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I. POSTHUMOUS AWARD OF SILVER STAR. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, a Silver Star is posthumously awarded to the following named individual for gallantry in action:

ELGIN J. WEAVER, 36567694, Private First Class, Company G, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 9 November 1944 in France. Company G was subjected to a violent enemy counterattack, and intense small arms, mortar and rifle grenade fire threatened to disorganize the unit. To prevent the imminent disaster, Private First Class Weaver, a gunner in a light machine gun section, voluntarily put his weapon into action in an exposed position on a cliff. From this vantage point he directed accurate bursts of machine gun fire into the midst of the attackers, momentarily halting their advance. Although he became the target for direct small arms fire, he remained dauntlessly in position and continued inflicting heavy casualties on the hostile force. When he spotted an enemy soldier creeping toward him, Private First Class Weaver seized his rifle and opened fire, wounding the man. Almost instantly he was killed by a hostile sniper who had observed the action. Next of kin: Mrs. Weeighy Weaver (Mother), Atlanta, Michigan.

II. AWARD OF SILVER STAR. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, a Silver Star is awarded to each of the following named individuals for gallantry in action:

KENNETH O. PITNER, 01703059, Second Lieutenant, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 29 September 1944 in France. Company B was advancing through a densely wooded area in an attack against hostile positions when the enemy suddenly opened fire with machine guns, mortars and artillery. Casualties were heavy and disorganization threatened the company. Lieutenant Pitner, executive officer, began crawling about among the men, directing them to advantageous positions and encouraging them by his example of intrepidity. When he spotted an enemy machine gun crew which had flanked the company and was about to open fire from the rear, he swiftly shifted his position and, firing his own rifle, directed the fire of his men against the hostile force. The enemy was dispersed and routed by the effective fire. Lieutenant Pitner fearlessly exposed himself to the continued shelling in order to reorganize the company into a well-coordinated unit and continue the assault. Entered the Service from Snyder, Texas.

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RALPH M. HEATH, 19111043, Sergeant, Company A, 143d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 22 September 1944 in France. Company A was occupying a defensive position on a strategically important hill when a large hostile force attempted to infiltrate behind the friendly lines. Just before dawn a guard burst into the company command post, located in a rambling farmhouse, and shouted a warning that enemy troops had smashed through the outpost positions. At that moment an enemy soldier forced his way through the door, killed the guard and sprayed the room with fire from his machine pistol. Crouching in a corner of the room, Sergeant Heath opened fire with his rifle and killed the hostile trooper. As other soldiers poured through the door, he continued firing into their midst, killing one and wounding several others. In the brief respite which followed, he skillfully directed his companions into position and organized an effective defense of the farmhouse. He and his comrades held the command post for two hours, delaying the attackers and enabling the rifle and weapons platoons to occupy advantageous positions and prevent complete encirclement by the enemy. Entered the Service from San Diego, California.

CHARLES O. BOARD, 35932007, Private First Class, Company D, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 23 September 1944 in France. After guiding a portion of the command platoon to the advance command post of the 1st Battalion, Private First Class Board, line company runner, started to return with three companions. While moving across mountainous terrain, they encountered an enemy patrol of approximately 50 men. Although they were armed only with rifles, Private First Class Board and his comrades challenged the patrol and demanded its surrender. The enemy soldiers answered the challenge with machine gun and rifle fire. Private First Class Board courageously maneuvered to the right flank of his group and assumed a position which afforded an excellent field of fire. Although he was the target for the direct small arms fire of the enemy, he valiantly maintained his position and fired 52 rounds of ammunition, wounding at least two of the hostile soldiers. As a result of the daring and determination of Private First Class Board and his comrades, the enemy patrol was dispersed and disorganized, enabling friendly troops to capture it without organized resistance later in the day. Entered the Service from Akron, Ohio.

LLOYD G. YOUNG, 39343109, Private, Company I, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 2 December 1944 in France. Private Young was occupying an outpost position when a large enemy combat patrol launched a violent attack, firing automatic weapons at point blank range. One of the attackers charged Private Young's position and struck him on the head with the butt of his weapon. Although dazed by the blow, Private Young seized his automatic rifle and wounded the enemy soldier with his accurate fire. He then directed his fire at two other attackers who were approaching his position and killed them instantly. When he saw that the outpost's machine gunner had been killed and his weapon was out of action, Private Young unhesitatingly left his fighting hole and, moving directly in the face of hostile small arms fire, reached the machine gun emplacement. He swiftly opened fire and killed two more of the enemy soldiers with his rapid, effective bursts. As a result of his quick-thinking and aggressiveness, the hostile patrol was completely disorganized and forced to flee. Entered the Service from Portland, Oregon.

III. AWARD OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER (SILVER STAR). Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, an Oak Leaf Cluster in lieu of a second Silver Star is awarded to the following named individual for gallantry in action:

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CURTIS HISLY, 38065804, Private First Class, Company A, 111th Medical Battalion, 17 November 1944, France. Entered the Service from Spur, Texas.
VINCENT F. VENDITTELLI, 32357143, Private First Class, Company B, 111th Medical Battalion, 14 December 1944, France. Entered the Service from Brooklyn, New York.

CONRAY S. FOSTER, 20453851, Private, Company A, 111th Medical Battalion, 7 December 1944, France. Entered the Service from Concord, North Carolina.

V. AWARD OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER (PURPLE HEART). Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, an Oak Leaf Cluster in lieu of a second Purple Heart is awarded to each of the following named individuals for wounds received as a result of enemy action in France:

RICHARD S. FLEMING, 01173946, First Lieutenant, 131st Field Artillery Battalion, 17 December 1944. Entered the Service from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
RAYMOND A. GROSSMAN, 01176647, First Lieutenant, 133d Field Artillery Battalion, 14 December 1944. Entered the Service from Chicago, Illinois.
LEROY O. GLOOR, 20817632, Technician Fifth Grade, Medical Detachment, 111th Engineer Combat Battalion, 1 December 1944. Entered the Service from Gonzales, Texas.

FRANK J. BLITER, 36833063, Private First Class, Company I, 142d Infantry Regiment, 15 December 1944. Entered the Service from Park Falls, Wisconsin.
JESSE L. FORD, 33556572, Private First Class, Medical Detachment, 142d Infantry Regiment, 20 December 1944. Entered the Service from Charlestown, West Virginia.

JOHN SAREK, 33938485, Private First Class, Company L, 142d Infantry Regiment, 14 December 1944. Entered the Service from Avella, Pennsylvania.
ROBERT L. TONEY, 39336733, Private First Class, Company E, 142d Infantry Regiment, 30 November 1944. Entered the Service from Redmond, Oregon.

ALDEN E. WILDER, 31269683, Private First Class, Antitank Company, 142d Infantry Regiment, 11 November 1944. Entered the Service from Keene, N. H.
WILTON L. LYLES, 34931773, Private, Company E, 142d Infantry Regiment, 27 November 1944. Entered the Service from Drayton, South Carolina.

MANUEL ARCHULLA, 38583038, Private, Company I, 142d Infantry Regiment, 17 December 1944. Entered the Service from Truchas, New Mexico.
ROY R. BROCK, 36783628, Private, Company A, 142d Infantry Regiment, 16 December 1944. Entered the Service from Olney, Illinois.

GEORGE H. LANDFERRID, 33715033, Private, Company I, 142d Infantry Regiment, 16 December 1944. Entered the Service from Rochester, Pennsylvania.
DOMENIC A. CALDERONE, 13080759, Private, Company B, 111th Engineer Combat Battalion, 19 December 1944. Entered the Service from Ardmore, Pennsylvania.

By command of Major General DAHLQUIST:

OFFICIAL:

Vincent M. Lockhart
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JOHN YBARBO, 38026352, Staff Sergeant, Company K, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 29 October 1944 in France. Sergeant Ybarbo was assigned the mission of leading two men from his squad on a reconnaissance patrol to locate enemy positions in a nearby town. After reconnoitering the village, he started to return to his unit with a report on the situation. While moving back to the friendly lines, he passed a building housing an enemy strong point which several previous patrols had failed to neutralize. Sergeant Ybarbo instructed his men to wait for him at a safe distance from the house while he approached the hostile positions alone. As he neared the house, a machine gun opened fire, spattering dirt around him. Moving swiftly in the face of the hostile fire, he hurled a hand grenade into the emplacement, knocking out the enemy weapon. He charged the house and, while the hostile soldiers were still stunned by his daring action, set it afire, then returned to his company. The house was completely gutted by the fire, large stores of ammunition were exploded, many weapons were destroyed and four enemy soldiers were burned to death. Entered the Service from Victoria, Texas.

IV. AWARD OF PURPLE HEART. 1. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45 a Purple Heart is awarded to each of the following named individuals of the 142d Infantry Regiment for wounds received as a result of enemy action in France:

- JESSE R. HAMILTON, 01294468, 2d Lieutenant, 1 December 1944. Entered the Service from Hollywood, California.
- FRANK KUREJKA, 31332777, Staff Sergeant, Company C, 12 December 1944. Entered the Service from New Haven, Connecticut.
- WILLIAM H. ALINGENSMITH, 33920235, Staff Sergeant, Company E, 5 December 1944. Entered the Service from Kelly Station, Pennsylvania.
- GUTHRIE A. HAMMONS, 34377119, Sergeant, Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 28 November 1944. Entered the Service from Rickman, Tennessee.
- THOMAS W. JAY, 38038167, Private First Class, Medical Detachment, 12 December 1944. Entered the Service from Henderson, Texas.
- JIMMIE J. HARRILL, 34833012, Private First Class, Company E, 11 December 1944. Entered the Service from Douglas, Georgia.
- JOHNNIE J. BURHALTER, 34925708, Private, Company B, 30 November 1944. Entered the Service from Carson, Mississippi.
- SIDNEY O. BECK, 33708022, Private, Company L, 30 November 1944. Entered the Service from Braddock, Pennsylvania.
- GUS CADWELL, JR., 36461119, Private, Company L, 3 December 1944. Entered the Service from Edna, Texas.

2. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, a Purple Heart is awarded to each of the following named individuals for wounds received as a result of enemy action:

- JOHN C. L. ADAMS, 015716, Lieutenant Colonel, U. S. Army, 25 August 1944, France. Entered the United States Military Academy from Texas.
- HOWARD RAYMOND, 35803081, Technician Fifth Grade, Company A, 111th Medical Battalion, 15 December 1944, France. Entered the Service from Pineville, Ky.
- JOSEPH F. PASSARETTI, 31142298, Corporal, Battery C, 133d Field Artillery Battalion, 5 January 1945, France. Entered the Service from Hartford, Conn.
- CHARLES A. PRINDLE, 38035941, Corporal, Battery B, 131st Field Artillery Battalion, 13 December 1944, France. Entered the Service from Fort Worth, Tex.
- RALPH E. CLEVELAND, 32944526, Private First Class, Company B, 111th Medical Battalion, 4 December 1944, France. Entered the Service from North Creek, N. Y.

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