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HEADQUARTERS 80TH INFANTRY DIVISION
APO 80, U. S. Army

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I. AWARD OF SILVER STAR, POSTHUMOUSLY: 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, posthumously, to the following named Officer and Enlisted Man:

Walter G. Hock, 36596126, Pfc, MD, Army of the United States. For gallantry in action in France on 10 November 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. During the early morning of 10 November 1944, Pfc Hock was called upon to attend an enlisted man who had been wounded in an anti-personnel mine field. Although he realized the danger of finding his way through the mine field in the darkness, Pfc Hock unhesitatingly and with utter disregard for his own personal safety made his way to the injured man to administer medical aid. Later Pfc Hock returned to the mined area to render aid to another comrade who had been severely wounded while clearing the field. He had reached the injured man when an exploding mine caused Pfc Hock fatal injuries. His outstanding courage, diligence, and unselfish devotion to duty exemplify the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Michigan.

JOHN R. PORTEOUS, 01184927, 2d Lt, FA, Army of the United States. For gallantry in action in France on 16 November 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 16 November 1944, while acting as a Forward Observer with a company of an infantry regiment during an attack on the enemy, Lt Porteous received wounds from shell fragments. Although urged to retire for treatment Lt Porteous, with complete disregard for his own safety and comfort, elected to remain as Forward Observer and complete his assignment. Repeatedly exposing himself to enemy fire, he continued in his mission until he received additional wounds which resulted in his death. The outstanding personal bravery, determination, and unselfish devotion to duty displayed by Lt Porteous exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from California.

II. 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 Officers and Enlisted Men:

WILLIS W. BROWN, 01320010, 1st Lt, Inf, Army of the United States. For gallantry in action in France on 22 November 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 22 November 1944,

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the machine gun platoon led by Lt Brown was in support of a rifle company given the mission of attacking toward a town in which friendly troops had been encircled by the enemy. As the attack neared the town they encountered extremely heavy mortar and artillery fire, during which time Lt Brown received shrapnel wounds in the back, arm, and leg. Disregarding his wounds, he continued to lead his platoon, personally placing the elements in position under continuous shelling. Knowing of the scarcity of medical supplies, he refused medical aid until all other casualties had been treated. The outstanding leadership, aggressiveness, and unselfish devotion to duty displayed by Lt Brown are in keeping with the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Kansas.

Wilson M. Huitt, 38208801, T Sgt (then 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. On 8 October 1944, 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 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.

JOSEPH F. GRADY, JR, 01283244, 1st Lt, Inf, Army of the United States. For gallantry in action in France on 8 November 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 8 November 1944, Lt Grady, executive officer of an infantry rifle company attacking a strongly held ridge, assumed command of the company when the company commander became a casualty. After he had reorganized the company, in the face of intense mortar and machine gun fire, he changed the direction of the attack and overran the machine gun positions, successfully taking the objective. Later a heavy mortar and artillery concentration, followed by a strong enemy counterattack, forced two platoons of his company to withdraw. Lt Grady immediately reorganized the company under extremely heavy artillery fire, and with utter disregard for his own safety, personally led the assault to retake the objective. The personal courage, aggressiveness, and zealous devotion to duty displayed by Lt Grady exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from New York.

Edwin L. Groschke, 38203292, S Sgt, Inf, Army of the United States. For gallantry in action in France on 1 November 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 1 November 1944, the platoon of which S Sgt Groschke was a member, was attacking in the vicinity of * * * *, 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

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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.

James J. Monahan, 42079889, Pfc, Inf, Army of the United States. For gallantry in action in France on 8 November 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 8 November 1944, Pfc Monahan was outposting a road leading to an enemy held village when he was captured in the darkness by an enemy patrol led by an English speaking officer. The officer ordered Pfc Monahan to lead the patrol into the American lines, and in case they were halted by other outposts to say that it was an American patrol. As he led the patrol down the road, Pfc Monahan recognized a friendly outpost. At great personal risk, he called to the friendly troops, telling them he was an American leading an enemy patrol. In the ensuing fire fight Pfc Monahan made his way to safety. As a result of his action five of the enemy patrol, including the officer, were captured. The outstanding bravery, resourcefulness, and sincere devotion to duty displayed by Pfc Monahan exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from New York.

MELVIN F. SCHNELLER, 02046814, 1st Lt, MAC, Army of the United States. For gallantry in action in France on 8 and 9 November 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 8 November 1944, during the crossing of the * * * * River, Lt Schneller, at the risk of his own life, remained for sixteen hours on and near an infantry support bridge, subjected to intense artillery and mortar fire, directing the evacuation of casualties across the river. On 9 November 1944, Lt Schneller, alone and with utter disregard for his own safety, removed five casualties from an area subjected to heavy enemy artillery fire. The outstanding bravery, initiative, and sincere devotion to duty displayed by Lt Schneller exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

William R. Zavagalia, 32674013, Pfc, 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. On 8 October 1944, during an attack on the enemy, the platoon of which Pfc Zavagalia 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 Zavagalia, 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.

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III. 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 Officer and Enlisted Men:

FREEMAN D. BOOTH, 01289378, 1st Lt, Inf, Army of the United States. For heroic service in France on 7 October 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 7 October 1944, Lt Booth personally reconnoitered the terrain and chose the position of the supporting weapons in a coordinated attack on Hill 407 * * * * *, France, while under intense enemy artillery and mortar fire. The selection and digging of gun positions and the subsequent control of these weapons contributed greatly in the success of the attack. The personal bravery, resourcefulness, and constant devotion to duty displayed by Lt Booth exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Arkansas.

Adam E. Danner, 33012181, Pvt, Inf, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in France on 25 November 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 25 November 1944, Pvt Danner, a rifleman in an infantry rifle company, was selected by his company commander to crawl forward with him along parallel routes through a narrow woods to reconnoiter enemy entrenchments and defenses. When they had crawled to within sixty feet of an enemy trench, four of the enemy, unnoticed, began crawling toward the officer and when within range, the nearest prepared to throw a hand grenade at the company commander. Upon seeing this, Pvt Danner with utter disregard for his own safety, stood up and fired his rifle, wounding the enemy and by continuous firing drove the others back. The conspicuous bravery, initiative, and sincere devotion to duty displayed by Pvt Danner exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

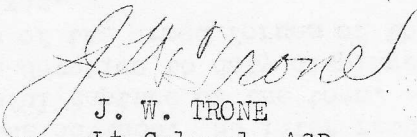
John W. Smith, 35359401, Pvt, FA, Army of the United States. For meritorious service in France during the period 1 - 6 October 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Indiana.

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IV. 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:

Lloyd A. Stone, 39232258, S Sgt, Inf, Army of the United States. For heroic service in France on 22 November 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 22 November 1944, the mortar section to which S Sgt Stone was assigned as mortar section leader, was in support of a rifle company having the mission of attacking a town. S Sgt Stone was operating with the forward elements of the rifle company as observer for his mortar section. As they advanced on the town the left flank of the company was temporarily halted by the flanking fire of an enemy machine gun and several enemy infantrymen. Unable to contact his mortar section due to communication difficulties, he immediately organized all available riflemen in the vicinity and personally led the assault in the face of automatic and small arms fire, successfully destroying the machine gun position and capturing the crew, thereby enabling the company to accomplish the assigned mission. The outstanding courage, leadership, and sincere devotion to duty displayed by S Sgt Stone exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from California.

RAYMOND N. TALCOTT, 01165579, Capt, FA, Army of the United States. For heroic 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. Capt Talcott distinguished himself in performing his duties as Liaison Officer in a superior manner. During a counterattack, when artillery communication was cut, he reestablished contact through two infantry radios and a telephone, enabling fire adjustment to be made and contributing greatly in repulsing the enemy. During an advance in the * * * * * sector Capt Talcott personally called for and adjusted artillery fire on enemy positions while exposed to fire from machine guns and mortars. The personal bravery, resourcefulness, and constant devotion to duty displayed by Capt Talcott exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from California.

MARTIN J. WEGMAN, 01285671, Capt, Inf, Army of the United States. For heroic service in France during the period 8 - 27 November 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. During the period 8 - 27 November 1944, Capt Wegman distinguished himself in performing his duties as Regimental S-2 of an infantry regiment in an outstanding manner. His ability to amass and analyze information of the enemy have repeatedly aided the success of the regiment. During an attack on 25 November 1944, Capt Wegman operated the Regimental OP and sustained severe artillery fire to furnish lucid and valuable information advancing and establishing the OP during the period the line was being attacked. On 26 November

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1944, again under enemy artillery and mortar fire, Capt Wegman obtained vital information on military operations. His initiative, resourcefulness, courage, and sincere devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Ohio.

V. 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 Officers and 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>
Pfc Toney Bumbulis	35217790	MD	29 Nov 44
Pfc Everett M. Bailey	42086398	Inf	29 Nov 44
S Sgt Arthur L. Atkinson	35434637	Inf	29 Nov 44
1ST LT WILLARD G. HAZEL	0350791	Inf	29 Nov 44
Pvt Cornelius R. Curtan Jr	38580871	Inf	29 Nov 44
Pvt John M. Kronauer	36244699	Inf	29 Nov 44
Pvt Thomas W. Pettengill	31110882	MD	29 Nov 44
Sgt Clay M. Parlin	20426113	Inf	29 Nov 44
Pvt Peter J. Wirkutis	36976507	Inf	29 Nov 44
Pfc Donald W. Swanson	36859807	Inf	29 Nov 44
Tec 5 Joseph H. Crist Jr	33759602	MD	30 Nov 44
Pvt Oland Kemble	38466484	MD	30 Nov 44
Pfc Harry Wyslutsky	33624450	MD	30 Nov 44
Sgt Albert B. Clarke	32264294	Inf	30 Nov 44
Pfc Harold C. Whitman	32775246	Inf	30 Nov 44
Tec 5 James L. Howard Jr	13104177	FA	30 Nov 44
Pvt Ralph J.D. Lute	39848491	FA	30 Nov 44
Pvt Harrison J. Malloy	33136398	FA	30 Nov 44
Cpl Clayton H. Evans	33355152	Inf	30 Nov 44
Pfc Leaton E. Martin	33214401	Inf	30 Nov 44
Pfc Henry D. Babore	39279263	Inf	30 Nov 44
Pvt Valentine S. Zapencki	36813341	Inf	30 Nov 44
Pfc John J. Roman Jr	42105426	Inf	30 Nov 44
Pvt Robert W. Meyers	36956514	Inf	30 Nov 44
Pvt Antonio G. Ramirez	39128180	FA	1 Dec 44
Pfc Maynard G. Croley	34547852	FA	1 Dec 44
Pfc Ollie R. Robbins	38602349	Inf	1 Dec 44
Pvt Frank A. Cerceo	36644710	Inf	1 Dec 44
Pvt Robert M. Focht	33015735	CE	1 Dec 44
Pfc Ermil D. Shifferly	35330175	Inf	1 Dec 44
Pvt Howard E. Walter	35677508	FA	2 Dec 44
Tec 5 Donald E. Shuger	39128765	FA	2 Dec 44
Pfc Daniel J. Donovan	33479014	Inf	2 Dec 44
2D LT RAYMOND T. GREENE JR	0538539	Inf	2 Dec 44
Pfc Carl Olczak	33323348	Inf	3 Dec 44
Pvt James O. Ziegler	36652068	Inf	3 Dec 44
Pvt George D. Simmons Jr	37730005	Inf	3 Dec 44
Tec 4 Robert E. Page	35460580	Inf	3 Dec 44
Pvt Richard B. Triumphour	35916754	MD	3 Dec 44
Pvt Vincent A. Chavez	38103455	Inf	3 Dec 44
Pfc Edd Hall	11002103	Inf	3 Dec 44

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<u>RANK AND NAME</u>	<u>ASN</u>	<u>ARM OR SERVICE</u>	<u>DATE</u>
S Sgt Silas A. Hall	14000700	MD	3 Dec 44
T Sgt Theodore S. Benn	33247664	Inf	4 Dec 44
Cpl Donald T. Griffin	36511648	Inf	4 Dec 44
Tec 5 Elmer J. Fergason	39608735	CE	4 Dec 44
Tec 5 Robert G. Wilkerson	34287700	CE	4 Dec 44
Pvt Thomas J. Brennan	33779708	CE	4 Dec 44
Tec 5 Armin W. Sander	35482903	CE	4 Dec 44
S Sgt Henry Duplaga	35313330	Inf	4 Dec 44
Tec 5 Bernard J. Ernst	35359250	Inf	4 Dec 44
Pfc Leon R. Ackerman	33235116	Inf	4 Dec 44
Tec 5 Henry M. Erford	35330123	Inf	4 Dec 44
Pvt John P. Richards	14002522	FA	4 Dec 44
Pfc Murrell C. Fortune	35601492	Inf	4 Dec 44
Cpl Anthony Pachika	35330961	FA	4 Dec 44
Tec 5 Hoyt C. Shores	35208579	FA	4 Dec 44
Sgt George J. Miller	34501443	FA	4 Dec 44
1ST LT PERSHING V. WATKINS	01303581	Inf	4 Dec 44
S Sgt Gerald M. Bichop	15105081	Inf	5 Dec 44
Pvt Morton L. McCann	33376500	Inf	5 Dec 44
S Sgt William A. Schmalz	17081771	Inf	5 Dec 44
Pfc Harry E. Garrison	32858709	Inf	5 Dec 44
Pfc Joel B. Tamas	33318464	Inf	5 Dec 44
Pvt Robert G. Seese	33247401	CE	5 Dec 44
Pvt Frank C. Aldridge	35359233	Inf	5 Dec 44
S Sgt Victor A. Gorham	17156798	Inf	5 Dec 44
Pfc Walter Sosinski	33273401	Inf	5 Dec 44
Pfc Edwin J. Nelson	42124832	Inf	6 Dec 44
Tec 5 Philip Merkur	32421365	Inf	6 Dec 44
Pvt Sander Jacobs	42016191	Inf	6 Dec 44
2D LT ROBERT B. CONNER	0516740	Inf	6 Dec 44
Pfc Louis Tyka	36532091	Inf	6 Dec 44
Pvt Salvatore A. Siminerio	42066665	Inf	6 Dec 44
Pvt Juan S. Quiroz	38562196	Inf	6 Dec 44
Pvt John T. Farruggia	32592118	FA	7 Dec 44
Pfc Ollie L. Horsak	6269394	Inf	7 Dec 44
Pvt Paul W. Dickey	35734176	Inf	7 Dec 44
S Sgt John W. Hoke	38203916	Inf	7 Dec 44
Pvt Herman S. Comer	33335481	MD	8 Dec 44
Pvt Mauro H. Roth	36962145	MD	8 Dec 44
Pfc Hubert L. Yarbrough	34354114	FA	8 Dec 44
Pfc John R. Hardesty	37623435	Inf	9 Dec 44
Pfc Vincent S. Guida	32897099	Inf	9 Dec 44
S Sgt Raymond J. Motley	34334036	Inf	9 Dec 44
Cpl Harry Crosley	33118303	Inf	9 Dec 44
Pvt John R. Bullard	34874975	Inf	9 Dec 44
S Sgt Anthony S. Duplaga	35358956	Inf	9 Dec 44
Pvt Leslie N. Jones	38471407	Inf	9 Dec 44
S Sgt Ladislav J. Vitek	38113389	Inf	9 Dec 44

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VI. 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 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>
S Sgt William H. Cunningham	35386858	Inf	27 Nov 44
Pvt Conway C. Hiers	34931265	Inf	29 Nov 44
S Sgt Milton H. Perkins	35435557	Inf	30 Nov 44
Pvt Tom G. Katsiroubas	36674598	Inf	30 Nov 44
Sgt Noble H. Rucker	35460424	Inf	4 Dec 44

VII. 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 Officers and Enlisted Men for wounds received as a result of enemy action in France on dates indicated:

Pfc Ralph G. Maledy	37616534	Inf	8 Nov 44
Sgt John J. Vahey	20260138	CAC	30 Nov 44
Pfc George L. Lanis	33354628	Inf	30 Nov 44
S Sgt Severin G. Weis	33304887	Inf	30 Nov 44
2D LT REA M. PYLE JR	01325515	Inf	2 Dec 44
Pfc Manuel G. Garza	38558788	Inf	2 Dec 44
Pfc Clifford S. Turner	31326345	Inf	3 Dec 44
Pvt Gaylord E. Walker	38569529	Inf	3 Dec 44
S Sgt Fred Guttstein	36017718	MD	4 Dec 44
Tec 5 Simon D. Bydlowski	32924516	MD	4 Dec 44
Pvt Cecil E. Lambert	34845786	Inf	4 Dec 44
2D LT SAM P. KAB	01825623	FA	4 Dec 44
Pvt Raymond T. Hoagland	35806761	Inf	4 Dec 44
S Sgt Steven Szoke	33185106	Inf	4 Dec 44

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