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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. 32, Eq 44008A, 20 March 1944, and in accordance with authority contained in paragraph 1 of memorandum No. 34 Headquarters Ninth United States Army, AFO 339, 8 September 1944, the Silver Star Medal is awarded to the following:

HENRY A. KEATON, 354408978, Technical Sergeant, Infantry, 77th Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 6 July 1944, near ******France. An enemy machine gun squad infiltrated close to the company line and brought intense fire to bear on elements of the company. Without hesitation, Technical Sergeant Keaton took some hand grenades and, disregarding the enemy fire, crawled to a point close enough to the enemy machine gun to enable him to put it out of action. His daring initiative and conspicuous devotion to duty were in keeping with the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from West Virginia. Residence: Hotchkiss, West Virginia.

II—AWARD OF SILVER STAR MEDAL—Under the provisions of AR 600-45, and in accordance with authority contained in paragraph 3c, Section I, Circular No. 32, Eq 44008A, 20 March 1944, and in accordance with authority contained in paragraph 1 of memorandum No. 34 Headquarters Ninth United States Army, AFO 339, 8 September 1944, the Silver Star Medal is awarded to the following:

JOSEPH B. ASSILL, 31489535, Private First Class, Infantry, 77th Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action during the period 9 July 1944 to 11 July 1944, near ******France, Private First Class Assill while serving as a member of the anti-tank platoon armed himself with a rocket launcher and together with another man joined the front line companies as a tank-hunter team. Disregarding his own safety despite intense enemy artillery and small arms fire he made his way to within striking distance of two enemy tanks that were firing upon the rifle companies, and disabled them. This daring action enabled the line companies to reach their objective. Private First Class Assill's cool and courageous determination to meet the enemy and destroy him reflect the highest credit upon himself and the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from South Carolina.

B. JOHN L. SIMS, 37460290, Private, Infantry, 77th Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 6 August 1944, near ******France. When a platoon of his company was pinned down by heavy enemy mortar and small arms fire, Private Sims and another man crawled forward to a position where they could see about forty of the enemy. The other man with Private Sims, exposed himself to the enemy and drew fire from an enemy officer commanding the position. Private Sims immediately arose and killed the enemy officer with a shot between the eyes. Seeing their commander killed, the enemy soldiers surrendered forthwith. This daring action prevented many casualties and enabled the continuation of the attack. Private Sims' outstanding bravery and initiative reflect the highest credit on himself and the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Wyoming.

ROGER O. LES, 10051366, Private First Class, Infantry, 77th Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 6 August 1944, near ******France. Private First Class Les was a member of a scouting party sent ahead to search out an orchard and hedgerow. Suddenly the party was fired upon from the front and flanks by enemy machine guns. Private First Class Les was injured and the other members of the party were killed. Despite his wound Private First Class Les remained in the field of fire and when an atack was launched on the position he jumped to his feet and joined in the assault. He heroically continued his participation in the attack with substantial assistance from his wound forced...
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him to submit to medical treatment. Private First Class Lee's conspicuous bravery and devotion to duty reflect the highest credit on himself and the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Louisiana.

ANTHONY J. MAKOC, 32170869, Sergeant, Infantry, **Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 6 August 1944, near ******, France. When a platoon of his company was pinned down by heavy enemy mortar and small arms fire, Sergeant Makoc and another man crawled forward to a position where they could see about forty of the enemy. Sergeant Makoc exposed himself to the enemy and drew fire from an enemy officer commanding the position. This enabled his companion to arise and kill the officer with a well aimed shot. Seeing their commander killed the enemy soldiers surrendered forthwith. This daring action prevented many casualties and enabled the continuation of the attack. Sergeant Makoc's outstanding bravery and initiative reflect the highest credit on himself and the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from New York.

B

IRWIN HARKIN, 12163422, Technician Fifth Grade, Infantry, ******th Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy on 7 July 1944, near ******, France. Technician Fifth Grade Harkin was serving as radio operator to the Battalion Commander. During a particularly heavy barrage they were pinned down in a crater where the radio would not function. When it became urgently necessary for the Battalion Commander to communicate with the company, Technician Harkin at once climbed to the top of the crater, stood erect with the radio strapped to his back and for a considerable period of time maintained this position in order to send the necessary orders. In doing so he was completely exposed to heavy artillery and small arms fire. His courageous action facilitated the rout of the enemy. The conspicuous heroism of this enlisted man reflects great credit on himself and the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered the military service from New York.

C

MICHAEL A. KOTICH, 33806913, Sergeant, Infantry, ******th Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 25 July 1944, near ******, France. Sergeant Kotich was leading his squad along a hedgerow when it was suddenly subjected to intense fire from an enemy machine gun. With fearless initiative, Sergeant Kotich crawled to within hand grenade range of the enemy position, jumped up and wiped it out with two grenades. By his daring action the advance of the squad was continued and many casualties were prevented. The conspicuous bravery and devotion to duty of this non-commissioned officer reflect the highest credit on himself and the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

D

HARLEY L. WILLIAMS, 3447072, Private First Class, Infantry, ******th Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 2 August 1944, near ******, France. When his squad was pinned down by heavy enemy fire Private First Class Williams moved forward alone and fired on the enemy so effectively that a large number surrendered. The squad was thus enabled to continue its attack. When it was halted a second time by a well placed enemy machine gun, Private First Class Williams again crawled forward alone, killed the officer operating the gun and cleared the way toward the objective. The valiant determination and conspicuous personal bravery of this enlisted man reflect the highest credit on himself and the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Florida.

III—AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL (Posthumous Award)—Under the provisions of AR 600-85, as amended by letter, Headquarters 4200, 6 Aug., subject: "Bronze Star Medal," 27 February 1944 and in accordance with authority contained in paragraph 1 a Memorandum No. 44 Headquarters Ninth United States Army, AFO 339, 8 September 1944, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following:

LUTHER W. KILLINGER, 33636891, Private First Class, Infantry, ******th Infantry, for distinguishing himself by heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Virginia. Residence: Waynesboro, Virginia.
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FAY A. SNYDER, 39552701, Sergeant, Infantry, 397th Infantry, for distinguishing himself by heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from California. Residence: 3405 Verdugo, Burbank, California.

IV—AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL—Under the provisions of AR 600–45, as amended by letter, Headquarters ATGUS, AG 200.6 AF, subject: "Bronze Star Medal", 27 February 1944 and in accordance with authority contained in paragraph 1 of memorandum No. 34 Headquarters Ninth United States Army, AR 339, 8 September 1944, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following:

CONRAD R. BOYLES, O-15951, Colonel, Field Artillery, Headquarters 83rd Infantry Division, United States Army. For distinguishing himself by meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered United States Military Academy from Oregon.

NELSON Z. DAVID, O-1304671, Second Lieutenant, Infantry, 397th Infantry, for distinguishing himself by heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from New Jersey.

JULES H. DESHOTELS, Jr., O-127379, Lieutenant Colonel, General Staff Corps, Headquarters 83rd Infantry Division, United States Army. For distinguishing himself by meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Louisiana.

ROY T. DODGE, O-21459, Lieutenant Colonel, Corps of Engineers, Headquarters 83rd Infantry Division, United States Army. For distinguishing himself by meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered the United States Military Academy from Alabama.

ALEXANDER J. GORDON, O-1300638, First Lieutenant, Infantry, 397th Infantry, for distinguishing himself by heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Ohio.

JESSIE J. ROLLAND, 38406774, Staff Sergeant, Infantry, 397th Infantry, for distinguishing himself by heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Oklahoma.

SHELLY G. HUGHES, O-165757, Lieutenant Colonel, General Staff Corps, Headquarters 83rd Infantry Division, United States Army. For distinguishing himself by meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered the military service from Ohio.

EVERTT M. JONES, 31154170, Corporal, Infantry, 397th Infantry, for distinguishing himself by heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Maine.

JOHN KEMP, O-1301496, First Lieutenant, Aide-de-camp, Headquarters 83rd Infantry Division, United States Army. For distinguishing himself by meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from New York.

OWEN A. KIRKLAND, O-313296, Major, Field Artillery, 99th Field Artillery Battalion, for distinguishing himself by heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

SAKSAL V. KRAUTHOFF, O-15556, Colonel, General Staff Corps, Headquarters 83rd Infantry Division, United States Army. For distinguishing himself by meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered United States Military Academy from Missouri.

RAYMOND J. LEWIS, O-277076, Lieutenant Colonel, Infantry, Headquarters Special Troops, 83rd Infantry Division, United States Army. For distinguishing himself by meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Montana.
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ALAN F. S. MACKALL, O-253317, Lieutenant Colonel, General Staff Corps, Headquarters 33d Infantry Division, United States Army. For distinguishing himself by meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Virginia.

TIMOTHY MEADOWS, 3594356, Staff Sergeant, Infantry, **Infantry, for distinguishing himself by heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from West Virginia.

GERALD C. MORRISON, O-1307976, First Lieutenant, aide-de-camp, Headquarters 83d Infantry Division, United States Army. For distinguishing himself by meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Iowa.

RAYMOND S. WAGNER, 35599972, Staff Sergeant, Infantry, **Infantry, for distinguishing himself by heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Ohio.

GEORGE OSWIECIE, O-445620, Major, Corps of Military Police, Headquarters 83d Infantry Division, United States Army. For distinguishing himself by meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Rhode Island.

RALPH R. RATT, 0-355065, Lieutenant Colonel, Quartermaster Corps, Headquarters 83d Infantry Division, United States Army. For distinguishing himself by meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from California.

GEORGE W. RYAN, O-21219, Lieutenant Colonel, Signal Corps, Headquarters 83d Infantry Division, United States Army. For distinguishing himself by meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered the United States Military Academy from Mississippi.

ROSS A. SMITH, 37566781, Staff Sergeant, Infantry, **Infantry, for distinguishing himself by heroic achievement in connection with operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Minnesota.

WOOLEY (NMI) SMITH, 15056949, First Sergeant, Infantry, **Infantry, for distinguishing himself by heroic achievement in connection with operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Kentucky.

EDDIE G. SUTTER, 33214747, Technical Sergeant, Infantry, **Infantry, for distinguishing himself by heroic achievement in connection with operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Virginia.

THEODORE D. BROWN, 33097160, Staff Sergeant, Corps of Engineers, **th Engineer Battalion, for distinguishing himself by heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

IPA S. RION, 32746765, Private, Infantry, **Infantry, for distinguishing himself by heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from New York.

ANTHONY F. SMITH, 32353976, Corporal, Infantry, **Infantry, for distinguishing himself by heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from New York.

BERNADE H. WAYNANS, 3379377, Private First Class, Infantry, **Infantry, for distinguishing himself by heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.
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CHARLES J. WAGNER, 76730503, Private First Class, Infantry, **Infantry, for distinguishing himself by heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States.** Entered military service from Wisconsin.

By command of Major General MAHAN:

S. V. KRAUTHOFF,
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Chief of Staff.

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