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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 Men:

Dale E. Clark, 35330355, S Sgt, Inf, Army of the United States. For heroic service in France during the period 13 October 1944, to 7 November 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. During the period 13 October 1944, to 7 November 1944, S Sgt Clark, an infantry rifle company squad leader, served as a patrol leader with signal success. During the period he led ten night patrols across the flooded * * * River into enemy held territory, successfully returning with information relative to enemy strength and personnel and gun positions, which proved highly accurate and extremely valuable. Of his own volition he severed enemy communication lines on many occasions, contributing greatly to the successful crossing of the * * River and the seizure of * * . The outstanding leadership, tireless energy, and constant devotion to duty displayed by S Sgt Clark exemplify the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Ohio.

Owsley M. Farris, Jr, 35461712, T Sgt, Inf, Army of the United States. For heroic service in France during the period 18 August 1944, to 8 November 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. During the period 18 August 1944, to 8 November 1944, T Sgt Farris served as a platoon sergeant and leader in a rifle company through a series of engagements in Central and Eastern France. His aggressive leadership was demonstrated in successfully resisting the enemy after he and his platoon were isolated for a period of three days in a French village. On 8 November 1944, he valiantly led his platoon in the successful assault of a strongly defended village, exhorting and guiding his men until he lost his life on the field of battle. The outstanding bravery, leadership, and sincere devotion to duty displayed by T Sgt Farris exemplify the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Kentucky.

William F. Treasure, 36335646, Tec 4, Inf (Armd), Army of the United States. For meritorious service in France during the period 5 September 1944, to 9 November 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Illinois.

Harold H. Ault, 37189439, T Sgt, Inf (Armd), Army of the United States. For meritorious service in France during the period 5 September 1944, to 9 November 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Iowa.

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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:

William S. Banfield, 35434581, Tec 5, Inf, Army of the United States. For heroic service in France during the period 12 September 1944, to 22 November 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. During the period 12 September 1944, to 22 November 1944, Tec 5 Banfield distinguished himself in performing his duties as driver by successfully driving his vehicle during all the engagements of his Anti-Tank Platoon. On 12 September 1944, while crossing the * * * * River to support a group of riflemen holding a bridgehead and in danger of tank counterattack, Tec 5 Banfield subjected himself to heavy artillery, mortar, and small arms fire with utter disregard of his own safety. His tireless energy, resourcefulness, and sincere devotion to duty exemplify the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Kentucky.

HAROLD O. BOMHOFF, 0354826, Capt, Ch Corps, Army of the United States. For heroic service in France during the period 19 - 21 September 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. While serving as Battalion Chaplain during the period 19 - 21 September 1944, Capt Bomhoff advanced under dangerous enemy sniper fire to rescue a wounded soldier and successfully evacuated him. Although unarmed during this hazardous mission Capt Bomhoff with his expert knowledge of German, captured two of the enemy and returned them to our lines. The personal bravery, resourcefulness, and zealous devotion to duty displayed by Capt Bomhoff exemplify the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Iowa.

Thomas F. Clark, 33335991, Tec 4, CE, Army of the United States. For meritorious service in France during the period 6 August 1944, to 28 November 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

CHARLES G. CROKER, 0388707, Maj, CE, Army of the United States. For meritorious service in France during the period 6 August 1944, to 28 November 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Alabama.

Roger H. Dumas, 31386264, S Sgt (then Pvt and Pfc), Inf, Army of the United States. For heroic 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. During the period 6 August 1944, to 8 November 1944, S Sgt (then Pvt and Pfc) Dumas distinguished himself in performance of his duties as rifleman and squad leader, exhibiting superior qualities of leadership. His thorough command of the French language has proved of invaluable aid to the successful operations of his battalion, often establishing contact with Free French civilians and soldiers, obtaining information relative to the disposition and composition of enemy troops. During the period 8 September 1944, to 10 September 1944, he was a member of elements of his company completely isolated and surrounded by enemy troops at * * * * France. At that time, dressed in civilian clothes, he openly mingled with the enemy forces, eventually working his way back to the command post of his battalion.

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plete and timely information he reported resulted in the successful assault of * * * * and the relief of his besieged platoon. During the period 13 October 1944, to 7 November 1944, he accompanied many patrols across the * * * River into enemy territory. As a result of one particular patrol he executed alone, artillery was successfully directed against enemy locations. The tireless energy, initiative, and sincere devotion to duty displayed by S Sgt Dumas exemplify the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Rhode Island.

Joseph Hassey, 31140332, Tec 5, Inf, Army of the United States. For heroic service in France during the period 12 September 1944, to 22 November 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. During the period 12 September 1944, to 22 November 1944, Tec 5 Hassey distinguished himself in performing his duties as driver by successfully driving his vehicle during all the engagements of his Anti-Tank Platoon. On 12 September 1944, while crossing the * * * * River to support a group of riflemen holding a bridgehead and in danger of tank counterattack, Tec 5 Hassey subjected himself to heavy artillery, mortar, and small arms fire with utter disregard of his own safety. His tireless energy, resourcefulness, and sincere devotion to duty exemplify the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

EUGENE M. LEE, 0344166, Maj, FA, Army of the United States. For meritorious service in France during the period 1 October 1944, to 6 December 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Alabama.

Richard H. Hines, 34360874, Tec 5 (then Pvt), Inf, Army of the United States. For heroic service in France during the period 6 August 1944, to 24 November 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. During the period 6 August 1944, to 24 November 1944, Tec 5 Hines distinguished himself in performing his duties as 1/4 ton truck driver for Regimental Headquarters. He has on numerous occasions been forced to engage in fire fights with enemy delaying groups and his skill in driving through enemy artillery and mortar fire has become legendary in the regiment. He exhibited conspicuous bravery in assisting in the successful repulsing of an enemy counterattack on 5 September 1944. The outstanding courage, aggressiveness, and sincere devotion to duty displayed by Tec 5 Hines are commensurate with the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Tennessee.

WILLIS J. KING, 01284200, Capt, Inf, Army of the United States. For heroic service in France during the period 9 - 13 October 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. During the period 9 - 13 October 1944, while holding a position northeast of * * * * * France, under direct enemy observation and continuous artillery and mortar fire, Capt King succeeded in evacuating many wounded comrades. He displayed untiring efforts and fortitude in accomplishing a mission which was hampered by adverse weather conditions which prevented vehicles from reaching the front line areas. The conspicuous bravery, determination, and constant devotion to duty exhibited by Capt King exemplify the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from California.

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DARROLL E. KNUDSON, 01173680, 2d Lt, FA, Army of the United States. For heroic service in France during the period 15 August 1944, to 18 November 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. During the period 15 August 1944, to 18 November 1944, Lt Knudson distinguished himself in the performance of his duties as Artillery Forward Observer. On 4 September 1944, * * * * * France, he was adjusting fire on the town when the enemy counterattacked. He continued to fire on the town even though the enemy advanced to a distance of effective use of hand grenades and his continuous fire contributed greatly in successfully repulsing the counterattack. On 25 September 1944, in an attack, while under heavy enemy mortar and artillery fire, although slightly wounded by shell fragments, he continued to direct fire on the enemy, making it possible for our troops to advance and take the objective. On 16 November 1944, in another attack, while subjected to intense enemy artillery and small arms fire, he continued to call fire missions until the objective was taken. The personal bravery, aggressiveness, and constant devotion to duty displayed by Lt. Knudson exemplify the highest ideals of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Washington.

Carey L. Parrett, 34342994, Tec 5, MD, Army of the United States. For heroic service in France on 13 September 1944, and on 11 November 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 13 September 1944, when a squad of men were repelling an attack by the enemy in which a German self propelled 75mm gun was being used, Tec 5 Parrett boldly went to the aid of an injured comrade, ignoring the intense cross fire from small arms and machine guns. Again on 11 November 1944, when caught by an unexpected barrage of enemy artillery shells he subjected himself to this fire to render assistance to injured comrades, even though stunned by an exploding shell. The personal bravery, self sacrificing attitude, and sincere devotion to duty displayed by Tec 5 Parrett exemplify the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Mississippi.

Burton E. Smith, 33741826, Tec 5, MD, Army of the United States. For heroic service in France on 11 November 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 11 November 1944, when caught by an unexpected barrage of enemy artillery shells, Tec 5 Smith, with utter disregard for his own safety, subjected himself to this fire to render assistance to injured comrades and successfully evacuating them. The outstanding courage, initiative, and sincere devotion to duty displayed by Tec 5 Smith are commensurate with the highest ideals of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Washington, D. C.

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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 Officer and Enlisted Men:

Edward A. Blakeney, 38134612, Tec 5, MD, Army of the United States. For meritorious service in France during the period 7 August 1944, to 20 November 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Texas.

Bernard J. Brown, 13100272, S Sgt, CE, Army of the United States. For meritorious service in France during the period 6 August 1944, to 27 November 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Marvin J. Childers, 34286746, T Sgt, Inf, Army of the United States. For meritorious service in France during the period 6 August 1944, to 24 November 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Tennessee.

Roy R. Faulkner, 15078503, S Sgt, CE, Army of the United States. For meritorious service in France during the period 6 August 1944, to 27 November 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from West Virginia.

Francis W. Hinz, 37048659, Tec 4, MD, Army of the United States. For meritorious service in France during the period 6 August 1944, to 27 November 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Iowa.

Thomas W. Keating, Jr, 33304793, Sgt, OMP, Army of the United States. For meritorious service in France during the period 6 August 1944, to 27 November 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Vernon B. Kuehn, 37514748, Pfc, CE, Army of the United States. For meritorious service in France during the period 6 August 1944, to 27 November 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Kansas.

George H. Lake, 34287571, Sgt, CE, Army of the United States. For meritorious service in France during the period 6 August 1944, to 27 November 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Georgia.

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Andrew J. Letso, 35017851, Pfc, MD, Army of the United States. For meritorious service in France during the period 6 August 1944, to 27 November 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Ohio.

Marcus S. Murphy, 35385940, Tec 4, MD, Army of the United States. For meritorious service in France during the period 15 August 1944, to 20 November 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Ohio.

George R. Pattison, 38377580, T Sgt, FA, Army of the United States. For meritorious service in France during the period 25 September 1944, to 25 November 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Louisiana.

Warren S. Pickens, 35409030, S Sgt, CMP, Army of the United States. For meritorious service in France during the period 6 August 1944, to 27 November 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Ohio.

Bruce A. Poquette, 36461098, Pfc, MD, Army of the United States. For meritorious service in France during the period 15 August 1944, to 20 November 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Michigan.

Frank W. Riley, 35385405, S Sgt, CE, Army of the United States. For meritorious service in France during the period 6 August 1944, to 28 November 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Ohio.

MORRIS B. SELTZER, 0501033, Capt, MC, Army of the United States. For meritorious service in France during the period 7 August 1944, to 20 November 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Florida.

✓ Edward T. Sroka, 33002419, 1st Sgt, CE, Army of the United States. For meritorious service in France during the period 6 August 1944, to 27 November 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Maryland.

James C. Sutton, 34335083, S Sgt, CE, Army of the United States. For meritorious service in France during the period 6 August 1944, to 27 November 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Alabama.

Walter A. Tienken, 32153628, S Sgt, CE, Army of the United States. For meritorious service in France during the period 6 August 1944, to 27 November 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from New Jersey.

James H. Wiser, Jr, 33235065, S Sgt, CE, Army of the United States. For meritorious service in France during the period 6 August 1944, to 27 November 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the

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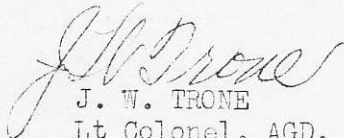
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United States. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

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IV. 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 Officer:

D GEORGE E. SCHULD 01325619, 2d Lt, 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, Lt Schuld was in command of a heavy weapons platoon in support of an infantry company engaged in an attack upon an extremely well camouflaged and heavily fortified enemy position. Despite the raking enemy machine gun fire, Lt Schuld, accompanied by a messenger, courageously advanced and successfully assaulted the enemy pillbox thereby permitting the uninterrupted progress of the infantry company and resulting in the capture of five Germans and two enemy machine guns. His personal bravery, resourcefulness, and sincere devotion to duty are commensurate with the finest ideals of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Connecticut.

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 Enlisted Men:

Robert J. Miles, 35461349, T Sgt, Inf, Army of the United States. For meritorious achievement in France on 26 November 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 26 November 1944, T Sgt Miles assumed command of a rifle platoon when his platoon leader was wounded by the enemy during the defense of a strategically important hill. T Sgt Miles led and encouraged his men throughout the entire afternoon and evening and successfully repulsed the enemy. The outstanding leadership, personal courage, and devotion to duty displayed by T Sgt Miles are commensurate with the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Ohio.

Robert J. Runyon, 36250991, Pfc, CE, Army of the United States. For heroic service in France on 6 October 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 6 October 1944, Pfc Runyon assumed command of the remaining members of his squad after an explosion of mines had killed his squad leader and seriously wounded his platoon commander and assistant squad leader. Pfc Runyon coolly proceeded to complete the mission assigned the squad of the removal of anti-personnel mines from this dangerous vicinity. Later Pfc Runyon was engaged with his platoon in a river crossing near Clemery, France. After having ferried a number of infantry across the river, he temporarily lost control of his boat and was carried downstream into an enemy field of fire. Alone and unaided, Pfc Runyon successfully recovered control of his boat, returning through heavy enemy fire to resume his mission. His outstanding courage, initiative, and devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

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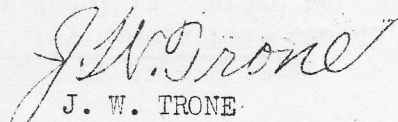
Orville L. Smith, 35408191, Sgt, Inf, Army of the United States. For meritorious service in France during the period 8 November 1944, to 8 December 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Ohio.

Dan F. Spellman, 33296888, Pvt, FA, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in France during the period 21 - 22 November 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. During the period 21 - 22 November 1944, Pvt Spellman was acting as radio operator with an artillery forward observer with a front line infantry company which was surrounded and isolated from friendly forces. His radio was the company's only means of communication, and despite heavy mortar, artillery, and sniper fire, he continued to send and receive messages directing artillery support until the radio was disabled by enemy mortar fire. The outstanding courage, resourcefulness, and sincere devotion to duty displayed by Pvt Spellman exemplify the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

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