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I. 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:

GERALD W. CROWTHERS, O-5557, Capt, Inf, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in France on 12 September 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 12 September 1944, Capt Crowthers distinguished himself in the performance of his duties at Battalion S-3, when, just prior to the * * * * River crossing, due to poor visibility, the companies lost contact and were unable to locate the engineer's bridge and boats to be used for the crossing. At great personal danger from enemy artillery, mortars, and machine guns which were laying down a terrific barrage, Capt Crowthers contacted each of the companies in the battalion, orienting them as to their location and direction to the site of the crossing. His outstanding courage, aggressiveness, and sincere devotion to duty exemplify the highest ideals of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Ohio.

NELSON W. CURTISS, O-41954, Capt, FA, Army of the United States. For heroic service in France during the period 6 August 1944, to 18 November 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. During the period 6 August 1944, to 18 November 1944, Capt Curtiss distinguished himself in performing his duties as Artillery Liaison Officer in a superior manner. Through his skill in placing artillery fire where most needed he contributed greatly to the success of our forces in taking * * * * and closing the gap on the escaping enemy. In the battle to establish a bridgehead over the * * * * River his offensive and defensive fires were instrumental in helping the infantry to secure and hold the bridgehead against counterattacks. During the battle of * * * * he was slightly wounded by mortar fire. The preparatory fires fired by him contributed to the successful crossing and establishing of the * * * * and * * * River bridgeheads. On numerous occasions he has directed artillery fire while under heavy concentrations from the enemy. His outstanding bravery, tactical ability, and efficiency exemplify the highest ideals of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Maryland.

GEORGE P. FITZGERALD, O-370638, Capt, MC, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in France during the period 6 August 1944, to 21 November 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. During the period 6 August 1944, to 21 November 1944, Capt Fitzgerald distinguished himself in the performance of his duties as Infantry Battalion Surgeon through all engagements of his battalion in France.

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Often operating well forward of the Battalion Aid Station, he has materially reduced the battalion fatalities by administering medical attention under direct enemy small arms fire. He has demonstrated his fortitude by personally aiding his men in evacuating wounded under constant and direct fire. The personal bravery, untiring efforts, and sincere devotion to duty exhibited by Capt Fitzgerald exemplify the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Ohio.

MERRILL B. HARTMAN, 01319838, 2d Lt, Inf, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in France on 11 November 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 11 November 1944, 2d Lt Hartman displayed outstanding courage in organizing the remaining members of three platoons into one strong unit and capably directed an assault on the town of * * * * *. Although outnumbered in the attack and facing heavy 20mm gun, mortar, and small arms fire he successfully cleared the town of enemy resistance. The outstanding courage, leadership, and sincere devotion to duty demonstrated by Lt Hartman are commensurate with the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Missouri.

Lew S. Hing, 39263429, Pfc, MD, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in France on 26 September 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 26 September 1944, Pfc Hing distinguished himself by his bravery in giving medical attention to injured and disabled comrades on the battlefield while under heavy enemy mortar, artillery, and machine gun fire, successfully evacuating three of the wounded. His outstanding courage, fearlessness, and sincere devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from California.

Byron L. Hoover, 35385939, S Sgt, Inf, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in France on 8 October 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 8 October 1944, during a coordinated attack on enemy positions S Sgt Hoover established an observation post in the face of intense enemy fire. When his telephone lines were blasted out by mortar fire, he unhesitatingly subjected himself to extreme danger by locating and repairing the broken wire, thereby maintaining the vital battalion communications. The personal bravery, determination, and zealous devotion to duty displayed by S Sgt Hoover are commensurate with the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Ohio.

CHARLES K. McWHORTER, 0534294, 2d Lt, Inf, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in France on 10 November 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 10 November 1944, 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 witnessed 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.

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Entered military service from West Virginia.

Michael Sandusky, 38004437, S Sgt, Inf (Armd), Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in France on 11 November 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 11 November 1944, S Sgt Sandusky distinguished himself while acting as platoon sergeant with a Tank Battalion in support of an Infantry Division. Having become separated from the infantry while on a mission, S Sgt Sandusky continued to move the tanks forward in the direction of the enemy. Upon coming to the town of * * * * France, he encountered strong enemy resistance. Disregarding this and despite the lack of infantry support, he led his platoon of five tanks, directed the assault, and after a fierce engagement drove the enemy from the town, holding the position until support came to consolidate the ground gained. The outstanding leadership, aggressiveness, and sincere devotion to duty displayed by S Sgt Sandusky are commensurate with the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Arizona.

Jewel S. Smith, 39314242, S Sgt, Inf (Armd), Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in France on 13 November 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 13 November 1944, S Sgt Smith distinguished himself while acting as platoon sergeant with a Tank Battalion in support of an Infantry Division. Having become separated from the infantry while on a mission, S Sgt Smith continued to move his tanks in the direction of the enemy. Upon coming to the town * *, France, he encountered strong enemy resistance. Disregarding this and despite the lack of infantry support, he led his platoon of five tanks, directed the assault, and after a fierce engagement drove the enemy from the town, holding the position until support came to consolidate the ground gained. The outstanding leadership, aggressiveness, and sincere devotion to duty displayed by S Sgt Smith are commensurate with the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Oregon.

Maurice A. Yeager, 19095407, Tec 5, MD, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in France during the period 18 August 1944, to 26 November 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. During the period 18 August 1944, to 26 November 1944, Tec 5 Yeager distinguished himself as a quarter ton truck driver for an infantry battalion medical section. He has repeatedly volunteered and successfully driven his vehicle through areas heavily subjected to mortar, artillery, and small arms fire in his efforts to evacuate wounded comrades. The outstanding courage, tireless energy, and sincere devotion to duty displayed by Tec 5 Yeager reflect great credit upon himself and the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Washington.

II. AWARD OF PURPLE HEART (OAK LEAF CLUSTER): By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, in addition to the Purple Heart and bronze Oak Leaf Cluster previously awarded, a second bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded Pfc Robert D. Oliver, 34128145, Inf, for wounds received as a result of enemy action in France on 30 November 1944.

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III. AWARD OF PURPLE HEART (OAK LEAF CLUSTER): By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, in addition to the Purple Heart previously awarded, a bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded the following named Enlisted Men for wounds received as a result of enemy action in France on dates indicated:

<u>RANK AND NAME</u>	<u>ASN</u>	<u>ARM OR SERVICE</u>	<u>DATE</u>
T Sgt John C. Lash, Jr	35390428	Inf	8 Nov 44
Tec 4 Jacob Levitov	32147200	CE	15 Nov 44
Tec 5 Earl S. Reid	35502579	CE	15 Nov 44
Pfc James E. Goodhue	35698103	Inf	25 Nov 44
Pvt Lonnie G. Blackburn	34311482	Inf	29 Nov 44
Sgt David L. Homes	34577749	Inf	1 Dec 44
Cpl Albert J. Daunoras	15105033	CE	1 Dec 44
S Sgt Ross W. Smith	35409084	CE	1 Dec 44
Pfc Walter W. Dunse	36250981	Inf	3 Dec 44
Pfc Troy Tedford	38209202	Inf	3 Dec 44
S Sgt William J. Scheel	35315052	Inf	4 Dec 44
Sgt Duane D. Johnson	39830875	Inf	5 Dec 44
T Sgt Fred E. Mikolowsky Jr	33278063	Inf	6 Dec 44

IV. AWARD OF PURPLE HEART: By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, the Purple Heart is awarded the following named Officer and Enlisted Men for wounds received as a result of enemy action in France on dates indicated:

S Sgt Leo W. Christen	35481818	Inf	23 Sep 44
Pfc Jerry Staley	35698078	Inf	8 Oct 44
Tec 5 Joseph Homa	33368196	FA	6 Nov 44
Pfc John J. Kane	33278054	FA	6 Nov 44
1ST LT RICHARD T. EHRINGER	01015347	Inf (Armd)	12 Nov 44
Pvt Florian F. Mikulski	33067291	CE	15 Nov 44
S Sgt Anton J. Pirz	32405368	CE	15 Nov 44
Pfc William T. Mariott	33335711	OMP	25 Nov 44
S Sgt James A. Duggy	33708557	Inf	25 Nov 44
S Sgt Chas A. Loesch	37539054	Inf	26 Nov 44
Pfc Joseph C. Berwind	42087502	Inf	27 Nov 44
Sgt Francis A. Schmiederer	37635705	Inf	27 Nov 44
Pvt Lee S. Sutyllo	36958019	Inf	27 Nov 44
Cpl Byron S. Woolley	12056824	Inf	27 Nov 44
Pfc Francis E. Holbrook	31369940	Inf	27 Nov 44
Pvt Joseph Litwinka	42119770	Inf	27 Nov 44
Pvt Lowell A. Grimm	37361555	Inf	29 Nov 44
Pvt Berson L. Bowen	36976108	Inf	29 Nov 44

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