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I--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:

FRED E. LEE, JR., 33132089, Staff Sergeant, Infantry, 359th Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 12 November 1944 in the vicinity of Malling, France. During a heavy enemy counterattack, the Forward Artillery Observation Post of the Second Battalion, 359th Infantry, was surrounded by enemy tanks and infantry. Staff Sergeant Lee, Forward Artillery Observer, at risk of his life, remained at the Observation Post and directed accurate artillery fire upon the enemy. When the enemy attempted to infiltrate into his position, he shot one and physically overpowered another. His skillful direction of effective artillery support fire and complete devotion to duty aided materially in the repulsion of the enemy counterattack. His gallantry was in accordance with high military tradition. Entered Military Service from Virginia.

II--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:

JOHN E. McIVER, JR., 0415459, Captain, Infantry, 359th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in support of operations against the enemy in France. During the period 9 November to 14 November 1944. Captain McIVER distinguished himself in the performance of outstanding service as Regimental Transportation Officer. During the crossing of the Moselle River, he overcame the obstacles of constant enemy heavy artillery fire and waters swollen to unprecedented heights. Using only small boats and barges, he maintained a smooth, efficient and prompt delivery of vitally needed vehicles and anti-tank guns to the far shore. His heroic service was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from South Carolina.

DALE L. THOMAS, 0442454, First Lieutenant, Infantry, 359th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in support of operations against the enemy in France. During the period 9 November to 12 November 1944, First Lieutenant Thomas distinguished himself in the performance of outstanding service as Ammunition and Pioneer Platoon Leader. Subsequent to the crossing of the flooded Moselle River, when the problem of supply became critical, he skillfully supervised the transportation of supplies across the swollen river. Despite intense enemy fire and

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without regard for his personal safety, he worked without rest for forty-eight hours to insure the expeditious delivery of urgently needed items to the front line troops. His heroic service was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Illinois.

ELDON A. STREET, 37000154, First Sergeant, Infantry, 359th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in support of operations against the enemy in France. During the period 10 November to 14 November 1944, First Sergeant Street distinguished himself in the performance of outstanding service. After crossing the flooded Moselle River, he volunteered to handle the flow of supplies at the shore. With complete disregard for enemy heavy artillery fire, First Sergeant Street worked continuously for forty-eight hours to assure a prompt, efficient delivery of vitally needed supplies to the front line troops. His heroic service was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Missouri.

WILLIAM M. WERNICK, 37179756, Staff Sergeant, Infantry, 359th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in support of operations against the enemy in France. During the period 9 November to 14 November 1944, Staff Sergeant Wernick distinguished himself in the performance of outstanding service. Subsequent to the crossing of the flooded Moselle River by the 359th Infantry, when the problem of supply became critical, he skillfully supervised the transportation of supplies across the swollen river. Later that night, when signal supplies were needed, he loaded the equipment aboard a storm boat, voluntarily and without regard for his personal safety, crossing the river to deliver the cargo. The next day he again crossed the river and supervised a steady flow of supplies to the forward elements. His heroic service was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Missouri.

WILLIAM J. ZOLNER, JR., 31032515, Private First Class (Then Private), Infantry, 359th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement on 19 November 1944 in the vicinity of Northen, France. As Private First Class Zolner led a convoy of four vehicles, containing critically needed supplies, from the Battalion to the forward echelon, heavy enemy fire impeded the advance. Without regard for his personal safety, he successfully led the supply convoy through the enemy fire to its destination. His heroic achievement was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Massachusetts.

RICHARD P. SHAPIRO, 12100520, Private, Medical Department, 359th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement on 16 August 1944 in the vicinity of Le Merlerault, France. During the attack on the town, twelve men became casualties between the position of a company of the 359th Infantry and the enemy. Private Shapiro, Company Aid-man, without regard for his personal safety and despite intense enemy small arms fire, voluntarily advanced alone to effect their evacuation. While engaged in this brave attempt, he was taken prisoner by the enemy. His selfless act was a feat of courage inspirational to all his comrades. His heroic achievement was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Delaware.

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BERNHARDT T. BERGESON, 0353760, Captain, Infantry, 359th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France during the period 6 June to 31 October 1944. Entered Military Service from Montana.

MAURICE J. PROCTOR, 01300080, Captain, Infantry, 359th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France during the period 18 July to 31 October 1944. Entered Military Service from Texas.

ADOLPH C. SPENGLER, 0405011, Captain, Infantry, 359th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France during the period 6 June to 31 October 1944. Entered Military Service from Indiana.

JOHN R. LYNCH, 0386911, First Lieutenant, Infantry, 359th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France during the period 12 June to 31 October 1944. Entered Military Service from North Dakota.

GEORGE L. WETZEL, 0314064, First Lieutenant, Infantry, 359th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France during the period 19 June to 31 October 1944. Entered Military Service from New York.

LLOYD A. PIRTLE, W2113304, Chief Warrant Officer, 359th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France during the period 12 June to 31 October 1944. Entered Military Service from Missouri.

RICHARD G. WEBORG, W2126685, Warrant Officer Junior Grade, 359th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France during the period 6 June to 31 October 1944. Entered Military Service from Nebraska.

ELMER W. BECKMAN, 37173654, Master Sergeant, Infantry, 359th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France during the period 6 June to 31 October 1944. Entered Military Service from Minnesota.

FREMONT N. LARSON, 6453599, Master Sergeant, Infantry, 359th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France during the period 6 June to 27 June 1944 and 22 August to 31 October 1944. Entered Military Service from Minnesota.

LOUIS S. ROBB, 37008840, Master Sergeant, Infantry, 359th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France during the period 12 June to 31 October 1944. Entered Military Service from Missouri.

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FRED T. ROMIGER, 38088720, Master Sergeant, Infantry, 359th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France during the period 6 June to 31 October 1944. Entered Military Service from Oklahoma.

MORGAN H. CRANE, 37138951, Staff Sergeant, Infantry, 359th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France during the period 10 July to 31 October 1944. Entered Military Service from Missouri.

HAROLD S. FRANKLIN, 31042170, Staff Sergeant, Infantry, 359th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France during the period 7 June to 31 October 1944. Entered Military Service from Massachusetts.

FRANK G. GRECO, 36129518, Staff Sergeant, Infantry, 359th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France during the period 7 June to 31 October 1944. Entered Military Service from Michigan.

ROBERT R. MARTIN, 33416679, Staff Sergeant, Infantry, 359th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France during the period 7 June to 31 October 1944. Entered Military Service from Pennsylvania.

NORMAN R. MCKAY, 33484975, Staff Sergeant, Infantry, 359th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France during the period 7 June to 31 October 1944. Entered Military Service from Pennsylvania.

RENO W. PETERSON, 37173412, Staff Sergeant, Infantry, 359th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France during the period 10 June to 31 October 1944. Entered Military Service from Minnesota.

JAMES D. PURDY, 37173430, Staff Sergeant, Infantry, 359th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France during the period 10 June to 31 October 1944. Entered Military Service from Minnesota.

WILLIAM F. COOKMAN, 37173220, Sergeant, Infantry, 359th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France during the period 6 June to 31 October 1944. Entered Military Service from Minnesota.

ARTHUR T. FRANKE, 38094677, Sergeant, Infantry, 359th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France during the period 10 June to 31 October 1944. Entered Military Service from Texas.

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RAYMOND A. BIESER, 17045832, Technician Fourth Grade, Infantry, 359th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France during the period 6 June to 31 October 1944. Entered Military Service from Illinois.

JOHN H. SMITH, 37156070, Technician Fifth Grade, Infantry, 359th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France during the period 7 June to 31 October 1944. Entered Military Service from Wyoming.

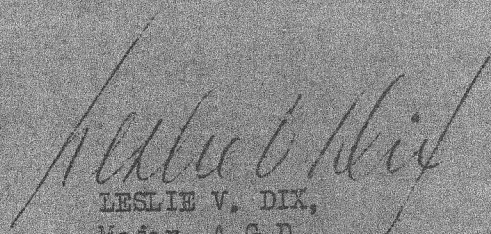
HILMER HAHNER, 37156586, Private First Class, Infantry, 359th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France during the period 7 June to 31 October 1944. Entered Military Service from Kansas.

EVERETT J. SPURR, 37107550, Private First Class, Infantry, 359th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France during the period 7 June to 31 October 1944. Entered Military Service from Arkansas.

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