

SECTION XI - Former and present members who have distinguished themselves.

- a. Vicinity of Toul, France, on 7 September 1944.
 - b. WILLIAM R. MURRAY, 33 337 028, Sergeant.
 - c. For meritorious achievement in France on 7 September 1944 in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.
 - d. The Bronze Star Award.
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- a. Serrieres, France, on 8 October 1944.
 - b. ARMOND M. SPINOSA, 01 324 743, Second Lieutenant.
 - c. For gallantry in action in France in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. While leading his platoon in an attack on the enemy, Lt Spinosa was wounded and his platoon was temporarily stopped by enemy machine gun crossfire and sniper fire. Despite his wound Lt Spinosa encouraged his men to move forward and continued to lead their advance in the face of intense enemy fire until the objective was taken. The outstanding courage, leadership, and devotion to duty displayed by Lt Spinosa reflect creditably upon himself and the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Texas.
 - d. The Silver Star Award.
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- a. Vicinity of Toul, France, on 7 September 1944.
 - b. CASPER D. GREENWOOD JR, 33 240 896, Private First Class.
 - c. For meritorious achievement in France on 7 September 1944 in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.
 - d. The Bronze Star Award.
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- a. Foret De Levant Garde, near Pompey, France, on 14 September 1944.
 - b. EDWARD M. WINTERBOTTOM, 31 140 429, Private First Class.
 - c. For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy. On 14 September 1944 in the Foret de Levant Garde, near Pompey, France, Private First Class Winterbottom was pinned down by enemy machine gun fire while attacking a strong enemy position. Although his rifle was shot out of his hand, and he was wounded, Private First Class Winterbottom, exhibiting great courage and in utter disregard for his own safety, advanced to within fifteen (15) yards of the enemy position and destroyed the machine gun nest with hand grenades. He then rallied his squad for a continuance of the attack. By his heroic actions Private First Class Winterbottom enabled his platoon to attain its objective with a minimum of casualties. His courage and inspirational leadership exemplify the highest traditions of the military forces of the United States.
 - d. The Distinguished Service Cross.
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- a. France, during the period 7 August 1944 to 2 December 1944.
 - b. HEWITT P. SHELBY, 35 385 908, Sergeant.
 - c. For meritorious achievement in France during the period 7 August 1944 to 2 December 1944 in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Ohio.
 - d. The Bronze Star Award.

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- a. Fort Villey le Sec, near Toul, France, on 6 September 1944.
- b. BENEDICT A. HENDERSON, O 447 607, Chaplain, Captain.
- c. For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy. On 6 September 1944, the Battalion to which Chaplain Henderson was assigned, was attacking the heavily fortified Fort Villey le Sec, near Toul, France. Heavy casualties were suffered and there were not sufficient medical personnel to evacuate all of the wounded immediately. Chaplain Henderson, upon hearing the many cries of the wounded for aid, with complete disregard for his own safety, crawled unhesitatingly onto the field of battle and made his way under fire to a disabled tank. He fearlessly mounted the tank, extricated the wounded man from within, and carried him 200 yards to the rear where he turned him over to a little squad. He again went forward under fire and encountered a litter squad administering first aid to two injured men, the more seriously wounded of whom they evacuated. Realizing the need for immediate evacuation of the other man, Chaplain Henderson lifted him onto his back and started to the rear. When machine gun fire, directed against him from the fort, fell perilously near, he dropped to the ground and under continuous enemy machine gun and sniper fire dragged the wounded man the rest of the way. The unselfish, heroic actions of Chaplain Henderson; his inspiring courage and supreme devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the military forces of the United States.
- d. The Distinguished Service Cross.

- a. Pompey, France, on 14 September 1944.
- b. WILLIAM B. HUMPHREY, 35 482 997, Staff Sergeant.
- c. For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy. On 14 September 1944, the platoon with which Sergeant Humphrey was serving as a platoon guide, was assigned the mission of expelling an estimated enemy force of 200 men from a heavily fortified position near Pompey, France. As the attack progressed, the platoon to which Sergeant Humphrey was assigned advanced to within fifty yards of the enemy position where they were caught in a withering machine gun and rifle cross-fire which inflicted heavy casualties and momentarily disorganized the platoon. Sergeant Humphrey, displaying outstanding leadership, reorganized the remainder of the platoon, and with complete disregard for his own safety, heroically led his men forward into the raking fire. His supreme courage inspired his men to overrun and destroy the enemy positions, killing and routing the overwhelmingly superior enemy forces. Sergeant Humphrey, by the skillful use of his bayonet and a total of seventeen hand grenades, personally destroyed five enemy machine gun positions and their occupants. The inspiring leadership and conspicuous bravery of Sergeant Humphrey, his bold, courageous determination, and zealous devotion to duty, exemplify the highest traditions of the military forces of the United States.
- d. The Distinguished Service Cross.

- a. Mount Toulon, France, on 8 October 1944.
- b. WILLIAM J. KOWSKIE, 36 252 959, Technical Sergeant.
- c. For meritorious achievement in France on 8 October 1944 in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Wisconsin.
- d. The Bronze Star Award.

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- a. South of Toul, France, on 4 September 1944.
 - b. GOTTLIEB RUBY, O1 291 704, First Lieutenant.
 - c. For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy. During the attack on Dommartin les Toul, Lieutenant Ruby's platoon was the right attacking platoon of the assault company was making the main effort within the company sector. The enemy occupied many dug in well camouflaged positions on commanding ground surrounded by excellent fields of fire and was supported by mortars and artillery for which they had excellent observation. Due to the excellent observation and fields of fire, the terrain definitely favored the defender. Shortly after crossing the Moselle River, the platoon was subjected to intense machine gun cross-fire and the platoon leader, Lieutenant Ruby, was wounded in the left shoulder. Disregarding his wounds, refusing medical attention and displaying superb leadership, cool courage and total disregard for his personal safety, Lieutenant Ruby, advancing in the face of machine gun and rifle fire, continued until his mission was accomplished. His action so inspired his men that they were enabled to overrun the enemy position and destroy it. Lieutenant Ruby remained in action two hours after he was wounded and personally captured three Germans and killed an unknown number of others. His superb leadership, cool courage and total disregard for his personal safety are commensurate with the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States.
 - d. The Distinguished Service Cross.
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- a. Fort Villey le Sec, France, on 5 September 1944.
 - b. HERSHEL T. HARDIN, O1 325 645, Second Lieutenant.
 - c. For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy. Lieutenant Hardin led his rifle platoon in an assault upon Fort Villey le Sec, near Toul, France. The enemy position, a concrete and steel pillbox located on the crest of a hill, was well fortified, and when Lieutenant Hardin's platoon had advanced a hundred yards it was pinned down by intense machine-gun fire. Lieutenant Hardin, with complete disregard for his own safety, worked his way forward located the concealed enemy gun position, and wiped it out with his submachine gun. His platoon then advanced until it was again stopped by fire. Again, Lieutenant Hardin courageously braved intense fire, moving forward until he located the gun. He pinned the enemy down with his submachine gun until he was within thirty yards of their position and destroyed them with grenades. While he was so engaged, an enemy soldier wounded him in both legs with grenades. He killed that enemy and after having his wounds dressed by a medical corpsmen continued to leading his platoon in the attack. The heroic, inspiring leadership of Lieutenant Hardin; his courage and supreme devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the military forces of the United States.
 - d. The Distinguished Service Cross.
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- a. France, during the period 8 October to 9 October 1944.
 - b. RALPH E. HURST, 35 643 843, Staff Sergeant.
 - c. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Kentucky.
 - d. The Bronze Star Award.

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- a. Serrieres, France, on 8 October 1944.
 - b. WILLIAM R. ZAVAGALIA, 32 674 013, Private First Class.
 - c. For gallantry in action in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. During an attack on the enemy, the platoon of which Pfc Zavaglia was a member, was temporarily stopped by the fire of three machine guns which inflicted heavy casualties, wounding the platoon leader and killing the platoon sergeant. Pfc Zavaglia, accompanied by a member of the platoon, with utter disregard for his own safety, moved forward and with rifle fire and grenades destroyed the three enemy machine guns, killing three and capturing eleven of the enemy. He then returned to the platoon, helped reorganize it and accompanied them on the successful accomplishment of the mission. His initiative, personal bravery and sincere devotion to duty are in keeping with the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from New York.
 - d. The Silver Star Award.
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- a. Liocourt, France, on 10 November 1944.
 - b. CHARLES K. McWHORTER, O 534 294, Second Lieutenant.
 - c. For heroic achievement in France on 10 November 1944 in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Lt McWhorter distinguished himself by displaying cool courage and utter disregard for his own safety in entering a thickly mined and booby trapped area to successfully evacuate several seriously wounded comrades. His action contributed to the saving of the lives of a number of men and was an inspiration to all who witness it. The personal courage, resourcefulness, and sincere devotion to duty displayed by Lt McWhorter reflect great credit upon himself and the armed forces of the United States.
 - d. The Bronze Star Award.
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- a. Mount Toulon, France, on 8 October 1944.
 - b. GEORGE E. SCHULD, O1 325 619, Second Lieutenant.
 - c. For gallantry in action in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 8 October 1944, Lt Schuld was in command of a heavy weapons platoon in support of an infantry company engaged in an attack upon an extremely well camouflaged and heavily fortified enemy position. Despite the raking enemy machine gun fire, Lt Schuld, accompanied by a messenger, courageously advanced and successfully assaulted the enemy pillbox thereby permitting the uninterrupted progress of the infantry company and resulting in the capture of five Germans and two enemy machine guns. His personal bravery, resourcefulness, and sincere devotion to duty are commensurate with the finest ideals of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Connecticut.
 - d. The Silver Star Award.
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- a. France, on 7 September 1944.
 - b. CASPER D. GREENWOOD JR., 33 240 896, Private First Class.
 - c. For meritorious achievement in France in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.
 - d. The Oak Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Award.

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- a. France, during the period 6 August 1944 to 26 November 1944.
- b. RUSSEL C. GREEN, 37 673 597, Private First Class.
- c. For meritorious service in France during the period 6 August 1944 to 26 November 1944 in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Iowa.
- d. The Bronze Star Award.

- a. France, during the period 6 August 1944 to 24 November 1944.
- b. FRANK J. KRENEK, 32 340 267, Master Sergeant.
- c. For meritorious service in France during the period 6 August 1944 to 24 November 1944 in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from New Jersey.
- d. The Bronze Star Award.

- a. France, during the period 7 August 1944 to 24 November 1944.
- b. ROBERT A. SCHATMAN, 15 078 914, Technician Fourth Grade
- c. For meritorious service in France during the period 7 August 1944 to 24 November 1944 in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Ohio.
- d. The Bronze Star Award.

- a. Serrieres, France, on 8 October 1944.
- b. WILSON M. HUITT, 38 208 801, Technical Sergeant.
- c. For gallantry in action in France in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. During an attack on the enemy, the platoon of which T Sgt (then S Sgt) was a member, was temporarily stopped by the fire of three three machine guns which inflicted heavy casualties, wounding the platoon leader and killing the platoon sergeant. T Sgt (then S Sgt) Huitt, accompanied by a member of the platoon, with utter disregard for his own safety, moved forward and with rifle fire and hand grenades destroyed the three enemy machine guns, killing three and capturing eleven of the enemy. He then returned to the platoon, reorganized it and led them on the successful accomplishment of the mission. His leadership, personal bravery, and sincere devotion to duty are in keeping with the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Arkansas.
- d. The Silver Star Award.

- a. Abaucourt, France, on 1 November 1944.
- b. EDWIN L. GROSCHKE, 38 203 292, Staff Sergeant.
- c. For gallantry in action in France in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. The platoon of which S Sgt Groschke was a member, was attacking in the vicinity of Abaucourt, France, when an adjacent platoon was temporarily stopped by fire from enemy machine guns. Realizing the situation and displaying cool courage and utter disregard for his own safety, S Sgt Groschke moved through intense enemy small arms fire to the side of a tank and although wounded, directed effective fire on the enemy positions, enabling the adjacent platoon to continue the advance. He later returned to his platoon and assisted in the successful capture of the town. The outstanding bravery, resourcefulness, and sincere devotion to duty displayed by S Sgt Groschke exemplify the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Texas.
- d. The Silver Star Award.

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- a. Bois du Haut des Trappes, west of Letricourt, France on 9 October 1944.
- b. JAMES G. SCHWARTZE JR, O1 325 527, Second Lieutenant.
- c. For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy. On 9 October 1944, Lieutenant Schwartz was leading a rifle platoon of Company "F", against heavily defended enemy positions in the Bois Du Haut Des Trappes, west of Letricourt, France. The platoon encountered intense enemy machine gun and artillery fire and suffered many casualties. When they were temporarily stopped by fire from a machine gun position, Lieutenant Schwartz promptly knocked out the position with fire from his sub machine gun. He continued leading his platoon in the attack and was severely wounded in the arm. Stopping only long enough to bandage the wound and improvise an arm sling, he again took position in front of the platoon and courageously led them on to take the objective. He would not seek medical aid until he personally supervised the selection of each man's position as preparations were made against a possible enemy counter attack. When he reached the Battalion Command Post, on his way to the aid station, he turned and started on his way back to the front lines to lead a reconnaissance party of relieving troops to his platoon's position, and it was necessary that his Battalion Commander order him to the aid station for evacuation. The heroic determination of Lieutenant Schwartz; his utter fearlessness and courageous devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the military forces of the United States.
- d. The Distinguished Service Cross.

- a. Bois Du Haut des Trappes, west of Letricourt, France on 9 October 1944.
- b. WILLIAM E. NEWING, O 536 736, Second Lieutenant.
- c. For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy. On 9 October 1944, Lieutenant Newing was leading a rifle platoon of Company "G", against heavily defended enemy positions in the Bois du Haut des Trappes, west of Letricourt, France. The platoon encountered intense enemy machine gun and artillery fire and suffered many casualties. The forward artillery observer was killed and Lieutenant Newing, despite the fact that he was wounded, assumed the duties of the artillery observer and courageously continued to lead his platoon in the attack. He was again wounded as he fearlessly advanced at the head of his platoon, but refusing medical aid, even though he could not stand without assistance, he valiantly continued to lead his men until the objective was gained and preparations made against an enemy counter-attack. Throughout the action, Lieutenant Newing moved from man to man, calmly encouraging them and inspiring them to greater efforts. His utter fearlessness and determined, heroic leadership exemplify the highest traditions of the military forces of the United States.
- d. The Distinguished Service Cross.

- a. France, during the period 7 August 1944 to 2 December 1944.
- b. GILBERT M. BECKER, 33 235 179, Staff Sergeant.
- c. For meritorious service in France during the period 7 August 1944 to 2 December 1944 in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.
- d. The Bronze Star.

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- a. Eincheville, France, on 16 November 1944.
 - b. EDWARD J. CASSIDY, 33 323 212, Staff Sergeant.
 - c. For gallantry in action in France in connection with military operations against an armed enemy of the United States. S Sgt Cassidy, platoon sergeant, during an attack on the enemy was forced to assault the position frontally. Displaying cool courage and utter disregard for his own safety, he divided his platoon in two groups and under covering fire of one group, personally led the other group directly into the enemy position, capturing seventy-five and killing many of the enemy. The outstanding bravery, aggressive leadership, and sincere devotion to duty exhibited by S Sgt Cassidy exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.
 - d. The Silver Star Award.
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- a. France, during the period 7 August 1944 to 2 December 1944.
 - b. JOSEPH L. FILCER, 15 104 722, Sergeant.
 - c. For meritorious service in France during the period 7 August 1944 to 2 December 1944 in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Indiana.
 - d. The Bronze Star Award.
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- a. France, during the period 7 August 1944 to 2 December 1944.
 - b. DONALD W. POPPEN, 01 285 491, Captain.
 - c. For meritorious service in France during the period 7 August 1944 to 2 December 1944 in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Iowa.
 - d. The Bronze Star Award.
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- a. France, during the period 7 August 1944 to 13 October 1944.
 - b. GILBERTO SILVA, 01 307 170, First Lieutenant.
 - c. For meritorious service in France during the period 9 October 1944 to 13 October 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Massachusetts.
 - d. The Bronze Star Award.
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- a. France, during the period 7 August 1944 to 25 November 1944.
 - b. ELZIE L. CASH, 35 359 941, Technician Third Grade.
 - c. For meritorious service in France during the period 7 August 1944 to 25 November 1944 in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Indiana.
 - d. The Bronze Star Award.
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- a. France, during the period 6 August 1944 to 26 November 1944.
 - b. JACK A. DAVIS, 35 099 321, Private First Class.
 - c. For meritorious service in France during the period 7 August 1944 to 26 November 1944 in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Indiana.
 - d. The Bronze Star Award.

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- a. France, during the period 7 August 1944 to 2 December 1944.
 - b. HEWITT P. SHILBY, 35 385 908, Sergeant.
 - c. For meritorious service in France during the period 7 August 1944 to 2 December 1944 in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States.
 - d. The Bronze Star Award.
- a. France, during the period 7 August 1944 to 2 December 1944.
 - b. JAMES R. SHEPPARD, 34 006 478, Staff Sergeant.
 - c. For meritorious service in France during the period 7 August 1944 to 2 December 1944 in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States.
 - d. The Bronze Star Award.
- a. France, during the period 7 August 1944 to 2 December 1944.
 - b. WILLIAM P. SWANEY, 01 311 447, First Lieutenant.
 - c. For meritorious service in France during the period 7 August 1944 to 2 December 1944 in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States.
 - d. The Bronze Star Award.
- a. France, during the period 7 August 1944 to 2 December 1944.
 - b. SAMUEL L. WILLIAMS, 0 362 978, Captain.
 - c. For meritorious service in France during the period 7 August 1944 to 2 December 1944 in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States.
 - d. The Bronze Star Award.
- a. France, during the period 7 August 1944 to 2 December 1944.
 - b. MASON C. LOCKRIDGE, SR, 33 193 099, Technician Fifth Grade.
 - c. For meritorious service in France during the period 7 August 1944 to 2 December 1944 in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States.
 - d. The Bronze Star Award.
- a. France, during the period 7 August 1944 to 2 December 1944.
 - b. CHARLES E. JOHNSON, 33 272 951, Staff Sergeant.
 - c. For meritorious service in France during the period 7 August 1944 to 2 December 1944 in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States.
 - d. The Bronze Star Award.
- a. France, during the period 7 August 1944 to 2 December 1944.
 - b. JACK W. JESSUP, 18 023 411, Private First Class.
 - c. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in France during the period 7 August 1944 to 2 December 1944.
 - d. The Bronze Star Award.
- a. France, during the period 5 August 1944 to 3 December 1944.
 - b. RANDOLPH H. HAMMOND, 34 002 642, First Sergeant.
 - c. For meritorious service in France during the period 5 August 1944 to 3 December 1944 in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States.
 - d. The Bronze Star Award.

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- a. France, during the period 5 August 1944 to 22 November 1944.
 - b. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States.
 - c. MAUPEL FIGUEIRA, 20 014 288, Staff Sergeant.
 - d. The Bronze Star Award.
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- a. France, during the period 7 August 1944 to 4 December 1944.
 - b. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States.
 - c. EMMETT R. COLLINS, 35 408 147, Staff Sergeant.
 - d. The Bronze Star Award.
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- a. France, during the period 7 August 1944 to 5 December 1944.
 - b. EDWARD B. SMITH, O 379 633, Captain.
 - c. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States.
 - d. The Bronze Star Award.
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- a. Craincourt, France, on 9 November 1944.
 - b. WILLIAM G. CHAPMAN, 20 401 793, Technical Sergeant.
 - c. For gallantry in action on 9 November 1944 in connection with military operations against an armed enemy of the United States. The platoon which T Sgt Chapman commanded was an assault platoon in an attack on a town. Enemy machine gun fire momentarily halted the advance. T Sgt Chapman, realizing the critical situation, calmly walked toward a blazing enemy machine gun and killed the crew with his rifle. His conduct so inspired the men of his platoon that they immediately moved forward and destroyed the remaining enemy positions. His leadership, courage, and devotion to duty are in keeping with the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Georgia.
 - d. The Silver Star Award.
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- a. Lixierres, France, on 8 October 1944.
 - b. ACIE W. CLARK, 38 430 706, Staff Sergeant.
 - c. For gallantry in action in France in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. The rifle platoon of which S Sgt Clark was a squad leader had the mission of attacking and clearing a town of the enemy. The assault proceeded rapidly until it was hampered by enemy machine gun and small arms fire from a building at the edge of the town. S Sgt Clark, acting swiftly and with great courage, ran to this structure and attempted to force entry. Despite enemy fire and grenades, he ultimately succeeded and caused the surrender of one German officer and fifteen soldiers. This heroic action enabled his platoon to successfully continue the advance. His bravery, initiative, and leadership are commensurate with the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered service from Texas.
 - d. The Silver Star Award.
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- a. France, during the period 7 August 1944 to 5 December 1944.
 - b. BRODERS G. MOORE, 33 197 791, Technical Sergeant.
 - c. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States.
 - d. The Bronze Star Award.

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- a. France, on 16 November 1944.
 - b. ALPHONSE F. JANKUNAS, 6 901 680, Private First Class.
 - c. For gallantry in action in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. The infantry platoon of which Pfc Jankunas was an acting squad leader had the mission of attacking and clearing a town. As the squad that Pfc Jankunas was leading approached its objective, enemy machine gun fire came from two positions and seriously hampered the advance. With a display of cool courage and with total disregard for his own safety he led the advance and personally destroyed a machine gun and crew. His courageous actions also inspired his comrades that they continued the assault and successfully accomplished the mission despite fanatic enemy resistance. During the action he captured two enemy officers and thirty other prisoners. His leadership, courage, and unhesitating devotion to duty are in keeping with the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States.
 - d. The Silver Star Award.
- a. France, on 16 November 1944.
 - b. BOBBY G. MAYS, 38 327 150, Sergeant.
 - c. For gallantry in action in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. The infantry squad of which Sgt (then Pfc) Mays was a member had the mission of attacking and clearing a fortified enemy held town. As the unit advanced into the town it encountered a withering machine gun crossfire. The squad leader became a casualty, whereupon Sgt (then Pfc) Mays assumed command of the squad and directed the resumption of the attack. He divided the squad into a base of fire and maneuvering force and by this strategy accomplished the capture of the fortified position and thirty five prisoners. His inspiring leadership, cool courage and unhesitating devotion to duty are in keeping with the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service Oklahoma.
 - d. The Silver Star Award.
- a. France, on 17 November 1944.
 - b. PAUL A. OSWALD, 35 330 870, Technical Sergeant.
 - c. For gallantry in action in connection with military operations against an armed enemy of the United States. As an infantry platoon sergeant, T Sgt Oswald distinguished himself in action on 17 November 1944 in an assault on a fortified position. When the advance of the platoon he was leading was temporarily stopped by intense enemy machine gun fire, T Sgt Oswald moved forward and with cool courage and total disregard for his own safety destroyed the machine gun position with hand grenades and rifle fire. This courageous action enabled the platoon to continue the advance and to accomplish the mission. His bravery, resourcefulness, and devotion to duty are in keeping with the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Ohio.
 - d. The Silver Star Award.
- a. France, during the period 7 August 1944 to 5 December 1944.
 - b. ROBERT J. BEE, 01 296 979, Captain.
 - c. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States.
 - d. The Bronze Star Award.

SECTION XIII - Important Scenes or Events.

On 3 December 1944, Major General H. L. McBride, 80th Division Commanding General, presented the Distinguished Service Cross to Captain (Chaplain) Benedict A. Henderson and Staff Sergeant Edward M. Winterbottom for extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy of the United States. The Regimental Headquarters Defense Platoon stood at attention while Captain Roy E. Thacker, Adjutant, read the citations. After the reading of the citation, Major General McBride pinned the award on Father Henderson and Sergeant Winterbottom.