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SECTION I - Award of Silver Star

SECTION II - Award of Bronze Star Medal ORIGINAL ORDER - B10000A

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, a Silver Star is awarded to:

Colonel CHARLES W GETTYS, 015178, Coast Artillery Corps, Headquarters \*\*\* Antiaircraft Artillery Group, United States Army. For gallantry in action in the vicinity of AVRANCHES and PONTAUBAULT, FRANCE, during the period 1 August 1944 to 10 August 1944. Colonel GETTYS, commanding the \*\*\* Antiaircraft Artillery Group, exhibited outstanding qualities of leadership and did much to assure the defense of the vital supply lines of the Third United States Army. His fearless courage and his continuous presence at the gun positions of his battalions during heavy enemy bombing and strafing attacks were a constant inspiration to his men. Even when he became a battle casualty, subject to evacuation, he was returned to duty at his own insistence and continued to lead his men against the enemy. Colonel GETTYS' inspirational courage, his loyal devotion to duty, and his utter disregard for his own safety exemplify the highest traditions of the military forces of the United States.

II. 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, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded to:

*Revised by Hq # 99 - Dec 28 1944*  
\* First Lieutenant ADOLPH RUDOLF JR., 0375845, Ordnance Department, \*\*\* Ordnance Depot Company, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE. First Lieutenant RUDOLF, assigned to the \*\*\* Ordnance Depot Company, distinguished himself by his coolheaded leadership and courage under enemy aerial bombardment and strafing at ST HILAIRE du HARCQUET, FRANCE. On 7 August 1944, when enemy aircraft attacked the convoy of which he was commander, Lieutenant RUDOLF ordered all his men to get out of the vehicles and to seek shelter. Then, without regard for his own safety, he turned off the gasoline switches of all the vehicles in order to save valuable cargo from fires in case of a direct hit, meanwhile continually exposing himself to see that his men remained under cover and to attend to those already injured. Lieutenant RUDOLF's heroic actions, his resourcefulness, and his devotion to duty insured the safe delivery of his cargo, and reflect great credit upon himself and the Armed Service.

Sergeant LEROY J BURGESS, 6923153, Cavalry, Troop "B", \*\*\* Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron (Mechanized), United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States

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in FRANCE on 3 September 1944. When Sergeant BURGESS and three other enlisted men who were riding in an armored car in column with other vehicles of \*\*\* 7th Armored Division, sighted enemy armored vehicles approaching along the road on which they were advancing toward REIMS, FRANCE, Sergeant BURGESS distinguished himself by his coolness and heroic actions under fire. Oblivious to enemy fire, Sergeant BURGESS helped to load the guns on his vehicle and accurately directed their fire, assisting the gunner in destroying three of the enemy vehicles and many of the enemy who had dismounted. His heroism and courageous devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military forces of the United States.

✓ Sergeant MARVIN J LUDINGTON, 39552444, Corps of Engineers, Company "B", 1st Engineer General Service Regiment, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States, in FRANCE. On 7 August 1944, Sergeant LUDINGTON (then Corporal) was walking with several companions through a field near the company bivouac area at ST MARTIN, FRANCE. When one of the group disturbed a partially concealed object on the ground, Sergeant LUDINGTON recognized it for an antipersonnel mine, and acting with great presence of mind and complete disregard for his own safety, picked up the object and threw it into a nearby foxhole. The device exploded, injuring Sergeant LUDINGTON, but his heroic action averted the serious injury or death of his companions. His courageous conduct is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

✓ Corporal EDWIN F O'NEILL, 13055044, Cavalry, Troop "A", \*\*\* Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron (Mechanized), United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE. On 1 September 1944, Corporal O'NEILL left COLLENGY, FRANCE, accompanied by an officer and another enlisted man on a mission to contact the 4th Armored Division, reported to have moved southwest of VANCOULEURS, FRANCE. While enroute, several groups of the enemy were encountered and twice Corporal O'NEILL fired into them. After many miles of hazardous riding the party finally succeeded in reaching the allied lines. On 14 September, Corporal O'NEILL, in company with the same officer and another enlisted man, captured a total of 16 of the enemy. The courageous actions of Corporal O'NEILL in the performance of his duties are in keeping with the highest traditions of the service.

✓ Technician Fifth Grade JOSEPH W BETZ, 6894893, Cavalry, Troop "B", \*\*\* Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron (Mechanized), United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States, in FRANCE, on 3 September 1944. Technician Fifth Grade BETZ distinguished himself during an engagement with the enemy by his coolness and heroic actions under fire. Oblivious to heavy enemy fire, this soldier fired the 37mm gun and the machinegun on his vehicle with such accuracy that three of the enemy vehicles were destroyed and many of the enemy who had dismounted were killed or wounded. His courage and heroic devotion to duty reflect his outstanding qualities as a soldier and exemplify the highest traditions of the military service.

✓ Private THEODORE KRZYWIEL, 31315792, Corps of Military Police, Company "C", 1st Military Police Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE. The courageous manner in which Private KRZYWIEL performed his duties at

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LE DESERT DE OASIS, FRANCE, on 29 July 1944, is worthy of high commendation. When enemy aircraft strafed a convoy of vehicles on a road where Private KRYZNEL was directing traffic this soldier bravely remained at his post and by his efforts kept the column moving. His courageous action did much to avert serious traffic congestion which would have caused many casualties among the convoy personnel and serious damage to their vehicles.

Private MELVIN L GRAVES 32550451, Corps of Military Police, Company "C", \*\*\* Military Police Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States, in FRANCE. The courageous manner in which Private GRAVES performed his duties at LE DESERT DE OASIS, FRANCE, on 29 July 1944, is worth of high commendation. When enemy aircraft strafed a convoy of vehicles on a road where Private GRAVES was directing traffic this soldier bravely remained at his post and by his efforts kept the column moving. His courageous actions did much to avert serious traffic congestion which would have caused many casualties among the convoy personnel and serious damage to their vehicles.

Private RICHARD C FISHER, 16108802, Cavalry, Troop "A", \*\*\* Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron (Mechanized), United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE. The courageous manner in which Private FISHER performed his duties while on a reconnaissance mission on 7 September 1944 near JEZAINVILLE, FRANCE, merits high commendation. With complete disregard for his own safety he drove a  $\frac{1}{2}$ -ton truck through direct enemy artillery fire to successfully deliver valuable information. The initiative of Private FISHER and his heroic devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military forces of the United States.

Lieutenant Colonel WILLIAM J MARTIN, 0287196, Field Artillery, Headquarters Third United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in the UNITED KINGDOM and FRANCE from 28 January 1944 to 1 October 1944.

Lieutenant Colonel SIDNEY POLLOCK, 0317788, Corps of Engineers, \*\*\* Engineer General Service Regiment, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE from 8 August 1944 to 16 August 1944.

Major DENZIL L BAKER, 0307437, Infantry, Headquarters Company, Third United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in the UNITED KINGDOM and FRANCE from 28 June 1944 to 23 October 1944.

Captain GEORGE F KEYES, 0332026, Field Artillery, \*\*\* Armored Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in the UNITED KINGDOM and FRANCE from 28 April 1944 to 17 August 1944.

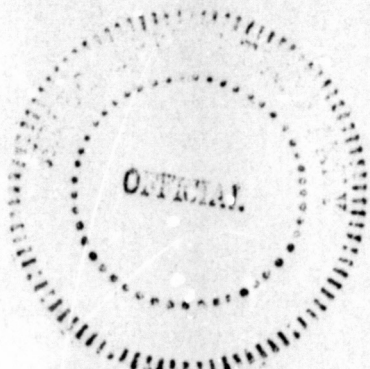
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✓ Captain LYMAN L WILSON, 0510761, Corps of Engineers, 888 Engineer General Service Regiment, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE from 8 August 1944 to 16 August 1944.

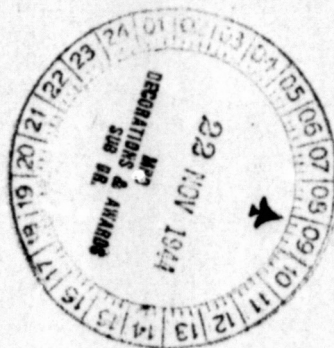
✓ Staff Sergeant EDWARD E BEMICK, 6957264, Headquarters Third United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE from 1 August 1944 to 3 October 1944.

By command of Lieutenant General PATTON:



HUGH J. GIFFLY,  
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