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- I. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL.
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I. AWARD OF PRONZE STAR MEDAL. 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 Bronze Star Medal is awarded to:

Technical Sergeant Edward Gurney, 6920405, 2nd Ranger Infantry Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on 6 June 1944 at Vierville-Sur-Mer, France. Entered military service from Illinois.

Technical Sergeant Francis J. Roach, 35315684, 2nd Ranger Infantry Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operation against the enemy on 6 June 1944, near Pointe du Hoc, France. Entered military service from Ohio.

Staff Sergeant Eugene E. Elder, 37011822, 2nd Ranger Infantry Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy from 6 June 1944 to 7 June 1944, near Pointe du Hoc, France. Entered military service from Missouri.

Staff Sergeant Harvey W. Koenig, 6917605, 2nd Ranger Infantry Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on 6 June 1944, near Pointe du Hoc, France. Entered military service from Illinois.

Staff Sergeant George W. Morrow, 35178617, 2nd Ranger Infantry Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on 6 June 1944, near Pointe du Hoc, France. Entered military service from Indiana.

Technician Fourth Grade Albert A. McFadden, 36229663, 2nd Ranger Infantry Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on 6 June 1944, near Vierville-Sur-Mer, France. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Technician Fifth Grade Virgil A. Hillis, 36188516, Medical Detachment, 2nd Ranger Infantry Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on 6 June 1944, at Vierville-Sur-Mer, France. Entered military service from Michigan.

Technician Fifth Grade Marcel Miller, 36318707, 2nd Ranger Infantry Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on 6 June 1944, at Pointe du Hoc, France. Entered military service from Illinois.

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Technician Fifth Grade Randall R. Rinker, 33382209, 2nd Ranger Infantry Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on 6 June 1944, in the vicinity of Vierville-Sur-Mer, France. Entered military service from Virginia.

Private First Class Charles M. Dunlap, 13053850, 2nd Ranger Infantry Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on 6 June 1944, near Pointe du Hoc, France. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

II. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR 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 Bronze Star Medal is posthumously awarded to:

Private First Class Frank Kosina, 36731473, 2nd Ranger Infantry Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy. On 6 June 1944 on Omaha Beach, France, Private Kosina, together with another gunner, after their 75mm assault gun was destroyed by artillery fire, gathered automatic rifles from wounded men on the beach and advanced towards the hill to the rear of the beach. Here, they delivered effective fire in an attempt to silence enemy snipers and machine gunners firing from well concealed positions. They succeeded in eliminating one machine gun nest, but were fatally injured by a direct hit from an enemy mortar. The courage and determination of Private Kosina and his partner to perform their duty is in keeping with the high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Illinois.

Private First Class William H. McWhirter, 35284803, 2nd Ranger Infantry Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy. On 6 June 1944 on Omaha Beach, France, Private McWhirter, together with another gunner, after their 75mm assault gun was destroyed by artillery fire, gathered automatic rifles from wounded men on the beach and advanced towards the hill to the rear of the beach. Here, they delivered effective fire in an attempt to silence enemy snipers and machine gunners firing from well concealed positions. They succeeded in eliminating one machine gun nest but were fatally injured by a direct hit from an enemy mortar. The courage and determination of Private McWhirter and his partner to perform their duty is in keeping with the high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Ohio.

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