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I — SILVER STAR. Pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45, dated 23 September 1943, as amended, and Circular 6, Headquarters Third United States Army, 26 April 1944, a Silver Star is awarded to the following officers and enlisted men of this command:

Major Frederick C Roecker Jr, 024681 (then captain), Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in the * * * and * * * sectors, France, during the period 8 to 23 August 1944. Major Roecker commanded the Second Battalion, * * * Infantry, during this period. On 8 August he was given the mission of securing a crossroad south of * * *. When his leading company was pinned down by machine gun and mortar fire, he proceeded to the company command post, and, although wounded, declined medical attention and personally directed movement of a platoon in an enveloping movement, neutralizing enemy fire and paving the way for the battalion's advance to its objective. He received a second and more painful wound, but remained with his command until he assured himself that his executive officer had the situation well in hand. After a short period of hospitalization, he returned to duty although his wounds still hampered his movements. On 23 August when he was given the mission of capturing * * *, he accompanied leading elements of the battalion and, when heavy enemy machine gun fire was encountered, over-ran the machine gun emplacements and continued forward movement without disorganization, by the exercise of superior and dynamic leadership. Approaching the town of * * *, he directed organization of a task force which advanced, atop tanks, well in advance of the battalion column, clearing the way for the battalion proper and enabling them to secure the objective without loss. The superior leadership ability of Major Roecker, his intrepid courage and zealous devotion to duty, reflect credit upon his character as an officer and are in accord with the high traditions of the Army. Entered United States Military Academy from Washington.

First Lieutenant Alfred G Davis Jr, 01303862, Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in the vicinity of * * *, Brittany, France, 2 August 1944. Lieutenant Davis, while in the forward element of the leading company, and exposed to heavy enemy artillery fire, reported the situation to his commanding officer by radio. When the commanding officer and one of the platoon leaders in an advance company became casualties, Lieutenant Davis, in addition to his other duties, assumed command of and successfully led a rifle platoon in an attack. Observing an excellent artillery target, Lieutenant Davis radioed for and directed two barrages with such accuracy that an enemy counterattack was repelled. When a withdrawal was ordered later in the day, Lieutenant Davis assisted in evacuating all the wounded and was the last man to leave the area. The courage of Lieutenant Davis, his qualities of leadership and gallantry in action, have won the admiration of his immediate superiors and reflect high credit upon the military service. Entered military service from Alabama.

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First Lieutenant Patrick J McHugh, 01016405, Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in the vicinity of * * * , France, 11-12 August 1944. Lieutenant McHugh acted as liaison officer between the First Battalion, * * * Infantry, and the * * * Tank Battalion during the assault against * * * . Lieutenant McHugh, commanding an M-5 Light Tank, accompanied the infantry battalion commander toward the objective. When the tank was placed in bivouac, he proceeded in a quarter-ton vehicle which was struck by enemy fire, killing one passenger and wounding another. Lieutenant McHugh proceeded on foot to the objective and aided in coordinating the situation there. Returning to the front line later in another quarter-ton vehicle, it, too, was struck by enemy fire before reaching its objective. The following day, Lieutenant McHugh made several more trips from the tank battalion area to the objective, all accomplished under heavy enemy fire of all types. Lieutenant McHugh's gallantry in action, his disregard for personal safety and devotion to duty, reflect high credit upon the military service. Entered military service from California.

Technical Sergeant Adam J Czaikowski, 36213675 (then staff sergeant), Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in the * * * River sector, on 1 August 1944. During an assault on high ground south of * * * , France, a member of Sergeant Czaikowski's rifle squad was wounded and lay helpless in an open field under heavy enemy fire of all types. Disregarding his personal safety, Sergeant Czaikowski crawled a distance of sixty-five yards to the wounded man and succeeded in dragging him to the comparative safety of a hedgerow. The courageous actions of Sergeant Czaikowski in placing the welfare of a wounded comrade above his personal safety, reflect credit upon his character as a soldier. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

Staff Sergeant Robert A Meier, 37530918, Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in the * * * sector, France, on 10 August 1944. In an attack against strong enemy positions which had resisted the advance of his battalion for two days, Sergeant Meier, a rifleman, had his rifle shot from his hands and broken. He nevertheless continued his advance and with hand grenades, destroyed two enemy machine gun positions in an enemy-held hedgerow. The gallantry in action, dauntless courage and determination of Sergeant Meier to continue the mission of his company, greatly facilitated the successful accomplishment of the mission of his organization. Entered military service from Kansas.

Sergeant Gilbert Hahn, 39098639 (then private first class), Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in the vicinity of * * * , France, on 31 July 1944. When an assault wave engaged in an attack upon strong enemy forces in * * * was forced to take cover from heavy enemy machine gun fire, Sergeant Hahn, a messenger, together with another enlisted man, went to the aid of an officer and two enlisted men who had been wounded and were lying in an exposed position on a road. Disregarding the danger from heavy enemy fire sweeping the road and surrounding area, Sergeant Hahn dragged the officer through an open field a distance of some three hundred yards to a place of safety, and returned twice to evacuate the other two wounded soldiers by the same route. The courageous actions of Sergeant Hahn, who placed the welfare of his comrades-in-arms above his own life, reflect the highest credit upon his character as a soldier and upon the military service. Entered military service from California.

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Private First Class Darwin J Mohorich, 39326917, Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in the * * * sector, Normandy, France, on 16 July 1944. When his platoon was pinned down by fire from an enemy machine gun in a hedgerow to its front, Private Mohorich, a rifleman, voluntarily and alone, crawled along the edge of an open field in the face of heavy enemy fire, approached the right flank of the enemy position, and threw two hand grenades which silenced the machine gun, killing or wounding all members of its crew. The gallant actions of Private Mohorich, his intrepid courage and disregard for personal safety, enabled his platoon to continue its advance, and reflect the highest credit upon the military service. Entered military service from Oregon.

Private First Class John W Mundt, 36552586, Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action near * * * , France, on 17 August 1944. Private Mundt, without hesitation and acting with complete disregard for personal safety, went to the aid of an enlisted man who was seriously wounded when an ammunition truck was set afire by enemy artillery fire. Despite exploding ammunition including hand grenades he evacuated the wounded man from the area and administered first aid. The courage, coolness and quick thinking on the part of Private Mundt, who placed the welfare of his wounded comrade above his own life, reflect the highest credit upon his character as a soldier and upon the military service. Entered military service from Michigan.

Private Robert M Larimer, 33762096, Medical Department, United States Army, for gallantry in action in the * * * sector, Normandy, France, on 13 July 1944. Private Larimer, an aid man, went into an open field covered by heavy concentrations of enemy machine gun and artillery fire and administered first aid to seven wounded men who had been unable to accompany their unit in a withdrawal to a nearby hedgerow. Together with another aid man, he then evacuated all the wounded soldiers to a position of safety. The courageous actions and devotion to duty on the part of Private Larimer saved seven of his comrades from further wounds and possible death, and reflect the highest credit upon his character as a soldier and upon the Medical Department of the Army. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

II --- SILVER STAR (OAK-LEAF CLUSTER). Pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular 6, Headquarters Third United States Army, 26 April 1944, in addition to the Silver Star previously awarded, a bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to the following officer of this command:

Colonel Robert A Ellsworth, 015780, Field Artillery, United States Army, for gallantry in action in * * * France, during the period 16 to 19 August 1944. Throughout this period, Colonel Ellsworth, Executive Officer, * * * Artillery, acted as artillery officer for a task force composed of the * * * Combat Team and attached units. On 16 August he accompanied advance elements of an armored force in order to obtain timely and accurate information which he relayed, with recommendations, to the commanding general of the task force, and which made possible the expeditious action of all supporting arms. His quick and decisive coordination of artillery fire from his forward position that afternoon made possible proper artillery support in the first day's operation. On the morning of August 17th he accompanied and personally directed reconnaissance in force for advanced

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artillery locations in areas not yet cleared of the enemy. This show of force, and fire from the reconnaissance platoon and three accompanying tank destroyers, contributed to the voluntary surrender of some fifty enemy soldiers in that area. On August 18th he directed and supervised installation of forward observation posts overlooking the * * * River, and within five hundred yards of the enemy. Colonel Ellsworth personally visited these observation posts which were subjected to enemy fire of all types, in order to insure efficient functioning. Through his calm display of courage, superior leadership, tenacity of purpose, and unusual devotion to duty without regard for personal safety, Colonel Ellsworth contributed materially to the success of the task force in this operation. Entered United States Military Academy from Washington.

III -- BRONZE STAR MEDAL. Pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular 6, Headquarters Third United States Army, 26 April 1944, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following officers and enlisted men of this command:

Colonel Butler B Miltonberger, O197801, Infantry, United States Army, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in performance of outstanding service from 26 to 29 August 1944. Entered military service from Nebraska.

Major Dale M Godwin, O298291, Infantry, United States Army, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in performance of outstanding service from 15 July to 25 August 1944. Entered military service from Nebraska.

Major Thomas S Morton, O250189, Infantry, United States Army, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in performance of outstanding service from 15 July to 25 August 1944. Entered military service from Nebraska.

Major Paul Stansbury, O384570, Infantry, United States Army, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in performance of outstanding service from 11 July to 22 August 1944. Entered military service from Kansas.

Captain Lysle I Abbott, O411757, Infantry, United States Army, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in performance of outstanding service from 15 July to 25 August 1944. Entered military service from Nebraska.

Captain Budd W Richmond, O384608, Infantry, United States Army, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in performance of outstanding service from 11 July to 17 August 1944. Entered military service from Arkansas.

First Lieutenant Charles P Brochu, O1306729, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in the vicinity of * * *, France, on 11 and 12 August 1944. Lieutenant Brochu assumed command of Company I, * * * Infantry, during the attack which resulted in the capture of * * *. After conducting a personal reconnaissance, he maneuvered his troops over difficult terrain in darkness into an advantageous position for a dawn attack. He repeatedly exposed himself to enemy small arms and mortar fire in order to most effectively lead his company. Throughout the operation he displayed the highest type of leadership and courage. His actions inspired the troops under his command to their best efforts, and reflect credit upon his character as an officer. Entered military service from Ohio.

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Master Sergeant Edward E Bloch, 32351383, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in the vicinity of * * * , France, 11 August 1944. Sergeant Bloch volunteered to accompany a combat patrol in the capacity of interpreter, to investigate a report that wounded American soldiers were in a house behind enemy lines. In the course of the mission, Sergeant Bloch led a squad in the capture of an enemy outpost, and obtained valuable information of enemy installations from the prisoners, which enabled a task force to surprise and over-run the enemy positions later that day. The resourceful leadership, initiative and fearlessness of Sergeant Bloch reflect credit upon his character as a soldier. Entered military service from New York.

First Sergeant Wallace H Feldman, 20724958, Infantry, United States Army, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in performance of outstanding service from 11 July to 23 August 1944. Entered military service from Kansas.

Technical Sergeant Othel E Pierce, 6655881, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in the vicinity of * * * , France, on 9 August 1944. When his platoon became isolated by infiltrating enemy troops, Sergeant Pierce, accompanied by an officer, reconnoitered a route through enemy-held territory, oriented his squad leaders, then led the platoon through the enemy lines to rejoin his company. The courageous and resourceful leadership of Sergeant Pierce, reflects credit upon his character as a soldier. Entered military service from Indiana.

Staff Sergeant Raymond C Westerhaus, 20732809, Field Artillery, United States Army, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in performance of outstanding service from 10 July to 30 August 1944. Entered military service from Kansas.

Private First Class Raymond F Collins, 35598352, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in the vicinity of * * * , France, 9 August 1944. When one of the scouts of his squad was wounded and fell far to the front, Private Collins, acting squad leader, voluntarily went forward to cover the evacuation of the wounded soldier by an aid man. Private Collins was wounded while performing this act. His unselfish loyalty to his comrade reflects credit upon his character and upon the military service. Entered military service from Ohio.

Private First Class Lee R Rider, 39305815, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near * * * , France, on 3 August 1944. When his unit was pinned down by heavy enemy machine gun fire, Private Rider, a messenger, volunteered to go to the rear and secure support. During his trip, he received a leg wound, but continued on his mission and led supporting troops into position. He then returned to his previous rifle position on the front line and continued in the attack until ordered to report to the medical aid station. The courage, initiative, and disregard for personal safety on the part of Private Rider reflect credit upon his character as a soldier. Entered military service from Oregon.

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IV -- BRONZE STAR MEDAL (OAK-LEAF CLUSTER). Pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular 6, Headquarters Third United States Army, 26 April 1944, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal previously awarded, a bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to the following enlisted man of this command:

Master Sergeant Edward E Bloch, 32351383, Infantry, United States Army, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in performance of outstanding service on 25 August 1944. Entered military service from New York.

V -- AIR MEDAL. Pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular 6, Headquarters Third United States Army, 26 April 1944, an Air Medal is awarded to the following officer of this command:

Captain Robert E Philbeck, 0293430, Field Artillery, United States Army, for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights over France during the period 1 August to 22 August 1944. While serving as division artillery liaison observer, Captain Philbeck distinguished himself by outstanding service in flying thirty-five sorties near or over enemy lines for the purpose of front line reconnaissance, and adjustment, surveillance, and registration of artillery fire on enemy installations. The meritorious achievement of Captain Philbeck in the outstanding performance of his missions during the period mentioned measurably contributed to the success of the operations. Entered military service from Tennessee.

VI -- AIR MEDAL (OAK-LEAF CLUSTER). Pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular 6, Headquarters Third United States Army, 26 April 1944, in addition to the Air Medal previously awarded, a bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to the following officer of this command:

First Lieutenant John L Cecil, 01169052, Field Artillery, United States Army, for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights over France during the period 29 July to 16 August 1944. While serving as division artillery liaison pilot, Lieutenant Cecil distinguished himself by outstanding service in flying thirty-five sorties near or over enemy lines for the purpose of front line reconnaissance, and adjustment, surveillance and registration of artillery fire on enemy installations. The meritorious achievement of Lieutenant Cecil in the outstanding performance of his missions during the period mentioned measurably contributed to the success of the operations. Entered military service from Kentucky.

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