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I--Award, Posthumous, 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 posthumously to:

OVER L. COATS, 37491577, Staff Sergeant, Infantry, 358th Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 10 November 1944 in the vicinity of Basse Ham, France. During the advance in the town, Staff Sergeant Coats led a squad on a mission to attack an enemy machine gun position in a house. Halting the squad, Staff Sergeant Coats, at risk of his life, advanced alone through heavy enemy machine gun fire up to the house, threw a grenade through a window and killed the entire enemy gun crew. After entering he threw several grenades in the basement, killed another gun crew and captured 13 enemy soldiers. This action completely ended all enemy resistance in the town and secured the right flank for the Division's ensuing advance. Staff Sergeant Coat's gallantry was in accordance with high military tradition. Entered Military Service from Missouri.

FRUIT B. CARR, 18071182, Corporal, Infantry, 358th Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 9 November 1944 in the vicinity of Basse Ham, France. During street fighting in the town, an Intelligence and Reconnaissance Platoon, engaged in patrol activity, encountered intense enemy machine gun cross fire which wounded one member of the patrol and forced the others to take cover. Corporal Carr, Squad Leader and Acting Platoon Sergeant, voluntarily and at risk of his life, moved to the center of the street, which was subjected to intense enemy automatic weapons fire, and carried the wounded comrade over 60 yards of open ground to the safety of a building. There he administered first aid. He then charged the enemy gun with a bazooka in an attempt to destroy it. Although Corporal Carr was fatally wounded in this action, the fearless courage with which he attacked the enemy emplacement diverted their attention toward himself and enabled a comrade, advancing from another direction, to destroy it with bazooka fire. His gallantry was in accordance with high military tradition. Entered Military Service from Colorado.

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:

MARTIN O. MERRILL, 37536999, Private First Class, Infantry, 358th Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 11 November 1944 in the vicinity of Fort Koenigsmacher, France. During an attack on high ground near the Fort, Private

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First Class Merrill, Automatic Rifleman, and two companions were hit by enemy light machine gun fire. Rendered unconscious and wounded seriously, Private First Class Merrill regained consciousness as the enemy machine gun crew was searching his two comrades. He recovered his weapon and placed such effective fire upon the crew that several of them were killed and the rest were forced to make a disorderly retreat. His gallantry was in accordance with high military tradition. Entered Military Service from Texas.

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:

LESTER J. MORRISON, 38154403, Staff Sergeant, Infantry, 358th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement on 5 December 1944 in the vicinity of Ober Limberg, Germany. During the preparations for the 358th Infantry's initial assault across the Saar River, Staff Sergeant Morrison, Platoon Sergeant, selected positions for two strategically important Observation Posts. He remained at one of the posts and despite heavy enemy fire of various calibers, informed the Regimental Command Post of important enemy movements and enemy artillery fire, both before and during the assault crossing. His heroic achievement was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Texas.

DALE W. STUART, 35001932, Sergeant, Infantry, 358th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement on 11 November 1944 in the vicinity of Fort Koenigs-macher, France. During an assault on the Fort, when the section leader of a machine gun section became a casualty, Sergeant Stuart, Squad Leader, assumed command and without regard for his personal safety directed accurate machine gun fire in support of the attacking infantry. By his courageous leadership and complete devotion to duty he materially contributed to the successful accomplishment of the infantry's mission. His heroic achievement was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Ohio.

OLIVE P. JAFFRAY, JR., 0529001, Captain, Infantry, 356th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France during the period 8 June to 30 November 1944. Entered Military Service from Minnesota.

ROBERT L. BARNES, 0527407, First Lieutenant, Infantry, 358th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France during the period 10 - 14 November 1944. Entered Military Service from California.

GILMAN E. GAMBS, 0538406, First Lieutenant, Infantry, 358th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France during the period 8 June to 31 October 1944. Entered Military Service from Michigan.

SOL S. GOFFSTEIN, 01305239, First Lieutenant, Infantry, 358th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France during the period 9 - 10 November 1944. Entered Military Service from Missouri.

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MERRILL B. RODES, 01298133, First Lieutenant, Infantry, 358th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France during the period 8 June to 30 November 1944. Entered Military Service from Ohio.

JOHN C. MILLER, 18108889, First Sergeant, Infantry, 358th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France during the period 8 June to 31 October 1944. Entered Military Service from Texas.

GEORGE W. HILL, 14073364, Technical Sergeant, Infantry, 358th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France during the period 8 June to 31 October 1944. Entered Military Service from North Carolina.

CLARENCE A. TIEDE, 37155035, Technical Sergeant, Infantry, 358th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France during the period 8 June to 1 November 1944. Entered Military Service from South Dakota.

ROY G. ALLEN, 37154702, Staff Sergeant, Infantry, 358th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France during the period 8 June to 31 October 1944. Entered Military Service from Kansas.

ROY H. CORTLI, 37179118, Staff Sergeant, Infantry, 358th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France during the period 8 June to 2 December 1944. Entered Military Service from Missouri.

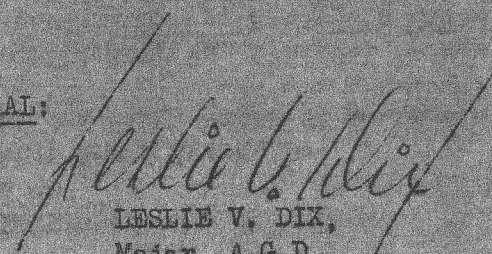
IGNACIO VACCARO, 34201578, Staff Sergeant, Infantry, 358th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France during the period 8 June to 31 October 1944. Entered Military Service from Florida.

EUGENE J. CARPENTER, 37170673, Sergeant, Infantry, 358th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France during the period 8 June to 22 November 1944. Entered Military Service from Minnesota.

By command of Major General VAN FLEET:

JOHN C. WHITCOMB,
Colonel, G.S.C.,
Chief of Staff.

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Major, A.G.D.,
Adjutant General.

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