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I--AWARD OF SILVER STAR (MISSING IN ACTION)--. 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: (Now Missing in Action)

TRIMBELL D. LAWRENCE, 38146504, Staff Sergeant, Infantry, 359th Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 12 November 1944 in the vicinity of Hunting, France. When the platoon reached the sector of its objective, Staff Sergeant Lawrence, Platoon Guide, observed several buildings in the area. Since all members of the platoon were engaged in fulfilling assignments, he, on his own initiative, proceeded alone to search them. Upon hearing a disturbance inside one of the structures, he, at risk of his life, immediately entered, surprised and captured ten of the enemy who had been using the house as a command post. His gallantry was in accordance with high military tradition. Entered Military Service from Oklahoma.

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:

STEDMAN CHANDLER, 0217073, Major, Infantry, 359th Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action during the period 9 - 13 November 1944 in the vicinity of Malling, France. During the Moselle River operation, Major Chandler, Battalion S-3, crossed the flooded river with the advance command group and assisted in the establishment of a regimental command post on the east side. When the command post was attacked by a numerically superior enemy, Major Chandler, at risk of his life and despite intense enemy machine gun and mortar fire, organized the thinly-scattered troops into an efficient fighting force to resist the enemy assault. So inspiring was his courageous leadership that the attack was repulsed and the enemy was forced into a disorganized withdrawal. His gallantry was in accordance with high military tradition. Entered Military Service from California.

ORAL G. NELSON, 01319318, Captain (Then First Lieutenant), Infantry, 359th Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action during the period 9 - 14 November 1944 in the vicinity of Kerling, France. As Commanding Officer of Company **, during the crossing of the Moselle River and prior to the attack on the town by the ** Battalion, 359th Infantry, Captain Nelson directed artillery fire on enemy positions with such accuracy that 35 enemy were killed and one enemy vehicle destroyed. When the enemy initiated a counterattack, he moved forward with a bazooka gunner, personally loaded the bazooka and directed fire on enemy self-propelled assault guns. During this action, three Commanders of Company ** became casualties. Captain Nelson assumed command and led the company in an attack on the objective. After weakening enemy resistance by accurate

FRANK J. MINOR, 01299608, First Lieutenant, Infantry, 359th Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action during the period 9 - 13 November 1944 in the vicinity of Malling, France. During an attack on the town by a numerically superior enemy force, First Lieutenant Minor, Platoon Leader, rallied the troops of the Regimental Guard Platoon and coordinated them into an efficient fighting group. At risk of his life and though painfully wounded by shrapnel, he advanced from man to man and encouraged them to hold their ground despite the overwhelming odds. So inspiring was the courageous leadership of First Lieutenant Minor that the enemy attack was completely routed and more than 50 of the enemy were killed. His gallantry was in accordance with high military tradition. Entered Military Service from Georgia.

ALFRED WEISMANN, 0120351, First Lieutenant, Infantry, 359th Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 12 November 1944 in the vicinity of Petite Hettange, France. When he observed an anti-tank gun crew surrounded by an enemy force, First Lieutenant Weismann, Anti-tank Platoon Officer, at risk of his life, advanced 100 yards through heavy enemy fire of various calibers to go to the aid of the crew. Reaching the gun emplacement, he assisted in killing 8 of the enemy and maintaining the position until the arrival of additional troops forced the enemy to withdraw. His gallantry was in accordance with high military tradition. Entered Military Service from New York.

FRANK J. MINOR, 01299608, First Lieutenant, Infantry, 359th Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 11 December 1944 in the vicinity of Dillingen, Germany. During a heavy enemy counterattack, First Lieutenant Evans, Machine Gun Platoon Leader, acted as a Mortar Observer and directed effective mortar fire upon the enemy from his observation post. When small groups of the enemy infiltrated into the sector held by his company, he ceased directing fire missions for fear of injuring friendly troops. At risk of his life, he left the observation post and advanced under intense enemy small arms fire to a communications trench where he resumed the fight as a rifleman with the rest of the company. Though wounded and subsequently evacuated, First Lieutenant Evans' courageous action and complete devotion to duty inspired the men around him and aided materially in the defeat of the enemy counterattack. His gallantry was in accordance with high military tradition. Entered Military Service from Michigan.

KENNETH O. EVANS, 0171418, First Lieutenant, Infantry, 359th Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 11 December 1944 in the vicinity of Dillingen, Germany. During a heavy enemy counterattack, First Lieutenant Evans, Machine Gun Platoon Leader, acted as a Mortar Observer and directed effective mortar fire upon the enemy from his observation post. When small groups of the enemy infiltrated into the sector held by his company, he ceased directing fire missions for fear of injuring friendly troops. At risk of his life, he left the observation post and advanced under intense enemy small arms fire to a communications trench where he resumed the fight as a rifleman with the rest of the company. Though wounded and subsequently evacuated, First Lieutenant Evans' courageous action and complete devotion to duty inspired the men around him and aided materially in the defeat of the enemy counterattack. His gallantry was in accordance with high military tradition. Entered Military Service from Missouri.

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with an adjacent unit and coordinating the movements of the troops until he lost a leg from an exploding enemy mine. His courageous and selfless action inspired all his comrades. His gallantry was in accordance with high military tradition. Entered Military Service from Iowa.

WALTER A. MITROS, 33474524, Staff Sergeant (Then Private First Class), Infantry, 359th Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 15 June 1944 in the vicinity of Orglandes, France. During an attack on the town, heavy fire from three enemy machine guns impeded the advance of Company **, 359th Infantry. Staff Sergeant Mitros, Rifleman, voluntarily and at risk of his life, led a group of six men through intense enemy fire and destroyed the enemy machine guns with hand grenades. He then led a bayonet charge against these positions and killed the remaining enemy. Staff Sergeant Mitros' courageous action enabled the company to continue its advance and aided materially the success of the mission. His gallantry was in accordance with high military tradition. Entered Military Service from Pennsylvania.

KENNETH L. PETERS, 36417294, Staff Sergeant, Infantry, 359th Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 26 November 1944 in the vicinity of Oberesch, Germany. During an attack on the town, two enemy machine guns temporarily impeded the advance of a battalion of infantry. Staff Sergeant Peters, Squad Leader, at risk of his life, led his squad in an attack on the enemy positions which resulted in a disorganized retreat of the opposing gun crews and the capture of two enemy. Later he advanced with his squad into the town, routed out the remainder of the hostile troops and captured another enemy. The courageous leadership displayed by Staff Sergeant Peters materially aided in the successful accomplishment of the battalion mission. His gallantry was in accordance with high military tradition. Entered Military Service from Michigan.

CLAUD C. PORTER, 38104819, Sergeant (Then Private First Class), Infantry, 359th Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 20 August 1944 in the vicinity of Chambois, France. When an enemy tank attack threatened the holding position of Company **, 359th Infantry, Sergeant Porter, Light Machine Gunner, at risk of his life, advanced through heavy enemy tank fire and obtained a bazooka. He returned to a favorable position and, with accurate bazooka fire, disabled one enemy tank and assisted in the destruction of another. His courageous and aggressive action enabled the company to maintain its holding position, which aided materially in the closing of the Falaise Gap. His gallantry was in accordance with high military tradition. Entered Military Service from New Mexico.

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:

ANTONIO M. ARIZOLA, 38155675, Staff Sergeant, Infantry, 359th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement on 18 November 1944 in the vicinity of Conde Northen, France. During an attack on the town by a numerically superior enemy force, a squad of infantry led by Staff Sergeant Arizola became isolated

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from the remainder of the company and was subjected to a fierce assault by hostile troops. Without regard for his personal safety, Staff Sergeant Arizola quickly organized his squad, placed the men in strategic positions and encouraged them to hold their ground. So effective was his courageous leadership that the enemy assault was repelled and the company's control of the town was maintained. His heroic achievement was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Texas.

EDGAR E. BAIRD, 34142024, Staff Sergeant (Then Private), Infantry, 359th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in operations on 12 November 1944 in the vicinity of Hunting, France. During an enemy counterattack troops of Company ** were pinned down by heavy enemy fire of various calibers. Staff Sergeant Baird, Automatic Rifleman, voluntarily advanced to a commanding site and placed effective automatic rifle fire upon the enemy. He held this position and contained the enemy until the counterattack was repulsed. His heroic achievement was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Tennessee.

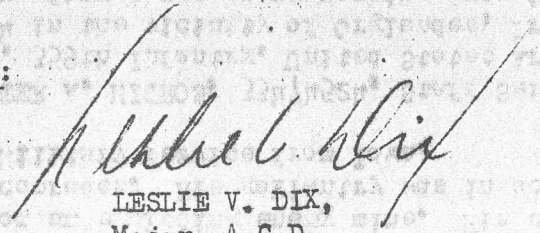
JOHN W. SHORT, 36687351, Private First Class, Medical Department, 359th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in support of operations against the enemy on 9 November 1944 in the vicinity of Hunting, France. While giving first aid to casualties in an area subjected to heavy enemy artillery, mortar and small arms fire, Private First Class Short was wounded. He continued to administer first aid until he was wounded a second time. Although unable to move, he directed others in the treatment of casualties until his evacuation was effected. His heroic service was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Illinois.

SIDNEY H. SILVERMAN, 13186451, Private First Class, Medical Department, 359th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in support of operations against the enemy on 11 November 1944 in the vicinity of Petite Hettange, France. During an attack in which heavy casualties were sustained, Private First Class Silverman became the only aid man left to treat the wounded of Company ** and one platoon of Company **. Exposing himself constantly to the intense enemy artillery and small arms fire, he worked untiringly in treating approximately 75 casualties during the battle. His heroic service saved the lives of many wounded men and was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Pennsylvania.

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