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I--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 Medal is awarded to the following named officer for gallantry in action in France.

Second Lieutenant Jack T. Dempsey, O-527788, Infantry, Anti-Tank Company, \* \* \* \* \* Infantry, United States Army. For galantry in action on 5 July 1944, near \* \* \* \* \*, France. Second Lieutenant Dempsey was given the mission of preventing the enemy from blowing up a bridge. Through reconnaissance he discovered that the bridge was surrounded by enemy snipers. Disregarding his personal safety, he proceeded alone under heavy enemy small arms fire, crawling approximately 400 yards over open country and swamp land. Near the bridge he was seriously wounded in the face by an enemy hand grenade. Despite his wounds he directed effective rifle fire against the enemy and then safely returned to his lines, bringing valuable information. Second Lieutenant Dempsey's coolness under fire, his devotion to duty, and his disregard for personal safety reflect great credit upon himself and the finest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Oklahoma.

II--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 3 c, 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 of the 83d Infantry Division:

Private Johnny L. Chavez, 39280415, Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service, in France, 11 July 1944, acting as rifleman, in connection with military operations against the enemy. Entered military service from California.

Private First Class Damon S. Minnich, 32820673, Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service, in France, 14 July 1944, as anti-tank gunner, in connection with military operations against the enemy. Entered military service from New York.

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 and enlisted man:

Staff Sergeant Forrest R. Norris, 16135408, Field Artillery, United States Army, for meritorious service, in France, 27 June 1944 to 19 July 1944, as liaison pilot, in connection with military operations against the enemy. Entered military service from Illinois.

First Lieutenant Leo E. Miller, O-1181960, Field Artillery, United States Army, for meritorious service, in France, 27 June 1944 to 19 July 1944, as liaison pilot, in connection with military operations against the enemy. Entered military service from Nebraska.

First Lieutenant Ralph J. Blank, 512, 0-642555, Field Artillery, United States Army, for meritorious service, in France from 27 June 1944 to 19 July 1944, as liaison pilot, in connection with military operations against the enemy. Entered military service from Florida.

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

Private First Class Horace W. Atherton, 35716780, Cavalry, United States Army, for wounds received in action on 24 July 1944, in France.

Technician Fifth Grade Richard T. Andrews, 31223806, Signal Corps, United States Army, for wounds received in action on 15 July 1944, in France.

Sergeant Frank A. Bobrinsky, 6779770, Field Artillery, United States Army, for wounds received in action on 24 July 1944, in France.

Sergeant James A. Bower, 13077589, Field Artillery, United States Army, for wounds received in action on 18 July 1944, in France.

Private Russell Brown, 33490038, Infantry, United States Army, for wounds received in action on 24 July 1944, in France.

Technician Fifth Grade Daniel NMI Eves, 36109633, Medical Department, United States Army, for wounds received in action on 24 July 1944, in France.

Private Edward E. Finnegan, 35344083, Field Artillery, United States Army, for wounds received in action on 15 July 1944, in France.

Staff Sergeant Robert J. Gordanier, 20641216, Field Artillery, United States Army, for wounds received in action on 10 July 1944, in France.

Private Robert (NMI) Little, 32301341, Field Artillery, United States Army, for wounds received in action on 22 July 1944, in France.

Technician Fifth Grade Albert R. Long, 34379441, Corps of Engineers, United States Army, for wounds received in action on 24 July 1944, in France.

Private Lloyd Millwood, 34389412, Field Artillery, United States Army, for wounds received in action on 23 July 1944, in France.

Private First Class Henry F. Rea, 33196544, Field Artillery, United States Army, for wounds received in action on 22 July 1944, in France.

Sergeant Alan D. Reinheimer, 33177986, Field Artillery, United States Army, for wounds received in action on 24 July 1944, in France.

Technician Fifth Grade Robert L. Smith, 34377157, Field Artillery, United States Army, for wounds received in action on 15 July 1944, in France.

Second Lieutenant Joseph S. Walton, 0-528686, Cavalry, United States Army, for wounds received in action on 20 July 1944, in France.

Private First Class Emmett L. Wilfong, 35742829, Field Artillery, United States Army, for wounds received in action on 13 July 1944, in France.

By command of Major General MACON:

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