

HEADQUARTERS 80TH INFANTRY DIVISION
APO 80, U. S. Army

GENERAL ORDERS)

NUMBER

48)

1 October 1944.

I. AWARD OF SILVER STAR, POSTHUMOUSLY: By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, the Silver Star Medal is awarded, posthumously, to the following named Officer and Enlisted Men:

Ben F. Bechdol, 34783777, Pvt, MD, Army of the United States. For gallantry in action in France on 7 September 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Florida.

MURRAY G. HARRIS, 0449608, 1st Lt, Inf, Army of the United States. For gallantry in action in France on 14 September 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Tennessee.

Matthew Mangiacotti, 32074228, S Sgt, Armd Force, Army of the United States. For gallantry in action in France on 16 September 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from New Jersey.

Charles D. Quick, 32947147, Pvt, OE, Army of the United States. For gallantry in action in France on 12 September 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from New York.

II. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR, POSTHUMOUSLY: By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded, posthumously, to the following named Enlisted Man:

Joseph P. Cusker, 12087422, Pvt, Inf, United States Army. For heroic service and outstanding personal courage in France on 18 August 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from New York.

III. AWARD OF PURPLE HEART: By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, the Purple Heart is awarded the following named Officer and Enlisted Men for wounds received as a result of enemy action in France on date indicated:

<u>RANK AND NAME</u>	<u>ASN</u>	<u>ARM OR SERVICE</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>ENTERED MILITARY SERVICE FROM</u>
S Sgt John R. Smith	31171947	Inf	29 Sep 44	Rhode Island
Pvt Willie L. Grimes	38642532	Inf	29 Sep 44	Texas
Pvt Chester L. Gradecki	36804418	Inf	29 Sep 44	Wisconsin
Pvt Maurice W. Mitchell	38600331	Inf	29 Sep 44	Arkansas

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<u>RANK AND NAME</u>	<u>ASN</u>	<u>ARM OR SERVICE</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>ENTERED MILITARY SERVICE FROM</u>
<i>med</i> Tec 5 John J. Rokicsak	33253728	MD	29 Sep 44	Pennsylvania
<i>I</i> Pvt Vincent J. Knull Jr	33235324	Inf	29 Sep 44	Pennsylvania
<i>I</i> Sgt Rudolph M. Plut	33235372	Inf	29 Sep 44	Pennsylvania
<i>I</i> S Sgt James E. Kizer	35359117	Inf	29 Sep 44	Maryland
<i>I</i> Pvt Charlie B. Storms	34311348	Inf	29 Sep 44	North Carolina
LT COL PAUL F. ROBERTS	0371693	Inf	29 Sep 44	Texas
Pvt George Goodwin	38364509	Inf	29 Sep 44	Texas
Pvt Jack T. Begtrup	32767345	Inf	29 Sep 44	New Jersey
Pfc Daniel Kotzur	38113579	Inf	29 Sep 44	Texas
Pvt John P. Rizzo	38922454	Inf	29 Sep 44	Ohio

IV. So much of General Orders Number 45, Section III, this Headquarters, dated 23 September 1944, as reads "Pvt Raymond E. Laver 31408375 Inf 24 Sep 44 Massachusetts" is rescinded.

By command of Major General McBRIDE:

MAX S. JOHNSON
Colonel, GSC,
Chief of Staff.

OFFICIAL:

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Lt Colonel, AGD,
Adjutant General.

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