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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 officers and enlisted men for gallantry in action in France.

Captain Jack A. Brubaker, O-1166447, Field Artillery, *** Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 15 July 1944, in *****, France. When counter-battery fire scored a direct hit on one section of his battery setting the camouflage net on fire and causing several casualties, Captain Brubaker although wounded himself displayed extreme coolness in directing the removal of the wounded and extinguishing the fire threatening the ammunition. With heroic disregard for his own safety he effectively reorganized his battery although still under fire and prevented its becoming neutralized. Captain Brubaker's courageous devotion to duty reflects great credit on himself and the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Montana.

Private Alfred D. Doolittle, 32954931, Infantry, Company *, *** Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 5 July 1944, near *****, France. Under furious enemy counter-attack Private Doolittle and two other men remained alone to defend a sunken road which was the main line of resistance. With conspicuous bravery and devotion to duty they held the road with rifle and carbine, completely disregarding their personal safety although they were only 100 yards from the enemy, knew that both flanks were open for the placing of enfilade enemy machine gun fire and that no support was available. Their heroic stand continued for approximately thirty minutes despite vicious enemy fire until a squad could be brought to their support. Private Doolittle's outstanding demonstration of courageous determination is in keeping with the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from New Jersey.

Private First Class Arlie Fields, 35439543, Infantry, Company *, *** Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 5 July 1944, near *****, France. Under a furious enemy counter-attack Private First Class Fields and two other men remained alone to defend a sunken road which was the main line of resistance. With conspicuous bravery and devotion to duty they held the road with rifle and carbine, completely disregarding their personal safety although they were only 100 yards from the enemy, knew that both flanks were open for the placing of enfilade enemy machine gun fire and that no support was available. Their heroic stand continued for approximately thirty minutes despite vicious enemy fire until a squad could be brought to their support. Private First Class Fields' outstanding demonstration of courageous determination is in keeping with the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Kentucky.

Staff Sergeant John J. Killeen, 33339087, Infantry, Company *, *** Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 5 July 1944, near *****, France. Under a furious enemy counter-attack Staff Sergeant Killeen and two other men remained alone to defend a sunken road which was the main line of resistance. With conspicuous bravery

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pletely disregarding their personal safety although they were only 100 yards from the enemy, knew that both flanks were open for the placing of enfilade enemy machine gun fire and that no support was available. Their heroic stand continued for approximately thirty minutes despite vicious enemy fire until a squad could be brought to their support. Staff Sergeant Killeen's outstanding demonstration of courageous determination is in keeping with the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Captain Harry L. Neath, O-1166573, Field Artillery, *** Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 10 July 1944, in *****, France. Captain Neath as field artillery liaison officer serving with an infantry battalion, advanced to within thirty yards of enemy positions, exposing himself to direct machine gun and artillery fire from enemy tanks in order to further the infantry attack by furnishing prompt and effective artillery support. He has consistently exhibited resolute determination and conspicuous coolness and courage regardless of his personal safety. The exceptionally close and effective support provided by him has contributed incalculably to the success of the operations. Captain Neath's spirited devotion to duty has been an inspiration to those about him and reflects the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Kansas.

II--AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL (Posthumous Award)--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. 6, Hq TUSA, 26 April 1944, the Bronze Star is awarded posthumously to the following officer:

Second Lieutenant William T. Summers, Jr., O-528574, Infantry, Company *, *** Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in action against the enemy on 5 July 1944, near *****, France. Second Lieutenant Summers led his platoon forward on the initial attack on enemy positions. Despite heavy and direct enemy small arms and mortar fire, Second Lieutenant Summers encouraged and coordinated his men into an effective assault unit and succeeded in breaking through enemy defenses. Although wounded, Second Lieutenant Summers continued to lead his men through the attack on the enemy secondary positions. Second Lieutenant Summers' inspiring leadership and personal bravery merit the highest praise. Entered military service from Georgia. Residence: 530 Thomaston Street, Barnesville, Georgia.

III--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. 6, Hq TUSA, 26 April 1944, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following named enlisted men:

Corporal Richard M. Alexander, 36159932, Field Artillery, *****, *****, Battery, *** Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious service in France, on 11 July 1944, in connection with military operations against the enemy. Entered military service from Michigan.

Private First Class Javan C. Cherry, 6955231, Infantry, Company *, *** Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in France, on 12 July 1944, in connection with military operations against the enemy. Entered military service from Texas.

Private First Class William T. Cole, 35761351, Field Artillery, ***** Battery, *** Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious service in France, on 4 July 1944, in connection with military operations against the enemy. Entered military service from Ohio.

Sergeant Robert W. Curry, 19101523, Signal Corps, *** Signal Photo Company, United States Army, for meritorious service in France, from 4 July 1944 to 20 July 1944, in connection with military operations against the enemy. Entered military service from California.

Private First Class James B. Hart, 34376882, Field Artillery, *** Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious service in France on 10 July 1944, in connection with military operations against the enemy. Entered military service from Tennessee.

Private Walter J. Karnish, 17123021, Infantry, Company *, *** Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in France, on 4 July 1944, in connection with military operations against the enemy. Entered military service from Nebraska.

Sergeant John F. Richardson, 34455038, Field Artillery, *** Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious service in France from 4 July 1944 to 21 July 1944, in connection with military operations against the enemy. Entered military service from North Carolina.

Corporal Charlie R. Robinson, 34377320, Field Artillery, ***** Battery, *** Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious service in France, from 4 July 1944 to 27 July 1944, in connection with military operations against the enemy. Entered military service from Tennessee.

Private First Class James A. Ryan, 19125774, Signal Corps, *** Signal Photo Company, United States Army, for meritorious service in France from 4 July 1944 to 20 July 1944, in connection with military operations against the enemy. Entered military service from California.

Private Herbert Zimmerman, 18008383, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, *** Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in France on 6 July 1944, in connection with military operations against the enemy. Entered military service from Oklahoma.

IV--AWARD OF PURPLE HEART--Under the provisions of AR 600-45, the Purple Heart is awarded to the following named officers and enlisted men of the 83d Infantry Division and attached units:

Private First Class Joseph Barone, 31149303, Infantry, United States Army, for wounds received in action on 11 August 1944, in France.

Sergeant John E. Binder, 31248095, Infantry, United States Army, for wounds received in action on 11 August 1944, in France.

Private First Class Merle C. Burwett, 39703918, Infantry, United States Army, for wounds received in action on 11 August 1944, in France.

Staff Sergeant Cyrus D. Coon, 6957591, Infantry, United States Army, for wounds received in action on 14 August 1944, in France.

Private Otto L. Coplen, 6960214, Infantry, United States Army, for wounds received in action on 14 August 1944, in France.

Sergeant Curtis G. Deisher, 33618435, Infantry, United States Army, for wounds received in action on 11 August 1944, in France.

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Private Peter P. Doyle, 32088279, Field Artillery, United States Army, for wounds received in action on 16 July 1944, in France.

Corporal Wallace A. Duke, 34454938, Infantry, United States Army, for wounds received in action on 14 August 1944, in France.

Staff Sergeant William Pekas, 12007910, Infantry, United States Army, for wounds received in action on 13 August 1944, in France.

Private First Class Donald J. Gauman, 35540248, Infantry, U. S. Army, for wounds received in action on 11 August 1944, in France.

Private First Class George D. Gutekunst, Jr., 33619356, Infantry, U. S. Army, for wounds received in action on 11 August 1944, in France.

Private First Class Charles M. Hall, 35012074, Infantry, United States Army, for wounds received in action on 11 August 1944, in France.

Private First Class Perry L. Johnson, 34445894, Infantry, United States Army, for wounds received in action on 11 August 1944, in France.

Private Earl M. Jones, 34794581, Infantry, United States Army, for wounds received in action on 12 August 1944, in France.

Staff Sergeant Thomas Karovolos, 35739968, Infantry, United States Army, for wounds received in action on 12 August 1944, in France.

Private First Class John F. Marino, 32902021, Infantry, United States Army, for wounds received in action on 12 August 1944, in France.

Private First Class Steven Marzigliano, 42053190, Infantry, United States Army, for wounds received in action on 13 August 1944, in France.

Private Odis H. Meyer, 38296270, Infantry, United States Army, for wounds received in action on 11 August 1944, in France.

Private Carl E. Miller, 36766012, Corps of Engineers, United States Army, for wounds received in action on 16 August 1944, in France.

Staff Sergeant Gaston H. Pettigrew, 38038021, Infantry, United States Army, for wounds received in action on 14 August 1944, in France.

Private First Class George D. Pitsenbarger, 35741111, Field Artillery, United States Army, for wounds received in action on 9 August 1944, in France.

Staff Sergeant Joseph G. Rossetti, 33172155, Field Artillery, United States Army, for wounds received in action on 16 August 1944, in France.

Technical Sergeant Russell V. Sparks, 35208392, Infantry, United States Army, for wounds received in action on 6 August 1944, in France.

Corporal George E. Stamp, 33378348, Infantry, United States Army, for wounds received in action on 10 August 1944, in France.

Second Lieutenant George F. Studor, 0-467472, Infantry, United States Army, for wounds received in action on 15 August 1944, in France.

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Private First Class Vincent D. Tagliaferri, 31293485, Infantry, United States Army, for wounds received in action on 12 August 1944, in France.

Technician Fifth Grade John C. Wachs, 37116096, Infantry, United States Army, for wounds received in action on 23 July 1944, in France.

Private Fortunate P. Zapato, 38556889, Infantry, United States Army, for wounds received in action on 12 August 1944, in France.

V--AWARD OF PURPLE HEART (Oak-Leaf Cluster)

Under the provisions of AR 600-45, in addition to the Purple Heart awarded to Captain Chester M. Freudendorf, O-23303, Infantry, United States Army, as published in General Orders No. 18, this headquarters, cs, a bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to him for wounds received in action on 12 August 1944, in France.

Under the provisions of AR 600-45, in addition to the Purple Heart awarded to Captain Eugene M. Jackson, O-1287011, Infantry, United States Army, as published in General Orders No. 18, this headquarters, cs, a bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to him for wounds received in action on 5 August 1944, in France.

VI--AWARD OF AIR MEDAL--Under the provisions of AR 600-45 and Circular No. 6, Headquarters Third United States Army, 26 April 1944, the Air Medal is awarded to the following officers and enlisted man:

First Lieutenant John S. Baker, O-1173861, Field Artillery, ****
***** Battery, ** Division Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight during the period of 27 June 1944 to 5 August 1944, in France. As a liaison pilot Lieutenant Baker 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 of his sector. Entered military service from Maryland.

Staff Sergeant George T. Boscoff, 15096613, Field Artillery, ****
***** Battery, *** Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight during the period of 28 June 1944 to 28 July 1944, in France. As a liaison pilot Staff Sergeant Boscoff 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 Ohio.

Second Lieutenant Richard J. Peyton, O-524151, Field Artillery, *** Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight from 4 July 1944 to 28 July 1944, in France. As an aerial observer Second Lieutenant Peyton 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 Ohio.

VII--AMENDMENT TO GENERAL ORDERS--So much of Section VI, General Orders No. 26, this headquarters, cs, as pertains to Private First Class Raymond J. Harris, 33204401, is deleted.

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