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AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

Under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and pursuant to authority contained in Circular No. 32, Headquarters ETOUSA, 20 March 1944, and Circular No. 66, Headquarters First United States Army, 18 May 1944, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following named individuals for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on 6 June 1944 in NORMANDY, FRANCE. Shortly after 0100 on D-Day these men dropped by parachute as members of small Pathfinder Teams with equipment and apparatus for guiding the incoming parachute and glider lifts to designated drop and landing zones. They were the advance elements of a mighty armada of airborne elements. They had no protection save their individual arms. The very nature of their mission denied them the privilege of seeking cover and concealment after landing. The operation of their apparatus and the marking lights on the fields they occupied revealed their exact location to the enemy. They exhibited superb courage, cool-headed efficiency and daring of the highest order. They accomplished their hazardous missions with remarkable efficiency. Many of them made the supreme sacrifice, many of them were wounded, but all did their duty and contributed materially to the success of the greatest night airborne operation ever attempted by any army. Their voluntary performance of this especially hazardous duty was a superb demonstration of the qualities which will bring Victory ever closer.

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| a. | PVT   | CURRY M ADDERTON    | 17044260  | 504th Pecht Inf |
|    | CPL   | LEWIS D ALLEN       | 20360339  | 505th Pecht Inf |
|    | 2D LT | CHARLES R AMES      | 0-423836  | 507th Pecht Inf |
|    | PVT   | ROBERT A ANDREAS    | 34249324  | 508th Pecht Inf |
|    | TEC 4 | WILLIAM O ARMSTRONG | 37176000  | 507th Pecht Inf |
|    | PVT   | WARREN L BAKER      | 19084297  | 505th Pecht Inf |
|    | PVT   | JOHN J BALDASSAR    | 33366649  | 504th Pecht Inf |
|    | 2D LT | ROBERT B BALES      | 0-2055092 | 505th Pecht Inf |
|    | SGT   | ROBERT V BARBIAUX   | 33275837  | 508th Pecht Inf |
|    | PFC   | JOHN T BARKLEY      | 34267678  | 508th Pecht Inf |
|    | PVT   | JAMES E BARNETTE    | 6988604   | 505th Pecht Inf |
|    | PFC   | ROBERT J BEAUDINE   | 32343984  | 507th Pecht Inf |
|    | S SGT | FRANK M BIGGAM      | 15336962  | 505th Pecht Inf |
|    | PFC   | THEODORE F BOSSERT  | 33461248  | 508th Pecht Inf |
|    | PFC   | JASPER J BOWMAN     | 14161500  | 505th Pecht Inf |
|    | TEC 4 | EDWARD L BRIMLOW    | 32021151  | 505th Pecht Inf |
|    | TEC 5 | VINGENT MAN BROPHY  | 32222056  | 507th Pecht Inf |
|    | PVT   | CHARLES L BURGHDOFF | 19075481  | 505th Pecht Inf |
|    | PFC   | FRED L BURNS        | 39237089  | 507th Pecht Inf |
|    | PVT   | JOSEPH A BURNS      | 32801540  | 508th Pecht Inf |
|    | CPL   | CHARLES F CALVERT   | 31248089  | 508th Pecht Inf |

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| PVT    | A B CANNON            | 18158239 | 508th Precht Inf |
| PVT    | ARTHUR CANTON JR      | 35473067 | 504th Precht Inf |
| PFC    | WILLIAM H CASEY       | 31153099 | 505th Precht Inf |
| PFC    | WALTER E CHANEY       | 13072994 | 504th Precht Inf |
| 1ST LT | MICHAEL C CHESTER     | 01307371 | 505th Precht Inf |
| PFC    | RICHARD C CLARK       | 20348802 | 507th Precht Inf |
| SGT    | WILLIAM E CONSOLVO    | 20366737 | 507th Precht Inf |
| PVT    | CHARLES G COPPING     | 19055838 | 505th Precht Inf |
| PFC    | JOHN M P CORCORAN     | 11130346 | 505th Precht Inf |
| PFC    | AMOS R CUNDIFF        | 6991723  | 504th Precht Inf |
| CPL    | LATHAM CUTRELL        | 6948602  | 505th Precht Inf |
| 2D LT  | EDWARD T CZENBINSKI   | 01297848 | 508th Precht Inf |
| PFC    | ANTHONY J DeMAYO      | 12017926 | 505th Precht Inf |
| PFC    | JOHN MMN DESPOT       | 33259829 | 507th Precht Inf |
| PVT    | EDWARD MMI DEVONSHUK  | 11096023 | 505th Precht Inf |
| PFC    | JOHN D DICKINSON      | 38020882 | 504th Precht Inf |
| TEC 4  | ROLLAND J DUFF        | 37175953 | 507th Precht Inf |
| TEC 5  | LOYD F DURFEE         | 37086476 | 507th Precht Inf |
| PVT    | AUDREY F EGOLF        | 39023881 | 505th Precht Inf |
| PFC    | JULIUS MMI FISNER     | 12188390 | 505th Precht Inf |
| PVT    | RAY A EMBREW          | 39838223 | 507th Precht Inf |
| PFC    | WILLIAM E EMBURY      | 32254134 | 505th Precht Inf |
| PVT    | EDWARD W ENISLEY      | 6297375  | 504th Precht Inf |
| PVT    | GORDON T ERICKSEN     | 32105471 | 505th Precht Inf |
| SGT    | MICHAEL F FELDORA     | 17049706 | 505th Precht Inf |
| PVT    | NICK FORKUPA          | 15329875 | 504th Precht Inf |
| PVT    | FRANCISCO M GALLARDO  | 18013875 | 505th Precht Inf |
| PVT    | GILBERT L GAMELGY     | 16062242 | 505th Precht Inf |
| PFC    | CIPRIANO GAMEZ        | 35583421 | 508th Precht Inf |
| 1ST LT | HAROLD L GENSELDER    | 01295363 | 505th Precht Inf |
| PVT    | JOHN G GERARD         | 16087791 | 508th Precht Inf |
| TEC 4  | FREDERICK A GILMAN    | 20253257 | 505th Precht Inf |
| 1ST LT | JAMES H GORTHE        | 0425992  | 504th Precht Inf |
| PVT    | FRED F GOLDEN         | 37458070 | 505th Precht Inf |
| TEC 4  | MICHAEL MMI GUZE      | 13078420 | 505th Precht Inf |
| 2D LT  | ELBERT F HAMILTON     | 0493561  | 508th Precht Inf |
| PFC    | WILLIAM J HANNIGAN    | 20751497 | 504th Precht Inf |
| PFC    | CHALMER D HANSEN      | 18104548 | 507th Precht Inf |
| TEC 5  | BARNARD W HEGEDUS     | 12092748 | 505th Precht Inf |
| CPL    | HOWARD W HICKS JR     | 33365295 | 505th Precht Inf |
| PVT    | ZIGMUND MMN HOJNOWSKI | 6138438  | 507th Precht Inf |
| PVT    | FREDERICK J INTANGER  | 12180437 | 508th Precht Inf |
| PFC    | WARREN C JEFFERS      | 35686571 | 508th Precht Inf |
| PVT    | HOWARD JESSUP         | 39526375 | 508th Precht Inf |
| PVT    | EDWARD C JONES        | 13124379 | 505th Precht Inf |
| SGT    | JAMES E JONES         | 14062720 | 505th Precht Inf |
| 1ST LT | JOHN T JOSEPH         | 01288063 | 507th Precht Inf |
| 2D LT  | ALBERT V KONAR        | 01293605 | 505th Precht Inf |
| PVT    | DONALD E KRAUSE       | 36663522 | 508th Precht Inf |
| PVT    | LEON M KYSER          | 20414463 | 505th Precht Inf |



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| TEC 5  | FRANCIS M LAMOUREUX  | 11008880 | 508th Precht | Inf |
| IVT    | WILLIAM F LEE        | 14000877 | 508th Precht | Inf |
| PVT    | THOMAS W LINDSEY     | 34809013 | 508th Precht | Inf |
| PVT    | EDDIE H LIVINGSTON   | 14001361 | 504th Precht | Inf |
| PVT    | ARTHUR J LORDITCH    | 6940895  | 505th Precht | Inf |
| PVT    | LEE E LOVELADY       | 19075539 | 505th Precht | Inf |
| PVT    | JOSEPH H MANFREDIE   | 32769867 | 504th Precht | Inf |
| IVT    | MELVIN E MARSHALL    | 20456207 | 507th Precht | Inf |
| PVT    | ARTHUR A MAYO        | 6553695  | 505th Precht | Inf |
| PVT    | THOMAS J MCCARTHY    | 11047965 | 504th Precht | Inf |
| 1ST LT | RALPH S MCGILL       | 01295752 | 507th Precht | Inf |
| PFC    | JOHN C MERTZFELDT    | 16065045 | 504th Precht | Inf |
| PVT    | STANTON H MESERINK   | 39684243 | 508th Precht | Inf |
| PFC    | EDWARD G MILLER      | 12086016 | 507th Precht | Inf |
| TEC 5  | ROBERT MITCHELL      | 14104293 | 507th Precht | Inf |
| PFC    | THOMAS E MUNDEN      | 18075755 | 507th Precht | Inf |
| PVT    | HAL A MURDOCK        | 14065678 | 504th Precht | Inf |
| PVT    | ROBERT M MURPHY      | 11090385 | 505th Precht | Inf |
| 2D LT  | THOMAS A MURPHY      | 01313430 | 504th Precht | Inf |
| TEC 5  | MAYARD S MYERS       | 35382145 | 505th Precht | Inf |
| CPL    | ROY E NEIDEEFFER     | 15102195 | 507th Precht | Inf |
| PFC    | VIRGIL W NEWMAN      | 14011296 | 505th Precht | Inf |
| PFC    | RONALD B NICHOLSON   | 39181230 | 507th Precht | Inf |
| PFC    | MILTON F NIELSEN     | 37127796 | 507th Precht | Inf |
| PVT    | ROY E NORRIS         | 34025074 | 507th Precht | Inf |
| 1ST LT | GEORGE O'BRIAN JR    | 01285100 | 507th Precht | Inf |
| PFC    | DENNIS G OLOUGHLIN   | 39389102 | 505th Precht | Inf |
| PFC    | ROBERT E OLSEN       | 37191367 | 507th Precht | Inf |
| PFC    | PAUL E PACHOWKA      | 33315853 | 507th Precht | Inf |
| PVT    | CICERO J PARCHMAN    | 38202422 | 504th Precht | Inf |
| PVT    | JOHN P PERDUE        | 34434442 | 508th Precht | Inf |
| PFC    | PAUL P PHENICIE      | 33015972 | 505th Precht | Inf |
| 2D LT  | LLOYD L POLETTE JR   | 01309822 | 508th Precht | Inf |
| CPL    | GEORGE H FURCELL     | 20341767 | 505th Precht | Inf |
| PFC    | JOHN E RAGLE         | 36079167 | 505th Precht | Inf |
| PFC    | FAYETTE O RICHARDSON | 19192966 | 508th Precht | Inf |
| PVT    | JOHN R RIAGPOULOS    | 11105947 | 504th Precht | Inf |
| PFC    | CHARLES H ROGERS     | 15382512 | 508th Precht | Inf |
| CPL    | EUGENE W RULE JR     | 34008931 | 505th Precht | Inf |
| PVT    | JOHN G SARIS         | 35333861 | 507th Precht | Inf |
| PFC    | LOYD H SCALF         | 34195617 | 505th Precht | Inf |
| PVT    | BERNARD G SHIPTON    | 12055219 | 504th Precht | Inf |
| PFC    | JOHN SIVETZ          | 33031972 | 508th Precht | Inf |
| 1ST LT | JAMES J SMITH        | 01288804 | 505th Precht | Inf |
| CPL    | ROBERT L SMITH       | 14079444 | 505th Precht | Inf |
| CPL    | ROY L SMITH          | 12139704 | 508th Precht | Inf |
| IVT    | WILLIE E SMITH       | 36441135 | 508th Precht | Inf |
| PVT    | LAWRENCE R SOLARI    | 39023630 | 505th Precht | Inf |
| PFC    | JOHN E STERNESKY     | 32827875 | 508th Precht | Inf |
| PVT    | ERIC NMI STOTT       | 39115094 | 508th Precht | Inf |
| PVT    | RALPH NMI STOUT JR   | 6267878  | 505th Precht | Inf |

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|-------|-------------------|----------|--------------|-----|
| PFC   | WILBURN L STUTLER | 15332262 | 508th Frecht | Inf |
| CPL   | EDDIE A TAMPLEN   | 18081436 | 507th Frecht | Inf |
| PVT   | JOHN P TERNOSNY   | 33463601 | 504th Frecht | Inf |
| PVT   | J MORRIS THOMPSON | 20340339 | 507th Frecht | Inf |
| S SGT | ARTHUR W TOWER    | 11063860 | 505th Frecht | Inf |
| PFC   | NICHOLAS TREVINO  | 38132024 | 508th Frecht | Inf |
| SGT   | JOHN A TURNER     | 11067994 | 507th Frecht | Inf |
| PFC   | PHILIP F VERDUCE  | 33151308 | 505th Frecht | Inf |
| PVT   | ROSCOE H WALKER   | 14029522 | 508th Frecht | Inf |
| PVT   | JAMES O WAILIS    | 37348356 | 507th Frecht | Inf |
| TTC 4 | MICHAEL R WARGO   | 32278926 | 505th Frecht | Inf |
| CPL   | PETER J WEATHERS  | 32304591 | 507th Frecht | Inf |
| 2D LT | ROBERT J WEAVER   | 01302396 | 508th Frecht | Inf |
| PVT   | JAMES H WEINERTH  | 12140341 | 508th Frecht | Inf |
| PFC   | WILLIAM R WOLF    | 13090555 | 507th Frecht | Inf |
| PVT   | JULIUS A WYNGART  | 16068057 | 505th Frecht | Inf |
| PFC   | WILLIAM W YOUNG   | 19082957 | 505th Frecht | Inf |

b. A Bronze Star Medal having been previously awarded, the following are awarded the Oak Leaf Cluster:

|       |                |          |              |     |
|-------|----------------|----------|--------------|-----|
| S SGT | SIMON H HANNIG | 16059096 | 505th Frecht | Inf |
| PFC   | ROBERT L SEALE | 6999179  | 508th Frecht | Inf |

c. The following are Missing in Action:

|       |                     |          |              |     |
|-------|---------------------|----------|--------------|-----|
| PVT   | JAMES S CARPER      | 15112794 | 507th Frecht | Inf |
| TTC 5 | PAUL NMI DEMCIAK    | 33359781 | 508th Frecht | Inf |
| PFC   | OTTO NMI RICHELBERG | 39208696 | 507th Frecht | Inf |
| PVT   | MICHAEL NMI EVANICK | 32000715 | 504th Frecht | Inf |
| PFC   | LESLIE D FRIES      | 39310530 | 505th Frecht | Inf |
| PVT   | WILLIAM L GRAY      | 14030502 | 504th Frecht | Inf |
| PFC   | ROBERT E KELLEY     | 15077111 | 507th Frecht | Inf |
| PFC   | BEVERLEY J MOSS     | 33446638 | 508th Frecht | Inf |
| PVT   | WILLIAM L ROBBINS   | 39238453 | 507th Frecht | Inf |
| TTC 4 | PAUL B THORE        | 17050851 | 507th Frecht | Inf |
| CPL   | ALEXANDER F TURLO   | 11052948 | 507th Frecht | Inf |
| PFC   | JONES H WARREN      | 39307971 | 507th Frecht | Inf |
| PVT   | NORMAN C WILLIS     | 16087294 | 508th Frecht | Inf |

d. The following have subsequently been reported as Killed in Action:

|        |                    |          |              |     |
|--------|--------------------|----------|--------------|-----|
| PFC    | JOHN R BERGENDAHL  | 31277056 | 507th Frecht | Inf |
| 1ST LT | CLAUDE V CROOKS JR | 01010521 | 507th Frecht | Inf |
| PVT    | JAMES J CURRIN     | 34464713 | 505th Frecht | Inf |
| PFC    | MURRAY E DALY      | 15334241 | 508th Frecht | Inf |
| CPL    | RUSSELL B DILLARD  | 13036507 | 507th Frecht | Inf |
| PVT    | WALTER W HARRELSON | 19186141 | 508th Frecht | Inf |
| PFC    | WALTER A HEINEMANN | 16053791 | 505th Frecht | Inf |
| PVT    | DALE C HUDSON      | 37447044 | 505th Frecht | Inf |
| PFC    | CARL W JONES       | 37518141 | 508th Frecht | Inf |



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|-------|-------------------|----------|------------------|
| CPL   | ERNEST J KING     | 6903117  | 508th Frecht Inf |
| PFC   | ARNOLD H MARTIN   | 37088153 | 508th Frecht Inf |
| PVT   | JAMES M MCCORMICK | 32223340 | 507th Frecht Inf |
| PVT   | RALPH W NICHOLSON | 17169343 | 508th Frecht Inf |
| PVT   | HENRY S PAWLINGS  | 32745415 | 504th Frecht Inf |
| PFC   | THOMAS L RODGERS  | 20421704 | 504th Frecht Inf |
| SGT   | JEROME SHAPIRO    | 16038709 | 507th Frecht Inf |
| 2D LT | ELMER R STULL     | 01294928 | 508th Frecht Inf |
| PFC   | LOUIS C WALDORF   | 19042335 | 507th Frecht Inf |
| 2D LT | GENE H WILLIAMS   | 0437821  | 508th Frecht Inf |

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