. LINHOLM, 39206373, Master Sergeant, INF, Headquarters 95th Infantry Division, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 8 November 1944 to 20 November 1944, in France. Entered military service from California.

✓ JAMES M. MURRAY, 36352398, Master Sergeant, INF, Headquarters 95th Infantry Division, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 8 November 1944 to 20 November 1944, in France. Entered military service from Illinois.

✓ RICHARD E. CLARK, 35411679, Master Sergeant, FA, \*\*\*\*Battery, 95th Division Artillery, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 8 November 1944 to 20 November 1944, in France. Entered military service from Ohio.

✓ HERBERT L. POGUE, 17004157, Master Sergeant, FA, \*\*\*\*Battery, 95th Division Artillery, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 8 November 1944 to 20 November 1944, in France. Entered military service from Iowa.

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✓ \*JAMES H. TANKERSLEY, 35485655, First Sergeant, FA, \*\*\*\*Battery, 95th Division Artillery, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 8 November 1944 to 20 November 1944, in France. Entered military service from Kentucky.

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ANTHONY J. SUTTON, 32611146, Technical Sergeant, FA, \*\*\*\*Battery, 95th Division Artillery, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 8 November 1944 to 20 November 1944, in France. Entered military service from New York.

JOHN BARNO, 37286357, Technical Sergeant, SC, \*\*\*\*Signal Company, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 8 November 1944 to 20 November 1944, in France. Entered military service from Minnesota.

HOWARD W. KROLL, 36247509, Staff Sergeant, SC, \*\*\*\*Signal Company, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 8 November 1944 to 20 November 1944, in France. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

MELVIN J. DEIN, 37128262, Staff Sergeant, SC, \*\*\*\*Signal Company, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 8 November 1944 to 20 November 1944, in France. Entered military service from Nebraska.

WALLACE E. MUELLER, 36248319, Staff Sergeant, SC, \*\*\*\*Signal Company, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 8 November 1944 to 20 November 1944, in France. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

VASLO A. ZICKUS, 36600306, Staff Sergeant, SC, \*\*\*\*Signal Company, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 8 November 1944 to 20 November 1944, in France. Entered military service from Illinois.

WILLIAM D. VOORHEES, 31192948, Technician Fourth Grade, SC, \*\*\*\*Signal Company, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 8 November 1944 to 20 November 1944, in France. Entered military service from Connecticut.

PHILIP B. NORDHUS, 36245901, Technician Fifth Grade, SC, \*\*\*\*Signal Company, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 8 November 1944 to 20 November 1944, in France. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

JACK H. MCORE, 34590073, Technician Fifth Grade, SC, \*\*\*\*Signal Company, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 8 November 1944 to 20 November 1944, in France. Entered military service from North Carolina.

CHARLES D. FIELDS, 35638938, Private First Class, SC, \*\*\*\*Signal Company, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 8 November 1944 to 20 November 1944, in France. Entered military service from West Virginia.

JAMES B. PRUITT, 34439787, Private First Class, SC, \*\*\*\*Signal Company, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 8 November 1944 to 20 November 1944, in France. Entered military service from North Carolina.

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ERNEST L. DEAL, JR., 34203920, private First Class, INF, \*\*\*\*  
 Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in connection with military opera-  
 tions against the enemy, on 2 December 1944, in France. Entered military  
 service from North Carolina.

ELPIDIO CIVITARESE, 31203701, private First Class, INF, \*\*\*\*Infantry  
 Regiment, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against  
 the enemy, on 2 December 1944, in France. Entered military service from  
 Massachusetts.

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SECTION II - AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

I. AWARD OF SILVER STAR: By direction of the President, and under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and Ltr. Hq. XX Corps, File AG 200.6, 16 October 1944, the Silver Star is awarded to the following:

JAMES W. THORNBURG, 35486474, Staff Sergeant, INF, Company H, \*\*\*\* Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action against the enemy, on 15 November 1944, in the vicinity of Metz, France. While attacking the strongly-defended Jailley Farm Area, the \*\*\*\* Infantry Regiment suffered many casualties. Upon seeing that this Regiment had no aid men readily available, Staff Sergeant THORNBURG, Section Leader in another Regiment, dispatched his own aid man to care for the wounded. While this man was giving first aid to one of the casualties he was shot. Obtaining volunteers from his Section, Staff Sergeant THORNBURG advanced, under intense hostile fire, to the wounded and helped carry them to cover where first aid could be administered safely. He then organized litter squads to transport the casualties to an aid station for further treatment. Staff Sergeant THORNBURG'S conspicuous gallantry led to the saving of lives, reflecting great credit upon himself and exemplifying the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Indiana.

JOHN M. SALES, 36359687, Sergeant, INF, Company H, \*\*\*\* Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action against the enemy, on 15 November 1944, in the vicinity of Metz, France. While attacking the strongly-defended Jailley Farm Area, the \*\*\*\* Infantry Regiment suffered many casualties. Upon seeing that this Regiment had no aid men readily available, Sergeant SALES' Section Sergeant called for volunteers to go forward and evacuate the wounded. Sergeant SALES volunteered without hesitation and with his comrades advanced under intense hostile fire to where the casualties lay, only three hundred yards from German positions. He then assisted in carrying the wounded to cover behind friendly lines where first aid could be administered safely. The life-saving gallantry displayed by Sergeant SALES reflects distinct credit upon himself and is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Illinois.

ARNOLD K GRAVES, 36063279, Private First Class, INF, Company H, \*\*\*\* Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action against the enemy, on 15 November 1944, in the vicinity of Metz, France. While attacking the strongly-defended Jailley Farm Area, the \*\*\*\* Infantry Regiment suffered many casualties. Upon seeing that this Regiment had no aid men readily available, Private First Class GRAVES' Section Sergeant called for volunteers to go forward and evacuate the wounded. Private First Class GRAVES volunteered without hesitation and with his comrades

advanced under intense hostile fire to where the casualties lay, only three hundred yards from German positions. He then assisted in carrying the wounded to cover behind friendly lines where first aid could be administered safely. The life-saving gallantry displayed by Private First Class GRAVES reflects distinct credit upon himself and is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Illinois.

JOE G. YOUNG, 35485679, Private First Class, INF, Company H, \*\*\*\* Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action against the enemy, on 15 November 1944, in the vicinity of Metz, France. While attacking the strongly-defended Jails Farm Area, the \*\*\*\* Infantry Regiment suffered many casualties. Upon seeing that this Regiment had no aid men readily available, Private First Class YOUNG'S Section Sergeant called for volunteers to go forward and evacuate the wounded. Private First Class YOUNG volunteered without hesitation and with his comrades advanced under intense hostile fire to where the casualties lay, only three hundred yards from German positions. He then assisted in carrying the wounded to cover behind friendly lines where first aid could be administered safely. The life-saving gallantry displayed by Private First Class YOUNG reflects distinct credit upon himself and is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Indiana.

CHARLES W. LEFFLER, 36136551, Private First Class, INF, Company A, \*\*\*\* Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action against the enemy, on 15 November 1944, in the vicinity of Fort De Foyas, France. When the leader of the squad of which he was a member became separated from the main body, in the storming of a hill before Fort De Foyas, Machine gunner. Private First Class LEFFLER, firing his weapon from his hip, rallied the men around him and led them under dense artillery, mortar and small arms fire twenty-five hundred yards uphill where they vigorously assaulted and reduced their objective. Without rest, preparations were made to meet the inevitable counter-attack. Private First Class LEFFLER'S gun was placed in the sector considered most vulnerable to hostile attack. Then, the enemy, preparatory to the counter-attack, concentrated its artillery fire. At 1600, seven hours after Private First Class LEFFLER'S Company reached its objective, the counter-attack was launched. With cool, fearless courage, Private First Class LEFFLER, his position zeroed-in by hostile artillery and mortar, held his fire until the leading German elements were within twenty-five yards of him. Then, although handicapped by a shortage of ammunition, he destroyed five of the enemy certainly and probably put out of action many more. Private First Class LEFFLER'S intrepid conduct so inspired his comrades that they repulsed the numerically superior enemy and held the bitterly-won position. The extreme gallantry of Private First Class LEFFLER'S action reflects distinct credit upon him, and is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Michigan.

JAMES H. STAIRS, 36572061, Private First Class, INF, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, First Battalion, \*\*\*\* Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action against the enemy, on 16 November 1944, in the vicinity of Senecourt, France. When the squad in which Private First Class STAIRS was Ammunition Bearer got into position on the forward slope of a hill south-east of Senecourt, the price-over of the squad's anti-tank gun took a direct hit from an enemy mortar and caught fire. Five men, including Private First Class STAIRS, were wounded. Despite the handicap of his wound, Private First Class STAIRS, with supreme



courageous initiative, leapt upon the fleeing prime-mover and extinguished the fire with his overcoat. At the risk of his life Private First Class STALLS undoubtedly saved from destruction the prime-mover, a considerable quantity of ammunition and, in all probability, the lives of his comrades. The conspicuous gallantry of Private First Class STALLS' deed reflects distinct credit upon himself, and is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Michigan.

GEORGE A. BEACHAM, 33358905, Private, INF, Company H, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action against the enemy, on 15 November 1944, in the vicinity of Metz, France. While attacking the strongly-defended Jailey Farm Area, the \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment suffered many casualties. Upon seeing that his Regiment had no aid men readily available, Private BEACHAM'S Section Sergeant called for volunteers to go forward and evacuate the wounded. Private BEACHAM volunteered without hesitation and with his comrades advanced under intense hostile fire to where the casualties lay, only three hundred yards from German positions. He then assisted in carrying the wounded to cover behind friendly lines where first aid could be administered safely. The life-saving gallantry displayed by Private BEACHAM reflects distinct credit upon himself, and is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

CECIL W. HOLTSCLAW, 35901236, Private, INF, Company H, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action against the enemy, on 15 November 1944, in the vicinity of Metz, France. While attacking the strongly-defended Jailey Farm Area, the \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment suffered many casualties. Upon seeing that this Regiment had no aid men readily available, Private HOLTSCLAW'S Section Sergeant called for volunteers to go forward and evacuate the wounded. Private HOLTSCLAW volunteered without hesitation and with his comrades advanced under intense hostile fire to where the casualties lay, only three hundred yards from German positions. He then assisted in carrying the wounded to cover behind friendly lines where first aid could be administered safely. The life-saving gallantry displayed by Private HOLTSCLAW, reflects distinct credit upon himself, and is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Indiana.

MIKE RHOADES, 37421469, Private, INF, Company H, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action against the enemy, on 15 November 1944, in the vicinity of Metz, France. While attacking the strongly-defended Jailey Farm Area, the \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment suffered many casualties. Upon seeing that this Regiment had no aid men readily available, Private RHOADES' Section Sergeant called for volunteers to go forward and evacuate the wounded. Private RHOADES' volunteered without hesitation and with his comrades advanced under intense hostile fire to where the casualties lay, only three hundred yards from German positions. He then assisted in carrying the wounded to cover behind friendly lines where first aid could be administered safely. The life-saving gallantry displayed by Private RHOADES, reflects distinct credit upon himself, and is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Iowa.

II. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL: By direction of the President, and under the provisions of Act 500-45, 1942, and Ltr. Hq. XX Corps, P.L. 200.6, 16 October 1944, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following:

CARROLL N. ZELLMER, 36359762, Staff Sergeant, FA, Headquarters Battery, \*\*\*Field Artillery Battalion, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 3 November 1944 to 23 November 1944, in the vicinity of Uckange, France. Staff Sergeant ZELLMER, in the face of heavy enemy mortar and small arms fire, advanced on foot to the site of a destroyed bridge and recovered a large quantity of much-needed wire cable. During the following night, Staff Sergeant ZELLMER, using the cable he had salvaged, planned, supervised and assisted in the laying of two cables across the flooded Moselle River, in spite of the fact that the motor boat he was operating was functioning poorly. Staff Sergeant ZELLMER, acting as wire Sergeant throughout the entire operations against Metz, displayed conspicuous bravery and great initiative under enemy fire and on one occasion in enemy-held territory. His actions reflect great credit upon himself and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Illinois.

WALTER B. BOICECKI, 35315779, Corporal, FA, Headquarters Battery, \*\*\*Field Artillery Battalion, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 3 November 1944 to 23 November 1944, in the vicinity of Uckange, France. When the wire line between artillery positions and forward observers was severed during an attack, Corporal BOICECKI guided his wire team through intense enemy mortar and artillery fire and, by laying a new section of wire one half-mile long, repaired the line completely. Since regular wire laying equipment was not available, Corporal BOICECKI and his team were forced to carry a complete mile of wire under extremely adverse conditions. Corporal BOICECKI'S bravery and dogged determination restored vital communications and resulted in the placing of accurate artillery fire on several enemy strong points. His devotion to duty and undaunted courage during this trying time reflect great credit upon himself and exemplify the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Ohio.

ELLIS W. KNIGHT, 35438017, Corporal, INF, Headquarters Company, First Battalion, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 16 November 1944, in the vicinity of Semecourt, France. While leading his squad into position on the forward slope of a hill south-east of Semecourt, France, on the morning of 16 November 1944, Corporal KNIGHT observed, three hundred yards away, another squad leader wounded by enemy mortar fire while trying to evacuate a casualty. With absolute disregard for his own safety and working under fearful enemy mortar fire, Corporal KNIGHT made two wearying trips up the hill, rescuing first the wounded squad leader and next the other wounded man. Corporal KNIGHT'S heroic action reflects great credit upon himself and is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from West Virginia.

MICHAEL J. MORRISSEY, 32534437, Private First Class, FA, Headquarters Battery, \*\*\*Field Artillery Battalion, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 3 November 1944 to 23 November 1944, in the vicinity of Metz, France. Private First Class MORRISSEY, under direct enemy observation and heavy enemy fire, succeeded in installing a line from

Fort St. Julian to Breceix at the height of the battle for Metz. Undeterred by enemy action and the natural difficulties facing him, Private First Class HOAGISSNY finished his march simultaneously with the arrival of friendly advance elements at their objective. His courageous action in furnishing Task Force \*\*\* a means of communication with its artillery support reflects great credit upon himself and exemplifies the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from New York.

FRANK N. WILLIAMS, 1600330, Private First Class, PA, Headquarters Battery, \*\*\*Field Artillery Battalion, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 8 November 1944, in the vicinity of Uckange, France. During the night of preparation for the initial river crossing at Uckange, the only wire line between Ameyville and Uckange was severed by enemy fire, cutting off communications between the \*\*\*Infantry Regiment and the \*\*\*Field Artillery Battalion. Private First Class WILLIAMS volunteered to repair the line and, in the successful accomplishment of his task, continued under intense enemy harassing fire throughout a two-mile section of the road. Private First Class WILLIAMS' courage and conspicuous devotion to duty were inspiring to the men who witnessed his act. His heroic determination reflects great credit on himself and is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Ohio.

OWEN E. TISDALE, 37331710, Private First Class, INF, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, First Battalion, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 15 November 1944, in the vicinity of Rediply, France. Private First Class TISDALE was manning the .50-caliber machine gun on a truck carrying a platoon of infantrymen on a road-clearing mission north of Metz, when fire was received from a barn fifty yards off the road. Private First Class TISDALE was hit in the leg, but remained at his weapon and dauntlessly replied to the hostile fire until it ceased. In the quiet that followed, he dismounted to have his wound dressed. Again the enemy element commenced firing. Although his wound was not yet completely dressed, Private First Class TISDALE insisted upon returning to the truck, where he manned his machine gun and conclusively silenced the barn. Private First Class TISDALE'S heroic action undoubtedly saved the platoon from further casualties. His intrepid devotion to duty reflects distinct credit upon himself, and is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Colorado.

ESTER L. PATTI, 36350131, Private First Class, INF, Company D, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 15 November 1944, in the vicinity of Semecourt, France. On the afternoon of 15 November 1944, the enemy prepared to launch a counter-attack against a hard-fought emplacement of the \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, east of Semecourt. Displacing his machine gun to a position exposed to artillery, mortar and small arms fire, only fifty yards from hostile positions, Private First Class PATTI calmly and courageously waited. Finally, the counter-attack struck; but when it reached the area in front of Private First Class PATTI'S weapon it disintegrated before his deadly enfilade. Discouraged, the enemy attempted no further counter-attack against this position. Private First Class PATTI'S heroic conduct reflects distinct credit upon himself and exemplifies the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Illinois.

JODIE D. THOMAS, 14158900, Private, Med Dept, Company C, \*\*\*\* Medical Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations, on 14 and 15 November 1944, in the vicinity of Metz, France. While attached with his litter squad to the First Battalion Aid Station, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, Private THOMAS led his men fearlessly in evacuating casualties from open fields and gulches near Graylette, only one hundred and fifty yards from the enemy. Devotedly, Private THOMAS continued to show the way through artillery, machine gun and mortar fire to the Battalion's initial objective even after the area had been reoccupied by Germans. As a result of his courageous, selfless conduct, many casualties were evacuated and given prompt medical treatment. Private THOMAS' heroic devotion to duty reflects distinct credit upon himself, and is in accord with the highest traditions of the Medical Department. Entered military service from Tennessee. \*

JOHN F. THEIS, 36600694, Staff Sergeant, INF, Company D, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 19 November 1944, in vicinity of Metz, France. Entered military service from Illinois.

JOHN LEBELCK, 16098385, Staff Sergeant, INF, Company D, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 15 November 1944, in the vicinity of Metz, France. Entered military service from Illinois.

ALLEN D. LIGHTFT, 37209714, Technician Third Grade, Med Dept, Medical Detachment, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in connection with military operations, from 10 November 1944 to 15 November 1944, in the vicinity of Metz, France. Entered military service from Kansas.

OTIS B. SMITH, JR., 14140020, Technician Third Grade, Med Dept, Medical Detachment, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in connection with military operations, from 10 November 1944 to 15 November 1944, in the vicinity of Metz, France. Entered military service from Georgia.

OTTO F. OBREMILLER, 17004449, Sergeant, FA, Battery B, \*\*\*\*Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 19 November 1944, in the vicinity of Metz, France. Entered military service from Nebraska.

HOMER F. TERRY, 15105901, Sergeant, FA, Battery B, \*\*\*\*Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 21 October 1944 to 23 November 1944, in the vicinity of Metz, France. Entered military service from Ohio.

JAMES J. STOKER, 38072611, Technician Fourth Grade, Med Dept, Medical Detachment, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in connection with military operations, 19 and 20 November 1944, in the vicinity of Metz, France. Entered military service from Texas.

RICHARD F. DEHN, 32544367, Technician Fifth Grade, FA, Battery B, \*\*\*\*Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 5 November 1944 to 23 November 1944, in France. Entered military service from New York.

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JOHN L. LAFON, 355/2014, Expedition Fifth Grade, Med Dept, Medical Detachment, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in connection with military operations, from 19 November 1944 to 20 November 1944, in the vicinity of Metz, France. Entered military service from Ohio.

GARLAND C. FILMS, 37421955, Private First Class, INF, Company D, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 19 November 1944, in the vicinity of Metz, France. Entered military service from Iowa.

FRAN W. SWINE, 174708, Private First Class, Med Dept, Medical Detachment, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in connection with military operations, from 1 November 1944 to 22 November 1944, in the vicinity of Metz, France. Entered military service from Iowa.

CIRILINO H. GELM, 3408990, Private First Class, Med Dept, Medical Detachment, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in connection with military operations, on 10 November 1944, in the vicinity of Metz, France. Entered military service from New Mexico.

ALDRED W. ROUSSEL, 35647712, Private, Med Dept, Medical Detachment, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in connection with military operations, on 19 November 1944, in the vicinity of Metz, France. Entered military service from West Virginia.

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SECTION I - AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, OF SILVER STAR  
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SECTION III - AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

I. AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, OF SILVER STAR: By direction of the President, and under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and Ltr. Hq. XX Corps, File AG 200.6, 16 October 1944, the Silver Star is awarded posthumously to:

CLARENCE P. ESCHER, 36357315, Staff Sergeant, INF, Company L, \*\*\* Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action against the enemy, on 17 November 1944, in the vicinity of Fort Jeanne D'Arc, France. When an enemy 20 millimeter gun was blocking the progress of his Company's advance by its furious and accurate fire, Staff Sergeant ESCHER led a squad of men across twenty-five yards of open ground in an assault on the position. Just as the squad was to overrun the emplacement, Staff Sergeant ESCHER was mortally wounded by a direct hit, but the squad, inspired by its leader's supreme heroism, continued on to knock out the gun position permitting the company to advance successfully to its objective. Staff Sergeant ESCHER'S magnificent valor reflects lasting honor upon himself and is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Illinois.

II. AWARD OF SILVER STAR: By direction of the President, and under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and Ltr. Hq. XX Corps, File AG 200.6, 16 October 1944, the Silver Star is awarded to the following:

MICHAEL PATRICK, 66955082, Private, CAV, \*\*\* Reconnaissance Troop, for gallantry in action against the enemy, on 15 November 1944, in the vicinity of Imoldange, France. Private PATRICK, Machine Gunner on a point jeep, was acting in that capacity, on 15 November 1944, when the jeep was fired on from two houses twenty-five yards away near a road intersection. Although the driver and another enlisted man leaped from the jeep into a ditch beside the road, Private PATRICK remained at his post, despite intense enemy machine gun and grenade fire, and shot two boxes of ammunition into the enemy positions. While Private PATRICK was still firing furiously at the two houses, a friendly armored car came to his aid and fired two rounds of 37 millimeter shells at the houses, bringing fifty German troops out to surrender. Private PATRICK'S outstanding bravery was instrumental in saving the lives of his comrades and in facilitating the capture of fifty prisoners. His heroic conduct reflects distinct credit upon himself and is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from New Jersey.

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ELBERT E. RENEAU, 3720211, private First Class, CAV, \*\*\*\*  
Reconnaissance Troop, for gallantry in action against the enemy, on 15 November 1944, in the vicinity of Reinange, France. Point jeep driver of a platoon of the \*\*\*\*Reconnaissance Troop, Private First Class RENEAU was leading a section back from a reconnaissance mission, on 15 November 1944. While traveling through a valley near Reinange, the point was fired on by an 88-millimeter anti-tank weapon and small arms. In the action that followed, the jeep was struck by one round of 88-millimeter fire, severely wounding a corporal. At the same time, fire from small arms wounded Private First Class RENEAU and the machine gunner in the rear of the jeep. Although painfully wounded, Private First Class RENEAU, with the jeep on fire and with three tires shot away, returned the vehicle through a large enemy mine field to an aid station over 8000 yards away. By his undaunted heroism in saving his comrades and himself from destruction, Private First Class RENEAU brought distinct credit upon himself. His action exemplifies the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Kansas.

ANTHONY R. J. GERMANA, 31359154, Private First Class, Med Dept, \*\*\*\*  
Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action, on 17 November 1944, in the vicinity of Metz, France. When the infantry platoon to which he was attached assaulted strongly emplaced enemy positions near Metz, Private First Class GERMANA displayed exceptionally resourceful courage by leaving the protection of his bunker and under hostile mortar and sniper fire crawling onto the battlefield to transport all casualties in that area to safety. Private First Class GERMANA'S heroic devotion to duty under fire materially assisted the medical officers and litter bearers in evacuating the wounded and probably resulted in the saving of many lives. The gallantry displayed by Private First Class GERMANA on this occasion reflects distinct credit upon himself and exemplifies the highest traditions of the Medical Department. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

ROY D. KIEHEL, 37450619, Technician Fifth Grade, FA, Headquarters Battery, \*\*\*\* Field Artillery Battalion, for gallantry in action against the enemy, from 8 November 1944 to 21 November 1944, in the vicinity of Metz, France. Attached to Task Force \*\*\*\*, Technician Fifth Grade KIEHEL was the driver-messenger of a command car parked in Illange while that town was subjected to extensively destructive artillery fire, the night of 15 November 1944. With no regard for his own safety, Technician Fifth Grade KIEHEL stayed at his post during the barrage and took cover only when so ordered. Next day, in the town of Soussac, this intrepid soldier repeated his steadfast performance of duty by remaining at the wheel of his command car just one hundred yards from a flight raging from house to house. On 23 November, Technician Fifth Grade KIEHEL again displayed clearly heroic conduct when the town of St Julian came under a fierce artillery and mortar barrage. Even when his vehicle was hit, Technician Fifth Grade KIEHEL refused to take cover, and only after receiving a direct order to that effect did he leave his post. Throughout the conspicuously successful operations of Task Force \*\*\*\*, Technician Fifth Grade KIEHEL'S devoted perseverance was in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from South Dakota.

GEORGE T. ORT, 33427652, Corporal, O.V., \*\*\*\*Reconnaissance Troop, for gallantry in action against the enemy, on 16 November 1944, in the vicinity of Montargis, France. When a German mine field held up the advance of his reconnaissance platoon, a tank platoon and a column of infantry, leaving them exposed to enemy observation and shell and gas fire, point Corporal ORT, coolly risking his life, entered the field to probe for and remove the mines. Unhindered by determined hostile fire, Corporal ORT successfully finished his mission. He then led forward his reconnaissance platoon, followed by the tanks and infantry, and in the ensuing action the enemy was routed and many prisoners were taken. Corporal ORT'S exemplary conduct and heroic devotion to duty reflect distinct credit on him and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

FREDERICK J. PEARSON, 37014031, Technician Fourth Grade, FA, Headquarters Battery, \*\*\*\*Field Artillery Battalion, for gallantry in action against the enemy, from 8 November 1944 to 21 November 1944, in the vicinity of Metz, France. Attached to Task Force \*\*\*\*, Technician Fourth Grade PEARSON was on duty as Radio Operator in a command car inside Metz, on the night of 15 November 1944, while that town was under heavy artillery fire. Despite the intense shelling, Technician Fourth Grade PEARSON remained at his post, transmitting messages by radio, until he was given a direct order to close his station and take cover. Next day, in the town of Sures, Technician Fourth Grade PEARSON'S command car was parked in the street only a hundred yards from furious house-to-house fighting. Within a hundred yards of his car, five prisoners were taken. From this hazardous position he nonetheless sent a fire mission by radio to the Task Force's Artillery Officer. On 18 November 1944, at St Julien, this intrepid officer again stayed at his radio under a barrage from the enemy's artillery and although shrapnel struck his vehicle he refused to leave his radio until ordered to do so. Throughout the conspicuously successful operations of Task Force \*\*\*\*, Technician Fourth Grade PEARSON'S conduct exemplified the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Nebraska.

VINCENT O. ABRAMSON, 37286663, Staff Sergeant, OAV, \*\*\*\*Reconnaissance Troop, for gallantry in action against the enemy, on 15 November 1944, in the vicinity of Eschwege, France. On the evening of 15 November 1944, Staff Sergeant ABRAMSON led his reconnaissance platoon out on a mission near Reims. The platoon encountered an overpowering enemy fire and two armored cars and a jeep were destroyed in the one-sided action. Late that night enemy searching parties probed in the Staff Sergeant ABRAMSON'S rear, gradually tightening a rope of fire around the outnumbered patrol. Discovering that a series of enemy mine fields offered a safe, slim chance for withdrawal, Staff Sergeant ABRAMSON, to avoid risking capture by the numerically superior Germans, led his comrades skillfully across the perilous fields to friendly lines. Staff Sergeant ABRAMSON'S intrepid leadership on this occasion reflects distinct credit on him and on the military service. Entered military service from Minnesota.

III. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDALS: By direction of the President, and under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and Hq. XX Corps, File AG 280.6, 16 October 1944, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following:



JOHN GUNFEE, 33606137, Private First Class, Med Dept, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations, on 18 November 1944, in the vicinity of Metz, France. Private First Class GUNFEE, a litter bearer attached to a platoon of the \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment engaged in an attack near Metz, came out from a covered position and exposed himself to fierce artillery, mortar and sniper fire in order to give first aid to four severely wounded men. After treating the casualties, he remained with them at the risk of his life until litter bearers succeeded in evacuating them from the fire-swept field. Private First Class GUNFEE'S fearless action, by which the lives of four American soldiers were probably saved, reflects great credit on himself and is in keeping with the highest traditions of the Medical Department. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

*Rec. by Ho # 49 - Dec. 21, 1944*  
~~\*FLOYD E. GROSCLAUDE, 3597423, Private, INF, Service Company, \*\*\*\*~~  
Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 15 November 1944 to 21 November 1944, in the vicinity of Metz, France. Private GROSCLAUDE volunteered on four different occasions for the hazardous task of dropping supplies from artillery liaison planes to isolated American troops near the great enemy forts around Metz. Private GROSCLAUDE, fully aware of the dangers inherent in such missions, acted with conspicuous bravery on each of these flights, when the plane in which he was flying crossed the enemy lines and, exposed to hostile machine gun and small arms fire, flew at heights never exceeding fifty feet above the ground on its supply mission. Private GROSCLAUDE'S high personal courage reflects great credit on himself and is in accordance with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Ohio.

*Rec. by Ho # 49 - Dec. 21, 1944*  
~~\*HARVEY J. STINCLAIR, 31119093, Private, INF, Service Company, \*\*\*\*~~  
Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 15 November 1944 to 21 November 1944, in the vicinity of Metz, France. Private STINCLAIR volunteered on four different occasions for the hazardous task of dropping supplies from artillery liaison planes to isolated American troops near the great enemy forts around Metz. Private STINCLAIR, fully aware of the dangers inherent in such missions, acted with conspicuous bravery on each of these flights, when the plane in which he was flying crossed the enemy lines and, exposed to hostile machine gun and small arms fire, flew at heights never exceeding fifty feet above the ground on its supply mission. Private STINCLAIR'S high personal courage reflects great credit on himself and is in accordance with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from South Dakota.

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~~\*ALEX. MANN, 32243805, Private, INF, Service Company, \*\*\*\*Infantry~~  
Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 15 November 1944 to 21 November 1944, in the vicinity of Metz, France. Private MANN volunteered on four different occasions for the hazardous task of dropping supplies from artillery liaison planes to isolated American troops near the great enemy forts around Metz. Private MANN, fully aware of the dangers inherent in such missions, acted with conspicuous bravery on each of these flights, when the plane in which he was flying crossed the enemy lines and, exposed to hostile machine gun and small arms fire, flew at heights never exceeding fifty feet above the ground on its supply mission. Private MANN'S high personal courage reflects great credit on himself and is in accordance with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from New York.

GEORGE W. SPROYER, 01171732, First Lieutenant, FA, Battery C, \*\*\*\* Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 3 November 1944 to 22 November 1944, in the vicinity of Metz, France. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

CLAUDE D. PATTERSON, JR., 01181074, First Lieutenant, FA, Battery C, \*\*\*\* Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 10 November 1944, in the vicinity of Metz, France. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

FORREST R. EVANS, 17002236, First Sergeant, CAV, \*\*\*\* Reconnaissance Troop, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 19 October 1944 to 4 December 1944, in the vicinity of Metz, France. Entered military service from Kansas.

JOHN J. DWYER, 3649413, Technical Sergeant, CAV, \*\*\*\* Reconnaissance Troop, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 15 November 1944 to 22 November 1944, in the vicinity of Metz, France. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

WENDELL J. FARRISON, 36050540, Staff Sergeant, CAV, \*\*\*\* Reconnaissance Troop, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 19 October 1944 to 4 December 1944, in the vicinity of Metz, France. Entered military service from Illinois.

FRANK W. SMITH, 36246324, Staff Sergeant, CAV, \*\*\*\* Reconnaissance Troop, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 19 and 20 November 1944, in the vicinity of Metz, France. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

HENRY C. STROM, 36600854, Staff Sergeant, FA, Battery B, \*\*\*\* Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 5 November 1944 to 20 November 1944, in the vicinity of Metz, France. Entered military service from Illinois.

DEAN G. CAGNON, 16031295, Staff Sergeant, FA, Battery C, \*\*\*\* Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 26 October 1944 to 26 November 1944, in the vicinity of Metz, France. Entered military service from Illinois.

ROBERT T. FRY, 39379631, Staff Sergeant, FA, Battery C, \*\*\*\* Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 26 October 1944 to 26 November 1944, in the vicinity of Metz, France. Entered military service from Washington.

BELFORD EVINSON, 36247301, Staff Sergeant, FA, Battery A, \*\*\*\* Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 26 October 1944 to 26 November 1944, in the vicinity of Metz, France. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

LUTHER L. OLSEN, 37420571, Sergeant, CAV, \*\*\*\*Reconnaissance Troop, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 19 October 1944 to 4 December 1944, in the vicinity of Metz, France. Entered military service from Iowa.

KENNETH A. SPEAR, 37128042, Sergeant, CAV, \*\*\*\*Reconnaissance Troop, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 19 October 1944 to 4 December 1944, in the vicinity of Metz, France. Entered military service from Nebraska.

WALTER F. ELSNER, 36134595, Sergeant, CAV, \*\*\*\*Reconnaissance Troop, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 19 October 1944 to 4 December 1944, in the vicinity of Metz, France. Entered military service from Michigan.

PHILIP D. HAHN, JR., 39300310, Sergeant, FA, Battery A, \*\*\*\*Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 26 October 1944 to 26 November 1944, in the vicinity of Metz, France. Entered military service from Washington.

RONALD R. MC INTYRE, 39080075, Sergeant, FA, Battery B, \*\*\*\*Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 8 November 1944 to 15 November 1944, in the vicinity of Metz, France. Entered military service from California.

GEORGE A. SNIDER, 37157707, Sergeant, FA, Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, \*\*\*\*Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 20 October 1944 to 20 November 1944, in the vicinity of Metz, France. Entered military service from Nebraska.

MELVIN M. FAIDEMORE, 35636851, Technician Fourth Grade, FA, Headquarters Battery, \*\*\*\*Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 11 September 1944 to 30 November 1944, in France. Entered military service from West Virginia.

HENRY C. STORCH, 35504970, Corporal, FA, Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, \*\*\*\*Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 20 October 1944 to 20 November 1944, in the vicinity of Metz, France. Entered military service from Kentucky.

ANDREW J. PAVLICKA, 36357559, Corporal, FA, Headquarters Battery, \*\*\*\*Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 3 November 1944 to 30 November 1944, in the vicinity of Metz, France. Entered military service from Illinois.

GORDON W. BEAN, 31192898, Corporal, CAV, \*\*\*\*Reconnaissance Troop, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 19 October 1944 to 4 December 1944, in the vicinity of Metz, France. Entered military service from Connecticut.

ROY F. LINDS, 35676446, Technician Fifth Grade, Med Dept, Medical Detachment, Headquarters special troops, for meritorious service in connection with military operations, on 17 November 1944, in the vicinity of Metz, France. Entered military service from Kentucky.

WILFRED H. BRIDGEMAN, 35676211, Technician Fifth Grade, CAV, \*\*\*Reconnaissance Troop, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 19 October 1944 to 4 December 1944, in the vicinity of Metz, France. Entered military service from Kentucky.

SCOTT L. LINDSEY, 3546649, Technician Fifth Grade, FA, Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, \*\*\*Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 20 October 1944 to 20 November 1944, in the vicinity of Metz, France. Entered military service from Kentucky.

JOHN T. CRISWELL, 37048795, Private First Class, FA, Headquarters Battery, \*\*\*Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 1 November 1944 to 30 November 1944, in the vicinity of Metz, France. Entered military service from Iowa.

ROBERT A. KELLEY, 6246127, Private First Class, CAV, \*\*\*Reconnaissance Troop, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 19 October 1944 to 4 December 1944, in the vicinity of Metz, France. Entered military service from Texas.

DJIMON A. JONES, 35686170, Private, CAV, \*\*\*Reconnaissance Troop, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 19 October 1944 to 4 December 1944, in the vicinity of Metz, France. Entered military service from Kentucky.

JOHN L. BLUCK, 31431667, Private, CAV, \*\*\*Reconnaissance Troop, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 19 October 1944 to 4 December 1944, in the vicinity of Metz, France. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

By command of Major General THADDEN:

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SECTION III - AWARD OF MERITORIOUS SERVICE UNIT PLAQUE

I. AWARD OF SILVER STAR: By direction of the President, and under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and Ltr. Hq. XA Corps, File AG 200,6, 16 October 1944, the Silver Star is awarded to the following:

✓ HAROLD J. HARTER, 36603047, Technical Sergeant, INF, Company K, \*\*\*\* Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action against the enemy, on 21 November 1944, in the vicinity of Metz, France. On his way to the Battalion Aid Station, where he had been ordered to report because of a feverish illness, Technical Sergeant HARTER met a Sergeant of his Company who was seeking men to help guard a hospital among whose occupants was a German General. Despite the handicap of his sickness, Technical Sergeant HARTER willingly agreed to accompany his comrade back to the hospital. There, a German nurse took Technical Sergeant HARTER'S temperature and finding it dangerously high warned him to go to bed. Technical Sergeant HARTER demurred and went instead to an operating room where the German General was undergoing surgery. As he entered the room a group of SS troops appeared, bearing a stretcher, on which they had planned to carry away their general. But upon encountering Technical Sergeant HARTER they fled. Technical Sergeant HARTER gave chase but the rapidly retreating SS troops escaped through the maze of tunnels channeling the hospital; and Technical Sergeant HARTER returned to the operating room to guard the German General. In a few moments an enemy Captain arrived, ostensibly to accomplish the mission in which the SS men had failed, but Technical Sergeant HARTER apprehended him and made him a prisoner. Technical Sergeant HARTER'S intrepid perseverance in performing his duty, despite the hazardous circumstances of his illness and hostile surroundings, insured the capture of the German General and his Staff and thereby contributed materially to the final capitulation of Metz. His gallant conduct reflects great credit upon himself, and is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Illinois.

✓ RAYMOND J. RUSCH, 36357562, Technical Sergeant, INF, Company H, \*\*\*\* Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action against the enemy, on 9 November 1944, in the vicinity of Hannabois Woods, France. While Technical Sergeant RUSCH'S platoon was participating in a Battalion attack on a powerful enemy force in Hannabois Woods, his platoon leader was wounded and had to be evacuated. Taking command himself, Technical Sergeant RUSCH was soon faced with the critical necessity of conducting a withdrawal over hilly, wooded terrain under vehement fire from German artillery and mortars. Technical Sergeant RUSCH coolly directed

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a conspicuously well-organized withdrawal despite the enemy's fierce attempt to destroy the platoon. Then, with adamant devotion to duty, this intrepid soldier guided his men under scathing hostile fire to his platoon's casualties. While assisting in their evacuation Technical Sergeant RUSCH was himself wounded in both legs, but refused to leave his post until the last of the casualties had been removed to a covered position. Technical Sergeant RUSCH'S distinctly heroic conduct reflects great credit upon him, and is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Illinois.

EDMUND S. FRALEY, 3606432, Staff Sergeant, INF, Company H, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action against the enemy, on 8 November 1944, in the vicinity of Hamabois woods, France. In the fierce initial action of an attack on German strong points in Hamabois woods, Staff Sergeant FRALEY, Machine-gun-Section Leader in Company H, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, was severely-wounded by enemy fire. Refusing evacuation Staff Sergeant FRALEY courageously stayed with his section and despite increasing enemy fire he directed the emplacing of his machine-gun in a position from which it delivered conspicuously effective supporting fire to the advancing rifle companies. Staff Sergeant FRALEY'S heroic behavior greatly aided his unit in carrying its objective. His clear valor reflects distinct honor upon himself, and is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Illinois.

RICHARD W. BROOMALL, 15220145, Staff Sergeant, INF, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, First Battalion, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action against the enemy, on 13 November 1944, at Bertrange, France. After crossing the Moselle River under cover of darkness and proceeding to Bertrange, a group of fifty infantrymen, of whom Staff Sergeant BROOMALL was one, encountered intense shelling and machine gun fire. Staff Sergeant BROOMALL'S element became separated from the main body and was gravely threatened with destruction within a closing ring of hostile troops. In this emergency Staff Sergeant BROOMALL organized a small reconnaissance patrol and led it out in search of friendly reinforcement for his beleaguered comrades. Enemy soldiers detected the patrol, however, and in the ensuing fight Staff Sergeant BROOMALL received a painful ankle-wound. Undaunted by his injury, and with superb presence of mind, Staff Sergeant BROOMALL sent a member of his patrol back to the main group to tell them of the enemy's location, enabling them to return safely to their unit. Staff Sergeant BROOMALL protected his messenger's withdrawal with his own fire. The conspicuously gallant conduct displayed by Staff Sergeant BROOMALL reflects great credit upon him and is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Ohio.

MELVIN A. GRONDAHL, 37287114, Sergeant, INF, Company M, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action against the enemy, on 16 November 1944, in the vicinity of Fort Jeanne D'Arc, France. Sergeant GRONDAHL, a member of a group of combat scouts attacking a large, heavily fortified enemy bunker, voluntarily, with another combat scout moved into a position exposed to withering artillery, mortar and machine gun fire in an attempt to destroy a machine gun inside the bunker. Boldly placing his own machine gun on a mound of dirt directly in front of the pillbox, Sergeant GRONDAHL poured fire into the enemy position until the German gun no longer replied. Thereupon, the commander of the pillbox surrendered with his entire garrison of forty-six men. Upon questioning, the enemy

commander asserted that the confident position of Sergeant GRONDAIL'S machine gun had led him to believe that the bunker was surrounded by American troops and his situation therefor hopeless. Sergeant GRONDAIL'S superb heroism in making possible the elimination of a powerful enemy fortification reflects distinct honor on himself and on the military service. Entered military service from North Dakota.

GLEN W. HAYES, 37256276, Sergeant, INF, Company D, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action against the enemy, on 13 and 14 November 1944, in the vicinity of Imeldange, France, Heavy Machine-gun Squad Leader, Sergeant HAYES was one of a small group of infantrymen cut off from their battalion for two days by enemy encirclement in the town of Imeldange. In attack after attack, the numerically superior German forces pressed in to destroy Sergeant HAYES' undermanned element, but always Sergeant HAYES' group fought back doggedly and repulsed them. Through the whole a separate action Sergeant HAYES' battle-brother and battle-skill were exemplary. He set so clear a standard for aggressive conduct under fire that his men were inspired with the conviction that they would hold out. That they did is an honorable reflection upon themselves, and distinctly upon Sergeant HAYES. His gallantry on this occasion is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Nebraska.

EDWIN A. KOLODZIE, 42355132, Private First Class, INF, Company B, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action against the enemy, on 16 November 1944, in the vicinity of Fort Jumeau D'Arc, France. Private First Class KOLODZIE, a member of a group of combat troops attacking a large, heavily fortified enemy bunker, voluntarily, with a bayonet, moved into a position exposed to withering artillery, mortar and machine gun fire in an attempt to destroy a machine gun inside the bunker. Boldly placing his own machine gun on a mound of dirt directly in front of the pillbox, Private First Class KOLODZIE, helped his sergeant pour fire into the enemy position until the German gun no longer replied. Thereupon, the commander of the pillbox surrendered with his entire garrison of forty-six men. Upon questioning, the enemy commander asserted that the confident position of Private First Class KOLODZIE'S machine gun had led him to believe that the bunker was surrounded by American troops and his situation therefor hopeless. Private First Class KOLODZIE'S superb heroism in making possible the elimination of a powerful enemy fortification reflects distinct honor on himself and on the military service. Entered military service from New Jersey.

ARTHUR P. FARRARON, 34445139, Private First Class, Med Dept, Medical Detachment, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action, on 9 November 1944, in the vicinity of Malzieron-Les-Hetz, France. In the battle of the Alsace, near Malzieron-Les-Hetz, Private First Class FARRARON, an aid man in the Medical Detachment, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, displayed marked courage and gallantry when he made trip after trip over densely mined terrain, administering first aid and evacuating casualties. Although enemy artillery and machine gun fire was extremely severe, Private First Class FARRARON did not hesitate in the face of grave danger. His cool and skillful treatment of the wounded, his never-failing eagerness to assist in the evacuation of helpless casualties, and his fearless conduct under intense enemy fire were an inspiration to the soldiers fighting around him. Private First Class FARRARON'S gallant and efficient service reflects distinct credit on himself and exemplifies the highest traditions of the Medical Department. Entered military service from Georgia.

WALTER G. SMITH, 39909221, Private, INF, Company I, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action against the enemy, from 9 November 1944 to 11 November 1944, in the vicinity of Meizieres-Les-Metz, France. During an attack by Company I, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, against a Chateau near Meizieres-Les-Metz, Private SMITH, a rifleman was severely wounded by enemy shell fragments. Taking cover in a shell hole, Private SMITH refrained from calling to his comrades for aid, since he feared that they would come under dangerous enemy fire in attempting to reach him. On the following morning, Private SMITH observed a German machine gun firing on his company and, despite his grievous wounds, opened such destructive fire on it that the weapon was silenced. After his heroic action, Private SMITH remained in his position, helpless, for another full day until evacuated by litter bearers. At no time did he request aid. Private SMITH'S inspired gallantry reflects great credit on himself and is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Utah.

HARRY F. OTT, 36600504, Private, INF, Company D, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action against the enemy, on 20 November 1944, in the vicinity of Metz, France. Acting leader of a machine gun platoon supporting a rifle company, Private OTT went out into the streets of Metz, carrying a heavy machine gun, and neutralized potent enemy sniper and machine gun positions which were holding up the company's advance. This courageous action not only had a devastating effect on hostile forces, but inspired the riflemen to confidently close with and destroy the enemy. Private OTT'S great personal courage and aggressiveness reflect distinct credit on him and exemplify the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Illinois.

LESTER F. KUMPOS, 36249376, Private, INF, Company D, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action against the enemy, on 13 and 14 November 1944, in the vicinity of Bertrange, France. On 13 and 14 November Private KUMPOS was one of a small group of soldiers holding out in Bertrange against the enemy forces far superior in numbers. During repeated attacks by enemy infantry and armor, Private KUMPOS ran out into the street with a heavy machine gun and raked the streets with fire, inflicting heavy casualties and causing the enemy to withdraw. While the enemy was reorganizing for further attacks, Private KUMPOS continually harassed them by small counter-attacks of his own. His great courage and indomitable will inspired his comrades to hold out against an enemy of almost overwhelming numbers until help arrived. Private KUMPOS'S superb heroism reflects distinct honor on himself and is in accordance with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

EDWARD S. SLOMINSKI, 36358701, Private, INF, Company H, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action against the enemy, on 12 November 1944, in the vicinity of Weply, France. Private SLOMINSKI was a member of a squad in the First Platoon of Company H, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, supporting the assault company in an attack on the enemy in the village of Weply. As the squad moved up, Private SLOMINSKI heard an unexplainable noise in a building along side the street dominating the route of approach. With his squad leader's permission, Private SLOMINSKI entered the building. Inside, his probing investigation soon disclosed the presence of a German machine gun with a three-man squad. The weapon was aimed down street, where the forward rifle company elements were moving. Private SLOMINSKI pointed his pistol at the German gunners, holding a grenade in his other hand,



and all three surrendered. Private ~~ROBERT M. RAY~~'s intrepid act undoubtedly saved the lives of many of his comrades and protected the vanguard of the assault from destruction. His heroic conduct reflects distinct credit upon himself, and exemplifies the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Illinois.

II. ~~AWARD OF THE BRASS STAR MEDAL~~: By direction of the President, and under the provisions of ~~AR 600-45~~, as amended, and Ltr. Hq. XX Corps, File AG 200.6, 16 October 1944, the ~~Brass Star Medal~~ is awarded to the following:

~~ROBERT M. RAY, 0224127, Captain, INF, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 14 November 1944 to 18 November 1944, in the vicinity of Port Jeanne D'Arc, France. When the Second Battalion of the \*\*\*Infantry Regiment stormed formidable enemy emplacements before Port Jeanne D'Arc, the Executive Officer was called forward to command the assaulting echelon, and Captain RAY took command of all rear elements. With able, energetic initiative Captain RAY at once strengthened the Battalion supply lines, reorganized communication and medical evacuation facilities and set up an impregnable local defense. Later, when the assault was spent and the Battalion held grimly to three wildly separated bloodily-won positions, Captain RAY obtained sufficient reinforcement to forestall a severely critical situation. Captain RAY'S vigorous, persevering achievement during the four day period was greatly instrumental to the decisive success of his Battalion in this operation. His conduct reflects distinct credit upon himself and is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Massachusetts.~~

*Rec. by G.O. # 49 - Dec. 21, 1944*

~~LOUIS R. KOZIEEK, 0224127, Technician Fifth Grade, INF, Service Company, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 14 November 1944 to 21 November 1944, in the vicinity of Metz, France. Technician Fifth Grade KOZIEEK volunteered on four different occasions for the hazardous task of dropping supplies from artillery liaison planes to isolated American troops near the great enemy forts around Metz. Technician Fifth Grade KOZIEEK, fully aware of the dangers inherent in such missions, acted with conspicuous bravery on each of these flights, when the plane in which he was flying crossed the enemy lines and, exposed to hostile machine gun and small arms fire, flew at heights never exceeding fifty feet above the ground on its supply mission. Technician Fifth Grade KOZIEEK'S high personal courage reflects great credit on himself and is in accordance with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from North Dakota.~~

*Rec. by G.O. # 49 - Dec. 21, 1944*

~~ARTHUR G. KELLY, 0224127, Technician Fifth Grade, INF, Service Company, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 16 November 1944 to 21 November 1944, in the vicinity of Metz, France. Technician Fifth Grade KELLY volunteered on four different occasions for the hazardous task of dropping supplies from artillery liaison planes to isolated American troops near the great enemy forts around Metz. Technician Fifth Grade KELLY, fully aware of the dangers inherent in such missions, acted with conspicuous bravery on each of these flights, when the plane in which he was flying crossed the enemy lines and, exposed to hostile machine gun and small arms fire, flew at heights never exceeding fifty feet above the ground on its perilous, vital supply~~

mission. Technician Fifth Grade ~~WELLS~~ high personal courage reflects great credit on himself and is in accordance with the highest traditions of the military service. ~~Entered military service from Illinois.~~

~~Rec. by Co # 49 - Dec. 21, 1944~~  
~~\* WELLS G. WELLS, 35333155, Private, First Class, INF, Service Company, \*\*\*\* Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 15 November 1944, to 21 November 1944, in the vicinity of Metz, France. Private First Class WELLS volunteered on four different occasions for the hazardous task of dropping supplies from artillery liaison planes to isolated American troops near the great enemy forts around Metz. Private First Class WELLS, fully aware of the dangers inherent in such missions, acted with conspicuous bravery on each of these flights, when the plane in which he was flying crossed the enemy lines and, exposed to hostile machine gun and small arms fire, flew at heights never exceeding fifty feet above the ground on its supply mission. Private First Class WELLS' high personal courage reflects great credit on himself and is in accordance with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Ohio.~~

~~Rec. by Co # 49 - Dec. 21, 1944~~  
~~\* WILLIAM G. MC CARTHY, 35735054, Private, INF, Service Company, \*\*\*\* Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 15 November 1944, to 21 November 1944, in the vicinity of Metz, France. Private MC CARTHY volunteered on four different occasions for the hazardous task of dropping supplies from artillery liaison planes to isolated American troops near the great enemy forts around Metz. Private MC CARTHY, fully aware of the dangers inherent in such missions, acted with conspicuous bravery on each of these flights, when the plane in which he was flying, crossed the enemy lines and, exposed to hostile machine gun and small arms fire, flew at heights never exceeding fifty feet above the ground on its supply mission. Private MC CARTHY's high personal courage reflects great credit on himself and is in accordance with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military from Ohio.~~

~~Rec. by Co # 49 - Dec. 21, 1944~~  
~~\* ARVID G. MARTINEZ, 37244227, Private, INF, Service Company, \*\*\*\* Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 15 November 1944, to 21 November 1944, in the vicinity of Metz, France. Private MARTINEZ volunteered on four different occasions for the hazardous task of dropping supplies from artillery liaison planes to isolated American troops near the great enemy forts around Metz. Private MARTINEZ, fully aware of the dangers inherent in such missions, acted with conspicuous bravery on each of these flights, when the plane in which he was flying, crossed the enemy lines and, exposed to hostile machine gun and small arms fire, flew at heights never exceeding fifty feet above the ground on its supply mission. Private MARTINEZ' high personal courage reflects great credit on himself and is in accordance with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Colorado.~~

*Rec. by Co # 49 - Dec. 21, 1944*  
✓ ~~JOSEPH E. LANDRY, 27151, Private, INF, Service Co., \*\*\*Infantry~~  
~~regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against~~  
~~the enemy, from 15 November 1944 to 21 November 1944, in the vicinity of Metz,~~  
~~France. Private LANDRY volunteered on four different occasions for the hazard-~~  
~~ous task of dropping supplies from artillery liaison planes to isolated American~~  
~~troops near the great forts around Metz. Private LANDRY, fully aware of the~~  
 ~~dangers inherent in such missions, acted with conspicuous bravery on each of those~~  
~~flights, when the plane in which he was flying crossed the enemy lines and, ex-~~  
~~posed to hostile machine gun and small arms fire, flew at heights never exceeding~~  
~~fifty feet above the ground on its supply mission. Private LANDRY's high personal~~  
 ~~courage reflects great credit on himself and is in accordance with the highest~~  
 ~~traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Massachusetts.~~

*Rec. by Co # 49 - Dec. 21, 1944*  
✓ ~~Donald J. Kelly, 42091205, Private, INF, Service Company, \*\*\*Infantry~~  
~~regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against~~  
~~the enemy, from 15 November 1944 to 21 November 1944, in the vicinity of Metz,~~  
~~France. Private KELLY volunteered on four different occasions for the hazardous~~  
~~task of dropping supplies from artillery liaison planes to isolated American~~  
~~troops near the great forts around Metz. Private KELLY, fully aware of the~~  
 ~~dangers inherent in such missions, acted with conspicuous bravery on each of those~~  
~~flights, when the plane in which he was flying crossed the enemy lines and, ex-~~  
~~posed to hostile machine gun and small arms fire, flew at heights never exceeding~~  
~~fifty feet above the ground on its supply mission. Private KELLY'S high personal~~  
 ~~courage reflects great credit on himself and is in accordance with the highest~~  
 ~~traditions of the military service. Entered military service from New York.~~

✓ ~~JENNIFER GOLDBERG, 32968377, Private, Med Dept, Medical Detachment, \*\*\*~~  
~~Infantry regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations,~~  
~~from 16 November 1944 to 19 November 1944, in the vicinity of Fort Jeanne D'Arc,~~  
~~France. When Company C and Company D, of the \*\*\*Infantry regiment, occupying~~  
~~two bunkers between Fort Jeanne D'Arc and Fort Orient, were cut off from other~~  
~~friendly troops, litter bearer, Private GOLDBERG, although handicapped by physical~~  
~~exhaustion and a lack of adequate medical supplies, administered first aid to the~~  
~~companies' many casualties with superior efficiency and endless devotion. When~~  
~~the regimental surgeon arrived at the isolated position by plane, Private GOLDBERG~~  
~~remained on duty, assisting him in giving medical attention to the wounded. For~~  
~~three days this intrepid medical soldier helped the medical officer evacuate by~~  
~~plane nine of the seriously wounded, thereby saving their lives. But in addition~~  
~~to the life-saving aspect of his service, Private GOLDBERG by his concentrated~~  
~~devotion to duty served as a lasting inspiration to all who witnessed his~~  
~~achievements during the harrowing three days. Private GOLDBERG'S heroic conduct~~  
~~reflects great credit upon him and is in keeping with the highest traditions of~~  
~~the Medical Department. Entered military service from New York.~~

✓ ~~JOHN E. KEITH, 35843804, Technician Fifth Grade, INF, Service Company,~~  
~~\*\*\*Infantry regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military opera-~~  
~~tions against the enemy, on 19 November 1944, in the vicinity of Fort Jeanne D'Arc,~~  
~~France. While voluntarily serving as assistant to the regimental Graves Registra-~~  
~~tion Officer, Technician Fifth Grade KEITH reportedly moved out into an area~~  
~~continually exposed to enemy small arms fire in order to remove the dead from the~~  
~~battlefield. Placing his own life in jeopardy time after time, Technician Fifth~~  
~~Grade KEITH conducted himself in such a way as to reflect distinct honor upon~~

him and the military service. Entered military service from West Virginia.

✓ **LAWRENCE E. RICHARDS**, 37288928, Private First Class, INF, Headquarters Company, First Battalion, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 15 and 16 November 1944, in the vicinity of Imeldange, France. Private First Class RICHARDS, a wireman, crossed the swollen Moselle river on the night of 15 November 1944 in order to establish communications in Imeldange. When numerically-superior enemy armor and infantry launched a counter-attack on our forces holding the town, Private First Class RICHARDS aggressively entered the fight to repel the Germans and personally accounted for eight of them. Private First Class RICHARDS' courageous action, clearly inspiring to the men fighting with him, reflects great credit on himself and is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Minnesota.

✓ **FRANCIS C. MEULIN**, 36248720, Sergeant, INF, Company D, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 13 and 14 November 1944, in the vicinity of Imeldange, France. Communications Sergeant MEULIN was one of fifteen soldiers contained by the enemy in a building in Bertrange on 13 and 14 November 1944. Although numerically superior German forces reportedly attacked the building, Sergeant MEULIN stayed with his "300" radio and directed friendly artillery fire to within a one hundred yard radius of the building. When he was not at his radio, Sergeant MEULIN manned a vantage point and delivered accurate, deadly fire on the enemy. Sergeant MEULIN'S heroic action was greatly instrumental in repulsing the hostile troops and saving the lives of his comrades. The superior communications-skill which he displayed on this occasion, and his exemplary devotion to duty, reflect distinct credit on Sergeant MEULIN and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

✓ **WANK J. TUMPAH**, 36352913, Staff Sergeant, INF, Service Company, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 12 November 1944, in the vicinity of Uckange, France. During the establishment of a bridgehead across the Moselle river by elements of the First Battalion, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, flood waters made it impossible to construct a bridge, necessitating the supplying of troops by assault boats. German mortar and artillery fire was continuously and accurately placed on the crossing-site, but Staff Sergeant TUMPAH, First Battalion Supply Sergeant, assisted in forming a detail which loaded the boats with vital supplies and launched them across the flooded river to the narrowed troops on the opposite side. Staff Sergeant TUMPAH made three trips with the boats himself, and his exemplary action reflects distinct credit upon him. Throughout this hazardous operation Staff Sergeant TUMPAH'S conduct was in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Illinois.

✓ **A. J. AUGUSTINE**, 01304659, First Lieutenant, INF, Company E, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 14 November 1944, in the vicinity of Fort Jeanne D'Arc, France. First Lieutenant AUGUSTINE, serving as executive officer of Company E, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, was leading a patrol of several men in an attempt to make contact with the rest of the Second Battalion when a group of enemy soldiers were encountered. In the ensuing action, two Germans were immediately killed. Thereafter, the patrol succeeded in reestablishing the company's contact with the

Battalion and the Battalion moved on to its objective, First Lieutenant AUGUSTINE and his patrol while clearing the area of any further enemy resistance, were engaged by an enemy element, one American soldier was killed, and First Lieutenant AUGUSTINE cut off from the rest of his patrol. In this precarious situation, First Lieutenant AUGUSTINE continued to engage the enemy until his patrol surrounded the Germans and captured them. First Lieutenant AUGUSTINE'S intrepid performance reflects great credit on himself and is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Michigan.

✓ FREDERICK R. BEAN, JR., 27254040, Private First Class, INF, Company H, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 25 November 1944, in Metz, France. Machine Operator for a mortar platoon, Private First Class BEAN completed fire mission after fire mission under severe enemy artillery and sniper fire at a time when a heavy mortar barrage was essential to the advance of friendly infantry. By his steadfast devotion to duty under dangerous and difficult circumstances, Private First Class BEAN was directly instrumental in insuring effective support by the mortar platoon. Private First Class BEAN'S loyalty reflects distinct credit on himself and is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Kansas.

✓ JOHN R. LYCZAK, 36609215, Private First Class, INF, Service Company, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 21 November 1944, in the vicinity of Metz, France. Private First Class LYCZAK, File and Message Center Clerk, volunteered to drive the regimental adjutant on a reconnaissance mission through territory not yet cleared of enemy activity, although he was fully aware of the dangers attending the mission. Extensive reconnaissance was made over roads open to hostile patrols and containing enemy anti-tank mines, anti-personnel mines and booby traps. In spite of the dangers lurking on all sides, Private First Class LYCZAK and the adjutant completed their mission successfully, gaining information thereby which permitted detailed and accurate planning of further operations against the enemy. Private First Class LYCZAK'S conspicuous bravery reflects great credit on himself and is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Illinois.

✓ CLAUDE A. KONOLOCKI, 16093304, Staff Sergeant, INF, Company D, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 21 November 1944, in the vicinity of Bertrange, France. On 9 November 1944, Staff Sergeant KONOLOCKI crossed the Moselle river in the vicinity of Bertrange with a rifle company of the First Battalion, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment. Staff Sergeant KONOLOCKI'S mortar section was to support the rifle company, but due to heavy casualties and loss of equipment in making the crossing, the mortar section was rendered ineffective. Staff Sergeant KONOLOCKI tried by every means available to locate other weapons and trained crewmen in order that he might continue his mission. Being unable to accomplish this, he gathered a handful of his seriously wounded comrades and took them back across the river under heavy enemy artillery and mortar fire. Staff Sergeant KONOLOCKI'S gallant efforts to accomplish his mission and his bravery and skill in evacuating wounded when he perceived that he could not render fire support to the rifle company are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

✓ DALE G. SWANSON, 3740217, private First Class, INF, Company D, \*\*\*\* Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 15 and 16 November 1944, in the vicinity of Liseldange, France. As a machine gunner and jeep driver, private First Class Swanson was one of a small group of infantrymen cut off from their battalion for two days by enemy encirclement in the town of Liseldange. In attack after attack, the numerically-superior German forces pressed in to destroy the undisciplined element, but always the group fought back doggedly and repulsed them. Private First Class Swanson by his resource, cool head, and fearless conduct was both a potent factor in holding off the enemy and an inspiration to the other men in the embattled group. His actions reflect great credit on himself and exemplify the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Iowa.

✓ WILLIAM G. COMBES, 6208219, Technician Fifth Grade, FA, Service Battery, \*\*\*\* Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 6 December 1944, in France. Entered military service from North Carolina.

✓ FRANK O. LEBLANC, 20113044, private, FA, Battery B, \*\*\*\* Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 6 December 1944, in France. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

✓ ROBERT J. O'NEILL, 31430741, private, FA, Service Battery, \*\*\*\* Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 6 December 1944, in France. Entered military service from Connecticut.

✓ GUY M. WILSON, 6559136, Staff Sergeant, QM, \*\*\*\* Quartermaster Company, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 8 November 1944 to 4 December 1944, in the vicinity of Metz, France. Entered military service from North Dakota.

✓ FRANK J. ILC, 36353469, Staff Sergeant, QM, \*\*\*\* Quartermaster Company, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 8 November 1944 to 4 December 1944, in the vicinity of Metz, France. Entered military service from Illinois.

✓ WILLIAM F. LIGAN, 36350828, Sergeant, QM, \*\*\*\* Quartermaster Company, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 8 November 1944 to 4 December 1944, in the vicinity of Metz, France. Entered military service from Illinois.

✓ JOSEPH S. BURR, 36352533, Sergeant, QM, \*\*\*\* Quartermaster Company, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 8 November 1944 to 4 December 1944, in the vicinity of Metz, France. Entered military service from Illinois.

✓ EDWARD O. MACKERT, 36353503, Sergeant, QM, \*\*\*\* Quartermaster Company, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 8 November 1944 to 4 December 1944, in the vicinity of Metz, France. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

✓ EDWARD T. WHITE, OLI83999, Second Lieutenant, FA, Service Battery, \*\*\*\*Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 20 October 1944 to 23 November 1944, in the vicinity of Metz, France. Entered military service from California.

✓ HENRY W. KIDDING, OLI70415, Second Lieutenant, FA, Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, \*\*\*\*Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 8 November 1944 to 21 November 1944, in the vicinity of Metz, France. Entered military service from Iowa.

✓ ROBERT C. CARGNEY, W2108615, Warrant Officer Junior Grade, USA, Service Battery, \*\*\*\*Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 20 October 1944 to 23 November 1944, in the vicinity of Metz, France. Entered military service from Michigan.

CLARK E. GARDNER, 36850164, Technical Sergeant, FA, Service Battery, \*\*\*\*Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 20 October 1944 to 23 November 1944, in the vicinity of Metz, France. Entered military service from Illinois.

GEORGE A. FIRNE, 32803970, Staff Sergeant, FA, Service Battery, \*\*\*\*Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 20 October 1944 to 23 November 1944, in the vicinity of Metz, France. Entered military service from New York.

DANIEL KOLOSOWSKY, 16247405, Staff Sergeant, INF, Service Company, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 3 November 1944 to 30 November 1944, in the vicinity of Metz, France. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

✓ ARTHUR H. MOULTON, 34191791, Staff Sergeant, INF, Service Company, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 3 November 1944 to 30 November 1944, in the vicinity of Metz, France. Entered military service from Tennessee.

FOX S. HANSEN, 32524911, Technician Fourth Grade, FA, Service Battery, \*\*\*\*Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 20 October 1944 to 23 November 1944, in the vicinity of Metz, France. Entered military service from New York.

ALFRED RICHWINE, 15105764, Technician Fifth Grade, FA, Battery C, \*\*\*\*Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 20 October 1944 to 20 November 1944, in the vicinity of Metz, France. Entered military service from Indiana.

✓ CLARK H. TABOR, 16455796, Corporal, INF, Service Company, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 8 November 1944 to 30 November 1944, in the vicinity of Romas, France. Entered military service from Illinois.

KENNETH H. COOPER, 37285311, Corporal, INF, Service Company, \*\*\*\* Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 8 November 1944 to 30 November 1944, in the vicinity of Metz, France. Entered military service from Minnesota.

NORMAN A. HARRING, 36357437, Corporal, FA, Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, \*\*\*\*Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 20 October 1944 to 20 November 1944, in the vicinity of Metz, France. Entered military service from Illinois.

WILLIE W. ZEICLER, 6849198, Sergeant, INF, Service Company, \*\*\*\* Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 12 November 1944, in the vicinity of Uckange, France. Entered military service from South Carolina.

ERLING O. HENDRICKS, 17107026, Staff Sergeant, INF, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, First Battalion, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 13 November 1944 to 16 November 1944, in the vicinity of Immeldange, France. Entered military service from North Dakota.

KYLE O. COX, 35437836, Sergeant, INF, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, First Battalion, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 13 November 1944 to 16 November 1944, in the vicinity of Immeldange, France. Entered military service from West Virginia.

RAYMOND J. QUINDEL, 36353134, Technician Fifth Grade, INF, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, First Battalion, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 15 November 1944 to 30 November 1944, in the vicinity of Metz, France. Entered military service from Illinois.

GLEN F. MONTOURE, 36248084, Corporal, INF, Service Company, \*\*\*\* Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 8 November 1944 to 29 November 1944, in the vicinity of Metz, France. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

EARL J. WALLIN, 36356596, Private First Class, INF, Company M, \*\*\*\* Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 16 November 1944, in the vicinity of Fort Gambetta, France. Entered military service from Illinois.

THOMAS S. REEVES, 14006207, First Sergeant, QM, \*\*\*\*Quartermaster Company, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 8 November 1944 to 4 December 1944, in the vicinity of Metz, France. Entered military service from Louisiana.

THEODORE V. BECKMAN, 17010886, Staff Sergeant, QM, \*\*\*\*Quartermaster Company, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 8 November 1944 to 4 December 1944, in the vicinity of Metz, France. Entered military service from Kansas.



ROBERT B. BLMORE, 34375173, Corporal, QM, \*\*\*\*Quartermaster Company, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 8 November 1944 to 4 December 1944, in the vicinity of Metz, France. Entered military service from Tennessee.

JOHN B. HARRIS, 36247047, Private First Class, QM, \*\*\*\*Quartermaster Company, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 8 November 1944 to 4 December 1944, in the vicinity of Metz, France. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

THEODORE J. KILLEN, 35247401, Sergeant, QM, \*\*\*\*Quartermaster Company, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 8 November 1944 to 4 December 1944, in the vicinity of Metz, France. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

*Amend by Ge # 44-18-1-15*  
III. Award of Meritorious Service Unit Plaques: Under the provisions of WD Circular Number 45, dated 21 August 1944, a Meritorious Service Unit Plaque is awarded to Service Battery <sup>NEED SET</sup> 358th Field Artillery Battalion for superior performance and outstanding devotion to duty during the period 12 September 1944 to 22 November 1944.

The Service Battery, 358th Field Artillery Battalion during this period performed outstanding service both before and after the battalion was committed to battle. The battery's performance of duty under adverse conditions during the assault and reduction of the city of Metz, France was superior. All problems of supply brought about by continually changing conditions were met and conquered. Maintenance of vehicles was such that at no time were the tactical or administrative functions of the battalion impaired by transportation problems. The devotion to duty, discipline and performance of the personnel of this battalion during the period reflects great credit on itself and the military service.

By command of Major General TWADDELS:

H. J. COLIGHTLY  
Colonel, G.S.C.,  
Chief of Staff.

OFFICIAL:

*W. J. Flowers*  
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SECTION I - AWARD OF SILVER STAR  
SECTION II - AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

I. AWARD OF SILVER STAR: By direction of the President, and under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and Ltr. Hq. X Corps, File AG 200.6, 16 October 1944, the Silver Star is awarded to the following:

CARLTON K. SMITH, 0231996, Lieutenant Colonel, FA, \*\*\*\*Tank Destroyer Battalion, for gallantry in action against the enemy, from 15 November 1944 to 22 November 1944, in the vicinity of Metz, France. In the drive south from Thionville to Metz, the progress of Task Force \*\*\*\* was obstructed by the stout emplacements of Fort St Julien. It became necessary to bring artillery fire directly upon sections of the fort. At this time, Lieutenant Colonel SMITH, commanding the \*\*\*\*Tank Destroyer Battalion, in support of Task Force \*\*\*\*, with bold initiative approached the entrance of the fort, under intense hostile fire, and personally selected gun positions for his Battalion. Still under the eyes and fire of the enemy, with no regard for his own safety he directed the placing and service of his Battalion's weapons. As a result of Lieutenant Colonel SMITH's fearless leadership the guns were promptly and expertly served and their terrific fire was largely instrumental in reducing the Fort. The rapid ingress of infantry to Metz, and the conclusive destruction of enemy pockets within the city, were likewise facilitated by the driving action of the \*\*\*\*Tank Destroyer Battalion, vigorously led by Lieutenant Colonel SMITH. Throughout the operations of Task Force \*\*\*\* against Metz, Lieutenant Colonel SMITH was to be found where the fighting was the most severe, inspiring not only his own troops but the accompanying infantry as well. His gallant conduct reflects distinct credit upon himself and exemplifies the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Iowa.

WILLIAM W. STEPHENS, 14010236, Staff Sergeant, INF, Company G, \*\*\*\* Tank Battalion, for gallantry in action against the enemy, on 3 December 1944, in Germany, when the tanks of his platoon leader and acting platoon sergeant were knocked out in bitter street-fighting in a German-held village. Staff Sergeant STEPHENS, although his radio was ineffective, drove his tank forward against the hostile forces and, with heroic disdain for sniper, machine gun and artillery fire, opened his tank-hatch and, gasculating with his arms, indicated to the surviving tanks of the platoon to follow him. They observed his signal and Staff Sergeant STEPHENS intrepidly led them through the embattled streets of the village to the capture of the platoon objective. The bold initiative and conspicuously gallant conduct of Staff Sergeant STEPHENS, reflect great credit upon him and exemplify the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Louisiana.

II. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL, by direction of the President, and under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and G. H. Q. AG Corps, File AG 200.6, 16 October 1944, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following:

WALTER R. SILBAUGH, 01018733, Second Lieutenant C.V (armed), Headquarters Company, \*\*\*Tank Battalion, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 14 November 1944 to 21 November 1944, in the vicinity of Metz, France. Second Lieutenant SILBAUGH, while commanding the assault gun platoon, \*\*\*Tank Battalion, was assigned to supplement the fire of a Field Artillery Battalion. Despite the communication difficulties in the use of assault guns as artillery, unfavorable terrain and harassing enemy counter-battery fire, he delivered prompt and effective fire at all times. When the infantry crossed the Moselle River at Metz, Second Lieutenant SILBAUGH was directed to move his vehicles across the river to support the infantry with direct fire against snipers and artillery in the bitter street-fighting. Second Lieutenant SILBAUGH'S personal reconnaissance and skillful handling of his guns accomplished this mission rapidly and effectively. His expert knowledge of Field Artillery methods and his superb handling of his assault gun platoon, on an unorthodox mission, reflect the highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Minnesota.

FRANK J. FRONCZAK, 36375018, Technician Fourth Grade, CE, Company B, \*\*\*Engineer Battalion, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 21 November 1944, in the vicinity of Metz, France. While in charge of an assault boat crossing the Moselle River, on 21 November 1944, Technician Fourth Grade FRONCZAK and his construction crew ran into fearful machine gun fire from Fort St. Quentin and one soldier was wounded. Technician Fourth Grade FRONCZAK coolly and rapidly headed his boat toward the shore, where he ordered his comrades to take cover. With utter disregard for his own personal safety, he pulled the wounded man to shore and remained with him until the casualty was evacuated by medical aid men. Technician Fourth Grade FRONCZAK'S heroism reflects distinct credit upon himself and is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Illinois.

WILTON M. FROMM, 38543108, Private, FI, Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, \*\*\*Field Artillery Battalion, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 27 November 1944 to 30 November 1944, in Germany. On 27 November 1944, Private FROMM was a member of a liaison section wire-team engaged in the perilous mission of laying wire from an Infantry Battalion Command Post up to the forward observer party while under enemy fire. Although delayed by an enemy counter-attack, and harassed by hostile patrols employing direct automatic weapons fire, Private FROMM and his comrades persevered in their attempt, and succeeded in installing the vital communications. During the next two days Private FROMM, often under intense mortar fire, maintained all artillery lines in the area. His heroic devotion to duty reflects distinct honor upon him and is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Texas.

JAMES A. KINCARD, 3991043, Private First Class, FA, Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 888th Artillery Battalion, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 27 November 1944 to 30 November 1944, in Germany. On 27 November 1944, Private First Class KINCARD was a member of a liaison section who took part in the perilous mission of laying wire from a liaison Battalion command post up to the forward observer party while under enemy fire. Although delayed by an enemy counter-attack, and harassed by hostile patrols employing direct and indirect weapons fire, Private First Class KINCARD and his comrades persevered in their attempt, and succeeded in installing the vital communication. During the next two days Private First Class KINCARD, often under intense mortar fire, maintained all artillery lines in the area. His heroic devotion to duty reflects distinct honor upon him and is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Washington.

JOHN B. CASSELL, 032096, Major, CAQ, Headquarters Battery, 888th Anti-Aircraft Artillery Battalion, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 8 November 1944 to 5 December 1944, in France. In reconnaissance for suitable gun positions in forward areas under German shell and mortar fire, Major Caswell many times risked his life in order to secure for the weapons of the 888th Anti-Aircraft Artillery Battalion locations from which their fire would prove most devastating to the enemy. At times the hostile fire deter him from energetically pursuing his duty, the inevitable casualties which result, mostly contributed to the conspicuously successful operations of his battalion. Major Caswell's heroic conduct and devotion to duty reflect distinct credit upon him and exemplify the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Missouri.

CLYDE S. ALLEN, 3460353, Technician Fifth Grade, CAQ, Headquarters Battery, 888th Anti-Aircraft Artillery Battalion, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 8 November 1944 to 5 December 1944, in France. In driving the Commanding Officer of his battalion on reconnaissance missions for gun positions in forward areas, Technician Fifth Grade ALLEN, under intense enemy shelling, conducted himself in a consistently exemplary manner. At no time did hostile fire deter him from the thorough accomplishment of his duty. Technician Fifth Grade ALLEN's heroic behavior in extremely hazardous circumstances reflects distinct credit upon him, and is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from North Carolina.

ROLAND HANDBALL, 1040440, First Lieutenant, CAQ, Battery 1, 888th Anti-Aircraft Artillery Battalion, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 4 December 1944, in France. After intrepidly directing the emplacement of his battery's weapons in a fire-swept forward area, First Lieutenant HANDBALL, under intense artillery shelling, whose average intensity was one hundred rounds per hour, laid down a protective net of fire above advanced infantry elements for twenty hours without rest. In this action First Lieutenant HANDBALL distinguished himself by a conspicuously vigorous devotion to duty. His fearless conduct, and exemplary leadership, reflect great credit upon him and exemplify the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Illinois.

WILLIAM D. CLARK, 0301507, First Lieutenant, GAC, Battery A, \*\*\*\* Anti-aircraft Artillery Battalion, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 4 December 1944, in France. After intrepidly directing the emplacement of his Battery's weapons in a fire-swept forward area, First Lieutenant Clark, under German artillery shelling whose average intensity was one hundred rounds per hour, maintained a protective roof of fire above advanced infantry elements for twenty hours without rest. In this action First Lieutenant Clark distinguished himself by a ceaselessly vigorous devotion to duty, his fearless conduct, and exemplary leadership, reflect great credit upon him and exemplify the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Michigan.

ALEXANDER D. LEMGEL, 01051483, Second Lieutenant, GAC, Battery A, \*\*\*\* Anti-aircraft Artillery Battalion, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 4 December 1944, in France. After intrepidly directing the emplacement of his Battery's weapons in a fire-swept forward area, Second Lieutenant Lemgel, under German artillery shelling whose average intensity was one hundred rounds per hour, maintained a protective roof of fire above advanced infantry elements for twenty hours without rest. In this action Second Lieutenant Lemgel distinguished himself by a ceaselessly vigorous devotion to duty, his fearless conduct, and exemplary leadership, reflect great credit upon him and exemplify the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from New York.

HUNTER HILL, 10413570, Staff Sergeant, GAC, Battery A, \*\*\*\* Anti-aircraft Artillery Battalion, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 4 December 1944, in France. After skillfully emplacing their weapons in a fire-swept forward area, Battery A, \*\*\*\* Anti-aircraft Artillery Battalion, of which Staff Sergeant Hill, was a member, maintained a protective roof of fire over advanced infantry elements for twenty hours without rest, despite German artillery shelling whose intensity averaged one hundred rounds per hour. Throughout this action Staff Sergeant Hill manned his precarious position with distinct skill and valor, his fearless conduct, and exemplary devotion to duty, reflect great credit upon him and exemplify the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Texas.

THOMAS HOBBS, 16750343, Technician Fifth Grade, GAC, Battery A, \*\*\*\* Anti-aircraft Artillery Battalion, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 4 December 1944, in France. After skillfully emplacing their weapons in a fire-swept forward area, Battery A, \*\*\*\* Anti-aircraft Artillery Battalion, of which Technician Fifth Grade Hobbs was a member maintained a protective roof of fire over advanced infantry troops for twenty hours without pause, despite German artillery shelling whose intensity averaged one hundred rounds per hour. Throughout this action Technician Fifth Grade Hobbs performed his duty with outstanding skill and valor. His fearless conduct, and exemplary devotion to duty, reflect great credit upon him and exemplify the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Michigan.

RONALD E. ROLLINGS, 30412461, Technician Fifth Grade, GAC, Battery A, \*\*\*\* Anti-aircraft Artillery Battalion, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 4 December 1944, in France. After skillfully emplacing their weapons in a fire-swept forward area, Battery A, \*\*\*\* Anti-

Aircraft Artillery Battalion, of which Technician Fifth Grade ROLLINGS was a member, maintained a protective roof of fire over advanced infantry troops for twenty hours without pause, despite German artillery shelling whose intensity averaged one hundred rounds per hour. Throughout this action Technician Fifth Grade ROLLINGS performed his duty with outstanding skill and valor. His fearless conduct, and exemplary devotion, reflect great credit upon him and exemplify the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Texas.

JAMES M. MC CLURE, 34685470, Technician Fifth Grade, CAC, Battery A, \*\*\*\* Anti-Aircraft Artillery Battalion, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 4 December 1944, in France. After skillfully emplacing their weapons in a fire-swept forward area, Battery A, \*\*\*\* Anti-Aircraft Artillery Battalion, of which Technician Fifth Grade MC CLURE was a member, maintained a protective roof of fire over advanced infantry troops for twenty hours without pause, despite German artillery shelling whose intensity averaged one hundred rounds per hour. Throughout this action Technician Fifth Grade MC CLURE performed his duty with outstanding skill and valor. His fearless conduct, and exemplary devotion, reflect great credit upon him and exemplify the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Georgia.

WALTER E. STEFANSKI, 30773485, Private, CAC, Battery A, \*\*\*\* Anti-Aircraft Artillery Battalion, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 4 December 1944, in France. After skillfully emplacing their weapons in a fire-swept forward area, Battery A, \*\*\*\* Anti-Aircraft Artillery Battalion, of which Private STEFANSKI was a member, maintained a protective roof of fire over advanced infantry troops for twenty hours without pause, despite German artillery shelling whose intensity averaged one hundred rounds per hour. Throughout this action Private STEFANSKI performed his duty with outstanding skill and valor. His fearless conduct, and exemplary devotion, reflect great credit upon him and exemplify the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Illinois.

CHARMOND H. HUNTER, 39199074, Corporal, CAC, Battery A, \*\*\*\* Anti-Aircraft Artillery Battalion, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 4 December 1944, in France. After skillfully emplacing their weapons in a fire-swept forward area, Battery A, \*\*\*\* Anti-Aircraft Artillery Battalion, of which Corporal HUNTER was a member, maintained a protective roof of fire over advanced infantry troops for twenty hours without pause, despite German artillery shelling whose intensity averaged one hundred rounds per hour. Throughout this action Corporal HUNTER performed his duty with outstanding skill and valor. His fearless conduct, and exemplary devotion, reflect great credit upon him and exemplify the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Washington.

LONNIE P. MINTER JR, 34685530, Private First Class, CAC, Battery A, \*\*\*\* Anti-Aircraft Artillery Battalion, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 4 December 1944, in France. After skillfully emplacing their weapons in a fire-swept forward area, Battery A, \*\*\*\* Anti-Aircraft Artillery Battalion, of which Private First Class MINTER was a member, maintained a protective roof of fire over advanced infantry troops for twenty hours without pause, despite German artillery shelling whose intensity averaged one hundred rounds per hour. Throughout this action Private First Class MINTER performed his duty with outstanding skill and valor. His fearless conduct, and

exemplary devotion, reflect great credit upon him and exemplify the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Georgia.

WILLIAM B. MC KLEMAN JR, 1-202265, Technician Fourth Grade, GAC, Battery A, \*\*\*\*anti-aircraft Artillery Battalion, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, 4 December 1944, in France. After skillfully emplacing their weapons in a fire-swept forward area, Battery A, \*\*\*\* anti-aircraft Artillery Battalion, of which Technician Fourth Grade KLEMAN was a member, maintained a protective roof of fire over advanced infantry troops for twenty hours without pause, despite German artillery shelling whose intensity averaged one hundred rounds per hour. Throughout this action Technician Fourth Grade MC KLEMAN performed his duty with outstanding skill and valor. His fearless conduct, and exemplary devotion, reflect great credit upon him and exemplify the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Oregon.

FRANK BILB, 34702857, Private First Class, GAC, Battery A, \*\*\*\* anti-aircraft Artillery Battalion, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 4 December 1944, in France. After skillfully emplacing their weapons in a fire-swept forward area, Battery A, \*\*\*\* anti-aircraft Artillery Battalion, of which Private First Class BILB was a member, maintained a protective roof of fire over advanced infantry troops for twenty hours without pause, despite German artillery shelling whose intensity averaged one hundred rounds per hour. Throughout this action Private First Class BILB performed his duty with outstanding skill and valor. His fearless conduct, and exemplary devotion, reflect great credit upon him and exemplify the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Georgia.

WILLIAM R. BUCHANON, 34603436, Corporal, GAC, Battery A, \*\*\*\*anti-aircraft Artillery Battalion, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on 4 December 1944, in France. After skillfully emplacing their weapons in a fire-swept forward area, Battery A, \*\*\*\*anti-aircraft Artillery Battalion, of which Corporal BUCHANON was a member, maintained a protective roof of fire over advanced infantry troops for twenty hours without pause, despite German artillery shelling whose intensity averaged one hundred rounds per hour. Throughout this action Corporal BUCHANON performed his duty with outstanding skill and valor. His fearless conduct, and exemplary devotion, reflect great credit upon him and exemplify the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from North Carolina.

WALTER P. REED, 37127327, Technician Fourth Grade, GAC, Battery A, \*\*\*\*, anti-aircraft Artillery Battalion, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 4 December 1944, in France. After skillfully emplacing their weapons in a fire-swept forward area, Battery A, \*\*\*\*anti-aircraft Artillery Battalion, of which Technician Fourth Grade REED was a member, maintained a protective roof of fire over advanced infantry troops for twenty hours without pause, despite German artillery shelling whose intensity averaged one hundred rounds per hour. Throughout this action Technician Fourth Grade REED performed his duty with outstanding skill and valor. His fearless conduct, and exemplary devotion, reflect great credit upon him and exemplify the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Kansas.

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GUILBERTO LAGUNA, 38361629, Technician Fifth Grade, G4C, Headquarters Battery, \*\*\*\*Anti-Aircraft Artillery Battalion, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 4 December 1944, in France. After skillfully employing their weapons in a fire-swept forward area, battery A, \*\*\*\*Anti Aircraft Artillery Battalion, with which Technician Fifth Grade LAGUNA was serving, maintained a protective roof of fire over advanced infantry troops for twenty hours without pause, despite German artillery shelling whose intensity averaged one hundred rounds per hour. Throughout this action Technician Fifth Grade LAGUNA performed his duty with outstanding skill and valor. His fearless conduct, and exemplary devotion, reflect great credit upon him and exemplify the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Texas.

RICHARD V. FODER, 36335015, Private First Class, G4, Headquarters and Service Company, \*\*\*\*Engineer Battalion, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 13 November 1944 to 15 November 1944, in the vicinity of Beckange, France. Voluntarily operating a motor boat on the flooded Moselle river at a time when the velocity of the raging stream made such an action extremely hazardous, Private First Class FODER carried supplies to American troops on the opposite shore and evacuated casualties to the aid station on the other bank of the river. These operations were accomplished under scathing enemy artillery and mortar fire. Private First Class FODER's courageous action reflects distinct credit upon himself and is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

WILLIAM P. GRAMISCH, 15331659, Private, G4, Headquarters and Service Company, \*\*\*\*Engineer Battalion, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 11 and 12 November 1944, in the vicinity of Beckange, France. Voluntarily operating a motor boat on the flooded Moselle river at a time when the velocity of the raging stream made such an action extremely hazardous, Private GRAMISCH carried supplies to American troops on the opposite side and evacuated casualties to the aid station on the other bank of the river. These operations were accomplished under scathing enemy artillery and mortar fire. Private GRAMISCH's courageous action reflects distinct credit upon himself and is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Indiana.

Donald R. SCURLOCK, 39327107, Private, G4, Headquarters and Service Company, \*\*\*\*Engineer Battalion, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 13 November 1944 to 15 November 1944, in the vicinity of Beckange, France. Operating a motor boat on the Moselle river when the velocity of flood waters made this action extremely hazardous, Private SCURLOCK carried supplies under heavy enemy fire, to American troops on the opposite shore. Returning, he brought casualties to the aid station and prisoners of war to the enclosure. On one occasion while bringing over prisoners of war, Private SCURLOCK's boat overturned, drowning ten Germans and three American guards but the intrepid motor boat operator swam safely to shore. Within two hours, he was back at his dangerous job. Private SCURLOCK's courageous devotion to duty reflects great credit upon him and is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Oregon.

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FRANCISCO G. MONTALONTE JR., 0295299, Major, C&O, Headquarters, \*\*\*\*  
anti-aircraft artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with  
military operations against the enemy, from 2 December 1944 to 5 December 1944,  
in France. entered military service from California.

RAY E. CURRY, 0451734, Captain, C&O, Battery D, \*\*\*\*anti-aircraft  
artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military opera-  
tions against the enemy, from 2 December 1944 to 5 December 1944, in France.  
entered military service from New Hampshire.

GORDON O. MATSON, 0349276, Captain, C&O, Battery B, \*\*\*\*anti-aircraft  
artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military opera-  
tions against the enemy, from 2 December 1944 to 5 December 1944, in France.  
entered military service from Minnesota.

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\*WILLARD J. DILL, 0104742, Captain, C&O, Headquarters Battery, \*\*\*  
anti-aircraft artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with  
military operations against the enemy, from 2 December 1944 to 5 December 1944,  
in France. entered military service from Texas.

WILLIAM A. MATHEIS, 3732455, Private, P&I, Battery G, \*\*\*\*Field  
artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military opera-  
tions against the enemy, on 7 December 1944, in France. entered military service  
from Kansas.

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SECTION I - AWARD OF SILVER STAR  
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SECTION III - AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

I. Award of Silver Star: By direction of the President, and under the provisions of Act 500-45, as amended, and Ltr. Hq. XX Corps, File AG 200.6, 16 October 1944, the Silver Star is awarded to the following:

ALBERT C. KILPAT, O1822837, First Lieutenant, FA, Company A, \*\*\*\* Tank Destroyer Battalion, for gallantry in action against the enemy, on 18 November 1944, in the vicinity of Metz, France. After boldly leading two M-36 Tank Destroyers in the opening of a route from Woippy to the Moselle river, First Lieutenant Kilpat with cool, daring initiative proceeded in his own M-36 toward the heavily defended North Metz Railroad station. The enemy flanked both sides of First Lieutenant Kilpat's approach, waited in emplacements to his front, and delivered fire down onto him from a railroad trestle crossing the road. But First Lieutenant Kilpat, courageously disregarding the vulnerability of his vehicle's open turret, fearlessly smashed into the German positions, ruthlessly routing the occupants. The survivors of First Lieutenant Kilpat's furious assault found temporary refuge in nearby basements, where infantry elements wiped them out a little later on. First Lieutenant Kilpat's superb initiative, and intrepid devotion to duty, largely accounting for the reduction of all opposition in this area, reflect great credit upon him, and exemplify the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

GEORGE W. KING JR., O1822017, First Lieutenant, I, Company C, \*\*\*\* Tank Destroyer Battalion, for gallantry in action against the enemy, on 27 November 1944, in the vicinity of Falck, France. When German artillery laid down a fierce barrage from the high, dominating hills southeast of Falck, First Lieutenant KING, platoon leader in Company C, \*\*\*\* Tank Destroyer Battalion, was charged with defending the town, pending the arrival of friendly infantry. Numerically-superior German infantry moved down the southern ridge, onto the town, as First Lieutenant KING skillfully deployed his Tank Destroyer platoon with the few automatic weapons at his disposal into defensive positions. Under a further barrage of artillery and mortars the Germans struck stealthily, endeavoring to infiltrate the American positions. But First Lieutenant KING's platoon, inspired by their leader's fearless conduct, fought back fiercely and repulsed them. Again and again the enemy repeated his tactic, only to find the defense improvised by First Lieutenant KING impenetrable. Throughout the action First Lieutenant KING checked the disposition of his men continually and encouraged them by his own aggressive behavior. Credit for the successful defense of Falck against overwhelming enemy numbers is largely due to First Lieutenant KING's gallant prowess and sterling initiative. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

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II. AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL: By direction of the President, and under the provisions of Act 100-43, as amended, and Ltr. Hq. XX Corps, File AG 200.6, 16 October 1944, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded posthumously to:

WALTER G. GRASSMANN, 39832918, private first class, INF, headquarters and headquarters company, Third Battalion, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 13 November 1944, in the vicinity of Lutz, France. Member of a combat patrol assaulting a stubbornly-defended enemy bunker on Leipzig Farm, private first class GRASSMANN approached the fortification, under direct enemy observation and fire, and with hand grenades exploding nearby, to ask the surrender of the garrison. Although his first two demands brought only continuous enemy fire in response, he perseveringly called out a third time. This time, private first class GRASSMANN was rewarded with the sight of the entire garrison filing out of the bunker to surrender. Private first class GRASSMANN's courage and coolness under fire, resulting in the capture of the pillbox and its defenders without casualty to the patrol, reflect great credit on himself and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Arizona.

III. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL: By direction of the President, and under the provisions of Act 100-43, as amended, and Ltr. Hq. XX Corps, File AG 200.6, 16 October 1944, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following:

EDGARD THOMAS, 2546471, staff sergeant, INF, company B, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 6 November 1944, in the vicinity of Fort Jeanne D'Arc, France. Staff sergeant THOMAS, at the time assistant squad leader, carried his grievously-wounded platoon sergeant through one hundred and seventy-five yards of heavily concentrated enemy artillery and mortar fire to safety and life-saving medical attention during night operations, on 6 November 1944, near Fort Jeanne D'Arc. Staff sergeant THOMAS's heroic devotion to duty reflects distinct credit upon himself and is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Ohio.

CHARLES WILLIAMS, 3219351, Corporal 1, CAV, \*\*\*Reconnaissance Troop, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 15 November 1944, in the vicinity of Reims, France. Point jeep squad member of a platoon of the \*\*\*Reconnaissance Troop, Corporal WILLIAMS was leading a section back from a reconnaissance mission, on 15 November 1944. While traveling through a valley near Reims, the jeep was fired on by an enemy 80-millimeter gun and small arms. In the ensuing action, the jeep was struck by one round of 83-millimeter fire, severely wounding Corporal WILLIAMS. At the same time, fire from small arms wounded the driver and the machine gunner in the rear of the jeep. Making an extreme effort to remain conscious and although in great pain, Corporal WILLIAMS assisted the driver in returning the burning vehicle, three tires of which were shot away, through a large enemy mine field to an aid station eight-thousand yards away. During the fearful ride, the jeep was all but out of control, and Corporal WILLIAMS was forced to give all his strength to the wheel in assisting the driver to keep the vehicle on the road. His superb devotion to duty reflects great credit on himself and is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from New York.

JOHN A. KELLY, 0263577, Captain, INF, Headquarters, 95th Infantry Division, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 8 November 1944 to 8 December 1944, in France. Entered military service from Arizona.

JAMES M. HARTSOCK, 16357435, First Sergeant, INF, Headquarters Company, 95th Infantry Division, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 8 November 1944 to 8 December 1944, in France. Entered military service from Illinois.

ARTHUR M. LEWY, 16010462, Technical Sergeant, INF, Headquarters Company, 95th Infantry Division, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 8 November 1944 to 8 December 1944, in France. Entered military service from Michigan.

ALBRICHT W. COHN, 3315760, Staff Sergeant, INF, Headquarters Company, 95th Infantry Division, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 8 November 1944 to 8 December 1944, in France. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

RALPH J. THOMAS, 3635464, Staff Sergeant, INF, Headquarters Company, 95th Infantry Division, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 8 November 1944 to 8 December 1944, in France. Entered military service from Illinois.

HAROLD L. MARCHES, 6551342, Technician Fourth Grade, INF, Headquarters Company, 95th Infantry Division, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 8 November 1944 to 8 December 1944, in France. Entered military service from California.

ALBERT J. PERACOST, 33165254, Technician Fourth Grade, INF, Headquarters Company, 95th Infantry Division, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 8 November 1944 to 8 December 1944, in France. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

PAUL M. MILLSON, 36245553, Technician Fourth Grade, INF, Headquarters Company, 95th Infantry Division, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 8 November 1944 to 8 December 1944, in France. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

EUGENE ROSALES, 37277890, Technician Fourth Grade, INF, Headquarters Company, 95th Infantry Division, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 8 November 1944 to 8 December 1944, in France. Entered military service from Iowa.

WALTER L. WAGNER, 3742374, Corporal, INF, Headquarters Company, 95th Infantry Division, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 8 November 1944 to 8 December 1944, in France. Entered military service from Iowa.

WALTER S. O'CONNELL, 36246223, Corporal, INF, Headquarters Company, 95th Infantry Division, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 8 November 1944 to 8 December 1944, in France. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

JOHN P. FABICH, 3398081, Corporal, INF, Headquarters Company, 95th Infantry Division, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 8 November 1944 to 8 December 1944, in France. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

JAMES E. MILDEBRAND, 36353140, Technician Fifth Grade, INF, Headquarters Company, 95th Infantry Division, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 8 November 1944 to 8 December 1944, in France. Entered military service from Illinois.

SHELBY L. FALLEY, 3435245, Private First Class, INF, Headquarters Company, 95th Infantry Division, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 8 November 1944 to 8 December 1944, in France. Entered military service from Alabama.

ALVIN G. STARR, 3407016, Private First Class, INF, Headquarters Company, 95th Infantry Division, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 8 November 1944 to 8 December 1944, in France. Entered military service from Louisiana.

GILSTER W. LESKO, 35094619, Private First Class, INF, Headquarters Company, 95th Infantry Division, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 8 November 1944 to 8 December 1944, in France. Entered military service from Indiana.

ARTHUR W. STEINILBER, 36248570, Sergeant, GMP, Military Police Platoon, 95th Infantry Division, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 8 November 1944 to 8 December 1944, in France. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

HAROLD V. KOHLMEYER, 36249411, Sergeant, GMP, Military Police Platoon, 95th Infantry Division, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 8 November 1944 to 8 December 1944, in France. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

ANTHONY J. CHIAPPONE, 32026791, Corporal, GMP, Military Police Platoon, 95th Infantry Division, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 8 November 1944 to 8 December 1944, in France. Entered military service from New York.

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RAMON D. HUNT, 34388051, Private First Class, OMP, Military Police Platoon, 95th Infantry Division, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 8 November 1944 to 8 December 1944, in France. Entered military service from South Carolina.

WILLIAM M. GRIFFIN, 31134153, Private First Class, OMP, Military Police Platoon, 95th Infantry Division, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 8 November 1944 to 8 December 1944, in France. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

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- SECTION I - AWARD OF SILVER STAR
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- SECTION III - AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

I. AWARD OF SILVER STAR: By direction of the President, and under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and Ltr. Hq. 44 Corps, File AG 200.6, 16 October 1944, the Silver Star is awarded to the following:

SIMON P. MOLINA, O1822171, First Lieutenant, AOC, Headquarters Company, \*\*\*Tank Destroyer Battalion, for gallantry in action against the enemy, on 17 November 1944, in the vicinity of Moulins-les-Metz, France. Under a German artillery and mortar barrage near Leipzig Farm, First Lieutenant MOLINA, with another officer, organized a small task force of Tank Destroyers, supported by infantry and engineer elements, to endeavor the relief of infantry troops isolated for four days in the vicinity of Moulins-les-Metz. Before the operation could get under way, casualties were inflicted by the intense enemy fire, but First Lieutenant MOLINA coolly and vigorously completed the organization of his team and led it out on the hazardous mission. Twelve hundred yards down the road a road-block was encountered. Under fire again from enemy mortars, First Lieutenant MOLINA boldly conducted a brief reconnaissance for an alternate route, over an area thickly sown with mines and booby traps. Finding no such detour he directed the removal of the road-block. With this obstacle out of the way First Lieutenant MOLINA led his force along the mine-bordered road, headed for Moulins-les-Metz. German elements stalled at the flanks of his advance but either fled from the deadly fire of the well-manned Tank Destroyer guns and machine guns, or were killed. Despite the German forays, First Lieutenant MOLINA's column reached the beleaguered infantry a thousand yards from the Moselle without losing a single vehicle. Credit for the successful accomplishment of this difficult mission belongs largely to First Lieutenant MOLINA. The fearless leadership and aggressive devotion to duty which he gave are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Michigan.

RICHARD A. MC ACCO, 34603457, Sergeant, AOC, Battery D, \*\*\*Anti-Aircraft Artillery Battalion, for gallantry in action against the enemy, on 29 November 1944, in the vicinity of Balon, France. Sergeant MC ACCO's gun-section was participating in the anti-aircraft defense of Battery A, of the \*\*\*Field Artillery Battalion, near Balon, France, the evening of 29 November 1944, when a round of German artillery hit a power line directly over Sergeant MC ACCO's anti-aircraft gun, blowing the elevation tracker from the gun seat and spraying shrapnel over the area occupied by the gun crew. Flying shrapnel set fire to a gasoline stove and to a case containing twenty rounds of anti-personnel ammunition and four rounds of high-explosive ammunition. Acting quickly, Sergeant MC ACCO ordered his men to take cover in their fox holes and then, with no regard for his personal

safety, approached the incendiary fires and extinguished them with sand and mud. Sergeant MC MCCO'S timely action prevented the explosion of any of the rounds which were on fire, and prevented the flames from spreading to other ammunition stored nearby. Had the fire not been brought under control at once, the ammunition would have exploded uncontrolled, and casualties would have occurred among Sergeant MC MCCO'S crew as well as men from the Field Artillery battery. The courage, coolness and extreme devotion to duty demonstrated by Sergeant MC MCCO reflect great credit upon him and exemplify the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from North Carolina.

II. AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL: By direction of the President, and under the provisions of an Act of Congress, and Ltr. No. AX Corps, File AG 200.6, 16 October 1944, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded posthumously to:

JOHN W. KASICK, O3 1929, Captain, FA, Headquarters Battery, 750th Field Artillery Battalion, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 14 November 1944, in the vicinity of Fort de la Motte, France. Captain KASICK, liaison officer with the Second Battalion, 750th Infantry Regiment, after having his vehicle almost completely wiped out, continued on alone in order to fight either as an artilleryman or as a combat infantryman, with the battalion. When the battalion column was ordered and pinned down by a large enemy patrol, Captain KASICK, with a pistol as his only weapon, boldly entered the fierce fight to break through the patrol and make contact with the rest of the battalion. When last seen alive, he was passing three German soldiers with such intrepid determination that the men fighting around him were inspired to even greater efforts. Captain KASICK'S splendid heroism reflects lasting credit on himself and as an example with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Oklahoma.

III. AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL: By direction of the President, and under the provisions of an Act of Congress, and Ltr. No. AX Corps, File AG 200.6, 16 October 1944, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following:

ROBERT E. HALL, 35234103, Staff Sergeant, FA, 750th Field Artillery Battalion, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 28 and 29 November 1944, in Germany. Radio operator of a forward observer party, Staff Sergeant HALL, under deplorable weather and terrain conditions, was forced by road-blocks to carry his radio on foot, with enemy small arms, mortar and artillery fire landing dangerously near, in order to maintain communications with the infantry company post. When the infantry radio operator was hit by shrapnel, he assumed this unit's duties in addition to his already difficult and dangerous task. Staff Sergeant HALL'S courage in the face of intense enemy fire and his full and devoted duty in maintaining vital communications reflect great credit upon himself and exemplify the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Ohio.

WILLIAM A. ROBERTS, 35224406, Private, Med Dept, Company A, 750th Medical Battalion, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations, on 11 and 12 October 1944, in the vicinity of Saint-Joseph-lez-Orchies, France. Although Private ROBERTS was serving at the time as a liaison technician, he volunteered, above and beyond the call of duty, to enter a minefield to attempt to evacuate



the wounded. He accomplished his mission even though the field was under furious enemy fire. He is deserving of the highest credit upon himself and is an example to the best traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Ohio.

WALTER P. FROB, 3159453, Master Sergeant, Co, \*\*\*Ordnance Company, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 8 November 1944 to 8 December 1944, in France. Entered military service from Illinois.

WALTER L. GIBSON, 3145828, First Sergeant, Co, \*\*\*Ordnance Company, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 8 November 1944 to 8 December 1944, in France. Entered military service from Michigan.

ROBERT C. GILSON, 3142824, Staff Sergeant, Co, \*\*\*Ordnance Company, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 8 November 1944 to 8 December 1944, in France. Entered military service from Iowa.

ALBERT A. GILSON, 3111617, Staff Sergeant, Co, \*\*\*Ordnance Company, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 8 November 1944 to 8 December 1944, in France. Entered military service from Iowa.

WALTER W. GILSON, 3141110, Staff Sergeant, Co, \*\*\*Ordnance Company, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 8 November 1944 to 8 December 1944, in France. Entered military service from Michigan.

WALTER J. GILSON, 1938740, Staff Sergeant, Pl, Headquarters Battery, 95th Division Artillery, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 20 October 1944 to 4 December 1944, in France. Entered military service from Illinois.

WALTER F. GILSON, 1934747, Corporal, Pl, Headquarters Battery, 95th Division Artillery, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 20 October 1944 to 3 December 1944, in France. Entered military service from Oregon.

ROBERT L. GILSON, 37393287, Technician Fifth Grade, Pl, Headquarters Battery, 95th Division Artillery, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 20 October 1944 to 3 December 1944, in France. Entered military service from Missouri.

WALTER A. GILSON, 3415026, Corporal, Pl, Headquarters Battery, 95th Division Artillery, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 20 October 1944 to 4 December 1944, in France. Entered military service from Louisiana.

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I. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL: By direction of the President, and under provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and Ltr. Hq. XX Corps, File AG 200.6, 16 October 1944, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following:

✓ BYRON K. WILLIAMS, 01001496, Captain, AGD, Headquarters 95th Infantry Division, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 8 November 1944 to 11 December 1944, in France. Entered military service from Kentucky.

✓ DONALD B. J. MC COIG, W-2116224, Chief Warrant Officer, USA, Headquarters 95th Infantry Division, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 8 November 1944 to 11 December 1944, in France. Entered military service from California.

✓ JOSEPH P. COOPER, 17015090, Master Sergeant, Mod Dept, Headquarters 95th Infantry Division, for meritorious service in connection with military operations, from 8 November 1944 to 11 December 1944, in France. Entered military service from Missouri.

✓ ALEXANDER F. LELONG, 32245257, Master Sergeant, FD, Headquarters 95th Infantry Division, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 8 November 1944 to 11 December 1944, in France. Entered military service from New Jersey.

✓ ALBERT L. URCHFIELD, 36351983, Master Sergeant, INF, Headquarters 95th Infantry Division, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 8 November 1944 to 11 December 1944, in France. Entered military service from Illinois.

✓ ERIC R. FERNANDEZ, 3906263, Technical Sergeant, INF, Headquarters 95th Infantry Division, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 8 November 1944 to 11 December 1944, in France. Entered military service from California.

✓ ROBERT J. KILEY, 37210063, Technical Sergeant, INF, Headquarters 95th Infantry Division, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 8 November 1944 to 11 December 1944, in France. Entered military service from Missouri.

✓ MOYLER G. VANICEK, 36359608, Technical Sergeant, INF, Headquarters 95th Infantry Division, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 8 November 1944 to 11 December 1944, in France. Entered military service from Illinois.

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✓ EMERSON I. RUDE, 32252663, Technical Sergeant, FD, Headquarters 95th Infantry Division, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 8 November 1944 to 11 December 1944, in France. Entered military service from New York.

• VICTOR E. SURDEZ, 39225360, Staff Sergeant, INF, Headquarters 95th Infantry Division, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 8 November 1944 to 11 December 1944, in France. Entered military service from California.

✓ GEORGE P. BERTINO, 36600830, Staff Sergeant, INF, Headquarters 95th Infantry Division, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 8 November 1944 to 11 December 1944, in France. Entered military service from Illinois.

✓ WILLIAM H. STRONG JR, 35316056, Technician Third Grade, INF, Headquarters 95th Infantry Division, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 8 November 1944 to 11 December 1944, in France. Entered military service from Ohio.

✓ HOWARD J. GARLING, 17043943, Technician Third Grade, FD, Headquarters 95th Infantry Division, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 8 November 1944 to 11 December 1944, in France. Entered military service from Iowa.

✓ ARTHUR DEITEL, 32245554, Technician Third Grade, FD, Headquarters 95th Infantry Division, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 8 November 1944 to 11 December 1944, in France. Entered military service from New York.

✓ DONALD B. LANGREUX, 36353424, Sergeant, INF, Headquarters 95th Infantry Division, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 8 November 1944 to 11 December 1944, in France. Entered military service from Illinois.

✓ GORDON W. RAY, 36356262, Sergeant, INF, Headquarters 95th Infantry Division, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 8 November 1944 to 11 December 1944, in France. Entered military service from Illinois.

✓ GEORGE H. HESSLER, 11100531, Sergeant, INF, Headquarters 95th Infantry Division, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 8 November 1944 to 11 December 1944, in France. Entered military service from Connecticut.

✓ FELIX J. GOGEL, 36356447, Sergeant, INF, Headquarters Special Troops, 95th Infantry Division, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 8 November 1944 to 11 December 1944, in France. Entered military service from Illinois.

✓ JOSEPH A. TOMASZAK JR, 36350196, Technician Fourth Grade, INF, Headquarters 95th Infantry Division, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 8 November 1944 to 11 December 1944, in France. Entered military service from Illinois.

✓ GEORGE H. INGLEMAN, 3635297, Technician Fourth Grade, INF, Headquarters 95th Infantry Division, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 8 November 1944 to 11 December 1944, in France. Entered military service from Illinois.

ELSON E. CLARK, 17058369, Technician Fifth Grade, INF, Headquarters 95th Infantry Division, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 11 December 1944, in France. Entered military service from Kansas.

✓ WESLEY W. CASTLE, 01013362, Captain, INF (Armd), Company D, \*\*\*\*Tank Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 15 November 1944 to 8 December 1944, in France. Entered military service from Tennessee.

GERALD E. GRIFFIN, 01010283, Captain, INF (Armd), Company B, \*\*\*\*Tank Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 15 November 1944 to 3 December 1944, in France. Entered military service from Connecticut.

CHARLES W. LARIMER, 01010134, Captain, INF (Armd), Company C, \*\*\*\*Tank Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 15 November 1944 to 2 December 1944, in France. Entered military service from Iowa.

HERBERT E. KENDRECK, 0445450, Captain, INF (Armd), Service Company, \*\*\*\*Tank Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 15 November 1944 to 3 December 1944, in France. Entered military service from Louisiana.

✓ HAROLD H. RINBER, 01012719, First Lieutenant, INF (Armd), Headquarters Company, \*\*\*\*Tank Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 15 November 1944 to 8 December 1944, in France. Entered military service from California.

WILLIAM C. DALBEY, 0483412, First Lieutenant, MC, Medical Detachment, \*\*\*\*Tank Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations, from 15 November 1944 to 8 December 1944, in France. Entered military service from California.

✓ JOHN T. RICHARDS, 6322763, First Sergeant, INF (Armd), Company B, \*\*\*\*Tank Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 15 November 1944 to 8 December 1944, in France. Entered military service from Virginia.

JOSEPH H. MURPHY, 36038097, First Sergeant, INF (Armd), Company D, \*\*\*\*Tank Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 15 November 1944 to 8 December 1944, in France. Entered military service from Illinois.

✓ FLOYD P. WAZNY, 36150151, Technical Sergeant, INF (Armd), Company B, \*\*\*\*Tank Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 15 November 1944 to 8 December 1944, in France. Entered military service from Michigan.

MARION D. LEFFER, 3500491, Technical Sergeant, INF (Armd), Company D, \*\*\*\*Tank Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 15 November 1944 to 8 December 1944, in France. Entered military service from Ohio.

HAROLD V. GASTON, 6973699, Staff Sergeant, INF (Armd), Service Company, \*\*\*\*Tank Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 15 November 1944 to 8 December 1944, in France. Entered military service from Georgia.

ROBERT M. FROWN, 39260562, Staff Sergeant, INF (Armd), Company E, \*\*\*\*Tank Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 15 November 1944 to 8 December 1944, in France. Entered military service from California.

LONZY W. SEYMOUR JR, 3241230, Staff Sergeant, INF (Armd), Company C, \*\*\*\*Tank Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 15 November 1944 to 8 December 1944, in France. Entered military service from Delaware.

ROBERT E. REYNOLDS, 32515435, Sergeant, INF (Armd), Headquarters Company, \*\*\*\*Tank Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 15 November 1944 to 8 December 1944, in France. Entered military service from New York.

CLAUDE SAFFORD, 3446991, Technician Fourth Grade, INF (Armd), Company C, \*\*\*\*Tank Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 15 November 1944 to 8 December 1944, in France. Entered military service from Georgia.

RUSSELL SHUP, 35741814, Corporal, INF (Armd), Headquarters Company, \*\*\*\*Tank Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 15 November 1944 to 8 December 1944, in France. Entered military service from West Virginia.

ANTHONIO MARGARITA, 31234246, Corporal, INF (Armd), Company C, \*\*\*\*Tank Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 15 November 1944 to 8 December 1944, in France. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

ARVELLO IERRO, 36703303, Private First Class, INF (Armd), Headquarters Company, \*\*\*\*Tank Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 15 November 1944 to 8 December 1944, in France. Entered military service from Illinois.

HARRY L. SUYDAN, 32572736, Private First Class, INF (Armd), Headquarters Company, \*\*\*\*Tank Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 15 November 1944 to 8 December 1944, in France. Entered military service from New Jersey.

VILBUR B. SMITH, 3231270, Private, Med Dept, Medical Detachment, \*\*\*\*Tank Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations, from 15 November 1944 to 8 December 1944, in France. Entered military service from New York.

HAROLD A. STEFFER, 18922179, Private, CAG, Battery C, \*\*\*\*Anti-Aircraft Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 11 December 1944, in France. Entered military service from Texas.

JAMES A. FOULER, 39072306, Private, CAG, Battery A, \*\*\*\*Anti-Aircraft Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 11 December 1944, in France. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

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I. AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, OF SILVER STAR: By direction of the President, and under the provisions of AR 600-46, as amended, and Ltr. Hq. XV Corps, File AG 200.6, 16 October 1944, the Silver Star is awarded posthumously to the following:

SIDNEY J. COCHRAN, 0195195, First Lieutenant, INF, Cannon Company, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action against the enemy, on 21 November 1944, in the vicinity of Metz, France. In the bitter fighting at the Kasserne, First Lieutenant COCHRAN distinguished himself by the prompt and courageous manner in which he conducted the assembly and evacuation of German prisoners under deliberate hostile fire. Not for a moment did he regard for his personal safety. First Lieutenant COCHRAN repeatedly exposed himself to German sniper fire in order to speed the removal of this hindrance from the mopping-up operation. Through his superior ability to organize, handle and direct men, First Lieutenant COCHRAN was able to accomplish the evacuation of many German prisoners with but few American escorts. It was while leading a group of prisoners off the battle ground that he was wounded in the back fatally by a German sniper. First Lieutenant COCHRAN'S intrepid conduct reflects lasting credit upon him, and exemplifies the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Florida.

*Citation amended by No 145 - June 13, 1945*

FRISCO C. NOVAK, 3384277, Staff Sergeant, INF, Company K, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action against the enemy, on 28 November 1944, in the vicinity of Kerlingen, Germany. During the advance on Kerlingen, Germany Staff Sergeant NOVAK continually exhibited great personal courage in leading his squad to its objective. Through enemy artillery and mortar fire he personally set an example of vigorous bravery for his squad to follow. With the objective carried, German elements prepared to counter-attack the area held by Staff Sergeant NOVAK'S squad, but this intrepid soldier boldly led his men in liquidating the hostile action before it could get under way. In this action Staff Sergeant NOVAK was killed. The heroic devotion to duty which he gave reflects lasting honor upon him and is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Maryland.

*Citation amended by No 145 - June 13, 1945*

FRISCO H. KREHBIEL, 36940309, Staff Sergeant, INF, Company F, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action against the enemy, on 28 November 1944, in the vicinity of Kerlingen, Germany. On the morning of 28 November 1944, Staff Sergeant KREHBIEL led his squad in an assault on enemy-held high ground around Kerlingen. An enemy artillery barrage slowed the squad's advance, but Staff

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Sergeant BREWEN with no regard for his own safety stayed in front of his men and led them through the fiercest enemy fire to the objective. In setting up a defense position, after the objective was gained, Staff Sergeant BREWEN had to expose himself to further enemy fire, and in so doing he was killed. Staff Sergeant BREWEN'S courage, leadership and devotion to duty were exemplary; they reflect lasting honor upon him and exemplify the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Illinois.

II. AWARD OF SILVER STAR, MISSING IN ACTION: By direction of the President, and under the provisions of P. B. 34-45, as amended, and Ltr. Hq. XX Corps, File AG 200.6, 16 October 1944, the Silver Star is awarded to:

HENRY G. BREWEL, 1303164, Private, INF, Company F, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action against the enemy, on 8 November 1944, in the vicinity of Metz, France. Under intense machine gun fire, Private BREWEL crawled across open terrain to a wounded man and removed him from a German barbed wire entanglement, and administered first aid, thus saving his life. Under heavy mortar fire Private BREWEL again ventured into enemy territory in order to help evacuate another casualty. From this hazardous trip he failed to return. Private BREWEL'S supreme devotion to duty and heroic action reflect lasting honor upon him and exemplify the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

III. AWARD OF SILVER STAR: By direction of the President, and under the provisions of P. B. 34-45, as amended, and Ltr. Hq. XX Corps, File AG 200.6, 16 October 1944, the Silver Star is awarded to the following:

ROSS W. HALL, 0815197, Lieutenant Colonel, INF, Headquarters, Third Battalion, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action against the enemy, from 8 November 1944 to 30 November 1944, in the vicinity of Metz, France and Saarlautern, Germany. Between 8 November 1944 and 30 November 1944, Lieutenant Colonel HALL led the Third Battalion, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, in a series of momentous operations that took this unit from Miziennes-lès-Metz, France to Saarlautern, Germany. In the critical action at the Slag Pile, near Miziennes-lès-Metz, on 8 and 9 November, it was Lieutenant Colonel HALL'S superior, daring leadership that instilled confidence in his command and inspired the Battalion in its vigorous drive south on Metz. Inside Metz, when German snipers hindered the further advance of the Battalion, Lieutenant Colonel HALL moved to the top of a building and opened fire, neutralizing the sniper fire and opening the way for his men to advance. The gallant leadership given by Lieutenant Colonel HALL has been an inspiration to the troops of his command and exemplifies the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Oklahoma.

OLIVER G. NORTH, 0551715, Major, INF, Service Company, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action against the enemy, from 16 November 1944 to 22 November 1944, in the vicinity of Metz, France. Regimental Supply Officer during the operations against Metz, Major NORTH'S service in planning and supervising the supply of the \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment was invariably commendable, both for the excellence of his contribution and for the high degree of personal courage he displayed in the fulfillment of his responsibility. On 16 November 1944, when the Battalion was cut off from normal supply through enemy action, Major NORTH

with admirable resourcefulness, arranged for artillery liaison planes to fly the sorely needed food, ammunition and medical supplies to the embattled troops. Three days later, after communications and supply routes of the isolated units were re-established, he personally supervised the movement of supplies to the Battalions from a bunker under constant enemy mortar fire. During this trying time, Major NORTH was often forced to travel into areas made hazardous by enemy mortars and snipers, but his determination to see that supplies were delivered on time and in sufficient quantities was his only consideration. Major NORTH'S gallantry and superb devotion to duty reflect the highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from New York.

ROBERT H. IVEY, 024849, Captain, IFF, Company F, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action against the enemy, on 15 November 1944, in the vicinity of Fort Jeanne D'Arc, France. Heavy Weapons Company Commander, Captain IVEY was advancing with elements of Company G in the area dominated by Fort Jeanne D'Arc when the attacking group encountered devastating fire from a firmly entrenched German machine gun nest. Quickly sensing that the situation might become disastrous if not checked immediately, he organized and led a patrol composed of messengers and radio operators in an attack against the fiercely-defended strong point. Personally accounting for six Germans, Captain IVEY so inspired the members of his patrol by his daring that the nest was entirely eliminated, removing a very tangible threat to countless American lives and permitting the attack to continue unimpeded. Captain IVEY'S unflinching personal courage and splendid resourcefulness reflect distinct honor upon himself and exemplify the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Texas.

CHARLES H. GATTIS, JR., 0394434, Captain, IIF, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action against the enemy, from 14 November 1944 to 18 November 1944, in the vicinity of Metz, France. When the Battalion Commander was wounded by enemy fire, on 14 November 1944, while leading the attack on fortified positions near Fort Jeanne D'Arc, Captain GATTIS took command of the attacking elements of the Second Battalion and conducted operations successfully until the objective was seized. Throughout the advance, although constantly exposed to sustained and violent enemy mortar and small arms fire, Captain GATTIS maintained close control over his troops, and upon seizing the objective, immediately consolidated his position with the one hundred and sixty men remaining with him. Enemy action then cut off Captain GATTIS'S command from the other elements of the Battalion, and the position was isolated until 18 November 1944, when he was able to effect the Battalion's consolidation. During this fearful time, the embattled group, supplied only by artillery liaison planes, was inspired by Captain GATTIS'S personal courage and resolute leadership, which never faltered in the face of threatened disaster. His never-failing resourcefulness and great courage reflect distinct credit on Captain GATTIS and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Illinois.

KENNETH V. LOCKWOOD, 01285257, Captain, INF, Company F, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action against the enemy, from 13 November 1944 to 16 November 1944, in the vicinity of Metz, France. After crossing the Moselle River and entering Immeldange under intense German artillery fire, Captain LOCKWOOD on two separate occasions marshalled all available forces to repulse enemy armored attacks on the newly-won town. At considerable risk to himself he was able to

maintain communications back across the river. Later, in the march on Metz, the heavy weapons support which Captain LOCKWOOD directed materially aided the assault waves and contributed largely to the success of the campaign. The bold, aggressive leadership and exemplary devotion to duty displayed by Captain LOCKWOOD reflect great credit upon him and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from New Jersey.

GEORGE C. FARBER, 0524529, Chaplain (Captain), Ch, Regimental Headquarters, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action, from 14 November 1944 to 18 November 1944, in the vicinity of Fort Jeanne D'Arc, France. On 14 and 15 November 1944 during the initial assault upon Fort Jeanne D'Arc, Chaplain FARBER voluntarily, joined the Medical Detachment and helped in administering medical attention to the wounded of the first battalion, and also assisted in evacuating them from the battle field. Casualties were heavy due to the sustained and highly accurate machine gun and mortar fire which at times landed so near to him that his survival seemed doubtful. Then on 17 and 18 November 1944 while working with the Second and Third Battalions, he demonstrated the same high degree of personal courage and devotion to duty in the face of heavy enemy fire, time and again risking his life to carry wounded soldiers from the flaming battle field. His unusually high personal courage and daring, and his devotion to the duty he had voluntarily assumed not only saved the lives of countless American soldiers, but were truly an inspiration and monument of courage to those who witnessed his actions. Chaplain FARBER'S gallantry is in keeping with the highest traditions of the Chaplain Corps. Entered military service from Texas.

EDWARD L. SCHONOVLER, 0409293, Captain, INF, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, First Battalion, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action against the enemy, on 26 November 1944, in the vicinity of Weidervisse, France. In a bold assault on fiercely defended Maginot Line positions near Weidervisse, the First Battalion, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, suffered severe casualties and the assault verged on disintegration. Informed that his Battalion Commander was one of the many wounded, Captain SCHONOVLER, Battalion Executive Officer since 23 November 1944, immediately took personal command up forward. Within fifteen minutes he had the situation under control. Under Captain SCHONOVLER'S calm, keen supervision the unit held and, fearlessly led by him, the assault pressed on to stun and reduce the objective. The timely and vigorous initiative exhibited by Captain SCHONOVLER on this occasion, as well as his gallant leadership, reflect distinct credit on him, and exemplify the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Indiana.

GEORGE E. KOZLIK, 01295036, First Lieutenant, INF, Company E, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action against the enemy, on 30 November 1944 and 1 December 1944, in Germany. Upon being ordered to take a very heavily fortified German town, First Lieutenant KOZLIK rapidly formulated a clever and daring plan of attack, which, if successful, would result in the withdrawal of enemy forces in that sector to the Saar River. Sending one machine gun section and a squad of riflemen to infiltrate the eastern side of the village, First Lieutenant KOZLIK led the remaining troops under his command into the town from the west under heavy German artillery fire. When forced by darkness to halt his advance, he organized his men for the defense of that portion of the village already occupied and, with no regard for his own safety held his company intact during a night of severe enemy artillery action. On the following morning, First

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Lieutenant KOZLIK and his men completed the action and took the entire village. First Lieutenant KOZLIK's cool, aggressive leadership and infinite personal courage reflect distinct credit on himself and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Connecticut.

LEONARD J. BOULLE, O1284817, First Lieutenant, INF, Company G, \*\*\*\* Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action against the enemy, from 9 November 1944 to 20 November 1944, in the vicinity of Metz, France. When his Company Commander was wounded in a night attack on Fereau Farm First Lieutenant BOULLE assumed command of a Company whose organization was no longer strong, due to extremely heavy casualties. However, First Lieutenant BOULLE, by displaying aggressive, courageous leadership, characterized by exemplary conduct in action, rejuvenated his Company and led it on to its objective. Later, when Company G closed with the Germans in the streets of Metz, First Lieutenant BOULLE was wounded by sniper fire. This did not deter him from his duty. He continued to direct operations for several hours before submitting to evacuation. First Lieutenant BOULLE's distinct gallantry was an inspiration to the troops of his command and exemplifies the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Louisiana.

ROY L. FALKNER, O109703, First Lieutenant, INF, Company F, \*\*\*\* Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action against the enemy, from 9 November 1944 to 22 November 1944, in the vicinity of Metz, France. On 9 November 1944 when the Company Commander of Company F, was wounded in action, First Lieutenant FALKNER took command at a time when the Company was in considerable disorganization and the morale of the troops low. By his striking courage and superior leadership, he restored his men's confidence and the successful progress of the company toward Metz was resumed. Employing marching fire, Company F entered the city, the streets of which were riddled with enemy small-bursts and the reports of German sniper fire. Displaying superb heroism, First Lieutenant FALKNER personally ferreted out several well-emplaced snipers, inspiring his men to fight with even greater intensity than before. First Lieutenant FALKNER'S gallant leadership and individual heroism reflect distinct honor upon himself and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from South Carolina.

MARION A. FIELD, O1297018, Captain, INF, Service Company, \*\*\*\* Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action against the enemy, from 15 November 1944 to 24 November 1944, in the vicinity of Metz, France. Captain FIELD was the first to volunteer for the perilous mission of dropping medical and other supplies to beleaguered infantry elements from liaison planes flying low over German lines. Captain FIELD accompanied these emergency missions on 15, 16, 17 and 21 November, and his clear courage not only resulted in vital supplies reaching otherwise beleaguered comrades, but also inspired other men to accompany subsequent flights. On 24 November 1944, in crop, a farmer told Captain FIELD of two strange men who had holed up mysteriously in a nearby barn. Captain FIELD, taking three enlisted men with him, went to investigate. Upon entering the barn, he discovered that there were six men lying on the floor under blankets. When Captain FIELD questioned them, they insisted that they were American soldiers. But one of the men happened to move his blanket enough to reveal part of a German uniform. Although outnumbered, Captain FIELD ordered the strangers to rise, and when they had complied he strapped them of a small arsenal of rifles, pistols,

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automatic weapons and ammunition, Captain FELT's timely and intrepid deed unaccountably forestalled serious trouble from the newly-armed Germans. His vigorous adherence to duty in the dangerous circumstances of this time reflect distinct credit upon him, and exemplify the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Texas.

RAY L. HUGHES, 03048221, First Lieutenant, ICG, Medical Detachment, \*\*\*\*\* Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action from 15 November 1944 to 19 November 1944, in the vicinity of Fort Jeanne d'Arc, France. On 15 November 1944, First Lieutenant HUGHES, Assistant Surgeon, Second Battalion, \*\*\*\*\* Infantry Regiment, accompanied the assaulting elements of Company F across open, fire-swept ground toward reachable German positions outside Fort Jeanne d'Arc. German machine guns and mortars inflicted a high toll of casualties as Company F pressed on but First Lieutenant HUGHES, patient to where the wounded as they fell, kept pace with the advance elements, as the main objective was reached, medical supplies were running low. Despite these obstacles, and with the assistance of only one aid man, First Lieutenant HUGHES persistently continued to administer treatment to the wounded. The next night First Lieutenant HUGHES was himself wounded when a fragment from an artillery shell grazed his feet. In spite of this bad wound, which invalidated him to his feet, he continued to give invaluable medical advice until relief arrived on 19 November 1944. First Lieutenant HUGHES' heroic devotion to duty reflects great credit upon him, and as an keeping with the highest traditions of the medical corps. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

RICHARD W. HOWARD, 0124476, First Lieutenant, IIF, Company F, \*\*\*\*\* Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action against the enemy, on 14 November 1944, in the vicinity of Fort Jeanne d'Arc, France. On the morning of 14 November 1944, First Lieutenant HOWARD was leading his rifle company toward Fort Jeanne d'Arc when flying ir gas near from a German shell broke his eye glasses. Gravely handicapped by this misfortune he nevertheless continued to direct his company's advance through a mine field until they had reached a road junction four hundred yards to the east of the fort. There before an enemy mine-field bordered by withering machine-gun fire the advance threatened to bog down. But without hesitation, First Lieutenant HOWARD entered the mine field, directing his men to follow at a safe distance, and picked a safe path across the extremely dangerous ground. Behind their capable and courageous leader the entire company crossed the mine field without suffering a casualty. First Lieutenant HOWARD's most daring display of gallant and devoted leadership reflects great credit upon him, and exemplifies the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Illinois.

ROBERT G. COSTA, 0131096, Second Lieutenant, IIF, Company H, \*\*\*\*\* Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action against the enemy, on 16 November 1944, in France. During the entire attack of the battle of Fort Gambetta, Second Lieutenant COSTA superiorly directed mortar fire and kept constant contact with the rifle companies, while acting as mortar observer for the mortar platoon. In the initial stages of the attack, Second Lieutenant COSTA was directly responsible for eliminating the enemy 88-millimeter weapons. His accurate and devastating fire aided immensely the successful advances of the rifle companies. The vigilance and direction of this courageous officer, while under hostile observation and fire, was a definite asset in the accomplishment of this important mission. Second Lieutenant COSTA's valiant and gallant conduct reflect great credit upon him, and exemplify the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

ROBERT W. PATTEYS, 0514419, Second Lieutenant, INF, Company M, \*\*\*\* Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action against the enemy, from 9 November 1944 to 11 November 1944, in the vicinity of Uckange, France. By placing mortar fire on German positions ahead of the assaulting riflemen, second lieutenant PATTEYS materially facilitated the fall of Chateau Ericux on 9 November 1944. Then when the enemy counter-attacked he reorganized the Company, hampered by the loss of three Platoon Leaders, and forcefully repulsed the German threat. On 11 November 1944 Second Lieutenant PATTEYS led four missions into German territory to evacuate the wounded and the dead. On the fourth trip he encountered an enemy soldier who displayed a white flag. Second Lieutenant PATTEYS withheld his fire and asked the German to surrender. But another German soldier fired on Second Lieutenant PATTEYS from a nearby position, wounding him, whereupon second Lieutenant PATTEYS captured his rifle at the hostile position. Then he led his men back to friendly lines despite flanking German machine gun fire. Even though wounded, second Lieutenant PATTEYS was able to give firing data to his marksmen which proved invaluable in stopping a German counter-attack. Second Lieutenant PATTEYS' intrepid devotion to duty reflects great credit upon him and exemplifies the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Michigan.

JOHN J. DONOHUE, 0160028, Second Lieutenant, INF, Cannon Company, \*\*\*\* Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action against the enemy, on 14 November 1944, in the vicinity of Fort Jeanne D'Arc, France. In the advance on Fort Jeanne D'Arc, Second Lieutenant DONOHUE, Cannon Company forward observer, was with the vanguard of the Second Battalion when German shells severed communications to his company. Still under fierce machine gun and mortar fire, second Lieutenant DONOHUE pressed on with the assaulting elements. As the Battalion approached the fort a terrific and chaotic fire-fight raged, during which a group of probably twenty men became separated from the main body of the battalion. In the midst of devastating German fire these leaderless men dropped to the ground, presenting an excellent stationary target for the enemy mortars. Seeing their predicament, Second Lieutenant DONOHUE seized the initiative and, moving to an exposed position, took firm command and vigorously led the group on to the battalion objective. Second Lieutenant DONOHUE'S heroic conception of duty and valiant devotion reflect great credit upon him and exemplify the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Illinois.

ALEXANDER SPANCO, 01326032, Second Lieutenant, INF, Company L, \*\*\*\* Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action against the enemy, on 9 November 1944, in the vicinity of Metz, France. In the Battle of the Slog Pile second Lieutenant SPANCO'S platoon was assigned a particularly forbidding sector to take and hold at all costs. The Germans were well-entrenched in positions above the platoon's starting-point and their fire-superiority was plain. But under Second Lieutenant SPANCO'S undaunted leadership the platoon moved irresistably up to the German entrenchments and threw the Germans out. Extensive casualties were sustained; still, when the Germans tried furiously to dislodge the platoon they were out-fought and forced to withdraw. Throughout this vicious struggle second Lieutenant SPANCO encouraged his men by act and by word and his behavior was a constant, vivid inspiration. Second Lieutenant SPANCO'S display of courageous and expert leadership is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Ohio.

RAYFORD H. SHILTON, 0519156, Second Lieutenant, INF, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action against the enemy, from 9 November 1944 to 22 November 1944, in the vicinity of Metz, France. As ammunition platoon leader of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, Second Lieutenant SHILTON fully directed the flow of ammunition to front line troops during the entire Metz operation. In order to perform this vital duty in a continually superior manner it was frequently necessary for Second Lieutenant SHILTON to expose himself to hostile fire. Thus he did with cool fortitude, enabling the Battalion's firepower to be given maximum employment no matter how much risk or effort it costed for himself. Throughout this period Second Lieutenant SHILTON's conduct was distinguished by unswerving and gallant devotion to duty, exemplifying the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Arkansas.

JOHN G. WITZBERG, 3713666, Technical Sergeant, FA, Headquarters Battery, \*\*\*Field Artillery Battalion, for gallantry in action against the enemy, on 4 December 1944, in the vicinity of Breckelstein, Germany. Early on the morning of 4 December 1944, Technical Sergeant WITZBERG, communications chief of Headquarters Battery, \*\*\*Field Artillery Battalion, got out of his vehicle and crossed the Saar river on a bridge undergoing terrific enemy shelling, to reconnoiter a route for wire communications to artillery line officers and forward observers with the First and Second Battalions of the \*\*\*Infantry Regiment. Having selected a suitable route, Technical Sergeant WITZBERG returned over the heavily-shelled bridge to his vehicle. There he obtained wire and made several trips across the bridge, laying the vital lines. German artillery fire determined to demolish the bridge, and sniper fire addressed to Technical Sergeant WITZBERG, made these wire-laying trips extremely hazardous but with great devotion to duty Technical Sergeant WITZBERG stayed at his job until the communications were securely established. Technical Sergeant WITZBERG's prowess on this occasion reflects distinct credit upon him and is in accordance with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from North Dakota.

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URBAN J. ROEMER, 3138820, Staff Sergeant, INF, Company F, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action against the enemy, on 8 November 1944, in the vicinity of Metz, France. In a night attack on Foreman two men in Staff Sergeant ROEMER's company were wounded and lay helpless and unattended by night in a German mine field. With striking courage Staff Sergeant ROEMER moved across the mine field, the numerous yards of which were covered by German machine gun fire, and evacuated his wounded comrades to a place of safety. Staff Sergeant ROEMER's heroic unselfishness and bold act reflect great credit upon him and exemplify the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Ohio.

RAMOND R. DEVLING, 37210260, Staff Sergeant, INF, Company F, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action against the enemy, on 2 December 1944, in the vicinity of Ober-Limburg, Germany. When Staff Sergeant DEVLING's Company had completed its mission of clearing the area north of Ober-Limburg and was returning to Ober-Limburg heavy mortar and small arms fire was received from the left flank. Without waiting for an order, Staff Sergeant DEVLING moved his Machine Gun section toward this flank hit flank while firing his machine gun from his hip. At the close of the action Staff Sergeant DEVLING organized his section so as to protect the Company's left flank as it withdrew to Ober-Limburg. Staff Sergeant DEVLING's decisive action saved Company F from suffering many casualties from the surprising enemy fire and reflects great credit upon him. His conduct in

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this action is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.  
Entered military service from Missouri.

**GEORGE KALLER, 6289123, Sergeant, INF, Company C, \*\*\*Tank Destroyer Battalion, for gallantry in action against the enemy on 27 and 28 November 1944, in the vicinity of Metz, France. On 28 November 1944 Sergeant Kaller drove a jeep eight hundred yards beyond friendly front lines in order to evacuate a wounded comrade from an area he had vacated the previous day in order to reclaim a half-track. Both of Sergeant Kaller's acts took place under furious German fire and required the utmost in courage and devotion. Sergeant Kaller's brilliantly valiant conduct reflects great credit upon him and is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Texas.**

**EARL R. MCINLT, 3736574, Sergeant, INF, Company F, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action against the enemy, on 3 November 1944, in the vicinity of Metz, France. On that night attack on French lines two men in Sergeant MCINLT's Company were wounded and lay helpless and unprotected beyond a German mine field. With striking courage Sergeant MCINLT dove across the mine field, two hundred yards in width, covered by German machine gun fire, and evacuated his wounded comrades to a place of safety. Sergeant MCINLT's heroic unselfishness and self act reflect great credit upon him and exemplify the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.**

**ROBERT H. BOYER, 3536296, Technician Fifth Grade, INF, Headquarters Battery, \*\*\*Field Artillery Battalion, for gallantry in action against the enemy on 4 December 1944, in the vicinity of Beulern, Germany. Early on the morning of 4 December 1944, Technician Fifth Grade BOYER, wireman of Headquarters Battery, \*\*\*Field Artillery Battalion, got out of his vehicle and crossed the rear river on a bridge undergoing terrific enemy shelling, to reconnoiter a route for wire communications to artillery liaison officers and forward observers with the First and Second Battalions of the \*\*\*Infantry Regiment. Having selected a suitable route, Technician Fifth Grade BOYER returned over the heavily-shelled bridge to his vehicle. There he obtained wire and made several trips across the bridge laying the vital lines. German artillery fire determined to demolish the bridge, and sniper fire addressed to Technician Fifth Grade BOYER, made these wire-laying tasks extremely hazardous but with great devotion to duty Technician Fifth Grade BOYER stayed at his job until the communications were securely established. Technician Fifth Grade BOYER's prowess on this occasion reflects distinct credit upon him and is in accordance with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Indiana.**

**SILVESTRE C. LEVLER, 36600137, Technician Fourth Grade, INF, Headquarters Company, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action against the enemy, on 3 December 1944, in the vicinity of Beulern, Germany. Technician Fourth Grade LEVLER was in charge of a four-man wire team repairing a line from the regimental command post to the Third Battalion command post under German shelling. When the team had reconnected the line as far as Felsberg particularly intense artillery fire forced them to take cover. Pointing out the importance of the line they were repairing, Technician Fourth Grade LEVLER asked for volunteers to accompany him in completing the most suicidal mission. All four men volunteered at once. Led by Technician Fourth Grade LEVLER they crawled under the terrible shelling to resume their duty. The gallant team required several**

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brooks in the line before one of the shells landed in their midst, killing one, and wounding three. Technician Fourth Grade HANCOCK was among the wounded. His devotion to duty reflects great credit upon him and exemplifies the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Illinois.

CHARLES W. LITCH, 36063073, Technician Fifth Grade, INF, Headquarters Company, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action against the enemy, on 3 December 1944, in the vicinity of Bechtelstern, Germany. Technician Fifth Grade LITCH was one of a four-man team sent out to repair a line from the regimental command post to the third machine gun unit post. German artillery fire was directed at the line as the team restored the line as far as Reibberg. They had to take cover. Pointing out the importance of the line they were repairing, the non-commissioned officer in charge of the team asked for volunteers to accompany him on the practically suicidal mission. All four men volunteered, and the team crawled out of cover under terrible shelling to resume their work. They managed to repair several breaks in the line before one of the shells landed in their midst, killing one, and wounding three. Technician Fifth Grade LITCH was one of those wounded. His gallant devotion to duty reflects great credit upon him and exemplifies the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Illinois.

WILLIAM E. HOWARD, 34384386, Private First Class, INF, Headquarters Company, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action against the enemy, on 3 December 1944, in the vicinity of Bechtelstern, Germany. Private First Class HOWARD was one of a four-man team sent out to repair a line from the regimental command post to the third machine gun unit post. German artillery fire was directed at the line as the team had restored the line as far as Reibberg, they had to take cover. Pointing out the importance of the line they were repairing, the non-commissioned officer in charge of the team asked for volunteers to accompany him on the practically suicidal mission. All four men volunteered, and the team crawled out of cover under terrible shelling to resume their work. They managed to repair several breaks in the line before one of the shells landed in their midst, killing one, and wounding three. Private First Class HOWARD was one of those wounded. His gallant devotion to duty reflects great credit upon him and exemplifies the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from South Carolina.

GORDON G. HANBROOK, 36357517, Private, INF, Company 1, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action against the enemy, on 16 November 1944, in the vicinity of La Roche, France. In the assault of Company 1 against enemy positions near La Roche, France, Private HANBROOK, assigned as a handler, was wounded by small arms fire and prostrated by his comrades to be evacuated. Instead, at a particularly critical juncture of the action, he crawled up with a badly needed pack bearing ammunition. Private HANBROOK'S unexpected appearance was an inspiration to the whole organization, as well as a boon to the gun crew. He insisted upon staying with his company, performing his duty as ammunition handler, until the objective was carried, before accepting evacuation. Private HANBROOK'S great devotion to duty reflects high credit upon him, and is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Illinois.

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HARREN J. SMITH, 27227700, Private First Class, INF, Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action against the enemy, on 8 November 1944, in the vicinity of Leizieres-Bes-Letz, France. During the attack on the Slog rail at Leizieres-Bes-Letz, Private First Class SMITH was stringing wire with Company K, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for communication purposes. Under enemy 88 millimeter, machine gun, mortar, and small arms fire Private First Class SMITH advanced with a roll of wire on his back, performing his duty as a wireman and then firing with his rifle upon the enemy. Throughout the battle, the lines were maintained, giving the communication so vital to the progress of the mission. The courage, coolness and extreme devotion to duty demonstrated by Private First Class SMITH reflects great credit upon him and exemplify the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Minnesota.

JAMES W. WILT, 19193292, Private First Class, INF, Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action against the enemy, on 8 November 1944, in the vicinity of Leizieres-Bes-Letz, France. Private First Class WILT was stringing wire with Company K, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for communication purposes. Under enemy 88 millimeter, machine gun, mortar, and small arms fire Private First Class WILT advanced with a roll of wire on his back, performing his duty as a wireman and then firing with his rifle upon the enemy. Throughout the battle, the lines were maintained giving the communication so vital to the progress of the mission. The courage, coolness and extreme devotion to duty demonstrated by Private First Class WILT reflects great credit upon him and exemplify the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

PATRICK G. WITLICH, 35437964, Private First Class, INF, Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action against the enemy, on 8 November 1944, in the vicinity of Leizieres-Bes-Letz, France. Private First Class WITLICH was stringing wire with Company K, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for communication purposes. Under enemy 88 millimeter, machine gun, mortar, and small arms fire Private First Class WITLICH advanced with a roll of wire on his back, performing his duty as a wireman and then firing with his rifle upon the enemy. Throughout the battle the lines were maintained, giving the communication so vital to the progress of the mission. The courage, coolness and extreme devotion to duty demonstrated by Private First Class WITLICH reflects great credit upon him and exemplify the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from West Virginia.

IV. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR Medal: By direction of the President, and under the provisions of AR 600-42, as amended, and Ltr. Hq. XX Corps, File CG 200.6, 16 October 1944, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following:

WILLIAM E. GORE, 0904523, Captain, INF, Headquarters, First Battalion, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 13 November 1944 to 20 November 1944, in the vicinity of Letz, France. Careful planning and informed supervision by Captain GORE, S-3 of the First Battalion, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, has much to do with the success of the river-crossing operation at Uckange. On one occasion he went from Imelange to Bartrange under heavy enemy fire in order to most effectively coordinate the defense of those two towns so vital to the Uckange bridgehead. Throughout the battle for Letz, Captain GORE dismissed any heed for his own safety when his

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presence at the front was necessary to the full execution of attack-plans. His courageous achievement reflects distinct credit upon him and is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from South Carolina.

JOHN W. BROWN, 0351500, Captain, INF, Headquarters, First Battalion, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 15 November 1944 to 21 November 1944, in the vicinity of Metz, France. Assuming his duty of S-3, First Battalion, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, just prior to the Battalion's first important offensive action, Captain BROWN quickly proved a superb ability for sound, thorough planning. On 20 November 1944, on Captain BROWN'S plan, a tank fired on a strongly-fortified bunker procuring the surrender of two hundred and seventy-six Germans without a single casualty occurring in the First Battalion. During the battle for Metz Captain BROWN'S heroic achievement was an integral factor in the German rout. Entered military service from North Carolina.

ALBERT V. KINSLOW, 01901806, First Lieutenant, INF, Company D, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 15 November 1944, in the vicinity of Gravelotte, France. When German forces began to counter-attack against the Company D position from the woods east of Gravelotte, First Lieutenant KINSLOW directed such accurate mortar fire that the enemy threat was cancelled. First Lieutenant KINSLOW was under abundant German mortar fire, and was forced to locate the hostile troops by sound, but he ably and courageously overcame these handicaps. His splendid achievement precluded casualties among his men, and reflects distinct credit upon him and upon the military service. Entered military service from Texas.

JOSEPH P. JAKSHA, 01030161, First Lieutenant, CAV, \*\*\*\*Reconnaissance Troop, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, in the vicinity of Immeldange, France, on 15 November 1944, when the point jeep of his patrol ran into intensive German small arms fire, coming from houses alongside road, First Lieutenant JAKSHA placed his armored car so that he could fire into the enemy position. This bold maneuver not only protected the jeep from destruction but resulted in the surrender of fifty Germans. During the fight First Lieutenant JAKSHA was wounded in the arm. His daring and heroically unselfish act reflects great credit upon him and exemplifies the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

CHARLES D. CROWTHER JR, 0377476, First Lieutenant, INF, Service Company, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 12 November 1944, in the vicinity of Uckange, France. During the establishment of a bridgehead across the Moselle River by elements of the First Battalion, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, flooded waters made it impossible to construct a bridge and it became necessary to supply the troops by assault boats. First Lieutenant CROWTHER assisted in organizing a detail for the supply mission and made three trips across the River under persistently accurate German fire. After reaching the far bank First Lieutenant CROWTHER led his detail through enemy lines in order to deliver the much needed food and ammunition to the otherwise isolated First Battalion elements. First Lieutenant CROWTHER'S heroic achievement in conducting this vital and dangerous supply mission so successfully reflects great credit upon him and is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Washington.

DURYEA S. WILKINSON, 61426077, Second Lieutenant, INF, Company D, \*\*\*\* Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy from 15 November 1944 to 20 November 1944, in the vicinity of Metz, France. In the final days of the battle for Metz, the daring and aggressive leadership displayed by Second Lieutenant WILKINSON inspired his platoon to heroic achievement against the enemy. Without regard for personal safety he repeatedly exposed himself to German arms in order to direct the most devastating machine gun fire on hostile positions. His exemplary behavior in this momentous action reflects distinct credit upon himself and is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from New Jersey.

HAROLD J. GALT, 61303043, First Lieutenant, INF, Anti-Tank Company, \*\*\*\* Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 14 and 15 November 1944, in the vicinity of Sosaucourt, France. On the night of 14 November 1944, First Lieutenant GALT led his platoon onto the road with the hazardous mission of clearing a path for tanks in the morning attack. First Lieutenant GALT's platoon worked all night long, advancing as far as a thousand yards beyond friendly lines, clearing the road of mines. The next morning when the attack was renewed, the platoon was subjected to small arms and mortar fire as it followed the attack, but under First Lieutenant GALT'S dauntless guidance the mission was completed successfully. On five occasions First Lieutenant GALT has led squads from two hundred to fifteen hundred yards in front of friendly outpost lines to locate mine fields and report them. His courageous action has been an inspiration to his platoon and reflects great credit upon himself, as well as exemplifying the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from New York.

HAROLD F. CURTIS, 31227130, Corporal, Med Dept, Company A, \*\*\*\* Medical Battalion, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations, from 10 to 11 November 1944, in the vicinity of Mainz, France. Corporal Curtis was engaged in evacuating casualties in Mainz, France while half the town was still held by the enemy. Under heavy enemy fire Corporal CURTIS worked one day and one night, advancing repeatedly to pick up and evacuate the wounded, in some cases evacuating casualties as close as seventy five yards from enemy positions. Corporal CURTIS' heroism reflects distinct credit upon himself and is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

GEORGE TOLAK, 35659064, Private First Class, Med Dept, Company A, \*\*\*\* Medical Battalion, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations, from 10 to 11 November 1944, in the vicinity of Mainz, France. Private First Class TOLAK was engaged in evacuating casualties in Mainz, France while half the town was still held by the enemy. Under heavy enemy fire Private First Class TOLAK worked one day and one night, advancing repeatedly to pick up and evacuate the wounded, in some cases evacuating casualties as close as seventy five yards from enemy positions. Private First Class TOLAK'S heroism reflects distinct credit upon himself and is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from West Virginia.

**Bronze STAR Medal**

ALFONSO S. DURAN, 59361507, Private, Med Dept, Company A, \*\*\*\*Medical Battalion, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations, from 10 to 11 November 1944, in the vicinity of Laizieres, France. Private DURAN was engaged in evacuating casualties in Laizieres, France while half the town was still held by the enemy. Under heavy enemy fire Private DURAN worked one day and one night, advancing repeatedly to pick up and evacuate the wounded, in some cases evacuating casualties as close as seventy five yards from enemy positions. Private DURAN'S heroic reflections reflect credit upon himself and is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Arizona.

EARL W. LINDEN, 3477473, Technician Fifth Grade, Med Dept, Company A, \*\*\*\*Medical Battalion, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations, from 10 to 11 November 1944, in the vicinity of Laizieres, France. Technician Fifth Grade LINDEN was engaged in evacuating casualties in Laizieres, France while half the town was still held by the enemy. Under heavy enemy fire Technician Fifth Grade LINDEN worked one day and one night, advancing repeatedly to pick up and evacuate the wounded, in some cases evacuating casualties as close as seventy five yards from enemy positions. Technician Fifth Grade LINDEN'S heroic reflections reflect credit upon himself and is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Tennessee.

PALL P. LIGANI, 36210280, Private, Med Dept, Company A, \*\*\*\*Medical Battalion, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations, from 10 to 11 November 1944, in the vicinity of Laizieres, France. Private LIGANI was engaged in evacuating casualties in Laizieres, France while half the town was still held by the enemy. Under heavy enemy fire Private LIGANI worked one day and one night, advancing repeatedly to pick up and evacuate the wounded, in some cases evacuating casualties as close as seventy five yards from enemy positions. Private LIGANI'S heroic reflections reflect credit upon himself and is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

WILLIAM W. JONES, 36062796, Technician Fifth Grade, Med Dept, Company A, \*\*\*\*Medical Battalion, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations, on 10 and 11 November 1944, in the vicinity of Laizieres, France. Under unceasing fire from German artillery Technician Fifth Grade JONES evacuated casualties from the Third Battalion Aid Station, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, on 10 and 11 November 1944. Throughout this period Technician Fifth Grade JONES handled his ambulance with faultless judgment and heroically exposed himself to the interminable enemy fire in order to facilitate the evacuation of the wounded. His achievement on these two days reflects great credit upon him and is in accordance with the highest traditions of the Medical Department. Entered military service from Illinois.

JAMES M. DAVTON, 36249443, Private First Class, Med Dept, Company A, \*\*\*\*Medical Battalion, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations, on 10 and 11 November 1944, in the vicinity of Laizieres, France. Under unceasing fire from German artillery Private First Class DAVTON evacuated casualties from the Third Battalion Aid Station, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, on 10 and 11 November 1944. Throughout this period Private First Class DAVTON handled his ambulance with faultless judgment and heroically exposed himself to the interminable enemy fire in order to facilitate the evacuation of the wounded. His achievement on these two days reflects great credit upon him and is in accordance with the highest traditions of the Medical Department. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

BROOKINGS C. ANDERSON 36196742, Private, Med Dept, Company A, \*\*\*Medical Battalion, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations on 10 and 11 November 1944, in the vicinity of Mainz, France. Under increasing fire from German artillery Private ANDERSON evacuated casualties from the Third Battalion Aid Station, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, on 10 and 11 November 1944. Throughout this period Private ANDERSON handled his ambulance with faultless judgment and heroically exposed himself to the interminable enemy fire in order to facilitate the evacuation of the wounded. His achievement on these two days reflects great credit upon him and is in accordance with the highest traditions of the Medical Department. Entered military service from Michigan.

JAMES E. MADON 34374003, Private, Med Dept, Company A, \*\*\*Medical Battalion, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations on 10 and 11 November 1944, in the vicinity of Mainz, France. Under increasing fire from German artillery Private MADON evacuated casualties from the Third Battalion Aid Station, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, on 10 and 11 November 1944. Throughout this period Private MADON handled his ambulance with faultless judgment and heroically exposed himself to the interminable enemy fire in order to facilitate the evacuation of the wounded. His achievement on these two days reflects great credit upon him and is in accordance with the highest traditions of the Medical Department. Entered military service from Tennessee.

ELLER B. TASKER, 15327001, Private First Class, INF, Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on 6 November 1944, near Mainz-les-Metz, France. Private First Class TASKER was laying wire for communications for Company I, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment which had as its objective the chateau at Mainz-les-Metz, and after being driven back twice by enemy 88 millimeter and mortar fire, he succeeded in getting half way across the open ground when enemy artillery fire blew the wire drum out of his hands. As soon as he recovered, Private First Class TASKER rushed to the wire jeep and secured another drum of wire and succeeded in establishing communications. A short time later enemy artillery fire knocked out the lines and under a heavy barrage Private First Class TASKER re-established the telephone connections that were absolutely necessary to the success of the mission. Private First Class TASKER'S courage in the face of intense enemy fire and his inflexible devotion to duty in maintaining vital communications reflect great credit upon himself and exemplify the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from West Virginia.

MICHAEL G. BARKOOT, 35339224, Private, Med Dept, Company A, \*\*\*Medical Battalion, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations, on 10 November 1944, in the vicinity of Mainz, France. Private BARKOOT, in the performance of his duties as litter bearer near Mainz, France, volunteered to cross the Moselle River to evacuate a casualty. In the face of heavy enemy fire, he crossed the river and successfully completed his mission although the victim of shrapnel wounds. Private BARKOOT'S heroism reflects distinct credit upon himself and is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Ohio.

X EDWIN R. LEWIS, 0401729, Major, INF, Regimental Headquarters, \*\*\*\* Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 14 November 1944 to 22 November 1944, in the vicinity of Metz, France. Entered military service from Kentucky.

G. W. HENNINGHAM, 0109569, Captain, MC, Medical Detachment, \*\*\*\* Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in connection with military operations, from 15 November 1944 to 22 November 1944, in the vicinity of Metz, France. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

ROBERT T. PATTERSON, 0196109, First Lieutenant, INF, Service Company, \*\*\*\* Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 8 November 1944 to 23 November 1944, in the vicinity of Metz, France. Entered military service from New York.

EDGAR W. OMTING, 0105101, First Lieutenant, INF, Service Company, \*\*\*\* Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 8 November 1944 to 23 November 1944, in the vicinity of Metz, France. Entered military service from Indiana.

WILLIAM H. KZBERG, 0219503, Chief Warrant Officer, USA, Service Company, \*\*\*\* Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 8 November 1944 to 30 November 1944, in the vicinity of Metz, France. Entered military service from Minnesota.

HENRY E. GRIFFIN, 3432949, Technician Fifth Grade, INF, Headquarters Company, \*\*\*\* Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 20 October 1944 to 4 December 1944, in the vicinity of Metz, France. Entered military service from Tennessee.

NORMAN A. GRAVLEE, 3624965, Technician Fifth Grade, INF, Headquarters Company, \*\*\*\* Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 20 October 1944 to 4 December 1944, in the vicinity of Metz, France. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

ORA D. SMITH, 36456495, Technician Fifth Grade, INF, Headquarters Company, \*\*\*\* Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, 20 October 1944 to 4 December 1944, in the vicinity of Metz, France. Entered military service from Michigan.

WILLIAM S. ALLISON, 34544802, Private, Med Dept, Company C, \*\*\*\* Medical Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations, on 4 December 1944, in the vicinity of Scharlautern, Germany. Entered military service from Florida.

LEO F. LEWIS, 37291695, Private, Med Dept, Company C, \*\*\*\* Medical Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations, on 4 December 1944, in the vicinity of Scharlautern, Germany. Entered military service from Minnesota.

EDWARD H. BRAUNO, 3127257, Private, Inf, Headquarters Company, \*\*\*\* Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 20 October 1944 to 4 December 1944, in the vicinity of Metz, France. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

OSCAR E. GATON, 16093394, Private, Med Dept, Medical Detachment, \*\*\*\* Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in connection with military operations, from 8 November 1944 to 29 November 1944, in the vicinity of Metz, France. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

MALTON R. RUMBLER, 35705979, Private, Med Dept, Medical Detachment, \*\*\*\* Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in connection with military operations, from 8 November 1944 to 29 November 1944, in the vicinity of Metz, France. Entered military service from Kentucky.

V. AWARD OF OAK-LEAF CLUSTER: By direction of the President, and under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended and Ltr. Hq. XX Corps, File AG 200,6, 16 October 1944, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal previously awarded, a Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to:

JOHN A. BROWN, 0351500, Captain, INF, Headquarters, First Battalion, \*\*\*\* Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 25 November 1944, in the vicinity of Babling, France. Captain BROWN, Battalion S-3, during the attack on Babling and Merten reorganized a rifle company held down by small arms and mortar fire. Without regard for personal dangers Captain BROWN took command and led the attack which secured the town of Babling where the small arms fire had been so intense that one company had been pinned down in open swampy ground. Because of Captain BROWN'S aggressive leadership Babling was taken and the company able to move on and take its objective. Captain BROWN'S courage in the face of intense enemy fire and his inflexible devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and exemplify the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from North Carolina.

VI. AWARD OF MERITORIOUS SERVICE UNIT-PLAQUE: Under the provisions of AD Circular Number 345, dated 23 August 1944, a Meritorious Service Unit Plaque is awarded to the following for superior performance and outstanding devotion to duty during the period indicated:

The 95th Quartermaster Company during the period 24 September 1944 through 22 November 1944 performed outstanding service in operations with the Red Ball Convoy and with the 95th Infantry Division after it had been committed to battle. The company's performance of duty during the assault and reduction of the city of Metz, France, was superior. During the assault on Metz, France the Company operating unusually long supply lines maintained a constant flow of necessary supplies to the combat elements of the Division. Combat brought about many additional and sometimes unforeseen duties some of which were evacuation of civilians, quartering and messing of personnel from various laundry units and the messing of the divisions replacements. These many duties of the 95th Quartermaster Company were all handled in an admirable manner. The devotion to duty, discipline and appearance of the personnel of this company during this period reflects credit on itself and the military service.

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The Medical Detachment, 377th Infantry Regiment during the period 7 October 1944 to 7 December 1944 performed outstanding service both before and after the Division was committed to battle. During the assault and reduction of the City of Metz, France, the Medical Detachment, 377th Infantry Regiment, solved seemingly impossible problems of medical service in battle, generally under the eyes and guns of the enemy as well as during the most adverse weather conditions. The many problems during these times were conquered only through the dogged determination and efforts of every officer and enlisted man in the detachment. The devotion to duty, discipline and appearance of the personnel of this Detachment during this period reflects credit on itself and the military service.

The Medical Detachment, 378th Infantry Regiment, during the period 7 October 1944 to 7 December 1944 performed outstanding service both before and after the Division was committed to battle. During the assault and reduction of the city of Metz, France, the Medical Detachment, 378th Infantry Regiment, solved seemingly impossible problems of medical service in battle, generally under the eyes and guns of the enemy as well as during the most adverse weather conditions. The many problems during these times were conquered only through the dogged determination and efforts of every officer and enlisted man in the detachment. The devotion to duty, discipline and appearance of the personnel of this Detachment during this period reflects credit on itself and the military service.

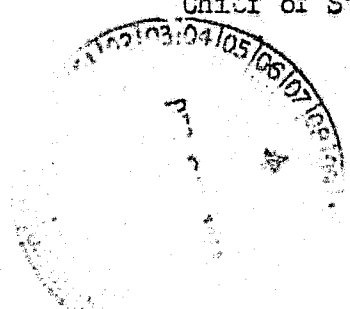
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By command of Major General TADDLE:

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I. AWARD, POSUMOUS, OF SILVER STAR By direction of the President, and under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and Ltr. Hq. XX Corps, File AG 200.6, 16 October 1944, the Silver Star is awarded posthumously to:

JAMES E. KINGMAN, 1514222, Private First Class, INF, Company F, \*\*\*\* Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action against the enemy, on 1 November 1944, in the vicinity of Ober-Limburg, Germany. While accomplishing its mission of clearing out the wooded area north of Ober-Limburg, private first class KINGMAN'S Company sustained heavy casualties. Upon returning to Ober-Limburg private first class KINGMAN learned that many of the wounded had not yet been evacuated. With no regard for his own safety he returned to the woods under intense German mortar fire to attempt to remove some of the casualties himself. In this gallant effort he was killed by mortar fire. The distinct valor of private first class KINGMAN'S act reflects lasting honor upon him and is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Illinois.

II. AWARD OF SILVER STAR: By direction of the President, and under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and Ltr. Hq. XX Corps, File AG 200.6, 16 October 1944, the Silver Star is awarded to the following:

EUGENE J. GAMBKOWSKI, 35333033, Staff Sergeant, INF, Company B, \*\*\*\* Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action against the enemy, on 8 November 1944, in the vicinity of Metz, France. Launching an attack on Jaily Min staff sergeant GAMBKOWSKI'S Company engaged the enemy in a small arms battle as soon as the line of departure was crossed. The Company pressed the assault vigorously and casualties were moderate until a trip-wire was struck, setting off an extensive mine field which wreaked heavy casualties in the company. Staff sergeant GAMBKOWSKI, aware of the plight of many of his comrades, crawled forward with two companions four hundred yards across the thickly mined field under violent artillery shelling in the wet darkness and evacuated twelve of the wounded to a place where first aid could be administered. Staff sergeant GAMBKOWSKI'S intrepid feat resulted in the saving of lives and reflects great credit upon him and upon the military service. Entered military service from Ohio.

JACK D. O'DELL, 37210210, Technical Sergeant, INF, Company B, \*\*\*\* Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action against the enemy, on 8 November 1944, in the vicinity of Metz, France. Launching an attack on Jaily Min Technical sergeant O'DELL'S Company engaged the enemy in a small arms battle as soon as the line of departure was crossed. The company pressed the assault vigorously and

casualties were moderate until a trip-wire was struck, setting off an extensive mine field which wreaked heavy casualties in the Company. Technical Sergeant O'DELL, aware of the plight of many of his comrades, crawled forward with two companions four hundred yards across the thickly mined field under violent artillery shelling in the wet darkness and evacuated twelve of the wounded to a place where first aid could be administered. Technical Sergeant O'DELL'S intrepid feat resulted in the saving of lives and reflects great credit upon him and upon the military service. Entered military service from Kansas.

ELMER L. STRAWHACKER, 37425360, Sergeant, INF, Company E, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action against the enemy, on 2 November 1944, in the vicinity of Metz, France. Launching an attack on Jailli Min Sergeant STRAWHACKER'S Company engaged the enemy in a small arms battle as soon as the Line of Departure was crossed. The Company pressed the assault vigorously and casualties were moderate until a trip-wire was struck, setting off an extensive mine field which wreaked heavy casualties in the Company. Sergeant STRAWHACKER, aware of the plight of many of his comrades, crawled forward with two companions four hundred yards across the thickly mined field under violent artillery shelling in the wet darkness and evacuated twelve of the wounded to a place where first aid could be administered. Sergeant STRAWHACKER'S intrepid feat resulted in the saving of lives and reflects great credit upon him and upon the military service. Entered military service from Kansas.

JEROME P. VAN DE VOORDE, 35322848, Technician Third Grade, Med Dept, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 13 and 14 November 1944, in the vicinity of Bertrange, France. Early on the morning of 13 November 1944, under a terrible artillery barrage, Technician Third Grade VAN DE VOORDE attempted to carry sorely-needed medical supplies across the Moselle River in an assault boat. But shortly after the small craft was launched a German shell hit it and Technician Third Grade VAN DE VOORDE had to wade back to shore. Still determined to transport vital medical supplies to troops on the far bank, (Technician Third Grade VAN DE VOORDE started out again at noon, although an intense German artillery barrage was again searching the river and its east bank.) This time the hazardous crossing was made. Technician Third Grade VAN DE VOORDE disembarked, laden with medical supplies, and headed for Bertrange, about a mile away. German artillery stormed down the whole way, and shrapnel ripped Technician Third Grade VAN DE VOORDE'S pack and clothing, but failed to stop him. At about 1500 Technician Third Grade VAN DE VOORDE reached Bertrange. There he began to evacuate the wounded from the battle-field with bold contempt for the persistent German artillery. Inside the town an Aid Station was set up with Technician Third Grade VAN DE VOORDE in charge. When the enemy infantry, supported by armor, counter-attacked that night extensive casualties were sustained. And again Technician Third Grade VAN DE VOORDE'S heroic action in conducting prompt evacuation of the wounded in the midst of the fierce fighting saved lives and inspired his comrades. Early the following morning the counter-attack was conclusively broken by the arrival of reinforcements. Then, Technician Third Grade VAN DE VOORDE helped evacuate the wounded across the Moselle River in the face of sporadic German machine gun fire. Technician Third Grade VAN DE VOORDE'S heroic fidelity to duty reflects great credit upon him and is in keeping with the highest traditions of the Medical Department. Entered military service from Ohio.

CARL D. HATHORN, 34299471, Technician Fifth Grade, Med Dept, Medical Detachment, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, 1st Cavalry in action, on 13 and 14 November 1944, in the vicinity of Bertrange, France, early on the morning of 13 November 1944, under a terrible artillery barrage, Technician Fifth Grade HATHORN attempted to carry sorely-needed medical supplies across the Moselle River in an assault boat. But shortly after the small craft was launched a German shell hit it and Technician Fifth Grade HATHORN had to wade back to shore, still determined to transport vital medical supplies to troops on the far bank, Technician Fifth Grade HATHORN started out again at noon, although an intense German artillery barrage was again searching the river and its east bank. This time the hazardous crossing was made. Technician Fifth Grade HATHORN disembarked, laden with medical supplies, and headed for Bertrange, about a mile away. German artillery stormed down the whole way, and shrapnel ripped Technician Fifth Grade HATHORN's pack and clothing, but failed to stop him. At about 1500 Technician Fifth Grade HATHORN reached Bertrange. There he began to evacuate the wounded from the battle-field with bold contempt for the persistent German artillery. When the enemy infantry, supported by armor, counter-attacked that night extensive casualties were sustained, and again Technician Fifth Grade HATHORN's heroic action in conducting prompt evacuation of the wounded in the midst of the fiercest fighting saved lives and inspired his comrades. Early the following morning the counter-attack was conclusively broken by the arrival of reinforcements. Then, Technician Fifth Grade HATHORN helped evacuate the wounded across the Moselle River in the face of sporadic German machine gun fire. Technician Fifth Grade HATHORN'S heroic fidelity to duty reflects great credit upon him and is in keeping with the highest traditions of the Medical Department. Entered military service from Alabama.

JOSEPH W. RAFFER, 37742955, Private INF, Company B, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action against the enemy, on 1 December 1944, in the vicinity of Itzbach, Germany. On the evening of 1 December 1944, the second and third platoons of Company B, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, were sent out from Itzbach with the mission of securing a supply route from Itzbach to Ober-Limbach by finding and destroying German elements in the woods west and southwest of the former town. Inside the woods the first platoon walked into terrific fire from German machine guns and rifles dug in on the slope of a hill. The platoon replied quickly and vehemently with its rifles but it was apparent that the superior, entrenched fire power of the well-entrenched German force would pin down the outnumbered platoon. Risking his life to avert the imminent catastrophe, Private RAFFER, with two companions, advanced boldly in the face of the searing enemy fire, toward the German emplacement, firing his rifle from his hip. Marching within grenade range, Private RAFFER threw his own grenades at the enemy while dodging theirs. Approaching the hostile nest, Private RAFFER brandished the cold steel of his bayonet and with his two comrades closed in relentlessly for the kill. In the ensuing fight they destroyed three German machine gun positions, killed two German soldiers, and captured six. The survivors fled. This bold deed on the part of Private RAFFER and his two companions extricated the rest of the platoon from a perilous predicament and permitted the men to completely fulfill their mission. The gallantry of his action reflects distinct credit upon Private RAFFER and exemplifies the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Kansas.

**ERNEST E. COPELAND**, 3625733, Private First Class, INF, Company E, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action against the enemy, on 1 December 1944, in the vicinity of Itzbach, Germany. On the evening of 1 December 1944, the Second and Third Platoons of Company E, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, were sent out from Itzbach with the mission of securing a supply route from Itzbach to Ober-Limbach by finding and destroying German elements in the woods west and southwest of the former town. Inside the woods the First platoon walked into terrific fire from German machine guns and rifles dug in on the slope of a hill. The platoon replied quickly and vehemently with its rifles but it was apparent that the superior, entrenched fire power of the well-camouflaged German force would pin down the outnumbered platoon. Risking his life to forestall the imminent catastrophe, Private First Class **COPELAND**, with two companions, advanced boldly in the face of the scathing enemy fire toward the German emplacement, firing his rifle from his hip. Marching within grenade range, Private First Class **COPELAND** threw his own grenades at the enemy while dodging theirs. Approaching the hostile nest, Private First Class **COPELAND** brandished the cold steel of his bayonet and with his two comrades closed in relentlessly for the kill. In the ensuing fight they destroyed three German machine gun positions, killed two German soldiers, and captured six. The survivors fled. This bold deed on the part of Private First Class **COPELAND** and his two companions extricated the rest of the platoon from a perilous predicament and permitted the men to completely fulfill their mission. The gallantry of his action reflects distinct credit upon Private First Class **COPELAND** and exemplifies the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Kentucky.

**ANDREW NORTHUTT**, 36960433, Private, INF, Company E, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action against the enemy, on 1 December 1944, in the vicinity of Itzbach, Germany. On the evening of 1 December 1944, the Second and Third Platoons of Company E, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, were sent out from Itzbach with the mission of securing a supply route from Itzbach to Ober-Limbach by finding and destroying German elements in the woods west and southwest of the former town. Inside the woods the First Platoon walked into terrific fire from German machine guns and rifles dug in on the slope of a hill. The platoon replied quickly and vehemently with its rifles but it was apparent that the superior, entrenched fire power of the well-camouflaged German force would pin down the outnumbered platoon. Risking his life to forestall the imminent catastrophe, Private **NORTHUTT**, with two companions, advanced boldly in the face of the scathing enemy fire, toward the German emplacement, firing his rifle from his hip. Marching within grenade range, Private **NORTHUTT** threw his own grenades at the enemy while dodging theirs. Approaching the hostile nest, Private **NORTHUTT**, brandished the cold steel of his bayonet and with his two comrades closed in relentlessly for the kill. In the ensuing fight they destroyed three German machine gun positions, killed two German soldiers, and captured six. The survivors fled. This bold deed on the part of Private **NORTHUTT** and his two companions extricated the rest of the platoon from a perilous predicament and permitted the men to completely fulfill their mission. The gallantry of his action reflects distinct credit upon Private **NORTHUTT** and exemplifies the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Illinois.

OGLE A. SULLIVAN, 322 5075, Technician Fourth Grade, Med Dept, Medical Detachment, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, in action, from 8 November 1944 to 10 November 1944, in the vicinity of Uzeige, France. On the night of 8 November 1944, Technician Fourth Grade SULLIVAN, with four other medical soldiers, crossed the Moselle from Uzeige to the German-held east bank in assault boats with the first wave of infantry. German artillery and small arms fire inflicted casualties during the crossing, and upon disembarking Technician Fourth Grade SULLIVAN remained in the straggled-boat boat, administering first aid to the wounded and digging slit trenches for them to stay in pending evacuation. Disregarding the danger from German mortar fire Technician Fourth Grade SULLIVAN went from boat to boat, caring for the wounded and easing their pain. Realizing that some needed more definitive treatment if they were to survive Technician Fourth Grade SULLIVAN placed them on litters, with the help of the other four medical soldiers, and under constant fire carried them to the embarkation-site. His heroic actions and exemplary devotion to duty reflect great credit upon him and exemplify the highest traditions of the Medical Department, entered military service from Illinois.

III. AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL: By direction of the President, and under the provisions of Act No. 5, as amended, and Ltr. Hq. XX Corps, File AG 200.6, 16 October 1944, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded posthumously to:

ROBERT R. RAHMAN, 362 5075, Corporal 1, Bn, Battery E, \*\*\*Field Artillery Battalion, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 9 November 1944, in the vicinity of Arizieres-les-Letz, France. On 9 November 1944 while the Arizieres-les-Letz slag pile was still held by the Germans, Corporal RAHMAN, member of a forward observer team, was dispatched, with another man, into the woods west of Arizieres-les-Letz, to repair vital artillery wire-communications severed by enemy shelling. Under German observation from the slag pile, and under German mortar fire, Corporal RAHMAN intrepidly performed his duty, servicing the line all the way to a clearing at the edge of the woods. There, under artillery shells landed, killing Corporal RAHMAN. Because of Corporal RAHMAN's tireless devotion to duty communications were re-established between the artillery liaison officer and the forward observer party, making possible the delivery of devastating fire upon the enemy. Corporal RAHMAN's superbly heroic conduct on this occasion reflects lasting honor upon him and is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Iowa.

IV. AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL: By direction of the President, and under the provisions of Act No. 5, as amended, and Ltr. Hq. XX Corps, File AG 200.6, 16 October 1944, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following:

ROBERT ACOB, 36245518, Private, Co, Heavy Artillery and Service Company, \*\*\*Engineer Battalion, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 13 November 1944, in the vicinity of Uzeige, France. During the river-crossing at Uzeige, German prisoners were being assembled in the small area of the bridgehead in such numbers that congestion impeded the continuance of the operation. In spite of the peril presented by the swift-running flood waters, and the danger from heavy artillery and mortar fire, private ACOB volunteered to help man a stern boat with the mission of evacuating prisoners

and thus relieving the congestion. His full devotion to duty reflects lasting honor upon him and on the military service. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

ROBERT ZIEGLER, 36359240, Technician Fourth Grade, G4, Headquarters and Service Company, \*\*\*Engineer Battalion, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 13 November 1944, in the vicinity of Beckange, France. During the river-crossing at Beckange, German prisoners were being assembled in the small area of the bridgehead in such numbers that congestion impeded the continuance of the operation. In spite of the peril presented by the split-running flood waters, and the danger from heavy artillery and mortar fire, Technician Fourth Grade ZIEGLER volunteered to help man a stern boat with the mission of evacuating prisoners and thus relieving the congestion. His full devotion to duty reflects lasting honor upon him and on the military service. Entered military service from Illinois.

V. Award of Bronze Star Medal By direction of the President, and under the provisions of Act October 3, 1941, and Ltr. No. 44 Corps, File No 200.6, 16 October 1944, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following:

CHARLES M. LILIBERG, 31555995, Technician Fourth Grade, G4, Headquarters and Service Company, \*\*\*Engineer Battalion, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 8 November 1944 to 15 November 1944, in the vicinity of Beckange, France. Radio Operator, Technician Fourth Grade LILIBERG, with other personnel of his section, was assigned the danger-fraught mission of maintaining communication to the advance Command Post, and to the assembly area, during the preparation for the crossing of the Moselle river at Beckange and during the operation itself. Since radio silence had been imposed Technician Fourth Grade LILIBERG and his comrades had to install telephone lines to the Command Post and assembly areas and had to act as foot messengers to the more exposed positions. Under direct enemy observation and intense shelling, Technician Fourth Grade LILIBERG fearlessly carried out his part of the mission so essential to the success of the momentous operation. His courageous and efficient work in the face of hostile action reflects great credit upon him and is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Illinois.

WILLIAM L. CHITCHEL, 37208776, Technician Fourth Grade, G4, Headquarters and Service Company, \*\*\*Engineer Battalion, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 8 November 1944 to 15 November 1944, in the vicinity of Beckange, France. Radio Operator, Technician Fourth Grade CHITCHEL, with other personnel of his section, was assigned the danger-fraught mission of maintaining communication to the advance Command Post, and to the assembly area, during the preparation for the crossing of the Moselle river at Beckange and during the operation itself. Since radio silence had been imposed Technician Fourth Grade CHITCHEL and his comrades had to install telephone lines to the Command Post and assembly areas and had to act as foot messengers to the more exposed positions. Under direct enemy observation and intense shelling, Technician Fourth Grade CHITCHEL fearlessly carried out his part of the mission so essential to the success of the momentous operation. His courageous and efficient work in the face of hostile action reflects great credit upon him and is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Illinois.

JEROME G. MILLER, 3242355, Technician Fifth Grade, G2, Headquarters and Service Company, \*\*\*Engineer Battalion, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 8 November 1944 to 15 November 1944, in the vicinity of Uckange, France. Radio Operator, Technician Fifth Grade MILLER, with other personnel of his section, was assigned the danger-r fraught mission of maintaining communication to the advance Command Post, and to the assembly areas, during the preparation for the crossing of the Moselle river at Uckange and during the operation itself. Since radio silence had been imposed Technician Fifth Grade MILLER and his comrades had to install telephone lines to the Command Post and assembly areas and had to act as foot messengers to the more exposed positions. Under almost enemy observation and intense shelling, Technician Fifth Grade MILLER fearlessly carried out his part of the mission so essential to the success of the momentous operation. His courageous and efficient work in the face of hostile action reflects great credit upon him and is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

ROBERT H. TRAVIS, 3137006, Technician Fifth Grade, G2, Headquarters and Service Company, \*\*\*Engineer Battalion, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy from 8 November 1944 to 15 November 1944, in the vicinity of Uckange, France. Radio Operator, Technician Fifth Grade TRAVIS, with other personnel of his section, was assigned the danger-r fraught mission of maintaining communication to the advance Command Post, and to the assembly areas, during the preparation for the crossing of the Moselle river at Uckange and during the operation itself. Since radio silence had been imposed Technician Fifth Grade TRAVIS and his comrades had to install telephone lines to the Command Post and assembly areas and had to act as foot messengers to the more exposed positions. Under direct enemy observation and intense shelling, Technician Fifth Grade TRAVIS fearlessly carried out his part of the mission so essential to the success of the momentous operation. His courageous and efficient work in the face of hostile action reflects great credit upon him and is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Connecticut.

JOHN S. DEWEENEY, 35388327, Corporal, E4, Battery C, \*\*\*Field Artillery Battalion, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 20 November 1944, in the vicinity of Boulay, France. Corporal DEWEENEY was serving as a scout with a Forward Observer Party when all communications except for radio were severed between the Forward Observer Party and the \*\*\*Field Artillery Battalion. Realizing that his radio offered the only means for directing artillery fire upon German positions, Corporal DEWEENEY left cover some distance from the forward observer post and boldly and courageously tried to get there under German machine gun fire carrying his radio. Corporal DEWEENEY, however, was hit and severely wounded by enemy fire before he could reach safety. His valiant endeavor reflects great credit upon him, and exemplifies the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Ohio.

JAMES J. CHAMBERLAIN, 31121910, Technician Fourth Grade, G2, Headquarters and Service Company, \*\*\*Engineer Battalion, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 13 November 1944, in the vicinity of Uckange, France. During the river-crossing at Uckange, German prisoners were being assembled in the small area of the bridgehead in such numbers that their



congestion impeded the entire operation. In spite of the peril presented by the swift-running flood waters, and the danger from heavy artillery and mortar fire, Technician Fourth Grade O'HALLORAN volunteered to man a storm boat and help evacuate the captured German soldiers. Although another storm boat on the same mission capsized, and the passengers presumably drowned, Technician Fourth Grade O'HALLORAN, whose normal duty was that of radio operator, continued to make the hazardous crossing until all the prisoners were evacuated. Technician Fourth Grade O'HALLORAN's extraordinary devotion to duty reflects great credit upon him and is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

ROBERT F. FLEISCH, 3647571, Corporal, Co, Headquarters and Service Company, \*\*\*Engineer Battalion, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 13 November 1944, in the vicinity of Uckange, France. During the river-crossing at Uckange, German prisoners were being assembled in the small area of the bridgehead in such numbers that their congestion impeded the entire operation. In spite of the peril presented by the swift-running flood waters, and the danger from heavy artillery and mortar fire, Corporal FLEISCH volunteered to man a storm boat and help evacuate the captured German soldiers. Although another storm boat on the same mission capsized, and the passengers presumably drowned, Corporal FLEISCH, whose normal duty was that of radio operator, continued to make the hazardous crossing until all the prisoners were evacuated. Corporal FLEISCH's extraordinary devotion to duty reflects great credit upon him and is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Michigan.

Julius E. JACKSON JR, 35216605, Private, Co, Headquarters and Service Company, \*\*\*Engineer Battalion, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 13 November 1944, in the vicinity of Uckange, France. During the river-crossing at Uckange, German prisoners were being assembled in the small area of the bridgehead in such numbers that their congestion impeded the entire operation. In spite of the peril presented by the swift-running flood waters, and the danger from heavy artillery and mortar fire, Private JACKSON volunteered to man a storm boat and help evacuate the captured German soldiers. Although another storm boat on the same mission capsized, and the passengers presumably drowned, Private JACKSON, whose normal duty was that of radio operator, continued to make the hazardous crossing until all the prisoners were evacuated. Private JACKSON's extraordinary devotion to duty reflects great credit upon him and is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Virginia.

JACK V. GATES, 01165853, First Lieutenant, Pl, Battery A, \*\*\*Field Artillery Battalion, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 8 November 1944 to 15 November 1944, in the vicinity of Uckange, France. In the capacity of Artillery Forward Observer, First Lieutenant GATES maintained wire and radio communications under exceedingly dangerous conditions in the vicinity of Bertrange, France from 8 November 1944 to 15 November 1944. Although he could have moved to the safety of the cellar he remained at his point of observation in the upper story of a house and adjusted artillery fire in the face of heavy enemy fire. First Lieutenant GATES' courage in the face of intense enemy fire and his inflexible devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and exemplify the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Texas.

LAWRENCE H. LEHR, 3729147, Staff Sergeant, FA, Battery B, \*\*\*Field Artillery Battalion, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 3 November 1944 to 10 November 1944, in the vicinity of Richemont, France. Staff Sergeant LEHR established a Battery Observation Post in a house in Richemont for the purpose of assisting First Battalion, \*\*\* Infantry Regiment in its execution of the assault. LEHR's platoon infiltrated into the town under cover of darkness, and the town was subjected to artillery and mortar fire. On the night of 9 November 1944, Staff Sergeant LEHR was at his Observation Post directing artillery firing. He was informed that all infantry would be withdrawn from the town before daylight. In spite of danger from enemy mortar, machine gun, and rifle fire, Staff Sergeant LEHR remained at his post and fired artillery missions during the enemy attack the following day when he and his crew received a Medal of Merit. Staff Sergeant LEHR's heroism reflects distinct credit upon himself and on the military service. Entered military service from Minnesota.

LOYD J. MARTIN, 3420113, Master Sergeant, INF, Service Company, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 27 November 1944, in the vicinity of Liepzig Farm, France. When elements of the \*\*\*Infantry Regiment had been cut off for three days in a bunker located between two small hamlets, Master Sergeant MARTIN volunteered to drive the heavy vehicle of a thirty jeep convoy carrying urgently-needed supplies to the isolated bunker. Master Sergeant MARTIN's jeep was the first to move out across enemy territory under artillery and small arms fire. Skillfully maneuvering his vehicle so as to take advantage of the screen concealment offered by natural terrain features Master Sergeant MARTIN led the convoy safely to the beleaguered troops and delivered the critical freight of food and ammunition to them. The high degree of personal courage displayed by Master Sergeant MARTIN reflects distinct credit upon him and on the military service. Entered military service from Minnesota.

CHRIS B. WHITE, 16175006, Staff Sergeant, INF, Company F, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 8 and 9 November 1944, in the vicinity of Metz, France. When the leader of Staff Sergeant (then private) WHITE'S platoon was wounded in a night-attack on German elements holding a barn near Perdon Lin, Staff Sergeant WHITE vigorously took charge and under terrible machine gun fire reorganized the shattered platoon and boldly led his men through a mine field to the barn. The platoon fought its way into the barn, suffering many casualties, and the numerically stronger Germans retreated to the left. Staff Sergeant WHITE, with comprehensive devotion to duty, took care of the wounded, and stood guard against a sneak attack at the window. The Germans in the left dropped grenades onto the survivors in Staff Sergeant WHITE'S platoon but under his fearless leadership the platoon held out stubbornly until relieved by two platoons the next day. Staff Sergeant WHITE'S aggressive prowess reflects distinct credit upon him and exemplifies the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Michigan.

MORRIS H. ELOR, 39153885, Sergeant, Med Dept, Company C, \*\*\*Medical Battalion, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations, on 5 December 1944, in the vicinity of SaarLutern, Germany. In the drive on SaarLutern Sergeant ELOR was attached to the Second Battalion Aid Station, \*\*\* Infantry Regiment. During this violent action he displayed extreme courage and

evacuating casualties under heavy German artillery and machine gun fire, working with tireless devotion until he was wounded by a shell fragment. Sergeant NEMOR'S heroic conduct under fire reflects great credit upon him and exemplifies the highest traditions of the Medical Department. Entered military service from California.

HERBERT E. ROSEBUSH, 32411574, Sergeant, INF, Anti-Tank Company, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 21 November 1944, in the vicinity of Ittersdorf, Germany. Under heavy artillery and mortar fire Sergeant ROSEBUSH'S squad was endeavoring to detonate seven German mines, in clearing a field in Ittersdorf. Seven pounds of composition "C" was used and a charge was set at each mine. All the charges were wired together. A pull-type fuze lighter was ignited and everyone moved to a safe distance and got under cover. But the charge failed to go off. After five minutes, Sergeant ROSEBUSH ordered his comrades to remain under cover, and he, with no regard for his own safety, went forward. He put on a new fuze lighter, pulled the fuze, and returned to cover to await the explosion. Again the charge failed to go off. For the third time, Sergeant ROSEBUSH advanced, cracked the charges and put on a new fuze lighter, and pulled it. When he went back to his squad and the charge exploded, detonating the German mines. Throughout this time the area that Sergeant ROSEBUSH was working in was under artillery and mortar fire. Sergeant ROSEBUSH'S daring and persevering performance of duty reflects great credit upon him and is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Virginia.

CHARLES G. GIOVANNINI, 36400756, Technician Fifth Grade, FL, Battery A, \*\*\*Field Artillery Battalion, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 15 November 1944 to 18 November 1944, in the vicinity of Metz, France, when the Artillery Forward Observer Team on which he was Radio Operator was cut off from its Battalion in the furious fighting at the Beckange bridgehead. Technician Fifth Grade GIOVANNINI, although exposed to German artillery and mortar fire, refused to leave his radio. Undaunted by the furious hostile shelling, Technician Fifth Grade GIOVANNINI remained in communication with his Battalion, at the risk of his life, so that artillery support could be continually obtained for the fighting infantry units. His undeviating devotion to duty materially directed the activity of the infantry to hold the Beckange bridgehead against numerous German counterattacks. Throughout this essential phase of the great battle for Metz the conduct of Technician Fifth Grade GIOVANNINI was distinguished by a high order of gallantry, reflecting clear credit upon him and upon the military service. Entered military service from Illinois.

★ THOMAS SAMOLO, 0437781, Captain, MC, Company C, \*\*\*Medical Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations, from 14 November 1944 to 19 November 1944, in the vicinity of Metz, France. Entered military service from Ohio.

★ RALPH L. MORGANO, 35558937, Technical Sergeant, INF, Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 19 October 1944 to 7 December 1944, in the vicinity of France. Entered military service from Illinois.

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~~★~~ JOHN L. LEHMAN, 13071877, Private, INF, Headquarters Company, \*\*\*\*  
Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in connection with military operations  
against the enemy, from 20 October 1944 to 4 December 1944, in France. Entered  
military service from Pennsylvania.

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I. AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, OF SILVER STAR: By direction of the President, and under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and Ltr, Hq. XX Corps, File AG 200.6, 16 October 1944, the Silver Star is awarded posthumously to:

FRANCIS W. PRIMEAU, 36251273, Technician Fifth Grade, FA, Battery A, \*\*\* Field Artillery Battalion, for gallantry in action against the enemy, on 18 November 1944, in the vicinity of Metz, France. Technician Fifth Grade PRIMEAU was a Radio Operator with the Artillery Forward Observer Team attached to the First Battalion, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, on 18 November 1944. In driving toward Metz, this Battalion attempted to by-pass Fort St. Julien but was arrested by German mortar, machine gun and sniper fire. To contact friendly artillery and reduce the German resistance, Technician Fifth Grade PRIMEAU crawled under the shelling to a foxhole from which he could observe the German mortar observation post. The foxhole held a good deal of water and to protect his radio Technician Fifth Grade PRIMEAU crawled out to pick up material for a temporary platform. German snipers fired on him but he calmly picked up enough wood to improvise a radio stand. Then he established communication with his Field Artillery Battalion Fire Direction Center and kept in communication while his Battalion's shells demolished the German mortar observation post. Technician Fifth Grade PRIMEAU remained at his perilous station, directing further artillery support for the Infantry Battalion until 1400 that afternoon when, still performing his duty in a boldly superior manner, he was killed in action. His heroic devotion to duty and great technical skill reflect lasting honor upon him and upon the military service. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

II. AWARD OF SILVER STAR: By direction of the President, and under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and Ltr. Hq. XX Corps, File AG 200.6, 16 October 1944, the Silver Star is awarded to the following:

ROBERT E. BURKE, O1285186, Major, INF, Headquarters, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action against the enemy, on 22 November 1944, in the vicinity of Fort Plapperville, France. On the morning of 22 November 1944, elements of the \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment solicited the surrender of the Fort Plapperville garrison over a public address system whose installation was arranged by Major BURKE, Regimental S-2. The Germans were instructed to send a delegation out to meet Major BURKE, and an enlisted interpreter, at a place visible to both forces. When no German delegation appeared a second broadcast was made. Shortly a bottle was thrown from inside the Fort to the Regiment. It

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contained a note requesting Major BURKE to proceed to a place under German observation only. Disregarding the obvious hazard involved, Major BURKE and his interpreter complied. At the rendezvous, a German Colonel was waiting. Major BURKE asked for the surrender of the Fort, informing the enemy officer that air support was available to bomb the Fort into submission if the Germans refused to surrender. The German Colonel laughed and stated that his orders were to hold the fort to the last man. Further negotiation proving futile, Major BURKE returned, under continual observation and fire, to his Regiment. The high personal courage and gallant devotion to duty displayed by Major BURKE on this occasion served as an inspiration to all who witnessed his actions, and were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from New Jersey.

EDGAR T. SAVIDGE JR., 01285315, Captain, INF, Company C, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action against the enemy, from 8 November 1944 to 16 November 1944, in the vicinity of Metz, France. After establishing a bridgehead across the Moselle River at Uckange, infantry troops under Captain SAVIDGE were subjected to a terrific pounding from German artillery. Realizing that the bridgehead had to be held in order to protect river-crossing operations further north, Captain SAVIDGE courageously led his men in boldly resisting the German force's relentless counter-attacks. After spending seven days in foxholes during cold and rainy weather less than one hundred men remained in Captain SAVIDGE'S command. But when the time came for the drive south on Metz he vigorously marshalled his under-manned company and spearheaded the drive of the First Battalion, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, on the German citadel. The fearless and exemplary leadership given by Captain SAVIDGE was a material contribution to the onslaught that ended with the reduction of Metz. His distinctly courageous behavior reflects great credit upon him and exemplifies the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from New Jersey.

DONALD W. GIBBS, 01165499, Captain, FA, Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, \* \*\*Field Artillery Battalion, for gallantry in action against the enemy, on 22 November 1944, in the vicinity of Metz, France. Inside Metz Company K, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, was pinned down by German sniper and machine gun fire from the right flank when Captain GIBBS, Artillery Liaison Officer, upstairs in a house overlooking the hostile position, killed with rifle fire the German sniper and silenced the German machine gun. Captain GIBBS'S intrepid deed, in the face of intense enemy fire and under excellent enemy observation, drove the survivors of the German element to cover, thereby permitting Company K to resume the assault and capture their objective. Captain GIBBS'S gallantry on this occasion, typical of this officer's bold conception of duty, reflects distinct credit upon him, and is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Texas.

JOHN J. O'MALLEY, 01C477C3, Captain, CAG, Battery A, \*\*\*\*Anti-Aircraft Artillery Battalion, for gallantry in action against the enemy, on 4 December 1944, in the vicinity of Saarlautern, Germany. With the vital mission of providing anti-aircraft defense for a bridge across the Saar River, Captain O'MALLEY accompanied by other officers reconnoitered for suitable gun positions in Saarlautern while that town was still in fierce dispute. Captain O'MALLEY'S reconnaissance was successful despite heavy German shelling and small arms fire which many times imperiled him. Later in the day Captain O'MALLEY visited the gun positions he had selected and when a German shell struck near a two-and-one-

and ton truck whose cargo consisted of 40 millimeter ammunition, and set the truck on fire, Captain O'MALLEY with utter disregard for his own safety assisted in putting out the fire. The courage, coolness and high order of leadership demonstrated by Captain O'MALLEY on these occasions reflect great credit upon him and on the military service. Entered military service from Illinois.

RICHARD S. HAGGEMAN, 0340552, Captain, INF, Headquarters, Third Battalion, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action against the enemy, from 20 November 1944 to 23 November 1944, in the vicinity of Metz, France. In the concluding action of the Metz operation the Third Battalion of the \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment sustained heavy casualties due to accurately deliberate sniper fire. To end the menace Captain HAGGEMAN, Battalion S-3, advanced fearlessly beyond the front lines and demanded the surrender of the individual sniper elements. The German officer in command of the snipers surrendered with his entire group. Captain HAGGEMAN'S valiant deed at the risk of his own life brought about a surging lift in morale among the Battalion. On many other occasions this intrepid officer boldly solved critical tactical problems while under German fire, and his unflagging devotion to duty was always integral to the combat success of the Third Battalion. Captain HAGGEMAN'S daring conduct and consummate skill reflect great credit upon him and on the military service. Entered military service from Nebraska.

CHARLES F. TROMMETTER, 01304820, First Lieutenant, INF, Company K, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action against the enemy, on 15 November 1944, in the vicinity of Malzeville-Les-Metz, France. In the Battle of the Slag Pile, First Lieutenant TROMMETTER took command of Company K when the Company Commander was wounded. Then, when it became necessary to contact the assault platoon no radio was available so First Lieutenant TROMMETTER without regard for his personal safety moved down the Slag Pile in the face of heavy artillery and machine gun fire. He climbed upon the lead tank and directed the fire that brought about the collapse of the enemy installations within the village. First Lieutenant TROMMETTER'S daring action reflects distinct credit upon him and is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

ROY D. JONES, 01176087, First Lieutenant, FA, Battery C, \*\*\*\*Field Artillery Battalion, for gallantry in action against the enemy from 14 November 1944 to 22 November 1944, in the vicinity of Metz, France. First Lieutenant JONES was an artillery forward observer with Company L, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, in the assault on Fort Gambotta and the subsequent drive on Metz. Throughout this period his performance of duty was conspicuous in gallantry and ability. Often First Lieutenant JONES engaged the Germans in small arms firing and on one occasion, when normal communication with the artillery was cut off, he left a place of cover under intense shelling in order to obtain a radio, enabling him to adjust artillery fire accurately on German troops threatening friendly positions. First Lieutenant JONES entered Metz with the forward elements of Company L at which time his keen ability to place artillery fire on critical targets just ahead of the assaulting troops was a material factor in the reduction of the German bastion. First Lieutenant JONES' gallant and skilful service reflects great credit upon him, and is in accordance with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Texas.

LEICESTER Y. RYAN, O3C-7742, First Lieutenant, CAC, Battery A, \*\*\*\*  
Anti-Aircraft Artillery Battalion, for gallantry in action against the enemy, on  
4 December 1944, in the vicinity of Saar, eastern Germany. When First Lieutenant  
RYAN'S platoon was assigned the important mission of providing anti aircraft pro-  
tection for a bridge across the Saar River, First Lieutenant RYAN reconnoitered  
for suitable gun positions inside a hill encircled by the enemy. After the  
reconnaissance had been made, he personally led his gun sections into positions  
under continuous enemy shelling. In the following two days First Lieutenant RYAN  
repeatedly exposed himself to German fire in order to visit his men and check the  
gun positions. His energetic devotion to duty contributed to the high esprit de  
corps in his command which was under fire from the enemy for the first time.  
First Lieutenant RYAN'S courageous leadership reflects distinct credit upon him  
and exemplifies the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military  
service from New York.

JOHN J. MARTIN JR., O441461, Second Lieutenant, INF, Company K, \*\*\*\*  
Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action against the enemy, from 8 November  
1944 to 17 November 1944, in the vicinity of Metz, France. In the Battle of the  
Slag Pile Second Lieutenant MARTIN was wounded in the throat by German shrapnel  
while leading his platoon against the enemy. After receiving first aid, he re-  
turned to his command, pressing the assault. Again Second Lieutenant MARTIN was  
hit, this time in the hand. And again, after receiving first aid, he returned to  
duty. The example set by this valiant officer instilled in his men a spirit of  
attack that conquered the strong German resistance. Later, in an assault on Fort  
Gambetta, Second Lieutenant MARTIN took command of Company K when the Company  
Commander was killed and the Executive Officer was wounded, and on this occasion  
he displayed the same traits of vigorous leadership revealed at the Slag Pile.  
Second Lieutenant MARTIN'S conspicuous courage reflects distinct credit upon him  
and is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered  
military service from Illinois.

MARVIN A. TUCK, W2108741, Warrant Officer Junior Grade, USA Headquarters  
and Headquarters Company, \*\*\*\*Engineer Battalion, for gallantry in action against  
the enemy, on 11 and 12 November 1944, in the vicinity of Uckange, France. When  
the violence of the current, as well as intense shelling from German artillery,  
precluded the ferrying of supplies across the Moselle River to troops on  
the east bank, Warrant Officer Junior Grade TUCK volunteered to attempt the  
dangerous vital mission himself. In a motorboat he crossed the flooded river,  
under enemy fire, carrying fresh troops as well as supplies to the bridgehead on  
the opposite side, and evacuating the wounded on the return trip. Warrant Officer  
Junior Grade TUCK made this perilous trip many times and in so doing aided  
materially in the successful establishment and maintenance of the Uckange Bridge-  
head. Warrant Officer Junior Grade TUCK'S heroic accomplishment reflects great  
credit upon him and is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military  
service. Entered military service from Arkansas.

WILLIAM F. CLARK, 35138150, Technician Fifth Grade, FA, Battery A,  
\*\*\*Field Artillery Battalion, for gallantry in action against the enemy, from 8  
November 1944 to 9 November 1944 in the vicinity of Uckange, France. A member  
of an artillery forward observation team, Technician Fifth Grade CLARK on the  
night of 8 November 1944 at the establishment of the Uckange Bridgehead across  
the Moselle River, lay wire and serviced the lines under terrific artillery,  
mortar and small arms fire. With complete disregard to personal safety, he twice



exposed himself to this fire to repair breaks in the line that had been shot out by enemy shells. Although cautioned by his officer to remain in his foxhole till a lull in the shelling, Technician Fifth Grade CLARK went ahead and repaired the broken lines thus keeping communications for a period of thirty-six hours. As a result of these heroic actions, communications were kept open for artillery fire missions and for the reporting by the Infantry to higher echelons, the progress of the action. The maintenance of these lines of communications contributed greatly to the successful establishment of the Uckange Bridgehead. The courage, coolness and extreme devotion to duty demonstrated by Technician Fifth Grade CLARK reflect great credit upon him and exemplify the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Indiana.

JESSE J. SCHROFER, 36837592, Private, GAC, Battery A, \*\*\*\*Anti-Aircraft Artillery Battalion, for gallantry in action against the enemy, on 4 and 5 December 1944, in the vicinity of Saarlautern, Germany. On 4 December 1944, Private SCHROFER, Section Grido, led his gun section under a hail of German artillery and small arms fire to previously selected positions in defense of the Saar River bridge at Saarlautern. Later, when a German shell exploded near an ammunition truck, and set fire to the ammunition boxes, he left cover, German artillery notwithstanding, and helped put out the fire. Next day, a sniper and fire director was suspected of being in the steeple overlooking the gun position. Private SCHROFER volunteered to go to the gun truck, a distance of several hundred hazardous yards, to obtain banana ammunition. He returned safely with the ammunition and the ammunition was used to terminate the activity of the sniper and fire director. The outstanding courage and devoted pursuit of duty displayed by Private SCHROFER reflect great credit upon him and exemplify the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Illinois.

NICHOLAS TKACZYK, 36465263, Private, Med Dept, Company B, \*\*\*\*Medical Battalion, for gallantry in action on 9 December 1944, in the vicinity of Lisdorf, Germany. When the footbridge across the Saar River near Lisdorf was blown out, Private TKACZYK, who had twice carried casualties across the bridge, accompanied by his three-man litter squad sought a route of evacuation for three wounded soldiers. No boats were available on Private TKACZYK'S side of the river but on the opposite bank engineer craft could be seen. Private TKACZYK and his companions tried repeatedly to attract the attention of soldiers working on the far side but met with no success. Finally, with desperate devotion to duty, Private TKACZYK, accompanied by one of his fellow litter-bearers, removed his clothing and swam across the river under German artillery, mortar and small arms fire. At the far bank they obtained a boat and brought it back to where the wounded were waiting. By this time Private TKACZYK and his comrade were suffering from extreme cold and exposure but they refused to leave the embarkation-site until they had seen the casualties safely transported across the river. Private TKACZYK'S heroic deed reflects high honor upon him and on the Medical Department. Entered military service from Michigan.

FLOYD A. WARREN, 38544994, Private, GAC, Battery A, \*\*\*\*Anti-Aircraft Artillery Battalion, for gallantry in action against the enemy, on 4 December 1944, in the vicinity of Saarlautern, Germany. When a heavy concentration of hostile artillery fire fell on his M51 machine gun position, with shrapnel from it punching holes in an ammunition chest close to his head, Private WARREN, risking his life, determined to remain at his post. A moment later German machine gun

fire harassed the position, menacing the position's potentiality of anti-aircraft defense for a bridge across the Saar River. But Private WARREN, exposing himself to the enemy fire, discharged his own weapon accurately, destroying the German one. Private WARREN'S conspicuous gallantry on this occasion reflects great credit on him, and exemplifies the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Texas.

ROSWELL BRAYTON, 11052562, Private First Class, Med Dept, Company B, \*\*\*\*Medical Battalion, for gallantry in action, on 9 December 1944, in the vicinity of Lisdorf, Germany. On the morning of 9 December 1944, Private First Class BRAYTON, accompanied by three members of his litter bearer squad with three casualties, approached the east bank of the Saar River in the vicinity of Lisdorf, Germany. On two previous occasions during the night this squad had removed casualties to this area and had transported them across the river by means of the footbridge, but on this third time, they observed that the bridge had been blown out and that there were no boats in which to transport their casualties across the stream. Unable to attract the attention of the engineers on the opposite bank, Private First Class BRAYTON, with one of his fellow litter bearers, removed his clothes and in the face of heavy enemy small arms, mortar, and artillery fire, swam the river to obtain the boat necessary to evacuate the wounded. This was accomplished, and although suffering from extreme cold and exposure, Private First Class BRAYTON remained at the scene of the crossing until he had seen the casualties safely transported across the river. The courage, coolness and extreme devotion to duty demonstrated by Private First Class BRAYTON reflect great credit upon himself and exemplify the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

ALFRED E. SUMMERS, 34702788, Technician Fifth Grade, CAG, Battery A, \*\*\*\*Anti-Aircraft Artillery Battalion, for gallantry in action against the enemy, on 4 December 1944, in the vicinity of Saarlautern, Germany. On 4 December 1944, the range section of which Technician Fifth Grade SUMMERS is a member, was given the mission of providing anti-aircraft protection of the bridge crossing the Saar River at Saarlautern, Germany. In order to provide the best possible defense of the bridge it was necessary to emplace an M51 quadruple mount machine gun at the southern approach. With complete disregard for his own safety Technician Fifth Grade SUMMERS, lying on his side, revetted three sides of the position. He then backed the mount into the revetment, disconnected his truck, and returned to complete the revetment. During this entire operation, which took approximately six hours, the bridge and its approaches were under constant artillery fire, and ninety minutes after the work was completed the position received two direct hits, totally destroying the mount. The coolness and courage displayed by Technician Fifth Grade SUMMERS reflects great credit upon himself and is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Georgia.

BART SCIMONE, 32617359, Private First Class, FA, Battery B, \*\*\*\*Field Artillery Battalion, for gallantry in action against the enemy, on 19 November 1944, in the vicinity of Metz, France. During operations in the Metz area, telephone communications between Company G and the Battalion Command Post were cut out by enemy shell fire. No infantrymen were present at the Battalion Command Post to repair the line, and in spite of heavy enemy small arms and mortar fire, Private First Class SCIMONE volunteered to go out and repair the line, a task which he accomplished, and returned safely. Inasmuch as Private First Class SCIMONE'S own artillery communications were in working order he might have remain-

ed in the comparative safety of the Battalion Command Post, but realizing the importance of the communications problem he did not hesitate to act in spite of the danger involved. The courage, coolness and extreme devotion to duty demonstrated by Private First Class SCHEWNE reflect great credit upon himself and exemplify the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from New York.

III. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL: By direction of the President, and under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and Ltr. Hq. XX Corps, File AG 200.6, 16 October 1944, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following:

JOHN BOROMAY, 35068231, Private, Med Dept, Company C, \*\*\*\*Medical Battalion, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations, on 5 December 1944, in the vicinity of Saarlautern, Germany. On 5 December 1944, Private BOROMAY was attached to the Aid Station of the First Battalion, \*\*\*\* Infantry Regiment, driving on Saarlautern. During a German artillery barrage, he ignored advice to stay under cover and instead moved out onto the battlefield to evacuate wounded soldiers. He continued to perform his duty until all twelve casualties in that particular area were evacuated. Private BOROMAY'S heroic devotion to duty reflects great credit upon him and is in keeping with the highest traditions of the Medical Department. Entered military service from Ohio.

EMANUEL FUSFIELD, 32879757, Private, Med Dept, Company C, \*\*\*\*Medical Battalion, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations, on 5 December 1944, in the vicinity of Saarlautern, Germany. On 5 December 1944, Private FUSFIELD was attached to the Aid Station of the First Battalion, \*\*\*\* Infantry Regiment, driving on Saarlautern. During a German artillery barrage, he ignored advice to stay under cover and instead moved out onto the battlefield to evacuate wounded soldiers. He continued to perform his duty until all twelve casualties in that particular area were evacuated. Private FUSFIELD'S heroic devotion to duty reflects great credit upon him and is in keeping with the highest traditions of the Medical Department. Entered military service from New York.

*Rec. by HQ #1 - Jan. 1, 1945*  
~~\* ARTHUR E. KHOURY, 0411858, Captain, INF, Service Company, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 17 November 1944, in the vicinity of Liepzig Farm, France. To supply troops isolated for three days in a bunker cut off by German emplacements, Captain KHOURY led a convoy of thirty jeeps loaded with badly-needed ammunition and food across enemy territory under heavy shelling to the beleaguered force. Due to Captain KHOURY'S resourceful and gallant leadership supplies were delivered in sufficient time and quantity for the embattled garrison to continue its resistance and then assume the offensive, throwing the Germans out of ten bunkers between Fort De Guise and Fort Plapperville. Captain KHOURY'S timely and decisive action reflects distinct credit on him and on the military service. Entered military service from Texas.~~

JOHN P. STRACKBEIN, 36580758, Private, Med Dept, Company C, \*\*\*\* Medical Battalion, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations, on 5 December 1944, in the vicinity of Saarlautern, Germany. On 5 December 1944, while attached to the Aid Station of the First Battalion, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, which was driving on Saarlautern, Private STRACKBEIN ran out under heavy German artillery fire and thrust through a window to save cover a soldier knocked down

by a shell burst. Private STRACKBAIN'S timely and heroic action reflects great credit on him and on the Medical Department. Entered military service from Michigan.

FRANCIS L. VOGLER, 34603180, Corporal, GAG, Battery 4, \*\*\*\*Anti-Aircraft Artillery Battalion, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 4 December 1944, in the vicinity of Saarlautern, Germany. On 4 December 1944 the gun section of which Corporal VOGLER was a member was assigned a mission in defense of the bridge across the Saar River at Saarlautern, Germany. Corporal VOGLER led his crew in the revetting of his gun position during a period of heavy artillery fire, and at no time would he accept relief until the job was completed, a period of approximately six hours. The courage and gallantry displayed by Corporal VOGLER on this occasion served as an inspiration to his men, reflects great credit upon himself and is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from North Carolina.

*Rec'd by Co #50 - Dec. 24, 1944*  
~~MILVIN K. BATES, 34602741, Sergeant, GAG, Battery 4, \*\*\*\*Anti-Aircraft Battalion, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 4 and 5 December 1944, in the vicinity of Saarlautern, Germany. On 4 December 1944 the 40-millimeter gun section commanded by Sergeant BATES was assigned the mission of providing anti-aircraft protection for the bridge across the Saar River at Saarlautern, Germany. The position was occupied at approximately 1350 and was under almost continual artillery fire for a period of twenty-four hours. Sergeant BATES personally directed and supervised the work of his men who were under artillery fire for the first time. His presence at the gun position throughout the period of occupation served as an inspiration to his men and contributed in a large measure to their ability to carry out their assigned mission. The courage, coolness and leadership displayed on this occasion reflects great credit upon himself and is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from South Carolina.~~

IV. AWARD OF PURPLE HEART: Under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, the Purple Heart is awarded to the following Officer for wounds received in action in Germany on 13 December 1944.

PATRICK J. HAND, 0283736, Lieutenant Colonel, M.C, Headquarters 95th Infantry Division.

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Colonel, G.S.C.,  
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I. AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, OF SILVER STAR: By direction of the President, and under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and Ltr. Hq. XI Corps, File AG 200.6, 16 October 1944, the silver star is awarded posthumously to the following:

JAMES G. ASIMAKOPOULOS, 35024342, Technical Sergeant, INF, Company M, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action against the enemy, on 15 November 1944, in the vicinity of Gravelotte, France. Technical Sergeant ASIMAKOPOULOS was Platoon Sergeant of the Second Platoon, Company M, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, when the Company jumped off in an attack on firmly fortified German positions near Gravelotte. The attack had gone only a short distance when Technical Sergeant ASIMAKOPOULOS' Platoon Leader was killed by enemy fire. Technical Sergeant ASIMAKOPOULOS immediately rallied his men around him and then led them relentlessly through mortar and machine gun fire to close grips with the enemy where they stormed and carried their objective. Technical Sergeant ASIMAKOPOULOS' quick and vigorous grasp of leadership in a decisive phase of combat and his bold gallantry in ruthlessly pressing the assault in the face of furious German resistance reflect lasting honor on him and on the military service. Entered military service from Ohio.

ELROY J. OLSON, 14093452, Staff Sergeant, INF, Company E, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action against the enemy, on 14 November 1944, in the vicinity of Fort Jeanne D'Arc, France. In a vehement fire fight, elements of Staff Sergeant OLSON'S Battalion ruthlessly drove the enemy from the Battalion objective. Over the route of Staff Sergeant OLSON'S assault other elements of the Battalion were moving up from a half mile back. Between them and the newly-carried objective a German patrol waited in ambush. A small combat patrol, of which Staff Sergeant OLSON was a member, was sent out to deal with this threat to the advancing elements. Traveling over high, densely wooded terrain, deeply cut by draws and ridges, Staff Sergeant OLSON'S patrol went to the enemy, closed with him and routed him. Staff Sergeant OLSON killed one of the German group, another was accounted for by one of Staff Sergeant OLSON'S companions. But in the fierce fighting survivors fled. Staff Sergeant OLSON with his comrades pursued them, determined to destroy the Germans before they could lay another ambush along the route of the Battalion's march. Staff Sergeant OLSON'S patrol advanced over the winding, rough trail after the enemy who was by this time out of sight. A camouflaged German automatic weapon covered a turn of the trail and when Staff Sergeant OLSON came into range the enemy opened fire, striking him in the chest, killing him instantly. Staff Sergeant OLSON'S valorous conduct brings lasting honor upon himself and exemplifies the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

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✓ EDWARD B. BUHRNESTER, 57131, Staff Sergeant, INF, Company C, \*\*\*\* Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action against the enemy, on 15 November 1944, in the vicinity of Gravelotte, France. On the morning of 15 November 1944, Staff Sergeant BUHRNESTER'S rifle squad was pressing toward an enemy-occupied building when the assault was suddenly obstructed by a fiercely-firing machine gun operating in a hidden nest. With his squad pinned down and the mission imperiled Staff Sergeant BUHRNESTER rushed the German emplacement and wiped out the crew with rifle fire. Staff Sergeant BUHRNESTER was fatally wounded in performing his intrepid deed but his action permitted his squad to advance, storm and take the objective. Staff Sergeant BUHRNESTER'S daring and heroic fulfillment of a leader's role reflects lasting honor upon him and upon the military service. Entered military service from Illinois.

✓ PASQUALE M. PIZZIRULLI, 36600514, Sergeant, INF, Company E, \*\*\*\* Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action against the enemy, on 14 November 1944, in the vicinity of Metz, France. On the morning of 14 November 1944, after a violent dawn attack, Sergeant PIZZIRULLI found himself with some fifty men of his Battalion, many of them wounded, in a series of pill-boxes near Moscow Farm. When the enemy launched a counter-attack in vastly out-numbering force the existence of Sergeant PIZZIRULLI'S group was at stake. Sergeant PIZZIRULLI seeing the onslaught coming, left the pill-box and set up his 60-millimeter mortar. Plainly exposed to the observation and fire of the enemy he fired one round for adjustment. Then, with the advancing Germans a hundred and fifty yards from the embattled pill-box Sergeant PIZZIRULLI fired three rounds for accurate effect, utterly routing the German threat. Later that day, Sergeant PIZZIRULLI observed a squad of friendly soldiers starting to dig in to the left of the pill-boxes. Without care for his own safety, he left cover again and tried to beckon them to the better protection of the pill-box. In this unselfish act he was killed by German machine gun fire. Sergeant PIZZIRULLI'S strenuous devotion to duty, his unyielding loyalty to his comrades, and the brilliant fearlessness of his actions, reflect enduring honor upon him and on the military service. Entered military service from Illinois.

✓ RICHARD M. FOWLER, 32852454, Private, FA, Battery C, \*\*\*\* Field Artillery Battalion, for gallantry in action against the enemy, on 26 November 1944, in the vicinity of Boulay, France. Private FOWLER was a member of a forward observation party attached to an assault company of the \*\*\*\* Infantry Regiment when, in the midst of a fierce fight with German elements, it became necessary to install communications up to an important observation point in order to observe and direct critically needed artillery fire. Without hesitation Private FOWLER volunteered for this hazardous task. Under deliberate small arms fire and sweeping machine-gun fire Private FOWLER went gallantly to work, carrying a radio and assisting in the laying of telephone lines to the observation post. In the devoted accomplishment of this duty Private FOWLER was killed by enemy fire. His clearly heroic conduct and fearless devotion to duty reflect great credit on him and exemplify the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from New York.

II. AWARD OF SILVER STAR: By direction of the President, and under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and Ltr. Hq. XX Corps, File AG 200.6, 16 October 1944, the Silver Star is awarded to the following:

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KENNETH E. CARTER, O1234133, Captain, INF, Company G, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action against the enemy, on 15 November 1944, in the vicinity of Grevollette, France. On 15 November 1944, after losing his Executive Officer, two platoon leaders and many enlisted men, in an assault across a drain covered by intense mortar, machine gun and artillery fire, Captain CARTER gathered the survivors of his company, conducted a vigorous reorganization, and led them in a success, relentless assault. German elements in the area delivered terrific fire on them but Captain CARTER'S men, fearlessly led and fiercely determined, wiped out the enemy in terrific fighting and secured the objective. Captain CARTER'S aggressive and courageous leadership reflects distinct credit on him and on the military service. Entered military service from New Hampshire.

CLAIR K. HENNINGER, O2A 2432, First Lieutenant, MAG, Medical Detachment, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action, on 16, 17 and 18 November 1944, in the vicinity of Metz, France. On 16 November 1944, First Lieutenant HENNINGER led three litter teams across an open field under heavy enemy mortar and artillery shelling to evacuate casualties otherwise isolated from medical aid. The next morning he led two litter teams across open terrain to a bunker nearly a mile southeast of Leipzig, Germany where he supervised the evacuation of fourteen wounded soldiers under intense shelling. On the morning of 17 November, First Lieutenant HENNINGER led his three litter teams from the farm-kept Castel St. Germain road, through a heavy mine field to evacuate casualties from the battle field. At noon the same day the air station with which First Lieutenant HENNINGER was serving moved to a bunker that was still being shelled by the enemy. When several casualties were sustained in this area First Lieutenant HENNINGER again exhibited a high order of courage by leading a litter team into the shelling and supervising the carrying of the wounded to the bunker. Throughout this exhausting three day period First Lieutenant HENNINGER'S tireless and heroic work resulted in the saving of many lives. His exemplary conduct reflects great credit on him and on the military service. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

ALEX MC INTYRE JR, O1304755, Captain, INF, Company I, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action against the enemy, from 3 November 1944 to 21 November 1944, in the vicinity of Metz, France. Captain MC INTYRE took command of Company I when the former commanding officer became a casualty. On 8 November 1944 he led his new command in a violently-contested assault on German positions around the Slog Hill at Heizieres-Les-Bains. Although suffering a large number of casualties Company I closed vigorously with the Germans and dislodged them from the Company objective. However, being reduced in numbers, they were obliged to withdraw when a powerful enemy lunge developed. The withdrawal proved only a briefly-needed expedient, for that same day under Captain MC INTYRE'S resolute leadership, the Company returned with striking boldness to the ground they had lost and destroyed the German resistance with a final assault, firmly regaining the objective. From the Slog Hill, Company I joined the march on Metz. On 21 November 1944, while engaged in the extermination of German snipers inside the fortress-city, First Lieutenant MC INTYRE was wounded in action. The fearless leadership and extraordinary prowess so consistently displayed by Captain MC INTYRE reflect high credit upon him and on the military service. Entered military service from Kentucky.

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✓ JOHN F. CONNOLLY, 0469305, First Lieutenant, INF, Headquarters Company, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action against the enemy, on 11 November 1944, in the vicinity of Nancy sur Meulles, France. The soldiers from Company I, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment were wounded by an enemy 150-millimeter high explosive shell in Nancy sur Meulles on 11 November 1944. One of the men was severely wounded and could not move, and in the absence of medical corps men First Lieutenant CONNOLLY exposed himself to the heavy artillery fire and, with complete disregard for his own safety, directed the evacuation of the wounded man to a nearby building where he treated the wounds with the little equipment at hand. For two hours he cared for the casualty until the aid men with a jeep arrived, but while removing the wounded man to the jeep, it was forced into a ditch by enemy artillery fire, again exposing himself to heavy enemy fire. First Lieutenant CONNOLLY worked for about thirty minutes attempting to remove the vehicle from the ditch, but this was not possible under the circumstances, and he directed the return of the wounded to the building where he made them as comfortable as possible before returning to his platoon. The courage, coolness and extreme devotion to duty demonstrated by First Lieutenant CONNOLLY reflect great credit upon him and exemplify the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from New York.

✓ ALEXANDER R. CRAIGMILE, 3669356, Technical Sergeant, INF, Company I, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action against the enemy, on 16 November 1944, in the vicinity of Grandfont, France. During the afternoon of 16 November 1944, Technical Sergeant CRAIGMILE was advancing with his platoon through a wooded draw east of Grandfont, reporting upon enemy snipers and machine gun nests. When the advance of the platoon was stopped by heavy German automatic cross fire, Technical Sergeant CRAIGMILE and another man, acting upon their own initiative, spotted one of the nests and crept in the face of heavy fire to within twenty-five yards of it, where Technical Sergeant CRAIGMILE lobbed a grenade directly into one of the bunkers. Without regard for personal safety the men then assaulted the bunker, killing two Germans and capturing two others. From the bunker, Technical Sergeant CRAIGMILE and his fellow soldier directed the fire of the platoon upon the other nest. The courage, coolness and extreme devotion to duty demonstrated by Technical Sergeant CRAIGMILE reflect great credit upon him and exemplify the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Illinois.

✓ ROBERT E. GIBSON, 36672499, Sergeant, CAC, Battery A, \*\*\*\*Anti-Aircraft Artillery Battalion, for gallantry in action against the enemy, in Germany. The 40-millimeter gun section commanded by Sergeant GIBSON was assigned the mission of providing anti-aircraft protection in a designated area. After a hasty reconnaissance, Sergeant GIBSON courageously led his gun section into position through a tremendous hail of artillery fire. The artillery bombardment continued for twenty-four hours with approximately 100 rounds of HE ammunition falling in the vicinity every hour. Under direct observation of the enemy, Sergeant GIBSON began to build up his gun position and did not slacken his efforts, even though direct fire was being laid on this position, until an adequate revetment was prepared. Sergeant GIBSON'S performance encouraged his men so greatly that, in spite of being under fire for the first time, they accomplished a very difficult mission without a casualty. The courage, coolness and extreme devotion to duty demonstrated by Sergeant GIBSON reflect great credit upon him and exemplify the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Illinois.



CARL W. MITCHELL, 34603271, Sergeant, OAC, Battery A, \*\*\*\*Anti-Aircraft Artillery Battalion, for gallantry in action against the enemy, in Germany. The 40-millimeter gun section commanded by Sergeant MITCHELL was assigned the mission of providing Anti-Aircraft protection in a designated area. After a hasty reconnaissance, Sergeant MITCHELL courageously led his gun section into position through a murderous hail of artillery fire. The artillery bombardment continued for twenty-four hours with approximately 700 rounds of HE ammunition falling in the vicinity every hour. Under direct observation of the enemy, Sergeant MITCHELL began to build up his gun position and did not slacken his efforts, even though direct fire was being laid on this position, until an adequate revetment was prepared. Sergeant MITCHELL's performance encouraged his men so greatly that, in spite of being under fire for the first time, they accomplished a very difficult mission without a casualty. The courage, coolness and extreme devotion to duty demonstrated by Sergeant MITCHELL reflect great credit upon him and exemplify the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from North Carolina.

MIKE O. WACHOLTZ, 37293236, Sergeant, INF, Company B, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action against the enemy, on 14 November 1944, in the vicinity of Gravelotte, France. On the morning of 14 November 1944 Sergeant WACHOLTZ led his rifle squad into the attack on Fort St Hubert and Fort Jussy. During the fierce fight he was wounded in both legs by German machine gun fire. In spite of these bad wounds, Sergeant WACHOLTZ crawled across an open field subjected to hostile fire, down a ravine and up the other side to rejoin his squad in the assault. In the subsequent action Sergeant WACHOLTZ did not falter nor lag and only when the battle for the forts was over did he reveal his wounds. Sergeant WACHOLTZ' unsurpassable fortitude reflects the greatest possible credit on him and exemplifies the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Minnesota.

CLARENCE M. O'BRIEN, 36357105, Technician Fifth Grade, Med Dept, Medical Detachment, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action, on 19 and 20 November 1944, in the vicinity of Fort de Guise, France. Technician Fifth Grade O'BRIEN was with the Second Platoon of Company I, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, in a bunker near Fort de Guise when a runner from Company K brought information that Company K was pinned down in a fire-swept open field, with other elements of the Battalion in the same grave peril just ahead of them unable to advance. Severe casualties had already been sustained, the messenger said, and German shelling was still going on. Without hesitation, Technician Fifth Grade O'BRIEN left the cover of the bunker and went out into the mortar and artillery barrage to give aid to the wounded. For three hours under ceaseless pounding from enemy guns this valiant medical soldier worked among the wounded, personally evacuating five Company K casualties, returning each time to treat the rest. By dark Technician Fifth Grade O'BRIEN found himself with thirteen patients. Working all night long by flashlight and lantern he aided and cared for them. And early the next morning they were evacuated by litter teams. Technician Fifth Grade O'BRIEN'S heroic devotion to duty reflects great credit on him and is in keeping with the highest traditions of the Medical Department. Entered military service from Illinois.

VICTOR J. CLINFRONIA, 32617255, Corporal FA, Headquarters Battery, \*\*\*Field Artillery Battalion, for gallantry in action against the enemy, on 15 November 1944, in the vicinity of Gravelotte, France. When Company A and Company B of the \*\*\*Infantry Regiment moved from Gravelotte to occupy bunkers between Fort Driant and Fort Jeanne D'Arc both radios of the Artillery Forward Observer Party up ahead were shot out. Aware of the need for communication with the artillery, Private CLINFRONIA, whose normal duty was wireman and telephone operator with the liaison section, volunteered to take a radio to the Observation Team, rushing off on the morning of 15 November 1944 with Company C. The route to the stranded observers was thickly wooded and crossed a deep draw laden with German machine gun fire and inundated by constant mortar shelling. But Private CLINFRONIA shot his way through, killing two Germans, and finally reached his goal. The clear heroism of Private CLINFRONIA'S action reflects great credit on him and is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from New York.

LEONARD A. HENG, 37450881, Technician Fifth Grade, INF, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action against the enemy, on 14 November 1944, in the vicinity of Malmaison, France. When the Second Battalion, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, moved against bitterly-defended German emplacements near Malmaison Technician Fifth Grade HENG carried his SCR 300 radio for the Battalion Commander, and when the Battalion Commander was wounded, for his successor. In the furious engagement the aerial was shot off the radio, and Technician Fifth Grade HENG was wounded in the hip, but with no regard for his personal safety he remained on duty. After the Battalion assaulted and took its objective Technician Fifth Grade HENG worked continuously to maintain communications, although all other men had begun to die in. Throughout the action this brave soldier inspired all who witnessed his conduct. Technician Fifth Grade HENG'S heroic devotion to duty reflects great credit on himself and on the military service. Entered military service from Nebraska.

CLARENCE M. SUIT, 33381129, Private First Class, INF, Company L, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action against the enemy, on 16 November 1944, in the vicinity of Gravelotte, France. While engaged in an attack made by his organization in the vicinity of Gravelotte, France, Private First Class SUIT'S squad was pinned down by the fire of an enemy machine gun manned by five Germans. Although in the direct line of fire from the enemy position, Private First Class SUIT, completely disregarding his personal safety, crawled forward and by the skillful use of grenades succeeded in silencing the machine gun, killing four Germans and taking the fifth as prisoner. The courage, coolness and extreme devotion to duty demonstrated by Private First Class SUIT reflect great credit upon him and exemplify the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Maryland.

RAYMOND F. BALL, 11119714, Technician Fifth Grade, FA, Headquarters Battery, \*\*\*Field Artillery Battalion, for gallantry in action against the enemy, on 15 November 1944, in the vicinity of Gravelotte, France. On the morning of 14 November 1944, Companies A and B moved out from Gravelotte to occupy the four bunkers between the two major fortifications of Metz, Fort Driant and Fort Jeanne D'Arc. During the advance, both Artillery Forward Observers with the Infantry had their radios shot out, and a message was received for a replacement radio for the forward observers. Technician Fifth Grade BALL, whose job was with

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the liaison section, realizing the necessity of re-establishing communications, volunteered to take a radio to the Artillery Observers. He started off on the morning of 15 November 1944 with Company C to find the stranded forward observers. The route was wooded and crossed a very deep draw which was lined with machine gun fire and under constant mortar shelling. Along the way Technician Fifth Grade RALL encountered enemy personnel and shot his way through, killing two Germans, and continued on to the hamlets to deliver the radio, this making it possible to re-establish communications necessary to call for artillery fire, and also to call for, or direct the dropping of ammunition, food, and medical supplies by plane. The courage, coolness and devotion to duty demonstrated by Technician Fifth Grade RALL reflect great credit upon himself and exemplify the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

✓ LEO H. KIRINOVICZ, 12287202, Private, INF, Company I, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action against the enemy, on 19 November 1944, in the vicinity of Fort de Guise, France. A medical aid man was trying to move by litter a wounded American soldier under German mortar shelling when Private KIRINOVICZ, on his own unselfish initiative, ran out into the barrage to administer first aid and help carry the casualty to cover. Returning with the litter, Private KIRINOVICZ was hit in the back, buttocks and legs by flying shrapnel but his own wounds did not deter him from evacuating his comrade to safety. Private KIRINOVICZ' distinctly heroic feat reflects great credit on him and on the military service. Entered military service from New York.

III. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL: By direction of the President, and under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and Ltr. Hq. XX Corps, File AG 200.6, 16 October 1944, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following:

✓ EDWIN G. RALL, 37293022, Technician Fifth Grade, Med Dept, Company C, \*\*\*\*Medical Battalion, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations, on 4 December 1944, in the vicinity of Saarlautern, Germany. Attempting to cut the line of communications to elements of the \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment on the east side of the Saar River, the Germans on 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8 December 1944, laid down a continual artillery and mortar barrage. Throughout this period blanket shelling as well as machine gun and small arms fire continued without cease. Under this continual fire, Technician Fifth Grade RALL performed his duty as Ambulance Driver, evacuating the wounded, some of whom were in need of immediate definitive medical treatment, with cool, intrepid skill. The route of evacuation was over the bridge at Saarlautern, the primary enemy target in that area, but neither the fierce German fire nor the debris littering the road lessened Technician Fifth Grade RALL'S unswerving devotion to duty. The gallant behavior of Technician Fifth Grade RALL reflects distinct credit on him and is in accordance with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from North Dakota.

← FRLING T. OLSEN, 37287754, Technician Fifth Grade, Med Dept, Company C, \*\*\*\*Medical Battalion, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations, on 6 and 7 December 1944, in the vicinity of Saarlautern, Germany. Attempting to cut the line of communications to elements of the \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment on the east side of the Saar River, the Germans on 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8 December 1944, laid down a continual artillery and mortar barrage. Throughout

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this period blanket shelling as well as machine gun and small arms fire continued without cease. Under this dreadful fire, Technician Fifth Grade GLESI performed his duty as ambulance driver, evacuating the wounded, some of whom were in need of immediate definitive medical treatment, with cool, intrepid skill. The route of evacuation was over the bridge at Saarlautern, the primary enemy target in that area, but neither the fierce German fire nor the debris littering the road lessened Technician Fifth Grade GLESI'S unswerving devotion to duty. The gallant behavior of Technician Fifth Grade GLESI reflects distinct credit on him and is in accordance with the highest traditions of the Medical Department. Entered military service from Missouri.

ROBERT I. WEST, 3730748, Sergeant, Med Dept, Company C, \*\*\*Medical Battalion, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations, on 5 and 6 December 1944, in the vicinity of Saarlautern, Germany. Attempting to cut the line of communications to elements of the \*\*\*Infantry Regiment on the east side of the Saar River, the Germans on 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 December 1944, laid down a continual artillery and mortar barrage. Throughout this period blanket shelling as well as machine gun and small arms fire continued without cease. Under this dreadful fire, Sergeant WEST performed his duty as ambulance driver, evacuating the wounded, some of whom were in need of immediate definitive medical treatment, with cool, intrepid skill. The route of evacuation was over the bridge at Saarlautern, the primary enemy target in that area, but neither the fierce German fire nor the debris littering the road lessened Sergeant WEST'S unswerving devotion to duty. The gallant behavior of Sergeant WEST reflects distinct credit on him and is in accordance with the highest traditions of the Medical Department. Entered military service from Kansas.

DOCK K. MYERS, 34232929, Private First Class, Med Dept, Company C, \*\*\*Medical Battalion, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations, on 6 and 7 December 1944, in the vicinity of Saarlautern, Germany. Attempting to cut the line of communications to elements of the \*\*\*Infantry Regiment on the east side of the Saar River, the Germans on 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 December 1944, laid down a continual artillery and mortar barrage. Throughout this period blanket shelling as well as machine gun and small arms fire continued without cease. Under this dreadful fire, Private First Class MYERS performed his duty as Assistant Ambulance Driver, evacuating the wounded, some of whom were in need of immediate definitive medical treatment, with cool, intrepid skill. The route of evacuation was over the bridge at Saarlautern, the primary enemy target in that area, but neither the fierce German fire nor the debris littering the road lessened Private First Class MYERS' unswerving devotion to duty. The gallant behavior of Private First Class MYERS reflects distinct credit on him and is in accordance with the highest traditions of the Medical Department. Entered military service from Tennessee.

ODELIE J. LEONARD, 34230502, Private First Class, Med Dept, Company C, \*\*\*Medical Battalion, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations, on 8 December 1944, in the vicinity of Saarlautern, Germany. Attempting to cut the line of communications to elements of the \*\*\*Infantry Regiment on the east side of the Saar River, the Germans on 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 December 1944, laid down a continual artillery and mortar barrage. Throughout this period blanket

shelling as well as machine gun and small arms fire continued without cease. Under this dreadful fire, Private First Class LFCHEAP performed his duty as Assistant Ambulance Driver, evacuating the wounded, some of whom were in need of immediate definitive medical treatment, with cool, intrepid skill. The route of evacuation was over the bridge at Saar Lautern, the primary enemy target in that area, but neither the fierce German fire nor the debris littering the road lessened Private First Class LFCHEAP'S unwavering devotion to duty. The gallant behavior of Private First Class LFCHEAP reflects distinct credit on him and is in accordance with the highest traditions of the Medical Department. Entered military service from Louisiana.

✓ RICHARD E. BERNHARD, 3631516, Private First Class, Med Dept, Company C, \*\*\*Medical Battalion, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations, on 6 and 7 December 1944, in the vicinity of Saar Lautern, Germany. Attempting to cut the line of communications to elements of the \*\*\*Infantry Regiment on the east side of the Saar River, the Germans on 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 December 1944, laid down a continual artillery and mortar barrage. Throughout this period blanket shelling as well as machine gun and small arms fire continued without cease. Under this dreadful fire Private First Class BERNHARD performed his duty as Assistant Ambulance Driver, evacuating the wounded, some of whom were in need of immediate definitive medical treatment, with cool, intrepid skill. The route of evacuation was over the bridge at Saar Lautern, the primary enemy target in that area, but neither the fierce German fire nor the debris littering the road lessened Private First Class BERNHARD'S unwavering devotion to duty. The gallant behavior of Private First Class BERNHARD reflects distinct credit on him and is in accordance with the highest traditions of the Medical Department. Entered military service from Illinois.

✓ MERVIN K. NESS, 37293416, Private First Class, Med Dept, Company C, \*\*\*Medical Battalion, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations, on 6 and 7 December 1944, in the vicinity of Saar Lautern, Germany. Attempting to cut the line of communications to elements of the \*\*\*Infantry Regiment on the east side of the Saar River, the Germans on 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 December 1944, laid down a continual artillery and mortar barrage. Throughout this period blanket shelling as well as machine gun and small arms fire continued without cease. Under this dreadful fire Private First Class NESS performed his duty as Ambulance Driver, evacuating the wounded, some of whom were in need of immediate definitive medical treatment, with cool, intrepid skill. The route of evacuation was over the bridge at Saar Lautern, the primary enemy target in that area, but neither the fierce German fire nor the debris littering the road lessened Private First Class NESS' unwavering devotion to duty. The gallant behavior of Private First Class NESS reflects distinct credit on him and is in accordance with the highest traditions of the Medical Department. Entered military service from North Dakota.

✓ CHARLES KENDRON, 35603867, Private First Class, Med Dept, Company C, \*\*\*Medical Battalion, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations, on 4 December 1944, in the vicinity of Saar Lautern, Germany. Attempting to cut the line of communications to elements of the \*\*\*Infantry Regiment on the east side of the Saar River, the Germans on 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 December 1944, laid down a continual artillery and mortar barrage. Throughout this period blanket shelling as well as machine gun and small arms fire continued without cease.

Under this dreadful fire, Private First Class KENDRON performed his duty as Assistant Ambulance Driver, evacuating the wounded, some of whom were in need of immediate definitive medical treatment, with cool, intrepid skill. The route of evacuation was over the bridge at Saarlautern, the primary enemy target in that area, but neither the fierce German fire nor the debris littering the road lessened Private First Class KENDRON'S unswerving devotion to duty. The gallant behavior of Private First Class KENDRON reflects distinct credit on him and is in accordance with the highest traditions of the Medical Department. Entered military service from Ohio.

✓ JOSEPH L. DE NICCLO, 36600833, Private First Class, Med Dept, Company C, \*\*\*\*Medical Battalion, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations, on 8 December 1944, in the vicinity of Saarlautern, Germany. Attempting to cut the line of communications to elements of the \*\*\*Infantry Regiment on the east side of the Saar River, the Germans on 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 December 1944, laid down a continual artillery and mortar barrage. Throughout this period blanket shelling as well as machine gun and small arms fire continued without cease. Under this dreadful fire, Private First Class DE NICCLO performed his duty as Ambulance Driver, evacuating the wounded, some of whom were in need of immediate definitive medical treatment, with cool, intrepid skill. The route of evacuation was over the bridge at Saarlautern, the primary enemy target in that area, but neither the fierce German fire nor the debris littering the road lessened Private First Class DE NICCLO'S unswerving devotion to duty. The gallant behavior of Private First Class DE NICCLO reflects distinct credit on him and is in accordance with the highest traditions of the Medical Department. Entered military service from Illinois.

✓ AUGUSTINE Y. NES, 38242460, Private First Class, Med Dept, Company O, \*\*\*\*Medical Battalion, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations, on 4, 5, and 7 December 1944, in the vicinity of Saarlautern, Germany. Attempting to cut the line of communications to elements of the \*\*\*Infantry Regiment on the east side of the Saar River, the Germans on 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 December 1944, laid down a continual artillery and mortar barrage. Throughout this period blanket shelling as well as machine gun and small arms fire continued without cease. Under this dreadful fire, Private First Class NES performed his duty as Ambulance Driver, evacuating the wounded, some of whom were in need of immediate definitive medical treatment, with cool, intrepid skill. The route of evacuation was over the bridge at Saarlautern, the primary enemy target in that area, but neither the fierce German fire nor the debris littering the road lessened Private First Class NES' unswerving devotion to duty. The gallant behavior of Private First Class NES reflects distinct credit on him and is in accordance with the highest traditions of the Medical Department. Entered military service from Texas.

✓ LAWRENCE P. FUHRMANN, 37421425, Private First Class, Med Dept, Company C, \*\*\*\*Medical Battalion, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations, on 6 and 7 December 1944, in the vicinity of Saarlautern, Germany. Attempting to cut the line of communications to elements of the \*\*\*Infantry Regiment on the east side of the Saar River, the Germans on 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 December 1944, laid down a continual artillery and mortar barrage. Throughout this period blanket shelling as well as machine gun and small arms fire continued without