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I. AWARD OF SOLDIER'S MEDAL.
II. AWARD OF SOLDIER'S MEDAL (POSTHUMOUS).

I. AWARD OF SOLDIER'S MEDAL. 1. By direction of the President, under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and under authority contained in Circular No 32, Headquarters European Theater of Operations, U. S. Army, 20 March 1944, as amended, the Soldier's Medal is awarded to:

Captain Harry E. Bowen, O481600, Ord Dept, 320th Ordnance Battalion, United States Army. Entered military service from North Dakota.

Master Sergeant Otto A. Herral, 32557233, Ord Dept, 839th Ordnance Depot, Company, United States Army. Entered military service from New Jersey.

Technical Sergeant Samuel G. Atwood, 32474737, Ord Dept, 839th Ordnance Depot Company, United States Army. Entered military service from New York.

Staff Sergeant Edward S. Levy, 13071909, Ord Dept, 839th Ordnance Depot Company, United States Army. Entered military service from Maryland.

Staff Sergeant Walter B. Sawyer, 36829744, MD. Medical Detachment, 320th Ordnance Battalion, United States Army. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

Technician Fourth Grade William A. Krull, 35231535, Ord Dept, 839th Ordnance Depot Company, United States Army. Entered military service from Ohio.

Technician Fourth Grade Fomer E. Adams, 35221312, Ord Dept, 839th Ordnance Depot Company, United States Army. Entered military service from Ohio.

Cornoral Wallace M. Hitzler, 35064698, Ord Dept, 839th Ordnance Depot Company, United States Army. Entered military service from Ohio.

Cornoral Edward T. Dutcher, 35146245, Ord Dept, 839th Ordnance Depot Company, United States Army. Entered military service from Indiana.

Technician Fifth Grade Ernest S. Tosi, 35221348, Ord Dept, 839th Ordnance Depot Company, United States Army. Entered military service from Ohio.

Private First Class Carson E. Webb, 34311970, Ord Dept, 839th Ordnance Depot Company, United States Army. Entered military service from North Carolina.

Private First Class Richard E. Facemire, 35704375, Ord Dept, 839th Ordnance Depot Company, United States Army. Entered military service from Indiana.

Private Norman J. McCracken, 33650809, Ord Dept, 839th Ordnance Depot Company, United States Army. Entered military service from Virginia.

Private Ronald A. Autry, 37357882, Ord Dept, 839th Ordnance Depot Company, United States Army. Entered military service from Missouri.

Private Gerald E. Kasler, 35556503, Ord Dept, 839th Ordnance Depot Company, United States Army. Entered military service from Indiana.

Private William P. Morrissey, 16000230, Ord Dept, 839th Ordnance Depot Company, United States Army. Entered military service from Illinois.

For distinguishing themselves by acts of heroism involving voluntary risk of life. On 24 August 1944, near Coulven, France, after being notified that several enlisted men had been wounded by an exploding German "S" mine while bathing at a heavily mined beach, the above named officer and enlisted men voluntarily entered the mined area to render first aid and to evacuate the wounded and dying. With complete disregard for their own personal safety, and fully aware of the dangers involved in their perilous mission, these men diligently continued with their self-initiated task until all had been evacuated. The courage and heroism displayed by this officer and these enlisted men reflect great credit upon themselves and are in keeping with the high traditions of the military service.

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2. By direction of the President, under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and under authority contained in Circular No 32, Headquarters European Theater of Operations, U. S. Army, 20 March 1944, as amended, the Soldier's Medal is awarded to:

Technician Fourth Grade Earl E. Stigleman, 35145503, Ord Dept, 839th Ordnance Depot Company, United States Army. Entered military service from Indiana.

Technician Fourth Grade Harry W. Grayson, 35221338, Ord Dept, 839th Ordnance Depot Company, United States Army. Entered military service from Ohio.

Technician Fourth Grade Elwood Riggs, 35146131, Ord Dept, 839th Ordnance Depot Company, United States Army. Entered military service from Indiana.

Private First Class Robert W. Ciles, 35146256, Ord Dept, 839th Ordnance Depot Company, United States Army. Entered military service from Indiana.

Private First Class Eril R. Mock, 34807788, Ord Dept, 839th Ordnance Depot Company, United States Army. Entered military service from Alabama.

For distinguishing themselves by acts of heroism involving voluntary risk of life. On 24 August 1944, near Coulven, France, after being notified that several enlisted men had been wounded by an exploding German "S" mine while bathing at a heavily mined beach, the above named enlisted men voluntarily entered the mined area to render first aid and to evacuate the wounded and dying. While diligently performing this hazardous mission, a second enemy mine exploded, severely wounding these gallant volunteers who, without fear or hesitation, had gone to the aid of fellow soldiers. The courage and heroism displayed by these men reflect great credit upon themselves and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

3. By direction of the President, under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and under authority contained in Circular No 32, Headquarters European Theater of Operations, U. S. Army, 20 March 1944, as amended, the Soldier's Medal is awarded to:

Private Robert C. Eiller, 36828633, MD, Medical Detachment, 320th Ordnance Battalion, United States Army. Entered military service from Michigan.

Private John R. Deindorfer, 35703217, Ord Dept, 839th Ordnance Depot Company, United States Army. Entered military service from Kentucky.

For distinguishing themselves by acts of heroism involving voluntary risk of life. On 24 August 1944, near Coulven, France, upon learning that several men had been wounded by an exploding German "S" mine while bathing at a heavily mined beach, the above named enlisted men voluntarily entered the mined area to render first aid and to evacuate the wounded and dying. While performing this heroic deed, these men were wounded by the explosion of a second enemy mine. Unmindful of their wounds, and with complete disregard for their personal safety and the known dangers of their hazardous mission, these men diligently continued with their self-initiated task until all had been evacuated. The courage and heroism displayed by these men reflect great credit upon themselves and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

II. AWARD OF SOLDIER'S MEDAL (POSTHUMOUS). By direction of the President, under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and under authority contained in Circular No 32, Headquarters European Theater of Operations, U. S. Army, 20 March 1944, as amended, the Soldier's Medal is posthumously awarded to:

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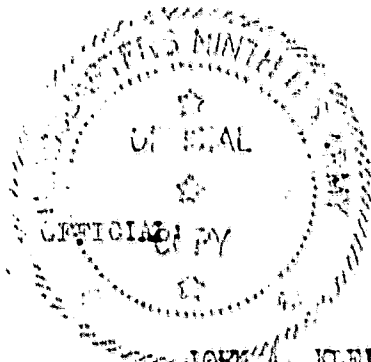
Second Lieutenant Jerome L. Berman, 01555661, Ord Dept, 839th Ordnance Depot Company, United States Army. Entered military service from Illinois. Nearest of kin: Mrs. Betty Berman (wife), 1443 South St Louis Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

Second Lieutenant Joseph P. McCarty, 01555726, Ord Dept, 839th Ordnance Depot Company, United States Army. Entered military service from Ohio. Nearest of kin: Mrs. Loreen E. McCarty (wife), 2017 Sampson St, Wilkesburg, Pennsylvania.

Technician Fifth Grade Donald L. Ramp, 35556502, Ord Dept, 839th Ordnance Depot Company, United States Army. Entered military service from Indiana. Nearest of kin: Mrs. Eva R. Ramp (mother), R.R. # 7, Columbia City, Indiana.

For distinguishing themselves by acts of heroism involving voluntary risk of life. On 24 August 1944, near Goulven, France, after being notified that several enlisted men had been wounded by an exploding German "S" mine while bathing at a heavily mined beach, the above named officers and enlisted men voluntarily entered the mined area to render first aid and to evacuate the wounded and dying. While diligently performing this hazardous mission, a second enemy mine exploded, bringing death to these gallant volunteers who, without fear or hesitation, had gone to the aid of fellow soldiers. The courage and heroism displayed by these men reflect great credit upon themselves and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

By command of Lieutenant General SIMPSON:



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