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I. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR, POSTHUMOUSLY: 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, posthumously, to the following named Enlisted Man:

Fayette McDonald, 35681340, S Sgt, FA, Army of the United States. For meritorious service in France during the period 8 - 25 November 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Ohio.

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:

WILLIAM T. MARTIN, JR, 01999963, 2d Lt (then Sgt), FA, Army of the United States. For heroic service in France during the period 15 October 1944, to 30 November 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. During the period 15 October 1944, to 30 November 1944, Lt (then Sgt) Martin distinguished himself by his services as a member of an artillery forward observer team working with the advance elements of the infantry. Tirelessly, and on numerous occasions without needed food or rest, and frequently under heavy enemy fire, he skillfully and promptly placed artillery fire where most needed to give the infantry the necessary support. His outstanding devotion to duty, superior ability, and heroic service are a distinct credit to himself and to the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Ohio.

EDWARD D. McDONALD, 0381170, Capt, Inf, Army of the United States. For heroic service in France during the period 25 November 1944, to 6 December 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. During the period 25 November 1944, to 6 December 1944, Capt McDonald distinguished himself as an infantry company commander by his valiant and skillful conduct. In an attack on strongly fortified and elaborately prepared enemy positions on 25 November 1944, the company which Capt McDonald commanded, advanced steadily under his gallant leadership in the face of heavy mortar and machine gun fire and successfully cleared the woods of the enemy and captured two strong points. Again on 4 December 1944, the company which Capt McDonald commanded, under his heroic leadership, advanced in the face of hostile opposition and strongly and rapidly arrived at and held its appointed positions. His consistent gallantry and efficient leadership have at all times been commensurate with the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

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DANIEL J. MINAHAN, JR, 021799, Lt Col, FA, United States Army. For meritorious service in France during the period 22 October 1944, to 8 December 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered United States Military Academy from Massachusetts.

Lester C. Riegler, 36328186, S Sgt, FA, Army of the United States. For meritorious service in France during the period 29 September 1944, to 1 December 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Illinois.

JAMES F. ROARK, 0365300, Maj, FA, Army of the United States. For meritorious service in France during the period 1 October 1944, to 1 December 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Texas.

JOHN RUYAN, 01170543, 1st Lt, FA, Army of the United States. For heroic service in France during the period 6 August 1944, to 30 November 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. During the period 6 August 1944, to 30 November 1944, Lt Ruyan distinguished himself by his superior service as artillery liaison officer with an infantry battalion. He has skillfully and tirelessly served to furnish the much needed artillery support to the infantry when required and, on numerous occasions, while under heavy enemy fire, has ably and promptly directed artillery fire. His outstanding devotion to duty, bravery, tactical ability, and efficiency are in keeping with the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Ohio.

Frank R. Ryan, 35359067, Tec 5, CE, Army of the United States. For heroic service in France during the period 6 August 1944, to 6 December 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. During the period 6 August 1944, to 6 December 1944, Tec 5 Ryan has distinguished himself by his skill and diligence as bull-dozer operator. He has constantly led in the work of removing countless road blocks, abatis, and craters to enable the Division to advance in its operations. On numerous occasions he has skillfully and promptly aided in the preparation of prepared positions for the infantry. On one occasion, in the face of small arms and artillery fire, he made possible the crossing of a major water barrier through his skillful preparation of a ford. Always, his work has been prosecuted with skill and tenacity in generally disagreeable and dangerous positions. His conduct has at all times been in keeping with the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Indiana.

Eddie B. Scales, 39848434, Tec 4, Inf, Army of the United States. For meritorious service in France during the period 15 August 1944, to 30 November 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Arizona.

Kenneth V. Schryer, 37144385, Sgt, FA, Army of the United States. For meritorious service in France during the period 29 September 1944, to 1 December 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from South Dakota.

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Hewitt P. Shelby, 35385908, Sgt, Inf, Army of the United States. 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 Ohio.

James R. Sheppard, 34006478, S Sgt, Inf, Army of the United States. 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 Georgia.

Albert P. Sherrill, 34524748, Cpl, FA, Army of the United States. For meritorious service in France during the period 29 September 1944, to 1 December 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Tennessee.

James Z. Shreffler, 33273056, S Sgt, MD, Army of the United States. For meritorious service in France during the period 15 August 1944, to 30 November 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

JOHN W. SIMONSON, 01165569, 1st Lt, FA, Army of the United States. For heroic service in France during the period 6 August 1944, to 15 November 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. During the period 6 August 1944, to 15 November 1944, Lt Simonson has distinguished himself by his service as an artillery forward observer. He has performed his duties in a superior manner by his skill and devotion to duty in placing artillery fire where most needed so as to give the infantry the support required for the success of its engagements. He has worked continuously, going without necessary food and rest on numerous occasions and has directed artillery missions while under constant enemy fire. His outstanding devotion to duty, bravery, tactical ability, and efficiency have been an inspiration to all who have witnessed his deeds and are in keeping with the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Illinois.

Robert C. Steelman, 34501202, Sgt, FA, Army of the United States. For meritorious service in France during the period 29 September 1944, to 1 December 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Tennessee.

Donald R. Strong, 35138516, Pvt, MD, Army of the United States. For heroic service in France during the period 12 September 1944, to 15 September 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. During the period 12 September 1944, to 15 September 1944, Pvt Strong distinguished himself by his conduct as a driver. At this time, while the Division was engaged in operations connected with a river crossing, it was impossible to evacuate casualties either by ambulance or litter because of heavy enemy artillery and mortar fire. With utter disregard for his own safety, he volunteered to attempt evacuation with a litter one-quarter ton truck and for a period of thirty six hours worked without relief in the evacuation of casualties. At all times, Pvt Strong was subject to enemy fire and was finally seriously wounded by shell fragments. His heroism in action and unselfish devotion to duty are in keeping with the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Indiana.

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WILLIAM P. SWEANEY, 01311447, 1st Lt, Inf, Army of the United States. 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 Texas.

Roman S. Szubka, 36398382, S Sgt, FA, Army of the United States. For meritorious service in France during the period 29 September 1944, to 1 December 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Illinois.

SAMUEL L. WILLIAMS, 0362978, Capt, Inf, Army of the United States. For meritorious service in France during the period 11 October 1944, to 2 December 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from North Carolina.

III. AWARD OF AIR MEDAL: By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, the Air Medal is awarded the following named Officer:

CHARLES S. RITCHEY, 01184426, 2d Lt, FA, Army of the United States. For meritorious achievement in France during the period 20 August 1944, to 18 September 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. During the period 20 August 1944, to 18 September 1944, Lt Ritchey distinguished himself as an aerial observer in successfully completing the required number of sorties while participating in aerial flight. Entered military service from Oregon.

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 Sgt Harold Jacoby, 39562131, QMC, for wounds received as a result of enemy action in France on 4 December 1944.

V. AWARD OF AIR MEDAL (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 Air Medal previously awarded, a bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded the following named Officer:

CHARLES S. RITCHEY, 01184426, 2d Lt, FA, Army of the United States. For meritorious achievement in France during the period 19 September 1944, to 4 October 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. During the period 19 September 1944, to 4 October 1944, Lt Ritchey distinguished himself as an aerial observer in successfully completing the required number of sorties while participating in aerial flight. Entered military service from Oregon.

By command of Major General McBRIDE:

OFFICIAL:

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