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

GENERAL ORDERS)

8 November 1944.

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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 Enlisted Man:

Willis H. Knight, 20402349, T Sgt, Inf, Army of the United States. For distinguishing himself by gallantry in action in France on 8 October 1944. When the company to which T Sgt Knight was attached was given the mission of attacking a strongly fortified enemy held town. The platoon leader of T Sgt Knight's platoon was wounded and the advance temporarily stopped by the intense enemy fire. T Sgt Knight assumed command of the platoon, secured a Browning Automatic Rifle from a fallen comrade and in company with one other man rushed headlong into the enemy machine gun nest, killing or wounding the enemy machine gun crew and even though mortally wounded, continued on into the enemy positions, firing as he ran onward. His action so inspired his platoon that they immediately followed him into the position and destroyed it. T Sgt Knight died while being moved to the rear for medical treatment. His outstanding leadership, valiant courage, and unselfish devotion to duty are commensurate with the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Georgia.

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 to the following named Officers and Enlisted Men:

Owen C. Caouette, 31261622, Sgt, Inf, Army of the United States. For having distinguished himself by gallantry in action in France on 24 October 1944. Sgt Caouette as a member of a four man patrol was given the mission of crossing a river and proceeding into enemy territory to capture an enemy soldier for interrogation. Having proceeded for some distance under heavy enemy fire, the patrol entered enemy territory, leaving two members at the outskirts thereof and Sgt Caouette and the commissioned officer proceeded to some buildings then in the hands of the enemy. The commissioned officer fell into the hands of the enemy and was captured. Thereupon, Sgt Caouette, after killing an enemy soldier whom he encountered in a foxhole, proceeded a short distance and surprised a group of five enemy soldiers on whom he opened fire with his submachine gun, killing the entire group. Sgt Caouette then succeeded in making his way back to friendly territory. His bravery and devotion to duty are commensurate with the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

THOMAS C. JENNINGS, 01300650, 1st Lt, Inf, Army of the United States. For gallantry in action in France during the period 19 - 20 September 1944, while in command of an ammunition supply train, Lt Jennings led his small supply group within small arms range of the fighting in order that ammunition

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would be immediately available. While in his position he was ambushed by the enemy who employed machine pistols and hand grenades. Lt Jennings organized his men into an assault group and attacked the enemy positions causing the enemy to withdraw. A short time later Lt Jennings and his group of approximately eleven (11) men were again attacked by the enemy in strength. Although attacked from several directions, the superb leadership and cool bravery of Lt Jennings and his men enabled them to withstand the assault and cause many of the enemy to attempt surrender. Upon discovery of the small number in Lt Jennings group, the enemy again opened the engagement, whereupon Lt Jennings ordered his men to withdraw and he alone remained in battle with the enemy until the wounded had been evacuated and the remainder of his men entrucked. Lt Jennings then safely withdrew. The utter disregard for personal safety, outstanding leadership and devotion to duty displayed by Lt Jennings exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Tennessee.

Emil L. Nikodym, 35350367, Tec 5, MD, Army of the United States. For having distinguished himself by gallantry in action in France on 8 October 1944, when, after being seriously wounded, Tec 5 Nikodym, disregarding his wound, continued to administer to his wounded comrades until he himself succumbed from pain and shock. His outstanding courage and sincere devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Ohio.

ROBERT P. STEPTOE, 01165576, Capt, FA, Army of the United States. For having distinguished himself by gallantry in action in France on 9 October 1944. With utter disregard for his personal safety, Capt Steptoe proceeded through anti-personnel mine explosions to render medical aid to two seriously wounded men. While administering first aid, an enemy mine exploded, severely wounding Capt Steptoe in the face and eyes. Although completely blinded by the explosion, Capt Steptoe, unmindful of his own injuries and with calm determination, proceeded to crawl in the direction of the road in an attempt to secure further aid for the wounded men. The heroism and unselfish devotion to his men displayed by Capt Steptoe is commensurate with the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Delaware.

III. 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>	<u>ENTERED MILITARY SERVICE FROM</u>
S Sgt Philip DeAngelis	32642651	Inf	18 Sep 44	New York
Tec 5 Raymond C. Shelton	34132840	Inf	5 Nov 44	Mississippi

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 the following named Officers and Enlisted Men for wounds

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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>	<u>ENTERED MILITARY SERVICE FROM :</u>
S Sgt Philip DeAngelis	32642651	Inf	5 Sep 44	New York
S Sgt Frederick E. Riley	16085457	Armed F	7 Sep 44	Michigan
T Sgt Ralph C. Freeman Jr	35461122	Inf	13 Sep 44	Ohio
T Sgt John J. Micinski	35330097	Inf	23 Sep 44	Indiana
CAPT JAMES A. FARRELL	01285405	Inf	26 Sep 44	New Jersey
2D LT WILLIAM B. BUTZ	0535418	Inf	26 Sep 44	Texas
2D LT ANDREW Z. ADKINS JR	0535891	Inf	26 Sep 44	Florida
S Sgt Robert M. Chenault	34333874	Inf	26 Sep 44	Alabama
S Sgt Donald M. McQuain	35386875	Inf	26 Sep 44	West Virginia
S Sgt John E. Koors	35461943	Inf	26 Sep 44	Kentucky
Pvt James E. McConnell	6152403	Inf	26 Sep 44	Connecticut
S Sgt Henry E. Zinn	15078976	Inf	26 Sep 44	West Virginia
Cpl Robert W. Haught	35386542	Inf	26 Sep 44	West Virginia
Sgt Charles W. Christopher	14150103	Inf	30 Sep 44	Alabama
S Sgt Gene O. Uitto	35313381	Inf	3 Oct 44	Ohio
Pfc Radford E. Salyers	33213301	Inf	3 Oct 44	Virginia
Pvt Harold A. Trafton	6137573	Inf	3 Oct 44	Massachusetts
Pvt Albert S. Haley Jr	38147947	Inf	3 Oct 44	Oklahoma
Pfc Joseph S. Sabol	33596240	Armed F	9 Oct 44	Pennsylvania
Pfc Robert G. Treadway	34765782	Inf	4 Nov 44	Georgia
Pfc Robert J. Prenatt	33273076	Inf	5 Nov 44	Pennsylvania
Pvt Armond F. Urbano	35596817	Inf	5 Nov 44	Ohio
Pfc Orville W. Morgan	35871302	Inf	5 Nov 44	Kentucky
Pvt Willard M. Taylor	35681578	FA	5 Nov 44	Ohio
Pfc Wayne H. Vinson	39289210	Inf	6 Nov 44	California
2D LT CHARLES L. TUCKER JR	0535947	Inf	6 Nov 44	North Carolina
Pvt David H. Cavazos Jr	38562445	Inf	6 Nov 44	Texas
Pfc James H. McCamy	39723996	Inf	6 Nov 44	California
Pvt Kenneth E. Byus	34892654	Inf	6 Nov 44	Mississippi
Pvt Garnett B. Long	39556175	Inf	6 Nov 44	California
Tec 5 Robert J. Heath	16095602	FA	6 Nov 44	Wisconsin
Pfc Leo R. Wojtasiak	36549233	Inf	7 Nov 44	Michigan
T Sgt John S. Siombieda	35315490	Inf	7 Nov 44	Ohio
Pfc Howard W. Fricker	36951953	Inf	7 Nov 44	Illinois
Pfc Asa H. Swent	34515253	Inf	7 Nov 44	South Carolina
Pfc Howard C. Corbin	35386368	Inf	7 Nov 44	West Virginia

V. So much of Section III, General Orders Number 71, this Headquarters, dated 4 November 1944, pertaining to the award of the Purple Heart as reads "Pvt Thomas F. Ryan 34525736 Inf 31 Oct 44 Tennessee" is rescinded.

VI. Section I, General Orders Number 74, this Headquarters, dated 7 November 1944, pertaining to the award of a second bronze Oak Leaf Cluster to S Sgt Thomas D. Brooks, 35311970, Inf, and so much of Section II, General Orders Number 74, this Headquarters, dated 7 November 1944, pertaining to the award of a bronze Oak Leaf Cluster to this enlisted man, are rescinded.

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VII. So much of Section III, General Orders Number 74, this Headquarters, dated 7 November 1944, pertaining to the award of the Purple Heart, as reads "Pfc Walter W. Bugno 33347865 Inf 17 Sep 44 Pennsylvania" is rescinded.

By command of Major General McBRIDE:

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