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I — SILVER STAR (Posthumous Award): 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 Silver Star is awarded, posthumously, to the following officer:

Second Lieutenant Warren F Prescott, 0359750, Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in the vicinity of * * *, France, on 12 August 1944. Lieutenant Prescott, a platoon leader, Antitank Company, * * * Infantry, received orders to move his platoon a distance of about 400 yards to the front, on a line with rifle units. He made a personal reconnaissance, then led his platoon forward. After moving about 200 yards to the front, the column was ambushed. With no hope of survival, Lieutenant Prescott stood fast, firing his carbine at the enemy, drawing fire upon himself and enabling his platoon to take cover, reorganize, and finally drive the enemy from the area. Lieutenant Prescott was found fatally wounded after this engagement, his ammunition exhausted. His intrepid courage and self-sacrifice reflect the highest credit upon his character as an officer and are in accord with the traditions of the Army. Entered military service from Territory of Hawaii.

II — SILVER STAR. 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 silver star is awarded to the following enlisted men of this command:

Technical Sergeant Edsel W Underwood, 34505047 (then staff sergeant), Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in the vicinity of * * *, France, on 9 August 1944. During an attack against the enemy, Sergeant Underwood's company was suffering heavy casualties from enemy grenades being thrown into its position. Determining the source of the grenades, but with no knowledge of the enemy's strength, Sergeant Underwood leaped a hedgerow and disposed of the enemy soldiers who had been inflicting casualties upon his company. Sergeant Underwood's gallant actions, outstanding heroism and initiative, reflect the highest credit upon his character as a soldier and upon the military service. Entered military service from Tennessee.

Private Charles B Carling, 33759685, Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in the * * * River sector, France, on 3 August 1944. Private Carling, a scout, moved in advance of his platoon during a battalion attack against strongly held enemy positions. While so engaged, he was wounded by enemy machine gun fire. Disregarding his personal condition and the precariousness of his position, he continued forward, firing as he advanced, in order to locate the enemy positions, until he was rendered unconscious by additional wounds. His gallant actions, dogged determination, and utter disregard for personal safety, enabled his platoon to locate and destroy numerous enemy gun positions, and entitle Private Carling to a place of honor in the annals of fighting infantrymen. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

III — BRONZE STAR MEDAL (Posthumous Awards). 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, posthumously to the following officer and enlisted men:

Second Lieutenant Warren F Prescott, 0359750, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in the * * * sector, Normandy, France, 26 July 1944. When an infantry captain was wounded and lay in an area subjected to intense enemy mortar fire, Lieutenant Prescott, assisted by an enlisted man, went to the aid of the wounded officer, administered first aid and evacuated him to a place of safety. The courageous action of Lieutenant Prescott, and his disregard for personal safety, saved a fellow-officer from further injury and possible death. Entered military service from Territory of Hawaii.

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Technician Fifth Grade Harley F Miewohner, 37170558, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in the vicinity of * * *, Normandy, France, 19 July 1944. In the action following the capture of * * *, maintenance of wire communications was difficult because of heavily concentrated enemy artillery fire upon that city. When wire communication to Company C was disrupted, Technician Miewohner, message center code clerk, voluntarily and alone, in the absence of the wire section, made vital wire repairs under intense enemy fire. The devotion to duty, disregard for personal safety and determination that his unit's communications be continued, are in accord with the high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Minnesota.

Private First Class William R Hicks, 33653197, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in the * * * sector, Normandy, France, on 11 July 1944. During a night attack against strong enemy forces, Private Hicks, an ammunition handler, voluntarily left the protection of his gun position and carried vital ammunition over a route subjected to heavy and accurate enemy fire of all types to another gun position of his section some fifty yards away. While so engaged, he was killed by enemy artillery fire. Private Hicks' zealous devotion to duty reflects high credit upon his character as a soldier. Entered military service from Virginia.

IV -- 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:

Chaplain (Captain) William J Hayes, 0531065, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in the * * * sector, Normandy, France, 15 July 1944. Upon hearing that two companies of riflemen in their initial combat operation against strongly defended enemy positions on Hill Number 203 were subjected to particularly heavy enemy fire of all types, and were suffering numerous casualties, Chaplain Hayes, regimental chaplain, proceeded to the front lines of these two companies and visited each man in his fox-hole, uttering words of encouragement and prayer. He then returned to the aid station where he stayed up all night with the wounded, tending to their comforts. His tireless devotion to duty, and utter disregard for personal safety, reflect the highest credit upon his character as an officer and upon the Chaplains Corps of the Army. Entered military service from New York.

Captain William E Powell, 01303943 (then first lieutenant), Infantry, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in the vicinity of * * *, France, 8 August 1944. Captain Powell's company spear-headed a battalion assault upon enemy positions near * * * in the * * * sector, forcing the enemy to withdraw. Captain Powell crawled forward through enemy small arms fire to ascertain the new enemy positions, then, coordinating his action with adjacent units, launched an immediate attack which succeeded in driving the enemy back another four hundred yards to previously prepared emplacements. Accompanied by a radio operator, he again crawled forward to within seventy-five yards of the enemy, and directed artillery fire on the enemy strong points, forcing a further withdrawal. The skillful and aggressive leadership ability, tactical initiative and disregard for personal safety on the part of Captain Powell, were immeasurably responsible for the steady advance of the battalion to its objective. Entered military service from Alabama.

Captain Glenn W Saddler, 0425618, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States at * * *, France, 23 August 1944. Captain Saddler, battalion S-2, voluntarily led a combat patrol, consisting of one platoon, with the mission of entering the town of * * *, securing the bridge and proceeding to, taking, and holding the railroad tracks on the far side of the town. In a period of little more than two hours, the patrol entered the town, seized the bridge and captured forty prisoners. Three hours later, the patrol seized the railroad tracks and took fifty additional prisoners. The leadership, zealous devotion to duty and tenacity of purpose on the part of Captain Saddler, reflect credit on his character as an officer and upon the military service. Entered military service from Nebraska.

First Lieutenant Clifford M Head, 01301440, 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 August 1944. During the

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attack against * * * , Lieutenant Head, commanding Company I, * * * Infantry, despite heavy concentrations of enemy artillery, mortar and machine gun fire, led his unit in successfully dislodging the enemy from its strongly defended positions. Lieutenant Head often led small patrols against enemy automatic weapons emplacements and continuously exposed himself to aimed enemy fire to facilitate the advance of his unit. His leadership, zealous devotion to duty and disregard for personal safety contributed materially to the capture of * * * and reflect credit upon his character as an officer. Entered military service from Kansas.

Second Lieutenant Harry R Hesser, 0538823, 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 7 August 1944. On his own initiative, Lieutenant Hesser led a motorized detachment in advance of his battalion and captured the town of * * * in a surprise night attack so skillfully executed that the enemy fled in terror without inflicting casualties on our troops. Lieutenant Hesser returned to the battalion and brought up support which he organized defensively and held the town and the high ground around it, enabling the battalion to make rapid advances the following day. His courageous actions and inspiring leadership ability reflect credit upon his character as an officer. Entered military service from Montana.

Second Lieutenant Daniel W Tedder, 0538499, 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 company became overextended during an attack against strong enemy positions before * * * , Lieutenant Tedder, platoon leader of the third platoon, immediately led a squad into a forward firing position, directed his scouts to withdraw under cover of their fire then deployed his remaining squads and directed their fire to cover the withdrawal of the leading squad, thereby enabling the platoon to consolidate its position. Throughout this action, Lieutenant Tedder exposed himself to aimed enemy fire in order to personally direct his platoon in the attack. His skillful leadership, resourcefulness, and disregard for personal safety reflect credit upon his character as an officer. Entered military service from Florida.

Second Lieutenant Raymond D Wentz, 0887544 (then technical sergeant), Infantry, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in the * * * sector, Normandy, France, on 15 July 1944. When his platoon leader became a casualty, Lieutenant Wentz assumed command, reorganized the platoon under heavy enemy artillery and mortar fire, then crawled forward alone and located strategic gun positions. The demonstrated leadership ability of Lieutenant Wentz, his resourcefulness and disregard for personal safety, enabled the platoon to furnish maximum support to attacking rifle companies, which succeeded in reaching their objective. Entered military service from Nebraska

Technical Sergeant Walter J Heidebrink, 37034652, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in the * * * sector, Normandy, France, on 11 July 1944. Sergeant Heidebrink, accompanied by another enlisted man, crawled into an open field under enemy small arms, machine gun and mortar fire to evacuate the body of a comrade-in-arms who had been killed by enemy fire. The heroic action of Sergeant Heidebrink in undertaking to save a comrade whom he did not know to have been killed is in accord with the traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Nebraska.

Staff Sergeant Thomas G Holden, 14071032, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in the * * * River sector, France, 30 July and 9 August, 1944. On 30 July, his platoon lost its leader and the majority of noncommissioned officers were casualties. Sergeant Holden, section sergeant, assumed command of the platoon and successfully reorganized it. While displacing one of his sections forward, the enemy suddenly confronted him some twenty yards away. Quickly turning aside, he warned the section, enabling it to escape the trap of enemy fire. On 9 August, although Sergeant Holden received a shoulder wound from enemy shrapnel, he refused evacuation until he personally visited each member of his platoon, checked gun positions and assured himself of coordinated progress. The zealous devotion to duty, initiative and leadership displayed by Sergeant Holden reflect credit upon his character as a soldier. Entered military service from Tennessee.

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Sergeant John J Weinmeyer, 17049701, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in the * * * sector, Normandy, France, on 11 July 1944. Sergeant Weinmeyer, accompanied by another enlisted man, crawled into an open field under enemy small arms, machine gun and mortar fire to evacuate the body of a comrade-in-arms who had been killed by enemy fire. The heroic action of Sergeant Weinmeyer in undertaking to save a comrade whom he did not know to have been killed is in accord with the traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Minnesota.

Corporal Earl D Cabaniss, 33644870, Field Artillery, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in the * * * sector, Normandy, France, 17 July 1944. In the operation against * * *, when heavy enemy artillery fire necessitated many changes of position by the Second Platoon, * * * Tank Destroyer Battalion in its support of the First Battalion, * * * Infantry, maintenance of contact between the tank destroyer platoon and the supported unit became of utmost importance. Serving as liaison between the two units, Corporal Cabaniss crossed open ground subjected to heavy concentrations of enemy artillery and mortar fire, and succeeded in maintaining continuous contact. The devotion to duty, disregard for personal safety and tenacity of purpose on the part of Corporal Cabaniss, reflect credit upon his character as a soldier. Entered military service from Virginia.

Private Virgil N Barnes, 39461874, Coast Artillery Corps, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in the vicinity of * * *, France, 16 August 1944. Private Barnes, gun pointer and fire control instrument operator, unhesitatingly left his gun pit when a comrade was struck by shrapnel, ran one hundred yards to obtain a first aid kit, and, despite heavy enemy artillery fire upon the area, returned with the kit, as a result of which the wounded man was materially aided. The courageous action of Private Barnes and his loyalty to a comrade, reflect credit upon his character as a soldier. Entered military service from Washington.

Private Ira E Heath, 36898216, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in the vicinity of * * *, France, 22 August 1944. Private Heath was one of two scouts of a patrol during the advance on * * *. In approaching the city, the patrol was fired upon by the enemy and a fire fight ensued, during which the other scout received a thigh wound and lay exposed to enemy fire. Private Heath, disregarding personal safety, crawled under fire to the wounded man, pulled him to a position of defilade and bandaged the wound. Under cover of darkness, he evacuated the wounded man to the sheltering banks of a creek and remained on guard there through the night. The following morning, still under enemy observation and fire, Private Heath found a Free French outpost and there completed the evacuation of the wounded man. Private Heath's disregard for personal safety and his loyalty to a wounded comrade, reflect credit upon his character as a soldier. Entered military service from Michigan.

V — BRONZE STAR MEDAL. So much of section IV, General Orders No 34, Headquarters 35th Infantry Division, 19 September 1944, as reads: "Technician Fourth Grade Gerald J Theobald, Infantry, United States Army," is amended to read: "Technician Fourth Grade Gerald J Theobald, 37144781, Infantry, United States Army,".

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