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I--AWARD OF SILVER STAR MEDAL (Posthumous Award)--Under the provisions of AR 600-45 and in accordance with authority contained in paragraph 3c, Section I, Circular No. 52, Hq ETOUSA, 20 March 1944, and Circular No. 6, Hq Third United States Army, 26 April 1944, the Silver Star Medal is awarded posthumously to the following:

M Technical Sergeant Edwin O. Hentz, 34389251, Infantry, Company **, 83d Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 7 July 1944, near * * *, France. Following a furious barrage of artillery and mortar fire, the company to which Technical Sergeant Hentz was attached was attacked in great force by the enemy. With audacious courage Technical sergeant Hentz picked up a light machine gun, slung an ammunition belt over his shoulder, leaped to the top of a hedge row and, although fully exposed to enemy fire and observation, sprayed the field with intense fire. In the performance of this daring act he was hit by two concussion grenades and one fragmentation grenade, yet he continued firing so effectively that the entire group was able to maintain its organization despite the ferocity of the enemy attack. Technical sergeant Hentz' conspicuous devotion to duty and fighting spirit reflect great credit upon himself and the finest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from South Carolina. Residence: Route 1, Box 155, Newberry, South Carolina.

First Lieutenant William F. Holland, O-378733, Infantry, Company ***, 83d Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near * * *, France. On the 5th and 6th of July 1944, Lieutenant Holland displayed conspicuous courage and prowess in arms by personally moving forward and killing four enemy snipers and observers that were covering the forward areas with deadly fire and directing the enemy mortar fire that was causing many casualties. On 11 July 1944 he armed himself with a machine gun, took a position on a hedgerow bordering an orchard where ten of the enemy were placed, opened fire, killed four of them and forced the others to expose themselves to the fire of his platoon that wiped out the remainder of the group. Lieutenant Holland' personal daring and valliant leadership reflect great credit on himself and the finest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from California. Residence: General Delivery, Logan, Utah.

Staff Sergeant Elmer L. McKesson, 35227936, Infantry, Company **, 83d Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 10 July 1944, near * * *, France. With conspicuous coolness and devotion to duty, Staff Sergeant McKesson assisted an officer in assaulting an enemy machine gun position. Despite intense fire from the position through a wooded area, they successfully secured a hedge row across an open field where they were able to build up a base of fire and establish the troops in position. Staff Sergeant McKesson's conspicuous coolness under fire and undaunted determination reflect great credit upon himself and the finest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Virginia. Residence: 303 Caremourt

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II--AWARD OF SILVER STAR MEDAL--Under the provisions of AR 600-45 and in accordance with the authority contained in paragraph 3c, Section I, Circular No. 32, Hq ETOUSA, 20 March 1944, and Circular No. 6, Headquarters Third United States Army, 26 April 1944, the Silver Star Medal is awarded to the following:

Technical Sergeant Fred J. Cebula, 31186995, Infantry, Company **, ** Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 8 July 1944, near * * *, France. With utter disregard for his personal safety, Technical Sergeant Cebula voluntarily crossed an open field exposed to heavy and direct machine gun and mortar fire, and recovered two mortars when their crews had become casualties. This audacious action enabled his unit to maintain its fire power and proceed on its mission. Technical Sergeant Cebula's conspicuous coolness and courage reflect great credit upon himself and the finest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

First Sergeant James H. Fowler, 6864632, Infantry, Company **, ** Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 15 July 1944, at * * *, France. In the course of an attack by his company, intense enemy small arms and mortar fire prevented the evacuation of the wounded by litter. First Sergeant Fowler, with utter disregard for his personal safety, made five trips through the enemy fire carrying out the wounded on his shoulders. First Sergeant Fowler's conspicuous humanity and outstanding personal courage reflect great credit upon himself and the finest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Kansas.

Private Louis A. Gaybrant, 42010683, Infantry, Company **, ** Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 4 July 1944 near * * *, France. When Private Gaybrant's platoon was pinned down by furious enemy machine gun fire, wholly unmindful of his own safety, he moved up and down the line from man to man encouraging them and maintaining their fighting spirit. During the reorganization of the unit, Private Gaybrant remained in front and covered the group by firing rifle grenades at the enemy. Private Gaybrant's heroic devotion to duty and his inspiring disregard for personal safety reflect great credit upon himself and the finest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from New Jersey.

Chaplain (First Lieutenant), Arlin M. Halvorsen, O-531524, ***, ** Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 12 July 1944, near * * *, France. With utter disregard for his own safety, Chaplain Halvorsen went between the enemy lines and evacuated a wounded man, although the area was under intense artillery machine gun and mortar fire. His demonstration of conspicuous bravery and resolute determination was a splendid example to the men of the battalion. Chaplain Halvorsen has constantly remained at the front lines assisting in the evacuation of the wounded and, by his coolness and courage, maintaining a high morale in the unit. His profound humanity and outstanding bravery reflect the highest credit upon himself and the finest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Indiana.

Technical Sergeant Harry F. Haney, 33392300, Infantry, Company **, ** Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 15 July 1944, in * * *, France. Technical Sergeant Haney armed himself with a rocket launcher and with audacious determination took an exposed position in the road before an oncoming enemy tank, fired upon it and forced its withdrawal. In the performance of this daring action Technical Sergeant Haney was a target for enemy artillery fire. His conspicuous courage and resolute determination reflect great credit upon himself and the finest traditions of the military service.. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

F. Captain Edward J. Krause, O-407468, Infantry, Company **, *** Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 27 July 1944, near * * *, France. As it advanced upon its objective, the company commanded by Captain Krause became exposed to severe small arms and machine gun fire on its left flank. With cool and audacious determination, Captain Krause assisted by an enlisted man carrying a radio crawled to a point within 150 yards of the enemy stronghold and relayed fire orders to the supporting artillery with such skill and accuracy as to make possible the destruction of a machine gun nest and a large building housing enemy snipers. Captain Krause's valiant determination and outstanding courage reflect great credit upon himself and the finest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Connecticut.

I Technical sergeant John H. Lewis, 53337249, Infantry, Company **, *** Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 27 July 1944, near * * *, France. As it advanced upon its objective the company of which Technical sergeant Lewis was a member became exposed to severe small arms and machine gun fire on its left flank. With cool and audacious determination, Technical sergeant Lewis, with a radio on his back, crawled with his company commander to a point within 150 yards of the enemy stronghold and relayed fire orders to the supporting artillery with such skill and accuracy as to make possible the destruction of a machine gun nest and a large building housing enemy snipers. Technical sergeant Lewis's valiant determination and outstanding courage reflect great credit upon himself and the finest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

B Private Francis O. Mackey, 39296405, Infantry, Company **, *** Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 8 July 1944, near * * *, France. Three enemy tanks infiltrated through the outpost line of Private Mackey's company and brought heavy fire to bear upon the troops. Private Mackey, assisted by another man, armed himself with a rocket launcher and, utterly disregarding his own safety, despite the intense enemy artillery and machine gun fire, crawled to within point-blank range of the tanks and demobilized them by accurate fire. Private Mackey's conspicuous bravery and resolute determination reflect great credit upon himself and the finest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from California.

H Private First Class Devos B. Miller, 39707776, Infantry, Company **, *** Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 25 July 1944, in * * *, France. When an enemy soldier threw a hand grenade in the midst of the gun squad of which Private First Class Miller was a member, with heroic self-sacrifice he immediately jumped upon the grenade to protect his comrades. By his daring action the other three men of the squad escaped injury. Private First Class Miller had his foot blown off by the blast. Private First Class Miller's conspicuous heroism reflects great credit upon himself and the finest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from California.

Staff Sergeant (then Private) Russell G. Moore, 32956500, Infantry, Company **, *** Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 5 July 1944, in * * *, France. In the course of a daylight patrol, the sergeant in charge was wounded when the patrol was fired upon by machine guns and automatic pistols. Staff sergeant Moore immediately assumed command and, disregarding the bitter enemy fire, completed the mission. The information which he secured enabled the unit to accurately locate and destroy the enemy emplacements in the line of attack and assured the success of the operation. Staff Sergeant Moore's exemplary performance of duty, resolute initiative and conspicuous courage reflect great credit upon himself and the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Delaware.

Technical Sergeant Loyal J. Pangle, 36540461, Infantry, Company **, *** Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 12 July 1944, in ***, France. The platoon to which Technical Sergeant Pangle belonged began an attack against a highly fortified sunken road, the furious enemy fire from which was threatening to hold up the advance of the battalion. In the course of the attack both the platoon leader and platoon sergeant were seriously wounded. Technical Sergeant Pangle immediately reorganized the platoon under fire and attacked the position so furiously that the enemy was put completely to rout, thus opening the way for the continued advance of the battalion. Technical Sergeant Pangle's conspicuous courage and leadership reflect great credit upon himself and the finest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Michigan.

Captain James A. Patterson (then First Lieutenant), 0-1291873, Infantry, ***, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 9 July 1944, near ***, France. While making a reconnaissance for a new battalion command post, Captain Patterson reorganized elements of a company of the battalion that had become separated from the remainder of the company during a determined enemy counter-attack supported by tanks and led them in rejoining their company. Captain Patterson's outstanding achievement was performed in an area covered with anti-personnel mines and spotted with snipers and was of material assistance in the subsequent accomplishment of the objective. Captain Patterson's resolute initiative and leadership reflect great credit upon himself and the finest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from California.

H Staff Sergeant Charles Skira, Jr., 33391633, Infantry, Company **, *** Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 1 July 1944, in ***, France. In the course of an enemy counter-attack one of the machine gunners of Staff Sergeant Skira's platoon was killed and the intensity of the attack threatened to disorganize the whole platoon. With undaunted disregard for his own safety, Staff Sergeant Skira moved forward, firing his rifle and throwing grenades at the enemy. He fought his way to the machine gun position and brought the attack to a standstill by laying down a heavy concentration of fire against the enemy. Staff Sergeant Skira's undaunted determination and conspicuous courage reflect great credit upon himself and the finest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Technician Fifth Grade Elmer W. Vickers, 6892121, Medical Department, ***, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 1 July 1944, near ***, France. In the course of a fierce enemy counter-attack, a number of casualties occurred in a position that could be reached only by crossing an open field which was covered by heavy enemy machine gun fire. With heroic disregard for his own safety, Technician Fifth Grade Vickers repeatedly crossed the field to promptly evacuate the wounded. His courageous devotion to duty and gallant initiative under fire reflect great credit upon himself and the finest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Maryland.

Lieutenant Colonel Alton P. Wilkinson, 0-266599, Infantry, ***, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 26 July 1944, near ***, France. Lieutenant Colonel Wilkinson was the commanding officer of a battalion of infantry. When the enemy resistance became unusually severe and intense as the battalion was approaching its objective, Lieutenant Colonel Wilkinson went forward to assist the front line companies. Under direct fire and in view of the enemy when making free use of snipers, Lieutenant Colonel Wilkinson, wholly mindful of his own safety, remained at the front line to coordinate the attack. This action was taken despite the fact that he had not fully recovered from a previous wound, and in the course thereof he was wounded twice again by small arms fire. With grim and heroic courage he

refused to be evacuated until the situation was again well in hand. Lieutenant Colonel Wilkinson's resolute and brilliant leadership and conspicuous courage reflect great credit upon himself and the finest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Mississippi.

B Sergeant Julian J. Wood, (then Private First Class), 33798180, Infantry, Company **, *** Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 20 July 1944, in * * *, France. In its advance, Sergeant Wood's company came upon enemy tanks and heavy machine gun and small arms fire. Sergeant Wood volunteered to move forward with his company commander in an attempt to break up the enemy position. After crawling a considerable distance toward the enemy they jumped through a hedgerow onto a road in the presence of two groups of enemy soldiers. With magnificent presence of mind they assumed a position back to back and centered their fire on the enemy. Sergeant Wood accounted for four enemy machine guns and gunners, two automatic pistolmen and five riflemen. This brilliant action forced the enemy to withdraw and permitted the attack to move forward with increased momentum. Sergeant Wood's prowess in arms and conspicuous courage reflect great credit upon himself and the finest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

III--AWARD OF SILVER STAR AND OAK-LEAF CLUSTER (Posthumous Award)
Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 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 Silver Star Medal and an Oak-Leaf Cluster are awarded posthumously to the following named enlisted man:

F Private William D. Cumpston, 13089796, Infantry, Company **, *** Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 8 July 1944, near * * *, France. In the course of the advance of his company toward its objective, Private Cumpston volunteered to crawl forward and attempt to halt an advancing enemy tank. In utter disregard of heavy fire from the machine guns on the tank and of small arms, he succeeded in getting within firing range. With audacious deliberation he took aim and with two well directed rockets demobilized the tank. By this courageous action the enemy defenses were so weakened that the advance of the company was materially hastened. Private Cumpston's resolute fortitude and conspicuous courage reflect great credit upon himself and the finest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Pennsylvania. Residence: General Delivery, Greensboro, Pennsylvania.

F OAK-LEAF CLUSTER-- Private William D. Cumpston, 13089796, Infantry, Company **, *** Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 10 July 1944, near * * *, France. When furious machine gun fire from an enemy tank pinned down his company, Private Cumpston heroically shouldered a rocket launcher and, taking 4 rounds of ammunition, crawled towards the tank. When he succeeded in getting within 25 yards of it, with fearless determination, despite being subjected to bitter automatic weapons fire, he hit the tank with 4 well directed shots and knocked it out of action. Private Cumpston's grim determination, his fighting spirit, and prowess in arms are in keeping with the finest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

IV--AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL (Posthumous Award)--Under the provisions of AR 600-45, and in accordance with the authority contained in Section I, Circular No. 32, Headquarters ETOUSA, 20 March 1944, and Circular No. 6, Hq TUSA, 26 April 1944, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded posthumously to the following:

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Corporal Richard M. Alexander, 36159932, Field Artillery, *** Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious service in action on 11 July 1944, in * * *, France. When hostile mortar fire caused a break in the communication line Corporal Alexander volunteered to proceed alone to repair it despite the fact that the area was under small arms, mortar, machine gun and artillery fire. His coolness and resolute courage merit the highest praise. Entered military service from Michigan. Residence: Route # 4, Albion, Michigan.

AD Private First Class William S. Eagon, 35031147, Medical Department, *** Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in action against the enemy on 25 July 1944, in Normandy, France. When wounded members of his company were pinned down in an open field by enemy small arms fire, Private First Class Eagon, disregarding his own safety, unhesitatingly went into the field to administer first aid. While helping the wounded he refused to remain in a prone position in the field and was killed by enemy small arms fire. Private First Class Eagon's courageous humanity and intense devotion to duty merit the highest praise. Entered military service from Ohio. Residence: Route 1, Quaker City, Ohio.

Lieutenant Robert T. Hering, O-359408, Infantry, ** Infantry Division, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy during the period of 4 July 1944 to 15 July 1944, in ******, France. During the stated period Lieutenant Colonel Hering served as Assistant Chief of Staff, G-3. The untiring energy, spirited devotion to duty, wholehearted enthusiasm, and acute sense of responsibility which he consistently demonstrated in the discharge of his momentous duties confirmed the admiration and respect of those about him. His broad knowledge and sound judgment were manifested in his careful planning which contributed materially to the success of the operations. Lieutenant Colonel Hering's conspicuous performance of duty merits the highest praise. Entered military service from Virginia. Residence: 560 South Mason Street, Harrisonburg, Virginia.

B Staff Sergeant Arthur G. Hoppe, 37293762, Infantry, *** Company, *** Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement against the enemy on 7 July 1944, near * * *, France. Staff sergeant Hoppe acting with inspiring initiative under heavy enemy fire, with the aid of others carried ammunition for two platoons that were meeting the weight of a furious enemy counter-attack, took positions in the line and assisted in turning the attack and defeating the enemy. During the engagement, Staff Sergeant Hoppe was fatally wounded. Staff Sergeant Hoppe's resolute courage and devotion to duty merit the highest praise. Entered military service from Minnesota. Residence: 2817 37th Street, South Maples, Minnesota.

Private First Class Luther C. Stitzel, 33368660, Infantry, Company **, *** Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in action against the enemy on 15 July 1944, near * * *, France. Private First Class Stitzel displayed conspicuous and resolute bravery as a member of a rocket launcher team that advanced against and put out of action an enemy tank that was threatening to impede the advance of his company. His coolness under fire and valiant disregard for his own safety merit the highest praise. Entered military service from Pennsylvania. Residence: R. D. # 2, Hamburg, Pennsylvania.

Private Leroy Nunnery, 6556576, Infantry, ** Company, *** Infantry United States Army. For meritorious service in action on 10 July 1944, near * * *, France. On a mission to knock out an enemy tank with a rocket launcher Private Nunnery came upon a machine gunner whose leg had been broken by fire from the tank and who was lying in

the open under direct observation from it. Seizing the machine gun that had been dropped, Private Nunnery advanced to the wounded soldier, firing from the hip, and with heroic courage and resolute fortitude brought him to safety. This valiant act, accomplished under bitter mortar and machine gun fire merits the highest praise. Entered military service from Arizona. Residence: Box 105, Ajo, Arizona.

V--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:

Private First Class Ralph K. Betz, 35517081, Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in France, on 8 July 1944, in connection with military operations against the enemy. Entered military service from Ohio.

F Sergeant R. A. Bolton, 34376929, Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in France, on 25 July 1944, in connection with military operations against the enemy. Entered military service from Tennessee.

Technical Sergeant Robert A. Brown, 35589884, 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 Ohio.

Staff Sergeant Frank Bunk, 35517027, Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in France, from 4 July 1944 to 23 July 1944, as a messenger, in connection with military operations against the enemy. Entered military service from Ohio.

First Sergeant Louis T. Sherol, 35589889, Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in France, on 7 July 1944, in connection with military operations against the enemy. Entered military service from Ohio.

Sergeant Virgil N. Clifton, (then Private), 37514022, Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in France, on 7 July 1944, in connection with military operations against the enemy. Entered military service from Kansas.

Corporal Alexander L. Jovi, 33307332, Field Artillery, United States Army, for meritorious service in France, on 8 August 1944, in connection with military operations against the enemy. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Technical Sergeant John H. Crane, 34446476, Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in France, on 4 July 1944, as platoon leader, in connection with military operations against the enemy. Entered military service from Georgia.

Private First Class Michael J. DeRiggi, 42009531, Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in France, on 7 July 1944, as ammunition bearer, in connection with military operations against the enemy. Entered military service from New Jersey.

M Technical Sergeant Raymond E. Houston, Jr., 31153905, Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in France, from 25 July 1944 to 27 July 1944, as squad leader, in connection with military operations against the enemy. Entered military service from Maine.

B Private First Class Ralph C. Medrano, 18013086, Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in France, on 7 July 1944, as ammunition bearer, in connection with military operations against the enemy. Entered military service from Texas.

First Lieutenant Julius C. Rosder, O-1300743, Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in France, from 6 August 1944 to 7 August 1944, in connection with military operations against the enemy. Entered military service from Illinois.

First Lieutenant Maurice G. Reidy, O-1287061, Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in France, on 14 July 1944, in connection with military operations against the enemy. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

Second Lieutenant Herbert B. Ripley, O-524358, Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in France, from 4 July 1944 to 4 July 1944, as mortar section leader, in connection with military operations against the enemy. Entered military service from Indiana.

Sergeant David C. Sefton, 13131628, Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in France, on 26 July 1944, in connection with military operations against the enemy. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

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R/D Technician Fifth Grade Chester O. Wiseman, 35438553, Medical Department, United States Army, for meritorious service in France, on 26 July 1944, as litter bearer, in connection with military operations against the enemy. Entered military service from West Virginia.

Captain Granville A. Sharpe, O-422341, Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in France, from 6 August 1944 to 17 August 1944, in connection with military operations against the enemy. Entered military service from North Carolina.

Major John C. Speedie, O-323172, Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in France, from 6 August 1944 to 17 August 1944, in connection with military operations against the enemy. Entered military service from Texas.

Private Max Spieler, 32928613, Medical Department, United States Army, for meritorious service in France, on 8 August 1944, as first-aid man, in connection with military operations against the enemy. Entered military service from New Jersey.

F Private Kenneth W. Squibbs, 35923251, Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in France, on 25 July 1944, in connection with military operations against the enemy. Entered military service from Tennessee.

First Lieutenant Joseph A. St Onge, O-1287083, Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in France, from 6 August 1944 to 7 August 1944, in connection with military operations against the enemy. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

Technician Fifth Grade Jess E. Sturtz, 35421899, Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in France, on 8 July 1944, as ammunition bearer, in connection with military operations against the enemy. Entered military service from Ohio.

Sergeant Phillip Wigenhauser, 31212786, Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in France, from 4 July 1944 to 28 July 1944, as communication sergeant, in connection with military operations against the enemy. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

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Sergeant Raymond C. Zarembo, 35516848, Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in France, on 25 July 1944, in connection with military operations against the enemy. Entered military service from Ohio.

Sergeant Frank C. Wirth, 13008042, Field Artillery, United States Army, for meritorious service in France, on 8 August 1944, in connection with military operations against the enemy. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Private First Class Chester J. Zubek, 32200116, Field Arty, United States Army, for meritorious service in France, on 8 August 1944, in connection with military operations against the enemy. Entered military service from New York.

VI--AWARD OF SOLDIERS MEDAL--Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 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 Soldiers Medal is awarded to the following:

Corporal Peter Constantino, 33339108, Field Artillery, *** Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroism on 31 July 1944, near ***, France. When a fire started in a house being used as sleeping quarters for the wire section of his organization and ignited a bag containing four rockets, Corporal Constantino utterly disregarding his own safety, ran to the fire, seized the burning bag and emptied the rockets. This courageous action undoubtedly saved the eleven men present in the room from possible death or serious injury. Corporal Constantino's conspicuous bravery and cool headedness reflect the highest credit upon himself. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

VII--AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART--Under the provisions of AR 600-45, the Purple Heart is awarded to the following:

Second Lieutenant Lester E. Anderson, O-538589, Infantry, United States Army, for wounds received in action on 11 August 1944, in France.

Sergeant John A. Arrigo, 32214680, Infantry, United States Army, for wounds received in action on 13 August 1944, in France.

Private First Class Joseph E. Argonas, 33667030, Infantry, United States Army, for wounds received in action on 8 August 1944, in France.

Sergeant Lester J. Bastion, 31182794, Field Artillery, United States Army, for wounds received in action on 7 August 1944, in France.

Staff Sergeant Robert F. Berstler, 35519280, Infantry, United States Army, for wounds received in action on 10 August 1944, in France.

Private First Class Clarence W. Brown, 33534783, Infantry, United States Army, for wounds received in action on 8 August 1944, in France.

Sergeant Michael (NMI) Burla, 36838671, Infantry, United States Army, for wounds received in action on 10 August 1944, in France.

Corporal Casel V. Bush, 35714457, Infantry, United States Army, for wounds received in action on 9 August 1944, in France.

Private Frank P. Cipriani, 33496648, Infantry, United States Army, for wounds received in action on 10 August 1944, in France.

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Private First Class Paul W. Cochran, 36878215, Infantry, United States Army, for wounds received in action on 4 July 1944, in France.

Staff Sergeant Edward G. Gladsky, 33368035, Infantry, United States Army, for wounds received in action on 9 August 1944, in France.

Sergeant James M. Hinton, 35873351, Infantry, United States Army, for wounds received in action on 9 August 1944, in France.

Private Charles M. Knighton, 33227548, Infantry, United States Army, for wounds received in action on 10 August 1944, in France.

Private First Class Elwood E. Kreger, 36812009, Infantry, United States Army, for wounds received in action on 10 July 1944, in France.

B Sergeant Stanley J. Lisicki, 36103845, Infantry, United States Army, for wounds received in action on 10 August 1944, in France.

Private First Class Thomas J. Romy, 33666929, Infantry, United States Army, for wounds received in action on 9 August 1944, in France.

Private First Class Kernit H. Ralston, 35808699, Infantry, United States Army, for wounds received in action on 9 August 1944, in France.

Private Joseph C. Rule, 42028502, Infantry, United States Army, for wounds received in action on 11 August 1944, in France.

Technical sergeant Samuel C. Scott, 34679077, Infantry, United States Army, for wounds received in action on 10 August 1944, in France.

Private First Class Joseph H. Silvas, 39850190, Infantry, United States Army, for wounds received in action on 9 August 1944, in France.

Private First Class Peter M. Skulski, 31230371, Infantry, United States Army, for wounds received in action on 9 August 1944, in France.

Private First Class Vance B. Tuttle, 34680679, Infantry, United States Army, for wounds received in action on 9 August 1944, in France.

Private First Class John E. Williams, 32663593, Infantry, United States Army, for wounds received in action on 11 August 1944, in France.

VIII--AWARD OF AIR MEDAL--Under the provisions of AR 600-45, and Circular No. 6, Hq TUSA, 26 April 1944, the Air Medal is awarded to the following:

First Lieutenant Robert E. Hinz, O-1177841, Field Artillery, for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight during the period 28 June 1944 to 28 July 1944, in connection with military operations against the enemy. Entered military service from California.

IX--AMENDMENT TO GENERAL ORDERS

Section VIII, General Orders No. 26, Hq, 83d Infantry Division, cs, pertaining to award of Air Medal is rescinded.

So much of Section III, General Orders No. 27, Hq 83d Infantry Division, cs, pertaining to Award of Bronze Star Medal, as reads "Corporal Richard M. Alexander", is rescinded.

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By command of Major General MACON:

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Chief of Staff

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