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I. AWARD OF SILVER STAR - By direction of the President and under the provisions of Sec I, Cir 32, Hq ETO US Army, 20 Mar 1944, as amended by Sec I, Cir 56, Hq ETO US Army, 27 May 1944, the Silver Star is awarded to the following named officers and enlisted men:

Major CHARLES W KETTERMAN, 01576233, Quartermaster Corps, United States Army. For gallantry in action at CHATEAUDUN, FRANCE, on 16-17 August 1944. Knowing of the enemy's presence there and at the risk of his own life, Major KETTERMAN entered CHATEAUDUN, FRANCE, on 16 August 1944, and successfully attacked an enemy gun position. Accompanied only by his driver and in face of a heavy artillery barrage upon the town by friendly troops, Major KETTERMAN patrolled through the northwest part of CHATEAUDUN until the enemy gun position was located, advanced to within 100 yards of it, and opened fire. Three of the enemy were killed and a number of others wounded, and the gun silenced. As a result of this daring, voluntary action, numerous lives of our own troops were saved as they advanced on CHATEAUDUN down the road previously under fire from this enemy gun. After silencing the enemy gun, Major KETTERMAN proceeded to a nearby cave in CHATEAUDUN and captured 15 German soldiers. His courageous action, aggressive spirit and utter disregard for his own safety contributed materially to the capture of CHATEAUDUN.

First Lieutenant JOHN H WILSON JR, 01551779, Ordnance Department, United States Army. For gallantry in action at LA HAYE PESNEL, FRANCE, on 7 August 1944. Lieutenant WILSON personally organized and evacuated enlisted men under his command from an Ammunition Depot while the depot was being bombed and strafed by enemy aircraft.

Private ERNEST A JENKINS, 32825565, 176th Quartermaster Battalion, United States Army. For gallantry in action at CHATEAUDUN, FRANCE, on 16-17 August 1944. Private Jenkins, while driving an officer, entered CHATEAUDUN, FRANCE, prior to its liberation, and contributed materially in the location and destruction of an enemy gun position. Utterly disregarding his personal safety, Private JENKINS drove through CHATEAUDUN until the enemy gun had been spotted. Private JENKINS then accompanied the officer to within 100 yards of the enemy gun, from which point they fired at the crew, killing three, wounding a number of others, and silenced the gun. As a result of this gallant action numerous lives of our own troops were saved as they advanced on CHATEAUDUN down the road previously under the fire of this enemy gun. Later, in the vicinity of CHATEAUDUN, Private JENKINS aided the officer in the capture of 15 German soldiers found in a cave. By his courageous action in face of a stronger enemy, and with complete disregard for his own safety, Private JENKINS notably assisted in the capture of CHATEAUDUN.

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## II. AWARD OF SOLDIER'S MEDAL.

1. By direction of the President and under the provisions of Sec I, Cir 32, Hq ETO US Army, 20 Mar 1944, as amended by Sec I, Cir 56, Hq ETO US Army, 27 May 1944, the Soldier's Medal is awarded to the following named enlisted men:

Corporal REGINALD M HENRY, 32708857, 3202d Quartermaster Service Company, United States Army. For heroism at TRANCE, FRANCE, on 21 August 1944. With utter disregard for his own safety, this soldier jumped on a runaway 6x6 crane and steered it into a pile of landing mats. By so doing he prevented any injury or loss of life to those men who were in the path of the vehicle and also avoided damage to the crane and to other essential equipment toward which the vehicle was heading.

Technician Fifth Grade STANLEY RADZIEWICZ, 31281253, 546th Antiaircraft Artillery, Automatic Weapons Battalion, United States Army. For heroism at United States Army Station 538, United Kingdom, on 7 June 1944. With utter disregard for his own safety, this soldier voluntarily entered a high octane airplane gas storage tank filled with deadly fumes, secured to a rope the bodies of two civilian employees of Station 538, United States Army who had been overcome by the fumes and then helped maneuver the bodies through the tank entrance as they were pulled out. Had the employees remained in the tank a few minutes longer, it would have been impossible to save their lives.

2. By direction of the President and under the provisions of Sec I, Cir 32, Hq ETO US Army, 20 Mar 1944, as amended by Sec I, Cir 56, Hq ETO US Army, 27 May 1944, the Soldier's Medal is awarded to the following named enlisted men:

Corporal RUSSELL M SCHILLINGER, 33274463, Coast Artillery Corps, United States Army, entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Technician Fifth Grade J D SPROUSE, 31345477, Coast Artillery Corps, United States Army, entered military service from Mississippi.

Private ROBERT A VINCENT, 30510004, Coast Artillery Corps, United States Army, entered military service from Michigan.

For heroism near LE MOLAY, FRANCE, on 23 July 1944. A P-47 loaded with two 500 pound bombs crashed 150 yards NE of #3 gun position of the 457th AAA AW Battalion. The impact of the crash caused one bomb to explode and set the plane on fire. Corporal SCHILLINGER, Technician Fifth Grade SPROUSE, and Private VINCENT witnessed the crash and proceeded directly to the wreckage in search of the pilot. After several seconds they found the pilot about ten feet from the plane still strapped in his seat which had been ripped from the fuselage during the crash. They immediately removed the pilot from the seat, summoned an ambulance and remained near the wreckage until the pilot had been removed. During the course of this action the lives of these men were constantly in danger from the unexploded bomb and exploding .50 calibre ammunition remaining in the wreckage. The heroic action of these men exemplifies the highest traditions of the Armed Forces of the United States.

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3. By direction of the President and under the provisions of Sec I, Cir 32, Hq ETO US Army, 20 Mar 1944, as amended by Sec I, Cir 56, Hq ETO US Army, 27 May 1944, the Soldier's Medal is awarded to the following named enlisted men:

Technical Sergeant SAMUEL A ERNST, 36268098, Corps of Engineers, United States Army, entered military service from Illinois.

Technical Sergeant KARL N REIDELBACH, 33523111, Corps of Engineers, United States Army, entered military service from Virginia.

Staff Sergeant JULIUS B CHAMBERLAIN, 38090043, Corps of Engineers, United States Army, entered military service from Texas.

Corporal RICHARD F FERGUSON, 35595446, Corps of Engineers, United States Army, entered military service from Ohio.

Technician Fifth Grade LOUIS E WARNER, 36857791, Corps of Engineers, United States Army, entered military service from Michigan.

Private First Class PETER M ROBICHEAU, 31229860, Corps of Engineers, United States Army, entered military service from Massachusetts.

Private ALEXANDER AITKEN, 32775602, Corps of Engineers, United States Army, entered military service from New Jersey.

Private HARRY V JARVIS, 32857609, Corps of Engineers, United States Army, entered military service from New York.

Private SALVATORE A RUGGIERO, 32864761, Corps of Engineers, United States Army, entered military service from New Jersey.

Private JOSEPH P WROBLEWSKI, 32773642, Corps of Engineers, United States Army, entered military service from New Jersey.

Private First Class FRANK J MUR, 35326894, Corps of Engineers, United States Army, entered military service from Ohio.

On the afternoon of 15 April 1944 these enlisted men at Hartford, Cheshire, England witnessed the crash of a British aircraft approximately 200 yards distant from the truck in which they were returning to camp. They de-trucked and ran to the wreck which was burning. Gasoline and ammunition were exploding. With utter disregard for their own safety these enlisted men aided in removing a member of the crew who was trapped in a section of the plane, thus saving his life. The heroic action of these men reflects highest credit on the military service of the United States.

III. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL - By direction of the President and under the provisions of Sec I, Cir 32, Hq ETO US Army, 20 Mar 1944, as amended by Sec I, Cir 56, Hq ETO US Army, 27 May 1944, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following named officers and enlisted men:

Colonel LOGAN C FERRY, 015752, Cavalry, United States Army for meritorious service from 10 April 1944 to 5 July 1944.

Lieutenant Colonel ROBERT H NEVINS, 0300325, Ordnance Department, United States Army for meritorious service from 2 July 1944 to 6 August 1944.

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Lieutenant Colonel WILLIAM G WHYTE, 0369888, Quartermaster Corps, United States Army for meritorious service from 1 August 1944 to 31 August 1944.

Captain CALVIN SATTERFIELD III, 0412776, Cavalry, United States Army for meritorious service from 2 August 1944 to 11 August 1944.

First Lieutenant JAMES A DUNLAP, 0445761, Cavalry, United States Army for meritorious service from 2 August 1944 to 11 August 1944.

First Lieutenant EDWIN RUSSELL KENNY, 0445768, Cavalry, United States Army for meritorious service from 2 August 1944 to 11 August 1944.

Second Lieutenant CLIFFORD J TAYLOR, 01047804, Coast Artillery Corps, United States Army for heroic achievement on 7 June 1944.

Second Lieutenant FRANCIS K CARNEY, JR, 0513170, Coast Artillery Corps, United States Army for heroic achievement on 30 July 1944.

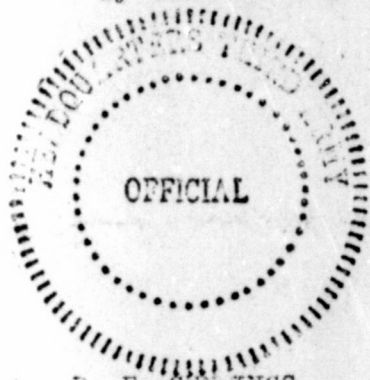
Second Lieutenant HENRY N LEPON, 01018895, Cavalry, United States Army for meritorious service from 2 August 1944 to 11 August 1944.

Staff Sergeant ALFRED F BOUTIN, 31037809, Coast Artillery Corps, United States Army for heroic achievement on 30 July 1944.

Corporal JOHN SENAK, 11073466, Coast Artillery Corps, United States Army for heroic achievement on 7 June 1944.

Technician Fifth Grade MALCOLM S AYER, 31037687, Coast Artillery Corps, United States Army for heroic achievement on 30 July 1944.

By command of Lieutenant General PATTON:



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