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

GENERAL ORDERS)

1 November 1944.

NUMBER 68)

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 Enlisted Man:

Paul U. Brinker, 35577904, Pfc, Inf, Army of the United States. For gallantry in action in France on 24 September 1944, when his machine gun position was attacked by an unknown number of the enemy. Although his position was isolated from the remainder of his unit he repulsed numerous enemy counterattacks and under heavy enemy small arms fire moved his machine gun single-handedly to a more advantageous position. He continued to protect the right flank of his company until killed by enemy machine gun fire. His superb bravery and zealous devotion to duty were commensurate with the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Indiana.

II. AWARD OF SILVER STAR (MISSING IN ACTION): 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 to the following named Enlisted Man (Missing in Action):

Bernard L. Broadway, 34311528, S Sgt, Inf, Army of the United States. For gallantry in action in France on 2 October 1944, when his platoon, upon capturing prisoners, was suddenly and heavily fired upon by an enemy machine gun, wounding the platoon leader and platoon sergeant. Sgt Broadway immediately assumed command and successfully routed the enemy. Although himself wounded in this action, his unfailing confidence inspired his men to carry on despite the intense hazards involved. His courageous leadership and bravery are commensurate with the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from North Carolina.

III. 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:

Willie E. Gooch, 35484611, Sgt, Inf, Army of the United States. For gallantry in action in France on 2 October 1944, when his platoon, upon capturing prisoners, was suddenly and heavily fired upon by an enemy machine gun, wounding the platoon leader and platoon sergeant. Although in hostile territory and in complete darkness, he assisted materially in routing the enemy and later successfully commanded the assault. His personal bravery and aggressive leadership were in keeping with the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Kentucky.

HIRAM D. IVES, 0263687, Lt Col, Inf, Army of the United States. For gallantry in action in France during the period 17 - 19 September 1944, under intense enemy artillery barrage while the enemy counterattacked with tanks and

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infantry, Lt Col Ives, displaying valiant leadership, personally led his troops to the successful breaking up of the hostile attacking force, and saved the Division bridgehead. The superb courage and resourcefulness displayed by Lt Col Ives are in keeping with the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Maryland.

Russell G. Klages, 37406844, Pvt, Inf, Army of the United States. For gallantry in action in France on 4 October 1944, while manning a light machine gun position, which had been suddenly attacked in the rear by the enemy. Despite an immediate demand to surrender under threat of enemy machine pistols, Pvt Klages assisted in turning the machine gun completely around and opened fire upon the enemy, effectively silencing them. Throughout the heavy fire fighting, Pvt Klages' coolness and courage enabled him to make his way back to his platoon which had withdrawn. His 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 Missouri.

MARION W. MERRITT, 0535961, 2d Lt, Inf, Army of the United States. For gallantry in action in France on 8 October 1944, while in command of an anti-tank company, Lt Merritt made his way forward to an enemy held house, and displaying cool courage and utter disregard for his personal safety, killed one enemy sniper and captured seven enemy riflemen. His action provided for the uninterrupted advance of the attacking company and saved the lives of many men. His personal bravery, resourcefulness, and devotion to duty, are in keeping with the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from South Carolina.

Kingsley Y. Wong, 39926496, Pvt, Inf, Army of the United States. For gallantry in action in France on 4 October 1944, while manning a light machine gun position, was suddenly attacked in the rear by the enemy. Despite an immediate demand to surrender under the threat of enemy machine pistols, Pvt Wong assisted in turning the machine gun completely around and opened fire upon the enemy, effectively silencing them. Throughout the heavy fire fighting, Pvt Wong's coolness and courage enabled him to make his way back to his platoon which had withdrawn. His 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 Utah.

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:

MARION C. CHITWOOD, 01285548, Capt, Inf, Army of the United States. For having distinguished himself by heroic achievement in France on 23 September 1944, by successfully leading the assault company of the battalion despite intense raking machine gun fire. His superb leadership encouraged and inspired his men. His personal bravery and devotion to duty are commensurate with the finest traditions of the Army of the United States. Entered military service from Indiana.

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GARLAND D. GODBY, 01285576, Capt, Inf, Army of the United States. For having distinguished himself by heroic achievement in France on 14 September 1944, during the attack by successfully leading his company in over-running and destroying the enemy position. His personal bravery and resourcefulness are commensurate with the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Kentucky.

Werner C. Hoff, 35330120, Sgt, Inf, Army of the United States. For having distinguished himself by heroic achievement in France on 24 September 1944, when the enemy showed an apparent willingness to surrender some of themselves as a ruse in moving their machine gun emplacements, Sgt Hoff exposed himself to intense machine gun fire but successfully disorganized the enemy plan. His personal bravery in completing a most difficult and dangerous mission are in keeping with the highest traditions of the Army of the United States. Entered military service from Ohio.

Jessie R. Walton, 34501648, Cpl, FA, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in France on 7 October 1944, in his courageous efforts to remove a flaming ammunition truck, in which an explosion had occurred, from the nearby ammunition dump. The tenacity of purpose and devotion to duty of Cpl Walton are commensurate with the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Tennessee.

Brownie Woodlee, 34524842, Pvt, FA, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in France on 7 October 1944, in his courageous efforts to remove a flaming ammunition truck, in which an explosion had occurred, from the nearby ammunition dump. The tenacity of purpose and devotion to duty of Pvt Woodlee are commensurate with the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Tennessee.

Joseph J. Vetashick, 36366367, Sgt, FA, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in France on 7 October 1944, in his courageous efforts to remove a flaming ammunition truck, in which an explosion had occurred, from the nearby ammunition dump. The tenacity of purpose and devotion to duty of Sgt Vetashick are commensurate with the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Illinois.

CLARENCE E. YOUNCE, 0424014, Capt, Ch Corps, Army of the United States. For having distinguished himself by heroic achievement in France on 20 September 1944, by saving the life of a seriously wounded soldier in personally evacuating him from the field of battle. His valiant courage and devotion to duty are in keeping with the finest ideals of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Florida.

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:

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<u>RANK AND NAME</u>	<u>ASN</u>	<u>ARM OR SERVICE</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>ENTERED MILITARY SERVICE FROM</u>
Pfc John L. Ferreira	39107128	Inf	24 Oct 44	California
Pfc Robert E. Rosenbrock	36509520	Inf	24 Oct 44	Michigan
Cpl Richard G. Scruggs	13118217	Inf	24 Oct 44	Virginia

VI. So much of General Orders Number 26, this Headquarters, dated 1 September 1944, pertaining to the award of the Purple Heart as reads:
 "S Sgt William P. Flanagan 31146185 Inf 19 Aug 44 Maine" is rescinded.

VII. So much of General Orders Number 29, this Headquarters, dated 6 September 1944, pertaining to the award of the Purple Heart as reads:
 "Pfc John W. Minnick 36555805 Inf 5 Sep 44 Michigan" is rescinded.

VIII. So much of General Orders Number 30, this Headquarters, dated 8 September 1944, pertaining to the award of the Purple Heart as reads:
 "Pfc Nick Zelnick Jr 38188148 Inf 6 Sep 44 Oklahoma" is rescinded.

IX. So much of General Orders Number 31, this Headquarters, dated 9 September 1944, pertaining to the award of the Purple Heart as reads:
 "Pfc John P. Kolich 33031031 Inf 7 Sep 44 Pennsylvania
 Pvt Nicholas Demetry 39045302 Inf 7 Sep 44 California" is rescinded.

X. So much of General Orders Number 32, this Headquarters, dated 10 September 1944, pertaining to the award of the Purple Heart as reads:
 "Pvt Gordon Bartlett 35313253 Inf 6 Sep 44 Ohio
 T Sgt Robert J. Clendening 13097468 Inf 7 Sep 44 Pennsylvania" is rescinded.

By command of Major General McBRIDE:

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