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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:

RICHARD E. ALSTON, 0533406, 2d Lt, Inf, Army of the United States. For gallantry in action in France on 25 November 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 25 November 1944, Lt Alston led his weapons platoon in support of an infantry assault on a complex and well fortified enemy position. Time and again he exposed himself to withering fire in order to place machine guns in the most advantageous positions. Because of the strength of the enemy fortifications, it was obvious that great force was needed to make the assault. Unhesitatingly, and at his own volition, Lt Alston joined the attacking elements. Operating in the front ranks of the charge, firing his weapon, throwing hand grenades, and shouting words of encouragement to the men following him, he was killed at the climax of the attack. His invincible spirit and gallant courage are in keeping with the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Arkansas.

Harold A. Stepputtis, 17011587, S Sgt, MD, Army of the United States. For gallantry in action in France on 9 November 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 9 November 1944, S Sgt Stepputtis was serving as an aid man with a rifle company engaged in the operation of enlarging a bridgehead. During the attack, he received a painful flesh wound from shrapnel, but refusing to be evacuated, bound his own wound and continued his duties. Later in the day, a fellow soldier fell severely wounded on open terrain under direct enemy observation. With full knowledge of the dangers involved and without hesitation, S Sgt Stepputtis crawled forward in an effort to reach his stricken comrade. While on this heroic mission, S Sgt Stepputtis lost his life as a result of enemy fire. This demonstration of conspicuous bravery and unselfish devotion to his comrades is in keeping with the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Nebraska.

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 Enlisted Men:

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Neil A. Hagans, 35313086, S Sgt, Inf, Army of the United States. For gallantry in action in France on 11 November 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 11 November 1944, the infantry platoon, of which S Sgt Hagans was a squad leader, had the mission of attacking and clearing a town of the enemy. S Sgt Hagans had the duty of advancing along the side of a friendly tank and directing fire. Shortly after entering the town, he was seriously wounded by a shell fragment. With disregard for his own wound and with a magnificent display of cool courage, he continued to move forward with the tank and directed both the fire of that vehicle and the advance of the squad he was leading. While thus progressing, an enemy soldier fired a bazooka charge which barely missed the tank. S Sgt Hagans immediately killed the German soldier and prevented any further bazooka fire at the armored vehicle. He then proceeded to continue with his mission until his wound became so painful and weakening that evacuation was necessitated. His fine leadership, great courage, and tremendous devotion to duty are of greatest credit to himself and the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Ohio.

Lanson J. Hebert, 38193161, S Sgt, 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, the platoon of which S Sgt Hebert was guide was participating in an assault on an enemy occupied town. Hostile forces were well positioned and had in support automatic weapons and mortars in locations at the outskirts of the objective. As the attack progressed, the platoon became suddenly subject to a withering crossfire. Realizing the gravity of the situation and displaying excellent leadership, cool courage, and outstanding tactical ability, S Sgt Hebert, who had been at the rear of the platoon, selected a small force, moved around to the flank and overran and captured two machine guns and crews. This gallant deed enabled the platoon to advance to the appointed objective. His actions and courage are commensurate with the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Louisiana.

N. T. Popejoy, 38036826, Tec 4, Inf, Army of the United States. For gallantry in action in France on 12 and 13 September 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On the night of 12 September 1944, Tec 4 Popejoy and four companions occupied a listening post in advance of the positions of the unit to which they were assigned. At 0300, 13 September 1944, the enemy launched a counterattack in the direction of this outpost. Two men were sent back with information of the assault, but Tec 4 Popejoy and two comrades stayed in the position in a valiant attempt to repel the enemy. When daylight came and aid was able to reach the outpost, there was found within a radius of ten feet, five enemy dead, two wounded, four machine guns and a bazooka, all accounted for by Tec 4 Popejoy and his comrades when their position was assaulted. The conspicuous bravery demonstrated by Tec 4 Popejoy is in keeping with the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Texas.

J. T. Suggs, 34545828, Pfc, Inf, Army of the United States. For gallantry in action in France on 12 and 13 September 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On the night of

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John A. Suglio, 31121151, 1st Sgt, Inf (Armd), Army of the United States. For gallantry in action in France on 28 November 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 28 November 1944, 1st Sgt Suglio was a member of a combat team attacking a hill position. During the assault, one of the tanks was hit by enemy fire. With utter disregard for his own personal safety and advancing heroically in the face of intense enemy mortar, all arms, and anti-tank gun fire, 1st Sgt Suglio proceeded to the disabled tank and rescued two crew members therefrom. He also carried two wounded infantrymen to a place of safety and made possible their evacuation to an aid station. His personal fearlessness, ungod devotion to duty, and superior qualities of leadership are commensurate with the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Connecticut.

John W. Windsor, 36288836, Pfc, Inf, Army of the United States. For gallantry in action in France on 12 and 13 September 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On the night of 12 September 1944, Pfc Windsor and four companions occupied a listening post in advance of the positions of the unit to which they were assigned. At 0300, 13 September 1944, the enemy launched a counterattack in the direction of this outpost. Two men were sent back with information of the assault, but Pfc Windsor and two comrades stayed in the position in a valiant attempt to repel the enemy. When daylight came and aid was able to reach the outpost, there was found within a radius of ten feet, five enemy dead, two wounded, four machine guns and a bazooka, all accounted for by Pfc Windsor and his comrades when their position was assaulted. The conspicuous bravery demonstrated by Pfc Windsor is in keeping with the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

III. AWARD OF SOLDIER'S MEDAL: By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, the Soldier's Medal is awarded the following named Enlisted Men:

Billy M. Condry, 6298120, Tec 4, FA, Army of the United States. For heroism in France on 2 December 1944, not involving actual conflict with an enemy of the United States. When a comrade was showered with flaming gasoline, Tec 4 Condry, by quick and resourceful action and with utter disregard for his own safety, extinguished the fire and saved the life of the stricken soldier. His heroic and unhesitating conduct are in keeping with the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Oklahoma.

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Lester V. Beeler, 34501474, Tec 5, FA, Army of the United States. For heroism in France on 3 December 1944, not involving actual conflict with an enemy of the United States. Early in the morning of 3 December 1944, a gasoline fire broke out in the kitchen stove of the company to which Tec 5 Beeler was assigned. Tec 5 Beeler, a member of the kitchen crew was asleep at the time of the outbreak of the fire. The men then on duty were unable to check the fire and called for help. The cries aroused Tec 5 Beeler and he came from the building in which he was sleeping. Realizing the danger of the fire to surrounding buildings, he unhesitatingly climbed into the cab of the blazing kitchen truck and drove to a place where it no longer was a menace to life and property. At the time, exploding small arms ammunition was a constant source of danger to all in the proximity of the truck. His cool courage and alert conduct reflect great credit upon himself and the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Tennessee.

IV. 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 Officer and Enlisted Man 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>
1ST LT LEWIS T. KALIL	01304739	Inf	25 Nov 44
S Sgt James R. Huey	35071100	Inf	4 Dec 44

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

Tec 5 William M. Odom	37606995	CE	9 Oct 44
Tec 3 Earl F. Daugherty	15078925	MD	25 Nov 44
S Sgt Robert E. Westbrook	15105055	MD	25 Nov 44
Pvt Edward D. Kushpa	42104352	Inf	12 Dec 44
Pvt Noah McGuire	15064490	Inf	14 Dec 44
Pfc Wilburn C. Kennedy	34343154	Inf	15 Dec 44

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