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I--Award, Posthumous, of Silver Star--Under the provisions of Army Regulation 600-45 and Section I, Circular 6, Third United States Army, 26 April 1944, the Silver Star is awarded posthumously to:

CLARENCE J. ASCHL, 37152686, Technical Sergeant, Infantry, 357th Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 11 October 1944 in the vicinity of Maizières les Metz, France. During an attack on the town by the \* \* \* Battalion, 357th Infantry, a Platoon Leader was wounded. Technical Sergeant Asche, Platoon Sergeant, immediately assumed command and led the platoon into the town. During the ensuing battle, he, voluntarily and at risk of his life, advanced through intense enemy fire and set an enemy-occupied house ablaze with a flame thrower. He then moved in full view of the enemy and diverted their fire from the advancing platoon. His courageous action materially aided the success of the mission, and inspired those who witnessed it. His gallantry was in accordance with high military tradition. Entered Military Service from Nebraska.

BURROW WILLIFORD, 3123440, Staff Sergeant, Infantry, 357th Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 17 November 1944 in the vicinity of Ledange, France. During the initial assault to seize and establish the town as a road block, a concealed enemy machine gun temporarily halted the advance. After an unsuccessful attempt to locate the enemy gun, Staff Sergeant Williford, voluntarily and at risk of his life, bravely moved into direct view of the enemy in order to definitely locate the enemy position. During this action, Staff Sergeant Williford was mortally wounded. By his courageous self-sacrifice, the enemy gun was located, knocked out and the objective taken. His gallantry was in accordance with high military tradition. Entered Military Service from Texas.

II--Award of Silver Star--Under the provisions of Army Regulation 600-45 and Section I, Circular 6, Third United States Army, 26 April 1944, the Silver Star is awarded to:

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THEODORE L. PIERCE, 35124500, Technical Sergeant (then Technician Fifth Grade), Infantry, 357th Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action during the period 15 to 16 October 1944 in the vicinity of Maizieres-les-Metz, France. During an attack on the town, Technical Sergeant Pierce, Machine Gun Section Sergeant, though painfully wounded, rallied his section, organized it into an efficient fighting force and led it in an attack on the enemy position. At risk of his life and despite intense enemy shelling, he silenced the enemy fire with rifle grenades and enabled the Company to advance. His gallantry was in accordance with high military tradition. Entered Military Service from Kentucky.

ROBERT R. MORRIS, 38125006, Technical Sergeant, Infantry, 357th Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 3 and 4 October in the vicinity of Maizieres les Metz, France. During the night, Technical Sergeant Morris, Platoon Leader, and two machine gun squads were isolated from the rest of the company by intense enemy fire of all calibers. At risk of his life, Technical Sergeant Morris reorganized his men into rifle squads, held off the enemy throughout the night, and personally led a counterattack the next morning that drove off the enemy in disorganized retreat. His gallantry was in accordance with high military tradition. Entered Military Service from Texas.

CARL E. TRULSON, 37171209, Staff Sergeant, Infantry, 357th Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 3 and 4 October 1944 in the vicinity of Maizieres les Metz, France. On the night of 3 October 1944, Staff Sergeant Trulson, Platoon Sergeant, and his Machine Gun Squad were isolated from the rest of the company by intense enemy fire of all calibers. At risk of his life, although wounded, Staff Sergeant Trulson held off the enemy with hand grenades, carbine and machine gun fire. So effective was his individual performance and so exemplary his leadership that the next morning found the enemy driven back in disorder. His gallantry was in accordance with high military tradition. Entered Military Service from Minnesota.

ROBERT G. BAIRD, 37256016, Sergeant, Infantry, 357th Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 13 September 1944 in the vicinity of Uckange, France. During the attack on the town, installation of communication lines became mandatory between a forward battalion command post and the regiment. Sergeant Baird, Wire Section Chief, with aid of a companion, subjected himself to intermittent enemy fire, located the battalion command post and successfully laid the wire. He then established communications between rifle companies. His intrepid action and devotion to duty greatly facilitated the success of the Battalion's mission. Sergeant Baird's gallantry was in accordance with high military tradition. Entered Military Service from Nebraska.

ROBERT T. HILL, 33503107, Sergeant, Infantry, 357th Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 26 October 1944 in the vicinity of Maizieres les Metz, France. After unsuccessful attempts were made to blow a hole in a portion of a large enemy fortified position, Sergeant Hill, voluntarily and at risk of his life, made his way through intense direct enemy fire, placed a demolition charge against the strong point and ignited the charge. He gained an entrance and exploded booby-traps and land mines to clear a path for the assault troops.

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Though bleeding profusely from wounds, he insisted on leading the assault into the strong point and took six prisoners. Sergeant Hill accepted evacuation to the rear for medical attention only when allowed to go as a guard for the prisoners. His gallantry was in accordance with high military tradition. Entered Military Service from Ohio.

BRUCE H. MILLS, 33149445, Private First Class, Infantry, 357th Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 26 October 1944 in the vicinity of Maizieres les Metz, France. During an attack on a strongly fortified enemy building, Private First Class Mills, Rifleman, in the absence of his squad leader, assumed command. By exemplary courage and intrepidity he led his squad into the enemy strongpoint. At risk of his life, he led numerous assaults on the inner rooms of the fortification and despite enemy fire of all calibers, succeeded in weakening the previously impregnable defenses. On a succeeding attack the following day, he voluntarily served as scout and again performed his duties courageously until a severe wound forced his evacuation. His gallantry was in accordance with high military tradition. Entered service from Ohio.

WILLIAM J. REED, 32027302, Private First Class, Infantry, 357th Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 29 October 1944 in the vicinity of Maizieres les Metz, France. During an attack on the town, Private First Class Reed, Automatic Rifleman, was instrumental in helping the advance of his squad in its house-to-house movement. At risk of his life, he placed devastating and effective fire on the enemy positions. While so engaged, he was severely injured, but continued to perform his duties courageously until his Commanding Officer ordered his evacuation. His gallantry was in accordance with high military tradition. Entered Military Service from New York.

OSCAR P. SCHUSSLER, 37404695, Private First Class, Infantry, 357th Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 13 September 1944 in the vicinity of Uckange, France. During the attack on the town, installation of communication lines became mandatory between a Forward Battalion Command Post and the Regiment. Private First Class Schussler, Driver, with aid of a companion, subjected himself to intermittent enemy fire, located the Battalion Command Post and successfully laid the wire. He then established communications between rifle companies. His intrepid action and devotion to duty greatly facilitated the success of the Battalion's mission. Private First Class Schussler's gallantry was in accordance with high military tradition. Entered Military Service from Missouri.

CHARLES WOLESZLAGE, 33412494, Private First Class, Infantry, 357th Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 11 October 1944 in the vicinity of Maizieres les Metz, France. During an attack on the town, vital communication lines were repeatedly cut by enemy shell fragments. For a period of four days and nights, Private First Class Woleszlage, Messenger, reconnoitered the wire lines and repaired the breaks. While he carried out this mission which was not his by assignment, he, at risk of his life, traversed open areas and was subjected to intense enemy fire. By his prolonged display of courage and complete devotion to duty in maintaining constant communication, the company was able to take its objective. His gallantry was in accordance with high military tradition. Entered Military Service from Pennsylvania.

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III--Award of Oak-Leaf Cluster to Bronze Star--Under the provisions of Army Regulation 600-45 and Section I, Circular 6, Third United States Army, 26 April 1944, in addition to the Bronze Star previously awarded, an Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to:

ROBERT R. MORRIS, 38125006, Technical Sergeant, Infantry, 357th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in operations on 4 October 1944 in the vicinity of Maizieres les Metz, France. Under the cover of darkness, a fierce enemy attack temporarily cut off Technical Sergeant Morris and five companions from their company. With the enemy on their front, left-flank and rear, the small group courageously defended their position with grenades and rifle fire until dawn, when they counterattacked and forced the numerically superior enemy to withdraw. His heroic achievement was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Texas.

ELMER D. QUERAM, 01318467, First Lieutenant, Infantry, 357th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France during the period 19 September to 30 October 1944. Entered Military Service from Wisconsin.

JAMES J. DONOHUE, 33391165, Sergeant, Infantry, 357th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France during the period 10 - 16 November 1944. Entered Military Service from Connecticut.

IV--Award, Posthumous, of Bronze Star--Under the provisions of Army Regulation 600-45 and Section I, Circular 6, Third United States Army, 26 April 1944, the Bronze Star is awarded posthumously to:

JOHN M. GEIGLE, 01306833, Second Lieutenant, Infantry, 357th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic service in operations against the enemy in France. During the period 5 - 7 August 1944, Second Lieutenant Geigle distinguished himself in the performance of outstanding service. As Platoon Leader and without regard for his personal safety, he preceded the platoon and traversed areas under heavy enemy fire. His courageous leadership inspired unusual individual aggressiveness and won the complete confidence of the men under his command. Though mortally wounded during an attack, his intrepid action greatly facilitated the success of the infantry's mission. His heroic service was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Wisconsin.

V--Award of Bronze Star--Under the provisions of Army Regulation 600-45 and Section I, Circular 6, Third United States Army, 26 April 1944, the Bronze Star is awarded to:

CHARLES P. BEARD, 0365039, First Lieutenant, Infantry, 357th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in operations on 7 July 1944 in the vicinity of Beau Goudray, France. During an enemy counterattack, communication wires between a battalion of the 357th Infantry and the forward companies were broken by enemy fire. First Lieutenant Beard, Communications Platoon Leader, voluntarily and without regard for his personal safety, advanced unescorted through intense enemy fire and repaired the vital communication lines. His heroic achievement was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Texas.

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JOSEPH T. HEALY, 01310103, First Lieutenant, Infantry, 357th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in operations on 18 November 1944 in the vicinity of Bockange, France. During the attack on the town, when elements of Company \*\* encountered a convoy of enemy vehicles, First Lieutenant Healy, Platoon Leader, ordered his forces to open fire. As a result of his courageous leadership in the ensuing battle, the enemy convoy was destroyed and a large number of the enemy were killed and captured. His heroic achievement was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Nebraska.

RANDOLPH C. LACKEY, 38147077, First Sergeant, Infantry, 357th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in operations against the enemy in France. During the period 8 June to 7 October 1944, First Sergeant Lackey distinguished himself in the performance of outstanding service. During close contact and intermittent intense combat with the enemy throughout the advance of Company \*\*, 357th Infantry, First Sergeant Lackey, without regard for his personal safety, traversed areas under heavy enemy fire of various calibers. His courageous leadership and unusual individual aggressiveness won the complete confidence of the men under his command. His heroic service was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Texas.

JAMES H. DULIN, 12057481, Technical Sergeant, Infantry, 357th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in operations on 16 October 1944 in the vicinity of Maizieres les Metz, France. During the attack on the town, Technical Sergeant Dulin, Section Leader, remained at an Observation Post while subjected to intense enemy artillery shelling and directed effective mortar fire upon the enemy. His heroic achievement was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from New York.

ROBERT R. MORRIS, 38125006, Technical Sergeant, Infantry, 357th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in support of operations against the enemy in France. During the period of 2 August to 12 October 1944, Technical Sergeant Morris distinguished himself in the performance of outstanding service. As Platoon Sergeant and Acting Platoon Leader, he continuously displayed superior leadership, consummate technical and tactical skill and personal courage as he employed the unit and delivered its fire. Without regard for his personal safety, he materially aided the company in repulsing an enemy counterattack near Maizieres les Metz, France. His heroic service was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Texas.

ARTHUR M. ELLINGSON, 37173140, Staff Sergeant, Infantry, 357th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in operations on 20 September 1944 in the vicinity of Talange, France. When the enemy counterattacked and attempted to demolish a strategically important bridge, Staff Sergeant Ellingson, Squad Leader, led his squad in an assault which routed the enemy and prevented the destruction of the bridge. His heroic achievement was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Minnesota.

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JIM J FILLIP, 38155461, Staff Sergeant, Infantry, 357th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in operations on 4 October 1944 in the vicinity of Maizieres les Metz, France. Under the cover of darkness, a fierce enemy attack temporarily cut off Staff Sergeant Phillip and five companions from their company. With the enemy on their front, left flank and rear, the small group courageously defended their position with grenades and rifle fire until dawn, when they counterattacked and forced the numerically superior enemy to withdraw. His heroic achievement was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Texas.

JAMES M. GAYLORD, 31349694, Staff Sergeant (Then Private), Infantry, 357th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in operations on 4 October 1944 in the vicinity of Maizieres les Metz, France. During an attack on a slag pile near the town, Company \*\*, 357th Infantry, encountered heavy enemy resistance. Staff Sergeant Gaylord, Rifleman, and his companions, initiated an assault against the enemy which enabled the Company to attain its objective. His heroic achievement was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Massachusetts.

OLIVER OWENS, 14053588, Staff Sergeant (Then Private First Class), Infantry, 357th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in operations on 4 October 1944 in the vicinity of Maizieres les Metz, France. During an attack on a slag pile near the town, Company \*\*, 357th Infantry, encountered heavy enemy resistance. Staff Sergeant Owens, Squad Leader, and his companions, initiated an assault against the enemy which enabled the Company to attain its objective. His heroic achievement was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Virginia.

CARL E. TRULSON, 37171209, Staff Sergeant, Infantry, 357th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in operations on 4 October 1944 in the vicinity of Maizieres les Metz, France. Under the cover of darkness, a fierce enemy attack temporarily cut off Staff Sergeant Trulson and five companions from their company. With the enemy on their front, left flank and rear, the small group courageously defended their position with grenades and rifle fire until dawn, when they counterattacked and forced the numerically superior enemy to withdraw. His heroic achievement was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Minnesota.

LOYD G. ZEHNER, 35709883, Staff Sergeant, Infantry, 357th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in operations on 4 October 1944 in the vicinity of Maizieres les Metz, France. During the attack on a slag pile near the town, Staff Sergeant Zehner, Automatic Rifleman, supported the Platoon's advance with accurate automatic rifle fire. His effective and devastating support fire enabled the Platoon to attain its objective. His heroic achievement was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Indiana.

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JOSEPH GRZASKO, 6878906, Sergeant, Infantry, 357th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in operations on 14 August 1944 in the vicinity of Alençon, France. Though wounded during the advance on the town, Sergeant Grzasko remained in the battle, aided in the disorganization of enemy resistance by destroying an enemy half-track vehicle, killed one enemy officer and captured three enemy soldiers. His heroic achievement was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from New York.

FRITZ F. KRIEGER, 33404921, Sergeant, Infantry, 357th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in operations on 7 July 1944 in the vicinity of Beau Coudray, France. During an attack on the town, the mortars of Company \*\*, 357th Infantry, were rendered inoperative by enemy shelling. Sergeant Krieger, Squad Leader, without regard for his personal safety, advanced through the intense enemy fire and delivered the urgently needed weapons and ammunition to the company. On his return trip, he assisted in evacuating two wounded soldiers despite intense enemy machine gun fire. His heroic achievement was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Pennsylvania.

FRED H. LESLIE, 37575883, Sergeant, Infantry, 357th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in operations on 29 October 1944 in the vicinity of Maizieres les Metz, France. During the battle in the town, Sergeant Leslie, Squad Leader, subjected himself to intense enemy fire while leading a squad of infantry in an attack on an enemy-occupied building. By his exemplary leadership, the squad captured the objective and the Platoon was enabled to continue its advance. His heroic achievement was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Minnesota.

CHARLES R. AUSTIN, 34880701, Private First Class, Infantry, 357th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in operations on 4 October 1944 in the vicinity of Maizieres les Metz, France. Under the cover of darkness, a fierce enemy attack temporarily cut off Private First Class Austin and five companions from their company. With the enemy on their front, left-flank and rear, the small group courageously defended their position with grenades and rifle fire until dawn, when they counterattacked and forced the numerically superior enemy to withdraw. His heroic achievement was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Tennessee.

JOHN P. COLARIC, 33302184, Private First Class, Infantry, 357th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in operations on 17 November 1944 in the vicinity of Kedange, France. During an attack on the town, Private First Class Colaric, Automatic Rifleman, used his weapon with such devastating effect that the enemy was forced to withdraw from a previously strong position. His heroic achievement was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Pennsylvania.