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HEADQUARTERS 80TH INFANTRY DIVISION
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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:

Franklin Godshell, Jr, 33335742, Cpl, Inf, Army of the United States. For meritorious service in France during the period 9 - 13 October 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

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:

Robert W. Badgley, 35657414, Pvt, MD, Army of the United States. For meritorious achievement in France on 26 September 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from West Virginia.

John J. Bednash, 33354608, Pfc, Inf, Army of the United States. For meritorious service in France on 5 October 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Toney Bumbulis, 35217790, Pfc, MD, Army of the United States. For meritorious achievement in France on 26 September 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Ohio.

ELLIOTT B. CHESTON, 0355466, Lt Col, Inf, Army of the United States. For meritorious achievement in France during the period 27 August 1944, to 17 November 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Maryland.

SIDNEY COHEN, 01013945, Capt, Inf (Armd), Army of the United States. For meritorious service in France during the period 6 August 1944, to 9 November 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from New Jersey.

James C. Cox, 35434902, Tec 5, MD, Army of the United States. For meritorious achievement in France on 26 September 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from West Virginia.

Sam H. Crank, 35463011, Pfc, MD, Army of the United States. For meritorious achievement in France on 26 September 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Ohio.

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FLOYD O. DeWITT, 01010329, Capt, Cav (Armd), Army of the United States. For meritorious service in France during the period 6 August 1944, to 8 November 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Kentucky.

Curtis E. Francisco, 33214471, Pfc, Inf, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in France on 7 September 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 7 September 1944, the platoon of which Pfc Francisco was a member moved into position preparatory to an attack on the enemy. An enemy machine gun nest, which could not be located, opened fire on the platoon from the front. Pfc Francisco, accompanied by another enlisted man moved a light machine gun forward of the platoon's position and to the flank, located the enemy machine gun position by drawing its fire and returned fire on the machine gun, destroying it. This was accomplished while under intense enemy machine gun fire. The courage, resourcefulness, and devotion to duty displayed by Pfc Francisco exemplify the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Virginia.

Homer A. Gibson, 35434720, Pfc, MD, Army of the United States. For meritorious achievement in France on 26 September 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from West Virginia.

Fredrick W. Gilbert, 37246423, Pfc, Inf, Army of the United States. For meritorious service in France on 5 October 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Kansas.

Leo Goldstein, 32897850, Pfc, MD, Army of the United States. For meritorious achievement in France on 26 September 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from New York.

FREDERICK A. GRAEF, 0521912, Capt, Ch Corps, Army of the United States. For meritorious service in France during the period 6 August 1944, to 6 November 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from North Carolina.

DONALD HANCOCK, 0301534, Maj, Inf, Army of the United States. For meritorious achievement in France on 6 September 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Georgia.

RICHARD K. JAMES, 0305849, Maj, Inf, Army of the United States. For meritorious service in France during the period 6 August 1944, to 8 November 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Vincent P. Jones, 13078769, Sgt, Inf (Armd), Army of the United States. For meritorious service in France during the period 5 September 1944, to 9 October 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

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Vincent C. Lanasa, 33376518, Pfc, MD, Army of the United States. For meritorious achievement in France on 26 September 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Maryland.

BRIGGS LATHROP, 01167948, Capt, FA, Army of the United States. For meritorious service in France during the period 6 August 1944, to 2 November 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Ohio.

Chester Mikotacyzk, 32914611, Pvt, MD, Army of the United States. For meritorious achievement in France on 26 September 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from New Jersey.

Lester C. Nelson, 34335062, Pfc, MD, Army of the United States. For meritorious achievement in France on 26 September 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Alabama.

CARL A. NORDSTROM, 0456062, Capt, Cav (Armd), Army of the United States. For meritorious service in France during the period 6 August 1944, to 1 November 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Ohio.

Leo E. Parks, 32083953, M Sgt, Inf, Army of the United States. For meritorious service in France during the period 12 - 13 September 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from New Jersey.

Martin Polin, 33596297, Sgt, Inf (Armd), Army of the United States. For meritorious service in France during the period 5 September 1944, to 9 October 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Walter H. Rairden, 35460804, Cpl, MD, Army of the United States. For meritorious achievement in France on 26 September 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Ohio.

Jack U. Randle, 34195263, Pfc, Inf, Army of the United States. For meritorious service in France on 5 October 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Georgia.

JOHN L. REES, 01017048, Capt, Inf, Army of the United States. For meritorious achievement in France during the period 6 August 1944, to 8 November 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Frank Revitzer, 36594516, Pvt, MD, Army of the United States. For meritorious achievement in France on 26 September 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Michigan.

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PETER M. RIGG, 0539187, 2d Lt, Inf, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in France on 1 November 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On the night of 1 November 1944, 2d Lt Rigg led a patrol which was given the mission of capturing a prisoner for interrogation. After crossing a river the patrol encountered machine gun fire and enemy anti-personnel mines. One of the mines exploded severely wounding 2d Lt Rigg and one member of his patrol. Despite severe wounds in the face, head, and shoulder, 2d Lt Rigg picked up the wounded member of his patrol and while under enemy small arms fire carried him to safety. The bravery, courage, and devotion to duty displayed by 2d Lt Rigg are commensurate with the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Montana.

CHARLES D. SAMMONS, 0412642, Maj, Inf.(Armd), Army of the United States. For meritorious achievement in France during the period 6 August 1944, to 8 November 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Elbert L. Sicking, 35358844, S Sgt, Inf, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in France on 7 September 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 7 September 1944, the platoon of which S Sgt Sicking was a member moved into position preparatory to an attack on the enemy. An enemy machine gun nest, which could not be located, opened fire on the platoon from the front. S Sgt Sicking, accompanied by another enlisted man, moved a light machine gun forward of the platoon's position and to the flank, located the enemy machine gun position by drawing its fire and returned fire on the machine gun, destroying it. This was accomplished while under intense enemy machine gun fire. The courage, resourcefulness, and devotion to duty displayed by S Sgt Sicking exemplify the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Indiana.

Jerry Staley, 35698078, Pvt, Inf, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in France on 8 October 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 8 October 1944, during an attack on the enemy, one of the platoons of Pvt Staley's company was temporarily stopped by intense enemy machine gun fire. Pvt Staley came upon an abandoned American machine gun that had been put out of action, took it apart, cleaned it, and moved it to an effective position whereupon he proceeded to destroy an enemy machine gun nest, several automatic weapons, and captured eight prisoners, enabling the platoons to move forward and successfully accomplish their mission. The outstanding courage, resourcefulness, and sincere devotion to duty displayed by Pvt Staley are in keeping with the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Kentucky.

James E. Sturgill, 33214384, Sgt, Inf, Army of the United States. For meritorious service in France on 5 October 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Virginia.

III. Sections III, IV, V, VI, VII, VIII, IX, and X published as extracts.

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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 Enlisted Men:

Mitchell J. Szymanski, 33596486, S Sgt, Inf (Armd), Army of the United States. For meritorious service in France during the period 5 September 1944, to 9 October 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Joseph A. Tambellini, 13111786, Pfc, MD, Army of the United States. For meritorious achievement in France on 26 September 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

William A. Vice, 34335074, Tec 5, MD, Army of the United States. For meritorious achievement in France on 26 September 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Alabama.

Harry C. Wooldridge, 33227122, Pfc, Inf, Army of the United States. For meritorious service in France on 5 October 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Virginia.

IV. 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:

Clayton Robinette, 35434914, Pfc, Inf, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in France on 10 October 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. During an attack on the enemy on 10 October 1944, a comrade from the supporting machine gun platoon was seriously wounded and lay on the field of battle exposed to both mortar and small arms fire. Pfc Robinette, with total disregard for his own safety and displaying cool courage, crawled out onto the battlefield in the face of intense enemy fire and dragged the wounded man to safety. The courage and sincere devotion to duty displayed by Pfc Robinette, are commensurate with the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Kentucky.

V. 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:

Edmund Buczak, 36592692, Pfc, MD, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in France on 20 and 25 September 1944, in connection with

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military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 20 September 1944, in the face of enemy automatic pistol fire, Pfc Buczak, crawled to the aid of a wounded comrade in a jeep, drove the vehicle to safety, and then returned to the same area to assist in the evacuation of another casualty. On 25 September 1944, Pfc Buczak again saved the life of a wounded comrade by carrying him from exposed terrain subjected to intense enemy artillery and mortar fire to a place of safety. The outstanding courage and bravery of Pfc Buczak displayed in both instances exemplify the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Michigan.

Julius H. Burden, 33347862, S Sgt, Inf, Army of the United States. For heroic service in France on 8 October 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 8 October 1944, during an attack upon the enemy, the platoon of which S Sgt Burden was a member was temporarily stopped by enemy machine gun fire. Displaying cool courage and total disregard for his own safety, S Sgt Burden moved out in front of the enemy and with his Browning Automatic Rifle personally assaulted the enemy position, reducing its fire and enabling his platoon to move forward and successfully take the position. The courage, resourcefulness, and devotion to duty displayed by S Sgt Burden reflects creditably upon himself and the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

LLOYD C. COLE, 01174536, Capt, FA, Army of the United States. For meritorious achievement in France during the period 24 October 1944, to 8 November 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Tennessee.

Ray R. Conner, 14050350, Pvt, Inf, Army of the United States. For meritorious service in France during the period 12 - 13 September 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Tennessee.

Willard S. Hazle, 34333437, Pfc, Inf, Army of the United States. For heroic service in France during the period 8 - 13 October 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. During the period 8 - 13 October 1944, Pfc Hazle, in his capacity as runner, maintained contact between platoons and the company commander in spite of heavy enemy mortar fire and most adverse weather conditions. In the face of intense enemy fire, Pfc Hazle voluntarily carried messages to the platoons, thus maintaining communications at a time when they were most vital. The courage, tireless energy, and devotion to duty displayed by Pfc Hazle exemplify the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Alabama.

DAVID J. HINDELMANN, 01185058, 1st Lt, FA, Army of the United States. For meritorious achievement in France during the period 24 October 1944, to 8 November 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Colorado.

Richard T. Karels, 36663710, Pfc, Inf, Army of the United States. For meritorious service in France on 5 October 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Illinois.

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Cecil O. Lynch, 33197899, Pfc, Inf, Army of the United States. For heroic service in France on 12 October 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 12 October 1944, Pfc Lynch voluntarily exposed himself to severe enemy artillery fire to save three wounded comrades, dragging them to safety and treating their wounds. The courage and devotion to duty displayed by Pfc Lynch exemplify the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Washington, D. C.

FRANCIS L. McDERMOTT, 01015749, Capt, Inf (Armd), Army of the United States. For meritorious service in France during the period 9 September 1944, to 9 November 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Florian F. Mikulski, 33067291, Pfc, CE, Army of the United States. For heroic service in France on 4 September 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 4 September 1944, Pfc Mikulski was a member of a platoon of engineers engaged in ferrying infantry troops across a river to the enemy held side. The mission was extremely hazardous as enemy observation was excellent and enemy artillery, mortar, and machine gun fire was heavily concentrated upon the river. The first wave of infantry crossed safely but were temporarily halted by a heavy artillery barrage. Realizing the situation and knowing our troops were outnumbered, Pfc Mikulski volunteered to ferry reinforcements across the river. He was a conspicuous target in the bright moonlight but by altering his course and dodging heavy enemy fire he safely reached the enemy shore, thus enabling the infantry troops to successfully accomplish the mission. The courage, fearlessness, and devotion to duty displayed by Pfc Mikulski are commensurate with the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Maryland.

WILLIAM B. MILLER, 01018307, 1st Lt, Inf (Armd), Army of the United States. For meritorious service in France during the period 8 October 1944, to 9 November 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from West Virginia.

DALE G. ROBERTS, 01011766, Capt, Cav (Armd), Army of the United States. For meritorious service in France during the period 6 August 1944, to 9 November 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Minnesota.

William Roberts, 32642801, Pfc, MD, Army of the United States. For heroic service in France on 20 September 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 20 September 1944, the leading elements of a unit advanced to a point where they were subjected to heavy enemy mortar and artillery fire causing a number of casualties. Pfc Roberts drove his litter jeep on the battlefield five times to evacuate the casualties. During this action Pfc Roberts was wounded but continued on his mission until he successfully evacuated all casualties. The courage, resourcefulness, and sincere devotion to duty displayed by Pfc Roberts are commensurate with the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from New York.

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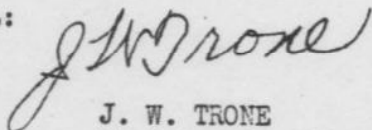
John T. Rzasa, 13083622, Pvt, CE, Army of the United States. For heroic service in France on 4 September 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 4 September 1944, Pvt Rzasa was a member of a platoon of engineers engaged in ferrying infantry troops across a river to the enemy held side. The enemy laid down a heavy artillery barrage severely wounding one man by flying shrapnel. Pvt Rzasa crawled to his wounded comrade, who was lying in an exposed position, and in full view of the enemy carried him out of the zone of enemy fire to a place of safety. The courage and devotion to duty displayed by Pvt Rzasa exemplify the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

James A. Stutts, 34707387, Pfc, Inf, Army of the United States. For meritorious service in France on 5 October 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Alabama.

Ralph R. Wnuk, 36252833, Pvt, Inf, Army of the United States. For meritorious service in France during the period 12 - 13 September 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

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VI. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR (MISSING IN ACTION): 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 Enlisted Man (Missing in Action):

FREDERICK T. LECHER, 0367769, 1st Lt, Inf, Army of the United States. For heroic service in France on 18 September 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 18 September 1944, the Regimental Command Post to which 1st Lt Lecher was attached was subjected to an enemy attack. A part of the high ground in the immediate vicinity was held by friendly troops who were unacquainted with the location of the command post and were also subjecting it to their fire. Alone, 1st Lt Lecher set out to acquaint the friendly troops with the situation and location of the Regimental Command Post. This necessitated his traveling for some distance under direct fire of both friendly and enemy guns. 1st Lt Lecher accomplished his mission and saved the Regimental Command Post from further fire from friendly guns. The outstanding courage, initiative, and sincere devotion to duty displayed by 1st Lt Lecher reflects great credit upon himself and the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from New Jersey.

VII. 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 Officer and Enlisted Men:

VINCENT F. HART, 0461553, Capt, Ch Corps, Army of the United States. For heroic service in France on 20 August 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 20 August 1944, Chaplain Hart, upon being notified that four wounded comrades were being concealed and cared for in the vicinity of the front lines, voluntarily secured an ambulance and proceeded in company with four enlisted men through the front lines under heavy artillery fire and successfully evacuated the four wounded men to safety. The bravery and sincere devotion to duty displayed by Chaplain Hart reflect great credit upon himself and upon the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Illinois.

George L. Jones, 33253421, Pfc, Inf, Army of the United States. For meritorious achievement in France on 7 September 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Walter O. McCarty, 35460888, S Sgt, FA, Army of the United States. For meritorious achievement in France during the period 1 - 6 October 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Ohio.

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Phillip N. Ryan, 35408675, T Sgt, Inf, Army of the United States. For meritorious achievement in France on 7 September 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Ohio.

VIII. So much of Section I, General Orders Number 26, this Headquarters, dated 1 September 1944, pertaining to the Award of the Purple Heart, as reads "CAPT WILLIAM L. KOOE JR 025132 Inf 28 Aug 44 South Carolina" is rescinded.

IX. So much of Section III, General Orders Number 45, this Headquarters, dated 28 September 1944, pertaining to the Award of the Purple Heart, as reads "Pvt John H. Fletcher 37709298 Inf 24 Sep 44 Colorado" is rescinded.

X. So much of Section III, General Orders Number 69, this Headquarters, dated 2 November 1944, pertaining to the Award of the Purple Heart (Oak Leaf Cluster), as reads "Pvt Chester A. Kosakowski 12153773 Inf 31 Oct 44 New York" is rescinded.

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