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I. POSTHUMOUS AWARD OF SILVER STAR. Under the provisions of AR 600-45 and Circular 6, Third United States Army, current series, the Silver Star is awarded posthumously to the following named Officer for gallantry in action in northern France:

1ST LT FLOYD I. CHAMBLISS, JR., 01321291, Infantry, United States Army. On 17 July 1944 near \* \* \* France, while commanding a mortar platoon supporting an Infantry advance which came under heavy fire and was pinned to the ground, Lt Chambliss ran through enemy fire to direct the fire of the mortar platoon. Although wounded he continued to encourage and direct his platoon in such a manner that the enemy fire was neutralized and the supporting Infantry was able to reach its position. Despite his wounds, he continued on his mission until it was completed. His gallant action was an inspiration to his men and in keeping with the highest military traditions, Entered service from Georgia.

II. AWARD OF SILVER STAR. Under the provisions of AR 600-45 and Circular 6, Third United States Army, current series, the Silver Star is awarded to the following named officer and enlisted men for gallantry in action in northern France:

1ST LT ROBERT B. SMITH, 01319672, Infantry, (then 2d Lt), United States Army. On 15 June 1944 near \* \*, France, when his platoon was ordered to attack a position defended by a strong enemy force, it came under heavy and accurate machine gun fire. Disregarding his own personal safety Lt Smith moved from position to position, urged his men forward and by his leadership assaulted the position and captured five prisoners, dispersing the remainder of the enemy garrison. He then rapidly reorganized his platoon and continued to his objective notwithstanding the appearance of enemy tanks. His gallant action permitted the advance of other troops and was an outstanding example to his men and in keeping with the highest military traditions. Entered service from Kansas.

1st Sgt. Herbert E. Woodward, 20112618, Infantry, United States Army. On 11 June 1944 near \* France when his battalion was attacking a town, his platoon came under intense enemy Artillery fire and mortar fire and sustained many casualties. Sgt Woodward moved forward under enemy machine gun fire coming from a building. He threw a grenade into the building and when it failed to explode, he entered the building by a



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window and was seriously wounded in the leg. Nevertheless, disregarding his wounds he continued on his mission killing the enemy gunner and putting the machine gun out of action. His gallant actions were in keeping with the highest military traditions. Entered service from Massachusetts.

Pfc Ferdinand B. Chapman, 34762527, Infantry, United States Army. On 7 August 1944 in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France when his company was given the mission of capturing a town and his platoon was pinned down by enemy machine gun fire, Pfc Chapman with complete disregard for his own safety exposed himself to enemy fire in order to take the enemy position under bazooka fire and succeeded in silencing the enemy machine guns. He then proceeded through the town knocking out another machine gun. In the operation he was wounded but despite his wounds, captured two enemy prisoners and returned them to the rear. Entered service from Georgia.

Pfc William E. Gove, 20111593, Infantry, United States Army. On 20 August 1944 near \* \*, France, the command post of his battalion was attacked by two German Mark IV tanks and four half-tracks, which came under small arms and bazooka fire. The German force divided in order to encircle the position. Leaving his foxhole, Pvt Gove pursued one of the tanks and two half-tracks for approximately two hundred yards through an orchard, hitting a tank twice with the bazooka projectiles and so disabling it that its crew abandoned it and fled. During this time he was subjected to fire from the two half-tracks. His gallant actions were in keeping with the highest military traditions. Entered service from Massachusetts.

III. POSTHUMOUS AWARD OF SOLDIER'S MEDAL. Under the provisions of AR 600-45 and Circular 6, Third United States Army, current series, the Soldier's Medal is awarded posthumously to the following named enlisted man for heroism, not involving actual conflict with an enemy, in northern France:

Pvt Charles T. Alvis, 36867635, Infantry, United States Army. On 13 August 1944 near \* \*, France, when a vehicle containing French forces passed a road block which Pvt Alvis was supporting, the vehicle hit a mine immediately setting it on fire and wounding the occupants. The fire of the vehicle threatened to explode other mines near it but despite this danger, Pvt Alvis and two comrades entered the burning vehicle and removed the wounded Frenchmen and two American soldiers nearby to a place of safety. Entered service from Indiana.



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IV. AWARD OF SOLDIER'S MEDAL Under the provisions of AR 600-45 and Circular 6, Third United States Army, current series, the Soldier's Medal is awarded to the following named enlisted men for heroism, not involving actual conflict with an enemy, in northern France:

T Sgt Leon V. Skubitz, 37233668, Infantry, United States Army. On 13 August 1944 near \* \* France, when a vehicle containing French forces passed a road block which Sgt Skubitz was supporting, the vehicle hit a mine immediately setting it on fire and wounding the occupants of the vehicle. The fire threatened to explode other mines near it but despite this danger, Sgt Skubitz with two comrades entered the burning vehicle, removed the wounded Frenchmen and American soldiers to a nearby place of safety. Entered service from Kansas.

S Sgt Curtis R. Allen, 34872963, Infantry, United States Army. On 13 August 1944 near \* \*, France, when a vehicle containing French Forces passed a road block which Sgt Allen was supporting, the vehicle hit a mine immediately setting it on fire and wounding the occupants of the vehicle. The fire of the vehicle threatened to explode other mines near it but despite this danger, Sgt Allen with two comrades entered the burning vehicle, rescued the wounded Frenchmen and American soldiers and removed them to a nearby place of safety. Entered service from Mississippi.

V. POSTHUMOUS AWARD OF BRONZE STAR

Under the provisions of AR 600-45 and Circular 6, Third United States Army, current series, the Bronze Star is awarded posthumously to Pfc Charles W. Dowlin, 37156446, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service during the period 8 June to 18 August 1944 in action against an enemy of the United States in France. Entered service from Kansas.

VI. AWARD OF OAK-LEAF CLUSTER TO BRONZE STAR.

Under the provisions of AR 600-45 and Circular 6, Third United States Army, current series, in addition to the Bronze Star previously awarded, an Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to CAPTAIN MAX K. WILSON, 0325793, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service during the period 9 June to 31 August 1944 in action against an enemy of the United States in France. Entered service from Oregon.



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VII. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR. Under the provisions of AR 600-45 and Circular 6, Third United States Army, current series, the Bronze Star is awarded to the following named officers and enlisted men for bravery in action in northern France.

CAPTAIN PERRY A. BEVILLE, 0380590, Infantry, United States Army. On 3 July 1944 at \* \* \* France, when his Battalion command post sustained a mortar hit, inflicting thirteen casualties on personnel in the position, Captain Beville was seriously shaken by the impact nevertheless he carried on his duties as Battalion S-3 without sleep or rest, showing coolness in action, judgment and devotion to duty. Entered service from Texas.

1ST LT ROBERT N. MILLER, 01288275, Infantry, United States Army. On 9 August 1944 in the vicinity of \* \* \* France, Lt Miller evacuated his unit's Antitank vehicles from an area which had become extremely hazardous due to exploding shells from several ammunition dumps, ignited by enemy shell fire. Entered service from Maryland.

1ST LT. WILLIAM B. O'BRIEN, 01308535, Infantry, United States Army. On 20 August 1944 in the vicinity of \* \* \* France, as a platoon leader of a heavy machine gun platoon Lt O'Brien was ordered to make a difficult shift of position necessitating the crossing of an enemy swept zone. Without hesitation, he engaged a motorized column which attempted to intercept his movement. He repulsed the enemy and continued on his mission. Entered service from Tennessee.

S Sgt Ramey T. Allaire, 38003419, Infantry, United States Army. On 20 July 1944 in the vicinity of \* \* \* France, when his battalion was in a defensive position and communications were constantly being knocked out by enemy shell fire, Sgt Allaire went two nights without sleep in order to maintain communication with front line units and frequently made repairs under enemy shell fire. Entered service from Arizona.

S Sgt Gerald P. Holdsworth, 35294929 (then Pfc) Infantry, United States Army. On 14 July 1944 near \* \* \* France, when his Lieutenant was hit and other medical aid was not available, he went forward through enemy machine gun fire, gave the Lieutenant aid and brought him to a place of safety. Entered service from Ohio.



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S Sgt Emil J. Lahodny, 38155570, Infantry, United States Army. On 19 August 1944 on the outskirts of \* \* \* France, as section sergeant of a section of machine guns, Sgt Lahodny rapidly brought his guns into position to meet an enemy force of superior number, which had hit a rifle platoon. He broke up the enemy attack and forced the surrender of 40 Germans enabling our troops to continue the advance on an important mission. Entered service from Texas.

S Sgt Edgar L. McReynolds, 20829407, Infantry, United States Army. On 20 August 1944 in the vicinity of \* \* \* France while acting as platoon sergeant of a heavy machine gun platoon Sgt McReynolds assisted in repelling a heavy enemy counterattack which occurred in moving to a position. Entered service from Oklahoma.

Sgt John D. Brownfield, 17046069, Infantry, United States Army. Sgt Brownfield as wire chief for his battalion by his diligence and tireless efforts maintained communications during very hard fighting. In particular on 20 July 1944 near \* \* \*, France, when his battalion was being constantly pinned down, Sgt Brownfield without sleep for two days repaired the numerous breaks enabling his battalion to maintain its position. Entered service from Missouri.

Tec 5 Clarence C. Marr, 37153818, Infantry, United States Army. On 11 July 1944 near \* \* \* France, when wire communications had been shot out and Artillery and mortar fire were falling in the area, Tec 5 Marr worked diligently over a long period of time locating and repairing the breaks. At other times he had shown the same consistent diligence and perseverance. Entered service from Nebraska.

Pfc Dale D. Dehne, 39707116, Infantry, United States Army. On 20 August 1944 in the vicinity of \* \* \* France, when enemy Infantry, riding on enemy tanks, advanced to within 100 yards of his position and opened fire, Pfc Dehne manned his machine gun and killed or wounded all the enemy Infantry, in view of which the tank was forced to withdraw later being destroyed by fire from an Antitank weapon. Entered service from California.

Pfc Joseph T. Duffy, 38024605, Infantry, United States Army. As a messenger in his Battalion and throughout numerous battles where his unit had sustained many casualties, Pfc Duffy exhibited willingness to work, devotion to duty and tenacity of purpose. On 11 July 1944 near \* \* \* France, where the fighting was exceptionally heavy and while under enemy fire, Pfc Duffy showed exceptional courage by driving his vehicle up to front line companies and installing heavy wire and thereafter assisted in maintaining it. Entered service from California.



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Pfc Harvey R. Kerouac, 31390645 (then Pvt) Infantry, United States Army. On 19 August 1944 near \* \* France, Pfc Kerouac volunteered to go on an important patrol to dislodge an enemy force of some two officers and twenty-five German soldiers which were holding up the advance of his unit. By so conducting himself with one other comrade, the enemy was taken by surprise and this resulted in the capture of the enemy patrol. Entered service from Massachusetts.

Pfc Charles J. Martin, 18119903, Infantry, United States Army. On 11 July 1944 near \* \* \* France, Pfc Martin maintained wire communications during exceptionally heavy shelling, necessitating his moving through the shelled areas numerous times to repair the frequent breaks in the line. He exhibited a consistent devotion to duty. Entered service from New Mexico.

Pfc Monroe H. Menke, 38155554, Infantry, United States Army. On 20 July 1944 near \* \* \* France, when his Battalion was being constantly shelled by Artillery and mortar fire he exhibited exceptional diligence and courage in maintaining a wire line although his unit had suffered many casualties. He was outstanding in the performance of his duty and showed exceptional devotion to his unit. Entered service from Texas.

VIII. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR

Under the provisions of AR 600-45 and Circular 6, Third United States Army, current series, the Bronze Star is awarded CAPTAIN ROBERT F. BURNS, 0384203, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service during the period 1-14 August 1944 in action against an enemy of the United States in France. Entered service from Illinois.

Under the provisions of AR 600-45 and Circular 6, Third United States Army, current series, the Bronze Star is awarded CAPTAIN JAMES M. GEORGE, 0470065, Medical Corps, United States Army. For meritorious service during the period 6 June to 31 August 1944 in action against an enemy of the United States in France. Entered service from Pennsylvania.

Under the provisions of AR 600-45 and Circular 6, Third United States Army, current series, the Bronze Star is awarded CAPTAIN (CHAPLAIN) RAYMOND P. KERNS, 0435116, United States Army, For meritorious service during the period 6 June to 31 August 1944 in action against an enemy of the United States in France. Entered service from Pennsylvania.



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Under the provisions of AR 600-45 and Circular 6, Third United States Army, current series, the Bronze Star is awarded CAPTAIN MORTON E. OLSON, 0290792, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service during the period 10 June to 31 August 1944 in action against an enemy of the United States in France. Entered service from Iowa.

Under the provisions of AR 600-45 and Circular 6, Third United States Army, current series, the Bronze Star is awarded 1ST LT STANLEY C. ANDERSON, 01322757, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service during the period 7 July to 14 August 1944 in action against an enemy of the United States in France. Entered service from Texas

Under the provisions of AR 600-45 and Circular 6, Third United States Army, current series, the Bronze Star is awarded 1ST LT WILLIAM G. CHISHOLM, 0392509, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service during the period 8 June to 14 August 1944 in action against an enemy of the United States in France. Entered service from Washington.

Under the provisions of AR 600-45 and Circular 6, Third United States Army, current series, the Bronze Star is awarded 1ST LT LESLIE E. GIRTON, 01312412, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service during the period 18 July to 31 August 1944 in action against an enemy of the United States in France. Entered service from Indiana.

Under the provisions of AR 600-45 and Circular 6, Third United States Army, current series, the Bronze Star is awarded S Sgt Walter E. Patrick, 37179580, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service during the period 8 June to 16 August 1944 in action against an enemy of the United States in France. Entered service from Missouri.

Under the provisions of AR 600-45 and Circular 6, Third United States Army, current series, the Bronze Star is awarded Tec 4 Kenneth J. Costello, 31278665, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service during the period 8 June to 16 August 1944 in action against an enemy of the United States in France. Entered service from Connecticut.

Under the provisions of AR 600-45 and Circular 6, Third United States Army, current series, the Bronze Star is awarded Pfc Roland E. Godin, 31218529, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service during the period 11 June to 10 August 1944 in action against an enemy of the United States in France. Entered service from Maine.



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IX. AWARD OF AIR MEDAL.

Under the provisions of AR 600-45 and Circular 6, Third United States Army, current series, the Air Medal is awarded the following named officer:

1ST LT VICTOR P. RIZZO, O1175846, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight from 17 June to 12 July 1944 as Artillery Liaison Pilot. Entered service from New York.

By command of Brigadier General McLAIN:

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