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Sgt Watson B. Smith, 37107457, Inf, United States Army. On 16 June 1944, Sgt Smith's battalion was stopped by heavy enemy fire. Without regard for his own safety, Sgt Smith helped to mount and fire a heavy machine gun in plain view of the enemy. This covering fire enabled the riflemen to withdraw to defilade. Sgt Smith continued to man the machine gun until wounded by the intense enemy fire that it drew. By his meritorious action he helped save the lives of many of his comrades. Entered service from Oklahoma.

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Sgt Chester J. Thornton, 38126812, FA, United States Army. On 6 July 1944, an Infantry Company was subjected to numerous counterattacks. During these attacks Sgt Thornton, the only artilleryman present, took over the observers job and through his initiative and courage aided materially in holding the position by bringing effective artillery fire upon the enemy. Sgt Thornton's meritorious service is highly commendable and worthy of recognition. Entered service from Oklahoma.

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Tec 4 Thomas J. Neville, 32406696, Med Dept, United States Army. On 10 June 1944 an enemy shell wounded several men in a battalion aid station. Although the shelling continued and Tec 4 Neville was wounded, he continued to administer first aid with utter disregard of his own injury until all casualties were taken care of. By his courage and devotion to duty, Tec 4 Neville's meritorious service was in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered service from New York.

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Tec 5 Rufus A. Nalley, 38093971, Inf, United States Army. On 15 July 1944, Tec 5 Nalley fought for one and one-half hours to extinguish a fire in a truck filled with explosives and gasoline. Tec 5 Nalley's fearlessness under constant threat of explosion and in increased enemy shelling was one of the highest examples of meritorious service. Entered service from Texas.

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Tec 5 Robert C. Radl, 37271111, Inf, United States Army. On 6 July 1944, Tec 5 Radl, vehicle driver for his regimental commander, saw his regimental commander fall wounded in an open field some hundred yards away. With total disregard for his own safety, Tec 5 Radl left his position of cover and under constant exposure to enemy fire moved across the open terrain to drag the wounded officer to safety. Entered service from Minnesota.

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Tec 5 Joseph A. Sustak, 36373791, Med Dept, United States Army. On 13 June 1944 Tec 5 Sustak on his own initiative left his station with the battalion reserve company and went forward to give first aid to the wounded of other companies. He succeeded in evacuating at least five wounded men through a 300 yard area which was swept by intense enemy machine gun, mortar and artillery fire before he himself was wounded. Tec 5 Sustak's courage and devotion to duty were a fine example of meritorious conduct. Entered service from Illinois.

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Pfc Victor Boxberger, 38149149, Inf, United States Army. On 12 June 1944, Pvt Boxberger's Platoon Leader was seriously wounded in an area covered by intense hostile fire. Pvt Boxberger, with disregard for his own safety, worked his way to the side of the officer under heavy enemy fire where he remained with him for five hours until slackening of the fire permitted others to advance and assist in evacuating the officer. Such devotion and meritorious conduct typifies the highest standard of military tradition. Entered service from Minnesota.

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Sgt Wayne T. Bybee, 37156050, Inf, United States Army. On 15 June 1944 when Sgt Bybee's unit was stopped by intense machine gun and mortar fire, he lifted his light machine gun to the top of a hedgerow and fired from this exposed position for more than an hour. This courageous action by Sgt Bybee helped make it possible for his unit to take the ground from the enemy. Entered service from Wyoming.

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Pfc Wallace G. Condiff, 19148200, Inf, United States Army. On 8 July 1944, Pfc Condiff, a machine gunner, kept his gun in action when the road block he was helping to defend was attacked and his supporting riflemen withdrew. With courage and determination, Pfc Condiff continued his fire into the enemy despite their hand grenades and rifle fire and finally drove them off. Such tenacity of purpose upholds the high standards of our military service. Entered service from Washington.

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Sgt John W. Curtis, 34174135, Inf (then Pfc) United States Army. On 8 July 1944 Sgt Curtis, an assistant machine gunner, stayed with his gunner when their road block was attacked and supporting riflemen withdrew. By feeding the machine gun and throwing hand grenades, including the return of one thrown by the enemy, Sgt Curtis assisted in beating off the attack and denying a vital road to the enemy. Such tenacity of purpose is vital to victory. Entered service from North Carolina.

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Pfc Russell K. Lind, 37172029, Inf, United States Army. On 20 June 1944, the mortar platoon in which Pfc Lind was a messenger was in position but without communication with the forward elements of the battalion. Pfc Lind was ordered to lay the wire as soon as heavy shelling of the area ceased. However, without waiting, he laid the wire over the 300 yards of open field. Pfc Lind's meritorious action in disregarding the artillery concentrations speeded the reduction of the enemy resistance and permitted his battalion to continue its advance. Entered service from Minnesota.

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Pfc Norman H. O'Neill, 33039753, Med Dept, United States Army. On 7 July 1944 Pfc O'Neill was wounded by a shell fragment. Despite his own injury, Pfc O'Neill went to the aid of other wounded men. Pfc O'Neill later refused to be evacuated beyond the battalion aid station and returned to duty where he administered aid until he had to be evacuated an hour later because of further injury. Entered service from Pennsylvania.

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Sgt Kenneth E. Osmondson, 36686045, Inf (then Pfc), United States Army. On 10 June 1944, Sgt Osmondson a messenger, seeing the need of wire communication to his company, on his own initiative carried a roll of wire one-half mile to his Battalion C.P. He then retraced his steps to the front lines, laying the wire as he went and thus making observed artillery fire available to his company. During both trips, Sgt Osmondson went through intense enemy fire and was also fired upon by enemy snipers. His utter disregard for his own personal safety and his timely act reflect great credit upon the military service. Entered service from Illinois.

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S Sgt Lewis E. Pearman, 37108199, Inf (then Pfc), United States Army. On 13 July 1944 in the vicinity of * * *, France, when Sgt Pearman and four soldiers were fired upon by mortars and machine guns, two were wounded. After dropping back, Sgt Pearman and another soldier decided to return and give aid to the wounded men. They crawled under heavy enemy fire and through a mine field to do so. After administering first aid they went back through the fire swept area and returned with a medical aid man with whom they succeeded in evacuating their wounded comrades. Entered service from Arkansas.

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S Sgt Marshall L. Plocher, 38099720, Inf (then Pfc), United States Army. On 13 July 1944 when Sgt Plocher and four soldiers were fired upon by mortars and machine guns, two were wounded. After dropping back, Sgt Plocher and another soldier decided to return and give aid to the wounded men. They crawled under heavy enemy fire and through a mine field to do so. After administering first aid they went back through the fire swept area and returned with a medical aid man with the assistance of whom they finally succeeded in evacuating their wounded comrades. Entered service from Texas.

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Sgt Adolph J. Podgurski, 37256179, Inf (then Pfc), United States Army. On 19 June 1944, when his company was overrun by a tank-led counterattack, Sgt Podgurski took cover in the area held by the enemy. Setting off at dusk to rejoin his unit, he came upon a seriously wounded comrade and undertook the task of bringing him back to an aid station. The burden of the wounded man made his progress slow and difficult and greatly increased the probability of his capture. It took Sgt Podgurski three days to get back to his own lines with the wounded soldier. In this act which required great physical stamina, he displayed conspicuous courage and devotion beyond the call of duty. Entered service from Nebraska.

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Pfc Albert M. Smith, 34148053, Inf, United States Army. On 14 July 1944, all the communication wires to the battalion O.P. were knocked out by intense hostile fire. Pfc Smith, without regard for his own personal safety, moved to an exposed position to repair the wires. In doing this he was seriously wounded, but his meritorious conduct was highly responsible for the successful defense of the position. Entered service from Tennessee.

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Pfc Wendell W. Wolfanger, 32548206, Inf, United States Army. On 7 July 1944, Pfc Wolfanger and his sergeant, upon their own initiative, set out from an O.P. to reconnoiter an enemy position. After crawling 180 yards across an open field which was covered by enemy fire, a wooded area occupied by the enemy was searched and a machine gun section of 15 or 20 men located. Regardless of personal safety, the reconnaissance was continued until they were fired upon by another machine gun. After killing one of its crew, they returned through the hostile fire to their O.P. Enroute, two enemy snipers were discovered and captured. Such courageous and aggressive search for information by Pfc Wolfanger and his sergeant greatly facilitated the later advance of their battalion. Entered service from New York.

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Pfc John B. Garner, 38147193, Inf, United States Army. On 3 July 1944, Pfc Garner was at his battalion O.P. when he located a well concealed enemy machine gun nest about 20 yards from his position. Without regard for his own personal safety, Pfc Garner alone crept up to the enemy position and knocked it out with two hand grenades. Entered service from Texas.

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Pvt Albert J. Zanca, 32956231, Inf, United States Army. On 3 July 1944, Pvt Zanca, a BAR man, was shot through the left leg. Despite his painful wound, Pvt Zanca insisted on staying in the fire fight and materially aided in the success of the attack by BAR fire and by also knocking out a machine gun nest with a hand grenade. It was not until three hours after receiving his wound that Pvt Zanca would allow himself to be evacuated and his courage and devotion to duty were a great inspiration to his comrades. Entered service from New Jersey.

V. AWARD OF SOLDIER'S MEDAL. Under the provisions of AR 600-45, the Soldier's Medal is awarded the following named officer for heroism not involving actual conflict with an enemy:

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CAPT ROBERT A. NACHTWEY, 0445802, MC, United States Army. On 7 June 1944 when the S.S. **, struck a mine, Capt Nachtwey was painfully injured by the explosion. Obviously in great pain, Capt Nachtwey insisted upon administering aid to numerous wounded soldiers and would not permit himself to be treated until all casualties were evacuated from the sinking ship. Capt Nachtwey's unselfish devotion to duty facilitated the prompt rescue of all personnel in the short time the vessel remained afloat. Entered service from Iowa.

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VI. AWARD OF PURPLE HEART. Under the provisions of AR 600-45 dated 22 September 1943, the Purple Heart is awarded the following named enlisted men:

20 Recd
Cpl Timothy J. Sullivan, Jr, 12156282, Cav, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy on 14 July 1944 in France. Entered military service from New York.

90 Recd
Pvt Joseph S. Moscinski, 42010829, Cav, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy on 12 July 1944 in France. Entered military service from New Jersey.

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Ea Orgn concerned-----2
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