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I--AWARD OF SILVER STAR MEDAL--Under the provisions of AR 600-45 and in accordance with authority contained in paragraph 2a, Section I, Circular No. 6, Headquarters Third U. S. Army, 26 April 1944, the Silver Star Medal is awarded to the following:

Private Raymond B. Cardwell, 39919580, Corps of Engineers, *** Engineer Battalion, United States Army. For gallantry in action during the period 4 July 1944 to 16 July 1944, in * * *, France. As demolition man of his company which was supporting a regiment of infantry, Private Cardwell, throughout the stated period, repeatedly exposed himself to direct and flanking enemy fire, in complete disregard for his own safety, and succeeding in gapping hedgerows to enable the friendly tanks to continue the attack. His untiring and courageous devotion to duty, outstanding bravery and aggressiveness were of material assistance in the operations and reflect great credit upon himself and the finest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Utah.

Brigadier General Claude B. Ferenbaugh, O-12479, Headquarters *** Infantry Division, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 12 July 1944, near * * *, France. General Ferenbaugh, the Assistant Division Commander, was in temporary command of the *** Infantry Regiment. When the advance of the regiment, just north of * * *, France, was threatened by twelve enemy tanks in support of enemy infantry, General Ferenbaugh went immediately to the forward elements to take personal command. Disregarding the heavy enemy fire to which he was exposed, he walked among the men encouraging them and bolstering their spirits and giving detailed advice for overcoming the enemy resistance. General Ferenbaugh's presence with the frontline troops, many of whom were inexperienced in actual combat, his obvious disregard for his own safety and his cool determination to rout the enemy, inspired the men to aggressively continue the attack to its successful completion. In the course of the action, seven of the enemy tanks were destroyed and the remaining five withdrew. General Ferenbaugh's conspicuous leadership and personal courage constituted a determining factor in the success of the operations and reflect the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered the United States Military Academy from New York.

Technician Fifth Grade Roger S. Fournier, (then Private), 31340038, Medical Department, *** Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 18 July 1944, near * * *, France. Throughout the day, Technician Fifth Grade Fournier heroically continued to administer first aid to the wounded despite extremely heavy enemy fire. Under cover of darkness he half dragged, half carried a seriously wounded man across a swamp, swam with him across a ten foot canal and brought him to the aid station. After a short rest he insisted on going back across the swamp, notwithstanding that his company was cut off and there were pockets of enemy resistance in his path. He evaded the enemy on several trips across the route and each time returned with wounded men. Throughout these trips he was sub-

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jected to mortar fire and received two slight wounds. His conspicuous devotion to duty was an example of the highest order to the other litter bearers who were inspired to follow his lead. His heroic devotion to duty and disregard for personal safety are in keeping with the finest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Vermont.

Private First Class Edward R. Hersmann, 35521321, Infantry, *** Company, * Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 26 July 1944, near * * *, France. Completely disregarding intense enemy fire, Private First Class Hersmann, acting as a member of the battalion intelligence section, covered the entire front gathering information which was materially instrumental in reducing enemy counter fire. In the course of his work he was struck by shell fragments in the head and neck, but before submitting to evacuation he succeeded in locating two enemy machine gun positions and reporting them to the command post. By his fearless performance of duty and disregard for personal safety he contributed greatly to the progress of his battalion. Private First Class Hersmann's conspicuous devotion to duty reflects great credit upon himself and the finest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from West Virginia.

Private Melvin L. Sharp, 39467760, Corps of Engineers, *** Engineer Battalion, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 7 July 1944, near * * *, France. Private Sharp, while serving as demolition man for an engineer company supporting a combined tank-infantry operation, immediately accepted the challenge of enemy machine guns and snipers that had pinned his platoon to the ground, returned the fire and forced the enemy to withdraw. This courageous action enabled the continuation of the mission. Private Sharp's outstanding and valiant devotion to duty, despite being wounded in the course of the action, reflects great credit upon himself and the finest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Washington.

III--AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL (Posthumous Award)--Under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended by letter, Headquarters ETOUSA, AG 200.6 MP, subject: "Bronze Star Medal", 27 February 1944, and in accordance with the authority contained in paragraph 2a, Section I, Circular No. 6, TUSA, 26 April 1944, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded posthumously to the following:

First Lieutenant Harry J. Dellow, O-1286978, Infantry, Company ***, * Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in action against the enemy on 5 July 1944, near * * *, France. During a night attack, First Lieutenant Dellow took the place of the lead scout in order to lead the attack forward with maximum aggressiveness. He was constantly exposed to direct enemy machine gun and small arms fire. His inspired leadership and his courageous devotion to duty enabled the advance of his company to go steadily forward despite terrific enemy fire and were a splendid example to his entire command. First Lieutenant Dellow's outstanding performance of duty merits the highest praise. Entered military service from New York. Residence: 14 Newton Street, Fort Dickinson, Binghamton, New York.

Lieutenant Colonel Paul S. Thompson, O-17537, Field Artillery, * Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious service in action against the enemy during the period 4 August 1944 to 17 August 1944, in the * * * Sector, France. The courage, coolness and resourcefulness displayed by Lieutenant Colonel Thompson as Battalion Commander were of material assistance in the operations in this sector and merit the highest praise. Entered United States Military Academy from Georgia. Residence: Stigler, Oklahoma.

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III--AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL--Under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended by Letter, Hq TUSA, AG 200.6 MP, subject: "Bronze Star Medal", 27 February 1944, and in accordance with the authority contained in paragraph 2a, section I, Circular No. 6, Hq TUSA, 26 April 1944, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following:

Private Jason R. Adams, 37680151, Medical Department, United States Army, for meritorious achievement, in France, on 11-12 August 1944, in connection with operations against the enemy. Entered military service from Arizona.

Private First Class Novil E. Bender, 35739777, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement, in France, on 22 July 1944, as runner, in connection with operations against the enemy. Entered military service from West Virginia.

Private First Class Walter H. Blazak, 32691377, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement, in France, on 10 August 1944, in connection with operations against the enemy. Entered military service from New York.

Captain Andrew W. Brand, O-1101345, Corps of Engineers, United States Army, for heroic achievement, in France, from 28 June 1944 to 17 August 1944, in connection with operations against the enemy. Entered military service from Rhode Island.

Private First Class Charles R. Briggs, 35640277, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement, in France, on 8 August 1944, in connection with operations against the enemy. Entered military service from Ohio.

Private Albert L. Brownbridge, 42010382, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement, in France, on 11 August 1944, in connection with operations against the enemy. Entered military service from New Jersey.

Private First Class Jose C. Cavazos, 18048791, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement, in France, on 8 August 1944, in connection with operations against the enemy. Entered military service from Texas.

Private First Class Leo F. Cholewa, 35516973, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement, in France, on 6 July 1944, in connection with operations against the enemy. Entered military service from Ohio.

Corporal James F. Cook, 42030403, Corps of Engineers, United States Army, for heroic achievement, in France, on 15 August 1944, in connection with operations against the enemy. Entered military service from New York.

Private First Class Leonard (M.I) Davis, 32956539, Corps of Engineers, United States Army, for heroic achievement, in France, on 11 August 1944, in connection with operations against the enemy. Entered military service from New Jersey.

Private Nick R. De Grazia, 36693306, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement, in France, on 11 August 1944, in connection with operations against the enemy. Entered military service from Illinois.

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Private Bert L. Earls, 38471445, Medical Department, United States Army, for meritorious achievement, in France, on 12 August 1944, in connection with operations against the enemy. Entered military service from Oklahoma.

Captain Alan D. Gillis, 0-455126, Corps of Engineers, United States Army, for heroic achievement, in France, from 28 June 1944 to 17 August 1944, in connection with operations against the enemy. Entered military service from Minnesota.

Private First Class Joseph P. Haughey, 33795528, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement, in France, on 8 August 1944, in connection with operations against the enemy. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Private First Class Henry House, 35671211, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement, in France, on 5 July 1944, in connection with operations against the enemy. Entered military service from Kentucky.

First Lieutenant Edward D. Howell, 0-1297726, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement, in France, on 16 July 1944, in connection with operations against the enemy. Entered military service from Michigan.

Private Freeman L. Hunter, 37193080, Medical Department, United States Army, for meritorious achievement, in France, on 12 August 1944, in connection with operations against the enemy. Entered military service from Iowa.

Lieutenant Colonel George W. Irvine, 0-310440, Field Artillery, United States Army, for heroic achievement, in France, from 4 August 1944 to 17 August 1944, in connection with operations against the enemy. Entered military service from California.

Private Ted A. Japour, 34407021, Medical Department, United States Army, for meritorious achievement, in France, on 7 August 1944, in connection with operations against the enemy. Entered military service from Florida.

Private First Class Thomas P. Jennings, 33613903, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement, in France, on 12 August 1944, in connection with operations against the enemy. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Private First Class Forrest C. Johnson, 35653060, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement, in France, on 13 July 1944, in connection with operations against the enemy. Entered military service from West Virginia.

Private First Class Glenmore H. Jones, 39213309, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement, in France, on 12 July 1944, in connection with operations against the enemy. Entered military service from Washington.

Private First Class John (M.T) Kmenta, 39614022, Corps of Engineers, United States Army, for heroic achievement, in France, from 4 July 1944 to 29 July 1944, in connection with operations against the enemy. Entered military service from Montana.

Private Maurice V. Kolhagen, 36889044, Medical Department, United States Army, for meritorious achievement, in France, on 11 August 1944, in connection with operations against the enemy. Entered military service from Michigan.

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✓ Private First Class James H. Leer, 35126222, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement, in France, on 12 July 1944, in connection with operations against the enemy. Entered military service from Ohio.

✓ Private First Class Alvin W. Levendoski, 35893868, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement, in France, from 4 July 1944 to 26 July 1944, in connection with operations against the enemy. Entered military service from Indiana.

✓ Private First Class Thaddeus A. Lukowski, 42090265, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement, in France, on 8 August 1944, in connection with operations against the enemy. Entered military service from New York.

✓ First Lieutenant Robert W. Lyons, O-1301503, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement, in France, on 14 August 1944, in connection with operations against the enemy. Entered military service from New York.

✓ Private George L. Maher, 32945207, Corps of Engineers, United States Army, for heroic achievement, in France, on 11 August 1944, in connection with operations against the enemy. Entered military service from New York.

✓ Private Dudley R. Marlow, 358-7413, Medical Department, United States Army, for meritorious achievement, in France, on 11 August 1944, in connection with operations against the enemy. Entered military service from Indiana.

✓ Private First Class Joseph Nazerene, 33327208, Medical Department, United States Army, for meritorious achievement, in France, on 11 August 1944, in connection with operations against the enemy. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

✓ Private First Class Dean S. Otto, 35521672, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement, in France, on 9 August 1944, in connection with operations against the enemy. Entered military service from Ohio.

✓ Technician Fourth Grade Hubert M. Palmer, 33215345, Corps of Engineers, United States Army, for heroic achievement, in France, on 15 August 1944, in connection with operations against the enemy. Entered military service from Virginia.

✓ Private First Class Henry J. Pelczar, 33694680, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement, in France, on 8 August 1944, in connection with operations against the enemy. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

✓ Staff Sergeant Jack T. Phillips, 35549740, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement, in France, on 7 August 1944, in connection with operations against the enemy. Entered military service from Ohio.

✓ Private First Class Lillian N. Pifferotti, 33669981, Medical Department, United States Army, for meritorious achievement, in France, on 15 August 1944, in connection with operations against the enemy. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

✓ Sergeant Steven (NMI) Puhak, 33354146, Corps of Engineers, United States Army, for heroic achievement, in France, on 11 August 1944, in connection with operations against the enemy. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

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Reel ✓ Private First Class Rex V. Ritz, 17067326, Medical Department, United States Army, for meritorious achievement, in France, on 10 August 1944, in connection with operations against the enemy. Entered military service from Iowa.

Private Kenneth O. Robison, 33700045, Corps of Engineers, United States Army, for heroic achievement, in France, from 28 June 1944 to 17 August 1944, in connection with operations against the enemy. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Private Anthony V. Sadowski, 42008976, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement, in France, on 11 August 1944, in connection with operations against the enemy. Entered military service from New Jersey.

Staff Sergeant Alphonse J. Silverio, 33338692, Corps of Engineers, United States Army, for heroic achievement, in France, from 4 July 1944 to 29 July 1944, in connection with operations against the enemy. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

✓ Staff Sergeant Edward L. Simons, 35761374, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement, in France, on 7 August 1944, in connection with operations against the enemy. Entered military service from West Virginia.

Private First Class Earl L. Skiles, 33439506, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement, in France, on 10 August 1944, in connection with operations against the enemy. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Lieutenant Colonel James H. Skinner, O-19144, Field Artillery, United States Army, for heroic achievement, in France, from 4 August 1944 to 17 August 1944, in connection with operations against the enemy. Entered United States Military Academy from Tennessee.

Staff Sergeant Clemente T. Stemplewski, 36219363, Corps of Engineers, United States Army, for heroic achievement, in France, on 11 August 1944, in connection with operations against the enemy. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

First Lieutenant Joseph A. Swider, O-1101685, Corps of Engineers, United States Army, for heroic achievement, in France, from 4 July 1944 to 17 August 1944, in connection with operations against the enemy. Entered military service from Ohio.

Reel ✓ Private Ernest N. Troub, 37676786, Medical Department, United States Army, for meritorious achievement, in France, on 7 August 1944, in connection with operations against the enemy. Entered military service from Iowa.

Private Frank Vitaliano, 32999904, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement, in France, on 11 August 1944, in connection with operations against the enemy. Entered military service from New Jersey.

Private Louis E. Vuocolo, 33764373, Medical Department, United States Army, for meritorious achievement, in France, on 12 August 1944, in connection with operations against the enemy. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Private First Class Nobie C. Venhold, 33625127, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement, in France, on 11 August 1944, in connection with operations against the enemy. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

IV--AWARD OF OAK-LEAF CLUSTER (AIR MEDAL)--Under the provisions of AR 600-45 and in accordance with authority contained in paragraph 2a, Section I, Circular No. 6, Hq TUSA, 26 April 1944, in addition to the Air Medal previously issued the Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to the following:

In addition to the Air Medal awarded to First Lieutenant Ralph J. Blank, Jr., O-642553, Field Artillery, as published in General Orders No. 17, Headquarters 83d Infantry Division, cs, a bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is also awarded for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight during the period of 20 July 1944 to 25 August 1944, in France. Entered military service from Florida.

In addition to the Air Medal awarded to First Lieutenant Leo E. Miller, O-1181960, Field Artillery, United States Army, as published in General Orders No. 17, Headquarters 83d Infantry Division, cs, a bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is also awarded for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight during the period of 20 July 1944 to 19 August 1944, in France. Entered military service from Nebraska.

In addition to the Air Medal awarded to Second Lieutenant (then Staff Sergeant) Forrest R. Norris, O-387534, Field Artillery, United States Army, as published in General Orders No. 17, Headquarters 83d Infantry Division, cs, a bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is also awarded for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight during the period 20 July to 19 August 1944, in France. Entered military service from Illinois.

In addition to the Air Medal awarded to First Lieutenant Robert E. Tollefson, O-1168712, Field Artillery, United States Army, as published in General Orders No. 18, Headquarters 83d Infantry Division, cs, a bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is also awarded for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight during the period 26 July 1944 to 25 August 1944, in France. Entered military service from Minnesota.

V--AWARD OF PURPLE HEART--Under the provisions of AR 600-45 and in accordance with authority contained in paragraph 2a, Section I, Circular No. 6, Hq TUSA, 26 April 1944, the Purple Heart is awarded to the following:

Technical Sergeant Willie V. Bobo, 34507826, Infantry, United States Army, for wounds received in action on 13 July 1944, in France.

Staff Sergeant Julian W. Deal, 35739776, Infantry, United States Army, for wounds received in action on 4 July 1944, in France.

First Lieutenant Lynon H. Coker, Jr., O-441255, Infantry, United States Army, for wounds received in action on 8 August 1944, in France.

First Lieutenant Charles B. Ebright, O-1322006, Infantry, United States Army, for wounds received in action on 9 August 1944, in France.

Staff Sergeant Joseph E. Ehret, 15305806, Infantry, United States Army, for wounds received in action on 26 July 1944, in France.

Private John G. Francois, 38484127, Infantry, United States Army, for wounds received in action on 5 August 1944, in France.

Private First Class William J. Hopkins, 33555821, Infantry, United States Army, for wounds received in action on 4 July 1944, in France.

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Sergeant Michael J. Kaminski, 32100024, Infantry, United States Army, for wounds received in action on 8 August 1944, in France.

Staff Sergeant William Kopp, 35671771, Infantry, United States Army, for wounds received in action on 8 August 1944, in France.

Private Lewis H. Lawrence, 33542160, Infantry, United States Army, for wounds received in action on 19 July 1944, in France.

Staff Sergeant Theodore W. Ritchie, 35665508, Infantry, United States Army, for wounds received in action on 8 August 1944, in France.

Sergeant Arthur M. Santoyo, 39696333, Infantry, United States Army, for wounds received in action on 12 August 1944, in France.

Staff Sergeant William R. Smith, 6464176, Infantry, United States Army, for wounds received in action on 23 July 1944, in France.

Private Tony (NMI) Spinelli, 35776155, Infantry, United States Army, for wounds received in action on 7 August 1944, in France.

Private Charles C. Sunderland, 39708585, Infantry, United States Army, for wounds received in action on 4 July 1944, in France.

Technician Fourth Grade Earl W. Terry, 37430135, Infantry, United States Army, for wounds received in action on 20 July 1944, in France.

Private Roy J. Wesolowicz, 36775818, Infantry, United States Army, for wounds received in action on 4 August 1944, in France.

Private Harrison F. Van Buren, 32827268, Infantry, United States Army, for wounds received in action on 8 August 1944, in France.

Private Edward J. Zorucha, 36885177, Infantry, United States Army, for wounds received in action on 26 July 1944, in France.

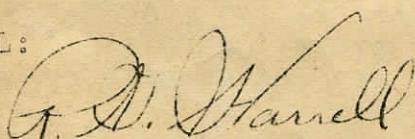
VI--AMENDMENT TO GENERAL ORDERS

So much of Section III, General Orders No. 19, Headquarters 83d Infantry Division, as, as pertains to Bronze Star Medal being awarded to First Lieutenant Harry J. Dellow, O-1286978, is rescinded.

By command of Major General LACON:

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