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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:

Levi H. Belflower, 20403659, S Sgt, Inf, Army of the United States. For gallantry in action in France on 4 December 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 4 December 1944, S Sgt Belflower, while serving as the platoon sergeant of a heavy weapons platoon, assumed command upon the evacuation of the wounded platoon leader. The advance at this time was strongly opposed and the crew of one of the machine guns of the platoon was disabled by enemy mortar fire. S Sgt Belflower, under direct enemy observation and in the face of raking fire, crawled to the machine gun position. He then proceeded to operate the weapon without assistance and soon by his fire disposed of two harassing enemy machine guns. Later, with a comrade, he displaced the gun to a new position and continued to support the assault. His gallant leadership and untiring devotion to duty are of great credit to himself and the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Georgia.

William G. Chapman, 20401793, T Sgt, Inf, 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, the platoon which T Sgt Chapman commanded was an assault platoon in an attack on a town. Enemy machine gun fire momentarily halted the advance. T Sgt Chapman, realizing the critical situation, calmly walked toward a blazing enemy machine gun and killed the crew with his rifle. His conduct so inspired the men of his platoon that they immediately moved forward and destroyed the remaining enemy positions. His leadership, courage, and devotion to duty are in keeping with the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Georgia.

Acie W. Clark, 38430706, 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, the rifle platoon of which S Sgt Clark was a squad leader had the mission of attacking and clearing a town of the enemy. The assault proceeded rapidly until it was hampered by enemy machine gun and small arms fire from a building at the edge of the town. S Sgt Clark, acting swiftly and with great courage, ran to this structure and attempted to force entry. Despite enemy fire and grenades, he ultimately succeeded and caused the surrender of one German officer and fifteen soldiers. This heroic action enabled his platoon to successfully continue the advance. His bravery, initiative, and leadership

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are commensurate with the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Texas.

B Alphonse F. Jankunas, 6901680, Pfc, Inf, United States Army. 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, the infantry platoon of which Pfc Jankunas was an acting squad leader had the mission of attacking and clearing a town. As the squad that Pfc Jankunas was leading approached its objective, enemy machine gun fire came from two positions and seriously hampered the advance. With a display of cool courage and with total disregard for his own safety he led the advance and personally destroyed a machine gun and crew. His courageous action so inspired his comrades that they continued the assault and successfully accomplished the mission despite fanatic enemy resistance. During the action he captured two enemy officers and thirty other prisoners. His leadership, courage, and unhesitating devotion to duty are in keeping with the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from New Jersey.

B Bobby G. Mays, 38327150, Sgt, Inf, 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, the infantry squad of which Sgt (then Pfc) Mays was a member had the mission of attacking and clearing a fortified enemy held town. As the unit advanced into the town it encountered a withering machine gun crossfire. The squad leader became a casualty, whereupon Sgt (then Pfc) Mays assumed command of the squad and directed the resumption of the attack. He divided the squad into a base of fire and maneuvering force and by this strategy accomplished the capture of the fortified position and thirty five prisoners. His inspiring leadership, cool courage, and unhesitating devotion to duty are in keeping with the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Oklahoma.

B Paul A. Oswald, 35330870, T Sgt, Inf, Army of the United States. For gallantry in action in France on 17 November 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. As an infantry platoon sergeant, T Sgt Oswald distinguished himself in action on 17 November 1944, in an assault on a fortified enemy held town. When the advance of the platoon he was leading was temporarily stopped by intense enemy machine gun fire, T Sgt Oswald moved forward and with cool courage and total disregard for his own safety, destroyed the machine gun position with hand grenades and rifle fire. This courageous action enabled the platoon to continue the advance and to accomplish the mission. His bravery, resourcefulness, and devotion to duty are in keeping with the finest traditions of the armed forces 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:

Albert Ackelson, 35384365, Tec 5, Inf, Army of the United States. For meritorious service in France during the period 3 August 1944, to 8 December 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United

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States. Entered military service from Ohio.

Ralph E. Blackburn, 35388267, Pfc, Inf, Army of the United States. For heroic service in France during the period 12 October 1944, to 7 November 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. During the period 12 October 1944, to 7 November 1944, Pfc Blackburn distinguished himself by the performance of the duties of a scout. Continually he made hazardous reconnaissance in enemy held territory, crossing a water barrier by rubber boat into terrain strongly defended by automatic weapons, mines, and booby traps. He overcame every hazard and successfully completed each mission, bringing back invaluable information. His unselfish devotion to duty, resourcefulness, and courage reflect great credit upon himself and the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Ohio.

Jack M. Bogle, 14188479, S Sgt, FA, Army of the United States. For meritorious service in France during the period 25 September 1944, to 1 December 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from North Carolina.

Louis J. Borchers, 35135306, Sgt, FA, Army of the United States. For meritorious service in France during the period 25 September 1944, to 1 December 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Ohio.

Fred J. Boyer, 37156712, S Sgt, FA, Army of the United States. For meritorious service in France during the period 25 September 1944, to 1 December 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Kansas.

B Palmer W. Brugger, 33235417, Pfc, Inf, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in France on 8 November 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 8 November 1944, the company in which Pfc Brugger served as a machine gunner was occupying defensive positions then under enemy counterattacks. Although subjected to intense artillery, mortar, and small arms fire, Pfc Brugger remained at his post, firing his weapon continuously and tellingly until the spearhead was stopped. He then moved his gun to a position from which he delivered effective flanking fire on the enemy, enabling the riflemen to close in and contain it. His courage, initiative, and devotion to duty are of great credit to himself and the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

B Steve Drotar, 33247556, Pfc, Inf, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in France on 8 November 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 8 November 1944, the company in which Pfc Drotar served as a machine gunner was occupying defensive positions then under enemy counterattacks. Although subjected to intense artillery, mortar, and small arms fire, Pfc Drotar remained at his post firing his weapon continuously and tellingly until the spearhead was stopped. He then moved his gun to a position from which he delivered effective flanking fire on the enemy, enabling the riflemen to close in and contain it. His

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courage, initiative, and devotion to duty are of great credit to himself and the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

IRVING D. EHRENFELD, 01690417, Capt, MC, Army of the United States. For meritorious service in France during the period 7 August 1944, to 5 December 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from New York.

LOWELL F. GIFFORD, 01017622, 1st Lt, Inf (Armd), Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in France on 4 December 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 4 December 1944, the company commander of the tank company to which Lt Gifford was assigned was wounded by hostile mortar fire. Lt Gifford rushed forward in the face of the barrage and administered first aid to the stricken officer. Assuming command of the company, he moved forward in the face of determined enemy resistance and raking anti-tank fire to lead the tanks forward to the assigned objective. His cool courage, indifference to personal safety, and devotion to duty reflect great credit on himself and the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Texas.

Julian B. Griffin, 18114551, S Sgt, Inf (Armd), Army of the United States. For meritorious service in France during the period 11 September 1944, to 3 December 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Texas.

Vincent P. Jones, 13078769, Sgt, Inf (Armd), Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in France on 28 November 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 28 November 1944, the tank company to which Sgt Jones was assigned participated as a member of a combat team which had the mission of clearing a fortified town. Sgt Jones, who was a tank commander, was injured when his tank was struck by enemy fire. Disregarding his wounds he continued in action after making necessary repairs to his damaged tank. Later that night, when a tank in the company was disabled by enemy fire, Sgt Jones moved his tank forward to protect the evacuation of a wounded comrade. Sgt Jones, by his constant vigilance, prevented any enemy advance and was of invaluable aid in the accomplishment of the mission. His courage, resourcefulness, and untiring devotion to duty are in keeping with the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

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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 Officers and Enlisted Men:

Calvin W. Krum, 33602261, Cpl, Inf (Armd), Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in France on 28 November 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 28 November 1944, the tank company to which Cpl Krum was assigned was given the mission of clearing a fortified town of the enemy. During the night there was sharp fighting and the tank of which Cpl Krum was gunner was sent out to repel a counterattack. In the face of heavy hostile tank, anti-tank, mortar, and small arms fire at short range, he fired his tank guns continually and tellingly until his tank was hit five times by enemy fire and disabled. He refused to leave his post and the effect of the tank in position was such as to prevent an enemy advance and of invaluable aid in the accomplishment of the mission. His courage, resourcefulness, and untiring devotion to duty are in keeping with the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Donald U. La Fortune, 35469765, Sgt, Inf (Armd), Army of the United States. For meritorious service in France during the period 7 November 1944, to 2 December 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Ohio.

Raymond J. Lamuth, 36739445, Pvt, Inf, Army of the United States. For heroic service in France during the period 12 October 1944, to 7 November 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. During the period 12 October 1944, to 7 November 1944, Pvt Lamuth distinguished himself by the performance of the duties of a scout. Continually, he made hazardous reconnaissance in enemy held territory, crossing a water barrier by rubber boat into terrain strongly defended by automatic weapons, mines, and booby traps. He overcame every hazard and successfully completed each mission, bringing back invaluable information. His unselfish devotion to duty, resourcefulness, and courage reflect great credit upon himself and the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Illinois.

Harry A. McCabe, 33596741, Tec 5, Inf (Armd), Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in France on 26 November 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 26 November 1944, the tank company to which Tec 5 McCabe was assigned participated in an attack on strong enemy held fortifications. During the course of the assault, the tank which Tec 5 McCabe was driving was struck by enemy bazooka fire. As a result one man was seriously wounded and another killed. Thereupon the other members of the crew but Tec 5 McCabe dismounted from the

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vehicle. Refusing to leave his post and under raking enemy fire, Tec 5 McCabe drove the tank to an aid station where the wounded man was evacuated. As a result of this act the life of the wounded man was saved and the tank was spared from destruction by the enemy. His courage, resourcefulness, and devotion to duty are in keeping with the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Charles F. Petrie, 33282587, Sgt, OMP, Army of the United States. For meritorious service in France during the period 3 August 1944, to 8 December 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

CHARLES J. POWELL, 0384334, Maj, OMC, Army of the United States. For meritorious service in France during the period 7 August 1944, to 11 December 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Harold W. Rice, 33602052, Cpl, Inf (Armd), Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in France on 28 November 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 28 November 1944, the tank company to which Cpl Rice was assigned was given the mission of clearing a fortified town of the enemy. During the night there was sharp fighting and the tank of which Cpl Rice was gunner was sent out to repel a counterattack. In the face of heavy hostile tank, anti-tank, and small arms fire at short range, he fired his tank guns continually and tellingly throughout the night. His constant vigilance prevented an enemy advance and was of invaluable aid in the accomplishment of the mission. His courage, resourcefulness, and untiring devotion to duty are in keeping with the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

George R. Rigsby, 34501183, Sgt, FA, Army of the United States. For meritorious service in France during the period 25 September 1944, to 1 December 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Tennessee.

Henry A. Rupp, 35388370, Tec 4, Inf, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in France on 15 November 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 15 November 1944, Tec 4 Rupp distinguished himself by his zealous devotion to duty. While serving as a cook, the company to which he was assigned moved forward on the attack. He had the hot meal that was prepared put on a truck and at night he moved out with companions to the company area. Enroute, artillery fire menaced the movement of the vehicle. Tec 4 Rupp ordered his companions to dismount and proceed on foot to the rear train. He, thereupon, drove the truck alone through heavy fire to the company area. The hot meal then provided was of incalculable value in sustaining the morale of the company. His tireless devotion to duty and courageous conduct are in keeping with the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Ohio.

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JOSEPH E. SHAW, 0147367, Col, FA, Army of the United States. For meritorious service in France during the period 8 October 1944, to 8 December 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Dennis Shields, 32642268, Pfc, MD, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in France on 16 November 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 16 November 1944, Pfc Shields was serving as an aid man with an infantry battalion. Because of heavy fighting there were many casualties in need of medical assistance. Pfc Shields volunteered to go forward to evacuate the wounded. Thereafter, for two hours, under heavy artillery and mortar fire and with utter disregard of his own personal safety, he helped evacuate twenty seven seriously wounded men. His outstanding courage and devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from New York.

*B* Oscar T. Stalnaker, 35266879, Pfc, 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, the infantry squad to which Pfc Stalnaker was assigned was holding a defensive position. At night, the enemy attacked and captured Pfc Stalnaker and two companions. The men were escorted for a distance of 300 yards by their captors, when Pfc Stalnaker grasped the automatic pistol of one of the guards, killed him, and wounded the other enemy soldiers. He then led his companions back to the squad position. His cool courage and alertness are a source of great credit to himself and the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from West Virginia.

ERNEST M. STALLINGS, 0420347, Capt, Inf, Army of the United States. For meritorious service in France during the period 25 November 1944, to 8 December 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from North Carolina.

Leonard J. Thomas, 36960711, Pvt, Inf, Army of the United States. For heroic service in France during the period 12 October 1944, to 7 November 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. During the period 12 October 1944, to 7 November 1944, Pvt Thomas distinguished himself by the performance of the duties of a scout. Continually he made hazardous reconnaissance in enemy held territory, crossing a water barrier by rubber boat into terrain strongly defended by automatic weapons, mines, and booby traps. He overcame every hazard and successfully completed each mission, bringing back invaluable information. His unselfish devotion to duty, resourcefulness, and courage reflect great credit upon himself and the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Michigan.

James V. Vaccarella, 42109324, Pvt, MD, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in France on 16 November 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 16 November 1944, Pvt Vaccarella was serving as an aid man with an attacking infantry

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battalion. As the attack progressed there were many casualties lying under enemy fire in need of medical assistance. Pvt Vaccarella volunteered to go forward to evacuate the wounded. Thereafter, for two hours, under heavy artillery and mortar fire and with utter disregard for his own personal safety, he helped evacuate twenty seven seriously wounded men. His outstanding courage and devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from New York.

DANIEL E. WEST, 01573661, Capt, QMC, Army of the United States. For meritorious service in France during the period 7 August 1944, to 11 December 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy 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 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 James R. Huey	35071100	Inf	4 Dec 44
G Pfc Frederick D. Miller	33937241	Inf	18 Dec 44
Ind Pvt Goy L. Johnson	37395935	MD	18 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 date indicated:

H Pfc William H. Krause	36903829	Inf	18 Dec 44
G Sgt William H. Gordon	35359201	Inf	18 Dec 44
Cn Pvt Milton Fields	33376555	Inf	18 Dec 44
G Pvt Frank A. Morrow	31449996	Inf	18 Dec 44
G Pfc Theodore Freedman	32655245	Inf	18 Dec 44

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