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- SECTION I - Award of Silver Star.  
II - Award of Bronze Star.  
III - Award of Air Medal (Oak Leaf Cluster).

I. AWARD OF SILVER STAR: By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, the Silver Star Medal is awarded the following named Enlisted Men:

Stillie A. Boyd, 35722052, S Sgt, Inf, Army of the United States. For gallantry in action in France on 8 October 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. While serving as a squad leader of an infantry assault platoon on 8 October 1944, S Sgt Boyd exposed himself to extremely heavy enemy mortar fire to assist in aiding the casualties of his platoon. Despite the danger of enemy fire, S Sgt Boyd voluntarily evacuated many seriously wounded comrades from the battlefield and thereby saved many lives. The consideration for the welfare of his men, personal bravery and zealous devotion to duty demonstrated by S Sgt Boyd exemplify the highest ideals of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Kentucky.

Matthew A. Elshoff, 15360103, Pvt, MD, Army of the United States. For gallantry in action in France on 14 November 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. While serving as an aid man with an infantry rifle company on 14 November 1944, Pvt Elshoff exposed himself to intense danger from heavy enemy artillery fire to render medical assistance to the seriously wounded crew of a supporting tank. Again during the attack, Pvt Elshoff voluntarily advanced under heavy fire from the enemy to administer first aid to the wounded and moved two seriously injured comrades from their completely exposed positions to a nearby defilade for shelter. The personal bravery, disregard for safety, and loyal devotion to duty displayed by Pvt Elshoff exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Washington.

Trinidad C. Herrera, 38113351, S Sgt, Inf, Army of the United States. For gallantry in action in France during the period 10 - 12 October 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. During the period 10 - 12 October 1944, S Sgt Herrera was serving with an anti-tank squad attached to a rifle company. Despite the heavy enemy mortar, artillery, and sniper fire, S Sgt Herrera risked his life to secure food and water for the benefit of his men who were forced to remain in their foxholes. Again during this period when ammunition supplies were detonated by enemy artillery, resulting in a fire at night, S Sgt Herrera prevented the flames from being seen by the enemy by quickly extinguishing the blaze despite the danger to himself. Later during this period, when his platoon was being harassed by an enemy machine gun, S Sgt Herrera deliberately drew fire upon himself and successfully exposed the enemy position to enable his comrades to destroy it. The unusual fortitude, personal bravery, and loyal devotion to

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duty displayed by S Sgt Herrera are commensurate with the finest ideals of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Texas.

II. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR: By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded the following named Officers and Enlisted Men:

DEWEY E. GARNER, O435656, Capt, FA, Army of the United States. For heroic service in France during the period 8 August 1944, to 20 November 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. During the period 8 August 1944, to 20 November 1944, Capt Garner has performed his duties as a Liaison Officer with an infantry battalion during long periods without rest often under constant enemy fire. His calmness and judgment at all times has set an example to the members of his section and has contributed greatly to the success of the coordination between the infantry and artillery. The courage, resourcefulness, and devotion to duty demonstrated by Capt Garner exemplify the highest ideals of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Ohio.

Walter R. Gerhardt, 32592222, Sgt, FA, Army of the United States. For heroic service in France during the period 8 August 1944, to 20 November 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. During the period 8 August 1944, to 20 November 1944, Sgt Gerhardt has performed his duties as Liaison Sergeant in a superior manner. His constant supervision of his section, and his great interest in maintaining communications enabled the Liaison Officer with whom he worked to effect an efficient infantry-artillery team and direct the fire of the supporting artillery where needed. During periods when the section was constantly under enemy fire, Sgt Gerhardt personally laid and recovered a great deal of wire and maintained communications throughout. The diligence, resourcefulness, and devotion to duty displayed by Sgt Gerhardt exemplify the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from New Jersey.

MANSON B. HATCH, O1165506, Capt, FA, Army of the United States. For heroic service in France during the period 8 August 1944, to 20 November 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. During the period 8 August 1944, to 20 November 1944, Capt Hatch has performed his duties as Liaison Officer with an infantry battalion, during long periods without rest, often under constant enemy fire. He has acted intelligently and calmly under trying circumstances and has directed and supervised his forward observers and liaison section in a superior manner. The leadership, efficiency, and devotion to duty exhibited by Capt Hatch reflect great credit upon himself and the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

ANDREW E. HOLMES, O1170421, 1st Lt, FA, Army of the United States. For heroic service in France during the period 8 August 1944, to 20 November 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. During the period 8 August 1944, to 20 November 1944, 1st Lt Holmes has been Artillery Observer and has performed his missions with little relief and in a superior manner. His cool courage and total disregard for his own safety in placing himself in positions where he could observe, has contributed

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greatly to the success of each battle in which his company was engaged. His courage was demonstrated when, although wounded in the hand in an engagement, he continued with his assignment until the objective was gained. The outstanding bravery, initiative, and devotion to duty displayed by Lt Holmes reflect great credit upon himself and the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

Thomas W. Leonard, 33320916, Pfc, FA, Army of the United States. For heroic service in France during the period 8 August 1944, to 20 November 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. During the period 8 August 1944, to 20 November 1944, Pfc Leonard has performed his duties as radio operator with a forward observation team in a superior manner. His willingness, notwithstanding the danger, has made him an invaluable man and has contributed greatly to the success of the operations of the forward observer sections to which he has been assigned. The initiative, efficiency, and devotion to duty exhibited by Pfc Leonard exemplify the highest ideals of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

George Lipchak, 33304727, Pfc, FA, Army of the United States. For heroic service in France during the period 8 August 1944, to 20 November 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. During the period 8 August 1944, to 20 November 1944, Pfc Lipchak has performed his duties with a forward observation section in a superior manner. As necessity arose, Pfc Lipchak has filled each duty within the section, acting as wireman, radio operator, and driver. His tireless energy has inspired other members of the section to place great confidence in his ability to be where needed most. The efficiency, resourcefulness, and devotion to duty exhibited by Pfc Lipchak exemplify the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Alex Manue, 33368291, Cpl, FA, Army of the United States. For heroic service in France during the period 8 August 1944, to 20 November 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. During the period 8 August 1944, to 20 November 1944, Cpl Manue has performed his duties in a forward observation team in a superior manner. He has, on numerous occasions, set up and repaired wire communication under heavy shell fire. His tireless efforts have been a vital factor in the successful operation of the forward observation team. The efficiency, resourcefulness, and devotion to duty displayed by Cpl Manue exemplify the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Lester J. Schlager, 16094033, S Sgt, FA, Army of the United States. For heroic service in France during the period 8 August 1944, to 20 November 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. During the period 8 August 1944, to 20 November 1944, S Sgt Schlager has worked as a member of different forward observer teams, for long periods of time without relief. His diligence and tireless efforts have contributed greatly to the installation and maintenance of communications while exposed to dangerous artillery and small arms fire. The courage, initiative, and devotion to duty exhibited by S Sgt Schlager exemplify the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

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JOSEPH M. VALE, 01180371, 1st Lt, FA, Army of the United States. For heroic service in France during the period 8 August 1944, to 20 November 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. During the period 8 August 1944, to 20 November 1944, Lt Vale has performed his duties as Artillery Observer in a superior manner, over long periods with no rest and under continual enemy fire. His courage and disregard for his own safety in placing himself always in positions from which he could observe has contributed greatly to the success of the missions to which he was assigned. The leadership, efficiency, and devotion to duty displayed by Lt Vale exemplify the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Missouri.

Edwin E. Wild, 33320376, Pvt, FA, Army of the United States. For heroic service in France during the period 8 August 1944, to 20 November 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. During the period 8 August 1944, to 20 November 1944, Pvt Wild has performed his duties as wireman with a forward observation section in a superior manner, often coming under enemy fire while laying wire. His ability and ceaseless efforts have contributed greatly to the installation and maintenance of communications vital for the success of operations of his unit. The initiative, efficiency, and devotion to duty displayed by Pvt Wild reflect great credit upon himself and the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

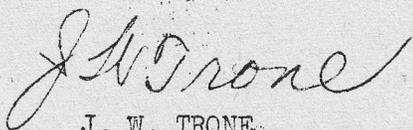
William J. Zwick, 33347899, Cpl, FA, Army of the United States. For heroic service in France during the period 8 August 1944, to 31 October 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. During the period 8 August 1944, to 31 October 1944, Cpl Zwick distinguished himself by performing his duties as Liaison Corporal in a superior manner. His actions have contributed greatly to the success and efficiency of operations of various forward observer teams with whom he worked, often under heavy enemy fire. The initiative, ability, and devotion to duty displayed by Cpl Zwick reflect great credit upon himself and the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

III. AWARD OF AIR MEDAL (OAK LEAF CLUSTER): By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulation 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, in addition to the Air Medal and bronze Oak Leaf Cluster previously awarded, a second bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded the following named Officer:

LEWIS H. COX, 01181212, 1st Lt, FA, Army of the United States. For meritorious achievement in France during the period 17 October 1944, to 8 November 1944, as an artillery liaison pilot, in successfully completing the required number of sorties while participating in aerial flight in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Kentucky.

By command of Major General McBRIDE:

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