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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:

AUBREY M. RAYBURN, 20432765, Sergeant, 773d Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 20 August 1944 in the vicinity of Chambois, France. During an attack on the town, Sergeant Rayburn, Gun Commander, and his crew were isolated in an exposed position and subjected to continuous enemy heavy artillery, mortar and small arms fire. At risk of his life, Sergeant Rayburn maintained his position and directed his crew with such expert efficiency and cool courage that they destroyed five enemy tanks, one self-propelled gun and captured twenty-five enemy infantrymen. His gallantry was in accordance with high military tradition. Entered Military Service from Louisiana.

II--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:

NOLAN J. MONTZ, 20432756, Sergeant, 773d Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army. For heroic service in support of operations against the enemy in France. During the period 17 August to 20 August 1944, Sergeant Montz distinguished himself in the performance of outstanding service as a Gun Commander. During an attack on a strongly defended enemy town, despite constant enemy heavy artillery and small arms fire, he directed the movement and fire of his crew so effectively that three enemy tanks were destroyed and enemy resistance neutralized by the fire. His heroic service was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Louisiana.

III--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:

LOUIS S. SCHIMPF, 35135456, Sergeant, 773d Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement on 20 August 1944 in the vicinity of Chambois, France. During the attack, Sergeant Schimpf, Tank Destroyer Commander, led his crew in a fierce fire-fight at close range with a numerically superior enemy armored force which they destroyed. Sergeant Schimpf and his companions assisted also in capturing 300 of the enemy including a Brigade Commander. His heroic achievement was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Ohio.

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HERMAN W. WERNER, 37221537, Sergeant, 773d Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army. For heroic service in support of operations against the enemy in France. During the period 17 - 20 August 1944, Sergeant Werner distinguished himself in the performance of outstanding service as a Gun Commander. During an attack on a strongly defended enemy town, despite constant enemy artillery and small arms fire, he directed the movement and fire of his crew so effectively that three enemy tanks were destroyed and enemy resistance neutralized by the fire. His heroic service was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Kansas.

EDWARD BUNDLE, 33178849, Corporal, 773d Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement on 20 August 1944 in the vicinity of Chambois, France. During the attack, Corporal Bundle, Gunner, and the other members of a Tank Destroyer Crew, engaged a numerically superior enemy armored force in a fierce fire-fight at close range which they destroyed. Corporal Bundle, and his comrades assisted also in capturing 300 of the enemy including a Brigade Commander. His heroic achievement was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Pennsylvania.

HAROLD C. CARLETON, 20412579, Corporal, 773d Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army. For heroic service in support of operations against the enemy in France. During the period 17 - 20 August 1944, Corporal Carleton distinguished himself in the performance of outstanding service as Gunner. During an attack on a strongly defended enemy town and despite constant enemy heavy artillery and small arms fire, he operated his gun so effectively that three enemy tanks were destroyed and much enemy resistance neutralized by his fire. His heroic service was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from South Carolina.

JAMES O. HOLMES, 20432749, Corporal, 773d Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army. For heroic service in support of operations against the enemy in France. During the period 17 - 20 August 1944, Corporal Holmes distinguished himself in the performance of outstanding service as a Gunner. During an attack on a strongly defended enemy town, despite constant enemy heavy artillery and small arms fire, he operated his gun so effectively that three enemy tanks were destroyed and enemy resistance neutralized by his fire. His heroic service was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Louisiana.

RALPH C. WALLS, 35263527, Corporal, 773d Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement on 20 August 1944 in the vicinity of Chambois, France. During an engagement with enemy armored elements, Corporal Walls, Gunner, \*\* Platoon, Company \*\*, 773d Tank Destroyer Battalion, without regard for his personal safety, remained at the gun position despite the intense enemy barrage, and with accurate fire wrought great destruction on the enemy equipment and personnel. His heroic achievement was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Ohio.

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ELMO H. BAUER, 38094820, Technician Fifth Grade, 773d Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement on 20 August 1944 in the vicinity of Chambois, France. When a tank destroyer platoon encountered enemy armored vehicles, Technician Fifth Grade Bauer, Tank Destroyer Driver, moved the vehicle through intense enemy fire and occupied a commanding position affording direct fire on the enemy tanks. His courageous act enabled the gun crew of the machine to render great destruction to enemy equipment and personnel. His heroic achievement was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Texas.

WILLIAM B. GRANT, 31016888, Technician Fifth Grade, 773d Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement on 20 August 1944 in the vicinity of Chambois, France. During the attack, Technician Fifth Grade Grant, Driver, and the other members of a Tank Destroyer Crew, engaged a numerically superior enemy armored force in a fierce fire-fight at close range which they destroyed. Technician Fifth Grade Grant and his comrades assisted also in capturing 300 of the enemy including a Brigade Commander. His heroic achievement was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Massachusetts.

ERIC A. NELSON, 37340248, Private First Class, 773d Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement on 20 August 1944 in the vicinity of Chambois, France. During the attack, Private First Class Nelson, Cannoneer, and the other members of a Tank Destroyer Crew, engaged a numerically superior enemy armored force in a fierce fire-fight at close range which they destroyed. Private First Class Nelson and his comrades assisted also in capturing 300 of the enemy including a Brigade Commander. His heroic achievement was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Colorado.

EDWARD G. BUDNIK, 12077192, Private, 773d Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement on 20 August 1944 in the vicinity of Chambois, France. During an encirclement of enemy troops, Private Budnik, Cannoneer, though wounded, remained at his post while subjected to heavy enemy artillery and small arms fire. His courageous action and complete devotion to duty materially aided the Tank Destroyer Crew in destroying many enemy armored vehicles in addition to inflicting numerous casualties. His heroic achievement was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from New Jersey.

CHARLES W. BURKE, 15112471, Private, 773d Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement on 20 August 1944 in the vicinity of Chambois, France. During the attack, Private Burke, Cannoneer, and the other members of a Tank Destroyer Crew, engaged a numerically superior enemy armored force in a fierce fire-fight at close range which they destroyed. Private Burke and his comrades assisted also in capturing 300 of the enemy including a Brigade Commander. His heroic achievement was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Ohio.

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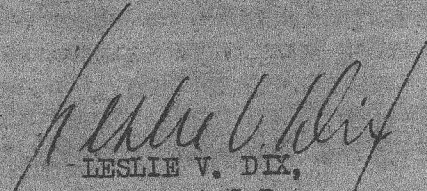
LEVANDER M. MORRIS, 35158411, Private, 773d Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement on 20 August 1944 in the vicinity of Chambois, France. Despite enemy heavy artillery and small arms fire, Private Morris remained at his post and expertly performed his duties as Cannoneer. His courageous and tireless efforts aided materially in the destruction of five enemy tanks and one enemy self-propelled gun, and caused twenty-five casualties in the enemy infantry. His heroic achievement was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Virginia.

HARRY E. DAVIS, 35135428, First Sergeant, 773d Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France during the period 15 August to 31 October 1944. Entered Military Service from Ohio.

By command of Major General VAN FLEET:

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