

IN THE HIGHEST TRADITIONS

THESE are the 743's Battle Honors. It makes a long list. The 743 with its men is a highly decorated Battalion—and it, and they, earned every bit of medal and ribbon the Generals pinned to the combat jackets of the tankers. These medals are the tokens of furious days in battle. And something more . . .

There is a phrase used over and over in the award citations given by the Army. It names the recipient of the award and then goes on: "his action reflects great credit upon himself and his unit, and is *in the highest traditions of the Armed Forces.*"

It's a phrase—but not just another stock phrase. For these traditions date back to Concord Bridge, to Valley Forge, Gettysburg, Belleaux Wood, and to Bataan, Corregidor, Faid Pass, Salerno, Omaha Beach . . . It is a tradition of courage: courage to face death for a free man's belief—courage to do an ugly but necessary job—courage that in the world's most violent war went so very far in bringing a quicker end to a dangerous enemy.

For so many in this list, the medal and the honor is a testimonial to a memory—for their awards were made posthumously. Now here the brave stand with the brave who have fallen. All ranks are here listed as of the time of the award and are not necessarily the highest ranks the individuals held in European Theater of Operations.

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS

Lieutenant Colonel John S. Upham	2nd Lieutenant Floyd M. Jenkins
Major Vodra C. Philips	Staff Sergeant John L. Benton
Captain Ned S. Elder	Staff Sergeant Melvin H. Bieber
Captain Harry F. Hansen	Staff Sergeant Gerard B. Peterson
Captain Henry W. Jones	Staff Sergeant Anthony A. Tempesta
Captain Alfred H. Williams, Jr.	Sergeant Earnest L. Kirksey
1st Lieutenant Harold R. Beavers	

SILVER STAR

Lieutenant Colonel William D. Duncan	1st Lieutenant John J. O'Brien
Captain Ernest I. Aas	1st Lieutenant Jean M. Ubbes
Captain Leland M. Evans	2nd Lieutenant Theodore B. Adkinson
Captain Harry F. Hansen	2nd Lieutenant Gilbert Allis
Captain David W. Korrison	2nd Lieutenant David P. Elles
Captain Joseph J. Ondre	2nd Lieutenant Orlyn H. Folkestad
Captain Carl F. Tarlowski	2nd Lieutenant Millard A. Glantz
1st Lieutenant Clifton Fitzgibbons	2nd Lieutenant Thomas C. Johnston
1st Lieutenant Bernard W. Fruhwirth	2nd Lieutenant Robert C. Jones
1st Lieutenant Peter B. Henderson	2nd Lieutenant Clyde S. Thornell
1st Lieutenant Walter D. Macht	2nd Lieutenant Lambert V. Wieser

Tec Sgt Bernard S. Leviton
 S/Sgt Kermit W. Biertz
 S/Sgt John S. DuQuoin
 S/Sgt Russell M. Lipps
 S/Sgt Paul T. Jackson
 S/Sgt Donald L. Mason
 S/Sgt Richard D. McCracken
 S/Sgt Frederick R. Morey
 S/Sgt Paul L. Patterson
 S/Sgt Alexander P. Oski
 S/Sgt Alvin R. Tisland
 S/Sgt William H. Williams
 Sgt Harold D. Adams
 Sgt Jacob Altergott
 Pfc John P. Douglass
 Pfc R. B. Kelley
 Pfc George M. Lauser
 Pfc Fred G. Smith
 Pfc Chester Sobkiewicz
 Pfc Roger A. Wilson
 Pvt Gilchrist C. Booth
 Sgt Jean M. Blanchette
 Sgt Cecil L. Davis
 Sgt John J. Doane
 Sgt Harold M. Gibbs
 Sgt George J. Grimm
 Sgt George L. Geisler, Jr.
 Sgt Clarence A. Rasmusson
 Sgt Donald E. Russ
 Sgt Norman E. Willson
 Tec 4 S. T. C. Cook
 Tec 4 Dale S. Copper

Tec 4 John C. Franklin
 Tec 4 Ardis R. Honsowetz
 Tec 4 John Lukins
 Tec 4 Perry W. Reams
 Tec 4 Henry J. Schiks
 Tec 4 Herbert L. Ulrich
 Cpl Hardy Boullion
 Cpl Richard E. Davis
 Cpl Wayne W. Fawcett
 Cpl Arthur S. Graves
 Cpl Raymond W. Locke
 Cpl John M. Stadnik
 Cpl Alvis S. Thompson
 Cpl James C. West
 Tec 5 Frank J. Allegretti
 Tec 5 Sammie J. Coil
 Tec 5 Joseph Kaufman
 Tec 5 Joseph P. Pokorny
 Tec 5 Guy R. Robertson
 Tec 5 Frederick M. Rose
 Tec 5 John E. Smithson
 Tec 5 Einar Sorensen
 Tec 5 John F. Taylor
 Tec 5 Arthur R. Thomas
 Pfc Hildric Corbin
 Pvt Anthony J. Parento
 Pvt John B. Patterson
 Pvt Jim A. Pearce
 Pvt Irvin H. Reddish
 Pvt Russell Schober
 Pvt Roger L. Wells

OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO THE SILVER STAR

1st Lieutenant Orlyn H. Folkestad	2nd Lieutenant Lambert V. Wieser
1st Lieutenant Clyde S. Thornell	S/Sgt. Frederick R. Morey
2nd Lieutenant Theodore B. Adkinson	Sgt. Norman E. Willson
2nd Lieutenant Robert C. Jones	

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2nd Lieutenant Lambert V. Wieser

BRONZE STAR

Lieutenant Colonel William D. Duncan	Captain Richard Bulkan
Major Clarence L. Benjamin	Captain Kenneth R. Cowan
Major Vodra C. Philips	Captain Harry F. Hansen
Captain Lloyd J. Adkins	Captain Henry W. Jones
Captain Eugene N. Allen	Captain John C. McCoy

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Captain Edward D. Miller
 Captain Jean M. Ubbes
 Captain Alfred H. Williams, Jr.
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 1st Lieutenant Joel S. Matteson
 1st Lieutenant Leonard J. Mimoni
 1st Lieutenant Floyd Mitchell, Jr.
 1st Lieutenant Raymond G. Staffilena
 2nd Lieutenant Thomas C. Alderson
 2nd Lieutenant Harlan J. Amundsen
 2nd Lieutenant Thomas I. Lucci
 2nd Lieutenant Clyde S. Thornell
 2nd Lieutenant Alton L. Westman
 WOJG Leon Russell
 1st Sgt. Gordon K. Thompson
 Tec./Sgt. George H. Abbott
 Tec./Sgt. Marion B. Beckham, Jr.
 Tec./Sgt. Richard M. Grant, Jr.
 Tec./Sgt. Ronald I. Hyland
 Tec./Sgt. Myron H. Rounberg
 Tec./Sgt. Joseph J. Schreiner
 S/Sgt. Robert K. Bee
 S/Sgt. John Calaganis
 S/Sgt. Mario A. Cavauna
 S/Sgt. Wayne W. Fawcett
 S/Sgt. George S. Green
 S/Sgt. William L. Horvath
 S/Sgt. Erving Hyatt
 S/Sgt. Paul T. Jackson
 S/Sgt. Peter Jula
 S/Sgt. William L. Lindquist
 S/Sgt. Elmo H. McGinnis
 S/Sgt. William D. Morton
 S/Sgt. Albert B. Odle
 S/Sgt. Gregg N. Pouliot
 S/Sgt. Edgar S. Silver
 S/Sgt. Vernon D. Skaggs
 S/Sgt. John W. Wiley
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 Sgt. Jacob Altergott
 Sgt. Wayne H. Bartholomew
 Sgt. Marlyn H. Bartsch
 Sgt. Frank Bartuska
 Sgt. Herbert H. Beireis
 Sgt. Robert D. Bennett

Sgt. Daniel M. Commerford
 Sgt. Raymond W. Courtney
 Sgt. Cecil L. Davis
 Sgt. Francis M. Dorer
 Sgt. Ishmael M. Ferry
 Sgt. Marshall E. Fields
 Sgt. Frank N. Harper
 Sgt. Martin C. Hug
 Sgt. LaVern R. Hughes
 Sgt. Tony R. Jagers
 Sgt. Francis A. Jamell
 Sgt. Gene W. Johnson
 Sgt. Jack L. Jordan
 Sgt. Perry R. Kelly
 Sgt. Bernard M. Lardy
 Sgt. Jasper E. Leonard
 Sgt. George L. Miller
 Sgt. Sylvester Parker
 Sgt. Herbert C. Ringheim
 Sgt. Howard W. Roszell
 Sgt. Elno M. Schacher
 Sgt. Henry J. Schicks
 Sgt. Herman A. Schmidt
 Sgt. Leslie L. Soland
 Sgt. Arnold B. Stene
 Sgt. Waldo P. Wennerberg
 Sgt. Cleo R. Wisman
 Tec. 4 James S. Anderson
 Tec. 4 Howard L. Bell
 Tec. 4 Robert W. Braun
 Tec. 4 Clarence W. Carlson
 Tec. 4 Richard E. Delfs
 Tec. 4 Gerhardt H. Eichmann
 Tec. 4 Everett O. Ford, Jr.
 Tec. 4 William R. Frink
 Tec. 4 John H. Froberg
 Tec. 4 Warren L. Hill
 Tec. 4 Ralph E. Hilleran
 Tec. 4 Ardis R. Honsowetz
 Tec. 4 Willie Johnson
 Tec. 4 Frank O. Lancaster
 Tec. 4 Gillard L. Larson
 Tec. 4 William C. Luckett
 Tec. 4 John Lukins
 Tec. 4 Theodore F. Manus
 Tec. 4 Albert E. Marquardt
 Tec. 4 Leroy B. Meyer
 Tec. 4 John T. Miller
 Tec. 4 Everett L. Myers
 Tec. 4 Rudolph Olson
 Tec. 4 John B. Patterson

Tec. 4 William A. Paulhamus
 Tec. 4 Leonard Peterson
 Tec. 4 Clarence A. Rasmusson
 Tec. 4 Victor J. Rasier
 Tec. 4 Perry W. Reams
 Tec. 4 Keith E. Reed
 Tec. 4 Raymond L. Shively
 Tec. 4 Carroll E. Shay
 Tec. 4 Weyman P. Simpson
 Tec. 4 Robert W. Stelter
 Tec. 4 Epifanio Valdez, Jr.
 Cpl. Ralph H. Backes
 Cpl. Ivan A. Barkus
 Cpl. Harry J. Born
 Cpl. Ashley L. Camp, Jr.
 Cpl. Gordon W. Chandler
 Cpl. Paul A. Colley
 Cpl. Melvin R. Compton
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 Cpl. William G. Green
 Cpl. Merlin D. Harris
 Cpl. Robert K. Jay
 Cpl. Robert C. Jarvis
 Cpl. Lawrence A. Kassa
 Cpl. Robert P. Leen
 Cpl. William Van Leuven
 Cpl. Willard R. Lizzotte
 Cpl. Marion J. McCaulley
 Cpl. William L. Nassau
 Cpl. Murry M. Orr
 Cpl. Edward P. Paul
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 Cpl. William I. Piatt
 Cpl. John W. Restad
 Cpl. Charles L. Reynolds
 Cpl. Norman W. Roylance
 Cpl. Chester Sobkiewicz
 Cpl. Delmar L. Terrill
 Cpl. Clarence L. Thorne
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 Pfc. William C. Beckett
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 Pfc. John P. Douglas
 Pfc. John Fox, Jr.
 Pfc. Frank Gaboardi
 Pfc. Eugene Hardin
 Pfc. Ralf R. Hemke
 Pfc. Myer J. Hirsh
 Pfc. Francis H. Hughes
 Pfc. Winford E. Mabie
 Pfc. Robert A. Mithem
 Pfc. Raymond O. Mullen
 Pfc. Urho I. Nelson
 Pfc. Joe V. Nemece
 Pfc. Sam J. Nole, Jr.
 Pfc. Charles M. Noonan
 Pfc. Harold H. Plasky
 Pfc. Frank J. Roy
 Pfc. Fidus G. Simpson
 Pfc. Clarence L. Thorne
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 Pfc. Marion E. Wilkinson
 Pfc. Daniel W. Wisnoskie
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 Pvt. Lester A. Esmonde
 Pvt. Julius Goldworm
 Pvt. Aaron Goldstein
 Pvt. Joseph J. Gorman
 Pvt. Julius M. Helder

Pvt. Lee R. Martin
Pvt. George Preble
Pvt. Curtis M. Smith

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FOREIGN AWARDS TO MEN IN 743rd TANK BATTALION

BRITISH MILITARY MEDAL

Tec. 4 Gerhardt H. Eichmann

Tec. 5 Jerald J. Nibel

FRENCH CROIX DE GUERRE

(With Palm)

Lieutenant Colonel William D. Duncan
Captain Harry F. Hansen

Sergeant Harold D. Adams

(As these pages went to press—in Germany—there were some awards still pending. The impressive list of the Battalion's Battle Honors would be more so as new names were added.)