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I--AWARD OF SILVER STAR MEDAL (Posthumous)--Under the provisions of AR 600-45 and Circular No. 66, Headquarters First Army, dated 18 May 1944, the silver star is posthumously awarded to the following named officers for gallantry in action in France:

Second Lieutenant Robert E. Sowell, O-529233, Infantry, 83d Infantry Division, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 11 July 1944, near ~~France~~, France. Second Lieutenant Sowell and his platoon encountered several enemy tanks. In the ensuing heavy artillery and machine gun fire all of the members of one of his anti-tank squads became casualties or were pinned down. Second Lieutenant Sowell secured a rocket launcher and, with utter disregard for his personal safety, personally attacked the tanks and repulsed the attack. In the action he was killed by machine gun fire from the tanks. His outstanding accomplishment doubtless saved his regimental command post from being destroyed by one of the tanks that had got within two hundred yards of it. Second Lieutenant Sowell's outstanding bravery and fighting spirit, his devotion to duty and aggressive leadership were in keeping with the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military services from Georgia. Home address - 701 East Parkway, South Ole, Memphis, Tennessee.

Second Lieutenant Robert S. Lard, O-1184965, Field Artillery, \*\*\* Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 11 July 1944, near ~~France~~, France. A company of infantry moving forward in assault met very heavy fire from enemy infantry using automatic weapons and supported by a tank. Second Lieutenant Lard, as forward artillery observer, immediately called for artillery fire against the tank. Because of the high hedgerows and hull-down position of the tank, accurate direction of the artillery fire was extremely difficult. With utter disregard for his own safety, Second Lieutenant Lard went out into the open field, exposing himself to intense fire from both the tank and the accompanying enemy infantry, so that he might accurately observe the artillery fire. He repeated this action several times until the tank was destroyed by a direct hit. The company was thereby enabled to continue its advance. A short while later, while attempting to return from an exposed position to the radio to call for more artillery fire, Second Lieutenant Lard was fatally wounded. His coolness, devotion to duty, and outstanding personal bravery were a great credit to himself and are in keeping with the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from New Jersey. Home address - 530 Locust Street, Roselle, New Jersey.

II--AWARD OF SILVER STAR MEDAL--Under the provisions of AR 600-45 and Circular No. 66, Headquarters First Army, dated 18 May 1944, the Silver Star is awarded to the following named officers and enlisted men for gallantry in action in France:

Private Willie V. Bobo, 34507326, P. Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 13 July 1944, near ~~France~~, France.

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hedgerow which was being regularly sprayed with machine gun fire and artillery bursts. Reaching an effective range he stood up in direct view of the tanks and fired. As it began to turn he again fired, secured a direct hit on the turret and knocked it out. Private Bobo's coolness under fire, his initiative, outstanding courage and fighting spirit reflect the highest credit upon himself and the finest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Tennessee

Captain Marion B. Cooper, O-1297844, Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action on 15 July 1944, near \*\*\*\*\*, France. When his company, advancing through a heavily wooded area, was pinned down by fire from an enemy tank, Captain Cooper secured an anti-tank rocket launcher and utterly without regard for his personal safety, crawled through bitter machine gun and artillery fire until he was within range of the tank. He then assumed a kneeling position and with two well placed shots succeeded in crippling the tank thereby enabling anti-tank fire to be brought upon it. By his heroic action the successful attainment of the objective was assured. Captain Cooper's coolness, courage, and disregard for personal safety reflect the highest credit upon himself and the finest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Indiana.

First Lieutenant Alexander N. Kahapea, O-1300497, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 14 July 1944, near \*\* France. When the advance of the battalion was being threatened by two enemy tanks, Lieutenant Kahapea with daring initiative organized two anti-tank rocket launcher squads, approached to within short range of the tanks and damaged both of them with well directed fire. They were compelled to withdraw and the advance was continued. Lieutenant Kahapea's coolness under fire, his outstanding courage and dauntless determination reflect the highest credit on himself and the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Hawaii.

Captain Lawrence Laliberte, O-1287019, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 4 July 1944, near \*\*\*\*\*, France. On a visit of inspection to another company of the battalion Captain Laliberte discovered that the commanding officer and the second in command had both become casualties from the heavy fire to which the company had been subjected. Without hesitation he assumed temporary command of the company and began its reorganization unmindful of direct and intense machine gun and small arms fire although it was necessary for him to crawl to numerous small groups and lead them to a point of rendezvous. Through his initiative, daring and sterling leadership he succeeded so well in his work of reorganization that the company met and repulsed with heavy losses a stubborn and determined counter-attack that otherwise might have engulfed it, and continued on its mission. Captain Laliberte's personal bravery and utter disregard for his own safety, his outstanding leadership and devotion to duty reflect the highest credit on himself and the finest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

Second Lieutenant Alson E. Lancaster, O-1304916, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 8 July 1944, near \* \*, France. When his company was being subjected to heavy machine gun and artillery fire from an enemy tank firing directly from the center of their front, Second Lieutenant Lancaster immediately realizing the need for vigorous counter measures, personally led a squad into firing position despite being exposed to direct artillery and machine gun fire from the tank. Unmindful of his personal safety he remained with the gun crew supervising and directing the fire and reassuring and bolstering the courage of the men in the face of several casualties. During the operation Second Lieutenant Lancaster was severely wounded in the right leg by machine gun fire but he refused to be evacuated until the threat from the enemy tank had been destroyed. His coolness under fire, initiative, determination and fighting spirit reflect the highest credit upon himself and the finest

Private Joseph A. Posh, 51248109, \*\*\* Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 4 July 1944, near \*\*\*\*\*, France. When his company came upon two enemy machine gun emplacements that were covering the forward area with heavy fire, Private Posh, with heroic coolness and inspired determination advanced alone and destroyed both emplacements with hand grenades. His utter disregard for his own personal safety, his daring and initiative, his fighting spirit and prowess in arms were an inspiration of incalculable worth to the members of the command. His action reflects the highest credit upon himself and the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Connecticut.

III--AWARD OF AIR MEDAL--Under the provisions of AR 600-45 and Circular No. 66, Headquarters First Army, dated 18 May 1944, the Air Medal is awarded to the following named officers:

First Lieutenant William (WMI) Law, O-1171643, \*\*\* Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight during the period of 1 July 1944 to 12 July 1944, in \*\*\*\*\*, France. As a liaison pilot Lieutenant Law performed his assigned missions with a high degree of efficiency and while constantly subjected to enemy anti-aircraft and small arms fire, and the possibility of attack by enemy aircraft. His splendid performance of duty was of material assistance to the artillery in his sector and merits the highest praise. Entered military service from Florida.

First Lieutenant Robert E. Tollefson, O-1168712, \*\*\* Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight from 27 June 1944 to 25 July 1944, in \*\*\*\*\*, France. As an aerial observer Lieutenant Tollefson performed his assigned missions with a high degree of efficiency and while constantly subjected to enemy anti-aircraft and small arms fire, and the possibility of attack by enemy aircraft. His splendid performance of duty was of material assistance to the artillery in his sector and merits the highest praise. Entered military service from Minnesota.

IV--A AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL--Under the provisions of AR 600-45 as amended per ETOUSA Letter AG 200.6 MP, subject: "Bronze Star Medal", dated 27 February 1944, and in accordance with the authority contained in paragraph 3c, Section I, Circular No. 32, Hq ETOUSA, 20 March 1944, and Circular No. 66, Headquarters First Army, dated 18 May 1944, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following officers and enlisted men:

Private Donald J. Barnes, 34433574, Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service, in France, 15 July 1944, in connection with military operations against the enemy. Entered military service from North Carolina.

Private First Class Raymond A. Bozarth, 38327467, Medical Department, United States Army, for meritorious service, in France, 4 July 1944, as first-aid man, in connection with military operations against the enemy. Entered military service from Oklahoma.

Private Nelson E. Cline, Jr., 15013485, Medical Department, United States Army, for meritorious service, in France, 4 July 1944, as first-aid man, in connection with military operations against the enemy. Entered military service from West Virginia.

Captain John L. Cryst, O-423609, Medical Corps, United States Army, for meritorious service, in France, 4 July 1944 to 18 July 1944, as battalion surgeon, in connection with military operations against the enemy. Entered military service from New York.

Private Rankin Dowdy, 33336904, Medical Department, United States Army, for meritorious service, in France, 15 July 1944, as first-aid man, in connection with military operations against the enemy. Entered military service from Virginia.

Technician Fifth Grade Roy R. Liller, 33273453, Medical Department, United States Army, for meritorious service, in France, 4 July 1944, as first-aid man, in connection with military operations against the enemy. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

First Lieutenant William D. Falck, O-25823, Corps of Engineers, United States Army, for meritorious service, in France, from 4 July 1944 to 10 July 1944, as platoon leader, in connection with military operations against the enemy. Entered military service from New York.

Private Frederick E. Mann, Jr., 33368593, Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service, in France, 4 July 1944, as rifflman, in connection with military operations against the enemy. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Technician Fifth Grade Edward R. Lersey, 11014449 Medical Department, United States Army, for meritorious service, in France, 17 July 1944, as first-aid man, in connection with military operations against the enemy. Entered military service from Maine.

Second Lieutenant Robert C. Wize, Jr., O-1116425, Corps of Engineers, United States Army, for meritorious service, in France, from 4 July 1944 to 10 July 1944, as platoon leader, in connection with military operations against the enemy. Entered military service from Mississippi.

First Lieutenant Robert S. Russulman, O-1297924, Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service, in France, 13 July 1944, in connection with military operations against the enemy. Entered military service from Illinois.

First Lieutenant George F. Orr, O-1291871, Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service, in France, 15 July 1944, as weapons platoon leader, in connection with military operations against the enemy. Entered military service from West Virginia.

Technician Fifth Grade Edward J. Rakewski, 13093458, Corps of Engineers, United States Army, for meritorious service, in France, from 4 July 1944 to 10 July 1944, as platoon scout, in connection with military operations against the enemy. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Private Bernard R. Rubenaker, 35464695, Medical Department, United States Army, for meritorious service, in France, 9 July 1944, as first-aid man, in connection with military operations against the enemy. Entered military service from Ohio.

Private Ray Stinson, 35613565, Medical Department, United States Army, for meritorious service, in France, 17 July 1944, as first-aid man, in connection with military operations against the enemy. Entered military service from Ohio.

Chaplain (First Lieutenant) Edward L. Startout, O-322300, Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service, in France, on 14 July 1944 and 15 July 1944, acting as battalion surgeon, in connection with military operations against the enemy. Entered military service from New York.

Technician Fourth Grade Earl L. Toney, 37269992, Medical Department, United States Army, for meritorious service, in France, from 4 July 1944 to 19 July 1944, as first-aid man, in connection with military operations against the enemy. Entered military service from Minnesota.

First Lieutenant Arthur K. Unren, O-297357, Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service, in France, on 13 July 1944, as company commander, in connection with military operations

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Private First Class John C. Macha, 37116096, Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service, in France, on 23 July 1944, as anti-tank gunner, in connection with military operations against the enemy. Entered military service from Kansas.

Captain William L. Waters, O-25719, (then First Lieutenant), Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service, in France, on the 4th, 5th and 9th of July 1944, as company commander, in connection with military operations against the enemy. Entered United States Military Academy from Indiana.

V--AWARD OF PURPLE HEART--Pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45, the Purple Heart is awarded to the following officers and enlisted men:

Major Harold W. Brown, O-326562, Infantry, United States Army, for wounds received in action on 12 July 1944, in France.

Technician Fifth Grade Francis F. Bowman, 34624547, Infantry, United States Army, for wounds received in action on 17 July 1944, in France.

Private First Class Steve J. Benozinski, 36376710, Infantry, United States Army, for wounds received in action on 23 July 1944, in France.

Sergeant Frank Bunk, 32040035, Infantry, United States Army, for wounds received in action on 21 July 1944, in France.

Private First Class Edward R. Boller, 37177991, Infantry, United States Army, for wounds received in action on 24 July 1944, in France.

Staff sergeant Jimmie B. Brooks, 20731942, Infantry, United States Army, for wounds received in action on 23 July 1944, in France.

Private First Class Raymond S. Joffey, 35449301, Infantry, United States Army, for wounds received in action on 23 July 1944, in France.

Private Harold M. Cox, 35497441, Corps of Engineers, United States Army, for wounds received in action on 11 July 1944, in France.

Private First Class Melvin E. Chaney, 36441046, Infantry, United States Army, for wounds received in action on 26 July 1944, in France.

Captain John L. Cryst, O-423609, Medical Corps, United States Army, for wounds received in action on 26 July 1944, in France.

Private First Class Edward O. Clark, 35368529, Infantry, United States Army for wounds received in action 28 July 1944, in France.

Staff sergeant Ernest E. Dowell, 35498038, Infantry, United States Army, for wounds received in action on 13 July 1944, in France.

Private Quinto (NMI) Deantoni, 39138870, Corps of Engineers, United States Army, for wounds received in action on 8 July 1944, in France.

Staff sergeant Roger N. Diss, 33010420, Infantry, United States Army, for wounds received in action on 26 July 1944, in France.

Private Clarence L. Darnell, 35671375, Field Artillery, United States Army, for wounds received in action on 21 July 1944, in France.

Private First Class Robert A. Eisenhart, 13092195, Infantry, United States Army, for wounds received in action on 26 July 1944, in France.

Private Roger S. Fournier, 31340038, Medical Department, United States Army, for wounds received in action on 15 July 1944, in France.

Captain Chester M. Freudendorf, O-22305, Infantry, United States Army, for wounds received in action on 26 July 1944, in France.

Staff Sergeant Joseph P. Fabrizio, 13150082, Infantry, United States Army, for wounds received in action on 26 July 1944, in France.

Private First Class Huston P. Gedrites, 35133787, Infantry, United States Army, for wounds received in action on 25 July 1944, in France.

Private First Class James A. Griffis, 35632761, Field Artillery, United States Army, for wounds received in action on 26 July 1944, in France.

I-330 Private Arley L. Gregory, 33048411, Infantry, United States Army, for wounds received in action on 28 July 1944, in France.

Private First Class Wesley K. Hodge, 32029830, Infantry, United States Army, for wounds received in action on 14 July 1944, in France.

B Private First Class Eugene W. Howell, 35236245, Infantry, United States Army, for wounds received in action on 18 July 1944, in France.

Technician Fifth Grade Albert M. Mamscher, 33332926, (then Private First Class), Corps of Engineers, United States Army, for wounds received in action on 18 July 1944, in France.

Corporal Richard (MMI) Hobbs, 35664941, Infantry, United States Army, for wounds received in action on 24 July 1944, in France.

Captain Eugene M. Jackson, O-1287011, Infantry, United States Army, for wounds received in action on 4 July 1944, in France.

Private Irving Jacobs, 30831424, Infantry, United States Army, for wounds received in action on 23 July 1944, in France.

Private First Class Perry L. Johnson, 34445894, Infantry, United States Army, for wounds received in action on 27 July 1944, in France.

Technician Fifth Grade J. C. Jenkins, 34377533, Medical Department, United States Army, for wounds received in action on 27 July 1944, in France.

Sergeant Elmer C. Klingeman, 37082562, Cavalry, United States Army, for wounds received in action on 19 July 1944, in France.

First Lieutenant Alexander M. Kihapes, O-1300497, Infantry, United States Army, for wounds received in action on 6 July 1944, in France.

Private First Class John (MMI) Kionta, 39614022, Corps of Engineers, United States Army, for wounds received in action on 6 July 1944, in France.

Private Walter P. Kubiak, 42008779, Infantry, United States Army, for wounds received in action on 19 July 1944, in France.

Corporal Walter J. Kurnish, 17125021, Infantry, United States Army, for wounds received in action on 13 July 1944, in France.

Private First Class J. M. Landers, 34446477, Infantry, United States Army, for wounds received in action on 21 July 1944, in France.

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Sergeant Thomas F. Laino, 20254602, Field Artillery, United States Army, for wounds received in action on 20 July 1944, in France.

Private James A. Larkin, 13126932, Corps of Engineers, United States Army, for wounds received in action on 7 July 1944, in France.

Private First Class Raymond B. Lougee, 31381342, Infantry, United States Army, for wounds received in action on 26 July 1944, in France.

Private John L. Loomis, 39289177, Infantry, United States Army, for wounds received in action on 23 July 1944, in France.

Technician Fourth Grade Joseph F. McMillan, 34455316, Corps of Engineers, United States Army, for wounds received in action on 11 July 1944, in France.

Corporal George J. Mandenville, 31244220, Infantry, United States Army, for wounds received in action on 7 July 1944, in France.

Private Reuben Z. Matthews, 34433696, Corps of Engineers, United States Army, for wounds received in action on 6 July 1944, in France.

Sergeant John C. Mastronicola, 32325448, Infantry, United States Army, for wounds received in action on 22 July 1944, in France.

Technical Sergeant William F. McGaw, 33335642, Infantry, United States Army, for wounds received in action on 26 July 1944, in France.

Private Ralph R. McDowell, 32943526, Infantry, United States Army, for wounds received in action on 23 July 1944, in France.

Staff Sergeant Lewis Mason, 34455196, Infantry, United States Army, for wounds received in action on 27 July 1944, in France.

Private First Class John P. Oaks, 35099109, Infantry, United States Army, for wounds received in action on 26 July 1944, in France.

Private Joseph P. Oakley, 42101428, Infantry, United States Army, for wounds received in action on 27 July 1944, in France.

First Lieutenant John A. Pizarick, O-1111310, Corps of Engineers, United States Army, for wounds received in action on 6 July 1944, in France.

Technician Fifth Grade Sam (M.I.) Phillips, 35201512, Corps of Engineers, United States Army, for wounds received in action on 9 July 1944, in France.

Private First Class Florencio J. Poso, 39042429, Infantry, United States Army, for wounds received in action on 23 July 1944, in France.

Private First Class Michael Pettiti, 31248044, Infantry, United States Army, for wounds received in action on 12 July 1944, in France.

Private Sol Resnik, 13177412, Medical Department, United States Army, for wounds received in action on 19 July 1944, in France.

Private Melvin E. Risley, 39456604, Corps of Engineers, United States Army, for wounds received in action on 19 July 1944, in France.

Private First Class Elmer D. Rumage, 33E197505, Infantry, United States Army, for wounds received in action on 4 July 1944, in France.

Corporal John E. Ruch, 33333766, Medical Department, United States Army, for wounds received in action on 26 July 1944, in France.

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Sergeant Donald V. Roth, 35590636, Infantry, United States Army, for wounds received in action on 15 July 1944, in France.

Private Richard O. Riley, 35744228, Infantry, United States Army, for wounds received in action on 23 July 1944, in France.

Private Clyde Steiwig, 36567748, Infantry, United States Army, for wounds received in action on 23 July 1944, in France.

Private Louis T. Szabo, 33306116, Corps of Engineers, United States Army, for wounds received in action on 26 July 1944, in France.

Sergeant Harold J. Stone, 32055407, Infantry, United States Army, for wounds received in action on 23 July 1944, in France.

Private First Class Grant N. Starbuck, Jr., 36591887, Infantry, United States Army, for wounds received in action on 23 July 1944, in France.

Private Nathan Rubenstein, 42030338, Infantry, United States Army, for wounds received in action on 22 July 1944, in France.

Private First Class Jules H. Sitrick, 37679056, Infantry, United States Army, for wounds received in action on 23 July 1944, in France.

Sergeant Thomas H. Smith, 34455554, Field Artillery, United States Army, for wounds received in action on 23 July 1944, in France.

*OK F* Private Stephen Smotrycz, Jr., 42102011, Infantry, United States Army, for wounds received in action on 28 July 1944, in France.

Corporal Ura O. Teeney, 35740002, Corps of Engineers, United States Army, for wounds received in action on 7 July 1944, in France.

Private James C. Testa, 33795005, Infantry, United States Army, for wounds received in action on 26 July 1944, in France.

Corporal Robert J. West, 35613582, Cavalry, United States Army, for wounds received in action on 19 July 1944, in France.

Sergeant Albert L. Wolters, 35517084, Infantry, United States Army, for wounds received in action on 3 July 1944, in France.

*Only* X Private First Class Robert G. Webster, 35796075, Infantry, United States Army, for wounds received in action on 25 July 1944, in France.

Private Jack H. Wiginton, 35115220, Corps of Engineers, United States Army, for wounds received in action on 26 July 1944, in France.

Private First Class Charles F. Wegesereiter, 35227481, Inf, United States Army, for wounds received in action on 24 July 1944, in France.

Private Rex D. Witmer, 39338932, Infantry, United States Army, for wounds received in action on 27 July 1944, in France.

Private First Class Turner J. Watts, 18134842, Infantry, United States Army, for wounds received in action on 28 July 1944, in France.

Private Frank Young, 34733922, Infantry, United States Army, for wounds received in action on 24 July 1944, in France.

Private Alan Zornak, 33380102, Corps of Engineers, United States Army, for wounds received in action on 13 July 1944, in France.

VI--AMENDMENT TO GENERAL ORDERS--

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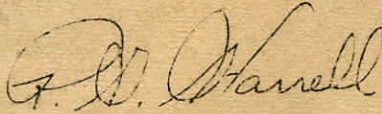
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