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SECTION II -- AWARD OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO PURPLE HEART

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, the First Oak Leaf Cluster to the Purple Heart is awarded to the following named individual for wounds received as a result of enemy action.

CHESTER H. FETTEROLF, 32939410, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment, 11 April 1945. Entered military service from Geneva, New York.

SECTION III -- AWARD OF PURPLE HEART

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

RUDOLPH STEINMAN, 02000795, First Lieutenant, 399th Infantry Regiment, 14 April 1945. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

DAVID W. BALLIE, JR., 01311279, First Lieutenant, 399th Infantry Regiment, 7 December 1944. Entered military service from Honolulu, Hawaii.

PHILIP J. HEADLEY, 33051850, Technical Sergeant, 399th Infantry Regiment, 26 March 1945. Entered military service from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

JOHN F. PERRONE, 35373112, Staff Sergeant, 399th Infantry Regiment, 23 March 1945. Entered military service from Logansport, Indiana.

RICHARD W. COVOLLY, 7024185, Corporal, 399th Infantry Regiment, 28 April 1945. Entered military service from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

JACK J. SAMPILIPPO, 32647435, Technician Fifth Grade, Medical Detachment, 399th Infantry Regiment, 14 April 1945. Entered military service from Brooklyn, New York.

RAYMOND R. HIGEL, 32680734, Technician Fifth Grade, 399th Infantry Regiment, 22 January 1945. Entered military service from Yonkers, New York.

WAYNE T. MARTIN, 31399465, Private First Class, Medical Detachment, 399th Infantry Regiment, 10 April 1945. Entered military service from Portland, Maine.

WALLACE E. BALLIET, 3587407, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment, 26 March 1945. Entered military service from Piqua, Ohio.

L. LIAM E. BERNETT, 33000304, Private First Class, 325th Engineer Combat Battalion, 7 January 1945. Entered military service from Baltimore, Maryland.

VICTOR HOROWITZ, 1227417, Private First Class, Medical Detachment, 399th Infantry Regiment, 13 April 1945. Entered military service from Laurelton, Long Island, New York.

OTTO B. THOMPSON, 36984474, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment, 11 April 1945. Entered military service from Pickford, Michigan.

DAVID E. VAN NORMAN, 32770592, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment, 14 April 1945. Entered military service from Wharton, New Jersey.

HENRY E. INGRAM, 14019921, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment, 28 April 1945. Entered military service from Clarksdale, Georgia.

GEORGE D. LORENZE, 12206609, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment, 8 February 1945. Entered military service from East Orange, New Jersey.

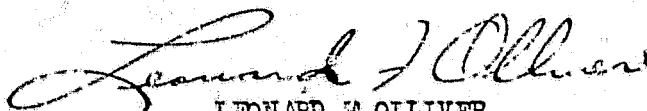
SECTION IV -- RESCISSION OF AWARD OF PURPLE HEART

So much of Section V, General Orders Number 137, this Headquarters, current series, as awards a Purple Heart to CALVIN R. KLINE, 33516110, Corporal, 399th Infantry Regiment and VERNON L. CHRISTIANSON, 37685457, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment, is rescinded.

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SECTION I -- AWARD OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO BRONZE STAR MEDAL

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, the First Oak Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star medal is awarded to each of the following named individuals:

JOHN D. JONES, 0532771, First Lieutenant, 375th Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 18 December 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Haleyville, Alabama.

NOEL A. FELIX, 02010088, Second Lieutenant, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 7 April 1945, in the vicinity of Odheim, Germany. Entered military service from Prior Lake, Minnesota.

HEDDAN E. BLACK, 37632948, Staff sergeant, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 7 April 1945, in the vicinity of Odheim, Germany. Entered military service from Lesterville, Missouri.

WILLIAM L. ELLIOTT, 37477029, Sergeant, 399th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 1 January 1945 to 20 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Crawford, Nebraska.

WILLIAM H. MC GEE, 32651135, Technician Fourth Grade, Medical Detachment, 397th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 8 December 1944 to 23 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Brooklyn, New York.

SECTION II -- POSTHUMOUS AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Bronze Star medal is posthumously awarded to each of the following named individuals:

TONY J. ZUVELLA, 35593676, Staff Sergeant, 399th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 12 April 1945, in the vicinity of Heilbronn, Germany. Next of kin: Margaret L. Zuvella (wife), Route #1, Box 30, Bellaire, Ohio.

RAGENE M. MOORE, 37484497, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 14 April 1945, in the vicinity of Flein, Germany. Next of kin: Bessie O. Moore (mother), 829 Columbia Avenue, Albion, Nebraska.

SECTION III -- AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Bronze Star medal is awarded to each of the following named individuals:

MERTON T. HOWARD, 01300038, First Lieutenant, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 7 April 1945, in the vicinity of Heilbronn, Germany. Entered military service from Limestone, Maine.

FRANCIS J. MC NEE, 01300351, First Lieutenant, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 9 and 10 April 1945, in the vicinity of Heilbronn, Germany. Entered military service from New York, New York.

CHARLES F. PRESTON, JR., 0548593, First Lieutenant, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 10 April 1945, in the vicinity of Heilbronn, Germany. Entered military service from St. Albans, Vermont.

SAM STEPHENS, 0382911, First Lieutenant, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 8 April 1945, in the vicinity of Heilbronn, Germany. Entered military service from Gould, Arkansas.

JAMES P. HARTLEY, 02014964, Second Lieutenant (then Technical Sergeant) 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 15 April 1945, in the vicinity of Ober-Heinriet, Germany. Entered military service from Miami, Florida.

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CHARLES R. EARLE, 33355331, Sergeant, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 7 April 1945, in the vicinity of Udheim, Germany. Entered military service from Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania.

JAMES D. CANNON, 34774829, Corporal, 399th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 1 January 1945, in the vicinity of Hottviller, France. Entered military service from Gastonia, North Carolina.

SIDNEY J. SOWELL, 34269850, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 23 February 1945, at Meyersviller, France. Entered military service from Oliver, Georgia.

WILLIAM J. BURKE, 0525152, Chaplain (Captain) 397th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in support of combat operations during the period 11 November 1944 to 3 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Binghamton, New York.

WILBUR A. BLANCHARD, 02014931, Second Lieutenant (then Sergeant) 397th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 5 to 13 April 1945, in the vicinity of Heilbronn, Germany. Entered military service from Bridgewater, Vermont.

JUDSON P. BENNETT, 32593280, Technical Sergeant, 399th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 1 November 1944 to 1 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Belford, New Jersey.

LINWOOD R. HOFFMAN, 32650267, Staff Sergeant, 399th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 1 November 1944 to 1 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Glendale, Long Island, New York.

HEROLD A. KUGELMEYER, 32597280, Staff Sergeant, 399th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 1 November 1944 to 15 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Newark, New Jersey.

NICK P. MURPHY, 32665333, Staff Sergeant, 398th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 7 November 1944 to 7 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from New Platz, New York.

EARL P. MYERS, 34495663, Staff Sergeant, 399th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 1 November 1944 to 20 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Livingston, Tennessee.

WALTER D. KEMP, 31236077, Staff Sergeant, 398th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 7 November 1944 to 7 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from New Bedford, Massachusetts.

JAMES A. DE PALMA, 32483795, Sergeant, 399th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in combat during the period 1 November 1944 to 1 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Waterford, New Jersey.

CHARLES R. SANDERS, 35577905, Sergeant, 399th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 1 November 1944 to 1 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Indianapolis, Indiana.

JAMES D. SWIBENEY, JR., 31251908, Sergeant, 397th Infantry Regiment for meritorious achievement in action during the period 6 November 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from East Hartford, Connecticut.

RICHARD W. WOHLERS, 32960265, Sergeant, 399th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 6 November 1944 to 9 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Staten Island, New York.

JAMES H. GRANT, 1302141, Technician Fourth Grade, 399th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 1 November 1944 to 1 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Cincinnati, Ohio.

MICHAEL J. WIGGOL, 32770514, Technician Fourth Grade, Medical Detachment, 397th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 11 November 1944 to 23 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Boonton, New Jersey.

THOMAS J. CONROY, 32652706, Corporal, 375th Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations during the period 9 November 1944 to 24 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Bronx, New York.

RICHARD A. GARRETT, 31255867, Corporal, 375th Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations during the period 1 November 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Worcester, Massachusetts.

ARTHUR EVANSON, 32645957, Technician Fifth Grade, 375th Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 1 November 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Brooklyn, New York.

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THOMAS P. LOON, 34834334, Technician Fifth Grade, Medical Detachment, 397th Infantry Regiment for meritorious achievement in action during the period 12 January 1945 to 23 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Elberton, Georgia.

JOSEPH B. WILLIS, 18163624, Technician Fifth Grade, Medical Detachment, 397th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 11 November 1944 to 23 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Tahlequah, Oklahoma.

CHESTER T. CATLINO, 32655019, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 1 November 1944 to 15 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Bronx, New York.

LELVIN M. EVANSCHATT, 34770756, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 1 November 1944 to 20 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Lexington, North Carolina.

HENRY J. FARLIN, 35785431, Private First Class, Medical Detachment, 397th Infantry Regiment for meritorious achievement in action during the period 11 November 1944 to 1 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Joliet, Illinois.

GEORGE W. GATNER, 31245536, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 1 November 1944 to 20 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Pawtucket, Rhode Island.

JAMES P. HORN, 39910952, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 1 November 1944 to 1 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Provo, Utah.

HARDY K. HUTCHISON, 34788304, Private First Class, Medical Detachment, 397th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 11 November 1944 to 23 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Chipley, Florida.

ROBERT S. JOHNSON, 31104902, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 1 November 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Gloucester, Massachusetts.

RAYLOND F. KISER, 35245356, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 6 November 1944 to 9 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Sharples, West Virginia.

LEONARD J. LEORANDE, 16102530, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 1 November 1944 to 1 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Oconto Falls, Wisconsin.

CHARLES W. MC GUFFEY, 38682010, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 1 November 1944 to 20 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Greenville, Texas.

STANLEY C. MESKIEWICZ, 32905251, Private First Class, Medical Detachment, 397th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 12 November 1944 to 25 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Sweetwater, Tennessee.

WILLIAM N. MILLER, 32483657, Private First Class, Medical Detachment, 397th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations during the period 11 November 1944 to 23 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Newtown, Pennsylvania.

WILLIAM H. ROSELEY, JR., 15377317, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations during the period 1 December 1944 to 22 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Greencastle, Indiana.

ROBERT L. NEHER, 33834055, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 15 November 1944 to 5 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Temple, Pennsylvania.

EDWARD C. SELIN, 20615747, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 1 November 1944 to 1 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Berwyn, Illinois.

VICTOR M. SJOJD, 31256282, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 1 November 1944 to 20 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Eracut, Massachusetts.

CHARLES W. SMITH, 36314218, Private First Class, Medical Detachment, 397th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 11 November 1944 to 23 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Antioch, Illinois.

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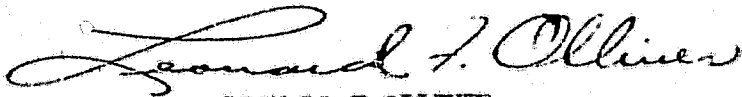
MICHAEL W. SAULSKI, 36309632, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 1 November 1944 to 1 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

JOSEPH V. TURK, 34572425, Private First Class, Medical Detachment, 397th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 11 November 1944 to 23 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Flowery Branch, Georgia.

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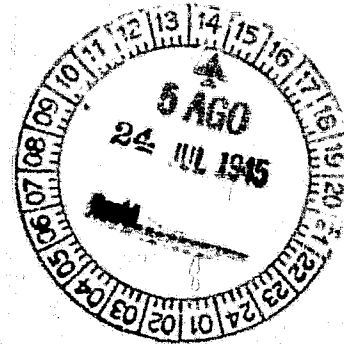
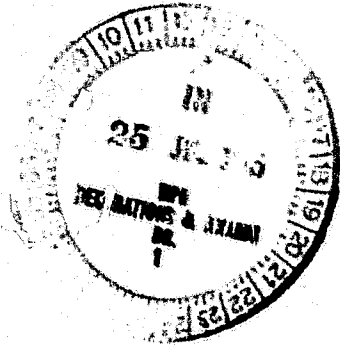
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Award of Bronze Star Medal..... II

SECTION I -- AWARD OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO BRONZE STAR MEDAL

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, the First Oak Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to each of the following named individuals:

JOHN A. WEINSTRÖM, 32105418, Staff Sergeant, 325th Engineer Combat Battalion, for heroic achievement in action on 14 April 1945, in the vicinity of Flein, Germany. Entered military service from Brooklyn, New York.

GRADY G. WOODY, 34495495, Staff Sergeant, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 9 April 1945, in the vicinity of Heilbronn, Germany. Entered military service from Scotts Hill, Tennessee.

DONALD R. HUNGERFORD, 31200470, Sergeant, 325th Engineer Combat Battalion, for heroic achievement in action during the period 5 April 1945 to 8 April 1945, in the vicinity of Heilbronn, Germany. Entered military service from Lowell, Massachusetts.

RAY A. MARTIN, 15303882, Sergeant (then Private First Class), 399th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 1 January 1945, in the vicinity of Hottviller, France. Entered military service from Royal Center, Indiana.

ARTHUR W. TUPPER, 32564609, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 13 March 1945, in the vicinity of Meyersviller, France. Entered military service from New York, New York.

SECTION II -- AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded to each of the following named individuals:

JOSEPH L. COHEN, 34881709, Sergeant, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 9 April 1945, in the vicinity of Heilbronn, Germany. Entered military service from Nashville, Tennessee.

ABRAHAM SCHWARTZ, 32598499, Technician Fourth Grade, 325th Engineer Combat Battalion, for heroic achievement in action on 1 January 1945, in the vicinity of Goetzenbruck, France. Entered military service from Irvington, New Jersey.

ROBERT E. HORNE, 15106373, Technician Fifth Grade, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action during the period 2 January 1945 to 4 January 1945, in the vicinity of Guising, France. Entered military service from South Bend, Indiana.

JAMES J. KELLY, 32658393, Technician Fifth Grade, 325th Engineer Combat Battalion, for heroic achievement in action during the period 5 April 1945 to 8 April 1945, in the vicinity of Heilbronn, Germany. Entered military service from Farmingdale, Long Island, New York.

E. L. BENTLEY, 34273317, Private First Class, 325th Engineer Combat Battalion, for heroic achievement in action on 1 January 1945, in the vicinity of Goetzenbruck, France. Entered military service from Siluria, Alabama.

RAY D. COWELL, 31214506, Private First Class, 325th Engineer Combat Battalion, for heroic achievement in action on 1 January 1945, in the vicinity of Goetzenbruck, France. Entered military service from East Otis, Massachusetts.

QUIRINO E. CRESCITELLI, 11118333, Private First Class, 325th Engineer Combat Battalion, for heroic achievement in action on 1 January 1945, in the vicinity of Goetzenbruck, France. Entered military service from Boston, Massachusetts.

TOIVO E. EKROOS, 31410094, Private First Class, 325th Engineer Combat Battalion, for heroic achievement in action on 1 January 1945, in the vicinity of Goetzenbruck, France. Entered military service from Salisbury, Vermont.

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CLIFTON A. LAVSON, 38560993, Private First Class, 325th Engineer Combat Battalion, for heroic achievement in action during the period 5 April 1945 to 8 April 1945, in the vicinity of Heilbronn, Germany. Entered military service from San Benito, Texas.

JAMES W. MANNING, 31237268, Private First Class, 325th Engineer Combat Battalion, for heroic achievement in action during the period 5 April 1945 to 8 April 1945, in the vicinity of Heilbronn, Germany. Entered military service from Gay Head, Massachusetts.

ROBERT E. MASSEY, 36728101, Private First Class, 325th Engineer Combat Battalion, for heroic achievement in action during the period 5 April 1945 to 8 April 1945, in the vicinity of Heilbronn, Germany. Entered military service from Murphysboro, Illinois.

ELI A. RUOFALA, 31178587, Private First Class, 325th Engineer Combat Battalion, for heroic achievement in action on 1 January 1945, in the vicinity of Goetzenbruck, France. Entered military service from Milford, New Hampshire.

JOHN A. SEGRIN, JR., 33815382, Private First Class, 325th Engineer Combat Battalion, for heroic achievement in action during the period 5 April 1945 to 8 April 1945, in the vicinity of Heilbronn, Germany. Entered military service from Eddystone, Pennsylvania.

ROLAND E. SHARER, 33189270, Private First Class, 325th Engineer Combat Battalion, for heroic achievement in action during the period 5 April 1945 to 8 April 1945, in the vicinity of Heilbronn, Germany. Entered military service from Springfield, Virginia.

ROBERT J. STAMP, 17169633, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action during the period 2 January 1945 to 4 January 1945, in the vicinity of Guising, France. Entered military service from Clinton, Iowa.

ROBERT C. HOLMES, JR., 01104855, Major, 325th Engineer Combat Battalion, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations during the period 9 November 1944 to 1 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Waterbury, Vermont.

MILTON J. BEJCEK, 01104491, Captain, 325th Engineer Combat Battalion, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations during the period 9 November 1944 to 1 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Cicero, Illinois.

STANLEIGH EBLER, 026464, Captain, Medical Detachment, 325th Engineer Combat Battalion, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations during the period 9 November 1944 to 1 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Los Angeles, California.

LAWRENCE M. LEVINSON, 01104934, Captain, 325th Engineer Combat Battalion, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations during the period 9 November 1944 to 1 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Atlanta, Georgia.

WALTER E. RHEAULT, 0306646, Captain, 325th Engineer Combat Battalion, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations during the period 9 November 1944 to 1 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Racine, Wisconsin.

CHARLES F. MEYER, 01648386, First Lieutenant, 325th Engineer Combat Battalion, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations during the period 9 November 1944 to 1 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Flushing, Long Island, New York.

MAURICE Z. WISEON, 01648562, First Lieutenant, 325th Engineer Combat Battalion, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations during the period 9 November 1944 to 1 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Long Beach, California.

GEORGE C. NETTS, 02016246, Second Lieutenant, 325th Engineer Combat Battalion, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations during the period 9 November 1944 to 1 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Washington, District of Columbia.

LLOYD G. MC KAY, W2109555, CWO, 325th Engineer Combat Battalion, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations during the period 20 October 1944 to 9 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Bay City, Michigan.

JAMES T. ACHUFF, W2127817, WOJG, 325th Engineer Combat Battalion, for meritorious service in support of combat operations during the period 9 November 1944 to 1 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

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ETTORE J. CRESTA, 32596472, Master Sergeant, 397th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations during the period 10 November 1944 to 9 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Westwood, New Jersey.

KESLIE T. BRY, 6240735, First Sergeant, 325th Engineer Combat Battalion, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations during the period 20 October 1944 to 12 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Mount Vernon, Illinois.

ANTHONY B. BARTOWICZ, 6128201, Technical Sergeant, 399th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 1 November 1944 to 9 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from New Britain, Connecticut.

HERBERT B. HAWES, 31230715, Technical Sergeant, 325th Engineer Combat Battalion, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations during the period 1 November 1944 to 1 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Hartford, Connecticut.

CLEVE KELLY, 34002766, Technical Sergeant, 325th Engineer Combat Battalion, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations during the period 20 October 1944 to 6 March 1945, in France. Entered military service from Columbia, South Carolina.

JOHN P. WHEELER, JR., 16106174, Staff Sergeant, 397th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 12 November 1944 to 30 April 1945 in France and Germany. Entered military service from Kankakee, Illinois.

WILLIAM GIBBY, 32148182, Sergeant, 399th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 1 November 1944 to 9 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Irvington, New Jersey.

EDWARD W. FEINEMANN, 31245497, Sergeant, 399th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 1 November 1944 to 9 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Providence, Rhode Island.

WILLIAM H. HEWITT, 31200530, Sergeant, 397th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 12 November 1944 to 30 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Albany, Vermont.

ALBERT L. ROY, 31256338, Sergeant, 397th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 12 November 1944 to 30 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Methuen, Massachusetts.

JOHN SHANTO, 13090337, Sergeant, 397th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 12 November 1944 to 30 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Pemaucolin, Pennsylvania.

PETER KATAVOLOS, 35233479, Technician Fourth Grade, Medical Detachment, 397th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 12 November 1944 to 30 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Youngstown, Ohio.

BARTOLOMEO A. PITTARI, 32651232, Technician Fourth Grade, 397th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations during the period 10 November 1944 to 9 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Brooklyn, New York.

WILLIAM DING, 12204154, Technician Fifth Grade, 325th Engineer Combat Battalion, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 1 November 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Newark, New Jersey.

BYNUM G. ALSMAN, 25365829, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 1 November 1944 to 9 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Pleasantville, Indiana.

JOHN BOCCACCIO, 31252362, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 1 November 1944 to 9 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Hartford, Connecticut.

ARTHUR R. BYRNES, 16173387, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 12 November 1944 to 30 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

JOHN P. CALLIENDO, 31237207, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 1 November 1944 to 9 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from East Bridgewater, Massachusetts.

DAVID J. CROWN, 42038408, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 1 November 1944 to 9 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from New York, New York.

FLOYD A. DENNIS, 16073417, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 1 November 1944 to 9 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Bushnell, Illinois.

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FRANKLIN W. DOWNHOUR, 15311413, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment for meritorious achievement in action during the period 6 November 1944 to 9 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Elyria, Ohio.

SAM H. GAIN, JR., 18243035, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 1 November 1944 to 9 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Fort Worth, Texas.

JACK S. GORMAN, 32659221, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 1 November 1944 to 9 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Brooklyn, New York.

MATTHEW P. GUIDI, 32509056, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 1 November 1944 to 9 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Dumont, New Jersey.

CHARLES J. HANDE, 32649660, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 1 November 1944 to 9 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from New York, New York.

JOHN G. HUMPHREY, 35246577, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 1 November 1944 to 9 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Cleveland, Ohio.

ARTHUR W. KOESTER, 32596978, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 1 November 1944 to 9 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Rutherford, New Jersey.

ROBERT F. LANDEL, 12238635, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 6 November 1944 to 9 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from North Tonawanda, New York.

BUSTER M. MC COY, 35647039, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 1 November 1944 to 9 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Braselton, West Virginia.

LEWIS MONTANO, 32483389, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 1 November 1944 to 9 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Merchantville, New Jersey.

ERNEST J. ROSA, 32611056, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 1 November 1944 to 9 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Brooklyn, New York.

EDWARD T. SEDLOCK, 35247487, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 6 November 1944 to 9 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Youngstown, Ohio.

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SECTION I -- AWARD OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO BRONZE STAR MEDAL

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, the First Oak Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star medal is awarded to each of the following named individuals:

HENRY F. BENTON, 36079069, Sergeant, 399th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 18 April 1945, in the vicinity of Beilstein, Germany. Entered military service from Valmeyer, Illinois.

DAVID O. LYKINS, 35776022, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 18 April 1945, in the vicinity of Beilstein, Germany. Entered military service from Lucasville, Ohio.

HERB D. PRATHER, 01286353, Captain, 399th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations during the period 28 December 1944 to 9 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Brighton, Colorado.

EDMUND T. PUDLO, 31214911, Staff Sergeant, 399th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 5 November 1944 to 20 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Holyoke, Massachusetts.

HORACE J. HASSLER, 31214679, Sergeant, 399th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 9 December 1944 to 20 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Adams, Massachusetts.

WALTER G. BOWER, 31237001, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 9 December 1944 to 20 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Brighton, Massachusetts.

KENNETH V. ZEMT, 35243819, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 1 January 1945 to 20 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Huntington, Indiana.

SECTION II -- AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL, MISSING IN ACTION

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Bronze Star medal is awarded to the following named individual, missing in action:

JOHN E. PLUMP, JR., 35707398, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 4 April 1945, in the vicinity of Heilbronn, Germany. Next of kin: Margaret Plump (mother) 2526 Tennyson Avenue, Louisville, Kentucky.

SECTION III -- AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Bronze Star medal is awarded to each of the following named individuals:

HEROLD M. HORN, 01295882, First Lieutenant, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 26 April 1945, in the vicinity of Altbach, Germany. Entered military service from Port Deposit, Maryland.

PETER S. GRUBBL, 33017453, Technical Sergeant (then Staff Sergeant) 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action from 17 to 21 December 1944, in the vicinity of Bitche, France. Entered military service from Clearfield, Pennsylvania.

SAMUEL F. BEHLE, 39478277, Staff Sergeant (then Sergeant) 397th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 11 April 1945, in the vicinity of Heilbronn, Germany. Entered military service from Seattle, Washington.

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SALVATORE P. DINA, 32637645, Staff Sergeant (then Sergeant) 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 9 and 10 April 1945 in the vicinity of Heilbronn, Germany. Entered military service from Bronx, New York.

JOHN B. PALUBO, 20232156, Staff Sergeant, 399th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 6 December 1944, in the vicinity of Nemberg, France. Entered military service from Olean, New York.

WILLIAM TROSTLE, JR., 20344386, Staff Sergeant, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 20 November 1944, in the vicinity of Raon L'Etape, France. Entered military service from Laurel, Maryland.

SALVATORE M. LA ROCCA, 32960436, Sergeant, 399th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 15 April 1945, in the vicinity of Talheim, Germany. Entered military service from Fort Richmond, New York.

DONALD W. WHEELER, 37544951, Sergeant, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 13 April 1945, in the vicinity of Lowenstein, Germany. Entered military service from Minneapolis, Minnesota.

HAL B. SORELL, 34496874, Technician Fourth Grade, 399th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 15 April 1945, in the vicinity of Flein, Germany. Entered military service from Memphis, Tennessee.

FRANKLIN F. ROWELL, 32483592, Corporal, Medical Detachment, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 13 April 1945, in the vicinity of Donbronn, Germany. Entered military service from Trenton, New Jersey.

JAMES O'CONNOR, 31255637, Technician Fifth Grade, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 8 April 1945, in the vicinity of Heilbronn, Germany. Entered military service from Worcester, Massachusetts.

WILLIAM J. BUGLASS, 16157697, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 18 April 1945, in the vicinity of Beilstein, Germany. Entered military service from Mauston, Wisconsin.

DEVON J. IHRLE, 35558572, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 13 April 1945 in the vicinity of Talheim, Germany. Entered military service from Kendallville, Indiana.

JOSEPH L. LASKOWICZ, 42106646, Private First Class (then Private) 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 20 April 1945, in the vicinity of Heilbronn, Germany. Entered military service from Newark, New Jersey.

ROY L. SMITH, 34495715, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 19 January 1945, in the vicinity of Spitzberg Hill, France. Entered military service from Helena, Tennessee.

DENNIS D. STOVER, 35075801, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 15 March 1945, in the vicinity of Spitzberg Hill, France. Entered military service from Robertsburg, West Virginia.

LELAND L. ZEITER, 36455850, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 4 and 5 April 1945, in the vicinity of Heilbronn, Germany. Entered military service from Hillsdale, Michigan.

MIRLAN THIBODEAU, 20149024, Private, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 19 February 1945, in the vicinity of Anchenberg, France. Entered military service from Sanford, Maine.

IRVING FRIEDMAN, 07716349, Captain, Medical Detachment, 398th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations during the period 6 November 1944 to 1 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Brooklyn, New York.

LAWSON R. BARD, 0450059, First Lieutenant, 398th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations during the period 6 November 1944 to 23 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Knoxville, Tennessee.

JERRIE K. GRIFFITH, 01295870, First Lieutenant, 399th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 1 November 1944 to 9 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Macon, Georgia.

WALTER H. JENSEN, 01057477, First Lieutenant, 398th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 6 November 1944 to 23 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Brooklyn, New York.

EDWARD M. NOVINSKY, 01296567, First Lieutenant, 398th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 6 November 1944 to 23 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Kingston, Pennsylvania.

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ROBERT M. KELLY, 02000778, Second Lieutenant, 398th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 8 November 1944 to 30 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Astoria, Long Island, New York.

JOHN A. BAIRD, 32371444, Master Sergeant, 398th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations during the period 20 October 1944 to 1 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Broadalben, New York.

BOBROMEO W. HURLEY, 32348636, First Sergeant, 398th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 8 November 1944 to 30 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Bronx, New York.

WILLIAM H. MILLER, 33051891, First Sergeant, 398th Infantry Regiment; for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations during the period 20 October 1944 to 1 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

LEONARD JOSEFSBERG, 32348985, Technical Sergeant, 398th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations during the period 6 November 1944 to 23 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from New York, New York.

ROLAND C. KILPATRICK, 37697641, Staff Sergeant, 398th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 28 November 1944 to 1 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Keokuk, Iowa.

GEORGE NARDONE, 32654115, Staff Sergeant, 398th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 6 November 1944 to 1 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from New York, New York.

DANIEL O. VERMILLION, 35869758, Staff Sergeant, 398th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 8 November 1944 to 6 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Louisville, Kentucky.

EDWARD J. WHL, 36233242, Staff Sergeant, 398th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 6 November 1944 to 23 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Cudahy, Wisconsin.

FRANK O. HANDT, 37376389, Sergeant, 397th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations during the period 6 November 1944 to 7 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Kansas City, Missouri.

JACK E. RILEY, 31245714, Sergeant, 397th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 4 November 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Detroit, Michigan.

LEO G. ALLEN, 33126627, Technician Fourth Grade, 398th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations during the period 6 November 1944 to 23 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Blacksburg, Virginia.

WILLIAM J. SARO, 32654942, Corporal, 399th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 1 November 1944 to 25 April 1945 in France and Germany. Entered military service from Brooklyn, New York.

OSCAR H. MARTIN, 34464061, Corporal, 398th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 6 November 1944 to 9 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Four Oaks, North Carolina.

NICHOLAS J. Cecere, 31251912, Technician Fifth Grade, 398th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 6 November 1944 to 23 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from East Hartford, Connecticut.

JONATHAN C. BREVARD, 34962912, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 6 November 1944 to 5 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Hendersonville, North Carolina.

LOYLE L. BROCK, 35705731, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations during the period 20 October 1944 to 1 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Jeffersonville, Indiana.

JOHN R. COLLAMAN, 32649446, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 6 November 1944 to 1 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Flushing, New York.

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FREDERICK E. GERKEN, 42105475, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 6 November 1944 to 23 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Denville, New Jersey.

ROBERT A. GRUHN, 35057184, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 1 November 1944 to 9 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Cleveland, Ohio.

HERRMAN V. HERRMAN, JR., 18073952, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations during the period 8 November 1944 to 30 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Waco, Texas.

JOSEPH JAKOSZ, 11046603, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 6 November 1944 to 23 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Lawrence, Massachusetts.

GORDON M. KENYON, 31244959, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 4 to 17 April 1945, in the vicinity of Heilbronn, Germany. Entered military service from Pawtucket, Rhode Island.

CHARLES F. MC KINLEY, 33768260, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 6 November 1944 to 23 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Milesburg, Pennsylvania.

JAMES W. MOORE, 19133530, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 6 November 1944 to 23 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Los Angeles, California.

HENRY N. POLES, 39578749, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 6 November 1944 to 23 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Anaheim, California.

WILLIAM J. REDDINGTON, 42064310, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 6 November 1944 to 15 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from New York, New York.

RUDOLPH S. SHARR, 39615793, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 6 November 1944 to 23 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Black Eagle, Montana.

~~LOY L. SMITH, 31572259, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 1 January 1945 to 20 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Gainesville, Georgia.~~

RAYMOND C. SPEISER, 34798761, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations during the period 24 November 1944 to 5 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Miami, Florida.

WOLKOW W. WITHERS, 33949704, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 23 December 1944 to 23 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Johnson City, New York.

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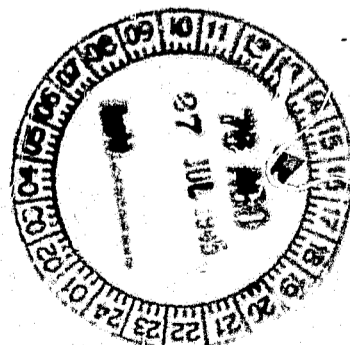
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SECTION I -- AWARD OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO BRONZE STAR MEDAL

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, the First Oak Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to each of the following named individuals:

PAUL G. BOSCO, 35368338, Staff Sergeant, 399th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 12 April 1945, in the vicinity of Flein, Germany. Entered military service from Terre Haute, Indiana.

WILLIAM S. JOYNER, 34890565, Sergeant, 399th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 13 April 1945, in the vicinity of Talheim, Germany. Entered military service from Kernersville, North Carolina.

DWIGHT K. EDDY, 0548582, First Lieutenant, 399th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 1 November 1944 to 20 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Montpelier, Vermont.

JOHN B. ZINN, 0407041, First Lieutenant, 399th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 1 January 1945 to 9 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Gettysburg, Pennsylvania.

JOHN H. POTTER, 12193784, Technical Sergeant, 399th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 26 December 1944 to 9 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Port Ewen, Ulster, New York.

JOE J. WESLEY, 37107798, Staff Sergeant, 399th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 1 November 1944 to 20 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Dardanelle, Arkansas.

SAMUEL L. BRILLEY, 38553524, Sergeant, 399th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 26 December 1944 to 20 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Austin, Texas.

JEFFERSON J. GIBSON, 34581443, Technician Fifth Grade, 399th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 9 December 1944 to 20 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Riverview, Alabama.

OSCAR J. BOATRIGHT, 34515885, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 9 December 1944 to 20 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Fort Mill, South Carolina.

ANTHONY W. CAFONE, 32594349, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 5 November 1944 to 20 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Scotch Plains, New Jersey.

ROBERT HOGAN, 31068905, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 18 December 1944 to 20 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Farmington, New Hampshire.

ROBERT O. SLEIGH, 17099617, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 5 November 1944 to 20 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Tribune, Kansas.

MILAN VACLAVIK, 12026392, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 26 December 1944 to 20 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Nesquehoning, Pennsylvania.

SECTION II -- POSTHUMOUS AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Bronze Star Medal is posthumously awarded to the following named individual:

ARLO E. RICHT, 37697737, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 1 January 1945, in the vicinity of Signalberg, France. Next of kin: Frances Richt (Wife) c/o Frank Zanders, Malvern, Iowa.

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SECTION IV -- AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded to each of the following named individuals:

HUGH C. VAUGHN, 01998107, Second Lieutenant, 399th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 15 March 1945, in the vicinity of Reyersville, France. Entered military service from Baltimore, Maryland.

ROBERT J. EDWARDS, 32664979, First Sergeant, 399th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 9 December 1944, in the vicinity of Lemberg, France. Entered military service from Schaghtcoke, New York.

EDWARD E. CARTWRIGHT, 13000277, Technical Sergeant, 399th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 15 March 1945, in the vicinity of Spitzberg Hill, France. Entered military service from Oldtown, Maryland.

HARRY C. GALLON, 33012674, Staff Sergeant, 399th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 15 April 1945, in the vicinity of Donnbronn, Germany. Entered military service from Lebanon, Pennsylvania.

THOMAS P. JONES, 32652791, Staff Sergeant, 399th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 18 April 1945, in the vicinity of Unterheinreit, Germany. Entered military service from Bronx, New York.

WALTER J. ROONEY, JR., 38501080, Staff Sergeant, 399th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 10 and 11 April 1945, in the vicinity of Heilbronn, Germany. Entered military service from New Orleans, Louisiana.

RICHARD J. JONES, 16191292, Sergeant (then Private First Class) 399th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action from 26 to 28 February 1945, in the vicinity of Lembach, France. Entered military service from Dewey, Illinois.

WILLIAM P. STOFKO, 33625984, Sergeant (then Private First Class) 399th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 18 April 1945 in the vicinity of Unterheinreit, Germany. Entered military service from Bethlehem, Pennsylvania.

RICHARD T. COOK, 12199450, Technician Fourth Grade, 399th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 16 March 1945, in the vicinity of Bitche, France. Entered military service from Elmira, New York.

PAUL G. SCHULTZ, 31324410, Technician Fourth Grade, 399th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 8 April 1945, in the vicinity of Heilbronn, Germany. Entered military service from Bristol, Connecticut.

ARTHUR J. FROCKETT, 32657130, Technician Fifth Grade, 399th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 10 April 1945, in the vicinity of Heilbronn, Germany. Entered military service from New York, New York.

HARRY G. BOWERS, 34724558, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 1 January 1945, in the vicinity of Bitche, France. Entered military service from Morristown, Tennessee.

CARLEN J. CORNETTA, 31358372, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 7 and 8 April 1945, in the vicinity of Heilbronn, Germany. Entered military service from Revere, Massachusetts.

ERNEST D. CRITER, 35074248, Private First Class, 399th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 15 April 1945, in the vicinity of Heilbronn, Germany. Entered military service from Keyser, West Virginia.

THOMAS R. DJUFFALA, 35246790, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 8 January 1945, in the vicinity of Spitzberg, France. Entered military service from Akron, Ohio.

GARABED C. GARABEDIAN, 11130554, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 17 April 1945, in the vicinity of Gagenbach, Germany. Entered military service from Boston, Massachusetts.

SHARON B. HARALSON, 38699314, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 8 April 1945, in the vicinity of Heilbronn, Germany. Entered military service from Iampa, Texas.

FRANK KASISTA, 42144523, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 11 April 1945, in the vicinity of Heilbronn, Germany. Entered military service from Jersey City, New Jersey.

EDWARD R. KOVACS, 11092477, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 10 April 1945, in the vicinity of Heilbronn, Germany. Entered military service from Stamford, Connecticut.

HARRY J. LINCIS, 35922715, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 15 March 1945, in the vicinity of Spitzberg Hill, France. Entered military service from Shaker Heights, Ohio.

ROBERT L. NEUMAN, 20367753, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 10 April 1945, in the vicinity of Donnbronn, Germany. Entered military service from Richmond, Virginia.

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LICOURGAS M. POLEHROPOULAS, 31256234, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 9 December 1944, in the vicinity of Lemborg, France. Entered military service from Salem, Massachusetts.

THOMAS S. RICHARDS, JR., 35926561, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 1 January 1945, in the vicinity of Bitche, France. Entered military service from Poland, Ohio.

MAX N. ROGERS, 35057073, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 15 April 1945, in the vicinity of Untergruppenbach, Germany. Entered military service from East Orwell, Ohio.

LEROY W. RUSSELL, 39461928, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 18 April 1945, in the vicinity of Gogensburg, Germany. Entered military service from Walla Walla, Washington.

JAMES R. SCOBEEY, 34495527, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 13 April 1945, in the vicinity of Heilbronn, Germany. Entered military service from Newbern, Tennessee.

IRVING SYMONDS, 42136063, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 21 April 1945, in the vicinity of Stettin, Germany. Entered military service from Astoria, New York.

JAMES M. TAYLOR, 35772270, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 12 January 1945, in the vicinity of Siersthal, France. Entered military service from Thomas, Kentucky.

JOSEPH A. VINGIELLO, 42064034, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 18 April 1945, in the vicinity of Unterheinreit, Germany. Entered military service from Brooklyn, New York.

SHERMAN L. WEIL, 35873341, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 25 March 1945, in the vicinity of Ludwigshaven, Germany. Entered military service from Dayton, Ohio.

JAMES C. BLISS, 31469582, Private, 399th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 8 April 1945, in the vicinity of Heilbronn, Germany. Entered military service from Woonsocket, Rhode Island.

WILLIAM C. ERK, 13174884, Private, 399th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 21 April 1945, in the vicinity of Stettin, Germany. Entered military service from Honesdale, Pennsylvania.

DEAN J. SHELSEY, 17056775, Technical Sergeant, 399th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 1 November 1944 to 22 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Topeka, Kansas.

CHARLES L. BOONEN, JR., 42010708, Staff Sergeant, 399th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations during the period 1 November 1944 to 25 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Blawenber, New Jersey.

ROLAND W. SHEPHERD, 6903950, Staff Sergeant, 399th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations during the period 1 November 1944 to 25 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Willsboro, New York.

PAUL E. BROWN, 36654936, Sergeant, 399th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 1 November 1944 to 25 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Libertyville, Illinois.

ARTHUR T. GINNA, 32105790, Sergeant, 399th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 1 November 1944 to 1 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Brooklyn, New York.

CECIL W. BAILEY, JR., 34497059, Corporal, 399th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 5 November 1944 to 7 March 1945, in Eastern France. Entered military service from Memphis, Tennessee.

WILLIAM J. LUTAINS, 32655387, Technician Fifth Grade, 399th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations during the period 1 November 1944 to 11 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Brooklyn, New York.

HANKER L. BOSCHEN, 31236574, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 1 November 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Woodham, Massachusetts.

RUDOLPH V. FOLLO, 31456577, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 1 November 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from New Britain, Connecticut.

STANLEY J. MALLIOSKI, 32859176, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations during the period 1 November 1944 to 1 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from West Albany, New York.

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ED E. MARTIN, 34590986, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations during the period 1 November 1944 to 1 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Concord, North Carolina.

AUGUST MASTROCOLA, 32680672, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 1 November 1944 to 8 May 1945 in France and Germany. Entered military service from Brooklyn, New York.

RUSSELL E. MILLARD, 37683344, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 1 January 1945 to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Adel, Iowa.

RAYLOND H. PINE, 37730032, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations during the period 18 November 1944 to 1 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Holden, Missouri.

HARRY E. POINDEXTER, 33841638, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 1 November 1944 to 20 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Roanoke, Virginia.

GAYLORD W. ROBINSON, 39155681, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 1 November 1944 to 1 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Los Angeles, California.

CHARLES SCHLIESMAN, 32297721, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 1 January 1945 to 20 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Huntington Station, Long Island, New York.

DONALD H. SMITH, 39562343, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 1 November 1944 to 9 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Burbank, California.

VELDON W. SMITH, 35716553, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 15 November 1944 to 7 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Mayfield, Kentucky.

ALLEN S. TILTON, 32955288, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 11 November 1944 to 20 April 1945 in France and Germany. Entered military service from Lakehurst, New Jersey.

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AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded to each of the following named individuals:

GLENN P. MOSLEY, 34896632, Staff Sergeant, 399th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 21 February 1945, in the vicinity of Siersthal, France. Entered military service from Lewisville, North Carolina.

WILLIAM H. WELLS, 32061343, Staff Sergeant, 399th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 8 January 1945, in the vicinity of Spitzberg, France. Entered military service from Bayonne, New Jersey.

JAMES C. SPENGLER, 36180627, Sergeant, 399th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 15 April 1945, in the vicinity of Flein, Germany. Entered military service from Harbor Springs, Michigan.

DONALD D. TROYER, 36129594, Sergeant, 399th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 1 January 1945, in the vicinity of Hottviller, France. Entered military service from Flint, Michigan.

RICHARD J. JONGAS, 31178626, Technician Fifth Grade, 399th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 10 April 1945, in the vicinity of Heilbronn, Germany. Entered military service from Salmon Falls, New Hampshire.

DONALD S. LOVELL, 6285093, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 29 January 1945, in the vicinity of Freudenberg Farms, France. Entered military service from Sulpher, Texas.

EARLE M. MALONEY, 31237427, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 15 November 1944, in the vicinity of Neufmaisons, France. Entered military service from East Boston, Massachusetts.

PAUL G. MON, 33561758, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 15 April 1945, in the vicinity of Heilbronn, Germany. Entered military service from Baltimore, Maryland.

DOIL J. WYATT, 34984361, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 8 January 1945, in the vicinity of Spitzberg, France. Entered military service from Bristol, Tennessee.

HORACE V. APGAR, JR., 12216225, Technical Sergeant, 397th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 12 November 1944 to 30 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Easton, Pennsylvania.

RAYMOND T. MC GUIRE, 37659581, Technical Sergeant, 397th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 12 November 1944 to 30 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Waterloo, Iowa.

ROLAND R. ROBERT, 31245029, Technical Sergeant, 397th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 12 November 1944 to 30 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Pawtucket, Rhode Island.

GUY E. ALLEN, 33768605, Staff Sergeant, 397th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 23 December 1944 to 30 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Mill Hall, Pennsylvania.

EARL EVANS, 35805754, Staff Sergeant, 397th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 12 November 1944 to 30 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Williamsburg, Kentucky.

NICHOLAS J. FACCI, 33761755, Staff Sergeant, 397th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 12 November 1944 to 30 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Johnstown, Pennsylvania.

JAMES H. GROGAN, 34145272, Staff Sergeant, 397th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 12 November 1944 to 30 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Bloomington Springs, Tennessee.

JOHN E. JONES, 19144408, Staff Sergeant, 397th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 12 November 1944 to 30 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Coeur d'Alene, Idaho.

ANGELO G. FLECKO, 32598586, Staff Sergeant, 397th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 12 November 1944 to 30 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Bayonne, New Jersey.

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THOMAS J. FITZGIBBONS, 32929813, Sergeant, 397th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 12 November 1944 to 30 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Lackawanna, New York.

KENNETH E. FLAA, 37324906, Sergeant, 399th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 1 November 1944 to 20 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Minneapolis, Minnesota.

MERVIN W. JACOBSON, 37477348, Sergeant, 397th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 12 November 1944 to 30 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Neligh, Nebraska.

ALEC LASHBY, 32680750, Sergeant, 397th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 12 November 1944 to 30 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Tonawanda, New York.

GEORGE J. ODDIE, 31200532, Sergeant, 399th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations during the period 1 November 1944 to 1 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Claremont, New Hampshire.

CARL R. SMADD, 36752644, Sergeant, 399th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 5 November 1944 to 30 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Rockdale, Illinois.

GEORGE E. SMALL, 19187452, Sergeant, 397th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 12 November 1944 to 30 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Redwood City, California.

KENNETH D. SMITH, 15400746, Sergeant, 399th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 1 November 1944 to 20 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Wooster, Ohio.

JOHN J. SOUTHWORTH, 31237505, Sergeant, 399th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations during the period 5 November 1944 to 20 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Brockton, Massachusetts.

JOHN A. IGNERI, 32649857, Technician Fourth Grade, 397th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations during the period 12 November 1944 to 30 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Brooklyn, New York.

DEAN W. JARRELL, 14005266, Technician Fourth Grade, 397th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations during the period 12 November 1944 to 30 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Uriah, Alabama.

ROBERT F. BRSAULT, 31238630, Corporal, 399th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 1 November 1944 to 25 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Medford, Massachusetts.

GRANT W. CLOUGH, 31269842, Corporal, 399th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 5 November 1944 to 20 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Ashland, New Hampshire.

KEED CLEMENTS, 19144398, Technician Fifth Grade, 399th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 1 November 1944 to 1 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Lewiston, Idaho.

REGINALD W. DREW, 31256222, Technician Fifth Grade, 397th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations during the period 12 November 1944 to 30 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Lowell, Massachusetts.

MICHAEL S. MONDAY, 31214901, Technician Fifth Grade, 397th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations during the period 12 November 1944 to 30 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Holyoke, Massachusetts.

ALBERT STEFANELLI, 32597328, Technician Fifth Grade, 397th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations during the period 12 November 1944 to 30 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Belleville, New Jersey.

HUGH W. BAILLY, 35246005, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 1 November 1944 to 20 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Cleveland, Ohio.

HAROLD L. KILLY, 37377981, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 5 November 1944 to 20 March 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from St. Louis, Missouri.

WILLIAM W. BLOMNING, 39924492, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 12 November 1944 to 30 April 1945 in France and Germany. Entered military service from Lorenzo, Idaho.

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IRVING BURG, 33784774, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 12 November 1944 to 30 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

ARTHUR E. CHRISTENSEN, 36783710, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 12 November 1944 to 30 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

MICHAEL J. CURRY, 32680510, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 1 November 1944 to 20 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Elmhurst, New York.

GILBERT G. DAVIS, 34385366, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 12 November 1944 to 30 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Summerville, South Carolina.

EVERETT, W. ELLES, 35245338, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 1 December 1944 to 20 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Madison, Indiana.

ROBERT L. FARRELL, 15400742, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 5 November 1944 to 20 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Lisbon, Ohio.

CLIFFORD E. FRENCH, 31256323, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 5 November 1944 to 20 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from East Boston, Massachusetts.

WILLIAM S. GLAZIER II, 31345419, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 5 November 1944 to 17 March 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from South Glastonbury, Connecticut.

JACKSON B. HACKLER, 38682691, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 6 November 1944 to 20 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Pittsburg, Texas.

JOSEPH H. HARPER, 32483816, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 12 November 1944 to 30 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Blackwood, New Jersey.

JOE L. HARRIS, 38682351, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 12 November 1944 to 30 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Kirvin, Texas.

FRANK W. HILL, 20253727, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment; for meritorious achievement in action during the period 1 November 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Long Island, New York.

HAROLD R. JANITZ, 15303863, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 23 February 1945 to 23 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Indianapolis, Indiana.

KENNETH V. KLAUSING, 36983770, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 1 November 1944 to 20 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

EDWARD H. LAAG, 12160158, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 1 November 1944 to 25 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from New York, New York.

NORMAN W. LANGEN, 36853138, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 12 November 1944 to 30 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Detroit, Michigan.

ROBERT E. LYONS, 36954855, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 12 November 1944 to 30 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

PAUL B. MODLISH, 15131243, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 1 November 1944 to 20 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Jennings, Louisiana.

WILLIAM P. REED, JR., 34817251, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 1 November 1944 to 20 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Birmingham, Alabama.

JAMES O. SEAGRAVES, 34762098, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 1 November 1944 to 20 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Monroe, Georgia.

CHARLES E. SEELY, 38562742, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 1 November 1944 to 20 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Houston, Texas.

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JOHN P. SEVER, 33604306, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 1 November 1944 to 25 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Forest City, Pennsylvania.

MORRIS B. SHIECHEL, 42045446, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 1 November 1944 to 20 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Brooklyn, New York.

LEWIS SINCLAIR, 33255210, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 5 November 1944 to 20 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Nettleton, Pennsylvania.

JAMES W. STILES, 35089061, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 1 January 1945 to 20 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Cincinnati, Ohio.

OLIVER M. VINES, 39476912, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 1 February 1945 to 20 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Aberdeen, Washington.

WILLIAM H. WADDELL, 36060566, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 7 November 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Peoria, Illinois.

HENRY V. WIEGMANN, 32680429, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 1 November 1944 to 20 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Middle Village, New York.

JOHN R. WOOD, 35075339, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 1 November 1944 to 20 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Matoaka, West Virginia.

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SECTION I -- AWARD OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO BRONZE STAR MEDAL

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, the First Oak Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following named individual:

JAMES C. HIGGINS, 12301319, Staff Sergeant, 399th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 26 December 1944 to 16 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Canisteo, New York.

SECTION II -- AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded to each of the following named individuals:

JAMES P. HAMILL, 32593811, Corporal, 325th Engineer Combat Battalion, for heroic achievement in action during the period 5 April 1945 to 8 April 1945, in the vicinity of Heilbronn, Germany. Entered military service from Plainfield, New Jersey.

LUIS RAMIREZ, 39255181, Technician Fifth Grade, 399th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 18 April 1945, in the vicinity of Beilstein, Germany. Entered military service from Oceanside, California.

WALTER P. AKANA, 32745493, Private First Class, Medical Detachment, 399th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 18 April 1945, in the vicinity of Beilstein, Germany. Entered military service from Westernville, New York.

DENNIS DIAMOND, 32792800, Private First Class, 325th Engineer Combat Battalion, for heroic achievement in action during the period 5 April 1945 to 8 April 1945, in the vicinity of Heilbronn, Germany. Entered military service from Brooklyn, New York.

JOHN KOPKO, 32207457, Private First Class, 325th Engineer Combat Battalion, for heroic achievement in action on 16 March 1945, in the vicinity of Bitche, France. Entered military service from Uncasville, Connecticut.

ROBERT C. THOMPSON, 0438412, Major, 325th Medical Battalion, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations during the period 7 November 1944 to 13 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Lebanon, Tennessee.

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WALTER P. MEYERS, 01686019, Captain, Medical Detachment, 325th Engineer Combat Battalion, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations during the period 9 November 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Lawrence, Massachusetts.

ROBERT R. MOYLAN, 01541937, Captain, 325th Medical Battalion, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations during the period 7 November 1944 to 24 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Jersey City, New Jersey.

JAMES O. WATSON, 0546940, Chaplain (Captain), 325th Medical Battalion, for meritorious service in support of combat operations during the period 7 November 1944 to 24 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Union, South Carolina.

GEORGE A. BLAIR, JR., 01296472, First Lieutenant, 399th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations during the period 1 November 1944 to 9 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Winthrop, Massachusetts.

CHARLES W. GREGORY, 0539305, First Lieutenant, 399th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 1 November 1944 to 22 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Morgantown, West Virginia.

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ANTHONY S. KAZMIERSKI, 01541857, First Lieutenant, 325th Medical Battalion, for meritorious service in support of combat operations during the period 6 November 1944 to 15 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Wilkes Barre, Pennsylvania.

EDWIN R. KELLEY, 03048970, First Lieutenant, 335th Medical Battalion, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations during the period 7 November 1944 to 24 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Swampscott, Massachusetts.

FRANKLIN K. PIERCE, 0548592, First Lieutenant, 399th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 1 November 1944 to 22 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Montpelier, Vermont.

REXFORD P. KASTNER, 30273300, Master Sergeant, 398th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations during the period 20 October 1944 to 1 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Fayetteville, New York.

FRANCIS C. JILL, 34056222, Technical Sergeant, 325th Engineer Combat Battalion, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations during the period 20 October 1944 to 9 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

ALLEN ROTKO, 32655250, Technical Sergeant, 398th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations during the period 8 November 1944 to 1 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Brooklyn, New York.

FRED SELKOWITZ, 6910281, Technical Sergeant, Medical Detachment, 398th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 6 November 1944 to 1 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Brooklyn, New York.

VAUGHN S. GRAY, 42053163, Staff Sergeant, 325th Engineer Combat Battalion, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations during the period 1 November 1944 to 26 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Stockbridge, Massachusetts.

D. W. LITTLE, 14004954, Staff Sergeant, 398th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 6 November 1944 to 10 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Andalusia, Alabama.

JOHN L. RUSSELL, 34464307, Staff Sergeant, 398th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations during the period 20 October 1944 to 1 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Durham, North Carolina.

HARRY U. FURBER, 32483394, Staff Sergeant, 398th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 6 November 1944 to 10 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Magnolia, New Jersey.

ALPHONSE S. MROCKA, 31255557, Technician Third Grade, Medical Detachment, 399th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations during the period 8 November 1944 to 24 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Webster, Massachusetts.

THOMAS E. SMITH, 34454457, Technician Third Grade, Medical Detachment, 397th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations during the period 11 November 1944 to 23 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Hacclesfield, North Carolina.

DAVID J. GOORIS, 32654411, Technician Fourth Grade, Medical Detachment, 399th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations during the period 1 January 1945 to 25 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Jackson Heights, New York.

GEORGE HOEFSATER, 32439733, Technician Fourth Grade, Medical Detachment, 399th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 5 November 1944 to 20 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from New York, New York.

IRVING S. HONCOTE, 14572320, Technician Fourth Grade, 399th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations during the period 5 November 1944 to 20 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Marietta, Georgia.

SIMNEY A. BICK, 35064888, Technician Fourth Grade, Medical Detachment, 398th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 6 November 1944 to 1 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Centerville, Illinois.

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MORRIS SIGMAN, 32658333, Technician Fourth Grade, Medical Detachment, 398th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 6 November 1944 to 6 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Brooklyn, New York.

FRED TEASDALE, 12192476, Technician Fourth Grade, Medical Detachment, 399th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 1 November 1944 to 18 March 1945, in Eastern France. Entered military service from Walden, New York.

WILLIAM T. CORKUM, 31256517, Technician Fifth Grade, 398th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations during the period 20 October 1944 to 1 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Concord, Massachusetts.

JAMES A. PASQUALE, 32641579, Technician Fifth Grade, 399th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations during the period 5 November 1944 to 20 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from New York, New York.

HENRY C. TRAVIS, 34497285, Technician Fifth Grade, Medical Detachment, 399th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations during the period 1 November 1944 to 25 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Tullahoma, Tennessee.

ROBERT L. CANTALAMESSA, 13037705, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 1 February 1945 to 1 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Republic, Pennsylvania.

BIAGIO M. CIOFFI, 32655336, Private First Class, Medical Detachment, 399th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations during the period 8 November 1944 to 24 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Brooklyn, New York.

JAMES C. GRAHAM, 15132900, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 5 April 1945 to 17 April 1945, in the vicinity of Heilbronn, Germany. Entered military service from Cleveland Heights, Ohio.

ADOLPH P. MILL, JR., 14200744, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 5 April 1945 to 17 April 1945, in the vicinity of Heilbronn, Germany. Entered military service from Nashville, Tennessee.

LOY W. PARROTT, 34143931, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 2 February 1945 to 1 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Dalton, Georgia.

MAURICE SIEGEL, 32850280, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 5 April 1945 to 17 April 1945, in the vicinity of Heilbronn, Germany. Entered military service from Brooklyn, New York.

LEONARD F. SMITH, 38392548, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 5 April 1945 to 17 April 1945, in the vicinity of Heilbronn, Germany. Entered military service from St. Joseph, Louisiana.

DEWEY C. STEWART, 39140125, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 5 November 1944 to 20 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from San Francisco, California.

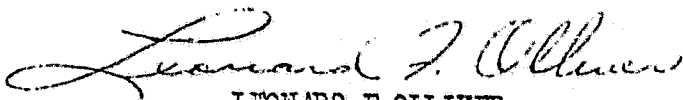
JOHNNY W. TAYLOR, 34497326, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 8 November 1944 to 1 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Lebanon, Tennessee.

JAMES H. WATSON, 34144099, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 1 February 1945 to 1 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Jonesboro, Tennessee.

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SECTION I -- POSTHUMOUS AWARD OF SILVER STAR

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Silver Star is posthumously awarded to each of the following named individuals for gallantry in action:

ARTHUR L. FLETCHER, 36875622, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 15 April 1945, in the vicinity of Escheneau, Germany. After his patrol leader had been killed while reconnoitering an enemy road block, Private Fletcher, a rifleman, volunteered to lead a second patrol to the site and disperse the enemy resistance. Private Fletcher skillfully led the patrol to the road block and then deliberately crawled around the obstruction to draw fire on the left flank while the other members of the patrol assaulted the position from the right. He had reached within fifty yards of the block, when he was killed by a burst of machine gun fire. The remainder of the patrol thereupon assaulted the position and killed the three German defenders. As a result of his gallantry, his unit was enabled to move past an obstruction which may have cost many lives. Next of kin: Margarete Wells (Mother), 5300 Cadillac Street, Detroit, Michigan.

JESSE H. SLAUGHTER, 33628965, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 13 April 1945, in the vicinity of Sontheim, Germany. During an attack against strong enemy positions, heavy artillery fire halted the advance of our forces and wounded one soldier who fell some fifty yards in advance of Private Slaughter's position. Without regard for his own safety, Private Slaughter ran to the assistance of the injured man and with the help of a comrade carried the casualty to a place of safety. Later in the same day, he advanced upon his own initiative under heavy fire to man the platoon radio, and thus maintained communication between his unit and the company commander. On still another occasion he again left the comparative safety of a covered position to go to the assistance of a wounded comrade, and while so engaged was mortally wounded by a hostile shell burst. The gallantry and devotion to his comrades which Private Slaughter displayed in this action reflected the greatest credit upon himself and his organization. Next of kin: Ruth Slaughter (Mother), 334 Forty-fifth Street, Newport News, Virginia.

SECTION II -- AWARD OF SILVER STAR, MISSING IN ACTION

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Silver Star is awarded to the following, named individual, missing in action, for gallantry in action:

FRANK V. DE PIAZZA, 36526685, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 6 April 1945, in the vicinity of Jagstfeld, Germany. When it became apparent that his company would have to withdraw to a most formidable defense line under pressure of a determined enemy counterattack, Private DePiazza, an automatic rifleman, volunteered to remain behind and cover the movements of his comrades. Although he was seriously wounded before the last group of men pulled back, he refused to be evacuated and remained in his exposed position. When last observed, he was calmly firing at the advancing enemy, inflicting heavy casualties and delaying them long enough for his company to prepare new defenses. Private DePiazza's gallant action prevented a serious breakthrough which would have endangered the entire battalion's positions near Jagstfeld. Next of kin: Elizabeth DePiazza (Mother), 27335 Maywood Avenue, Roseville, Michigan.

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SECTION III -- AWARD OF SILVER STAR

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Silver Star is awarded to each of the following named individuals for gallantry in action:

CHARLES W BLANCHARD, 32665151, Technical Sergeant, 399th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 13 April 1945, in the vicinity of Sontheim, Germany. During an attack across open terrain, the company in which Sergeant Blanchard was a platoon sergeant sustained several casualties from intense artillery shelling. When his platoon leader was wounded he quickly assumed command of the platoon and after expertly deploying his men, remained exposed while administering first aid to his leader and other casualties. Then, with the aid of a companion, he evacuated the platoon leader and several other men to a point of safety. Although exhausted by his efforts, Sergeant Blanchard swiftly returned to his men and personally led a machine gun squad which killed or wounded at least six enemy and forced the remainder to withdraw. Sergeant Blanchard's overwhelming devotion to duty and expert leadership inspired the entire company and brought great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Whitehall, New York.

ROBERT J. FITTERY, 33013349, Staff Sergeant, 398th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 6 April 1945, in the vicinity of Jagstfeld, Germany. When three men in his platoon were seriously wounded during the furious fighting near Jagstfeld, Sergeant Fittery, a platoon guide, went to their aid. With complete disregard for his personal safety, Sergeant Fittery made three trips across the flat, machine gun swept terrain to drag the wounded men to safety. While crawling forward for the third casualty, he, himself, was painfully wounded. When informed that his platoon sergeant had become a casualty, Sergeant Fittery refused to be evacuated and fought on for six hours until his unit had seized their objective. His intrepid and devoted actions reflect the highest credit upon himself and the Army of the United States. Entered military service from Jonestown, Pennsylvania.

CLARENCE M. GROAT, 32931511, Staff Sergeant, 398th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 6 April 1945, in the vicinity of Jagstfeld, Germany. While attacking strong enemy positions, the squad under Sergeant Groat's leadership was halted and immobilized by intense hostile machine gun and rifle fire. When units on both flanks were forced back by an enemy counterattack, Sergeant Groat ordered his own men to withdraw and voluntarily remained behind to deliver covering fire. Although he was himself seriously wounded before his unit had completed its withdrawal, he refused medical attention and continued firing at the enemy. Suffering from shock and loss of blood, he eventually lost consciousness but recovered several hours later, only to find himself behind enemy lines, and despite intense pain succeeded in crawling toward friendly positions, which he ultimately reached. The gallantry and devotion to his men thus displayed by Sergeant Groat was undoubtedly responsible for saving the lives of members of his squad. Entered military service from Buffalo, New York.

EDWARD P. MC KENNA, 32531107, Staff Sergeant, 398th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 15 March 1945, in the vicinity of Bitche, France. While advancing against one of the numerous Maginot Line forts surrounding Bitche, the rifle squad commanded by Sergeant McKenna drew fire from a hostile machine gun located inside the structure. Realizing that an assault on such a well defended position would prove costly, he ordered his men to fire into the small openings in the turret while he crawled ahead alone over terrain infested with mines and booby traps. He succeeded in approaching the rear of the emplacement and threw several hand grenades inside. Seeing one of their comrades killed and stunned by the explosion, the remaining three enemy surrendered, enabling Sergeant McKenna and his men to occupy the fortification without a single casualty. Entered military service from New York, New York.

JAMES J. BROWN, 20101314, Private First Class (then Private), 398th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 19 December 1944, in the vicinity of Bitche, France. During assaults upon enemy-held fortifications of the Maginot Line Private Brown accompanied an engineer detail whose mission was to destroy surrounded hostile pillboxes with demolition charges. One such fortification was subjected to fire from an enemy machine gun emplacement, and Private Brown crawled forward alone until he was within grenade range of the weapon, then killed the crew with accurately placed grenades. He subsequently encountered a hostile soldier in an entrenchment

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and took him prisoner. His daring and aggressive action made possible the successful completion of the mission, and prevented the infliction of casualties upon his companions. Entered military service from Cambridge, Massachusetts.

ANTHONY P. FUNARI, 42089270, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 9 April 1945, in the vicinity of Heilbronn, Germany. During an attack upon a bitterly defended section of Heilbronn, the advance of Private Funari's platoon was halted by hostile machine gun and sniper fire. With accurate marksmanship, Private Funari silenced two hostile snipers, then crawled toward the position from which automatic weapon fire was issuing and killed the gunner. When his platoon leader was wounded by machine gun fire, Private Funari engaged the opposing weapon and silenced it, enabling the officer to reach a covered position, and, when the platoon was subsequently ordered to withdraw, he remained with the wounded men and helped to carry them to safety. His alert and aggressive action undoubtedly prevented the infliction of severe casualties upon his platoon, and reflected great credit upon himself. Entered military service from Schenectady, New York.

ROBERT K. PEARSON, 35073973, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 13 April 1945, in the vicinity of Talheim, Germany. As lead scout of his platoon, Private Pearson was well in the van of his unit when he was seriously and painfully wounded in the leg by fire from a concealed enemy position. Disdaining cover, Private Pearson deliberately remained a target for the hostile automatic weapons and rifle fire until he succeeded in locating the enemy's positions. Then, although still exposed, he returned to enemy fire until his platoon had established a firing line and had captured the enemy entrenchments. Only after he had seen the enemy resistance crushed at this point did Private Pearson permit himself to be treated and evacuated. His gallantry and devotion to duty set an exemplary standard for his unit. Entered military service from Rossburg, Ohio.

ERNEST V. SIMEONE, 42070484, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 4 April 1945, in the vicinity of Heilbronn, Germany. During a bitterly fought engagement with the enemy, Private Simeone was painfully wounded, and when the platoon withdrew to a more advantageous position he remained behind and continued to engage the opposing forces. He saw another seriously wounded man who lay not far distant and, although weak from loss of blood, he crawled to the side of the casualty, administered aid, then moved his fellow soldier to a defiladed position where they both remained until darkness fell and they were eventually evacuated. The courageous gallantry which Private Simeone thus displayed was undoubtedly instrumental in saving the life of his injured comrade. Entered military service from Bronx, New York.

ROBERT BARKER, 6638128, Private, 399th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 14 April 1945, in the vicinity of Schozach, Germany. During an attack upon the enemy town of Schozach, a curtain of hostile artillery and mortar fire halted our advance. Acting entirely upon his own initiative, Private Barker organized a group of eight men and led them into the town through the continuing barrage. He was himself wounded while so engaged, but after treating his own wound proceeded to establish his group in defensive positions, then returned under fire to a wooded area which sheltered the remnants of his platoon, whose ranks had been greatly depleted by enemy action. In the absence of his platoon leader and noncommissioned officers, he proceeded to reorganize the unit and then, although wounded a second time, established communication with the battalion commander and advised him of the position and condition of the platoon. While subsequently searching an open area for wounded members of his unit, he was wounded for the third time and evacuated. His courage, gallantry and devotion to his comrades exemplified the highest traditions of the armed forces. Entered military service from Plattsburg, New York.

SECTION IV -- AWARD OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO PURPLE HEART

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

Award of Second Oak Leaf Cluster

ARNOLD SIZEMORE, 35883063, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, 16 March 1945. Entered military service from Lombard, Kentucky.

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Award of First Oak Leaf Cluster

EDWARD J. GUGA, 01296519, First Lieutenant, 398th Infantry Regiment, 20 April 1945. Entered military service from Glen Cove, New York.

BASIL P. ZANONI, 32080254, First Sergeant, 398th Infantry Regiment, 4 March 1945. Entered military service from Brooklyn, New York.

EDWARD A. RUSINOVICH, 32683206, Staff Sergeant, 399th Infantry Regiment, 6 December 1944. Entered military service from New York, New York.

JOSEPH P. BIVONA, JR., 32655323, Staff Sergeant, 399th Infantry Regiment, 18 April 1945. Entered military service from Bronx, New York.

JACK WILLIAMS, 34515486, Technician Fourth Grade, Medical Detachment, 399th Infantry Regiment, 15 November 1944. Entered military service from Graniteville, South Carolina.

ROBERT W. URDAHL, 32817353, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment, 18 April 1945. Entered military service from Brooklyn, New York.

CLAUDE A. MORRIS, JR., 39041772, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, 15 April 1945. Entered military service from Oakland, California.

SECTION V -- AWARD OF PURPLE HEART

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

THOMAS J. GIGGINS, 02010684, Second Lieutenant, 398th Infantry Regiment, 16 February 1945. Entered military service from Salisbury, Connecticut.

JOSEPH A. WAGNER, 33000160, Technical Sergeant, 399th Infantry Regiment, 19 January 1945. Entered military service from Baltimore, Maryland.

ALEXANDER A. MC FAULL, 34029364, Staff Sergeant, 398th Infantry Regiment, 15 March 1945. Entered military service from New Orleans, Louisiana.

ORVILLE A. DONOHO, 36615801, Staff Sergeant, 398th Infantry Regiment, 8 April 1945. Entered military service from Bluford, Illinois.

BENNETT KORMAR, 15302020, Sergeant, 398th Infantry Regiment, 20 November 1944. Entered military service from Cincinnati, Ohio.

JOHN C. OBERWEISER, 36817689, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment, 18 April 1945. Entered military service from Menasha, Wisconsin.

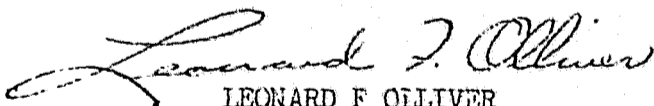
WILLIAM H. BAUCOM, 34963656, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment, 18 April 1945. Entered military service from Charlotte, North Carolina.

LUTHER S. RODGERS, 34651353, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment, 18 April 1945. Entered military service from Wellford, South Carolina.

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By direction of the President, under the provisions of Section IV, Circular Number 333, War Department, 1942, and with the approval of the Army Commander, the following named organization is cited for outstanding performance of duty in action:

COMPANY B, 325TH ENGINEER COMBAT BATTALION is cited for outstanding accomplishment in combat during the period 17 December 1944 to 21 December 1944, in the vicinity of Bitche, France. The Company was assigned a mission of supporting the 3rd Battalion, 398th Infantry Regiment to reach the Maginot Line west of the town of Bitche, France. The strong enemy fortifications on high ground west and north-west of the town were in such a position that they dominated the terrain. The main line of enemy defense was Fort Freudenberg, a large fortification, and Fort Schiesseck, which had eleven adjacent units, each unit with a gun emplacement or a series of guns ranging from 47 millimeter to 135 millimeter, and each having a 360 degrees traverse, making them mutually supporting. The walls of the fortifications were reinforced concrete from three to ten feet thick. Some of the units had as many as five stories below ground level with underground railroads which were used for supply routes. Taking advantage of a 45 minute barrage, the Engineer Demolition squads moved toward the Forts at 1130 on 17 December 1944, with no terrain features for protection and only the craters made by the artillery fire for cover, which were under continuous mortar, automatic weapons, small arms, and heavy artillery fire. Each man in the demolition squad carried thirty pounds of TNT with him through the intense enemy fire. When the infantry was pinned down, the demolition squads went ahead and placed their charges against the pill boxes and neutralized them. This allowed the infantry to move up and occupy the pill boxes. While the demolition squads were in the attack, the remainder of the company established a dump of several tons of TNT in a pill box at the line of departure, and after the first assault they brought more charges of TNT forward in one-quarter ton trucks. Heavy casualties necessitated rotating of assault teams so that the entire company performed in that capacity. The enemy had many booby traps in the pill boxes which the engineer soldiers deactivated and there were no casualties of this source during the attack. On 19 December 1944, the Forts were destroyed by placing 1600 pounds of TNT which destroyed the ventilating system and forced the remaining enemy troops to leave by an escape hatch during the cover of darkness. The fighting aggressiveness, courage, and devotion to duty displayed by members of Company "B", 325th Engineer Combat Battalion, are worthy of emulation and reflect honor upon the Armed Forces of the United States.

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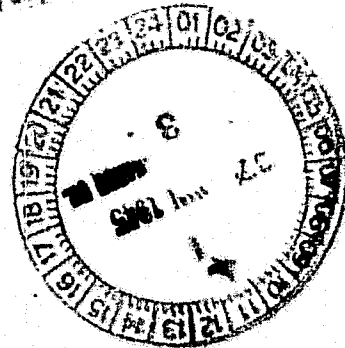
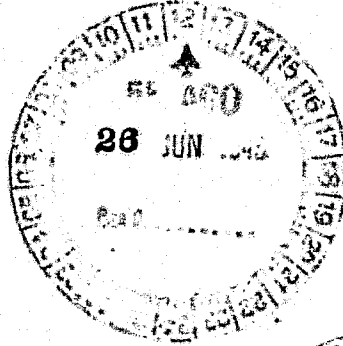
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SECTION I -- AWARD OF SILVER STAR

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Silver Star is awarded to each of the following named individuals for gallantry in action:

JOHN B. COLLINS, 02025606, Second Lieutenant (then Private First Class), 399th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 13 April 1945, in the vicinity of Talheim, Germany. When the platoon of which Lieutenant Collins was acting as platoon guide encountered stiff resistance from a series of well camouflaged enemy positions, he participated with his comrades in neutralizing the defenses, and finally, when a concrete emplacement was the only remaining opposition, he voluntarily advanced over open terrain towards the obstacle, and, although intense fire was directed at him, he continued on until he was close enough to throw a hand grenade inside the enclosure, ending all enemy resistance from within. This courageous act on the part of Lieutenant Collins enabled his platoon to continue the attack and subsequently capture its objective. Entered military service from Andover, Massachusetts.

JOSEPH A. SPIEGLER, 32649648, Technical Sergeant (then Staff Sergeant), 399th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 8 December 1944, in the vicinity of Lemberg, France. When his squad was fired upon while advancing towards its objective of five houses on the outskirts of Lemberg, Sergeant Spiegler, to avoid casualties, placed his men in a railway underpass and then, proceeding alone, crawled over the railroad toward the first house. Although he was immediately fired upon, he continued his advance until close enough to throw a hand grenade through a window which killed two enemy. Then, rushing to the side of the house, he began firing at two houses across the street. With the enemy concentrating on his movements, his squad rushed forward at his call and with the Sergeant leading, assaulted each house, killing two enemy and wounding two, with but one casualty among themselves. As a result of his gallant and intrepid action, Sergeant Spiegler's squad secured its objective against a numerically superior enemy force with a minimum of casualties. Entered military service from Bronx, New York.

STANLEY R. BELYEA, 31234509, Staff Sergeant, 397th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 14 April 1945, in the vicinity of Etzlensmenden, Germany. While his company was leading the attack on Etzlensmenden, Sergeant Belyea, communications chief, was operating well in advance of the main column when he encountered several enemy. Immediately taking the initiative, he rushed the hostile force in the face of small arms fire and direct fire from a self-propelled weapon five hundred yards distant, and captured four German officers. Then, enlisting the aid of a companion, he charged the enemy positions a second time and captured twenty-eight enemy. By his gallantry and magnificent courage, Sergeant Belyea completely demoralized the enemy force, breaking all resistance and thus gaining for his company an excellent route of approach into the town. Entered military service from Saugus, Massachusetts.

DALTON J. YATES, 37130514, Staff Sergeant (then Technician Fifth Grade), 397th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 5 April 1945, in the vicinity of Heilbronn, Germany. During the savagely prosecuted battle for Heilbronn, one of our squads suffered several casualties from hostile automatic weapons and sniper fire. The wounded men lay under a withering exchange of fire between the opposing forces, the intensity of which delayed their evacuation. Sergeant Yates, an acting squad leader, voluntarily picked up a light machine gun and firing steadily from the hip advanced towards the enemy emplacements. One after another, the enemy took cover from his accurate fire. In one instance, he paused long enough to blast a mound of bricks into rubble and then killed the Germany sniper hidden therein. The

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enemy, at a loss to cope with this onslaught, surrendered, and the swift evacuation of our wounded personnel was activated. By his gallant and heroic action, Sergeant Yates accounted for five enemy killed and four prisoners. Entered military service from Mountainview, Missouri.

FREDERICK E. DREW, JR., 3269094, Sergeant, 399th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 13 April 1945, in the vicinity of Talheim, Germany. During an attack, Sergeant Drew's automatic weapons team, guarding the left flank, suddenly encountered hostile fire that instantly killed the gunner. Sergeant Drew, believing his companion to be only wounded, carried him to a defiladed position, rendered first aid and then, picking up the automatic rifle, advanced alone against the enemy, directing a deadly stream of fire into their positions. His platoon, inspired by his courage, rallied into a firing line and then, led by the intrepid Sergeant Drew, assaulted the hostile emplacements and killed every occupant. Sergeant Drew personally killed two Germans and wounded a third and as a result of his gallant and heroic action was instrumental in the elimination of a strongly guarded enemy defense line that constituted a major threat to our attacking forces. Entered military service from Dover, New Hampshire.

MIGUEL A. ESCALERA, 32654163, Technician Fifth Grade, 399th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 16 April 1945, in the vicinity of Abstatt, Germany. As his platoon approached the town of Abstatt, it was ambushed by a numerically superior enemy force and one man was killed and several injured. With the first vehicle damaged, Corporal Escalera, in defiance of hostile fire, bravely remained in the second vehicle and continued firing his machine gun, neutralizing an enemy machine gun nest and permitting his comrades to take cover in a nearby house. He then left his position and by successfully running a gauntlet of sniper fire, made his way back to his company for aid. By his outstanding courage, Corporal Escalera singlehandedly prevented the possible annihilation of his entire platoon. Entered military service from Bronx, New York.

DWIGHT F. EWING, 12174826, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 9 April 1945, in the vicinity of Heilbronn, Germany. During the furious house to house fighting in Heilbronn, an enemy patrol inflicted four casualties among our forces and immobilized several others with close range machine gun fire. Aware that the attack was hindered by this menace, Private Ewing, with outstanding engenuity, began crawling toward the hostile machine gun nest, pushing large stones ahead of him as protection from the direct fire. He grimly advanced in this tedious manner until close enough to direct a volley of accurate fire into the position, killing three Germans and inducing a fourth to surrender. By his outstanding gallantry, Private Ewing singlehandedly neutralized an enemy machine gun nest, thereby removing a serious threat to his comrades and enabling them to continue the attack. Entered military service from Delmar, New York.

WILLIAM J. MOISAN, JR., 31376106, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 6 April 1945, in the vicinity of Jagstfeld, Germany. When it became apparent that his company would have to withdraw to a more formidable defense line under pressure of a determined enemy counterattack, Private Moisan, an automatic rifleman, volunteered to remain behind and cover the movements of his comrades. Although he was seriously wounded before the last group of men pulled back, he refused to be evacuated and remained in his exposed position. When he was last observed by the company, he was calmly firing at the advancing enemy, inflicting heavy casualties and delaying them long enough for his company to prepare new defenses. Private Moisan's gallant action prevented a serious break-through which would have endangered the entire battalion's positions near Jagstfeld. It was later learned that he was taken prisoner by the Germans in the above action, but has since been liberated by friendly units. Entered military service from Newton, New Hampshire.

RAYMOND VIGEANT, 6149806, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 10 February 1945, in the vicinity of Siersthal, France. Private Vigeant was leading a night patrol on Signalberg Hill in the Maginot Line in an effort to locate a hostile machine gun nest when it suddenly began firing at him and his companions, immobilizing them on the side of the hill. He immediately ordered the patrol to fall back while he covered the movement with accurate rifle fire. He then crept forward and when in range, threw two hand grenades into the

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nest, killing both enemy and destroying the weapon. Rejoining the patrol, he led it back to friendly lines. By his gallant and intrepid action, Private Vigeant singlehandedly accomplished the patrol's mission without it suffering any casualties. Entered military service from New Bedford, Massachusetts.

SECTION II -- AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded to each of the following named individuals:

FRANCIS J. FARRELL, 02025594, Second Lieutenant (then Staff Sergeant), 397th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from Brooklyn, New York.

ARTHUR DAVIS, 32599636, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from Union City, New Jersey.

JOHN R. VAUGHN, 34373084, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from Nashwauk, Minnesota.

For heroic achievement in action on 9 April 1945, in the vicinity of Neckar-gartack, Germany. When he discovered that communications with his battalion's forward elements across the Neckar River had been disrupted, Lieutenant Farrell, Battalion Communications Chief, with Private Vaughn, a driver, and Private Davis, a lineman, immediately proceeded to the river bank to determine the trouble. Discerning that the intense enemy mortar, artillery and rocket fire falling in the river area was responsible for communications being out, they obtained an assault boat and, with complete heedlessness of the personal danger involved, laid a new line across the river. Since one line would not stay intact due to the heavy fire, the men fearlessly crossed the river two more times in the face of continued heavy shelling. Their daring and devotion to duty aided materially in the battalion's successful advance on the enemy-held town.

NORMAN B. BRANHAM, 34865288, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from Winnsboro, South Carolina.

DANIEL L. O'BRIEN, 37156894, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from Kansas City, Missouri.

For heroic achievement in action on 9 April 1945, in the vicinity of Heilbronn, Germany. These men, members of an antitank platoon, voluntarily crossed the hostile fire-swept Neckar River in an assault boat to deliver a number of prisoners to their battalion. As they gained the west bank, they were fired upon by an enemy sniper and one of the prisoners was wounded. They administered first aid and quickly completed their mission. Then they returned to the area where they had been fired upon, located the sniper in a building and skillfully took him prisoner. By their heroic action, these men eliminated a source of danger that saved numerous casualties among their comrades.

CHARLES D. DAVENPORT, 18195351, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

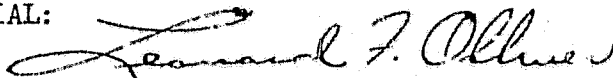
ADELARD R. LEVESQUE, 31244980, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from Central Falls, Rhode Island.

FUGENE C. KUPKA, 12174709, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from Ashland, New York.

For heroic achievement in action on 30 December 1944, in the vicinity of Hot-tviller, France. While their company was defending an extremely wide front against numerically superior hostile forces, almost constant enemy mortar and artillery fire made the feeding of troops extremely hazardous. Although exposed to enemy observation, Privates Davenport, Levesque and Kupka advanced under intense fire to bring food and ammunition to our defending troops, and by their courageous action contributed materially to the success of the company's mission.

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SECTION I -- AWARD OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO BRONZE STAR MEDAL

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, the First Oak Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to each of the following named individuals:

ROBERT L. W. MADREN, 34211962, Staff Sergeant, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 7 April 1945, in the vicinity of Heilbronn, Germany. While manning an outpost during the bitterly-fought Heilbronn engagement, Sergeant Madren observed concentrated enemy activity and swiftly reported the information to his company command post. Aware of the delay in having an artillery observer brought forward, he volunteered to remain in his hazardous position and direct the artillery barrage himself. He proceeded to call accurate fire missions with such devastating effect that when infantry units reached the hostile position against slight opposition, seven enemy dead were found. By his excellent performance, Sergeant Madren aided the capture of an important position with a minimum of casualties. Entered military service from Graham, North Carolina.

EDWARD W. JENNRICH, 35520175, Corporal, Medical Detachment, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 4 April 1945, in the vicinity of Heilbronn, Germany. When our forces crossed the Neckar River and intense fighting centered around our newly-established bridgehead, Corporal Jenrich, acting assistant section leader, repeatedly braved hostile small arms, automatic and artillery fire to assist and direct in the evacuation of wounded personnel. Although the terrain was flat and open, offering no cover whatsoever, he determinedly labored in the open area, being responsible for the removal of numerous casualties until he himself was seriously wounded and evacuated. Corporal Jenrich, by his heroic and courageous action, is a credit to himself and the Army Medical Corps. Entered military service from Cleveland, Ohio.

FRANCIS A. CROWLEY, JR., 11132904, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 8 April 1945, in the vicinity of Odheim, Germany. After an attack on Hill 233 Private Crowley, a mortar gunner, voluntarily led a litter squad to a point five hundred yards to the front to pick up casualties. He advanced to within one hundred yards of enemy lines where one casualty was reached and carried back. Then, he again led a party of litter bearers on the hazardous trip and although this time the enemy directed artillery and sniper fire into the group, under Private Crowley's supervision the evacuation of another casualty was effected. Thus, by his heroic and courageous action, Private Crowley was instrumental in saving the lives of two of his comrades. Entered military service from Boston, Massachusetts.

EDWARD L. DE MARTINI, JR., 39146173, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 3 December 1944, in the vicinity of Wingen, France. During an attack on Wingen, our forces met strong resistance and suffered numerous casualties. When nine of the wounded became separated from their company, Private DeMartini, a rifleman, dragged the wounded men to a nearby house, administered first aid, prepared meals and did everything possible to make them comfortable. Later in the day, he left his sheltered position and made four trips to evacuate other wounded from an open field under intense hostile machine gun and rifle fire. He treated a total of thirteen men, thus saving the lives of several men by his prompt and efficient attention. Private DeMartini's heroic action and zealous concern for his companions' welfare is a credit to himself and the military service. Entered military service from San Francisco, California.

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BASIL P. ZANONI, 32080254, First Sergeant, 398th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations during the period 6 November 1944 to 9 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Brooklyn, New York.

JOHN W. AITCHISON, 31431084, Technician Fifth Grade, 397th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 10 December 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Roxbury, Massachusetts.

KURT V. BORGSTROM, 39210991, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 20 November 1944 to 23 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Graham, Washington.

SECTION II -- POSTHUMOUS AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Bronze Star Medal is posthumously awarded to the following named individual:

EDWARD M. HOFFMANN, 32924863, Sergeant, 398th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 6 November 1944 to 7 April 1945, in France and Germany. Next of kin: Charlotte Hoffmann (Mother), 60 Elberon Avenue, Paterson, New Jersey.

SECTION III -- AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded to each of the following named individuals:

JAMES CORACE, 12189981, Staff Sergeant, 397th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from Brooklyn, New York.

CORWIN D. WHEELER, JR., 35533523, Corporal, 397th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from Conneaut, Ohio.

LEONARD S. LUNDE, 12127019, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from Westwood, New Jersey.

For heroic achievement in action on 9 April 1945, in the vicinity of Heilbronn, Germany. While supporting an attacking rifle company with their 57 millimeter anti-tank weapon, these men received word that a friendly company's advance was retarded by intense hostile artillery and machine gun fire. Aware that this situation might effect the entire attack, they volunteered to neutralize the enemy weapon. A brief reconnaissance revealed its position and they promptly moved their gun to a vantage point. Although they were now exposed to intense sniper fire, they calmly directed fire at the machine gun nest and neutralized it. Then, as hostile artillery and mortar shells began to explode nearby, they located and scored a direct hit on an enemy observation post. By their courageous action, they enabled the rifle companies to proceed with the attack with a minimum of casualties.

KING A. JACKSON, 34514874, Technician Fifth Grade, 325th Medical Battalion. Entered military service from Concord, North Carolina.

ISAAC J. ROSEN, 32593478, Private First Class, 325th Medical Battalion. Entered military service from Paterson, New Jersey.

For heroic achievement in action on 5 December 1944, in the vicinity of Wingen, France. As ambulance drivers attached to a battalion aid station, these men were assigned the mission of evacuating sixteen casualties during the furious fighting in the vicinity of Wingen, France. To reach the wounded, it was necessary for these two men to drive through a mine-filled road block approximately two hundred yards long. When partially through this barrier, a jeep, leading the ambulance, hit a mine. With magnificent devotion to duty and unwavering fortitude, however, Corporal Jackson and Private Rosen picked up one casualty from the jeep and disregarding the danger continued through the road block and evacuated the sixteen casualties. Their heroic action contributed greatly to the survival of these wounded men.

GARABED ARAKELIAN, 31183394, Private First Class, Medical Detachment, 398th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from Providence, Rhode Island.

TOLBERT E. GREEN, 34408365, Private First Class, Medical Detachment, 398th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from Arcadia, Florida.

CONRAD M. LE COMTE, 32447829, Private First Class, Medical Detachment, 398th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from Providence, Rhode Island.

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PERCY F. NELSON, 36992519, Private First Class, Medical Detachment, 398th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from Clear Lake, Wisconsin.

DIODATO RANIERI, 31032685, Private First Class, Medical Detachment, 398th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from Quincy, Massachusetts.

MICHAEL YUHAS, 32597763, Private First Class, Medical Detachment, 398th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from Paramus, New Jersey.

For heroic achievement in action on 4 April 1945, in the vicinity of Heilbronn, Germany. During our crossing of the hostile fire-swept Neckar River and the subsequent establishment of a bridgehead, these men as litter bearers, performed with outstanding courage and initiative. The bitter prolonged fighting which enveloped our landing forces inflicted many casualties and it was at that time that these men, in complete defiance of enemy small arms fire and exploding mortar and artillery shells, zealously labored to evacuate wounded personnel. As a result of their bravery and high sense of responsibility, they evacuated approximately one hundred men and materially contributed to the success of this important operation.

FRANCIS H. BELLAND, 33951828, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

MARION A. CARTER, 38183431, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

LEON V. CLARY, 38182174, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from Sulphur, Oklahoma.

ROBERT R. SOMERS, 13188809, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

For heroic achievement in action on 7 April 1945, in the vicinity of Jagstfeld, Germany. After our forces crossed the Jagst River, the leading platoon was immobilized by fire from a hostile machine gun and supporting riflemen located in a small house. When both artillery and mortar fire failed to dislodge the enemy, these men volunteered to attack the house. Advancing across an open field directly in front of the structure, they deliberately exposed themselves to the hostile gunners in order to reach a vantage point for fire delivery. This accomplished, they directed a deadly volley of fire at the enemy, forcing them to abandon their positions and flee from the house. By their heroic action, these men saved countless casualties among their comrades and enabled our forces to continue the advance.

ROBERT B. ALLPORT, JR., 0314476, Major, 374th Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 16 March 1945 to 9 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Richmond, Virginia.

DEAN F. NELSON, 0471816, Captain, Medical Detachment, 374th Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations during the period 3 November 1944 to 7 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Bronson, Michigan.

ALTON C. WILLIAMS, 0449078, Captain, 374th Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations during the period 1 December 1944 to 7 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Petersburg, Virginia.

KENNETH H. VOELKER, 01310654, First Lieutenant, 397th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 6 November 1944 to 9 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from St. Louis, Missouri.

ERWIN W. KRAMER, W2109542, Warrant Officer Junior Grade, 374th Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in support of combat operations during the period 3 November 1944 to 7 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Bridgehampton, Long Island, New York.

FREDERICK M. EDSON, 19211111, Staff Sergeant, 397th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 14 November 1944 to 15 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Harlowtown, Montana.

LELAND R. LANDERS, 37459456, Staff Sergeant, 397th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 15 March 1945 to 7 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Sundance, Wyoming.

LEO C. MILLER, 33037815, Sergeant, 397th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 6 November 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Latrobe, Pennsylvania.

CARL A. VEST, 15064558, Sergeant, 398th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 6 November 1944 to 9 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Streeter, West Virginia.

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FRANCIS J. BAILEY, JR., 31256096, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 6 November 1944 to 23 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Revere, Massachusetts.

EDWARD J. RAPP, 42124998, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 14 November 1944 to 23 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from New Hyde Park, Long Island, New York.

RAYMOND W. TOMS, 0284870, Major, 925th Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations during the period 1 January 1945 to 23 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from New York, New York.

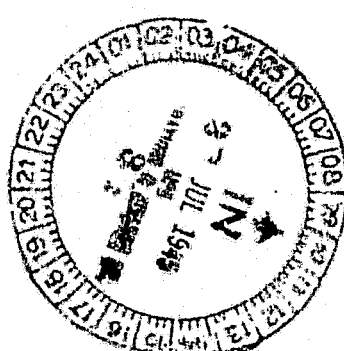
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Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, the First Oak Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following named individual:

DANIEL J. STANTON, 0376173, Captain, 898th AAA (AW) Bn, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 9 November 1944 to 1 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Walton, New Hampshire.

SECTION II -- AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded to each of the following named individuals:

HENRY R. BEGANIE, 01054476, First Lieutenant, 898th AAA (AW) Bn, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations during the period 30 June 1943 to 30 April 1945, in Africa, Italy, Corsica, France and Germany. Entered military service from Findlay, Ohio.

MATHEW G. CUMMINGS, 01045236, First Lieutenant, 898th AAA (AW) Bn, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 9 November 1944 to 27 March 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Jersey City, New Jersey.

BENARD J. KOEHLER, JR., 0454263, First Lieutenant, 898th AAA (AW) Bn, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations during the period 3 January 1943 to 30 April 1945, in Africa, Italy, Corsica, France and Germany. Entered military service from South Bend, Indiana.

NORMAN W. TAYLOR, 0454251, First Lieutenant, 898th AAA (AW) Bn, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations during the period 20 May 1942 to 15 January 1945, in England, Africa, Italy, Corsica, France and Germany. Entered military service from Catlin, Illinois.

VERNON C. BRUNDIGE, 34149278, Staff Sergeant, 898th AAA (AW) Bn, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations during the period 10 May 1942 to 30 April 1945, in England, Africa, Italy, Corsica, France and Germany. Entered military service from Dresden, Tennessee.

TOBIAS A. CONDRAIT, 20275737, Staff Sergeant, 898th AAA (AW) Bn, for meritorious service in support of combat operations during the period 1 May 1942 to 30 April 1945, in England, Africa, Italy, Corsica, France and Germany. Entered military service from Rochester, New York.

CURTIS H. JOHNSON, 34118647, Staff Sergeant, 898th AAA (AW) Bn, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations during the period 1 May 1942 to 30 April 1945, in England, Africa, Italy, Corsica, France and Germany. Entered military service from Roseboro, North Carolina.

MILTON L. KOMENSKI, 32212090, Staff Sergeant, 898th AAA (AW) Bn, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations during the period 1 July 1942 to 1 May 1945, in England, Africa, Italy, Corsica, France and Germany. Entered military service from Rochester, New York.

KARL F. MAROHN, 20275471, Staff Sergeant, 898th AAA (AW) Bn, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations during the period 31 January 1943 to 30 April 1945, in Africa, Italy, Corsica, France and Germany. Entered military service from Kenmore, New York.

WILLIAM F. MAYBEE, 20275833, Staff Sergeant, 898th AAA (AW) Bn, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations during the period 1 May 1942 to 30 April 1945, in England, Africa, Italy, Corsica, France and Germany. Entered military service from Fairport, New York.

WILLIAM J. HORRELL, 13057344, Sergeant, 898th AAA (AW) Bn, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations during the period 1 June 1943 to 1 May 1945, in Italy, Corsica, France and Germany. Entered military service from Ligonier, Pennsylvania.

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WILLIAM S. LANDON, 33348009, Sergeant, 898th AAA (AW) Bn, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations during the period 5 October 1944 to 1 May 1945, in Corsica, France and Germany. Entered military service from Canton, Pennsylvania.

HAROLD B. RAYMOND, 31040505, Sergeant, 898th AAA (AW) Bn, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations during the period 30 May 1942 to 30 April 1945, in England, Africa, Italy, Corsica, France and Germany. Entered military service from Plymouth, Massachusetts.

RAYMOND J. SMITH, 20275869, Sergeant, 898th AAA (AW) Bn, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations during the period 1 May 1942 to 1 May 1945, in England, Africa, Italy, Corsica, France and Germany. Entered military service from Seneca Falls, New York.

JAMES M. WATSON, 14062431, Sergeant, 898th AAA (AW) Bn, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations during the period 3 January 1943 to 30 April 1945, in Africa, Italy, Corsica, France and Germany. Entered military service from Simpsonville, South Carolina.

RENE T. WEISS, 32208026, Sergeant, 898th AAA (AW) Bn, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations during the period 1 May 1944 to 1 May 1945, in Italy, Corsica, France and Germany. Entered military service from West New York, New Jersey.

JAMES V. WINNERT, 12054965, Sergeant, 898th AAA (AW) Bn, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations during the period 1 May 1942 to 1 May 1945, in England, Africa, Italy, Corsica, France and Germany. Entered military service from Buffalo, New York.

PAUL J. CAMPANELLA, 32193769, Technician Fourth Grade, 898th AAA (AW) Bn, for meritorious service in support of combat operations during the period 1 May 1942 to 1 May 1945, in England, Africa, Italy, Corsica, France and Germany. Entered military service from Brooklyn, New York.

EDMUND A. KINDLER, 31040289, Technician Fourth Grade, 898th AAA (AW) Bn, for meritorious service in support of combat operations during the period 10 May 1942 to 30 April 1945, in Northern Ireland, Africa, Italy, Corsica, France and Germany. Entered military service from Putnam, Connecticut.

EDWIN A. KOCH, 32034544, Technician Fourth Grade, 898th AAA (AW) Bn, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations during the period 10 June 1943 to 9 May 1945, in Africa, Italy, France and Germany. Entered military service from Buffalo, New York.

BARNEY F. LORBLECKI, 36210349, Technician Fourth Grade, 898th AAA (AW) Bn, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations during the period 11 May 1942 to 30 April 1945, in England, Africa, Italy, Corsica, France and Germany. Entered military service from Hatley, Wisconsin.

RAYMOND E. VAUGHN, 39234541, Technician Fourth Grade, 898th AAA (AW) Bn, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations during the period 20 March 1944 to 25 April 1945, in Italy, Corsica, France and Germany. Entered military service from San Diego, California.

SHIRLEY W. ZUMSTEIN, 14078469, Technician Fourth Grade, 898th AAA (AW) Bn, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations during the period 3 November 1944 to 30 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Rockwood, Tennessee.

RAYMOND L. BLASZKOWIAK, 20275482, Corporal, 898th AAA (AW) Bn, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations during the period 1 May 1942 to 1 May 1945, in England, Africa, Italy, Corsica, France and Germany. Entered military service from Buffalo, New York.

GATHOR L. BUCKLEY, 38274400, Corporal, 898th AAA (AW) Bn, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations during the period 8 January 1945 to 2 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Alva, Oklahoma.

LEONARDO D. CARROLO, 32201332, Corporal, 898th AAA (AW) Bn, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations during the period 1 July 1944 to 30 April 1945, in Italy, France and Germany. Entered military service from Astoria, Long Island, New York.

ROBERT A. EBERT, 32115876, Corporal, 898th AAA (AW) Bn, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations during the period 1 November 1944 to 30 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Richmond Hill, New York.

JAMES R. FISS, 3115142, Corporal, 898th AAA (AW) Bn, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations during the period 1 November 1944 to 30 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Pontiac, Michigan.

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JOHN E. KIMBER, 32039713, Corporal, 898th AAA (AW) Bn, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations during the period 13 March 1943 to 9 May 1945, in Africa, Italy, France and Germany. Entered military service from Waverly, New York.

JOHN W. MADDEN, 33136297, Corporal, 898th AAA (AW) Bn, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations during the period 1 May 1942 to 1 May 1945, in England, Africa, Italy, Corsica, France and Germany. Entered military service from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

ANTHONY V. MAGRINO, 33072509, Corporal, 898th AAA (AW) Bn, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations during the period 1 May 1942 to 1 May 1945, in England, Africa, Italy, Corsica, France and Germany. Entered military service from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

FREDERICK H. MASNATO, 31041110, Corporal, 898th AAA (AW) Bn, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations during the period 1 July 1944 to 30 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from West Haven, Connecticut.

JOSEPH B. MC ISAAC, 11046887, Corporal, 898th AAA (AW) Bn, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations during the period 1 May 1942 to 1 May 1945, in England, Africa, Italy, Corsica, France and Germany. Entered military service from Medford, Massachusetts.

THOMAS E. PAPUGA, 32077872, Corporal, 898th AAA (AW) Bn, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations during the period 1 January 1943 to 1 May 1945, in Africa, Italy, Corsica, France and Germany. Entered military service from Crabtree, Pennsylvania.

JOHN J. RHODES, 32200376, Corporal, 898th AAA (AW) Bn, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations during the period 30 May 1942 to 30 April 1945, in England, Africa, Italy, Corsica, France and Germany. Entered military service from Auburn, New York.

DWIGHT L. SHEARD, 37330576, Corporal, 898th AAA (AW) Bn, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations during the period 7 March 1943 to 10 May 1945, in Africa, Italy, France and Germany. Entered military service from Joes, Colorado.

JAMES J. VARKONYI, 12051036, Corporal, 898th AAA (AW) Bn, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations during the period 1 August 1943 to 1 May 1945, in Italy, Corsica, France and Germany. Entered military service from Easton, Pennsylvania.

WALTER C. WHITCOMB, 20275480, Corporal, 898th AAA (AW) Bn, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations during the period 1 May 1942 to 30 April 1945, in England, Africa, Italy, Corsica, France and Germany. Entered military service from Columbus, Ohio.

THURSTON H. YANCEY, 33127210, Corporal, 898th AAA (AW) Bn, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations during the period 1 October 1942 to 30 April 1945, in England, Africa, Italy, Corsica, France and Germany. Entered military service from Waynesboro, Virginia.

OLIV L. BENNETT, 20275786, Technician Fifth Grade, 898th AAA (AW) Bn, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations during the period 11 May 1942 to 30 April 1945, in England, Africa, Italy, Corsica, France and Germany. Entered military service from Warsaw, New York.

GARNET S. DEATRICH, 33116272, Technician Fifth Grade, 898th AAA (AW) Bn, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations during the period 11 May 1942 to 30 April 1945, in England, Africa, Italy, Corsica, France and Germany. Entered military service from St. Thomas, Pennsylvania.

LLOYD S. GREEN, 34099290, Technician Fifth Grade, 898th AAA (AW) Bn, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations during the period 1 May 1942 to 1 May 1945, in England, Africa, Italy, Corsica, France and Germany. Entered military service from Greenville, South Carolina.

EUGENE C. HAWN, 32212162, Technician Fifth Grade, 898th AAA (AW) Bn, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations during the period 1 December 1942 to 1 May 1945, in Africa, Italy, Corsica, France and Germany. Entered military service from Grace, New York.

ALFRED MARTIN, 31041725, Technician Fifth Grade, 898th AAA (AW) Bn, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations during the period 10 May 1942 to 9 May 1945, in England, Africa, Italy, Corsica, France and Germany. Entered military service from Taunton, Massachusetts.

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ROY E. ROGERS, 32039033, Technician Fifth Grade, 898th AAA (AW) Bn, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations during the period 1 May 1942 to 1 May 1945, in England, Africa, Italy, Corsica, France and Germany. Entered military service from Phoenix, New York.

VIRGIL R. ALBIA, 16053483, Private First Class, 898th AAA (AW) Bn, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations during the period 1 May 1942 to 1 May 1945, in England, Africa, Italy, Corsica, France and Germany. Entered military service from Covington, Indiana.

ARNOLD F. APNIC, 37310136, Private First Class, 898th AAA (AW) Bn, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations during the period 1 April 1943 to 1 May 1945, in Africa, Italy, Corsica, France and Germany. Entered military service from Duluth, Minnesota.

JOHN R. BOWLIAN, JR., 14128899, Private First Class, 898th AAA (AW) Bn, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations during the period 1 September 1942 to 9 May 1945, in England, Africa, Italy, Corsica, France and Germany. Entered military service from Atlanta, Georgia.

JAMES F. BROCKFIELD, 32736262, Private First Class, 898th AAA (AW) Bn, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations during the period 1 September 1943 to 30 April 1945, in Africa, Italy, Corsica, France and Germany. Entered military service from Honeoye Falls, New York.

ARTHUR L. CARON, 11027808, Private First Class, 898th AAA (AW) Bn, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations during the period 1 November 1944 to 30 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Auburn, Maine.

ANTHONY F. DE BENEDICTIS, 32189984, Private First Class, 898th AAA (AW) Bn, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations during the period 1 October 1942 to 1 May 1945, in England, Africa, Italy, Corsica, France and Germany. Entered military service from Newark, New Jersey.

ELMO DECELLE, 34154205, Private First Class, 898th AAA (AW) Bn, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations during the period 11 May 1942 to 30 April 1945, in England, Africa, Italy, Corsica, France and Germany. Entered military service from Marksville, Louisiana.

CLYDE H. HALL, 37287847, Private First Class, 898th AAA (AW) Bn, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations during the period 1 January 1943 to 1 May 1945, in Africa, Italy, Corsica, France and Germany. Entered military service from Brantford, North Dakota.

CHARLES HALLOCK, 33055584, Private First Class, 898th AAA (AW) Bn, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations during the period 7 March 1943 to 30 April 1945, in Africa, Italy, France and Germany. Entered military service from White-Haven, Pennsylvania.

ANDREW J. KWIATKOWSKI, 32226114, Private First Class, 898th AAA (AW) Bn, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations during the period 11 May 1942 to 30 April 1945, in England, Africa, Italy, Corsica, France and Germany. Entered military service from Warwick, New York.

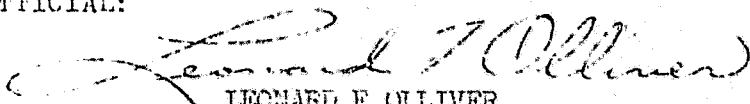
JAMES P. NOONE, 33131259, Private First Class, 898th AAA (AW) Bn, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations during the period 10 May 1942 to 9 May 1945, in England, Africa, Italy, Corsica, France and Germany. Entered military service from Landover, Maryland.

JOHN E. OPSITNICK, 33277734, Private First Class, 898th AAA (AW) Bn, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations during the period 20 January 1944 to 3 May 1945, in Italy, France and Germany. Entered military service from Greensburg, Pennsylvania.

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AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded to each of the following named individuals:

HENRY B. COOK, 39929874, Staff Sergeant (then Sergeant), 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 15 April 1945, in the vicinity of Heilbronn, Germany. When the night patrol under his leadership was halted by crossfire from hostile automatic weapons, Sergeant Cook deployed his men, then courageously crawled forward alone to within close range of the enemy. From this exposed position he opened fire upon the opposing forces and, although he was himself the target of intense machine gun fire, he so distracted the hostile troops that his patrol was able to move into advantageous positions and ultimately succeeded in the accomplishment of the assigned mission. Entered military service from Goshen, Utah.

MEREL H. KERR, 36236499, Staff Sergeant (then Private First Class), 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action during the period 17 December 1944 to 21 December 1944, in the vicinity of Bitche, France. During the assault on the bitterly defended Fort Number Ten of the Maginot Line, Sergeant Kerr was advancing with his squad when they were immobilized by enemy artillery and small arms fire. The squad leader was wounded in the engagement, and Sergeant Kerr immediately took command, courageously and skillfully leading the men in the attack. Throughout the four days of heavy fighting, Sergeant Kerr maintained superior control of his unit, continually exposing himself to direct his squad. The courage and leadership displayed by Sergeant Kerr greatly aided his platoon and company in accomplishing their mission. Entered military service from Highbridge, Wisconsin.

RAYMOND L. RAE, 38671738, Staff Sergeant (then Sergeant), 397th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from Houston, Texas.

CLAUDIE F. HARRIS, 34636793, Sergeant (then Private First Class), 397th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from Columbus, Mississippi.

For heroic achievement in action on 8 April 1945, in the vicinity of Heilbronn, Germany. These men, both squad leaders, were members of the platoon comprising the right flank of their company when it was threatened by several enemy infiltrations. Although nearly encircled by a numerically superior enemy force, they held their positions at great personal risk and repulsed several night enemy attacks. As a result of their determined and heroic action, their company was able to reinforce the position and subsequently force the enemy's withdrawal.

ANDREW O. BLOWERS, 32141414, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from Perkinsville, New York.

DAVID L. PEARSON, 17140680, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from Lovell, Wyoming.

For heroic achievement in action on 19 March 1945, in the vicinity of Bottenbach, Germany. When their battalion entered Bottenbach, these men, members of an antitank squad proceeded to emplace their weapon in a vantage point, and, although the town was under direct enemy observation and was being continually shelled by hostile artillery weapons, they grimly labored at great personal risk to complete the task. Then, although shells were exploding nearby with increasing intensity, they voluntarily installed a telephone wire over five hundred feet of terrain to establish communication with the infantry company they were supporting. Thus, as a result of their outstanding bravery and determination, these men were instrumental in supplying troops with gunner support that was invaluable in a subsequent operation.

GRAAL F. BRAUN, 15402180, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 11 April 1945, in the vicinity of Heilbronn, Germany. While his company was withdrawing to better positions, Private Braun set up his mortar to offer covering fire for the maneuver, when a hostile automatic weapon began firing directly at his position. With utter disregard for his own safety, Private Braun stubbornly remained in position, and, swinging his mortar around to meet the

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threat, quickly adjusted fire and destroyed the enemy weapon. The unflinching devotion to duty and magnificent courage displayed by Private Braun allowed his company to withdraw to safety, and reflect great credit upon himself and the Army of the United States. Entered military service from Cincinnati, Ohio.

SHERMAN K. BURKE, 16174443, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 15 March 1945, in the vicinity of Hottviller, France. With the trucks and guns of the battalion antitank platoon parked along a road awaiting the removal of mines, the enemy commenced to shell the road with severe artillery and rocket fire. Realizing that a withdrawal was imperative, Private Burke volunteered to carry withdrawal orders to the three squads which extended two hundred yards along the heavily shelled road. After accomplishing his mission, he then courageously assisted in turning the guns and their prime movers around and getting them started toward covered positions. Only after all men and equipment had withdrawn did Private Burke leave his exposed position. The prompt and aggressive action on the part of Private Burke safeguarded the whole platoon and, with it, the battalion's primary defense against tanks. Entered military service from San Francisco, California.

LEONARD H. BURKEY, 35416031, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 8 April 1945 and 9 April 1945, in the vicinity of Heilbronn, Germany. During these two days, Private Burkey voluntarily carried vital supplies to troops fighting on the east bank of the Neckar River. Although the river was under intense enemy artillery, rocket, mortar and small arms fire, he made five or six assault boat crossings daily. On one occasion, when a piece of shrapnel tore a hole through the boat, Private Burkey jammed a "K" ration into the hole, plugging the leak and saving the boat. On another occasion, when an enemy sniper was preparing to fire at his comrade, he attracted the sniper and, remaining in an exposed position, threw a hand grenade, killing the enemy soldier and saving his comrade's life. His initiative, aggressiveness and bravery in the face of extreme danger reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Columbus, Ohio.

GEORGE D. CHRISTIE, 36973566, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from Buchanan, Michigan.

WALTER C. HEALD, 36957745, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from Detroit, Michigan.

CLARENCE P. BRAY, 34988012, Private, 397th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from Gate City, Virginia.

For heroic achievement in action on 9 April 1945, in the vicinity of Heilbronn, Germany. When their platoon was immobilized in its fight to establish a bridgehead by enemy fire which killed two and wounded nine, these three men effected the vital evacuation of the litter cases. In spite of the open and fire-swept terrain and a prominent landmark which drew enemy fire of all descriptions onto their path of advance, the men went valiantly forward, stopping frequently to fight their way, and, after reaching the wounded men and administering first aid, proceeded dauntlessly across the same harassed route to return the casualties to safety. Their courageous and unselfish action was instrumental in saving the lives of their comrades, and reflects great credit upon themselves and the Army of the United States.

SIMON P. DENNIS, 35479496, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 8 April 1945, in the vicinity of Heilbronn, Germany. While advancing toward their objective, Private Dennis' squad was immobilized by intense enemy fire. Believing reinforcements were necessary before he could proceed to their objective, the squad leader dispatched Private Dennis with a message to the platoon leader asking for aid. Crossing open ground, Private Dennis was observed and fired upon by an enemy machine gun. Cognizant of the importance of his mission, however, he continued across the clearing in defiance of the enemy fire and delivered his squad leader's message. The additional help obtained as a result of this intrepid soldier's devotion and aggressiveness enabled an objective to be taken without undue casualties. Entered military service from Hardin Springs, Kentucky.

EUGENE E. ELZUFON, 12227081, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 14 December 1944, in the vicinity of Bitche, France. During initial assaults upon strongly-defended Forts Freudenberg and Schiesseck of the enemy-held Maginot Line, Private Elzufon, a member of an attacking rifle company,

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saw a wounded comrade lying exposed to the intense fire of the enemy. Although hostile mortar, artillery and small arms fire swept the area, he unhesitatingly left the comparative security of his own covered position to go to the assistance of the wounded man. He administered first aid and remained at the side of the casualty throughout an ensuing mortar bombardment. He was himself wounded while so engaged, and by his courageous action was undoubtedly responsible for saving the life of his injured comrade. Entered military service from Brooklyn, New York.

JOSEPH GULRICH, 42144691, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 8 April 1945, in the vicinity of Heilbronn, Germany. While delivering an important message to his company commander, Private Gulrich, a platoon runner, came under intense enemy sniper fire. Wounded in the left hand by a sniper's bullet, Private Gulrich dived for cover and hurled a grenade into the sniper's position, killing him. He then continued on his mission without seeking medical treatment until his mission had been successfully accomplished. The devotion to duty and intrepid zeal displayed by Private Gulrich reflect great credit upon himself and the Army of the United States. Entered military service from Hoboken, New Jersey.

G. M. HARRISON, 34875185, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 10 April 1945, in the vicinity of Heilbronn, Germany. During bitter house-to-house fighting for the city of Heilbronn, the platoon of which Private Harrison was a member was isolated from other elements. He volunteered to lead a small group of men in an attempt to establish contact with other troops, and, when he and his companions were halted by hostile fire, he ordered his comrades to take cover and advanced alone until he reached the company command post. He then directed and adjusted covering mortar fire which enabled supplies to be transported to his platoon, and by his aggressive and courageous action contributed greatly to the success of our operations. Entered military service from Tula, Mississippi.

VICTOR H. NASH, 33750426, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 4 April 1945, in the vicinity of Heilbronn, Germany. After our forces crossed the Neckar River under hostile fire, they were subjected to a savage enemy counterattack. Private Nash with other members of his company stubbornly resisted the enemy assault, and despite the intensity of hostile action succeeded in maintaining the position. Although he was painfully wounded in the action, Private Nash courageously refused to relinquish his post or submit to medical treatment, and by his steadfast devotion to duty contributed materially to the success of our operations and served as an inspiration to his comrades. Entered military service from Washington, District of Columbia.

ARTHUR NIMROD, 31456627, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 8 April 1945, in the vicinity of Heilbronn, Germany. At the edge of a clearing, Private Nimrod's platoon was immobilized by heavy enemy fire. As automatic rifleman, Private Nimrod was assigned the mission of covering the advance of his platoon across the open ground. Seeking a point of vantage, he was discovered by the enemy who concentrated their fire upon him. With magnificent courage, however, Private Nimrod moved forward until he reached a wrecked building from where he opened fire on the enemy. The platoon was midway across coverless terrain, when an artillery shell, bursting within the house, caused loosened timbers to fall directly upon him. Although seriously injured, Private Nimrod continued firing until his entire platoon was safely across the clearing, thereby enabling his unit to accomplish their mission. Entered military service from New Britain, Connecticut.

BALIS W. RITCHIE, JR., 35266211, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 15 March 1945, in the vicinity of Schorbach, Franco. After mortars went into action and the company became engaged in a bitter fire fight, word was passed back that the mortar observer had been wounded. With utter disregard for his safety, Private Ritchie volunteered to assume the hazardous duties, and, despite savage enemy fire, went forward to the observation post. After administering first aid to the wounded observer, he then continued to direct mortar fire with such deadly accuracy that the enemy was routed from its positions and forced to flee in disorder. His fearlessness and magnificent devotion to duty enabled his company to move forward and secure the objective. Entered military service from Viper, Kentucky.

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JAMES A. ROBERTS, 35894800, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 6 April 1945, in the vicinity of Heilbronn, Germany. While attempting to establish their weapons, the mortar platoon of which Private Roberts was a member was subjected to harassing fire from hostile snipers. Private Roberts purposely exposed himself to the enemy and drew fire which disclosed a sniper's position, then killed the opposing rifleman with accurate fire. Private Roberts' courageous and aggressive action prevented the infliction of casualties upon his unit and contributed to the subsequent achievement of the objective. Entered military service from Harronsburg, Indiana.

WEGAR D. WIEGERT, 36959965, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 14 April 1945, in the vicinity of Ober Heinriet, Germany. During an attack against a savage enemy, a machine gunner attached to the company was seriously wounded in an artillery barrage, and his crew immediately moved to seek cover. Unhesitatingly, Private Wiegert left his shelter and rushed to man the idle weapon. The enemy then launched a vicious counterattack, but Private Wiegert remained at his post, pouring a steady stream of deadly fire into the enemy and ultimately driving them back. The initiative and magnificent courage displayed by Private Wiegert threw back a strong counterattack, and are in accord with the highest traditions of the Army of the United States. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

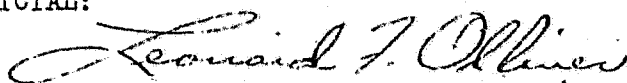
RAYMOND C. WISECARVER, 34923422, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 9 January 1945, in the vicinity of Rimling, France. During the bitter fighting in the vicinity of Rimling, an enemy counter-attack isolated the platoon of which Private Wisecarver was a member and severed all communications with friendly units. Private Wisecarver volunteered to establish contact with adjacent elements, courageously made his way through enemy positions and succeeded in reaching the company command post. He then made his way back to his comrades with vital tactical instructions, and by his daring action made it possible for his platoon to extricate itself from a precarious position without suffering a single casualty. Entered military service from Mohawk, Tennessee.

HERBERT WRAHTZ, 39047938, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 7 April 1945, in the vicinity of Heilbronn, Germany. While manning a forward observation post, Private Wrahtz was subjected to the concentrated fire of the opposing troops but courageously refused to relinquish his exposed position. When the enemy attempted to move artillery pieces into position to shell our troops, he directed our own artillery fire upon the opposing forces with an accuracy and effectiveness that forced the hostile troops to abandon their efforts, and by his courageous action prevented the infliction of casualties upon our forces and contributed to the accomplishment of the objective. Entered military service from Burlingame, California.

EDWARD N. ALLARD, 31433705, Private, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 10 April 1945, in the vicinity of Heilbronn, Germany. While the squad of which Private Allard was a member was attacking a hostile machine gun emplacement, a second machine gun opened fire from a concealed position and threatened to inflict grievous casualties upon the unit. Private Allard, alertly observing the position of the second weapon, skillfully maneuvered toward the enemy until he reached a vantage point from which he could engage the opposing troops. With burst after burst of fire from his automatic rifle he killed the gunner and wounded a second member of the hostile crew, enabling his comrades to advance and overrun the original enemy emplacement. His courageous action prevented the infliction of casualties upon his squad and made possible the success of the mission. Entered military service from North Attleboro, Massachusetts.

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SECTION I -- POSTHUMOUS AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Bronze Star Medal is posthumously awarded to the following named individual:

CHARLES H. HARRISON, 35074135, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 14 April 1945, in the vicinity of Ober Heinriet, Germany. When the enemy subjected our positions to a concentration of artillery and rocket fire, Private Harrison, acting leader of a heavy machine gun squad, immediately sensed that a hostile counterattack was imminent. Ignoring hostile shells falling in the area, he personally manned his weapon and directed accurate and effective fire against approaching enemy troops until he was mortally wounded by a shellburst. His courageous and aggressive action, performed at the cost of his own life, was instrumental in the eventual repulse of the attack. Next of kin: Inez M. Harrison (Mother), Sissonville, West Virginia.

SECTION II -- AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded to each of the following named individuals:

JOHN J. GERYAK, 32374928, Technical Sergeant, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 8 April 1945, in the vicinity of Heilbronn, Germany. When the problem of supply became serious, Sergeant Geryak, Battalion Antitank Platoon Sergeant, volunteered to lead a carrying party on the hazardous journey from one bank of the Neckar River to the rifle troops on the opposite bank. Although under intense enemy fire, he courageously made several crossings in order to deliver the vitally needed supplies. When one of the men in his party was wounded, Sergeant Geryak administered first aid and carried the man to safety. Then, taking several men with him, he surrounded the enemy sniper and took him prisoner. Entered military service from Buffalo, New York.

ROBERT J. ISOLA, 32653349, Technical Sergeant, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 15 March 1945, in the vicinity of Schorbach, France. Sergeant Isola's platoon was advancing through a wooded area when they were engaged in a fire fight with the enemy. Noticing that the flanks of his company were exposed, Sergeant Isola skillfully employed his supporting squad as cover and pressed the attack. At that moment, the enemy slashed at the company's right flank, but with reinforcing troops in position, the Germans were repulsed. Due to the foresight, aggressiveness and leadership of this sergeant, his company was enabled to attain their objective. Entered military service from New York, New York.

PHILIP L. MCGINLEY, 33051856, Staff Sergeant, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 8 April 1945, in the vicinity of Heilbronn, Germany. While advancing on an enemy position during the fiercely contested assault on Heilbronn, Sergeant McGinley's platoon was halted by intense enemy small arms fire against their left flank. Realizing the danger of being caught in a cross fire, Sergeant McGinley quickly deployed his supporting squad to engage the enemy on his left and, when this threat was effectively quelled, led his men forward, overrunning the enemy position and capturing four prisoners. The leadership and aggressiveness of Sergeant McGinley enabled his company to successfully accomplish their mission. Entered military service from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

EDWARD J. O'ROURKE, 32655246, Staff Sergeant, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 4 April 1945, in the vicinity of Heilbronn, Germany. During bitter house-to-house fighting for the city of Heilbronn, Sergeant O'Rourke's platoon was instructed to drive hostile troops from a strategic building. While so engaged he was wounded by an enemy concussion grenade, but, despite the pain of his

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injury and the intensity of enemy action, he courageously completed the mission before submitting to medical attention, thus by his courageous action contributing to the success of our continuing operation. Entered military service from New York, New York.

JACOB RESNICK, 32664759, Staff Sergeant, 397th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from Catskill, New York.

NORMAN P. NISICK, 37476457, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from Lead, South Dakota.

For heroic achievement in action on 30 March 1945, in the vicinity of Klein Steinhausen, Germany. During their company's night approach march into Klein Steinhausen, Sergeant Resnick, supply sergeant, and Private Nisick, driver, to fulfill their mission of having ammunition and supplies readily accessible for the troops, courageously advanced through intense hostile shelling and over roads pock-marked with bomb craters that necessitated driving over fields not yet cleared of enemy mines. Once in the town they voluntarily returned over the hazardous route to an aid station with three casualties. Then, once again they drove over the dangerous route, re-entered the city and stood by to evacuate more casualties. Their outstanding courage and devotion to duty earned the respect and admiration of their entire company.

FRANCIS A. SWEENEY, 37595919, Staff Sergeant (then Sergeant), 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 8 April 1945, in the vicinity of Heilbronn, Germany. During the establishment of the bridgehead across the Neckar River, the squad under Sergeant Sweeney's leadership advanced as the leading element of the company. When intense enemy shelling inflicted casualties upon his unit, Sergeant Sweeney unhesitatingly braved hostile fire to administer aid to casualties and reorganize his men, then skillfully infiltrated his squad into position and for a period of five hours engaged the opposing forces. He subsequently led a five man patrol through enemy territory to establish contact with adjacent units, inflicting heavy casualties upon the enemy in accomplishing his mission. The aggressive leadership and personal courage displayed by Sergeant Sweeney contributed materially to the success of our operations and reflected credit upon himself. Entered military service from Minneapolis, Minnesota.

VIRGEL E. TABLEMAN, 37537029, Staff Sergeant, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 14 April 1945, in the vicinity of Ober Heinriet, Germany. Sergeant Tableman was advancing with his company, when they were immobilized by a concealed enemy machine gun. Showing magnificent initiative and courage, Sergeant Tableman climbed upon an attached tank and, completely exposed to the enemy, directed fire from a seventy-six millimeter gun against the hostile emplacement. Despite a painful wound, he continued directing the tank fire until the enemy gun was destroyed and the company enabled to continue on its mission. The heroism and devotion to duty displayed by Sergeant Tableman reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Barnesville, Minnesota.

OLIVER H. FROST, 31409354, Sergeant, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 15 April 1945, in the vicinity of Obergruppenbach, Germany. Sergeant Frost, a squad leader, was assigned the mission of flanking strong enemy positions on a wooded knoll and establishing a post from which his squad could direct covering fire for the remainder of his platoon which was to storm the hill frontally. With his men in position, Sergeant Frost made a reconnaissance alone and discovered the location of the enemy's entrenchments. Returning to his squad, he led them in an attack against the Germans from the rear. Believing themselves surrounded, twenty-two confused enemy quickly surrendered to his platoon. Sergeant Frost's example of leadership and initiative reflects great credit upon himself and the Army of the United States. Entered military service from Stratford, Connecticut.

RICHARD J. HURLEY, 32696910, Sergeant (then Private First Class), 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 15 March 1945, in the vicinity of Bitché, France. While preparing defensive entrenchments, our forces were subjected to intense hostile artillery and mortar fire. A shell struck the fox hole occupied by Sergeant Hurley and two companions, killing one man and wounding the other. Although he was himself severely stunned by the shellburst, Sergeant Hurley immediately administered first aid to his injured comrade and then braved continuing enemy

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fire to secure stretcher bearers for the wounded soldier, thus risking his own life in an attempt to save that of his companion. Entered military service from Bronx, New York.

DONALD W. MILLER, 31348690, Sergeant, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 20 April 1945, in the vicinity of Sulzburg, Germany. During an attack against strong enemy positions, hostile small arms fire halted the advance of our forces and the platoon of which Sergeant Miller was a member withdrew, leaving a seriously wounded man behind. After securing his squad in a more favorable position, Sergeant Miller voluntarily returned to the area under intense hostile fire and direct observation to reach the fallen soldier, administer first aid, and remove the casualty to a position from which he could easily be evacuated. His daring and unhesitating action contributed greatly to saving the life of the injured man. Entered military service from Amherst, Massachusetts.

KENNETH A. MURTON, 35559418, Sergeant, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 4 April 1945, in the vicinity of Heilbronn, Germany. When a member of his squad was wounded and fell well in advance of our lines, Sergeant Murton unhesitatingly left the comparative safety of his position to crawl forward under intense enemy fire. Reaching the wounded soldier, he administered first aid and then carried the casualty to a position of safety. His courageous action was responsible for saving the life of an injured comrade who would otherwise have succumbed to his wounds. Entered military service from Mishawaka, Indiana.

JOHN H. PFENDER, JR., 16172320, Sergeant (then Private First Class), 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 8 April 1945, in the vicinity of Heilbronn, Germany. During the bitter fighting within the city of Heilbronn, the platoon in which Sergeant Pfender was a squad leader was assigned the mission of cleaning out a strongly defended sector. Advancing from house to house, the platoon was finally immobilized by heavy fire from a factory building. Courageously braving the enemy fire, Sergeant Pfender voluntarily went forward alone and determined the enemy's position. Then, organizing his squad, he led them in a successful flanking maneuver, and laid a base of fire against the enemy which immobilized them and permitted the platoon to accomplish their mission. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

MALCOLM E. DOWNEY, 30032986, Technician Fifth Grade, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 6 April 1945, in the vicinity of Heilbronn, Germany. Upon returning to his mortar position with additional supplies of ammunition, Corporal Downey found that both gunners had been wounded by hostile fire. He immediately notified the observation post of the situation, obtained firing instructions and put the weapon into operation. As a result of his alert and aggressive action, our infantry forces were afforded needed supporting fire which contributed to the success of the operation. Entered military service from Frost, Texas.

WILLIAM J. AKERS, 12206430, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from Belleville, New Jersey.

BENJAMIN L. SNYDER, 33735580, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

For heroic achievement in action on 30 December 1944, in the vicinity of Bettwiller, France. As volunteers for a daylight raid on strong enemy positions, these men, both scouts, performed their duties in a superior and efficient manner. Although under heavy hostile fire in a wooded area, they determinedly and with complete disregard for personal safety, located and killed a large number of enemy from well-camouflaged positions. Their devotion to duty and outstanding courage reflect great credit upon themselves and the military service.

MARCO J. BUOY, 36959867, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from Tuscola, Illinois.

DONALD B. CANTRELL, 37732017, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from Ulysses, Kansas.

For heroic achievement in action on 25 February 1945, in the vicinity of Urbach, France. While engaged in a patrol action in the village of Urbach, the party to which these two men were attached encountered an enemy patrol. In the fire fight which ensued, two of our men were killed and an officer severely wounded. Although

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their patrol was under intense enemy artillery, mortar and small arms fire, Private Boy and Private Cantrell courageously and voluntarily evacuated the wounded officer, crawling five hundred yards back to their lines. The unflinching heroism and devotion displayed by these two men reflect great credit upon themselves and the military service.

ROBERT E. JOHNSON, 37569644, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 15 April 1945, in the vicinity of Untergruppenbach, Germany. Encountering an enemy defended road block while advancing toward his company's objective, Private Johnson, acting as squad leader, deployed his squad and relayed the information to his company command post. Then, expertly and heroically flanking the enemy strongpoint, he reached his objective undetected by the enemy and was in a position to level fire upon the Germans from the rear when two other squads attacked frontally. The courage and initiative of Private Johnson caused the enemy to surrender their position without a fight and eliminated a deterrent to our advance. Entered military service from Eugene, Oregon.

ARWELL B. NEELY, 38477553, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 15 April 1945, in the vicinity of Heilbronn, Germany. When the advance of his platoon was halted by hostile machine gun fire, Private Neely, an automatic rifleman, moved forward on his own volition to silence the enemy weapon. Maneuvering from house to house, Private Neely, although under enemy observation and fire, managed to reach a vantage point from which he could direct fire against the enemy position. Dauntlessly pressing his advantage, he leveled several rapid bursts from his automatic weapon at the enemy with such accuracy that he neutralized the hostile position. The initiative and courage displayed by Private Neely prevented a serious delay in his platoon's operations. Entered military service from Carthage, Texas.

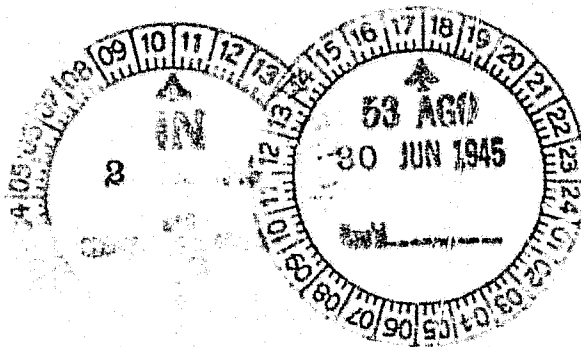
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SECTION I -- AWARD OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO BRONZE STAR MEDAL

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, the First Oak Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following named individual:

LOY L. SMITH, 34572259, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 1 January 1945 to 20 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Gainesville, Georgia.

SECTION II -- POSTHUMOUS AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Bronze Star Medal is posthumously awarded to each of the following named individuals:

LONZO E. ATKINSON, 34495644, Sergeant, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 19 November 1944, in the vicinity of La Trouche, France. During his company's attack across an open field, the platoon of which Sergeant Atkinson was a squad leader was immobilized by heavy enemy mortar and small arms fire. Realizing that if his men did not move forward there would be numerous casualties, Sergeant Atkinson courageously arose and began to advance into the intense fire. The other men, inspired by this intrepid action, followed and were led to a safe area. Later, while leading his squad in an assault on enemy positions, Sergeant Atkinson was instantly killed. His laudable conduct in the face of intense enemy resistance is in keeping with the highest traditions of the Army of the United States. Next of kin: Madie N. Atkinson (Mother), Roslin, Tennessee.

FREDERICK C. KING, 37730522, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 10 November 1944, in the vicinity of Eival, France. During his company's attack over high ground the platoon of which Private King was a member momentarily halted before a known hostile mine field. They were instantly subjected to severe enemy artillery and mortar fire. Realizing that if the platoon didn't move swiftly forward there would be heavy casualties, Private King courageously entered the mine field and, carefully advancing, cleared a path for his companions. He had nearly passed through the mined area when he detonated a hidden tree mine and was mortally wounded. As a result of his intrepid action, Private King saved numerous casualties among his comrades. His heroism is in keeping with the finest traditions of the Army of the United States. Next of kin: John L. King (Father), Sedan, Kansas.

DANIEL R. KOELENBEEK, 31322695, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 14 February 1945, in the vicinity of Lemberg, France. Private Koelenbeek, a rifleman, was manning an outpost on the outskirts of Lemberg when his company's winter defensive positions were suddenly subjected to hostile mortar shelling. Although he himself was a target for enemy sniper fire, Private Koelenbeek crawled from his position in an attempt to locate the enemy mortar positions. He succeeded in his mission, called back the information to his own mortar squad and then, while returning to his position, was instantly killed by the sniper fire. As a result of his intrepid action, Private Koelenbeek was directly responsible for the subsequent successful shelling of the hostile mortar emplacements. Next of kin: Frank W. Koelenbeek (Father), 180 High Street, Portland, Maine.

SECTION III -- AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded to each of the following named individuals:

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LEEMAN N. JEROME, 01294844, First Lieutenant, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 5 December 1944, in the vicinity of Rosteig, France. On the evening of the day our forces captured Rosteig, the town was subjected to intense artillery and mortar fire from enemy positions in nearby occupied hills. Lieutenant Jerome voluntarily drove to the rear to obtain food and supplies, and, as he entered the road leading into Rosteig on the return trip, he was subjected to intense enemy shelling. He determinedly drove through the severe fire and, although seriously wounded, successfully reached the town and delivered the supplies to his company before submitting to first aid treatment. Lieutenant Jerome's heroic action greatly helped our forces to hold the town and is in keeping with the finest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Schenectady, New York.

ALBERT M. PERRY, 6902023, First Sergeant, 397th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from Dansville, New York.

NATHAN H. DORAZIO, 31237114, Sergeant, 397th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from Medford, Massachusetts.

WILLIAM G. BLOCH, 15128313, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from Cleveland, Ohio.

RICHARD JACKSON, 33233469, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from Bausman, Pennsylvania.

For heroic achievement in action on 25 April 1945, in the vicinity of Altbach, Germany. These men were in the lead vehicle of a convoy moving into Altbach when in passing through a wooded area they observed a sizable enemy force. Quietly alerting the convoy, they assumed an advantageous position, and, as the enemy began to direct fire at their abandoned vehicle, they opened devastating fire with a heavy caliber machine gun. Although hostile automatic rifle fire was immediately directed at their position, they courageously continued their punishing fire and succeeded in inflicting several casualties and in capturing twenty prisoners. By their heroic action they prevented the convoy from being ambushed and assured its safe arrival at its destination.

JOSEPH S. MURRAY, 31217256, Technical Sergeant (then Staff Sergeant), 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 25 December 1944, in the vicinity of Hottviller, France. When a determined enemy counterattack threatened our thinly held defense line, Sergeant Murray, then a squad leader, displayed outstanding heroism and courage when he left the comparative safety of his position and began moving from one end of his squad to the other, stopping every few feet to fire several rounds from his rifle at the advancing hostile force. He accounted for three enemy killed and his actions inspired his men to vigorously resist the foe. Heavy casualties were inflicted on the enemy and the attack was finally repulsed. By his exceptional valour, Sergeant Murray won expressions of praise and admiration from his men and superiors. Entered military service from Portland, Maine.

VERNON J. POSEY, JR., 34543639, Sergeant (then Private First Class), 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 19 December 1944, in the vicinity of Bitché, France. During the bitter fighting for the strongly fortified Maginot fortresses of Freudenberg and Schiesseck, Sergeant Posey, an ammunition bearer, was advancing to forward positions when a companion was wounded by an enemy sniper. Sergeant Posey immediately returned the fire and forced the sniper to withdraw. He then returned to the wounded man and carried him up a hill through heavy hostile shelling to a first aid station. His intrepid action reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Miami, Florida.

HILBERT R. TAYLOR, 15068419, Sergeant (then Private First Class), 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 2 January 1945, in the vicinity of Siersthal, France. Sergeant Taylor was manning an outpost when the communication line between the outpost and company command post was severed due to enemy shell fire. Sergeant Taylor voluntarily left the comparative safety of his position and crawling to a vantage point, opened fire with an automatic rifle on the enemy. His accurate shooting killed three enemy and caused the others to remain under cover, thus enabling his companions to complete their task. Sergeant Taylor then crawled back to his position and directed mortar fire on the enemy positions, forcing the Germans to withdraw with heavy casualties. His heroic and courageous action is in keeping with the finest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Wenona, Illinois.

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GEORGE A. MOMANY, 16089067, Technician Fifth Grade (then Private First Class), 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 4 December 1944, in the vicinity of Soucht, France. While consolidating their newly acquired positions on high ground overlooking Soucht, our forces were subjected to a determined enemy counterattack. Defending the left flank with fire from his automatic rifle, Corporal Momany observed a numerically superior hostile force moving toward him. Although the entire area was being shelled by enemy mortar weapons, he left his concealed position and moved forward to an exposed vantage point from where he could deliver more effective fire. Expendng several magazines of ammunition, he killed at least three enemy, wounded an undetermined number and repulsed the attacking force. His courage and aggressiveness eliminated a serious threat to our positions and reflect great credit on himself and the military service. Entered military service from Akron, Michigan.

PHILIP A. ISSERMAN, 42186135, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 12 April 1945, in the vicinity of Heilbronn, Germany. Lamobilized by automatic weapons and panzerfaust fire for two days and nights, the machine gun squad of which Private Isserman was a member, was still unable to move from its position in a house. Suddenly enemy fire collapsed the roof and a deadly cross fire of machine guns tore through the walls, wounding two men on the second floor. Private Isserman, exposing himself to enemy fire, fought his way to the wounded, made a stretcher from a blanket and, despite the heavy fire, succeeded in evacuating the casualties. The unswerving devotion to duty and magnificent courage displayed by Private Isserman was an inspiration to his comrades, and reflects great credit upon the Army of the United States. Entered military service from Newark, New Jersey.

JOE V. RIZZOLO, 37653240, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action during the period 17 December 1944 to 21 December 1944, in the vicinity of Bitche, France. During the attacks on the heavily fortified Maginot Line, Private Rizzolo, a rifleman, was assigned the hazardous task of carrying high explosives through intense enemy artillery, mortar and small arms fire. Safely making his way over the open and fire-swept terrain, he further risked his life by making repeated trips to the enemy occupied concrete emplacements to blow their entrances with pole charges. When the forts had been reduced, he courageously manned a defensive position on high ground and helped repulse numerous enemy counterattacks. Private Rizzolo's courage and heroism is a credit to himself and the military service. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

DARRELL D. ROLLERSON, 31456846, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 20 December 1944, in the vicinity of Bitche, France. Private Rollerson, a rifleman, occupied a position in the vicinity of the Maginot Line coming under direct artillery fire from enemy guns. In the interim of artillery and mortar shelling, he determinedly manned his post to help repel numerous enemy counterattacks. When all wire communication to the company command post was destroyed by hostile shell fire, Private Rollerson immediately assumed the mission of carrying messages between the platoon and company, courageously exposing himself to the intense fire. Private Rollerson's devotion to duty and heroic action throughout the day greatly assisted in making secure the position of his company. Entered military service from Searsport, Maine.

JOHN A. HINE, JR., 025617, Captain, 397th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 12 November 1944 to 26 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from New York, New York.

RAYMOND H. KOONS, 01998071, First Lieutenant, 397th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 6 November 1944 to 7 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Anniston, Alabama.

HARRY J. WEISS, 02014965, Second Lieutenant, 397th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 12 November 1944 to 30 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

DANIEL R. MARTIN, 32199032, Staff Sergeant, 397th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 14 November 1944 to 23 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from New York, New York.

WILLIAM D. GILLET, 36591811, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 12 November 1944 to 30 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Alpena, Michigan.

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ALBERT M. LANGLOIS, 6154300, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 12 November 1944 to 30 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Haverhill, Massachusetts.

JACK P. SCHOFFNER, 34211606, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 12 November 1944 to 30 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Liberty, North Carolina.

AVRON SPIRO, JR., 14176986, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 12 November 1944 to 30 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Memphis, Tennessee.

ROBERT J. TIETZ, 16129866, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 6 November 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

GERARD A. TRAMUTRA, 32681917, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 14 November 1944 to 7 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Brooklyn, New York.

FRANK ZUPANCIC, 35246354, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 15 March 1945 to 7 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Cleveland, Ohio.

FLOYD E. MADSEN, 39476721, Private, 397th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 15 March 1945 to 7 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Seattle, Washington.

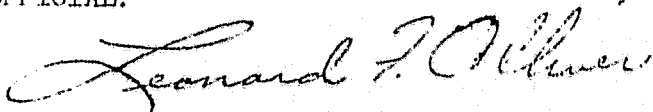
SECTION IV -- RESCISSION OF AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

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So much of Section III, General Orders Number 161, this headquarters, current series, as awards a Bronze Star Medal to LOY L. SMITH, 34572709, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, is rescinded. (See Section I, this order)

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SECTION I -- POSTHUMOUS AWARD OF SILVER STAR

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Silver Star is posthumously awarded to each of the following named individuals for gallantry in action:

DOMINIC V. SPINELLI, 35881207, Private First Class, Medical Detachment, 398th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 14 April 1945, in the vicinity of Wilsbach, Germany. When the platoon to which Private Spinelli was attached was attacking across an open field, heavy enemy fire isolated five men. When word was received that four of these men were wounded, Private Spinelli left his own sheltered position, despite the enemy machine gun and small arms fire which raked every inch of ground in front of him, in an attempt to aid the injured men. After sniper fire forced him to the ground once, he heroically rose again but went only a few feet when he was hit twice by small arms fire, killing him instantly. Private Spinelli gave his life in an effort to rescue his wounded comrades, and his gallant action is in keeping with the high traditions of the Medical Corps. Next of kin: Ester Spinelli (mother), 646 Ludlow Street, Hamilton, Ohio.

GEORGE S. TOMPKINS, JR., 39338133, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 3 April 1945, in the vicinity of Heilbronn, Germany. While the platoon of which Private Tompkins was a member was covering the withdrawal of another platoon which had been immobilized, the enemy unleashed a terrific concentration of rocket, artillery and mortar fire upon the position, and Private Tompkins, firing from an exposed position, was seriously wounded. He refused medical care, however, and continued to fire into the enemy ranks, enabling his harassed comrades to withdraw, regroup and retake the lost ground. The gallant sacrifice made by Private Tompkins reflects all that is noblest in the traditions of the Army of the United States. Next of kin: Lora Tompkins (mother), Route 3, Box 510a, Eugene, Oregon.

SECTION II -- AWARD OF SILVER STAR, MISSING IN ACTION

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Silver Star is awarded to the following named individual, missing in action, for gallantry in action:

EDWARD H. TRUTTER, 36901045, Sergeant, 398th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 5 April 1945, in the vicinity of Heilbronn, Germany. When the fighting along the banks of the Neckar River was most bitter, Sergeant Trutter, a squad leader, led his men to a high ground position to strengthen the newly acquired bridgehead. While taking this position he killed one enemy and wounded another. Shortly after he had placed his squad in position, the enemy counterattacked in force but were repulsed and then, with numerically superior numbers, the enemy furiously attacked the second time and surrounded Sergeant Trutter and his men. Although Sergeant Trutter knew the situation was grave, he courageously moved from man to man, giving advice and confidence. He was subsequently reported as missing in action in this engagement. By his gallant action, Sergeant Trutter was instrumental in delaying the enemy attack long enough for friendly units to fortify surrounding positions and subsequently save the bridgehead from capture. Next of kin: Mda B. Trutter (mother), 1307 South Pasfield Street, Springfield, Illinois.

SECTION III -- AWARD OF SILVER STAR

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Silver Star is awarded to each of the following named individuals for gallantry in action:

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DONALD G. HARMAN, 37660634, Sergeant, 397th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 7 April 1945, in the vicinity of Heilbronn, Germany. When the squad of which Sergeant Harman was in command was temporarily halted by hostile machine gun fire from a well fortified position within the bitterly-contested rail city, he valiantly moved forward with his scouts. Realizing the impossibility of overrunning the enemy position without endangering his men, he directed them to cover him as he advanced alone. Clutching two hand grenades, and running forward in a crouched position to avoid making a target for the enemy, he reached a satisfactory position. Dropping to the ground, he threw the two grenades, killing both the enemy who manned the gun. The heroism displayed by Sergeant Harman in the face of deadly enemy fire enabled his squad to successfully complete its mission, and reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Osage, Iowa.

HOWARD L. WHITCOTTON, 35146422, Sergeant (then Private First Class), 397th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 10 April 1945, in the vicinity of Heilbronn, Germany. When intense automatic weapons fire halted half of his squad in its house-to-house fighting for the city, Sergeant Whitcotton, an automatic rifleman and assistant squad leader, disregarding his own safety and in full view of the enemy, led the remaining half of the squad forward. Then, moving up alone, he threw a hand grenade into the enemy occupied building and, rushing in, captured the entire crew of five men with the weapon intact. The aggressiveness and outstanding courage displayed by Sergeant Whitcotton contributed greatly to his company's operational success, and is in keeping with highest military traditions. Entered military service from Indianapolis, Indiana.

CLYDE O. SMITH, 34593600, Private First Class, 375th Field Artillery Battalion, for gallantry in action on 17 December 1944, in the vicinity of Bitché, France. After Private Smith, a wireman, voluntarily braved intense hostile shelling to locate the break in a damaged communication line, and was in the act of servicing the wire, a sniper commenced to fire at him. He determinedly completed his task even though the sniper's bullets were striking close by and then, to secure the line even more, he began to make an overhead tie in a nearby tree. Twice, after climbing the tree he was forced to drop to the ground due to the sniper's bullets smashing the limbs about him, but on the third attempt he completed the tie. Thus, singlehandedly, with outstanding gallantry, Private Smith made possible a vital line of communication which proved instrumental in providing contact between attacking troops and their supporting units. Entered military service from Lincolnton, North Carolina.

SECTION IV -- AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

Under the provisions of Army regulations 600-45, as amended, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded to each of the following named individuals:

WILLIAM J. GORMLEY, 01692626, Second Lieutenant, 398th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 6 November 1944 to 23 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

RAYMOND H. GLECK, 18070589, Staff Sergeant, 398th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 6 November 1944 to 6 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Denver, Colorado.

WALLACE H. HEAL, 31154179, Sergeant, 398th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 6 November 1944 to 18 March 1945, in France. Entered military service from Camden, Maine.

HAROLD A. HOFSSASS, 32598425, Sergeant, 925th Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations during the period 1 November 1944 to 9 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from New York City, New York.

JORDAN D. COHEN, 11107895, Corporal, 375th Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious achievement in direct support of combat operations during the period 1 January 1945 to 6 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Holyoke, Massachusetts.

HENRY R. PROVENCHER, 31217027, Corporal, 398th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 6 November 1944 to 23 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Biddeford, Maine.

CHARLES H. BAILEY, 38587311, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 25 November 1944 to 23 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Smithfield, Texas.

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JOHN W. BINKLEY, 34717641, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 6 November 1944 to 23 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Clarksville, Tennessee.

JOHN D. ECKERT, 16191288, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 6 November 1944 to 18 December 1944, in France. Entered military service from Charleston, Illinois.

MELVIN C. JOHNSON, 34963333, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 6 November 1944 to 23 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Davidson, North Carolina.

JOHN P. JOYCE, 31233853, Private First Class, 375th Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations during the period 20 December 1944 to 25 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Roxbury, Massachusetts.

FRED C. KLEVESAHN, 30826010, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 6 November 1944 to 23 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

HARRY F. MARRINER, 31456850, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 6 November 1944 to 5 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Lincolnville, Maine.

TIMOTHY J. O'LEARY, 31236193, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 6 November 1944 to 23 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Somerville, Massachusetts.

CECIL J. PIERCE, 42143600, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 25 December 1944 to 23 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Belmont, New York.

LUCIAN M. PIERCE, 38433646, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 6 November 1944 to 9 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Dallas, Texas.

JAMES P. REGAN, 12228385, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 14 November 1944 to 7 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Brooklyn, New York.

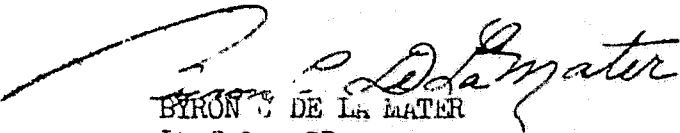
DANIEL STOOKEY, 16106190, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 6 November 1944 to 23 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Urbana, Illinois.

IRVING WEISS, 32694974, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 26 November 1944 to 23 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Brooklyn, New York.

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24 June 1945

AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded to each of the following named individuals:

RICHARD C. OLSEN, 37574309, Staff Sergeant (then Sergeant), 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 3 March 1945, in the vicinity of Dol-enback, France. Sergeant Olsen, while returning with his squad to friendly lines after a night patrol in which he had located and neutralized a hostile machine gun position, encountered an enemy supply train. Heavy fire immobilized the squad and seriously wounded one man. At great personal risk, Sergeant Olsen crawled to within a few yards of the enemy and killed a gunner with hand grenades. Then, calling for and adjusting artillery fire, he was responsible for inflicting many hostile casualties and destroying the supply vehicles. After rendering first aid to his wounded comrade, he led the patrol successfully back to friendly lines. His intrepid action is in keeping with the finest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Wayzata, Minnesota.

ALLEN G. DEWEY, 39200157, Sergeant (then Private First Class), 397th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from Wheatland, Wyoming.

JAMES H. BURCH, 34914395, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from Weathersby, Mississippi.

For heroic achievement in action on 5 April 1945, in the vicinity of Heilbronn, Germany. When automatic weapons and small arms fire halted the company in its advance through the gutted city, these men, members of the mortar platoon, courageously stood their ground and continued adjusting accurate fire. They ultimately silenced the snipers and reduced the building in which the enemy had its stronghold. As a result of their action, nine prisoners were taken and the company won its objective. The unflinching devotion to duty and utter disregard for their own safety displayed by these men reflect great credit upon themselves and the military service.

JOHN M. TARIS, 32651329, Sergeant, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 20 April 1945, in the vicinity of Altbach, Germany. When the mortar convoy of which he was a member was ambushed by an invisible enemy force. Sergeant Taris jumped atop a truck and manned a .50 calibre machine gun. Completely exposed and without regard for his own safety, he stubbornly remained in position, spraying the woods with continuous fire. As two enemy soldiers broke away and tried to escape his fire, he turned his gun on them and killed both. Almost simultaneously, fire from a hostile automatic weapon seriously wounded Sergeant Taris, but not before his brave and aggressive action disorganized the ambushing enemy and allowed the convoy to continue unhindered. His action is in keeping with the highest traditions of the Army of the United States. Entered military service from New York, New York.

LAWRENCE F. BOURGEOIS, 36461076, Technician Fifth Grade, 325th Medical Battalion. Entered military service from Menominee, Michigan.

GEORGE KAKAFFA, 32483705, Private First Class, 325th Medical Battalion. Entered military service from Trenton, New Jersey.

LOREN J. MC GOVERN, 36461048, Private First Class, 325th Medical Battalion. Entered military service from Escanaba, Michigan.

HAROLD K. SCRIBNER, 42105154, Private First Class, 325th Medical Battalion. Entered military service from Watchung, New Jersey.

For heroic achievement in action on 19 November 1944, in the vicinity of La Trouche, France. When these men heard a wounded man call for medical attention, they unhesitatingly crossed an open field in the face of intense hostile mortar and artillery fire, swiftly and efficiently rendered first aid and then, despite the continued enemy shelling and exceedingly difficult terrain, determinedly carried the casualty on a litter to a point of safety. The high sense of duty and bravery displayed by these men saved the life of their injured comrade and reflects great credit upon themselves and the military service.

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THOMAS J. DOOREY, 33054467, Technician Fifth Grade, 374th Field Artillery Battalion, for heroic achievement in action on 9 January 1945, in the vicinity of Rimling, France. While acting as a radio operator with an artillery forward observation party, Corporal Doorey was wounded by an enemy shell fragment. While enroute to an aid station under heavy hostile artillery fire, he observed a wounded infantryman unable to move due to a severe wound. Disregarding his own pressing need for medical attention, Corporal Doorey carried his comrade to the aid station. His heroic act at the risk of aggravating his own wound is representative of the finest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Upper Darby, Pennsylvania.

JEROME E. BINDEL, 15128519, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 13 December 1944, in the vicinity of Reversville, France. When darkness fell, Private Bindel, an ammunition bearer, returned to a rear area to act as guide for a group bringing food and ammunition to his company. While enroute, the party was subjected to intense hostile shell fire, and Private Bindel and several others were wounded. Disregarding his own injuries, he administered first aid to those more seriously wounded and then helped carry them to a first aid station. He then submitted to treatment and was evacuated. Private Bindel's outstanding heroism and concern for his comrades is representative of the finest traditions of the Army of the United States. Entered military service from Cleveland, Ohio.

JACOB P. BLUMENFELD, 14200968, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 3 December 1944, in the vicinity of Wingen, France. As first scout of a patrol commissioned to enter Wingen and return with prisoners, Private Blumenfeld led his men into the town proper and had passed several houses when a concealed enemy machine gun suddenly opened fire on them. Private Blumenfeld courageously began crawling toward the hostile weapon and in so doing was isolated from his companions. He was last observed advancing toward the weapon. It was later learned that he was taken prisoner by the Germans, but has since been liberated by friendly forces. Private Blumenfeld's laudable conduct is in keeping with the finest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Memphis, Tennessee.

ROBERT L. HENSEL, 12198330, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 6 April 1945, in the vicinity of Heilbronn, Germany. When a vital communication line was severed, Private Hensel voluntarily left the building in which the battalion switchboard was located to service the wire. He crawled several yards before a hostile tank gunner observed him and opened fire. Private Hensel determinedly advanced despite the direct tank artillery shelling and after crawling three hundred yards reached his objective. He was repairing the break when fired upon by an enemy sniper, but he immediately engaged the sniper in a fire fight, forcing him to withdraw. After servicing the line he crawled back to the house, successfully evading machine gun fire from the hostile tank. By his outstanding courage, Private Hensel performed a mission greatly aiding our forces in this important engagement. Entered military service from Albany, New York.

HERSCHEL E. JEFFERS, 35833717, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 3 December 1944, in the vicinity of Rothbach, France. During an attack against strong enemy positions, hostile mortar and artillery fire inflicted numerous casualties upon our forces, and Private Jeffers, in the absence of medical personnel, volunteered to help the wounded to reach the aid station. The only available route was subjected to heavy mortar bombardment, and Private Jeffers was himself wounded, but he courageously continued with his mission and succeeded in reaching the station with the wounded soldiers under his charge, thus by his steadfast devotion to duty contributing to the welfare and eventual recovery of his comrades. Entered military service from Richmond, Indiana.

GEORGE E. MITCHELL, JR, 35880795, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 16 January 1945, in the vicinity of Geising, France. During the fighting near Geising, Private Mitchell, a wireman, volunteered to repair a communication line linking our mortar positions with the forward observer. Although he was subjected to intense enemy mortar fire as he made his way over open terrain, he determinedly kept advancing until he found the break and repaired it. With communications once more intact, our mortar weapons were able to shell enemy installations and emplacements, facilitating the advance of our riflemen. Private Mitchell's heroic action at great personal risk, is in keeping with the highest

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traditions of the Army of the United States. Entered military service from Oxford, Ohio.

JONNIE C. QUALLS, 34738881, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action during the period 17 December to 21 December 1944, in the vicinity of Bitche, France. During our attack on Forts Freudenberg and Schiesseck, Maginot Line strongpoints, Private Qualls, a rifleman, was with his squad, when in the face of enemy automatic rifle fire they assaulted hostile occupied concrete emplacements. When one of these structures could not be entered, Private Qualls was assigned to guard it against any attempt of the enemy to ascend the top level and remain their weapons. For an extended period of time Private Qualls remained in an exposed position, subjected to hostile mortar and artillery shelling, and directed accurate fire into the emplacement whenever the enemy attempted to reach their weapons. By his constant alertness, the German crew was forced to remain on a lower floor until friendly units eventually captured the emplacement. His heroic action was instrumental in the ultimate overall success of our forces in this engagement. Entered military service from Linden, Tennessee.

CHARLIE E. ROBERTSON, 34179072, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 17 March 1945, in the vicinity of Camp de Bitche, France. During the attack on Camp de Bitche, Private Robertson, a radio operator, was with the advance elements when they encountered stiff resistance from hostile automatic weapons fire. Disregarding this danger, he went forward with his platoon leader to direct mortar fire on the enemy positions and remained in an exposed position until the attack was renewed. He then rejoined the advance elements and kept his radio in constant operation, coordinating the attacking rifle, tank and mortar units. The superb skill with which he operated his radio in the face of intense hostile fire, enabling the advancing units to coordinate the assault, was a salient factor in reducing enemy positions and in the ultimate capture of the objective. Entered military service from Norlina, North Carolina.

EDWARD J. LA BRECCQUE, 02014962, Second Lieutenant, 397th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 12 November 1944 to 30 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Lincoln, New Hampshire.

WALTER S. LORER, 33017373, Technical Sergeant, 397th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 6 November 1944 to 7 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Windber, Pennsylvania.

ELI MICULITA, 33012763, Technical Sergeant, 397th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 6 November 1944 to 7 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

ROCCO A. ARRICO, 31120384, Staff Sergeant, 397th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations during the period 6 November 1944 to 26 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Cranston, Rhode Island.

ANTHONY BROCKINSKI, 33037856, Staff Sergeant, 397th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 14 November 1944 to 23 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Mather, Pennsylvania.

THADDEUS A. OZYCYCKI, 6906680, Staff Sergeant, 397th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations during the period 6 November 1944 to 20 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Utica, New York.

ROBERT H. FLYNN, 11010445, Staff Sergeant, Medical Detachment, 397th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 14 November 1944 to 23 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Middletown, Connecticut.

SAMUEL R. KNEZICH, 33317474, Staff Sergeant, 397th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations during the period 12 November 1944 to 30 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

HERMAN C. SWENSON, 37018516, Staff Sergeant, 397th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations during the period 8 November 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Petaluma, California.

WILLIAM A. COX, 34514771, Technician Fourth Grade, 397th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations during the period 6 November 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Spartanburg, South Carolina.

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ARTHUR C. GILBERT, 18163631, Corporal, 397th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 6 November 1944 to 18 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Beggs, Oklahoma.

VITO A. LICATA, 32680574, Technician Fifth Grade, 397th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 11 November 1944 to 20 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Cos Cob, Connecticut.

BRADFORD C. PAKSONS, 32666523, Technician Fifth Grade, 397th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations during the period 6 November 1944 to 20 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Ancram, New York.

FRANK M. ABATE, 16114928, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 24 November 1944 to 30 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Detroit, Michigan.

ROGER O. BARNHART, 33145609, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 6 November 1944 to 7 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Corry, Pennsylvania.

FRANCIS J. EISINGER, 32655554, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 6 November 1944 to 9 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from New York, New York.

RALPH J. FIGARI, 39053602, Private First Class, Medical Detachment, 397th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 11 November 1944 to 23 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Suisun, California.

* LOUIS R. FORD, 38683357, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 14 November 1944 to 7 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Hallsville, Texas.

KEITH J. HADLEY, 39914408, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 6 November 1944 to 7 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Pocatello, Idaho.

MAX W. HOPKINS, 35097364, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 12 November 1944 to 22 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Clinton, Indiana.

DANIEL F. LINEHAN, 32655442, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 6 November 1944 to 20 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Bronx, New York.

WALTER MENTUCH, 42144889, Private First Class, Medical Detachment, 397th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 11 December 1944 to 23 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Freehold, New Jersey.

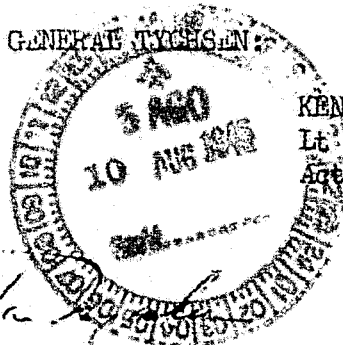
FRED T. MULLINS, 35884356, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 6 November 1944 to 7 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Evarts, Kentucky.

LAWRENCE F. SCHULTZ, 36204512, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 6 November 1944 to 23 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Beaver Dam, Wisconsin.

MARIO STROILLI, 31272099, Private First Class, Medical Detachment, 397th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 11 November 1944 to 23 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Bronx, New York.

KARL T. TYREE, JR., 14190835, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 6 November 1944 to 23 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Birmingham, Alabama.

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SECTION I -- AWARD OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO BRONZE STAR MEDAL

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, the First Oak Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to each of the following named individuals:

WALTER S. ATIGIAN, 31245458, Corporal, 375th Field Artillery Battalion, for heroic achievement in action on 11 April 1945, in the vicinity of Heilbronn, Germany. When communications between a forward observer party and a company command post were disrupted due to enemy shell fire, Corporal Atigian, a member of the observer party, unhesitatingly exposed himself to the intense fire and installed a new line of communication. His heroic act renewed contact with the command post and assured infantry units full friendly artillery support. By his laudable conduct, Corporal Atigian substantially contributed to the success of this important engagement. Entered military service from Providence, Rhode Island.

JAMES E. BRINKLEY, 34963441, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 6 November 1944 to 7 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Rocky Point, North Carolina.

SECTION II -- POSTHUMOUS AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Bronze Star Medal is posthumously awarded to the following named individual:

JOHN A. MILLER, 6898606, Staff Sergeant, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 14 April 1945, in the vicinity of Eilhofen, Germany. When intense enemy fire halted the progress of his squad, Sergeant Miller unhesitatingly advanced well beyond our line of infantry to reach a vantage point from which he directed friendly artillery fire against the enemy. His accurate and effective adjustment of fire silenced a hostile machine gun emplacement which had obstructed the attack of our forces, and he thus made possible the successful accomplishment of the mission. He subsequently died of wounds received as a result of the detonation of an enemy mine. Next of kin: Mary M. Miller (Wife), Post Office Box 246, Newburgh, Indiana.

SECTION III -- AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded to each of the following named individuals:

EDWARD J. GUGA, 01296519, First Lieutenant, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 19 November 1944, in the vicinity of Raon L'Etape, France. Assigned the mission of directing mortar fire on the enemy in support of the Meurthe River crossing, Lieutenant Guga, then mortar platoon leader, made a reconnaissance through heavy enemy artillery, mortar, and small arms fire to establish an outpost near the crossing site. Although under constant enemy fire he manned the outpost throughout the entire engagement, directing accurate shelling in support of the attacking riflemen. His courageous action resulted in heavy enemy casualties and facilitated the river crossing in no small manner. Entered military service from Glen Cove, Long Island, New York.

RICHARD E. COLLINS, 34836615, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from Thomaston, Georgia.

WILLIAM R. HEDCOTT, 38273950, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from Crescent, Oklahoma.

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For heroic achievement in action on 14 April 1945, in the vicinity of Ober Heinriet, Germany. When other elements of the platoon were subjected to intense hostile artillery and mortar fire prior to an enemy counterattack, the squad of which Privates Collins and Endecott were members was ordered to reinforce the units of the platoon which were already in position. The intensity of enemy fire was so great that the order was almost immediately rescinded, but these two men upon their own initiative fought their way forward through heavy shelling to join their beleaguered comrades. As a result of their daring and aggressive action they were able to assist in the repulse of the hostile attack, and contributed materially to the success of the platoon's mission.

DONALD L. GATLIN, 35247219, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 5 April 1945, in the vicinity of Heilbronn, Germany. During the intense fighting to secure our Neckar River bridgehead, the squad in which Private Gatlin was a machine gunner found itself nearly surrounded by enemy forces. Realizing that it would be necessary to move back, Private Gatlin voluntarily made a reconnaissance of the left flank and determined a clear route. He then returned to his comrades, running to escape the intense enemy fire directed at him, and led them back to friendly lines. His heroic action saved his companions from being killed or captured. Entered military service from Indianapolis, Indiana.

JOHNNIE E. HOLLIS, 38634036, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from Vernon, Texas.

ELWYN O. JOHNSON, 31456810, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from Orange, Massachusetts.

WILLIAM W. JOHNSON, 44031316, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from Fackler, Alabama.

For heroic achievement in action on 9 April 1945, in the vicinity of Heilbronn, Germany. These men were manning a machine gun during the bitter fighting for Heilbronn, when they were surrounded by an enemy patrol which demanded their surrender. Although greatly outnumbered, these three men rejected the ultimatum and with singular courage and devotion to duty continued the fight against the enemy. In the action which ensued, four of the enemy were killed, two wounded and the remainder driven off. The heroism and dauntless courage displayed by these three soldiers reflect great credit upon themselves and the military service.

WALTER E. LANCASTER, 35685790, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 4 April 1945, in the vicinity of Heilbronn, Germany. In the fighting to secure the Neckar River bridgehead, Private Lancaster, an ammunition bearer in a machine gun squad, advanced with his company until it met such fierce resistance that a withdrawal was imperative to strengthen their lines. While moving back he saw an enemy sniper firing from the entrance of a building. He immediately stopped and engaged the sniper in a fire fight, finally killing him. Private Lancaster's heroic action thereby eliminated a danger that would have caused casualties among our forces. Entered military service from Seymour, Indiana.

RICHARD C. MOORE, 38437308, Private First Class, Medical Detachment, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action during the period 4 April 1945 to 12 April 1945, in the vicinity of Heilbronn, Germany. During the bitter struggle to hold the Neckar River bridgehead, Private Moore, an aid man, made his way from one to another of the numerous casualties, administering first aid and effecting the evacuation of many. Despite the intense enemy artillery, mortar and small arms fire, he courageously continued to assist wounded of adjacent units as well as his own. By his devotion to duty and to his comrades, Private Moore saved the lives of many who would have succumbed to their wounds. His actions are in keeping with the highest traditions of the Army Medical Corps. Entered military service from Decatur, Texas.

ANDREW R. SROKA, 36176291, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 4 April 1945, in the vicinity of Heilbronn, Germany. During the bitter fighting for the Neckar River bridgehead, Private Sroka, a machine gunner, placed his gun in an exposed position and delivered such intense and accurate fire on enemy positions that our troops were able to capture several houses strategically important for defensive positions. When the enemy intensified their artillery and mortar fire and began to counterattack on the opposite flank, Private Sroka advanced through the fire and directed a devastating volley of bullets into the hostile ranks. This action secured our defensive positions and greatly strengthened our hold on the bridgehead. Entered military service from Brooklyn, New York.

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FRANKLIF J. WORTH, 0342770, Captain, 374th Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious achievement in direct support of combat operations during the period 12 December 1944 to 7 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Switzerland, Florida.

CHARLES V. COLLISON, 01171095, First Lieutenant, 374th Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious achievement in direct support of combat operations during the period 12 December 1944 to 7 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Baltimore, Maryland.

WILLIAM J. SINGER, 01177636, First Lieutenant, 375th Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious achievement in direct support of combat operations during the period 9 November 1944 to 9 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Evansville, Indiana.

JOHN W. GIBBARD, 02010527, Second Lieutenant, 397th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 12 November 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Somerset Center, Michigan.

OSCAR M. JOSEGO, 33276779, Technical Sergeant, 375th Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations during the period 9 November 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Bridgeville, Pennsylvania.

CLARENCE D. WHITESELL, 32597382, Technical Sergeant, 398th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in direct support of combat operations during the period 6 November 1944 to 20 March 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from East Orange, New Jersey.

CHARLES L. BURT, 31369654, Staff Sergeant, 397th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 15 March 1945 to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Taunton, Massachusetts.

HERIALD H. DUEER, 32350075, Staff Sergeant, 397th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations during the period 6 November 1944 to 20 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Copiague, Long Island, New York.

STANLEY A. FORBIZ, 32116105, Staff Sergeant, 397th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 15 December 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Brooklyn, New York.

LONNIE H. LEMMOND, 34591644, Technician Fourth Grade, Medical Detachment, 398th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 6 November 1944 to 23 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Matthews, North Carolina.

JOHN A. MEIER, 35542017, Corporal, 397th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 8 December 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Cleveland, Ohio.

ROY E. AHEFY, 35076351, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 15 March 1945 to 7 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Bummer, Kentucky.

VASSER J. ALLEN, 39532747, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 6 April 1945 to 15 April 1945, in the vicinity of Heilbronn, Germany. Entered military service from Oxnard, California.

VESTAL J. DILLINGHAM, JR., 34867342, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 8 December 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Barnardville, North Carolina.

WILEY J. EVERETT, 34624880, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 19 November 1944 to 9 January 1945, in France. Entered military service from Meridian, Mississippi.

VICTOR A. GARTEAU, 31464285, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 6 April 1945 to 15 April 1945, in the vicinity of Heilbronn, Germany. Entered military service from Woonsocket, Rhode Island.

STANLEY C. FANORTH, 37483235, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 6 November 1944 to 20 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Lexington, Nebraska.

LESLIE S. LOCKART, 35816898, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 6 November 1944 to 7 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Janesville, Wisconsin.

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JOHN M. MARTRALLI, 33052158, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 15 March 1945 to 7 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

WILLIAM H. MOORE, 35634661, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in direct support of combat operations during the period 6 November 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Columbus, Ohio.

FREEMAN R. SMITH, 36803692, Private First Class, Medical Detachment, 398th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 1 December 1944 to 9 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Dallas, Wisconsin.

EDWARD A. ZYCHOWSKI, 35068842, Private First Class, Medical Detachment, 398th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 6 November 1944 to 9 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Cleveland, Ohio.

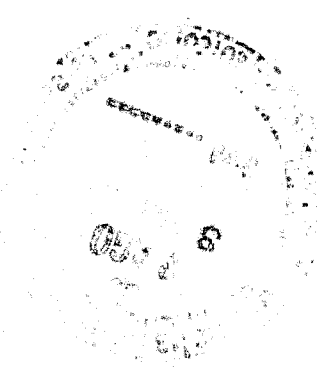
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SECTION I -- AWARD OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO BRONZE STAR MEDAL

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, the First Oak Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to each of the following named individuals:

WILLIE H. JORDAN, 6207945, First Sergeant, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 7 December 1944, in the vicinity of Mouterhouse, France. When a mortarman was wounded by an enemy sniper, Sergeant Jordan unhesitatingly left his own comparatively safe position to go to the assistance of the casualty. Exposing himself to the enemy, he fired two clips of ammunition at the sniper, driving him to cover and enabling the wounded soldier to crawl to a covered position. Sergeant Jordan then ran across open terrain to the side of the injured soldier and applied first aid, thus by his alert and aggressive action saving the life of a wounded comrade who would otherwise have succumbed to enemy fire or loss of blood. Entered military service from Wilmington, North Carolina.

WILLIAM C. BELLOWES, 13188938, Sergeant, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 5 April 1945, in the vicinity of Neckargartach, Germany. Assigned the hazardous mission of repairing the only wire line connecting battalion with rifle companies engaged on the eastern bank of the Neckar River, Sergeant Bellows courageously attempted to cross the stream by boat under intense hostile artillery fire. In so doing he was seriously wounded by an enemy shell burst, but gallantly insisted upon proceeding with his task, reached the opposite bank and, despite the pain of a broken rib, succeeded in finding and splicing the break in the wire before he permitted himself to be evacuated. His steadfast devotion to duty thus contributed greatly to the success of our operations at a critical period. Entered military service from Cheswick, Pennsylvania.

EDWARD O. CLARK, 02055110, First Lieutenant, 397th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations during the period 6 November 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Chestnut Hill, Pennsylvania.

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~~RUSSELL J. BELDEN, 33035702, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 6 November 1944 to 23 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Scranton, Pennsylvania.~~

SECTION II -- AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded to each of the following named individuals:

PHILIP CICCARIELLO, 32655617, Staff Sergeant (then Sergeant), 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 15 December 1944, in the vicinity of Mouterhouse, France. After securing the assigned objective, our forces were subjected to intense hostile mortar fire. Heavy overhead foliage prevented the delivery of answering fire by our own mortars, and Sergeant Ciccariello courageously left his entrenchment under continuing enemy shelling to clear away trees and branches and afford clearance for fire, then moved to an exposed vantage point to direct fire upon the hostile emplacements with an accuracy which soon silenced the opposing weapons. His aggressive action thus prevented the infliction of casualties upon our troops and secured the objective. Entered military service from Long Island City, New York.

DAVE H. GREEN, 34684086, Staff Sergeant (then Sergeant), 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 2 December 1944, in the vicinity of Rothbach, France. During a stubbornly resisted engagement for high ground near Rothbach,

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Sergeant Green was instructed to find a suitable route for supply and evacuation of our attacking troops. He crawled for a distance of two hundred yards across open terrain under sniper fire and mortar and artillery shelling, to reconnoiter available routes, then returned to the command post and made innumerable trips across the same fire swept terrain to bring sorely needed supplies to forward elements. During the ensuing night, hostile artillery fire inflicted several casualties upon our forces and, despite the activity of enemy patrols in the area, Sergeant Green once again made his way forward to dress the wounds of the injured soldiers, thus contributing to the saving of lives of his comrades and the success of his organization's mission. Entered military service from Raleigh, North Carolina.

JOHN E. KELLEY, 6941125, Staff Sergeant, 925th Field Artillery Battalion. Entered military service from Uniontown, Pennsylvania.

DANIEL M. JACOFF, 32349582, Sergeant, 925th Field Artillery Battalion. Entered military service from Colosse Point, New York.

CHESTER W. PAZERA, 31236168, Private, 925th Field Artillery Battalion. Entered military service from Chelsea, Massachusetts.

For heroic achievement in action on 1 January 1945, in the vicinity of Lemberg, France. When an enemy shell exploded directly on a passing friendly vehicle loaded with rockets, mortar and small arms ammunition and burst into flames, these men in total defiance of the danger ran to the aid of the driver. They extricated him from the burning interior only to learn that he had been killed instantly. In their subsequent attempt to extinguish the fire, Sergeant Kelley and Private Pazera were injured. By their courage and heroic efforts, these men reflect great credit on the military service.

JACK W. PARRISH, 18163645, Staff Sergeant (then Private First Class), 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 9 April 1945, in the vicinity of Heilbronn, Germany. Sergeant Parrish was voluntarily leading a night carrying party commissioned to secure urgently needed food and ammunition when the enemy suddenly interdicted their path with concentrated mortar fire. Realizing a new route was necessary, Sergeant Parrish, accompanied by two men, began to determine a second route when a sniper opened fire on them. With great initiative and aggressiveness, he made his way toward the sniper who became frightened and surrendered. Sergeant Parrish then located an alternate route, rejoined his party and completed the mission. Entered military service from Ponca City, Oklahoma.

SIGISMUND J. SWIEBK, 31273062, Staff Sergeant, 397th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from Bridgeport, Connecticut.

LEONARD A. BOTO, JR., 36454283, Corporal, 397th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from Green Bay, Wisconsin.

For heroic achievement in action on 8 April 1945, in the vicinity of Heilbronn, Germany. When a rifle company was pinned down by intense enemy machine gun and panzerfaust fire, these two men volunteered to give antitank support. Unable to bring their fifty-seven millimeter weapon into a firing position, they advanced to an abandoned enemy thirty-seven millimeter gun, and pushed it approximately 350 yards into an exposed position. Although under severe enemy fire, they succeeded in firing twelve rounds from the unfamiliar gun, knocking out two enemy machine gun positions and killing a number of enemy armed with panzerfausts. The initiative, aggressiveness and unswerving devotion to duty displayed by these two men reflect great credit upon themselves and the military service.

JOHN FEDOROVICH, 31216936, Sergeant (then Technician Fourth Grade), 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 17 April 1945, in the vicinity of Heilbronn, Germany. Instructed to establish a radio relay station between the battalion command post and rapidly-advancing rifle companies, Sergeant Fedorovich and a companion put their set into operation on a hilltop position which was exposed to direct enemy observation and fire. When a heavy concentration of hostile artillery fell in the area, Sergeant Fedorovich ordered his comrade to take cover in a nearby ravine, but courageously continued to operate his radio despite the intensity of enemy action until he was eventually seriously wounded by an enemy shell burst. Entered military service from Winslow, Maine.

RAYMOND J. GAUTHIER, 31256353, Technician Fifth Grade, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 17 April 1945, in the vicinity of Heilbronn, Germany. Corporal Gauthier in company with another soldier was operating a radio relay station in an exposed position under direct observation of the enemy when his

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companion was wounded during an enemy artillery bombardment. He immediately carried his wounded comrade through intense enemy fire to a place of safety several hundred yards distant, then returned to his post and for a period of twenty-six hours, despite enemy shelling of the area, continued to relay important messages from forward elements. His courageous action thus contributed to the success of our operations and was instrumental in saving the life of his fellow soldier. Entered military service from Lowell, Massachusetts.

JOHN H. FOSTER, 20448357, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 24 March 1945, in the vicinity of Ludwigshafen, Germany. When hostile sniper fire wounded a member of his antitank gun squad, Private Foster unhesitatingly braved continuing sniper and mortar fire to go to the assistance of the wounded man. Administering first aid to the casualty, he then engaged the enemy rifleman and succeeded in driving him to cover. Although he was exposed to observation of the enemy, he placed his injured comrade on his back and carried him more than five hundred yards over open terrain to an aid station, thus saving the life of a wounded soldier who might have otherwise succumbed to enemy action. Entered military service from Woodstock, Georgia.

ROBERT E. GRAY, 36950906, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 6 April 1945, in the vicinity of Heilbronn, Germany. When the building housing the battalion switchboard was subjected to hostile tank fire, which severed important wire lines, Private Gray courageously volunteered to repair the breaks in the lines. Attempting to crawl past the enemy tank, he was detected by its crew, who directed point-blank artillery fire at him, but he managed to escape and eventually made his way to the point where the lines had been broken. Here he was fired upon by a hostile sniper, and after an exchange of fire forced the enemy rifleman to withdraw. He then proceeded to repair the severed wires and returned to his post under machine gun fire from the tank. His courageous action made possible effective communication between elements at a critical period in our operations and reflected credit upon himself. Entered military service from Muskegon, Michigan.

WILLIAM J. HILL, JR., 6976649, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 8 April 1945, in the vicinity of Heilbronn, Germany. Instructed to establish a relay station between battalion headquarters and rapidly-advancing rifle companies, Private Hill, a radio operator, moved through sniper-infested streets, entered a building and put his radio set into operation on the roof. While so engaged, he alertly observed two enemy snipers who had entered the building behind him and were making their way up the stairs. He quickly emptied his rifle at the hostile soldiers, killing one of them, then hurled a hand grenade which killed the second sniper. His courageous action thus made it possible for him to complete the mission assigned him, and contributed greatly to the success of our operations. Entered military service from Buffalo, New York.

JAMES E. SPLITSTONE, 37631992, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 6 April 1945, in the vicinity of Heilbronn, Germany. Instructed to deliver messages and communication supplies to rifle companies engaged in bitter fighting on the further bank of the Neckar River, Private Splitstone was forced to cross the river by ferry under heavy artillery fire, then proceeded on foot through the sniper-infested ruins of the city of Heilbronn. Although artillery fire wounded other soldiers in his immediate vicinity, he steadfastly continued with his mission; upon encountering an enemy patrol, he engaged them with rifle fire until he was able to withdraw and proceed by an alternate route. As a result of his courageous tenacity of purpose, he succeeded in accomplishing his mission and contributed to the success of critical operations. Entered military service from Webster Groves, Missouri.

HERBERT H. HEMMON, 0382602, Major, 397th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in support of combat operations during the period 30 November 1944 to 9 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Arlington, New Jersey.

ROBERT F. WHITE, 0350447, Major, 398th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations during the period 6 November 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Antioch, Tennessee.

JOSEPH E. SCULL, 01284025, Captain, 398th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in support of combat operations during the period 6 November 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Cleveland, Ohio.

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CARROLL A. JOHNSTON, 01172937, First Lieutenant, 374th Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious achievement in direct support of combat operations during the period 3 November 1944 to 7 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Camanche, Iowa.

JOSEPH F. JACOBSON, 12007884, First Sergeant (then Technical Sergeant), 397th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in support of combat operations during the period 14 November 1944 to 23 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from New York, New York.

MYRON LYON, 5154254, Technical Sergeant, 375th Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in support of combat operations during the period 9 November 1944 to 9 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Concord, New Hampshire.

GEORGE F. VAN FELT, 32650192, Technical Sergeant, 398th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in support of combat operations during the period 6 November 1944 to 9 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from New York, New York.

ROY C. JOHNSON, 37120779, Staff Sergeant, 398th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in support of combat operations during the period 6 November 1944 to 23 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Lakefield, Minnesota.

LEMUEL W. BOYKIN, JR., 13179876, Sergeant, 397th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 6 November 1944 to 20 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Bluefield, West Virginia.

SHELTON C. JACKSON, 36055336, Sergeant, 397th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 6 November 1944 to 20 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Alton, Illinois.

ALEXANDER A. PACIFICCO, 11103363, Sergeant, 375th Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious achievement in direct support of combat operations during the period 9 November 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Hamden, Connecticut.

CURRIS E. TOUCHTON, 20402707, Technician Fourth Grade, 398th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in support of combat operations during the period 6 November 1944 to 9 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Valdosta, Georgia.

JESSE J. PARRISHA, 30139434, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 4 April 1945 to 11 April 1945, in the vicinity of Heilbronn, Germany. Entered military service from San Leandro, California.

RONALD S. RITCH, 19133398, Private First Class, Medical Detachment, 397th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 11 November 1944 to 23 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Alameda, California.

CLEBUS O. BEEBEFICK, 34836715, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 23 December 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Florence, Alabama.

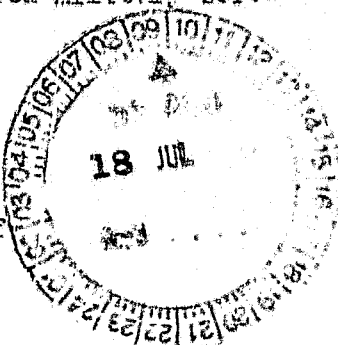
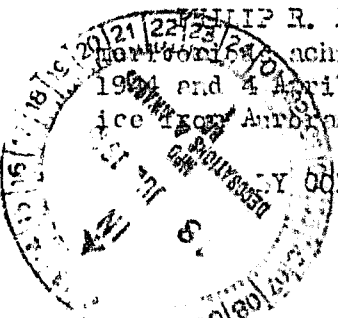
OTTMAR W. BURGE, 37744920, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 15 March 1945 to 7 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Craig, Missouri.

MARIO A. PI PAUTA, 31456421, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 6 November 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Cambridge, Massachusetts.

JOHN W. GRINDLE, 14032630, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 1 February 1945 to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from New Holland, Georgia.

PHILIP R. RUBY, 36765501, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 6 November 1944 to 12 November 1944 and 4 April 1945 to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Aurora, Illinois.

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SECTION I -- AWARD OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO BRONZE STAR MEDAL

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, the First Oak Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to each of the following named individuals:

- ROBERT R. BROWN, 32479055, Technical Sergeant, 781st Tank Battalion. Entered military service from Buffalo, New York.
- WILLIAM E. TURNER, 38179652, Technician Fourth Grade, 781st Tank Battalion. Entered military service from Figgott, Arkansas.
- JOHN A. BRADISH, 37311581, Technician Fifth Grade, 781st Tank Battalion. Entered military service from Eveleth, Minnesota.

For heroic achievement in action on 15 March 1945, in the vicinity of Meyersviller, France. When three of our tanks were disabled by hostile mines, Sergeant Brown and the members of his maintenance crew immediately proceeded to the crippled vehicles. Although the area was subjected to hostile small arms and mortar fire, they succeeded in repairing one tank and sending it back into action without delay. A second tank was also repaired and, lacking a crew, was sent to the rear under its own power, and the third was towed to the rear by the retriever vehicle. The courageous and skillful action of these three men while exposed to hostile fire prevented the capture or destruction of two tanks, since the retriever was capable of towing but one of the armored vehicles.

MORTON S. HOCH, 12155313, Corporal, 781st Tank Battalion, for heroic achievement in action on 6 April 1945, in the vicinity of Hagenbach, Germany. During an assault upon strong enemy positions, the tank manned by Corporal Hoch and his comrades was struck by a hostile shell and immediately burst into flames. As he emerged from the vehicle, Corporal Hoch noticed that the tank's gun was traversed over the driver's escape hatch, thus trapping the driver inside the tank. Without hesitation he climbed back into the flaming vehicle and traversed the gun sufficiently to allow the driver to make his escape, thereby saving the life of his comrade who would otherwise have quickly perished within the blazing tank. Entered military service from New York, New York.

SECTION II -- AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded to each of the following named individuals:

JASON J. COHEN, 01015405, First Lieutenant (then Second Lieutenant), 781st Tank Battalion, for heroic achievement in action on 11 December 1944 and 13 December 1944, in the vicinity of Lunberg and Bitche, France. When enemy action disabled one of our tanks on 11 December, Lieutenant Cohen unhesitatingly led his tank recovery section through direct hostile artillery and mortar fire to reach the crippled vehicle, and by his able direction succeeded in recovering the armored vehicle without loss of life despite the intensity of enemy shelling. Two days later, in the vicinity of Bitche, he again led his section into action in the face of heavy hostile shelling and evacuated two disabled tanks, thus by his aggressiveness making possible the immediate return to action of critically needed equipment. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

HILARY M. PRINCE, 01038794, First Lieutenant, 2nd Chemical Mortar Battalion, for heroic achievement in action on 16 March 1945, in the vicinity of Bitche, France. During the assault upon fortifications of the Maginot Line in the vicinity of the fortress city of Bitche, our attacking troops were subjected to punishing fire from a hostile self-propelled artillery piece. Lieutenant Prince, acting as forward observer for his mortar platoon, quickly discovered the location of the opposing weapon and by accurate adjustment of mortar fire succeeded in silencing it.

He then directed fire upon an enemy battery of medium artillery which was almost invisible from our lines, and with similar accuracy put this battery out of action, thus by his alert and skillful action preventing the infliction of further casualties upon our troops. Entered military service from Pottstown, Pennsylvania.

HUGO F. MCDON, 20200794, Technical Sergeant, 781st Tank Battalion, for heroic achievement in action on 11 December 1944 and 15 April 1945, in the vicinity of Lemberg, Franco and Heilbronn, Germany. On 11 December Sergeant McDon, wrencher chief, led his men through hostile artillery fire and observed mortar shelling to reach and evacuate a disabled tank, and again on 15 April, in the vicinity of Heilbronn, he directed his section in the removal of a crippled tank destroyer while exposed to direct enemy artillery fire. His aggressiveness and determination were instrumental in returning critically needed equipment to action with a minimum of delay. Entered military service from Bronx, New York.

EDWIN D. WEINBERGER, 36056922, Staff Sergeant (then Sergeant), 781st Tank Battalion, for heroic achievement in action on 24 April 1945, in the vicinity of Munsingen, Germany. When the lead jeep of a jeep-tank column was destroyed by enemy fire, Sergeant Weinberger, tank commander, quickly maneuvered his tank out of the enemy's direct observation. Then, dismounting from his vehicle, he voluntarily went forward to observe the enemy's position. In spite of the hostile fire, he remained in position and directed accurate fire, destroying the gun, the prime mover towing it, an ammunition wagon, and killing several of the enemy. The initiative, courage, and devotion to duty displayed by Sergeant Weinberger enabled the advance to continue, and reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from San Jose, Illinois.

WILLIAM E. RIDDLE, 37300169, Staff Sergeant, 781st Tank Battalion, for heroic achievement in action on 17 April 1945, in the vicinity of Lowenstein, Germany. When a formidable enemy road block obstructed the progress of our tank-infantry forces, Sergeant Riddle, tank section leader, upon his own volition immediately made a reconnaissance for an alternate route. When none proved available, he directed his tank at the barricade, and, although his vehicle was the target of concentrated enemy artillery fire, he succeeded in battering down the road block, then engaged and silenced hostile machine gun emplacements with accurate fire. His aggressive and courageous leadership made it possible for our forces to continue their advance and accomplish the assigned mission. Entered military service from Malden, Missouri.

LYLE L. NELSON, 37436322, Sergeant (then Technician Fourth Grade), 781st Tank Battalion, for heroic achievement in action on 2 April 1945, in the vicinity of Mitchellfeld, Germany. When the tank he was driving was knocked out of action and the entire crew wounded, Sergeant Nelson immediately administered aid to his wounded comrades. After having taken three men from the tank's advanced position to the infantry lines for medical aid, he returned again, and, in spite of the intense enemy mortar and small arms fire, succeeded in locating the fourth crewman and led him back to an aid station. The personal courage and unfaltering devotion to duty displayed by Sergeant Nelson won for him the admiration of the entire organization, and reflect great credit upon himself and the Army of the United States. Entered military service from Lenox, Iowa.

CHARLES G. ROBERTSON, 39045131, Sergeant, 781st Tank Battalion, for heroic achievement in action on 18 April 1945, in the vicinity of Spiegelberg, Germany. During an advance, tank and infantry units were held up by a road block which was strongly defended by an eighty-eight weapon, mortar and small arms fire. After his tank had sustained several near misses from the eighty-eight millimeter gun, Sergeant Robertson, tank commander, voluntarily went forward on foot in order to locate the enemy's gun position. Defiant of the intense hostile fire, he proceeded to a hill from where he spotted the gun. Returning to his tank, he then engaged the gun emplacement, completely destroying it. Seeing that engineers at work on the road block were suffering casualties, Sergeant Robertson then cleared what remained of the road block. His courageous and aggressive action enabled tank and infantry elements to advance to their objective, and reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Portland, Oregon.

VICTOR J. MERTAKA, 3899887, Corporal, 781st Tank Battalion, for heroic achievement in action on 17 April 1945, in the vicinity of Mustenrot, Germany. When the advance of our tank-infantry forces was delayed by determined enemy resistance supported by a self-propelled field piece and a flak wagon, Corporal Mertaka, a tank gunner, moved into the position and, despite determined attacks by enemy infantry

armed with rockets, succeeded in destroying both the hostile flak wagon and field gun. He then drove enemy riflemen and machine gunners to cover with accurate fire, and by his courageous action enabled our forces to continue their advance without casualty. Entered military service from Uniontown, Pennsylvania.

LUCIEN B. CAREY, 31343935, Technician Fifth Grade, 781st Tank Battalion, for heroic achievement in action on 15 March 1945, in the vicinity of Meyersviller, France. When three of our tanks were disabled by hostile mines, Corporal Carey and three members of his maintenance crew immediately proceeded to the crippled vehicles. Although the area was subjected to hostile small arms and mortar fire, they succeeded in repairing one tank and sending it back into action without delay. A second tank was also repaired, and, lacking a crew, was sent to the rear under its own power, and the third was towed to the rear by the retriever vehicle. The courageous and skillful action of Corporal Carey and his comrades while exposed to hostile fire prevented the capture or destruction of two tanks, since the retriever was capable of towing but one of the armored vehicles. Entered military service from Hartford, Connecticut.

JOSEPH G. PERRY, 33353289, Technician Fifth Grade, 781st Tank Battalion, for heroic achievement in action on 11 December 1944 and 13 December 1944, in the vicinity of Lemberg and Bitche, France. On 11 December Corporal Perry, a member of a tank recovery section, together with his comrades braved direct fire from hostile artillery and mortars to recover a hostile tank, and again on 13 December, in the vicinity of Bitche, he assisted in the recovery of two armored vehicles while exposed to direct observation and fire of the enemy. His courageous action was thus instrumental in returning valuable equipment to action with a minimum of delay. Entered military service from Dunmore, Pennsylvania.

DAVID J. KELLEY, 01015465, Captain, 781st Tank Battalion, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 6 December 1944 to 6 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Waterloo, Iowa.

ALVIN W. LEEER, 01015504, First Lieutenant, 781st Tank Battalion, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 6 December 1944 to 6 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from New Eagle, Pennsylvania.

TOM W. PORTER, 01305696, First Lieutenant, 3041st Graves Registration Detachment, for meritorious service in support of combat operations during the period 2 November 1944 to 2 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Gadsden, Alabama.

JOSEPH F. TROMBETTA, 01019094, First Lieutenant, 781st Tank Battalion, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 6 December 1944 to 2 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Bronx, New York.

WILLIAM H. DALY, 20157332, Technical Sergeant, 781st Tank Battalion, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations during the period 12 December 1944 to 2 May 1945, in France, Germany and Austria. Entered military service from Boston, Massachusetts.

GEORGE T. DOHERTY, 32094953, Staff Sergeant, 781st Tank Battalion, for meritorious achievement in direct support of combat operations during the period 6 November 1944 to 6 May 1945, in France, Germany and Austria. Entered military service from New York, New York.

GEORGE C. DUBIN, 20380217, Staff Sergeant, 781st Tank Battalion, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 6 December 1944 to 5 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Danville, Virginia.

MONTE E. MC KIBBEN, 35156643, Staff Sergeant, 3041st Graves Registration Detachment, for meritorious service in support of combat operations during the period 2 November 1944 to 2 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Yorktown, Indiana.

WILLIAM C. ARNEY, 38234120, Sergeant, 781st Tank Battalion, for meritorious achievement in direct support of combat operations during the period 6 December 1944 to 6 May 1945, in France, Germany and Austria. Entered military service from Little Rock, Arkansas.

EDMUND H. DUVAL, 20157386, Sergeant, 781st Tank Battalion, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 15 March 1945 to 2 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Dorchester, Massachusetts.

THOMAS A. ECK, 33010794, Sergeant, 781st Tank Battalion, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 13 April 1945 to 25 April 1945, in Germany. Entered military service from Dallastown, Pennsylvania.

SLOAF K. HARGER, 20156940, Sergeant, 781st Tank Battalion, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 12 December 1944 to 1 May 1945, in France, Germany and Austria. Entered military service from Hartford, Connecticut.

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WILLIAM AUDETTE, 31156727, Technician Fourth Grade, 781st Tank Battalion, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations during the period 12 December 1944 to 14 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Springfield, Vermont.

JOSEPH H. EVERETT, 38298228, Technician Fourth Grade, 781st Tank Battalion, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 15 March 1945 to 2 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Mills Point, Texas.

WENDELL A. FLOWERS, 37229766, Technician Fourth Grade, 781st Tank Battalion, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations during the period 26 December 1944 to 6 January 1945, in Eastern France. Entered military service from Skidmore, Missouri.

WILLIAM B. GEHRING, 33721900, Technician Fourth Grade, 781st Tank Battalion, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations during the period 12 December 1944 to 2 May 1945, in France, Germany and Austria. Entered military service from Washington, District of Columbia.

ARCHIE A. GIACOLINI, 39131126, Technician Fourth Grade, 781st Tank Battalion, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations during the period 12 December 1944 to 2 May 1945, in France, Germany and Austria. Entered military service from Eureka, California.

WINSTON V. TEMPLE, 39856211, Technician Fourth Grade, 781st Tank Battalion, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 12 December 1944 to 18 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Phoenix, Arizona.

ALEX WENKO, 37312922, Technician Fifth Grade, 781st Tank Battalion, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations during the period 14 December 1944 to 25 January 1945, in Eastern France. Entered military service from Killdeer, North Dakota.

HENRY F. RODWELL, 20157404, Private First Class, 781st Tank Battalion, for meritorious achievement in action during the periods 12 December 1944 to 14 December 1944 and 21 February 1945 to 21 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Boston, Massachusetts.

SECTION III -- RESCISSION OF AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

So much of Section I, General Order Number 107, this headquarters, current series, as awards a Bronze Star Medal to ROBERT R. BROWN, 32479065, Technical Sergeant, WILLIAM E. TURNER, 38179652, Technician Fourth Grade, JOHN A. BRADISH, 37312581, Technician Fifth Grade, EUGENE B. CAREY, 31343935, Technician Fifth Grade, 781st Tank Battalion, is rescinded. (See Section I this order)

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SECTION I -- AWARD OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO BRONZE STAR MEDAL

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, the First Oak Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following named individual:

STANLEY J. LEACH, 32593771, First Sergeant, 397th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 26 November 1944 to 20 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Passaic, New Jersey.

SECTION II -- AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded to each of the following named individuals:

BENJAMIN KUZMINSKI, 6942486, Technical Sergeant (then Staff Sergeant), 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 12 November 1944, in the vicinity of Raon L'Etape, France. Upon hearing a loud explosion and cries for help, Sergeant Kuzminski immediately ran forward to discover that a member of his platoon had wandered into a hostile mine field and had been seriously wounded by the explosion of a mine. Despite the great risk to his own life, he immediately entered the mined area and proceeded to the side of the injured man, to whom he administered first aid. He then carried the casualty out of the mine field and to a place of safety, thus saving the life of a comrade who would otherwise have succumbed to his injuries. Entered military service from Edwardsville, Pennsylvania.

RALPH Y. THORNE, 31237256, Sergeant, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 8 April 1945, in the vicinity of Heilbronn, Germany. During the bitterly opposed battle for the city of Heilbronn on the eastern bank of the Neckar River, all bridges across that stream were destroyed. Sergeant Thorne, battalion motor sergeant, directed the ferry of a motor boat across the river under intense enemy artillery fire, then personally hand-carried rations to rifle units while subjected to hostile sniper fire as well as artillery shelling. While so engaged he captured three enemy, whom he forced to assist in transporting the rations, then towed an antitank gun into firing position before returning to the western bank of the river, thus by his courageous action contributing greatly to the welfare of his comrades and the success of our operations. Entered military service from Randolph, Massachusetts.

RICHARD H. DAVID, 33926312, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from Greensboro, Pennsylvania.

PAUL A. MC NALLY, 33808062, Private, 397th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from Honeybrook, Pennsylvania.

For heroic achievement in action on 12 April 1945, in the vicinity of Heilbronn Germany. When hostile machine gun fire harassed our troops, Privates McNally and David were instructed to deliver mortar fire against the opposing weapon. As they did so, counterfire from enemy mortars fell in the area, and, although they realized they were under direct observation of hostile forces, the two mortarmen continued to man their weapon and succeeded in silencing the enemy weapon and made possible the capture of seven hostile soldiers. The courage and aggressiveness which they displayed prevented the infliction of further casualties upon our forces and enabled the unit to complete its mission.

VIRGIL D. HOPPER, 36911955, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action during the period 4 April 1945 to 12 April 1945, in the vicinity of Heilbronn, Germany. During a savagely prosecuted enemy counter-attack, Private Hopper, a company runner, volunteered to act as litter bearer. While the hostile attack was still progressing, he assisted in the evacuation of eight wounded soldiers, and for eight succeeding days he devoted his efforts to the removal of casualties from the field and at night risked his life in transporting

food and ammunition to forward elements. His courageous efforts thus contributed greatly to the success of our operations and the welfare of his comrades. Entered military service from Springfield, Illinois.

HUGH T. JEFFERS, 33780590, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

FRANK A. PENNELL, 42013552, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from Canton, Ohio.

For heroic achievement in action on 8 April 1945, in the vicinity of Heilbronn, Germany. When hostile machine gun and mortar fire halted the advance of our forces and a bomb crater made it impossible for Privates Jeffers and Pennell to bring their antitank gun into firing position in support of beleaguered rifle troops, these two soldiers upon their own initiative made their way under intense enemy fire to an abandoned hostile artillery piece, moved the weapon into position and opened fire. Although unfamiliar with the enemy gun, they succeeded in delivering an accurate and effective volume of fire which destroyed the enemy machine gun positions and enabled our troops to advance.

DORRIS B. ODELL, 0400012, Major, 398th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 6 November 1944 to 23 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Dickson, Tennessee.

THOMAS A. LACEY, 31256443, First Sergeant, 398th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in support of combat operations during the period 6 November 1944 to 23 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Canobie Lake, New Hampshire.

ALBERT W. WESSEL, 33000409, First Sergeant, 398th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 7 December 1944 to 23 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Fulton, Maryland.

JOSEPH J. BELLAVIA, 32657098, Technical Sergeant, 397th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 6 November 1944 to 20 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from New York, New York.

WILLIAM F. P. DEPTSEY, 15100807, Technical Sergeant, 398th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 6 November 1944 to 9 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Evansville, Indiana.

ETTORE A. CAMPLESE, 31237506, Staff Sergeant, 398th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 6 November 1944 to 23 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from East Boston, Massachusetts.

CLAYTON E. DICKSON, 34573857, Staff Sergeant, 398th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 6 November 1944 to 23 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Oxford, Georgia.

JOSEPH GIAMTE, 32351234, Staff Sergeant, 398th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations during the period 20 October 1944 to 1 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Brooklyn, New York.

JOSEPH E. FROST, 32580602, Staff Sergeant, 398th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations during the period 6 November 1944 to 9 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from North Tarrytown, New York.

ERLSON W. RUDUS, 33201948, Staff Sergeant, 398th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations during the period 6 November 1944 to 23 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

ROBERT C. WARE, 34636764, Sergeant, 398th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 8 November 1944 to 15 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Tishomingo, Mississippi.

JOHN L. HIRCUS, 35882452, Sergeant, 398th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 8 November 1944 to 30 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Mount Orab, Ohio.

DAVID I. WATSON, 37066900, Sergeant, 397th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 6 November 1944 to 20 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Pine Bluff, Arkansas.

WILLIAM L. BROWN, JR., 34904273, Corporal, 398th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 2 December 1944 to 9 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Nashville, Tennessee.

CECIL W. CHURCH, 31045338, Corporal, Medical Detachment, 398th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 6 November 1944 to 30 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Prentiss, Maine.

HOWARD T. TOETAITE, 36951890, Technician Fifth Grade, Medical Detachment, 398th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 8 November 1944 to 30 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Escanaba, Michigan.

ELMER C. GARRIGUES, 42062939, Technician Fifth Grade, 398th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations during the period 5 November 1944 to 20 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Glendora, New Jersey.

STANLEY E. KOWALEWSKI, 32061099, Technician Fifth Grade, 398th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 6 November 1944 to 23 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Garfield, New Jersey.

SHELDON H. BARNETT, 18157341, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 6 November 1944 to 10 March 1945, in Eastern France. Entered military service from Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

RUSSELL J. COLFORD, 33933309, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 6 November 1944 to 23 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Scranton, Pennsylvania.

JERRY J. ERRICHETTI, 42104676, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 6 November 1944 to 23 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Newark, New Jersey.

GEORGE FEIRSEIN, 12100558, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 6 November 1944 to 23 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Newark, New Jersey.

BOYD B. FORD, 5964374, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 6 November 1944 to 23 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Key West, Florida.

RALPH L. BRAZIER, 35606523, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 6 November 1944 to 20 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Bethel, Ohio.

EDWARD H. GUSTAFSON, 39145939, Private First Class, Medical Detachment, 398th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 6 November 1944 to 23 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Berkeley, California.

TOIVO J. HINKILA, 31235695, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 6 November 1944 to 9 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Quincy, Massachusetts.

JOHN J. O'CONNOR, 32943582, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 6 November 1944 to 23 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Malone, New York.

HERBERT R. FEZOLD, 31456754, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 6 November 1944 to 20 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Lawrence, Massachusetts.

NICHOLAS J. PUTZU, 31418767, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 6 November 1944 to 23 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Richmond, Massachusetts.

WILLIAM J. SHANLINSKI, 33874085, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 6 November 1944 to 23 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Mount Carmel, Pennsylvania.

ROBERT F. SELPHERD, 31427555, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 6 November 1944 to 23 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Framingham, Massachusetts.

ELWOOD J. SMITH, 36898914, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 1 December 1944 to 20 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Detroit, Michigan.

ROSCOE E. SMITH, JR., 33872802, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 21 December 1944 to 22 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Williamsport, Pennsylvania.

ARVOLD W. ST. ONGE, 36434234, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 17 December 1944 to 23 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Marquette, Michigan.

PAUL G. SWITZER, 30200600, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 6 November 1944 to 23 April 1945 in France and Germany. Entered military service from Gilman, Vermont.

ARCHIE G. TOMPKINS, 32039779, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 6 November 1944 to 20 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Fort Matilda, Pennsylvania.

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JOHN C. WILLIAMS, JR., 42062540, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 6 November 1944 to 2 January 1945, in Eastern France. Entered military service from Union, New Jersey.

KEITH WINSTON, 33927775, Private First Class, Medical Detachment, 398th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 6 November 1944 to 30 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

HOWELL PADGETT, 34514441, Private, Medical Detachment, 398th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 6 November 1944 to 23 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Smoaks, South Carolina.

SECTION III -- RESCISSION OF AWARD OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO BRONZE STAR MEDAL

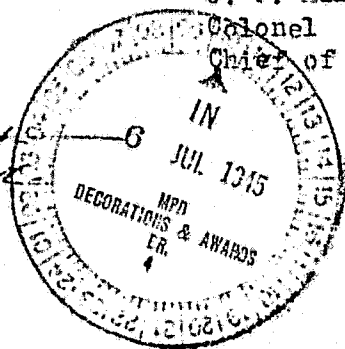
So much of Section I, General Orders Number 181, this headquarters, current series, as awards the First Oak Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal to RUSSELL J. COLFORD, 33933302, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, is rescinded. (See Section II, this order)

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Award of Oak Leaf Cluster to Bronze Star Medal..... I
Award of Bronze Star Medal..... II

SECTION I -- AWARD OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO BRONZE STAR MEDAL

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, the First Oak Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to each of the following named individuals:

EDWARD A. KEELING, JR., 01295894, Captain, 399th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 18 April 1945, in the vicinity of Beilstein, Germany. After lead companies were on their objective, Captain Keeling, Battalion S-3, who was charged with seeing that reserve elements were in position to support the main attack, accompanied the reserves to their position on a slope of a hill. Suddenly the entire hill was blanketed with severe enemy artillery, mortar and small arms fire, resulting in the loss of fifty men including three officers. On his own initiative and at the risk of his life, Captain Keeling regrouped the temporarily disorganized reserves while under the deadly rain of enemy fire, and then personally led them over open terrain to the main body of the battalion where the additional manpower helped in annihilating a subsequent German counterattack. Entered military service from Jamestown, New York.

THEODORE R. OSTRANDER, 32573447, Staff Sergeant, 325th Engineer Combat Battalion, for heroic achievement in action on 21 April 1945, in the vicinity of Gross Heppach, Germany. During the advance toward the town of Gross Heppach, Sergeant Ostrander volunteered to lead a four man engineer patrol on reconnaissance of a bridge across the Remmes River. The bridge and approaches were under heavy enemy mortar and small arms fire, but Sergeant Ostrander, pressing forward two miles in the van of the rifle companies, succeeded in seizing the bridge intact. Then, advancing into Gross Heppach with his patrol, he captured the town and took seven prisoners. His alert and inspiring leadership enabled a task force to achieve their objective without delay. Entered military service from Union City, New Jersey.

SECTION II -- AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded to each of the following named individuals:

ELMER R. GIVENS, 0544599, First Lieutenant, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action during the period 17 December 1944 to 21 December 1944, in the vicinity of Bitche, France. After having taken Forts 10 and 11 of the Maginot Line on the previous day, Lieutenant Givens' platoon was assigned the mission spearheading the company's assault on Hill 419 and units of Fort Schiessack. During the attack more than half the platoon became casualties, but Lieutenant Givens kept the remainder of the platoon moving forward as an organized unit and personally led them through heavy fire and barbed wire until all the emplacements were reduced. The courageous leadership, gallantry, and skillful deployment of his remaining men was of prime importance in the taking of the objective and its subsequent defense against enemy counterattacks. Entered military service from Newport News, Virginia.

WESLEY E. JONES, 02010545, Second Lieutenant, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 4 April 1945, in the vicinity of Heilbronn, Germany. When an enemy counterattack on the eastern side of the Neckar River forced a flank company to withdraw leaving his men virtually surrounded, Lieutenant Jones reorganized his platoon so ably that the ensuing fire fight temporarily stopped the Germans' advance. Then, concentrating most of his fire power to the rear and flanks, he led his platoon in fighting its way to friendly lines, where consolidating with other units of the company in more heavy fighting, one officer and seventeen enemy enlisted men were captured. His bold and gallant action in continually exposing himself to enemy fire as he led his platoon and thwarted the furious enemy attack, is in keeping with the highest military traditions. Entered military service from Pittsfield, Massachusetts.

JOSEPH G. NICOLETTI, 32654690, Corporal, 397th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from New York, New York.

LEON F. STRAUSS, 36900824, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

For heroic achievement in action on 25 March 1945, in the vicinity of Ludwigs-hafen, Germany. While our forces were maintaining a line along the west bank of the Rhine River, enemy movement was detected upon the opposite shore. Corporal Nicoletti and Private Strauss immediately put their antitank gun into action, and, although enemy mortar and sniper fire was directed at them in an attempt to drive them from their exposed firing position, they continued to deliver accurate and effective fire upon the hostile troops, killing four enemy, wounding an undetermined number, and halting all hostile movement upon the eastern shore of the river.

PAUL J. KUTZMAN, 32680237, Technician Fifth Grade, Medical Detachment, 303th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 13 February 1945, in the vicinity of Goetzenbruck, France. While occupying defensive positions, the rifle platoon to which Corporal Kutzman was attached as aid man was subjected to concentrated enemy mortar fire which killed one man and wounded two others. Despite the intensity of the continuing fire, Corporal Kutzman immediately left the comparative safety of his position to make his way to the casualties. Although one hostile shell struck within twenty-five yards, he proceeded to administer first aid to the wounded and assisted in evacuating them to the rear, thereby saving the lives of comrades who would otherwise undoubtedly have succumbed to their wounds or enemy fire. Entered military service from New York, New York.

ARNOLD G. AUDET, 31456511, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from Westbrook, Maine.

RAYMOND T. WYKAS, 31410959, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from Stafford, Connecticut.

For heroic achievement in action on 7 April 1945, in the vicinity of Heilbronn, Germany. While engaging a hostile force to the front, the squad of which Privates Audet and Wykas were members was subjected to punishing fire from a machine gun position upon the flank. Without regard for their own personal safety, these two men immediately assaulted the hostile automatic weapon, put it out of action, and killed the three members of the enemy crew. Their gallant and aggressive action thus prevented the infliction of casualties upon their comrades and made possible the successful completion of the assigned mission.

VICTOR J. DI ANGELO, 32413803, Private First Class, 325th Engineer Combat Battalion, for heroic achievement in action on 21 April 1945, in the vicinity of Gross Heppach, Germany. Private DiAngelo, attached to a task force advancing on Gross Heppach, volunteered to accompany a four man engineer patrol which was assigned the mission of reconnoitering a bridge across the Remmes River, directly in the line of attack. Moving forward approximately two miles in the van of the leading rifle companies, Private DiAngelo and his companions reached the bridge. Finding the span riddled for demolition, they calmly removed four five hundred pound bombs under heavy enemy mortar and small arms fire. Then, pushing into Gross Heppach, they captured the town and took seven prisoners. The courage displayed by Private DiAngelo is in keeping with the highest traditions of the Army of the United States. Entered military service from New York, New York.

LAMBERT A. FARNHAM, 15352373, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action during the period 6 April 1945 to 8 April 1945, in the vicinity of Heilbronn, Germany. After discharging his assigned duties as switch-board operator, Private Farnham volunteered to assist a completed wire crew in re-arranging disrupted communications lines. On one occasion, when a break in a line occurred within full view and range of a hostile sniper, Private Farnham courageously exposed himself to the enemy rifleman until he drew fire, then engaged the sniper with rifle fire while his comrades repaired the broken wires. His aggressive and daring action was thus instrumental in maintaining effective communications at a critical period in our operations. Entered military service from Toledo, Ohio.

WILLIAM E. HENFIELD, 38477428, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 9 April 1945, in the vicinity of Heilbronn, Germany. During his platoon's attack on a building in Heilbronn's Federal District, Private Henfield, as first scout, led his squad into the rear of the building to escape intense hostile small arms fire. He himself entered through a window and inadvertently discovered an enemy machine gun nest with five crew members which he

quickly took prisoners. Then, upon questioning one of the prisoners, he learned of the location of another enemy position, and, once again leading his squad, he located the hostile force and captured twenty-eight enlisted men and one officer. Thus, by his courage, initiative and aggressiveness, Private Marfield was instrumental in reducing the enemy positions which materially aided his company's attack. Entered military service from Tyler, Texas.

GERRIE SEEM, 36954533, Private First Class, Medical Detachment, 308th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 6 April 1945, in the vicinity of Jagstfeld, Germany. After crossing the Jagst River, leading elements of our forces were subjected to intense enemy machine gun and small arms fire which inflicted numerous casualties. Private Seem, an aid man, courageously moved from one casualty to another in full view of the hostile gunners, administering first aid and evacuating more seriously wounded men to a prearranged collecting point. Despite the intensity of enemy action, he continued his efforts until all casualties had been cared for, thus contributing greatly to the recovery of his wounded comrades. Entered military service from Jerison, Michigan.

THOMAS J. WOOD, 32593439, Private First Class, 325th Engineer Combat Battalion, for heroic achievement in action on 15 March 1945, in the vicinity of Bitchy, France. When direct artillery fire and enemy mines prevented armor from going to the support of immobilized infantry troops and threatened to halt our attack upon the fortress city, Private Wood voluntarily moved well ahead of the rifle troops to assist in the removal of hostile mines. Although subjecting himself to preregistered artillery fire each time he exposed himself, Private Wood played a major role in breaching the four enemy mine fields, thus enabling tanks to advance to the support of the attack. Private Wood's aggressive action and unswerving devotion to duty was a material contribution to the success of the attack and reflects great credit on the military service. Entered military service from Elizabeth, New Jersey.

CRAIG O. DAVISON, 01317377, First Lieutenant, 397th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 6 November 1944 to 20 April 1945 in France and Germany. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

CHARLES C. MC QUAY, 20340734, Technical Sergeant, 398th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 6 November 1944 to 23 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Ladysmith, Wisconsin.

CHARLES I. GADDELL, 34500895, Sergeant, 398th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations during the period 6 November 1944 to 20 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Spencer, North Carolina.

JOSEPH CARLICK, 32681438, Sergeant, 398th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 6 November 1944 to 23 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Brooklyn, New York.

PATRICK M. GARRILLI, 32680722, Sergeant, 398th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations during the period 6 November 1944 to 23 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Port Chester, New York.

MORRIS ELLIASSBERG, 42064360, Sergeant, 397th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 6 November 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Brooklyn, New York.

ANTHONY M. MAGGIORI, 32655791, Sergeant, 398th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 6 November 1944 to 23 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Long Island City, New York.

DONALD PAIA, 32660905, Technician Fourth Grade, 398th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 6 November 1944 to 23 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Brooklyn, New York.

JAMES H. FULLER, JR., 30920995, Corporal, 398th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 17 December 1944 to 23 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Wapata, Washington.

FRANCIS V. GREGORY, 34048936, Technician Fifth Grade, 397th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations during the period 12 November 1944 to 22 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Orlando, Florida.

JAMES C. HAJJAR, 31256293, Technician First Grade, 398th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations during the period 6 November 1944 to 23 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Methen, Massachusetts.

MICHAEL LOFFELT, 33012805, Technician Fifth Grade, 398th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations during the period 7 November 1944 to 9 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Elizabethville, Pennsylvania.

MERRILL E. WILLIAMSON, 17077745, Technician Fifth Grade, 398th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 6 November 1944 to 1 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Shenandoah, Iowa.

JOSEPH C. HILLARD, 33512053, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations during the period 5 November 1944 to 30 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Spring Grove, Pennsylvania.

JAMES E. AZISTERONG, 34573430, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations during the period 8 November 1944 to 30 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Aragon, Georgia.

RALPH E. ARNETT, 36053152, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 7 November 1944 to 3 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Peoria, Illinois.

RUFUS E. BLAIR, 34573813, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations during the period 8 November 1944 to 30 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Rockmart, Georgia.

ARTHUR R. BERRICO, 13037855, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations during the period 8 November 1944 to 9 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Washington, Pennsylvania.

JOHN FUKKO, 31273136, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations during the period 7 November 1944 to 23 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Bethlehem, Pennsylvania.

PHILLIP J. BEGER, 32647937, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations during the period 15 February 1945 to 9 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Far Rockaway, Long Island, New York.

EARL A. BERRILSON, 33527115, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 16 December 1944 to 23 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Pontiac, Michigan.

ARTHUR A. HOGUE, 19202412, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations during the period 8 November 1944 to 9 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Fortlam, Oregon.

RICHARD M. HUNT, 12227393, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations during the period 6 November 1944 to 23 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from New York, New York.

LOUIS W. KILCORSKI, 3327587, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 7 November 1944 to 3 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Menomonie, Wisconsin.

JOE E. BIRNEY, 38682476, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 8 November 1944 to 30 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Saint Jo, Texas.

JOSEPH J. BIRTH, 35047511, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations during the period 7 November 1944 to 3 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Cleveland, Ohio.

JAMES D. BUSSELL, 34373000, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 6 November 1944 to 30 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Cerro Gordo, Tennessee.

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ORIGINAL ORDER -

Posthumous Award of Silver Star..... I
Award of Silver Star..... II
Rescission of Award of Bronze Star Medal..... III

SECTION I -- POSTHUMOUS AWARD OF SILVER STAR

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Silver Star is posthumously awarded to each of the following named individuals for gallantry in action:

WALTER S. WILLIAMS, JR., 02000690, Second Lieutenant, 398th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 4 April 1945, in the vicinity of Heilbronn, Germany. After having reorganized his platoon on the east bank of the Neckar River, Lieutenant Williams led his men across an open stretch of terrain in an attack on the company objective. Intense enemy automatic and small arms fire suddenly immobilized the advance, and Lieutenant Williams, realizing the futility of withdrawal, personally led a charge on the enemy positions. While so engaged, he was mortally wounded, but his courageous action in the face of deadly enemy fire so inspired his men that the platoon overwhelmed the enemy and firmly established a company bridgehead position. The fearlessness and gallantry displayed by Lieutenant Williams is in keeping with the highest military traditions. Next of kin: Anna M. Williams (Wife), 408 North Duncan Street, Baltimore, Maryland.

JOE M. LIZE, 36982823, Sergeant, 397th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 9 April 1945, in the vicinity of Heilbronn, Germany. During the bitter fighting in Heilbronn, one of our platoons was immobilized under intense enemy fire. To provide covering fire for his platoon's withdrawal, Sergeant Lize, a squad leader, carried his machine gun to the top floor of a factory building. From this point he delivered a withering stream of fire at the enemy, and, although subjected to cross fire from several automatic weapons, he determinedly remained at his post. When certain that his comrades had pulled back to safety, Sergeant Lize prepared to evacuate the building and while thus engaged was killed by an enemy sniper. As a result of his gallant and heroic action, Sergeant Lize single-handedly repulsed a numerically superior enemy force to insure the safe withdrawal of his comrades. Next of kin: Lucille F. Lize (Wife), 9626 Traverse Street, Detroit, Michigan.

SAMUEL A. MOLE, 32982915, Technician Fifth Grade, Medical Detachment, 398th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 19 November 1944, in the vicinity of La Trouche, France. When our forces sustained many casualties on an open field by intense hostile fire directed from enemy positions in a nearby woods, Corporal Mole, stationed in a nearby house, elected to enter the enemy-controlled field to aid the wounded. He was urged by companions to stay inside, but, despite these pleas and the fact that the wounded were not of his platoon, he made for the doorway, tore loose from his comrades' grasps and started running across the field. The enemy immediately directed sustained fire at his fleeing figure, and, although bullets hit the ground at his feet, he kept running until within a few yards of a group of casualties when a mortar shell burst at his side, killing him instantly. Corporal Mole, by his gallant action, thus sacrificed his own life in devotion to his comrades. Next of kin: Clare S. Mole (Mother), 3543 92nd Street, Jackson Heights, Queens, New York.

ROBERT FUNARI, JR., 42081722, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 4 April 1945 and 5 April 1945, in the vicinity of Heilbronn, Germany. Private Funari, a mortarman, was advancing with a rifle platoon along the east bank of the Neckar River when they drew enemy fire on their right flank. The platoon withdrew to reorganize, but Private Funari, who had been wounded, was forced to remain where he was. Noticing the Germans moving up additional men and weapons, he began crawling back to his platoon to warn them. Despite the seriousness of his wound, Private Funari managed to reach a position within sight of the platoon just as they were moving forward against the enemy. He was signalling them to hold their attack when killed by small arms fire. By his gallantry he saved the lives of many of his comrades. Next of kin: Nancy E. Funari (Mother), 1054 Revere Avenue, Trenton, New Jersey.

ROBERT S. GRISSINGER, 33874277, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 6 April 1945, in the vicinity of Heilbronn, Germany. During the fierce fighting in Heilbronn's factory district, constant hostile artillery shelling kept disrupting our wire lines, and the radio became the only means of communication between the company and battalion command posts. At Private Grissinger's company command post, the radio had been placed outside the building with a wire leading inside, to insure better reception. When the radio's battery failed, Private Grissinger voluntarily went out to the set and, completely disregarding the intense hostile fire, began to change batteries. Although wounded fatally by an enemy sniper, he managed somehow to complete his task before he succumbed to the wound. As a result of his gallant and heroic act, Private Grissinger restored the only communication to his battalion and thus rendered an invaluable service in this important engagement. Next of kin: John M. Grissinger, Sr., (Father), Rural Free Delivery, Route One, York Springs, Pennsylvania.

CECIL V. TAYLOR, 34969412, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 18 April 1945, in the vicinity of Beilstein, Germany. Private Taylor, an assistant machine gunner, was with his unit when his battalion drove the enemy from high ground overlooking Beilstein. He had no sooner emplaced his weapon on the crest of the hill, however, when the enemy counterattacked in considerable strength under cover of an intense artillery and mortar preparation. Although his severe wounds later proved fatal, Private Taylor remained at his gun, killing three enemy and wounding many more before the enemy attack was broken. Private Taylor's gallantry in manning his weapon while mortally wounded gained him the admiration and respect of all those who fought with him. Next of kin: Lois W. Taylor (Wife), 3950 Plaza Road, Charlotte, North Carolina.

SECTION II -- AWARD OF SILVER STAR

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Silver Star is awarded to each of the following named individuals for gallantry in action:

GEORGE T. SPIEGEL, 0359055, Lieutenant Colonel, 399th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 15 March 1945, in the vicinity of Reversviller, France. During our attack toward Reversviller, Lieutenant Colonel Spiegel, a battalion commander, assumed a foremost position on Spitzberg Ridge. Our tanks were operating close to enemy positions, and, as one returned to the command post, Lieutenant Colonel Spiegel observed that equipment strapped to the rear of the vehicle was burning and leaving a trail of dense smoke. Realizing the smoke might serve as a base target for hostile artillery and that the fire would in time explode the tank's gasoline supply, he quickly crossed over to the vehicle, and, although he was completely exposed to hostile observation and intense mortar and small arms fire, he removed the cumbersome, flaming material, an operation which required twenty minutes. As a result of his gallant action, Lieutenant Colonel Spiegel single-handedly eliminated a target for enemy artillery observers, saved the destruction of a valuable vehicle, and undoubtedly saved the tank crew from being trapped inside and burned to death. Entered military service from Baltimore, Maryland.

MELVIN P. LONGINO, 024024, Captain, 397th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 23 November 1944, in the vicinity of St. Blaise, France. Assigned the mission of spearheading his battalion's attack on the important communications and rail city of St. Blaise, Captain Longino led two platoons from his company in an assault against this enemy stronghold. He was making good progress when he suddenly found his small force separated from the remainder of his battalion. Displaying outstanding aggressiveness and initiative, Captain Longino pushed into St. Blaise without the planned reinforcements, and, by the time the remainder of the battalion had reached him, he had reduced several enemy strongpoints, captured two vehicles and taken twenty German prisoners, throwing the enemy completely off balance and enabling swift occupation of the town. Entered military service from San Antonio, Texas.

WILLIAM F. SMITH, 0331067, Captain, 399th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 13 April 1945, in the vicinity of Sontheim, Germany. When his company was subjected to sustained hostile artillery shelling, creating numerous casualties, Captain Smith, the commander, completely defied flying shrapnel by remaining exposed to personally visit and encourage each casualty and to organize swift evacuation. Later in the same attack, when his men encountered intense rocket shelling and the lead platoon was out of contact, he took the radio and ran forward over a hundred yards within communication range and directed the attack by radio until he was able to reach the forward elements and personally supervise operations. After

the objective was captured, he led a patrol to a woods containing hostile snipers and mercifully wounded or killed three enemy. Captain Smith's gallant actions are a distinct credit to himself and the military service. Entered military service from Newton, Connecticut.

ROBERT W. TAYLOR, JR., 01062807, First Lieutenant, 399th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 18 April 1945, in the vicinity of Beilstein, Germany. Lieutenant Taylor, a heavy weapons platoon leader, was in support of infantry elements attacking Follenberg Hill, when the platoon leader of a rifle platoon was killed. Realizing the seriousness of the situation as the riflemen wavered in the face of intense enemy fire, Lieutenant Taylor gallantly exposed himself and rallied the men. Then, taking command of the platoon, he valiantly led them forward to their objective. By his aggressive and courageous actions, Lieutenant Taylor won the admiration of his entire battalion. Entered military service from Paris, Kentucky.

HAROLD B. LAMPERT, 02010701, Second Lieutenant (then Sergeant), 399th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 8 January 1945, in the vicinity of Bemberg, France. In the early hours of darkness, Lieutenant Lampert, who was commissioned on 13 March 1945, was standing guard over his mortar weapons with five men from his section when close range hostile machine pistol fire was suddenly directed at him. Realizing that an enemy force had infiltrated our lines and that he and his men were the only troops between the enemy and battalion command post, Lieutenant Lampert immediately led his companions toward the enemy. Due to the extreme darkness the enemy was located only by sound and the illuminating flash of their weapons. As he slowly progressed, a German suddenly appeared directly in front of him and both fired simultaneously, the Lieutenant's bullet killing the enemy. A fierce fire fight then ensued, the enemy finally withdrawing. At dawn eight dead Germans were found in the area. Lieutenant Lampert's gallant action thus saved the battalion command post from possible capture. Entered military service from Lorena, Texas.

JAMES C. HARRIS, #3046931, Technical Sergeant, 398th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 6 April 1945, in the vicinity of Jagstfeld, Germany. When our forces, immobilized by intense fire from machine guns and small arms, began a withdrawal to establish more formidable defenses for the night, Sergeant Harris, a platoon sergeant, began crawling forward to assist wounded comrades. Laboring under a continuous stream of enemy fire, he succeeded in evacuating two men before he himself was wounded. Realizing that there were more casualties in the area, he refused medical attention and started forward again. He evacuated two more men but finally weakened by shock and exhaustion, collapsed and was removed to an aid station. By his personal courage and gallantry, Sergeant Harris saved the lives of four men and won the unreserved admiration and respect of his entire platoon. Entered military service from Danville, Virginia.

JOSEPH CLARK, 32349458, Staff Sergeant (then Sergeant), 398th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action during the period 17 December 1944 to 31 December 1944, in the vicinity of Bitch, France. Although the platoon to which he was attached had been immobilized in its attack upon Forts Freudenberg and Schloesbeck, Sergeant Clark, a communications sergeant, continued to move forward over open heavily shelled terrain to establish communications between captured Fort 11 and the rear. Just as he laid wire to Fort 2 where a by-passed machine gun nest opened up, killing one of his comrades and wounding another. Upon silencing the machine gun, Sergeant Clark gave first aid to his wounded comrade, and then took the radio and crawled more than 300 yards to a barren hill where he established contact with leading elements of the company. His heroic action played a prominent part in the subsequent success of the company and battalion. Entered military service from New York, New York.

MELVIN W. DENHAM, 39864603, Staff Sergeant, 399th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 15 March 1945, in the vicinity of Snitzberg, France. Sergeant Denham's squad was the leading element in the attack on Snitzberg Ridge when the two platoon scouts became casualties. Sergeant Denham immediately assumed the position of first scout and upon encountering the first enemy position led an assault that killed three enemy and captured six. Continuing the attack, three enemy suddenly jumped from their positions only to be killed by Sergeant Denham's three accurate shots. The Sergeant pushing forward well in advance of his men was shot in the back by a German officer whom he quickly killed with an accurate shot from his carbine. Sergeant Denham then appointed an acting squad leader, gave instructions for continuing the attack and returned to the aid station for treat-

ment. His gallantry is representative of the finest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Snowflake, Arizona.

ALBERT J. KAZELIS, 20708685, Staff Sergeant, 398th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 14 December 1944, in the vicinity of Bitché, France. During our attack on Forts Freudenberg and Schiessack, Maginot Line strongpoints, Sergeant Kazelis, a rifle squad leader, was well in advance of his company when the enemy commenced shelling the area. He skillfully maneuvered his men into a defiladed position and then, in complete defiance of the intense hostile fire, assumed an exposed position to locate enemy emplacements. Although wounded, he conducted a thorough reconnaissance, neutralized a hostile machine gun nest and killed three Germans. Then, despite his wound, the continued hostile shelling and the fact his squad was out of contact with the platoon, he grimly refused to retreat. He was finally evacuated when his company advanced on a line with his men. Sergeant Kazelis' gallant action was instrumental in his company's subsequent attack from the forward position he so determinedly retained. Entered military service from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

KERMIT C. MOFFITT, 34515565, Staff Sergeant, 398th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 8 April 1945, in the vicinity of Heilbronn, Germany. After storming across the Neckar River in the drive against Heilbronn, Sergeant Moffitt, a rifle platoon guide, and his comrades were forced to establish defensive positions under intense enemy artillery and mortar fire and persistent enemy counterattacks. On the morning of 9 April, a large scale German attack was hurled against the left flank of Sergeant Moffitt's platoon. Faced by a shortage of ammunition, Sergeant Moffitt began crawling two hundred yards over open, fire swept terrain to bring the platoon additional supplies. The enemy, however, was already closing in, and Sergeant Moffitt immediately engaged them, killing three and driving off the remainder. His gallant, single-handed assault saved an outpost and protected the platoon's entire flank. Entered military service from Chesnee, South Carolina.

NELSON G. KLEIN, 36859884, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 1 January 1945, in the vicinity of Mottviller, France. Private Klein, a jeep driver, volunteered to carry vitally needed ammunition to his heavy machine gun platoon during the determined enemy attack to drive us from defensive positions before Bitché. While delivering ammunition to one of the guns, the gunner was killed by hostile fire. Without a moment's hesitation, Private Klein manned the weapon and delivered such accurate fire upon the advancing enemy that they were forced to retreat in disorder, leaving numerous casualties upon the field. He then volunteered to accompany a patrol of riflemen into a wooded area to clear it of the remaining enemy. The gallantry and devotion to duty of this soldier are in the highest traditions of the Army of the United States. Entered military service from Willmar, Michigan.

JOHN P. FOZZI, 33036012, Private First Class (then Private), 398th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 16 April 1945, in the vicinity of Oberheimbach, Germany. When his company was immobilized by severe machine gun and rifle fire in its attack south of the town, Private Fozzi, voluntarily and in the face of the withering fire, continued forward, overrunning the machine gun nest and capturing several Germans. Then, seeing a wounded man fifty yards away, Private Fozzi courageously crawled toward the casualty and, undaunted by the volley of fire still sweeping the area, succeeded in reaching and evacuating his wounded comrade. His devotion to duty and defiance of personal danger resulted in the capture of several of the enemy, and saved the life of one of our own soldiers. The gallant action of Private Fozzi reflects credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Leawards, Pennsylvania.

CHARLES P. SHEEHAN, 31262313, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 4 April 1945, in the vicinity of Heilbronn, Germany. During the bitter street fighting in Heilbronn, Private Sheehan and his machine gun squad were subjected to heavy enemy cross fire, necessitating their movement to a more advantageous position. During this maneuver, Private Sheehan, at great personal risk, evacuated a casualty from an exposed position, and then, observing the enemy advancing, he assumed a position in a building and with a light machine gun repulsed three furious enemy assaults. Although wounded, he held his post until the burning structure barred his withdrawal. He then courageously paused to aid two wounded comrades to safety. Before his evacuation for medical treatment, he gave his commander a detailed report of the action, which subsequently proved instrumental in the complete routing of the enemy. Entered military service from Lowell, Massachusetts.

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SECTION III -- RESCISSION OF AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

So much of Section II, General Orders Number 32, this headquarters, 26 December 1944, as awards a Bronze Star Medal to MERCER P. LONGINO, 024024, Captain, 507th Infantry Regiment, is rescinded. (See Section II, this order)

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- Award of Oak Leaf Cluster to Bronze Star Medal,..... II
- Award of Bronze Star Medal,..... III

SECTION I -- AWARD OF SILVER STAR

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Silver Star is awarded to the following named individual for gallantry in action:

CHARLES F. WALSH, 37311355, Corporal, 761st Tank Battalion, for gallantry in action on 2 April 1945, in the vicinity of Litchfield, Germany. When infantry units which Corporal Walsh's platoon was supporting, were immobilized by intense hostile small arms and mortar fire, he steadily directed fire at enemy snipers with his machine gun from an exposed position on the rear of his tank. Although wounded in the action, he steadfastly remained at his weapon, and then, taking the initiative when the enemy fell back, he pursued them with a submachine gun and killed three before turning to assist friendly casualties. He was then ordered to report to an aid station for treatment and while en route for this purpose, although wounded and exhausted, he captured a number of prisoners on the way. As a result of his gallant action, Corporal Walsh was instrumental in turning back a strong hostile force, thus enabling our infantry units to obtain their objective. Entered military service from Taunton, Minnesota.

SECTION II -- AWARD OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO BRONZE STAR MEDAL

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, the First Oak Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to each of the following named individuals:

JOHN E. SLATTS, 0377420, Captain, 761st Tank Battalion, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 5 December 1944 to 31 March 1945, in Eastern France. Entered military service from Columbia, South Carolina.

ALFRED R. REAIDI, 12162302, Sergeant, 761st Tank Battalion, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 25 January 1945 to 2 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Westfield, New Jersey.

SECTION III -- AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded to each of the following named individuals:

CHARLES B. BROWN, 01015505, First Lieutenant, 761st Tank Battalion, for heroic achievement in action on 6 April 1945, in the vicinity of Heilbronn, Germany. During the bridging of the Neckar River and the battle for the city of Heilbronn on its eastern bank, Lieutenant Brown, battalion transportation officer, was instructed to establish a forward ammunition dump. Arriving at the river, he discovered that forward elements had already crossed the stream and that the bridge had been destroyed by hostile artillery fire. He immediately directed the ferrying of a truckload of ammunition across the river in small boats under intense enemy artillery and mortar fire, thus by his determined and aggressive action making a desperately-needed ammunition available to our tank forces during a critical period. Entered military service from New Enterprise, Pennsylvania.

LOUIS A. BAUER, 37206544, Sergeant, 761st Tank Battalion, for heroic achievement in action on 16 April 1945, in the vicinity of Lowerstein, Germany. During an attack, two members of the infantry company supported by Sergeant Bauer's tank section were wounded and fell in an area subjected to intense enemy fire. Upon his own initiative Sergeant Bauer took an aid man into his tank, proceeded to the wounded infantrymen and dismounted under intense direct artillery and machine gun fire to remove the injured soldiers to the comparative safety of the tank. His courageous and aggressive action was thus responsible for saving the lives of men who would otherwise have quickly succumbed to enemy action. Entered military service from ... us, Nebraska.

DENIS ONE W. CHAPIN, 37170411, Sergeant, 781st Tank Battalion, for heroic achievement in action on 17 April 1945, in the vicinity of Billingsbach, Germany. After his section leader, who was engaged in making a reconnaissance of potential tank positions, was seriously wounded by hostile artillery fire, Sergeant Chapin unhesitatingly left his sheltered position to go to the assistance of the wounded man. Advancing under a concentration of enemy fire so intense that his clothing was ripped by shell fragments on several occasions, he succeeded in reaching the casualty and bearing him to a place of safety, thus at great risk to his own life, saving that of a comrade, who would otherwise have succumbed to his wounds or enemy action. Entered military service from Staples, Minnesota.

ROBERT V. KIGGINS, 15329376, Sergeant, 781st Tank Battalion. Entered military service from Niles, Michigan.

DONALD C. WRIGHT, 11110747, Sergeant (then Technician Fourth Grade), 781st Tank Battalion. Entered military service from Riverside, Rhode Island.

For heroic achievement in action on 10 April 1945, in the vicinity of Odheim, Germany. When hostile machine gun and self-propelled artillery fire halted the advance of our tank-infantry forces, Sergeant Wright, tank driver, expertly manipulated his tank into firing position, skillfully avoiding raising dust or creating noise which would disclose the unprotected vantage point to the enemy. Sergeant Kiggins, tank commander, then personally manned the tank's cannon and with accurate and effective fire destroyed the opposing artillery piece. The aggressive and courageous teamwork of these two men thus enabled our troops to continue the advance and successfully accomplish the assigned mission.

THOMAS J. SHANER, 33046922, Sergeant, 781st Tank Battalion, for heroic achievement in action on 8 April 1945 and 9 April 1945, in the vicinity of Heilbronn, Germany. During the bitter fighting for the city of Heilbronn, the members of Sergeant Shaner's tank crew and supported infantry forces were repeatedly harassed by fire from well concealed hostile snipers. On one such occasion, Sergeant Shaner deliberately exposed himself to an enemy sniper and drew fire which disclosed the position of the hostile rifleman, then advanced toward the enemy, firing his submachine gun and succeeded in killing the sniper. Again on the following day, he similarly exposed himself to draw fire from a sniper who was subsequently killed by machine gun fire, and thus, at great risk to his own life, prevented the infliction of casualties upon his comrades. Entered military service from Madison Heights, Virginia.

THOMAS V. LYONS, 32515409, Technician Fourth Grade, 781st Tank Battalion, for heroic achievement in action on 10 April 1945, in the vicinity of Odheim, Germany. Sergeant Lyons and other members of his tank platoon were engaged in a foot patrol when fire from a hostile sniper brought their activities to a halt. He courageously advanced alone through open terrain under fire from the enemy rifleman until he reached a vantage point from which he could engage the hostile soldier with his submachine gun. His accurate fire soon forced the sniper to flee, thus enabling the patrol to complete its mission and preventing the infliction of casualties upon his comrades. Entered military service from New York, New York.

PHILIP J. SCIMACA, 11083669, Technician Fourth Grade, 781st Tank Battalion, for heroic achievement in action on 19 December 1944, in the vicinity of Bitché, France. During a determined enemy counterattack, the platoon sergeant of Sergeant Scimaca's platoon was seriously wounded. Despite the great intensity of hostile artillery fire, Sergeant Scimaca immediately made his way to the rear to find an aid man, but medical personnel refused to risk their lives in venturing through the savage bombardment falling in the rear. Sergeant Scimaca returned alone to the wounded man and administered what aid he could, then assumed command of the platoon sergeant's tank and successfully discharged the duties of tank commander throughout the ensuing action. Entered military service from Berlin, New Hampshire.

CRISTIANO SCIMACA, 34912795, Technician Fourth Grade, 781st Tank Battalion, for heroic achievement in action on 19 December 1944 and 20 December 1944, in the vicinity of St. Louis and Maysviller, France. On 19 December, Sergeant Scimaca, a welder, installed communication equipment on armored vehicles of a tank company while under fire, thus by his courageous action, eliminating the necessity of withdrawing critically needed tanks from the fighting line. Again on 20 December, he repaired a tank which had been disabled by enemy artillery while subjected to hostile action, thereby contributing to the successful accomplishment of the tactical mission. Entered military service from Donaldsonville, Louisiana.

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JON SZEROKMAN, 35434423, Corporal, 781st Tank Battalion, for heroic achievement in action on 20 April 1945, in the vicinity of Backman, Germany. When his tank was fired upon by a hostile antitank gun, Corporal Szerokman immediately observed the location of the enemy weapon and, as the tank commander was unable to direct fire, he brought the tank's fire to bear upon the opposing emplacement himself. Although with no previous experience as a gunner and despite an enemy shell which struck within a few feet of the tank, Corporal Szerokman succeeded in silencing the enemy weapon and killing the personnel serving the piece by his accurate fire. Entered military service from Ward, West Virginia.

JOHN DEPTULA, 11100672, Technician Fifth Grade (then Private First Class), 781st Tank Battalion, for heroic achievement in action on 5 April 1945, in the vicinity of Heilbronn, Germany. Corporal Deptula, a driver, voluntarily assisted in transporting ammunition from trucks to a point from which it was ferried across the Neckar River during the bitter fighting for the enemy city of Heilbronn. Hostile artillery and mortar fire fell in the area in great intensity during this operation, and, when he observed a seriously wounded infantryman, Corporal Deptula unhesitatingly went to the assistance of the casualty, applied a tourniquet which undoubtedly saved the injured man's life, then removed him to a place of safety. Entered military service from New Britain, Connecticut.

EDWARD W. JAGGIE, 37388825, Technician Fifth Grade, 781st Tank Battalion, for heroic achievement in action on 5 April 1945, in the vicinity of Heilbronn, Germany. Prior to establishment of the stubbornly-contested bridgehead across the Neckar River, Corporal Jaggie made a reconnaissance for a battalion ammunition dump site, then subsequently assisted in carrying ammunition from trucks to the point where it was loaded on boats for transportation across the stream under intense enemy artillery and mortar fire. His aggressive and determined action made sorely-needed ammunition available to forward elements at critical periods in our operations. Entered military service from St. Louis, Missouri.

ROBERT L. MOUNCE, 37389109, Technician Fifth Grade, 781st Tank Battalion, for heroic achievement in action on 5 April 1945, in the vicinity of Heilbronn, Germany. During the bitterly-opposed bridging of the Neckar River and the battle for the city of Heilbronn, Corporal Mounce was instructed to take his ammunition-laden truck to the forward ammunition dump of the battalion. Driving over an exposed road under intense enemy artillery, mortar and small arms fire, he reached the river only to find that the bridge had been destroyed, and under continuous fire he ferried the ammunition across the stream in small boats, thus making it available to forward elements at a critical period in our operations. Entered military service from St. James, Missouri.

WILLIAM B. SCHROTT, 37311736, Technician Fifth Grade, 781st Tank Battalion, for heroic achievement in action on 11 December 1944 and 13 December 1944, in the vicinity of Temberg and Bitche, France. On 11 December, Corporal Schrott, a member of a tank recovery section, together with his comrades braved direct fire from hostile artillery and mortars to recover a disabled tank, and again on 13 December, in the vicinity of Bitche, he assisted in the recovery of two armored vehicles while exposed to direct observation of the enemy. His courageous action was instrumental in returning valuable equipment to action with a minimum of delay. Entered military service from Watonna, Minnesota.

EDWARD L. HAGER, 6981656, Private First Class, 781st Tank Battalion, for heroic achievement in action on 6 April 1945, in the vicinity of Ocheim, Germany. While his tank platoon was covering the withdrawal of a supported infantry unit, Private Hager observed several wounded soldiers lying in an exposed position. He immediately called to the tank commander to stop the vehicle and, despite enemy small arms fire pounding against the armored sides of the tank, attempted to dismount and rescue the fallen infantrymen. In so doing, he was himself wounded by small arms fire and forced to abandon his efforts, but by his courageous action won the deserved admiration of his comrades. Entered military service from Elhurst, Long Island, New York.

JOHN A. SLEEPER, 31351500, Private First Class, 781st Tank Battalion, for heroic achievement in action on 7 April 1945, in the vicinity of Ocheim, Germany. When an attacking infantry company was immobilized by savage enemy mortar and small arms fire, the supporting tank force formed to cover the withdrawal of the infantry elements. While moving back, Private Sleeper and another tank crew noticed two wounded riflemen.

The two tankmen immediately ran from their vehicles, reached the wounded men, and succeeded in getting them to their tank despite the tremendous volume of deadly enemy fire. The unselfish and courageous devotion to duty displayed by Private Sleeper saved the lives of two seriously wounded men, and is in keeping with the highest traditions of the Army of the United States. Entered military service from Island Falls, Maine.

FRED WHITE, 34332696, Private First Class, 781st Tank Battalion, for heroic achievement in action on 8 April 1945, in the vicinity of Heilbronn, Germany. During the bitterly opposed establishment of our bridgehead across the Neckar River, Private White was instructed to take his ammunition laden truck to the forward ammunition dumps of the battalion. Driving over an exposed road under intense enemy artillery, mortar, and small arms fire, he reached the river only to find that the bridge had been destroyed, and under continuing fire he ferried the ammunition across the stream in small boats, thus making it available to forward elements at a critical period in our operations. Entered military service from Hartselle, Alabama.

GORDON V. WHITNEY, 36540941, Private, 781st Tank Battalion, for heroic achievement in action on 8 April 1945, in the vicinity of Odheim, Germany. During the attack on Odheim, the driver of the tank in which Private Whitney was bow gunner, was killed instantly by Panzerfaust fire. The tank stalled in the midst of enemy positions, and Private Whitney, realizing that he and his comrades were in a vulnerable location, leaned over the hot transfer case and transmission, freed the controls from the weight of the driver's body and then, by using the controls on his side, drove the tank back to friendly lines. Private Whitney's quick action not only saved the lives of his comrades but also saved the tank from damage, thereby permitting its continued support of infantry elements. Entered military service from Detroit, Michigan.

CHARLES H. TINDALL, 0337093, Major, 781st Tank Battalion, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations during the period 3 December 1944 to 4 March 1945, in Eastern France. Entered military service from Wayne, Pennsylvania.

WALTER GEORGE, JR., 02046522, First Lieutenant, 890th Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 9 November 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Ithaca, New York.

CHARLES R. BRADIA, 20200726, Staff Sergeant, 781st Tank Battalion, for meritorious achievement in direct support of combat operations during the period 23 December 1944 to 15 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from New York, New York.

WILLIAM D. BUEIS, 12156770, Staff Sergeant, 781st Tank Battalion, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 8 December 1944 to 10 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Bardonia, New York.

ALBERT BRUBES, 6896418, Sergeant, 781st Tank Battalion, for meritorious achievement in action during the periods 5 December 1944 to 22 December 1944, and 23 February 1945 to 22 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

JAMES V. BOGLEY, 15323276, Sergeant, 781st Tank Battalion, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 8 December 1944 to 10 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Winerva, Ohio.

JOHN L. FOLZL, 33071410, Sergeant, 781st Tank Battalion, for meritorious achievement in action during the periods 5 December 1944 to 22 December 1944 and 23 February 1945 to 22 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

WILLIAM A. CALISE, 12041134, Technician Fourth Grade, 890th Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion, for meritorious service in support of combat operations during the period 1 May 1942 to 1 May 1945, in England, Africa, Italy, Corsica, France and Germany. Entered military service from Brooklyn, New York.

CHARLES J. BERGLI, 3738665, Technician Fourth Grade, 781st Tank Battalion, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 8 December 1944 to 10 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from West Plains, Missouri.

CHARLES H. HITA, 37312411, Technician Fourth Grade, 781st Tank Battalion, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations during the period 12 December 1944 to 14 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Cottage Grove, Minnesota.

WALTER A. RILEY, 3738089, Technician Fourth Grade, 781st Tank Battalion, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 12 December 1944 to 2 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from St. Louis, Missouri.

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WALTER A. DAVIS, 3738773, Corporal, 781st Tank Battalion, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 15 March 1945 to 2 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Gainsville, Missouri.

WALTER POIT, 35750414, Corporal, 781st Tank Battalion, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 12 December 1944 to 2 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Parsons, West Virginia.

WILLIAM I. KRAM, 35300174, Technician Fifth Grade, Medical Detachment, 781st Tank Battalion, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 8 December 1944 to 10 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Sumner, Iowa.

WALTER HADAY, 11003027, Private First Class, 69th Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations during the period 1 November 1944 to 30 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Southbridge, Massachusetts.

WALTER A. PARKS, 35177325, Private First Class, 69th Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations during the period 1 May 1944 to 30 April 1945, in England, Africa, Italy, Corsica, France and Germany. Entered military service from Greensburg, Kentucky.

WALTER M. HILLET, 31070320, Private First Class, 69th Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations during the period 1 November 1944 to 30 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Providence, Rhode Island.

WILLIAM F. HANCOCK, 31141782, Private First Class, 69th Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations during the period 1 May 1944 to 1 May 1945, in England, Africa, Italy, Corsica, France and Germany. Entered military service from East Hartford, Connecticut.

WALTER E. MITCHELL, 14123756, Private First Class, 69th Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations during the period 1 November 1944 to 30 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Whitnair, South Carolina.

WALTER W. WOOD, 31013011, Private First Class, 69th Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion, for meritorious service in support of combat operations during the period 1 January 1943 to 1 May 1945, in Africa, Italy, Corsica, France and Germany. Entered military service from Boston, Massachusetts.

WALTER A. SCHMIDT, 31101010, Private First Class, 69th Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations during the period 30 May 1944 to 30 April 1945, in England, Africa, Italy, Corsica, France and Germany. Entered military service from Hershey, Pennsylvania.

WALTER A. GILLES, 3134941, Private First Class, 69th Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations during the period 1 May 1944 to 1 May 1945, in England, Africa, Italy, Corsica, France and Germany. Entered military service from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

WALTER L. GARD, 37547125, Private First Class, Medical Detachment, 781st Tank Battalion, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 8 December 1944 to 10 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Grand Rapids, North Dakota.

WALTER J. SCHEPPE, 35513220, Private, 781st Tank Battalion, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 13 September 1944 to 14 December 1944, in France. Entered military service from Cleveland, Ohio.

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- Award of Oak Leaf Cluster to Bronze Star Medal..... I
- Posthumous Award of Bronze Star Medal..... II
- Award of Bronze Star Medal..... III

SECTION I -- AWARD OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO BRONZE STAR MEDAL

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, the First Oak Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to each of the following named individuals:

HARRY G. FLANAGAN, 01296506, Captain (then First Lieutenant), 399th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 16 March 1945, in the vicinity of Bitche, France. During the advance against enemy-held fortifications of the Maginot Line, the company under Captain Flanagan's command was subjected to automatic weapons fire from two cleverly concealed pillboxes. Calling two tanks forward, Captain Flanagan sent one of his platoons to outflank the hostile position and attack from high ground, then personally took command of one tank and led the frontal assault. Halting the armored vehicle ninety yards from the first fortification, he directed the firing of fifteen rounds of armor-piercing ammunition into the two pillboxes while his men delivered rocket fire upon the turrets of the installations from close range. With the enemy forces thus trapped within the fortifications, a platoon leader advanced and demanded the surrender of the defending troops, and eighty hostile soldiers filed out of the interconnecting positions. Captain Flanagan's outstanding tactical skill and personal courage were thus responsible for the capture of important enemy strongpoints with but a single casualty to his own forces. Entered military service from Manhasset, New York.

CHARLES H. BAKER, JR., 34789991, Staff Sergeant, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 14 April 1945, in the vicinity of Wilsbach, Germany. During an attack Sergeant Baker, a squad leader, and four of his men were isolated from their comrades and approximately a platoon of Germans attacked their position, wounding two of the men. Sergeant Baker determinedly resisted the enemy, alternately firing and dressing the wounded but a few minutes later he was the only unvounded man of the five. He grimly held his position in the face of overwhelming odds, firing accurately despite the intense fire directed at him and then the attackers fell back when he killed the hostile platoon leader, two others and wounded two more. By his courageous action, Sergeant Baker saved the lives of his comrades and halted the German attack. Entered military service from Palm Beach, Florida.

SECTION II -- POSTHUMOUS AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Bronze Star Medal is posthumously awarded to each of the following named individuals:

MILLER W. MANIS, 34495868, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 19 December 1944, in the vicinity of Bitche, France. Private Manis, a platoon runner, was with his company when it initiated an attack against the strongly fortified forts of the Maginot Line. To fulfill his responsibility of keeping his platoon in contact with the company, he repeatedly crossed open terrain subject to close enemy observation and intense hostile artillery, mortar and small arms fire. Throughout the fierce encounter, he courageously and determinedly carried on his assignments. Then, during the fury of an assault on a concrete emplacement, he was instantly killed by the explosion of an enemy artillery shell. As a result of his integrity and gallantry, Private Manis materially contributed to the success of this important operation. Next of kin: Blonda B. Manis (Wife), 61 Pruitt Street, Rogersville, Tennessee.

ROBERT E. M'COSE, 31963157, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 11 April 1945, in the vicinity of Odheim, Germany. When his company was immobilized in an open field by intense hostile artillery, mortar and small arms fire, causing a number of casualties, Private M'Cosé ran to a wounded comrade and administered first aid. He steadfastly remained at the wounded man's side and dug an emplacement for the casualty and himself, and, when the com-

pany withdrew under cover of a smoke screen, he assisted the men to safety. Later in the day, Private Manosh, while participating in an attack, was killed by enemy shell fire. His gallantry in rendering first aid to a comrade at great personal risk saved the man's life and is representative of the finest military traditions. Next of kin: Floyd Manosh (Father), Montgomery Center, Vermont.

SECTION III -- AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded to each of the following named individuals:

DWIGHT L. BURTON, 02048865, First Lieutenant, Medical Detachment, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 9 April 1945, in the vicinity of Odheim, Germany. Informed that a man had been seriously wounded some distance in front of a company's positions, Lieutenant Burton, an assistant battalion surgeon, immediately went to his aid. Learning that several aid men had been fired upon in this area and noting the intensity of the enemy fire, Lieutenant Burton went forward alone to where the man lay. Finding him dead, he returned to the company's positions still under severe artillery fire. The devotion and courage displayed by this officer is in the best tradition of the Army Medical Corps. Entered military service from St. Paul, Minnesota.

LEONARD ASHFORD, 37111577, Staff Sergeant, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 4 April 1945, in the vicinity of Heilbronn, Germany. After crossing the Neckar River to support the establishment of a bridgehead, Sergeant Ashford, a machine gun platoon sergeant, performed with outstanding courage and initiative when the enemy attacked the sector in force, surrounding his platoon and killing his platoon leader. Immediately assuming command, he directed a skillful all-around defense, and with careful distribution of ammunition, he and his men stalled the attack until late in the day when, with their ammunition expended, they were captured. Sergeant Ashford, who was wounded during the action, has since been liberated from a German hospital. By his gallant and inspiring action, he was instrumental in delaying a hostile attack which enabled our forces to ultimately initiate a strong, successful counterattack. Entered military service from Osceola, Iowa.

ROBERT E. FRASER, 38581722, Staff Sergeant, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 8 April 1945, in the vicinity of Odheim, Germany. When the infantry company of which Sergeant Fraser was a member was immobilized in its attack northwest of Odheim, tank support was called for. As the tanks moved through the infantry, Sergeant Fraser immediately rose to his feet in the face of the enemy fire, giving encouragement to his men and motioning them forward. While personally leading his men against the enemy machine gun and rifle positions, he was seriously wounded, but continued forward courageously, refusing to stop for medical attention until ordered to halt the advance. Sergeant Fraser's gallantry in the face of intense enemy fire and while suffering a serious wound is indicative of the highest traditions of the Army of the United States. Entered military service from Norwood, Pennsylvania.

JOHN P. KEEN, 10601939, Sergeant, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 15 March 1945, in the vicinity of Schorbach, France. While the platoon in which Sergeant Keen was a squad leader, was advancing through a wooded area, they drew automatic weapon fire from an enemy position on their flank. Quickly and skillfully deploying his men, Sergeant Keen, armed with a grenade launcher, began a search for the enemy gun. Moving forward alone, dodging from tree to tree, he finally located the weapon. Then, kneeling under perfect observation of the enemy, he accurately fired a grenade into the hostile position which destroyed the enemy weapon and forced the gunners to surrender. The singular leadership and initiative of Sergeant Keen prevented many casualties in his unit. Entered military service from Harriard, Basingstoke, Hants, England.

JOSEPH A. BASSETT, 31378333, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from Fremont, New Hampshire.

EARL D. HOLLY, 35017604, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from Clinton, Ohio.

For heroic achievement in action on 10 April 1945, in the vicinity of Heilbronn, Germany. When their squad was immobilized by enemy machine gun fire which raked a street along their route of advance, these two men volunteered to cross the danger zone and afford covering fire for the remainder of the squad. Despite the deadly enemy fire, Private Bassett and Private Holly dashed across the street and

searched the buildings in the vicinity, capturing eleven prisoners. Then, returning to the street, they laid down an accurate covering fire against the machine guns which enabled their squad to accomplish its mission. The courage and devotion to duty of these two men is in keeping with the highest tradition of the Army of the United States.

BELLIAM L. BOWMAN, JR., 34834054, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from Atlanta, Georgia.

EDWIN A. CARSELLI, 42104089, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from Jersey City, New Jersey.

ROBERT O. DICHERSON, 42165124, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from Wallingboro, New York.

For heroic achievement in action on 13 April 1945, in the vicinity of Heilbronn Germany. When an artillery and mortar barrage of tremendous proportions inflicted several casualties upon an immobilized platoon, these three mortar men realized the costliness of a frontal assault and, upon their own initiative, volunteered to subject the enemy to flanking fire. Moving to an advantageous firing position on the enemy's flank, and defiant of the danger in which their exposed position placed them, they continued to adjust accurate fire until the enemy gun crew was killed and the weapon damaged. By their forethought and aggressive action these men enabled the company to continue its advance with a minimum of danger.

ROBERT E. HENRY, 38634001, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from Dallas, Texas.

LOUIS G. MC CASHILL, 34465078, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from Erwin, North Carolina.

HUBERT S. RUTHERFORD, 37745434, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from Higginsville, Missouri.

For heroic achievement in action on 9 April 1945, in the vicinity of Heilbronn, Germany. During the fierce fighting for the communications city of Heilbronn, forward elements of the company to which these men were attached found themselves critically short of water and rations. Although intense enemy artillery, mortar and small arms fire was saturating the area, these three men heroically volunteered to return to the rear and bring up the vital supplies. Displaying magnificent courage, and ignoring the enemy shelling, they secured the rations and delivered them to the front line troops. The devotion to duty and resolution of these three men is in the best tradition of the Army of the United States.

WILLIAM H. SANTOPETRO, JR., 32680220, Private First Class, Medical Detachment, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 16 April 1945, in the vicinity of Oberheimbach, Germany. When the platoon to which he was attached was immobilized by intense enemy automatic weapons and small arms fire, Private Santopietro, an aid man, noticed a rifleman fall wounded three hundred yards to his front. Disregarding the hail of deadly enemy fire, Private Santopietro leaped up and ran the entire distance to the wounded man's side. Dressing the wound, he refused to take cover himself and, when the attack was over, directed a litter team to the injured soldier and helped evacuate him. The gallantry and devotion to duty displayed by Private Santopietro saved the life of a wounded comrade, and reflect great credit upon himself and the Army Medical Corps. Entered military service from New York, New York.

ALFONSE EZZEMING, 01641273, First Lieutenant, 100th Signal Company, for meritorious service in support of combat operations during the period 1 November 1944 to 24 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Batesville, Indiana.

RAYMOND P. HULT, 12154228, Staff Sergeant, 398th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 6 November 1944 to 5 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Fords, New Jersey.

JOHN MC HUGH, 32086859, Sergeant, 100th Cavalry Reconnaissance Troop, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 3 November 1944 to 30 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Buffalo, New York.

EDWARD T. WITTMAN, 33001151, Technician Fifth Grade, 397th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 12 November 1944 to 30 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Baltimore, Maryland.

ANTHONY J. CARLINO, 12202257, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 6 November 1944 to 25 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Raritan, New Jersey.

SIMON MANNING, 32516504, Private First Class, 100th Cavalry Reconnaissance Troop, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 3 November 1944 to 30 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from New York, New York.

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ALFRED MANIHO, 3268064, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 12 November 1944 to 30 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Brooklyn, New York.

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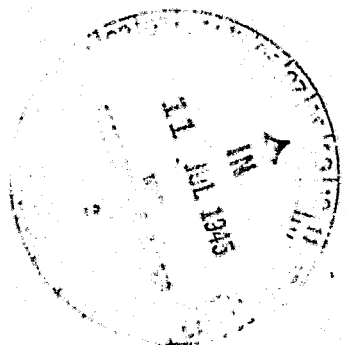
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AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded to each of the following named individuals:

EDWARD J. MALONEY, 07637, Colonel, 399th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 17 March 1945, in the vicinity of Liederschiedt, Germany. In guiding a battalion to its objective, Colonel Maloney advanced through an area containing strong enemy pockets of resistance which had been bypassed by our attacking troops. When three hostile soldiers, heavily armed, suddenly emerged from an entrenchment in his immediate vicinity, Colonel Maloney instantly covered them with his carbine and ordered them to surrender. Taken by surprise, the three enemy immediately submitted, and Colonel Maloney by his alert and aggressive action thereby prevented the possible infliction of casualties to our troops. Entered military service from Amherst, Massachusetts.

RICHARD G. PRATHER, 015698, Colonel, General Staff Corps, Headquarters 100th Infantry Division, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations during the period 1 November 1944 to 17 December 1944, in Eastern France. Entered the United States Military Academy from Hickman, Kentucky.

KENNETH E. ECKLAND, 0354746, Lieutenant Colonel, General Staff Corps, Headquarters 100th Infantry Division, for meritorious service in support of combat operations during the period 1 November 1944 to 17 December 1944, in Eastern France. Entered military service from Scottsbluff, Nebraska.

LOUIS L. MORSE, 0174546, Lieutenant Colonel, Headquarters 100th Infantry Division, for meritorious service in support of combat operations during the period 1 November 1944 to 17 December 1944, in Eastern France. Entered military service from Waban, Massachusetts.

WILLIAM V. RAWLINGS, 0325494, Lieutenant Colonel, General Staff Corps, Headquarters 100th Infantry Division, for meritorious service in support of combat operations during the period 1 November 1944 to 17 December 1944, in Eastern France. Entered military service from Franklin, Virginia.

PAUL S. REINECKE, 023284, Lieutenant Colonel, General Staff Corps, Headquarters 100th Infantry Division, for meritorious service in support of combat operations during the period 1 November 1944 to 17 December 1944, in Eastern France. Entered the United States Military Academy from Pennsylvania.

ROBERT M. STEGHAUER, 020725, Lieutenant Colonel, General Staff Corps, Headquarters 100th Infantry Division, for meritorious service in support of combat operations during the period 1 November 1944 to 17 December 1944, in Eastern France. Entered the United States Military Academy from Maryland.

HORACE W. WHITELEY, 01691261, Lieutenant Colonel, Medical Corps, Headquarters 100th Infantry Division, for meritorious service in support of combat operations during the period 1 November 1944 to 17 December 1944, in Eastern France. Entered military service from Jordan, New York.

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SECTION I -- POSTHUMOUS AWARD OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO SILVER STAR

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, the First Oak Leaf Cluster to the Silver Star is posthumously awarded to the following named individual for gallantry in action:

ROLAND G. WATSON, 02000644, Second Lieutenant, 399th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 15 March 1945, in the vicinity of Spitzberg Hill, France. When his company's platoon leaders became casualties during a fiercely-fought engagement, Lieutenant Watson and the company commander assumed command of the three rifle platoons and the heavy weapons platoon. Lieutenant Watson led the way through a thickly-mined field, establishing a new firing line, and then remained exposed to hostile fire to assist in the treatment and evacuation of casualties. Later, he led another advance over enemy-mined terrain to silence a hostile machine gun nest, he himself killing or wounding six enemy with rifle fire. Lieutenant Watson was mortally wounded in a subsequent engagement at Sontheim, Germany. His gallantry, heroism and outstanding leadership were an inspiration to his entire command. Next of kin: Effie M. Watson (Mother), 7181 Ritchie Road, S.E., Washington, D. C.

SECTION II -- AWARD OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO SILVER STAR

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, the First Oak Leaf Cluster to the Silver Star is awarded to the following named individual for gallantry in action:

WILBERT C. GRIMM, 36548723, Staff Sergeant, 398th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 6 April 1945, in the vicinity of Jagstfeld, Germany. When it became apparent that his company would have to withdraw to a more formidable defense line under pressure of a determined enemy counterattack, Sergeant Grimm voluntarily remained in position to cover the movements of his comrades. Although seriously wounded before the last group of men had pulled back, he refused to be evacuated and remained in his exposed position. When last observed he was calmly firing at the enemy, inflicting heavy casualties and retarding their advance long enough for his company to prepare new defenses. It was later learned that he was taken prisoner by the Germans, but he has since been liberated by friendly forces. His gallant action frustrated a serious threat that endangered the entire company's positions near Jagstfeld. Entered military service from Detroit, Michigan.

SECTION III -- POSTHUMOUS AWARD OF SILVER STAR

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Silver Star is posthumously awarded to each of the following named individuals for gallantry in action:

JAMES M. WRIGHT, 6883740, Staff Sergeant, 399th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 14 April 1945, in the vicinity of Heilbronn, Germany. During the bitter house to house fighting in Heilbronn, Sergeant Wright voluntarily accompanied a combat patrol assigned the mission of clearing a city block strongly defended by hostile forces. Heavy mortar and small arms fire was directed at the patrol as it gained access to a building infested with the enemy. With outstanding initiative, Sergeant Wright moved in against the defenders, his fearlessness inspiring the remainder of the patrol to follow. Then, at his command, a furious assault was launched, routing the enemy from their positions and concluding in the capture of twenty Germans. Three days later, in the attack on Gagensberg, Sergeant Wright was killed while heroically leading an assault on an enemy stronghold. Sergeant Wright's gallant and inspiring leadership is an outstanding credit to himself and the military service. Next of kin: Bessie Sims (Aunt), Box 85, Park, West Virginia.

ALVADIS TABER, JR., 17134197, Sergeant, 398th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 9 January 1945, in the vicinity of Rimling, France. In the attack on Hill 370, Sergeant Taber and his squad were immobilized by savage enemy artillery, mortar, tank and small arms fire. Despite this deadly fire, Sergeant Taber, assistant squad leader, skillfully maneuvered his men to a position from where they put devastating fire on the hostile positions, killing several of the enemy. When the order to withdraw was given, he heroically remained behind to give covering fire to his men and while so engaged was mortally wounded. Sergeant Taber's supreme sacrifice enabled his men to withdraw to safety, and reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Next of kin: Ivy Mae Taber (Mother), Rosiclare, Illinois.

SETH A. COCKRELL, 33683012, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 13 April 1945, in the vicinity of Talheim, Germany. During an attack, Private Cockrell's platoon and especially his squad encountered stiff enemy resistance from hostile small arms and automatic weapons fire, necessitating its withdrawal to seek a more covered route of approach. Private Cockrell, an automatic rifleman, voluntarily engaged the enemy in a fire fight, and, although he was in an exposed position and receiving heavy fire, his action enabled his comrades to successfully withdraw. He had expended his ammunition and was in the act of returning for more when he was instantly killed by enemy fire. Private Cockrell's gallant action saved innumerable casualties among his companions and enabled them to subsequently achieve their objective. Next of kin: Rebekah Cockrell (Wife), General Delivery, Homer, Louisiana.

PAIGE K. CURTIS, 39855078, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 4 April 1945, in the vicinity of Heilbronn, Germany. During the attack to establish a bridgehead across the Neckar River, Private Curtis, a machine gunner, carried his gun across to support the leading rifle company. In the initial phases of the bitter battle, he courageously set his gun up in an exposed position from where his fire killed several Germans and forced the surrender of five. As the fanatically-resisting enemy forces intensified their efforts, our riflemen were compelled to withdraw, and Private Curtis, on his own initiative, remained at his post to cover the withdrawal. He continued firing even after the enemy had surrounded him, and succeeded in inflicting scores of casualties before the Germans closed in on all sides and killed him. By his daring single-handed action, Private Curtis enabled his comrades to successfully withdraw while he inflicted a large total of enemy killed and wounded. Next of kin: Chee Curtis (Mother), Trading Post, Leupp, Arizona.

JOHN L. KEARFOTT, 35225824, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 19 December 1944, in the vicinity of Bitché, France. During an attack against enemy-held Fort Freudenberg of the Maginot Line, Private Kearfott advanced with his comrades in the face of observed artillery, mortar and machine gun fire to storm and capture a hostile emplacement, then proceeded through extensive barbed wire entanglements and continued enemy fire to assault a subsequent fortification. As he and other members of the company moved toward the objective, a hostile machine gun in a concealed aperture opened fire, and Private Kearfott upon his own initiative descended into the moat surrounding the fort and destroyed the enemy weapon. In so doing he was himself killed by enemy fire but by his gallant action made possible the capture of the enemy strongpoint and reflected great credit upon himself. Next of kin: Mary C. Kearfott (Mother), 2211 Woodside Avenue, Springfield, Ohio.

JAY V. MONTIE, 33846943, Private, 398th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 8 November 1944, in the vicinity of Etival, France. When a reconnaissance and combat patrol was immobilized by savage enemy machine gun and rifle fire, it became necessary for the men to withdraw singly in order to escape detection. Private Montie, voluntarily remained behind to cover the withdrawal. Although he became a target for the concentrated fire of the enemy, he stubbornly continued to fire at the foe, distracting their attention and permitting all his comrades to withdraw undetected. While so engaged, he was mortally wounded. The gallantry, initiative, and devotion to duty displayed by Private Montie, in sacrificing his life for his comrades are in keeping with the highest traditions of the Army of the United States. Next of kin: DeForest Montie (Mother), North Warren, Pennsylvania.

CLARENCE G. REINHARD, 35336952, Private, 398th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 8 November 1944, in the vicinity of Etival, France. When his company was immobilized by intense machine gun and small arms fire, Private Reinhard made a gallant effort to wipe out this threat. Discovering the position of one well

emplaced enemy gun which could not be neutralized by our fire, Private Reinhard crawled across an open field under direct enemy fire and observation to within a few yards of the enemy emplacement. Then, firing his rifle from the hip, he charged the hostile position. Before he could reach his goal however, he was hit several times and died instantly. Private Reinhard's gallantry and self-sacrifice are in the best traditions of the military service. Next of kin: Clarence E. Reinhard (Father), RTD #2, Fostoria, Ohio.

SECTION IV -- AWARD OF SILVER STAR

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Silver Star is awarded to each of the following named individuals for gallantry in action:

EDWARD J. MALONEY, 07637, Colonel, 399th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action during the period 8 April 1945 to 12 April 1945, in the vicinity of Heilbronn, Germany. During the fierce fighting for the vital city of Heilbronn, the repeated severance of communications made it difficult for Colonel Maloney to direct elements of his Regiment battling to enlarge their bridgehead across the Neckar River. Realizing the precarious situation of these forward units, Colonel Maloney left the comparative safety of his command post on the west bank of the river to make numerous crossings of the Neckar by pontoon ferry under intense enemy artillery, mortar and small arms sniper fire. Although some of the most severe concentrations of enemy shelling experienced in the Division's entire period of combat saturated the bridgehead area, Colonel Maloney remained at forward command and observation posts for long periods observing the disposition of the enemy, planning the tactics and directing the operations of his units. The gallantry, initiative and devotion to duty of Colonel Maloney in affording his troops the stimulant of his personal supervision and experience aided materially in the capture of Heilbronn and the final rout of the enemy. Entered military service from Amherst, Massachusetts.

JOHN M. KING, 0346800, Lieutenant Colonel, 397th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 15 March 1945, in the vicinity of Hottviller, France. In the final assault on the fortress city of Bitch, Lieutenant Colonel King, in command of a battalion, was assigned the mission of capturing high ground north of the city. From the initial moments of the attack, Lieutenant Colonel King was with the leading elements encouraging and directing his men and constantly searching for routes to circumvent the numerous shu-mine fields which were causing heavy casualties. At the climax of the attack, the enemy hurled a murderous rocket barrage against his unit. Despite the intensity of the fire, Lieutenant Colonel King personally led his companies in a brilliant advance which overran the hostile guns and captured many of the enemy rocket personnel. When sniper fire began to harass his troops, he again directed counter measures while gallantly walking up and down the firing line. The initiative and devotion to duty of Lieutenant Colonel King during this difficult operation was an inspiration to the officers and men who served under his command. Entered military service from Baltimore, Maryland.

JACK MALLEPELL, 0307319, Lieutenant Colonel, 325th Engineer Combat Battalion, for gallantry in action on 6 April 1945, in the vicinity of Heilbronn, Germany. As commander of the Division's Engineer Battalion, Lieutenant Colonel Mallepell displayed unusual gallantry and devotion to duty during the assault on the important communications and rail center of Heilbronn. The enemy having destroyed all bridges across the swiftly flowing Neckar River, Lieutenant Colonel Mallepell personally reconnoitered both banks of the river on foot under intense enemy artillery, mortar and sniper fire to find a suitable ferry and bridge site. In this mission, he went forward well in advance of the leading infantry companies and exchanged fire with an enemy machine gunner emplaced on a wrecked railroad span, so as to divert the attention of this gunner from another engineer officer who was making a reconnaissance of a second bridge. Lieutenant Colonel Mallepell's singular initiative and disregard for personal danger assured the successful crossing of the Neckar River and the ultimate capture of Heilbronn. Entered military service from San Antonio, Texas.

ALBERT CAMPBELL, 02000650, First Lieutenant (then Second Lieutenant), 398th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 17 March 1945, in the vicinity of Camp de Bitch, France. During his platoon's attack, Lieutenant Campbell's scouts found a friendly unit immobilized by enemy machine gun and direct fire from artillery weapons. Lieutenant Campbell immediately went forward and crawled fifty yards under machine gun fire to reach a point from which he directed mortar fire, neutralizing one of the emplacements. He then directed the assault on two machine guns, neutralizing both, and thereafter swiftly attacked two eighty-eight millimeter and

one seventy-five millimeter guns, capturing all of them intact, together with crews and ammunition. This permitted the advance to the objective with Lieutenant Campbell leading the attack and capturing another seventy-five millimeter and machine gun emplacement enroute. Lieutenant Campbell's gallantry and tenacity in this action was directly responsible for the subsequent attainment of the main objective. Entered military service from Elizabeth, New Jersey.

RUSSELL P. LEAHY, 01998112, Second Lieutenant, 399th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 14 April 1945, in the vicinity of Flein, Germany. While on a reconnaissance of the best routes of attack upon the town, Lieutenant Leahy and another leader encountered a strong enemy delaying force. After he shot and killed one of the enemy, Lieutenant Leahy and the other officer charged headlong into the enemy troops, demoralizing and disorganizing them to such an extent that the hostile soldiers surrendered in force. A final count disclosed two Germans killed, three wounded, and thirty-two captured by the two-man assault team. By his undaunted courage and utter disregard for his own personal safety, Lieutenant Leahy eliminated an enemy force capable of inflicting serious casualties upon his company. His daring action in the face of overwhelming odds was an inspiration to his men and reflects great credit upon himself. Entered military service from Worcester, Massachusetts.

JAMES M. DRUMM, 33100379, Technical Sergeant, 398th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 23 November 1944, in the vicinity of St. Blaise, France. When intense enemy fire from the second floor of a fortified farm house immobilized his company's advance and threatened to slow the entire battalion's attack, Sergeant Drumm, a weapons platoon sergeant, rushed toward the building and after forcing open the front door, ran upstairs. Sighting one German in the hall, he killed him with a well-aimed pistol shot. Then, grabbing his automatic weapon, he began firing through the door into the room the foe still occupied. At the same time, other members of the company fired rifle grenades through the windows and succeeded in setting the building on fire. Realizing the homelessness of the situation, four Germans, the only ones who were still alive, surrendered. By his daring action Sergeant Drumm liquidated an enemy strongpoint and enabled his battalion to continue its advance. Entered military service from Collingsdale, Pennsylvania.

BENJAMIN KUZMINSKI, 6942486, Technical Sergeant, 398th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 7 April 1945, in the vicinity of Jөгstfeld, Germany. During the bitter house-to-house fighting for the city, two lead squads were suddenly immobilized by savage fire from an enemy machine gun which wounded two men with the initial burst and threatened to inflict heavy casualties upon the entire group. Realizing the situation, Sergeant Kuzminski left his sheltered position and by running from one house to another in a series of short dashes, succeeded in reaching a point less than twenty yards from the hostile strong point. Standing up in full view of the enemy, he killed the first gunner with rifle fire, and then threw two well-aimed hand grenades into the emplacement, completely destroying the enemy position. The heroic aggressiveness and personal courage displayed by Sergeant Kuzminski enabled him to single-handedly wipe out a strongly defended hostile position, and permitted his company's attack to continue. His action won him the admiration of his entire platoon. Entered military service from Edwardsville, Pennsylvania.

JAMES J. BORST, 33012817, Staff Sergeant, 397th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 14 April 1945, in the vicinity of Heilbronn, Germany. During the bitter fighting for the key rail city, the mortar section led by Sergeant Borst was attacked from the flank by small arms and Panzerfaust fire. Aware of the impending threat to his position and also of the necessity to keep the section's guns in action, Sergeant Borst ordered his men to render him covering fire. Then, armed with a rifle and a few hand grenades, he advanced toward the enemy, delivering a deadly stream of fire into their positions. His furious onslaught killed four Germans and three surrendered. As a result of his gallant action his mortar section was able to continue its vital supporting role to advancing rifle elements. Entered military service from Reading, Pennsylvania.

JAMES D. THOMPSON, 34949799, Technician Fourth Grade, 397th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action during the period 6 April 1945 to 8 April 1945, in the vicinity of Heilbronn, Germany. When an enemy artillery barrage forced Sergeant Thompson's wire crew to take shelter in a nearby building and severed wire communications, Sergeant Thompson, displaying singular courage, made the attempt to repair the break in the line despite the intense enemy fire. Stunned when a shell burst near him, he was dragged to safety by other members of his crew. But, regaining

consciousness, he made a second attempt to reach the broken line. Once again a shell knocked him down and a piece of shrapnel pierced his helmet. But, persisting in his efforts, Sergeant Thompson made a third attempt and finally reached the wire and repaired it. The magnificent perseverance and devotion to duty displayed by Sergeant Thompson enabled his battalion commander to deploy his troops rapidly and cope with an enemy counterattack. Entered military service from Prichard, Alabama.

CLARENCE JACKSON, 42143759, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 6 April 1945, in the vicinity of Heilbronn, Germany. When sniper fire from a small group of houses had been constantly harassing the company's positions, Private Jackson advanced toward the buildings under the covering fire of his platoon. Gaining entrance into the first house, he killed two snipers. Then, seeing that his squad was pinned under sniper fire from the other buildings, he moved forward again, clearing three more houses and killing three enemy snipers. The heroic action and utter disregard for his own safety displayed by Private Jackson enabled him to single-handedly eliminate a dangerous group of snipers and free his squad from the withering enemy fire. Entered military service from Johnstown, New York.

JOSEPH E. WALLACE, 35783014, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 13 April 1945, in the vicinity of Sontheim, Germany. When his company suffered numerous casualties from intense hostile shelling, Private Wallace remained exposed to treat a wounded comrade and then ran nearly two hundred yards to secure a litter and evacuate him. Upon his return to action he himself was painfully wounded but after receiving first aid he refused evacuation and at his request was dragged to a firing position where he accounted for two enemy killed or wounded. He then took charge of the radio, established communication with his company commander and explained his platoon's heretofore unknown location. Only until he assured himself the situation was under control did Private Wallace leave the action and then while painfully limping back to an aid station he collapsed from shock and exhaustion, from which point he was evacuated. Private Wallace, by his gallantry and exceptional courage, was an inspiration to his entire company in this engagement. Entered military service from Huntington, West Virginia.

SECTION V -- AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded to each of the following named individuals:

JOHN C. HAMMEREL, 01295370, Captain, Headquarters 100th Infantry Division, for meritorious service in support of combat operations during the period 1 November 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Wayzata, Minnesota.

FREDERICK F. LYONS, 31233284, Staff Sergeant, Headquarters 100th Infantry Division, for meritorious service in support of combat operations during the period 1 November 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Roslindale, Massachusetts.

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SECTION II -- AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded to each of the following named individuals:

HARRY D. LAMPERT, 02010701, Second Lieutenant, 399th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 18 April 1945, in the vicinity of Beilstein, Germany. While protecting the company's left flank during the attack on Fohlenberg, Lieutenant Lampert's platoon was hit by intense enemy artillery, mortar and small arms fire. During the action, both machine gun sections which were anchoring the line were neutralized by enemy fire. Springing from his position when the shelling was at its height, Lieutenant Lampert went to the most forward and exposed part of the ridge, where in full view of both the enemy and his own men, he calmly directed the readjustment of the weapons. The gallantry and defiance of personal risk displayed by Lieutenant Lampert enabled his platoon to maintain the protection of the flank, thereby removing a dangerous threat to the company, and reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Lorena, Texas.

JOHN J. BECKMAN, 32655749, Staff Sergeant, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 6 April 1945, in the vicinity of Jagstfeld, Germany. Soon after our troops had crossed the Jagst River, the enemy unleashed an intense artillery concentration against our newly established positions which disrupted wire and radio communications. Although the enemy had zeroed in on his position, Sergeant Beckman courageously left the comparative safety of his dugout and laid down such effective sixty millimeter mortar fire in support of the rifleman that the enemy was forced to withdraw having suffered numerous casualties. Sergeant Beckman's initiative and heroism was primarily responsible for repulsing the enemy and eliminating a serious threat to his unit's positions. Entered military service from Long Island City, New York.

JOHN F. BUTLER, 42146462, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from Buffalo, New York.

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litter team to evacuate their wounded comrades. When a messenger was wounded while crossing open terrain and fell in an exposed position, they made their way under intense fire and at great risk to their own lives to the side of the injured soldier and succeeded in evacuating him to a place of safety, and by innumerable such acts of heroism during the day contributed to saving the lives of many of the casualties suffered by their unit.

VINCENT G. VIGUE, 11007492, Private First Class, 325th Engineer Combat Battalion, for heroic achievement in action on 21 April 1945, in the vicinity of Gross Heppach, Germany. Private Vigue, attached to a task force advancing on Gross Heppach, volunteered to accompany a four man engineer patrol which was assigned the mission of reconnoitering a bridge across the Rems River, directly in the line of attack. Moving forward approximately two miles in the van of the leading rifle companies, Private Vigue and his companions reached the bridge. Finding the span ready for demolition, they calmly removed four five hundred pound bombs under heavy enemy mortar and small arms fire. Then, pushing into Gross Heppach, they captured the town and took seven prisoners. The gallantry and courage displayed by Private Vigue is in keeping with the highest traditions of the Army of the United States. Entered military service from Kittery, Maine.

JOHN A. NICHIA, 36983358, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

RONALD C. RIDDLE, 36075883, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from Bellville, West Virginia.

HAROLD E. WILSON, 36984848, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from Van Dyke, Michigan.

For heroic achievement in action on 8 January 1945, in the vicinity of Rimling, France. Observing an estimated company of enemy infantrymen infiltrating into the northwest edge of town, these three men, a machine gun crew, immediately engaged the attacking force at seven hundred yards. An enemy tank crew attracted by their fire, then turned direct eighty-eight millimeter fire on their position in the attic of a roofless house. Despite the heavy fire, the men doggedly held their position, defiant of the danger involved, and continued to fire, killing sixteen of the enemy and retarding the attack until artillery fire forced the enemy to withdraw. By their devotion to duty, these men prevented a break-through of serious proportions and secured the integrity of our lines.

CHARLES F. DARSERAU, 31237852, Private, 325th Engineer Combat Battalion, for heroic achievement in action on 21 April 1945, in the vicinity of Gross Heppach, Germany. Private Darserau, attached to a task force advancing on Gross Heppach, volunteered to accompany a four man engineer patrol which was assigned the mission of reconnoitering a bridge across the Rems River, directly in the line of attack. Moving forward approximately two miles in the van of the leading rifle companies, Private Darserau and his companions reached the bridge. Finding the span ready for demolition, they calmly removed four five hundred pound bombs under heavy enemy mortar and small arms fire. Then, pushing into Gross Heppach, they captured the town and took seven prisoners. The gallantry and courage displayed by Private Darserau is in keeping with the highest traditions of the Army of the United States. Entered military service from Belmont, Massachusetts.

VINCENT C. TIERNEY, 12193521, Private, 325th Engineer Combat Battalion, for heroic achievement in action on 21 April 1945, in the vicinity of Gross Heppach, Germany. Private Tierney, attached to a task force advancing on Gross Heppach, volunteered to accompany a four man engineer patrol which was assigned the mission of reconnoitering a bridge across the Rems River, directly in the line of attack. Moving forward approximately two miles in the van of the leading rifle companies, Private Tierney and his companions reached the bridge. Finding the span ready for demolition, they calmly removed four five hundred pound bombs under heavy enemy mortar and small arms fire. Then, pushing into Gross Heppach, they captured the town and took seven prisoners. The gallantry and courage displayed by Private Tierney is in keeping with the highest traditions of the Army of the United States. Entered military service from Ossining, New York.

RAYMOND C. KEFLEY, 0370161, Major, General Staff Corps, Headquarters 100th Infantry Division, for meritorious service in support of combat operations during the period 1 November 1944 to 17 March 1945, in Eastern France. Entered military service from Rockford, Illinois.

GABRIEL J. JULIAN, 42105567, Chief Warrant Officer, 100th Infantry Division Band, for meritorious service during the period 1 November 1944 to 8 Nov 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from East Orange, New Jersey.

SECTION III -- AWARD OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO PURPLE HEART

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

Award of First Oak Leaf Cluster

GEORGE W. WIERITT, 01302286, First Lieutenant, 399th Infantry Regiment, 12 April 1945. Entered military service from Alexandria, Virginia.
 ISRAEL SACKS, 02006977, Second Lieutenant, 397th Infantry Regiment, 15 December 1944. Entered military service from Brooklyn, New York.
 JOHN T. YOUNG, 02025614, Second Lieutenant, Headquarters Special Troops, 7 April 1945. Entered military service from Harberth, Pennsylvania.
 LEONARD L. S. THOMAS, 38269584, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment, 28 January 1945. Entered military service from Waco, Texas.

Award of Second Oak Leaf Cluster

ROBERT W. URDAHL, 32817353, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment, 21 April 1945. Entered military service from Brooklyn, New York.

SECTION IV -- AWARD OF PURPLE HEART

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

RICHARD G. YOUNG, 0407475, Captain, 399th Infantry Regiment, 15 November 1944. Entered military service from Watertown, Connecticut.
 DONALD T. FLETCHER, 0403633, First Lieutenant, 399th Infantry Regiment, 10 December 1944. Entered military service from Flint, Michigan.
 JAMES S. LANGRIDGE, 6297758, Technical Sergeant, 399th Infantry Regiment, 8 December 1944. Entered military service from Corpus Christi, Texas.
 JOSEPH H. GREER, 34571939, Technical Sergeant, 399th Infantry Regiment, 18 April 1945. Entered military service from Scrain, Georgia.
 WARRICK K. THOMAS, 33000822, Staff Sergeant, 399th Infantry Regiment, 20 April 1945. Entered military service from Forrest Hill, Maryland.
 JOHN A. CROWLEY, 32483876, Staff Sergeant, 398th Infantry Regiment, 6 April 1945. Entered military service from Millville, New Jersey.
 RUSSELL L. SEFING, 33828045, Staff Sergeant, 399th Infantry Regiment, 21 April 1945. Entered military service from Bethlehem, Pennsylvania.
 PASCAL A. PIROMTI, 32574517, Technician Third Grade, 398th Infantry Regiment, 11 March 1945. Entered military service from Newark, New Jersey.
 LAURITON E. ADDRESS, 32075464, Sergeant, 398th Infantry Regiment, 4 December 1944. Entered military service from West Chester, Pennsylvania.
 CECIL L. CLAYFORD, 39053520, Sergeant, 397th Infantry Regiment, 10 April 1945. Entered military service from Fetaluma, California.
 ROBERT A. ZEMAN, 36311455, Sergeant, 398th Infantry Regiment, 20 November 1944. Entered military service from Cicero, Illinois.
 JOHN E. STONIA, JR., 32859158, Sergeant, 397th Infantry Regiment, 7 April 1945. Entered military service from Albany, New York.
 HOWARD H. BRANKLIN, 35553043, Sergeant, 399th Infantry Regiment, 18 April 1945. Entered military service from Grenger, Indiana.
 CLARENCE W. DEAN, 33122361, Corporal, 399th Infantry Regiment, 18 April 1945. Entered military service from Frederick Hall, Virginia.
 KENNETH H. OSOREIM, 37597739, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment, 28 March 1945. Entered military service from Cando, North Dakota.
 EDWARD W. VOLZ, 32955354, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment, 18 April 1945. Entered military service from Westmont, New Jersey.
 WILLIAM D. SPENCER, 37480676, Private First Class, Medical Detachment, 399th Infantry Regiment, 18 April 1945. Entered military service from Lynch, Nebraska.
 JAMES L. HARTER, 35833392, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment, 10 December 1944. Entered military service from Martinsville, Indiana.
 CHARLES G. JIMIKIAN, 31320694, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, 17 November 1944. Entered military service from Watertown, Massachusetts.
 WILLIAM G. HARTER, 35983076, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment, 24 March 1945. Entered military service from Milwaukee, Wisconsin.
 DAVID H. SPRATT, 33793891, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment, 14 April 1945. Entered military service from Oxford, Pennsylvania.
 SPERDIAU E. WEIL, 35873341, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment, 14 April 1945. Entered military service from Dayton, Ohio.

RALPH O. WEBSTER, 30587132, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment, 16 April 1945. Entered military service from Muleshoe, Texas.

WALTER A. WATMUFF, 33809889, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment, 14 April 1945. Entered military service from Prospect Park, Pennsylvania.

LOTTIE JACKSON, 38283401, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment, 13 April 1945. Entered military service from Osceola, Arkansas.

ALLEN T. DONDY, 37749090, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment, 13 April 1945. Entered military service from Halltown, Missouri.

LAIRD W. PETERS, 33925232, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment, 16 April 1945. Entered military service from Kittanning, Pennsylvania.

VICTOR D. STAHL, 35834315, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, 14 April 1945. Entered military service from Browns City, Michigan.

KENNETH G. REAMEY, 30628431, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, 2 December 1944. Entered military service from Norfolk, Virginia.

ETHEL MCICITE, 39718389, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, 19 November 1944. Entered military service from Warren, Ohio.

VIRGIL H. DREZINSKI, 33996288, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment, 15 March 1945. Entered military service from Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Lewis SUTCLAIR, 35055210, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment, 4 January 1945. Entered military service from Nettleton, Pennsylvania.

WORTH H. THOMPSON, 35847145, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment, 17 April 1945. Entered military service from Cove Point, Maryland.

MARVIN E. SMIT, 37697771, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment, 5 April 1945. Entered military service from Maurice, Iowa.

EDGAR H. VICKERS, 34795723, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment, 7 December 1944. Entered military service from Miami, Florida.

MARK A. MEGGA, 16157675, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment, 20 November 1944. Entered military service from Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

JOHN P. MCGLISH, JR., 11133236, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment, 18 April 1945. Entered military service from Stoneham, Massachusetts.

CHARLES R. BENDA, 36564534, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment, 18 April 1945. Entered military service from Owendale, Michigan.

LEO R. GREENE, 36980101, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment, 21 April 1945. Entered military service from Pabbitt, Minnesota.

ROY D. SEES, 35796063, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment, 21 April 1945. Entered military service from Lebanon, Ohio.

JOSEPH E. BYRAM, 39841679, Private First Class, Medical Detachment, 399th Infantry Regiment, 21 April 1945. Entered military service from Nyssa, Oregon.

WILSON E. GIBBS, 35908129, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, 7 April 1945. Entered military service from Shoals, Indiana.

EDWARD E. DALVERNY, 33102571, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, 2 April 1945. Entered military service from Morgan, Pennsylvania.

JAMES J. MORAN, 33052040, Private, 399th Infantry Regiment, 20 April 1945. Entered military service from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

SECTION V -- AMENDMENT OF AWARD OF PURPLE HEART

So much of General Orders Number 114, this headquarters, current series, awarding Private First Class RUSSELL W. NORMAN, 33674388, 398th Infantry Regiment, a Purple Heart, as reads: "11 April 1945", is amended to read: 28 April 1945.

SECTION VI -- RESCISSION OF AWARD OF PURPLE HEART

So much of Section IV, General Orders Number 76, this headquarters, current series, as awards a Purple Heart to Staff Sergeant WILLIAM TROSTLE, JR., 35544386, 399th Infantry Regiment, is rescinded.

SECTION VII -- AWARD OF MERITORIOUS SERVICE UNIT PLAQUE

By direction of the President, and under the provisions of Section I, Circular Number 345, War Department, 23 August 1944, the Meritorious Service Unit Plaque is awarded to Regimental Headquarters, 399th Infantry Regiment, for superior performance of duty and the achievement of a high standard of discipline during the period from 1 November 1944 to 8 May 1945.

By direction of the President, and under the provisions of Section I, Circular Number 345, War Department, 23 August 1944, the Meritorious Service Unit Plaque is awarded to Military Police Platoon, 100th Infantry Division, for superior performance of duty and the achievement of a high standard of discipline during the period 1 November 1944 to 8 May 1945.

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Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, the First Oak Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following named individual:

WILLIAM L. OREL, 32482146, Technical Sergeant, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 15 March 1945, in the vicinity of Bitch, France. When his platoon leader was wounded in an assault on a Maginot Line fortress, Sergeant Orel assumed command. Realizing that a frontal attack would result in heavy casualties, he ordered two squads to fire into the openings in the sides of the pillbox while he led a third squad in a flanking movement. He courageously probed a path through concealed mines and traps, reached the structure and threw several hand grenades into the small openings. The surprised enemy gunners left their positions for a lower floor and were immediately captured by Sergeant Orel and his men, thereby neutralizing the fortress and speeding the advance of our forces. Entered military service from Trenton, New Jersey.

SECTION II -- AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded to each of the following named individuals:

JAMES M. CHANEY, 38119449, Staff Sergeant, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 18 April 1945, in the vicinity of Sittenhardt, Germany. While advancing with the leading elements of their company, Sergeant Chaney's light machine gun section suddenly drew fire from a numerically superior enemy force. Unable to locate the foe's exact position, Sergeant Chaney crawled forward alone to reconnoiter the area and by deliberately exposing himself to the enemy drew their fire and thus determined their exact location. He then returned to his comrades and directed a deadly volume of fire into the hostile emplacements, forcing the enemy to withdraw. By his heroic action he enabled his company to continue its advance with a minimum of delay and rout the hostile force without suffering a single casualty. Entered military service from Dallas, Texas.

JOHN W. WALSH, 13200331, Staff Sergeant, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 7 February 1945, in the vicinity of Goetzenbruck, France. While installing barbed wire in front of their company's position, Sergeant Walsh, a squad leader, and his men were suddenly subjected to intense hostile mortar shelling which wounded him and three others. Although suffering severe pain, Sergeant Walsh directed the completion of the mission and assisted in the evacuation of his three injured comrades before submitting to medical care himself. By his outstanding courage and determination, Sergeant Walsh was instrumental in strengthening his company's front line positions and at the same time won the greatest respect and admiration of his squad by his zealous concern for its injured members. Entered military service from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

THOMAS J. MCPHERSON, JR., 32597107, Technician Fifth Grade, 397th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from Hackensack, New Jersey.

ROBERT N. FINKERTON, 35414882, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from Springfield, Ohio.

For heroic achievement in action on 11 April 1945, in the vicinity of Heilbronn, Germany. While these two men were attempting to establish wire communications to one of the battalions, enemy rocket fire, which fell in the area continuously, seriously wounded Private Finkerton and severed the wire lines. Corporal McPherson immediately helped evacuate his injured comrade and then unhesitatingly continued on his mission, repairing the breaks and establishing the vital contact. The commendable devotion to duty displayed by these men reflect great credit upon themselves and the Army of the United States.

CRAWFORD H. BAILEY, 34327585, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 14 April 1945, in the vicinity of Willsbach, Germany. While his platoon was advancing south of Willsbach, Private Bailey, a rifleman in the lead squad, observed a German machine gun position. He immediately motioned the squad to assume a defilade position and then moved forward himself to within a short distance of the enemy position and from an exposed point, called out to the enemy to surrender. After a few minutes deliberation the Germans capitulated. As a result of his heroic action, Private Bailey permitted his platoon to continue the advance without a fire fight and without casualties. Entered military service from Cowan, Tennessee.

THEODORE E. BUNDEY, 33947968, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action during the period 8 April 1945 to 9 April 1945, in the vicinity of Heilbronn, Germany. During the bitter fighting for Heilbronn, Private Bunday voluntarily carried water, food and ammunition for two consecutive days across the fire-swept Neckar River to the foremost rifle companies. At great personal risk he made several trips daily in small assault boats continually fired upon by hostile artillery, rocket, mortar and small arms weapons. On one occasion after crossing the river he advanced toward his objective under heavy sniper fire and upon observing a wounded comrade, ran to his assistance and in full view of the enemy, carried the injured man to safety. His heroic and outstanding performance earned the respect and admiration of his entire company. Entered military service from Allegheny, Pennsylvania.

VICTOR E. BURGEY, 35223886, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from Jacobsburg, Ohio.

CECIL E. MOSS, 38700127, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from Tulsa, Oklahoma.

For heroic achievement in action on 10 April 1945, in the vicinity of Heilbronn, Germany. During bitter house-to-house fighting in the city of Heilbronn, machine gun fire which spanned an open street halted the advance of the squad of which these two men were members. Volunteering to cross the street and provide covering fire for their comrades, Privates Burgey and Moss succeeded in reaching buildings on the other side and, searching each structure, captured eleven hostile soldiers, then delivered effective covering fire which enabled the remainder of the squad to safely cross the open area. Their courageous action made possible the accomplishment of the mission without casualty to our forces.

NEIL O. CONNELLY, 12226420, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 20 April 1945, in the vicinity of Backnang, Germany. When his rifle company encountered stiff resistance from an enemy antitank emplacement during a night approach march, Private Connelly, attached to the leading platoon as an interpreter, moved forward alone under intense fire to reconnoiter the area. Upon observing hostile riflemen crossing his left flank he quickly reported the situation to his platoon leader and then delivered accurate rifle fire into the hostile ranks, greatly aiding his comrades in stemming the invader's attack. At the height of the fight when three companions were wounded by enemy shell fire he courageously exposed himself to sniper fire to render them first aid. His initiative and aggressiveness throughout served as an inspiration to his comrades and was instrumental in repulsing the enemy attempts to infiltrate our positions. Entered military service from Maybrook, New York.

DORAF A. LOFTON, 35248155, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 8 April 1945, in the vicinity of Jagstfeld, Germany. While his platoon was engaged in bitter street fighting for the city of Jagstfeld, Private Lofton's squad was subjected to intense sniper fire. Upon observing the lone enemy rifleman's position, Private Lofton ran from house to house, across a fire-swept street, and succeeded in reaching a point from where he engaged the sniper in a fire fight. His accurate marksmanship enabled him to kill the enemy, thereby allowing his comrades to continue their advance more rapidly. Entered military service from Shelburn, Indiana.

DALE C. TORLE, 35737806, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from Elwood, Indiana.

PAUL POLOCHAK, 33417919, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from McDonald, Pennsylvania.

WILLIAM H. RADLIFF, 32945827, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from Troy, New York.

For heroic achievement in action on 9 April 1945, in the vicinity of Heilbronn, Germany. When their company was halted in its advance through the bitterly-defended city by intense enemy fire from a strongly-entrenched hostile force, these three

men, members of a machine gun crew, proceeded with utter disregard for their safety to set up their weapon on the top floor of a factory building. Although the building was hit repeatedly by direct enemy artillery fire, it presented the best position from which to direct covering fire for the company's withdrawal, and the three men remained stubbornly at their spot. The unswerving devotion to duty and intrepid zeal displayed by these three men reflect great credit upon themselves and the military service.

✓ CHARLES E. WILLIAMS, 35769492, Private First Class 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 17 April 1945, in the vicinity of Huberg, Germany. While advancing on the village of Huberg, Private Williams and other members of his squad lost contact with the main body of their company and became immobilized by intense enemy fire. Realizing they were greatly outnumbered and in danger of being surrounded, Private Williams voluntarily set forth to locate the company command post and although he was continually moving under hostile shelling he succeeded in achieving his objective. He, then, led two tanks forward and with this added support he and his comrades were able to overrun the enemy positions and continue the advance. Entered military service from Wylam, Alabama.

HUGH T. PARIS, 0377239, Major, Headquarters 100th Infantry Division, for meritorious service in support of combat operations during the period 8 November 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from South Gate, California.

SECTION III -- AWARD OF PURPLE HEART

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

EDWARD A. SILK, 01310890, First Lieutenant, 398th Infantry Regiment, 1 March 1945. Entered military service from Johnstown, Pennsylvania.

CHARLES J. TODD, 32482681, Technician Fifth Grade, 399th Infantry Regiment, 25 February 1945. Entered military service from Oaklyn, New Jersey.

✓ HERMAN J. GOLDMAN, 42126943, Private, 398th Infantry Regiment, 31 January 1945. Entered military service from Brooklyn, New York.

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Posthumous Award of Bronze Star Medal..... I
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SECTION I -- POSTHUMOUS AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Bronze Star Medal is posthumously awarded to each of the following named individuals:

JONATHAN G. IZANT, 02010529, Second Lieutenant, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 18 April 1945, in the vicinity of Backnang, Germany. While advancing on the battalion objective, Lieutenant Izant's platoon was immobilized by enemy machine gun and sniper fire. Moving up to the lead squad, he personally maneuvered it into a position from which it could furnish covering fire for the rest of the platoon. He then returned to the main body of the platoon, and while the lead squad kept the enemy pinned down, he led his men forward in so brilliant a maneuver that the enemy positions were overrun without his platoon suffering a single casualty. In the subsequent enemy concentrations of mortar and bazooka fire, Lieutenant Izant was mortally wounded. By his excellent and courageous leadership, his skill and religious devotion to duty, Lieutenant Izant was directly responsible for the success of the platoon's mission. Next of kin: Robert J. Izant (Father), Hudson, Ohio.

HENRY W. WACHTER, 32232239, Staff Sergeant, 398th Infantry Regiment, Next of kin: Jeanette Wachter (Sister), 80 Winthrop Street, Brooklyn, New York.

ALBERT R. MORGAN, 19028191, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment. Next of kin: Louise Morgan (Mother), 220 Tyler Street, Taft, California.

LLOYD T. WORTMAN, 34893266, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment. Next of kin: Pransy M. Wortman (Wife), Casar, North Carolina.

For heroic achievement in action on 10 November 1944, in the vicinity of Etival, France. During an attack across an open field these men were separated from their company at the height of hostile mortar and artillery shelling. On their own initiative, they made their way forward to a small knoll, set up an automatic rifle and prepared to render their company flank protection should the hostile forces counter-attack. The enemy, upon sighting their position, directed heavy concentrations of mortar and artillery shells at them, but the three men determinedly held the knoll. Finally, in the midst of the intense shelling, all three were mortally wounded. By their heroic and intrepid action, these men reflect great credit upon themselves and the military service.

SECTION II -- AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded to each of the following named individuals:

CHARLES M. RITTER, 01053318, First Lieutenant, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 6 April 1945, in the vicinity of Heilbronn, Germany. When several enemy strongpoints were menacing the advance of his company, Lieutenant Ritter, disregarding his own safety, went forward to make a personal reconnaissance. Locating the enemy positions, he returned to his platoon despite heavy artillery fire, and reported his findings. Then, directing accurate fire on the enemy troops, he succeeded in wiping out all the enemy, permitting our troops to continue their advance. The personal heroism and unflinching devotion to duty displayed by Lieutenant Ritter reflect great credit upon himself and the Army of the United States. Entered military service from Bethlehem, Pennsylvania.

GUTHRIE J. SMITH, 02006383, Second Lieutenant (then Sergeant), 100th CIC Detachment, for heroic achievement in action on 2 January 1945, in the vicinity of Lemberg, France. Despite the fact that the town was under terrific enemy artillery and mortar fire, Lieutenant Smith volunteered to enter Lemberg, France, in order to apprehend three counter-intelligence suspects held at the local gendarmerie. Shelled and strafed enroute, and in spite of the exceptionally heavy concentrations of enemy fire being focused on the building which held the suspects, he went on and completed the mission. Upon interrogation, two of the suspects were revealed as Gestapo

operators. By his determination, aggressiveness and heroic devotion to duty, Lieutenant Smith succeeded in eliminating the source of potential danger to our forces' efforts. Entered military service from Fayette, Alabama.

LOUIS T. BRANNON, 36440539, Technical Sergeant, 100th CIC Detachment, for heroic achievement in action on 8 April 1945, in the vicinity of Heilbronn, Germany. When the struggle for Heilbronn was in its most savage stages, Sergeant Brannon, on his own initiative, volunteered to enter the city and apprehend the leader of the Hitler Jugend organization. In spite of the incessant enemy artillery fire, he crossed the Neckar River on a foot bridge, proceeded through the gutted and fire-swept streets, and apprehended the suspect as he attempted to escape into the German-held portion of the city. Upon interrogation, valuable information was secured which was of great value to units on both flanks of the Division. Sergeant Brannon's daring action and unflinching devotion to duty lessened the sabotage of vital installations, and won for him a commendation from higher headquarters. Entered military service from Scott Field, Illinois.

HENRY SWARZSCHILD, 42062874, Sergeant, 100th CIC Detachment, for heroic achievement in action on 2 January 1945, in the vicinity of Lemberg, France. Despite the fact that the town was under terrific enemy artillery and mortar fire, Sergeant Swarzschild volunteered to enter Lemberg, France, in order to apprehend three counter-intelligence suspects held at the local gendarmerie. Shelled and strafed enroute and in spite of the exceptionally heavy concentrations of enemy fire being focused on the building which held the suspects, he went in and completed the mission. Upon interrogation, two of the suspects were revealed as Gestapo operators. By his determination, aggressiveness and heroic devotion to duty, Sergeant Swarzschild succeeded in eliminating the source of potential danger to our forces' efforts. Entered military service from New York, New York.

ERNEST W. MYERS, 33622644, Private First Class, Medical Detachment, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 7 April 1945, in the vicinity of Heilbronn, Germany. When the leading platoon in an advance on strongly-defended enemy positions became immobilized by intense artillery and mortar fire which inflicted severe casualties, Private Myers, a litter bearer, unhesitatingly advanced into the field of fire to evacuate the wounded. While attempting to reach a seriously wounded comrade, he was fired on repeatedly by enemy machine gunners and forced to take cover in a shallow trench. Despite the extreme danger, he refused to abandon his efforts and eventually succeeded in evacuating the casualty to safety. By his courageous and untiring efforts, Private Myers saved the lives of many men, and is a credit to the Army Medical Corps. Entered military service from Quakertown, Pennsylvania.

MARVIN F. ATCHISON, 44037004, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from Townan, Georgia.

ROGER L. POLLOCK, 42098838, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from Palmyra, New York.

For heroic achievement in action on 8 April 1945, in the vicinity of Heilbronn, Germany. During the bitter street fighting for the city of Heilbronn, the squad of which these men were members was forced to take cover from hostile machine gun fire, and it was discovered that the lead scout was missing. Upon their own initiative, Privates Atchison and Pollock attempted to locate the missing soldier and found that he had been wounded and had fallen in an exposed position. Disregarding the intense enemy fire, they courageously made their way to the casualty and evacuated him to a place of safety, thus by their courageous action saving the life of a comrade who would otherwise have succumbed to his wounds or enemy action.

THOMAS J. CONFOR, 01060604, First Lieutenant, 100th CIC Detachment, for meritorious service in support of combat operations during the period 8 November 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Chinnowa Falls, Wisconsin.

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SECTION I -- AWARD OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO BRONZE STAR MEDAL

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, the First Oak Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal, is awarded to the following named individual:

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~~FRANCIS J. FUNARO, 0366357, Major, 389th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 15 March 1945, in the vicinity of Bitche, France. During the attack when it became impossible to evacuate casualties, replenish ammunition, and advance our tank forces, Major Funaro, battalion executive officer, supervised the clearing of several road blocks and then led a mine sweeping squad into the city. When a volley of hostile small arms fire killed the squad leader, Major Funaro took two men and proceeded to clear the town house by house. By his courageous action and devoted leadership, Major Funaro was directly responsible for clearing the town, taking fifteen prisoners, and opening a route for the evacuation of casualties, the supply of ammunition, and the advance of our tanks. Entered military service from Macon, Georgia.~~

SECTION II -- POSTHUMOUS AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Bronze Star Medal is posthumously awarded to each of the following named individuals:

OSCAR THOMPSON, 32648474, Staff Sergeant, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 7 April 1945, in the vicinity of Odheim, Germany. During the attack upon well-manned fortifications near Willenbach Farms, the personal daring, aggressiveness and courage displayed by Sergeant Thompson were of salient importance in the successful completion of the operation. As a squad leader in a rifle company, he fearlessly led his men forward in the face of withering enemy automatic weapons and small arms fire, knocking out several enemy strongpoints. Personally setting the example, he repeatedly rose to lead the attacks, and on one such occasion, while charging a machine gun nest, was hit and killed. Sergeant Thompson's marked devotion to duty embodied in the sacrifice of his life is in keeping with the greatest traditions of the Army of the United States. Next of kin: Asgjord Thompson (Mother) 590 West 190th Street, New York, New York.

RAYMOND F. ZEHNER, 12008399, Staff Sergeant, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 7 April 1945, in the vicinity of Odheim, Germany. During the attack near Willenbach Farms, the personal daring, aggressiveness and courage displayed by Sergeant Zehner contributed immeasurably to the success of the operation. Acting as platoon leader, he fearlessly led his men forward in the face of withering enemy automatic weapons and small arms fire, knocking out several enemy strongpoints which had been holding up our advance. Later, while personally leading an attack against other groups of enemy resistance, he was mortally wounded by small arms fire. Sergeant Zehner's marked devotion to duty embodied in the sacrifice of his life is in keeping with the greatest traditions of the Army of the United States. Next of kin: Evelyn Zehner (Wife), 612 Northwest Lothron Avenue, Savannah, Georgia.

SECTION III -- AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded to each of the following named individuals:

FRANK MANGIARACINA, 32380505, Technical Sergeant (then Staff Sergeant), 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 14 April 1945, in the vicinity of Wilsbach, Germany. After clearing the town of Wilsbach and advancing several hundred yards beyond, the company of which Sergeant Mangiaracina was a member was halted by an enemy force of platoon size supported by four machine guns. When all attempts to outflank or otherwise neutralize the enemy positions failed, Sergeant Mangiaracina, in the absence of both platoon leader and platoon sergeant, personally

led the platoon in a frontal assault on the enemy. Skillfully deploying his men, he audaciously led them in the charge and, using rifle and hand grenades with great effort, succeeded in overrunning the hostile positions. Under Sergeant Mangiaracina's brilliant and inspired leadership, his platoon took the ground while suffering only one casualty, destroyed all four machine guns, and captured twenty-seven enemy soldiers. Entered military service from Middle Village, New York.

ALFRED J. KOWAK, 31470219, Staff Sergeant, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 9 April 1945, in the vicinity of Heilbronn, Germany. When Sergeant Kowak's squad was assigned the mission of clearing a large building in Heilbronn, he first drew fire to ascertain the positions of an enemy automatic weapon and panzerfaust. He then deployed his squad in a position to afford covering fire and advanced alone towards the structure. Although subjected to direct enemy fire he succeeded with rifle fire and hand grenades in killing three enemy and wounding several others. His heroic action eliminated a hostile stronghold without any casualties to our forces. Entered military service from Revere, Massachusetts.

ROBERT T. RYAN'S, 34148114, Staff Sergeant, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 8 April 1945, in the vicinity of Odheim, Germany. Preparatory to making an attack on Odheim, a daylight patrol was sent out to make a reconnaissance of the area near Willenbach Farms. Meeting heavy resistance, the patrol returned, leaving a wounded man behind. Upon learning that a comrade lay wounded and helpless, Sergeant Ryans, upon his own volition, immediately started out to rescue the casualty. Despite the savage rifle and automatic weapons fire being directed at him, he ran three hundred yards to where the injured man lay, picked him up, and carried him through the deadly fire to the safety of our own lines. The gallantry and unselfishness of Sergeant Ryans' action saved the life of a wounded man, and is in keeping with the highest traditions of the Army of the United States. Entered military service from Rockwood, Tennessee.

CHARLIE G. TAYLOR, 38135728, Staff Sergeant, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 5 March 1945, in the vicinity of Dolenbach, France. While leading a night patrol, Sergeant Taylor and his men were caught in the deadly cross-fire of enemy machine gun and small arms. After skillfully deploying his men, Sergeant Taylor crawled forward in the face of withering enemy machine gun fire until he was within a few yards of the hostile positions. Although lying exposed in his flank position, he then delivered a volley of fire so accurate and effective that the enemy force was distracted and the remainder of his men were able to move into position and neutralize the foe. The brilliant leadership, exceptional courage and devotion to duty displayed by Sergeant Taylor enabled the mission to be completed, and won the respect and admiration of all the men under his command. Entered military service from Sweetwater, Texas.

DOYLE E. LASITER, 38692455, Sergeant (then Private First Class), 397th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from Wewoka, Oklahoma.

JOSEPH E. KRISNAK, 36950901, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from Muskegon Heights, Michigan.

For heroic achievement in action on 1 December 1944, in the vicinity of Wimmensau, France. Due to rough terrain and incessant artillery fire while our forces were attacking for strategical ground in the vicinity of Wimmensau, it was rendered exceedingly difficult and hazardous to obtain rations and ammunition by vehicles. These men, both company runners, volunteered to act as guides and as members of a carrying party and although it was necessary to make numerous trips under constant hostile shell fire and occasional sniper fire, they successfully completed the missions. Their laudable efforts enabled our forces to avert the attack without delay and achieve the objective in a minimum of time.

WILLIE J. MULLENS, 38487495, Technician Fourth Grade, Medical Detachment, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 6 April 1945, in the vicinity of Jagstfeld, Germany. When a rifle company was subjected to intense enemy mortar and small arms fire, Sergeant Mullens, upon hearing a soldier's call for help, left his position of comparative safety and made his way forward over exposed and fire-swept terrain. Disregarding his own personal safety, he succeeded in reaching the outmost position and immediately rendered first aid, saving the wounded man's life. Sergeant Mullens then bodily carried the man back over the same heavily-shelled route until he reached the company command post. His gallantry, aggressiveness and unflinching devotion to duty are in keeping with the finest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Colcasieu, Louisiana.

ANDREW J. BEALE, 42146547, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 6 April 1945, in the vicinity of Heilbronn, Germany. After his company had secured its objective following a sustained attack, and defensive positions were being prepared, Private Beale observed an enemy rifleman one hundred yards distant, about to throw a hand grenade into our ranks. He quickly fired at the foe forcing him to take cover and then aggressively advanced toward the German's position. When within a few feet he discovered he was without rifle ammunition but quickly taking a hand grenade from his person he hurled it into the enemy's position and killed him. His initiative and alertness is within keeping of the finest military traditions. Entered military service from Fort Edward, New York.

DANNY H. FILLS, 18032687, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from Tulsa, Oklahoma.

RALPH E. WATSON, 31470216, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from Malden, Massachusetts.

For heroic achievement in action on 11 April 1945, in the vicinity of Odhain, Germany. When their company moved forward to contact a friendly unit these men, both machine gunners, observed movement in a building approximately one hundred yards distant. On their own initiative they approached the structure to investigate and upon finding an enemy guard in a doorway quickly and silently effected his capture. They then called loudly to those Germans inside to surrender under a threat of setting the building on fire. In a few seconds, twelve enemy emerged and surrendered. Inside the building, several rifles and other weapons were found and thus, by their heroic action, these men undoubtedly prevented numerous casualties among their comrades.

PRESTON G. DAVIS, 38699155, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 5 April 1945, in the vicinity of Heilbronn, Germany. After successfully beating back two hostile counterattacks in which the enemy lost approximately a platoon of men, our troops holding the high ground to the right front of the Neckar River bridgehead were attacked by a force of two hundred and fifty Germans. Holding a critical point in the defense line, Private Davis, an automatic rifleman, continued to man his weapon even after his assistant was wounded, and after exhausting all his ammunition, took up the fight with his comrade's carbine, inflicting severe casualties upon the enemy. Finally, when his carbine ammunition was also expended, Private Davis was compelled to surrender to the inclosing enemy, but not before his courageous stand aided his platoon in holding its ground. Private Davis was liberated by friendly troops in a subsequent engagement. Entered military service from Portales, New Mexico.

JAMES DI LORENZO, 28089459, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 29 December 1944, in the vicinity of Inwiller, France. When the night patrol of which he was a member encountered a numerically superior enemy force and became immobilized in a fierce fire fight, Private Di Lorenzo voluntarily set out for his company command post for aid. Although he was a target for enemy sniper and automatic weapons fire and observed by a hostile outpost from which mortar fire was directed at him, Private Di Lorenzo reached his destination. Then, although exhausted, he led the supporting force back to the scene of action where the enemy was subsequently routed. His achievement is representative of the finest military traditions. Entered military service from Rochester, New York.

STEVE A. LOMASCOLO, 42107952, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 17 March 1945, in the vicinity of Walschbronn, France. During the attack on Walschbronn, it became necessary for our forces to cross and capture a barren hill. In this mission the platoon of which Private Lomascolo was a member, became immobilized in heavy hostile crossfire and it was extremely hazardous to advance or fall back. Taking the initiative, Private Lomascolo crawled forward in the face of severe enemy sniper and automatic weapons fire, located the enemy position and then led part of his platoon to a vantage point from which direct fire neutralized the hostile emplacements. By his heroic action, Private Lomascolo permitted his platoon to move from a dangerous location and continue the attack. Entered military service from Rome, New York.

PAUL J. MALIC, 13132596, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 9 April 1945, in the vicinity of Heilbronn, Germany. When his platoon, establishing a bridgehead across a railway, was immobilized by intense enemy fire, and several casualties resulted, Private Malic, a mortarman, volunteered to move forward and assist in evacuating them, despite the heavy hostile artillery, mortar and automatic weapons fire. Then, when informed a seriously

wounded men lay a few yards from an enemy machine gun nest, he courageously crawled to the location, administered first aid and painstakingly returned with him under searching machine gun fire, to friendly lines. His audacious performance is within keeping of the finest military traditions. Entered military service from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

LAWRENCE P. MC GONIGLE, 33174056, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

EDWARD T. UEA, 36453332, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from Jackson, Michigan.

For heroic achievement in action on 22 March 1945, in the vicinity of Kleinsteinhausen, Germany. During their company's night march to Kleinsteinhausen, severe enemy sniper and machine gun fire was encountered. Realizing that this resistance would delay tactical plans, these men voluntarily crept forward into the hostile fire until they obtained a vantage point and then directed a steady volume of small arms fire into the enemy position. The suddenness of their action and accurate fire resulted in the death of the German gunner and the surrender of the remaining enemy. Thus, by their heroic action, their company was able to resume the advance with a minimum loss of time.

WILLIAM J. MOISAN, JR., 31376106, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment. For heroic achievement in action on 24 December 1944, in the vicinity of Tottviller, France. As member of a three-man patrol whose mission was to establish contact with a left flank unit, Private Moisan volunteered to lead the group to a pre-arranged rendezvous. After advancing more than two hundred yards, the little group ran into a hostile ambush and was immobilized by intense machine gun fire. Ordering his comrades to withdraw, Private Moisan crawled forward until he reached a point from where he could observe the enemy gunners, and then engaged the hostile troops with his own rifle. His accurate fire succeeded in killing one of the enemy, completely disorganizing the others, and enabling his comrades to withdraw safely and ultimately complete their mission. Entered military service from Newton, New Hampshire.

NORMAN G. WILBUR, 39476925, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 5 April 1945, in the vicinity of Heilbronn, Germany. While his company was in the process of clearing the enemy from a large grain elevator, Private Wilbur heard noises in the basement of the building. Deciding to investigate, he peered through the window and noticed five enemy riflemen advancing up a stairway toward the room housing the men of his platoon. Without hesitation, and with utter disregard for his own safety, he confronted the enemy and managed to drive them back with rifle fire and hand grenades. By his personal daring and unflinching devotion to duty, Private Wilbur wounded two Germans, captured three others, and neutralized an enemy patrol that would have threatened the safety of his comrades. Entered military service from Castle Rock, Washington.

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- Award of Oak Leaf Cluster to Bronze Star Medal..... I
- Award of Bronze Star Medal..... II

SECTION I -- AWARD OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO BRONZE STAR MEDAL

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, the First Oak Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following named individual:

SAMUEL G. CAHOON, 02021398, Second Lieutenant (then Staff Sergeant), Medical Detachment, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 15 March 1945, in the vicinity of Bitche, France. During the fierce fighting for numerous Maginot Line strongpoints, Lieutenant Cahoon, who was in charge of a forward aid station, voluntarily made his way to the company command post to direct the evacuation of wounded comrades. When informed that hostile shell fire rendered the removal of casualties from the leading platoon an exceedingly difficult task, he unhesitatingly crawled forward to the fire-swept area fully exposed to nearby enemy machine gunners and moved from one casualty to another, administering first aid and preparing them for evacuation. By his heroic action in the face of direct hostile fire, he was responsible for saving several lives and for making possible the subsequent successful evacuation of the injured. Entered military service from Newark, New Jersey.

SECTION II -- AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded to each of the following named individuals:

CARROLL G. ENGLEMAN, 35138453, Staff Sergeant, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 24 April 1945, in the vicinity of Spiegelberg, Germany. When our forces launched a night attack against heavily fortified enemy positions, Sergeant Engleman voluntarily entered unknown territory to reconnoiter a route for supply vehicles. He accomplished this mission but while returning to the battalion command post was fired upon by several hostile weapons. He immediately engaged the enemy in a fire fight, wounded a machine gunner and captured the assistant gunner. He returned to the command post with his prisoner and then led the convoy over the newly established route. His audacious action is within keeping of the finest military traditions. Entered military service from San Francisco, California.

WILLIAM LITTLEFIELD, 11136327, Staff Sergeant (then Private First Class), 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 8 December 1944, in the vicinity of Lemberg, France. When his platoon was assigned the task of clearing several enemy from a wooded area, Sergeant Littlefield assumed a protective position on the right flank. While thus guarding the advance of his comrades he observed three automatic weapons emplacements and immediately began to crawl toward them. When he reached a vantage point he opened fire with his rifle and killed at least three enemy, wounded numerous others and forced the remainder to flee from their weapons. By his intrepid action, Sergeant Littlefield greatly facilitated his platoon's mission. Entered military service from Johnston, Rhode Island.

ADOLPH G. SABATTIS, 32099756, Staff Sergeant, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 7 April 1945, in the vicinity of Heilbronn, Germany. Assigned the mission of protecting an exposed company flank, Sergeant Sabattis led his platoon through a wooded area where they were halted at a clearing by automatic weapons fire. Skillfully deploying his men, Sergeant Sabattis began a search for the hostile gun. Noting the position when the enemy resumed firing, he advanced alone against the enemy despite the fact that he was under perfect observation. His initiative, intrepidity and aggressiveness so startled the enemy gunners that they surrendered, enabling Sergeant Sabattis' position to continue with their mission. Entered military service from Olmstedville, New York.

LOREN D. LUKHART, 39927524, Sergeant, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 20 April 1945, in the vicinity of Backnang, Germany. Sergeant Lukhart, a squad leader in a rifle platoon was advancing with his squad

through the streets of Fachmang, Germany, when several of his men were immobilized by hostile automatic weapons fire. Persisting in his advance, Sergeant Lu'ehart and other members of his squad, stormed the enemy position. Despite a wound which he sustained during the ensuing fire fight, Sergeant Lu'ehart refused to be evacuated and remained with his men until the enemy strong point was neutralized. The courage and devotion to duty displayed by this sergeant enabled his platoon to continue their advance without undue delay and capture their objective. Entered military service from Fruitland, Idaho.

FRANK W. WOLAK, 12193287, Sergeant, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 8 April 1945, in the vicinity of Heilbronn, Germany. When three men from Sergeant Wolak's squad was wounded during the attack on Heilbronn, Germany, Sergeant Wolak left the comparative security of his position to search for medical aid. Heroically crossing open ground in the face of intense enemy fire, Sergeant Wolak persisted in his voluntary mission despite the fact that his rifle was shot from his hand by a sniper's bullet. Obtaining the services of an aid man, Sergeant Wolak returned to his men, but when the aid man became a casualty, Sergeant Wolak carried him to safety, dressed his wound and then taking the aid man's kit, dashed across open ground to dress the wounds and evacuate the other men. His heroism and initiative assisted in saving the lives of several of his comrades. Entered military service from New York, New York.

LUMER T. BURRUS, 34495207, Technician Fifth Grade, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 5 April 1945, in the vicinity of Heilbronn, Germany. When the squad of which Corporal Burrus was assistant leader, was fired upon by an enemy sniper, he immediately began to crawl toward the foe in a flanking movement. While thus engaged he was fired upon by a second sniper but with one accurate shot Corporal Burrus killed him. He then proceeded toward the first sniper, located and killed him in a short fire fight. His aggressive action enabled his comrades to continue the attack and achieve their objective in a minimum of time. Entered military service from White Plains, New York.

HAROLD V. DOTTL, 36251751, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 7 April 1945, in the vicinity of Odheim, Germany. Private Dottl, a scout, was advancing with his company in an attack over the crest of a hill when they came under intense enemy small arms and artillery fire. Although his assistant scout was killed by a sniper, Private Dottl pressed forward. Covering the enemy positions to his front with his rifle, he succeeded in forcing them to take cover. Then, advancing through the hostile positions, he fired into each hole, killing an estimated eight Germans and leading his platoon to the enemy's secondary positions. His initiative and aggressiveness in cutting the enemy's defenses, enabled his platoon to advance without delay and probably saved a number of lives. Entered military service from Madison, Wisconsin.

THOMAS O. HAM, 34946476, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 20 February 1945, in the vicinity of Dolenbach, France. When a night patrol of which Private Ham was a member was immobilized by a superior enemy force which inflicted several casualties upon our men, Private Ham volunteered to return to the company command post for reinforcements. Heroically disregarding the intense enemy fire, and although he, himself, had been painfully wounded, he dauntlessly continued on his mission under direct enemy observation and successfully delivered his message. Private Ham's courage, initiative and devotion to duty enabled his patrol to withdraw without further casualties. Entered military service from Red Bay, Alabama.

ROBERT A. FENDERGAST, 37733317, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 6 April 1945, in the vicinity of Heilbronn, Germany. When his platoon was halted in their advance across a large, open area which was fiercely defended by the enemy, Private Fendergast, a BAR-man, was assigned the mission of affording covering fire while his companions attempted to resume their advance. In an effort to find a suitable position, Private Fendergast began crossing open ground despite the fact that his move made him a target for a concentration of fire. Then, reaching a shattered building, he opened fire on the enemy, continuing to support his comrades even after an artillery shell, exploding nearby, dazed him. His courageous and selfless action materially contributed to his platoon's success in achieving their objective. Entered military service from Plainview, Nebraska.

WILLIAM D. PIERCE, 35247542, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 4 December 1944, in the vicinity of Soucht, France. When Private Pierce's heavy machine gun section was ambushed by an enemy force near Soucht, France, and his squad leader was killed, Private Pierce courageously ran forward in the face of intense automatic weapons fire and assisted the gunner in emplacing their machine gun. Then, although two of his comrades had already been killed in the attempt, he crawled to the section's vehicle and procured several chests of ammunition for his gun. The singular heroism, devotion to duty and aggressiveness of Private Pierce enabled his section to deliver accurate and voluminous counterfire against the enemy and forced them to withdraw. Entered military service from Cleveland, Ohio.

DEAN M. YEAGER, 37639408, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 11 April 1945, in the vicinity of Odheim, Germany. Private Yeager, a rifleman, was acting as first scout for the right flank security of his company when he saw three Germans setting up a machine gun preparatory to engaging his company. Realizing the danger of the situation, Private Yeager, with laudable courage and aggressiveness, charged the enemy position, firing as he ran. His intrepid action so demoralized the enemy that they fled in disorder, leaving their weapons behind. The heroism and devotion to duty displayed by Private Yeager undoubtedly saved his company from suffering heavy casualties. Entered military service from Hartville, Missouri.

HARRY KLAAR, 0925848, First Lieutenant, 397th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations during the period 10 November 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Portland, Oregon.

MAX SILBERMAN, 35066874, Technician Third Grade, 397th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations during the period 10 November 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Cleveland, Ohio.

FREDERIC J. GRITWALD, 32798950, Technician Fifth Grade, 397th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations during the period 10 November 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from New York, New York.

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SECTION I -- POSTHUMOUS AWARD OF SILVER STAR

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Silver Star is posthumously awarded to the following named individual for gallantry in action:

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~~JONATHAN G. IZANT, 102910329, Second Lieutenant, 397th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 18 April 1945, in the vicinity of Becknang, Germany. While advancing on the battalion objective, Lieutenant Izant's platoon was immobilized by enemy machine gun and sniper fire. Moving up to the lead squad, he personally maneuvered it into a position from which it could furnish covering fire for the rest of the platoon. He then returned to the main body of the platoon, and while the lead squad kept the enemy pinned down, he led his men forward in so brilliant a maneuver that the enemy positions were overrun without his platoon suffering a single casualty. In the subsequent enemy concentrations of mortar and bazooka fire, Lieutenant Izant was mortally wounded. By his excellent and courageous leadership, his skill and religious devotion to duty, Lieutenant Izant was directly responsible for the success of the platoon's mission. Next of kin: Robert J Izant (Father), Hudson, Ohio.~~

SECTION II -- AWARD OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO BRONZE STAR MEDAL

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, the First Oak Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to each of the following named individuals:

LELAND F. SCARBOROUGH, 01309845, Captain, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 11 January 1945, in the vicinity of Guising, France. When an enemy self propelled weapon began to direct shell fire into our observation posts and front line positions, Captain Scarborough, commander of a cannon company, went forward to locate the hostile gun. Although his path was impeded by high snow drifts and he was in full view of the enemy and consequently a target for enemy fire, he pushed ahead to a vantage point from which he observed the self propelled weapon. He then returned to his observation post, directed accurate shell fire at the enemy weapon and neutralized it. Captain Scarborough's heroic action is representative of the finest military traditions. Entered military service from Minneapolis, Minnesota.

ROBERT E. LEE, 02025597, Second Lieutenant (then Technical Sergeant), 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 15 March 1945, in the vicinity of Bitche, France. While supporting the leading rifle company's advance on enemy-held Bitche, the heavy machine gun platoon under Lieutenant Lee's command was immobilized by intense enemy fire of all descriptions. Realizing that an enemy counter-attack was imminent, he moved from man to man, lending encouragement and organizing them into a strong defense line. While so engaged, he sighted one of his men, who had been seriously wounded and was suffering from shock, wandering aimlessly into a mine field. Disregarding his own safety, Lieutenant Lee ran towards the man and dragged him back to our positions. The magnificent courage and inspiring leadership displayed by Lieutenant Lee saved one man's life and enabled our forces to resist the subsequent enemy attack. Entered military service from Memphis, Tennessee.

NICHOLAS STALIKAS, 02000689, Second Lieutenant, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 10 April 1945 and 11 April 1945, in the vicinity of Jagstfeld, Germany. During bitter fighting for the city of Jagstfeld Lieutenant Stalikas directed the defense of a fortified farm house which served as an outpost for his company. For a period of two days and nights he led his men in repulsing

attack after attack, and although hostile forces succeeded in setting the building on fire with tracer ammunition on three separate occasions, he and his men drove back each assault with accurate grenade and rifle fire. When a concealed sniper wounded a member of the group, Lieutenant Stalikas deliberately exposed himself in order to draw fire which disclosed the position of the opposing rifleman, then killed the sniper with his carbine. His resolute and courageous conduct thus contributed significantly to the success of our operations and the eventual capture of the objective. Entered military service from New York, New York.

SECTION LII --- AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded to each of the following named individuals:

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~~FRANK J. SANTORA, 71472008, Technical Sergeant, 398th Infantry Regiment, for~~
heroic achievement in action on 8 April 1945, in the vicinity of Odheim, Germany. Observing a wounded man who lay exposed to enemy fire several hundred yards to his front, Sergeant Santora unhesitatingly left the comparative safety of his entrenchment to go to the assistance of the casualty. Although he himself was instantly subjected to the concentrated small arms and automatic weapons fire of the enemy, he courageously continued until he reached the side of the wounded soldier, then lifted the man to his shoulders and started to retrace his steps. Burdened by the weight of his comrade, Sergeant Santora was a vulnerable target for the fire of the opposing troops as he struggled toward our lines, and it was only at the extreme risk of his own life that he succeeded in saving that of his comrade. His gallant and courageous action reflected the highest traditions of the armed services. Entered military service from Cos Cob, Connecticut.

JOE H. PERRY, 34397505, Staff Sergeant, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 19 December 1944, in the vicinity of Bitche, France. After Forts Freudenberg and Schiesseck, strong points of the Maginot Line, had been captured by our forces, Sergeant Perry, mortar section squad leader, voluntarily carried machine gun ammunition over a barren, fire-swept route to an outpost where an enemy counterattack developed. After helping to repulse the hostile force, he made his way back over the hazardous route, pausing under shell fire to repair communication lines. When at his command post he learned the wires were again disabled, he promptly obtained more ammunition and set forth the second time for the outpost, stopping enroute to again repair the lines. Sergeant Perry's heroic actions exemplify the finest military traditions. Entered military service from Birmingham, Alabama.

MARVIN E. RAHN, 19203786, Sergeant, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 5 April 1945, in the vicinity of Heilbronn, Germany. Sergeant Rahn, a squad leader, was leading his men over open terrain when they were suddenly subjected to a fierce volley of machine gun and small arms fire. Unable to determine the enemy's strength, he crawled forward and despite the steady volume of fire directed at him succeeded in reaching a point from which he observed a large German force preparing to counterattack. Sergeant Rahn quickly relayed this information to his platoon leader and called for friendly artillery fire. He then remained in his exposed position and accurately directed the artillery shelling of the enemy locations. The devastating shell fire caused numerous hostile casualties and forced their withdrawal. Sergeant Rahn's heroic action is within keeping of the finest military traditions. Entered military service from Cucamonga, California.

JOHN M. FILOSA, 33905359, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 6 April 1945, in the vicinity of Jagstfeld, Germany. After withdrawing to more advantageous positions, it was discovered that one member of a heavy machine gun section, who had been wounded, was unable to carry the heavy tripod and left it at the forward position. Realizing that a counterattack was imminent, and that in its present condition the gun was worthless, Private Filosa personally volunteered to return for the tripod. Although drawing intense fire from enemy riflemen, he went forward and secured the valuable piece of equipment. Returning to his unit, he then quickly mounted the gun. When, a short time later, a large enemy force attempted to outflank our positions, Private Filosa's accurate fire inflicted heavy casualties on the enemy and forced them to withdraw. Private Filosa's quick thinking and courageous action won for him the respect and admiration of all the officers and men of his organization. Entered military service from Brooklyn, New York.

ROBERT K. HARDER, 49088921, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 14 December 1944, in the vicinity of Bitche, France. When the company of which Private Harder was a rifleman, assumed positions to secure a line of departure for another unit, all communication between the platoons and company command post was disabled by enemy shell fire. Since information concerning the location and movement of platoons was essential for the forthcoming attack on the Maginot Line strongpoints, Private Harder courageously made repeated trips under intense enemy artillery, mortar and small arms fire, greatly contributing to the liaison between the command post and the platoons. Although he was painfully wounded by shrapnel on one occasion he completed his mission before submitting to medical treatment. His bravery and determination won the admiration and respect of his entire platoon. Entered military service from Rochester, New York.

JACK D. IMLER, 44040736, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 5 April 1945, in the vicinity of Heilbronn, Germany. When Private Imler's platoon was assigned the mission of attacking a sniper-infested factory building, a wire mesh fence was encountered that could neither be hurdled nor crawled under. Private Imler voluntarily crawled one hundred yards under a concentration of small arms and automatic weapons fire and cut a passageway through the fence. He then signaled for the platoon to advance. As a result of his heroic action his comrades charged through the fence, assaulted the building and cleared it of the enemy in a minimum of time. Entered military service from Telford, Tennessee.

GALVIN W. KYRIN, III, 33845924, Private First Class, 325th Engineer Combat Battalion, for heroic achievement in action on 1 January 1945, in the vicinity of Fitch, France. Private Kyrin was guarding a prepared abatis during an enemy counterattack when he received orders to null the fuse and thus blow the structure. He complied with these instructions but when there was no detonation he returned to the abatis, and, although by this time enemy rifle fire was directed at him, he calmly held his ground and improvised a detonating assembly which when activated blew the abatis effectively. As a result of his heroic action, enemy vehicles were delayed two days at the position and thereby considerably slowed the counterattack. Entered military service from Hazleton, Pennsylvania.

HARLEY R. LOY, 35156613, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 4 April 1945, in the vicinity of Heilbronn, Germany. When Private Loy, acting assistant squad leader, led his men across a railroad embankment to investigate the strength of a suspected enemy counterattack, they were subjected to intense hostile sniper fire. Private Loy immediately directed a devastating volley of automatic rifle fire at the snipers, killing or wounding at least eight and forcing twenty others to withdraw. Then, while supervising a new defense line back across the railroad tracks, he learned a comrade lay wounded beyond the railway embankment. He immediately recrossed the tracks and under heavy hostile machine gun and mortar fire, evacuated the injured man. Private Loy's heroic and audacious performance is representative of the finest traditions of the Army of the United States. Entered military service from Concord, Tennessee.

HARLOWE R. LANGE, 16157688, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 6 April 1945, in the vicinity of Duttendorf, Germany. Charged with supporting leading elements of the battalion, Private Lange and the other members of his heavy machine gun squad crossed the Jagst river in the first wave and, upon reaching the east bank, drew fire from a concealed enemy machine gun. Despite the barren terrain and the lack of cover, Private Lange placed his gun in position and began to return fire. Although he soon became a target for the full concentration of enemy fire, he stubbornly remained in position and succeeded in killing two of the enemy gunners, thus silencing the hostile weapon. By his magnificent courage and undaunted devotion to duty, Private Lange eliminated a serious threat to our newly-established bridgehead and prevented the enemy from extorting heavy casualties from our forces. Entered military service from Wausau, Wisconsin.

ERNEST L. SCHELLHAMMER, 37692267, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 14 December 1944, in the vicinity of Bitche, France. During an attack on Forts Freudenberg and Schiesseck in the Maginot Line, the squad in which Private Schellhammer was a rifleman was immobilized by intense mortar and automatic weapons fire. Disregarding his own safety, Private Schellhammer crawled to the very front of his squad and put effective fire upon the enemy. Then, when his squad was ordered to withdraw, he voluntarily remained behind to cover the withdrawal. At one point, when a German rifleman attempted to crawl forward and throw a grenade, Private Schellhammer killed him and thus saved the entire squad.

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from possible injury or death. Private Schellhammer's heroic action is an example of the highest type of personal courage and initiative, and reflects great credit upon himself and the Army of the United States. Entered military service from Lansing, Iowa.

WARD R. BETZ, 0296832, Lieutenant Colonel, Headquarters 100th Infantry Division, for meritorious service in support of combat operations during the periods 8 November 1944 to 7 December 1944 and 1 February 1945 to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Lincoln, Nebraska.

SECTION IV -- AWARD OF MERITORIOUS SERVICE UNIT PLAQUE

By direction of the President, and under the provisions of Section I, Circular Number 345, War Department, 23 August 1944, the Meritorious Service Unit Plaque is awarded to Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, 398th Infantry Regiment, for superior performance of duty and the achievement of a high standard of discipline during the period from 1 November 1944 to 8 May 1945.

SECTION V -- RESCISSION OF AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

So much of Section I, General Orders Number 194, this headquarters, current series, as awards the Bronze Star Medal to JONATHAN G. IZANT, 02010529, Second Lieutenant, 397th Infantry Regiment, is rescinded. (See Section I, this order)

SECTION VI -- RESCISSION OF AWARD OF MERITORIOUS SERVICE UNIT PLAQUE

So much of Section III, General Order's Number 142, this headquarters, current series, as awards the Meritorious Service Unit Plaque to Headquarters Company, 398th Infantry Regiment, is rescinded. (See Section IV, this order)

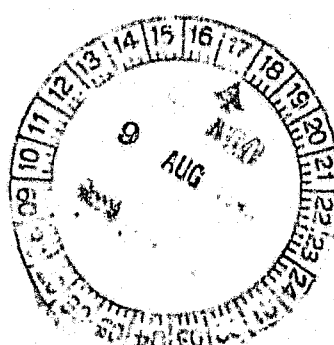
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SECTION I -- AWARD OF SILVER STAR

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Silver Star is awarded to the following named individual for gallantry in action:

ROBERT E. MATTHEWS, 34659875, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 17 December 1944 and 18 December 1944, in the vicinity of Bitch, France. When our forces captured Forts Freudenberg and Schiessack, strong-points of the Mevinot Line, Private Matthews, an automatic rifleman, continued the attack with his comrades on another fortress. The area was subjected to heavy hostile automatic weapons, artillery and mortar fire and when several casualties occurred, he voluntarily returned over the fire-swept route to Fort Freudenberg and brought back additional aid men and litter bearers. Later, while supporting the attack on a concrete emplacement, he was painfully wounded but continued to fight until the position was secured at which time he fainted from shock and exhaustion and was evacuated. Private Matthews' gallant performance inspired his comrades through out this operation and won the everlasting gratitude of the wounded whose rescue he made possible. Entered military service from Raleigh, North Carolina.

SECTION II -- AWARD OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO BRONZE STAR MEDAL

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, the First Oak Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following named individuals:

SAMUEL FEITELBAUM, 01310651, Captain (then First Lieutenant), 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 4 April 1945, in the vicinity of Heilbronn, Germany. After directing his company's crossing of the Neckar River under heavy enemy small arms and machine gun fire, Captain Feitelbaum repeatedly exposed himself to hostile action in reorganizing his widely deployed forces and leading them in the capture of three assigned objectives. When an enemy attack upon an adjacent company forced that unit back to the river's edge, Captain Feitelbaum personally led a counterassault which forced the attacking troops to withdraw, thus by his alert and courageous action relieving the pressure upon our newly-won bridgehead and contributing materially to the success of our operations. Entered military service from Brooklyn, New York.

EDGAR R. MILLER, 31178492, Staff Sergeant, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 17 January 1945, in the vicinity of Rimling, France. When the night patrol of which he was a member was halted by crossfire from hostile snipers and automatic weapons, Sergeant Miller volunteered to crawl forward and determine the enemy's strength and disposition. With two companions he advanced under machine gun fire to within a few yards of the hostile positions, then engaged the opposing troops with accurate and effective automatic rifle fire. The action of Sergeant Miller and his comrades so distracted the hostile forces that other members of the patrol were able to move into position and subdue the enemy threat. Entered military service from Boston, Massachusetts.

RALPH I. ALLEN, 12211912, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 11 April 1945, in the vicinity of Heilbronn, Germany. While clearing a sector of the fanatically-defended Neckar River city, the squad of which Private Allen was a member was unable to dislodge an enemy group located in the basement of a building. Creeping and crawling forward, Private Allen reached a position from which he was able to throw a white phosphorus hand grenade into the basement. This courageous action completely routed the hostile force and Private Allen was able to secure their surrender, thus enabling the attacking platoon to move forward and take its objective. Entered military service from Atlantic City, New Jersey.

JOHN G. FAULKNER, 18195348, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 4 April 1945, in the vicinity of Heilbronn, Germany. Fighting for a deeper foothold in its sector, the platoon of which Private Faulkner was a member was hit by a strong enemy counterattack. Noting that there were wounded men lying in forward positions and without aid, Private Faulkner, on his own initiative, went forward into the hail of small arms fire and succeeded in evacuating two casualties. Returning to aid the wounded a second time, Private Faulkner with the aid of the wounded captured three Germans who were infiltrating into the platoon's positions. Private Faulkner then aided the nearly-surrounded platoon in its defense, until he was wounded by small arms fire. The magnificent courage displayed by Private Faulkner saved the lives of the wounded men and preserved the unity of the platoon. Entered military service from Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

SECTION III - AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded to each of the following named individuals:

FRANK A. TICHACEK, 10018728, First Sergeant, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 15 March 1945, in the vicinity of Schorbach, France. During the advance upon hostile positions near Schorbach the headquarters platoon under the direction of Sergeant Tichacek served as rear security for the remainder of the company. A hostile force permitted the main body of our troops to pass, then from its ambush delivered a devastating volume of fire upon the headquarters platoon. Sergeant Tichacek immediately and skillfully formed his men into a skirmish line and, moving from one individual to another, directed their engagement of the opposing force so skillfully that the enemy was soon forced to withdraw with losses of three killed and several wounded. His alert and aggressive action thus prevented the infliction of severe casualties upon his men and contributed to the success of our operations. Entered military service from New York, New York.

ERIC E. WHATLEY, 34515523, Technician Third Grade, Medical Detachment, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 6 April 1945, in the vicinity of Heilbronn, Germany. When the company was immobilized by intense enemy artillery, mortar and rocket fire in its advance through the strongly-defended factory district of Heilbronn, several casualties were sustained. Disregarding his own safety, Sergeant Whatley, an aid man, advanced in the face of the continuing fire to administer aid to the wounded men and to effect their evacuation. At one point, after having administered aid to a casualty, he was attempting to evacuate the man when he was fired upon by several hostile machine guns. Refusing to abandon his efforts and take cover, he ultimately succeeded in bringing his injured comrade to safety. The courage, aggressiveness and devotion to duty displayed by Sergeant Whatley saved the lives of many men who would otherwise have succumbed to their wounds. Entered military service from Graniteville, South Carolina.

JOSEPH S. BOYER, 33024605, Sergeant, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 2 March 1945, in the vicinity of Bettviller, France. When a vehicle bearing rations and ammunition to his company detonated a hostile mine in the darkness and was damaged by the explosion, Sergeant Boyer courageously volunteered to retrieve the truck and its vital supplies. Although the area was thickly infested with mines and the previous detonation had attracted hostile artillery fire to the sector, he proceeded with his self-appointed task and succeeded in his dangerous mission despite great risk to his own life. Entered military service from Beaverbrook, Pennsylvania.

ROBERT E. BLACKWELL, 44033212, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 15 March 1945, in the vicinity of Bitche, France. After securing its objective despite determined enemy resistance, the platoon of which Private Blackwell was a member was engaged in preparing defensive entrenchments when a concentration of hostile artillery and mortar fire fell in the area. A shell struck within a few feet of Private Blackwell, killing one of his comrades and injuring another and himself, but despite the pain of his own wound he courageously remained in an exposed position under continuing fire in order to administer aid to his wounded companion, then went in search of litter bearers to evacuate the casualty. His courageous action was instrumental in saving the life of a fellow soldier at great risk to his own. Entered military service from Dalton, Georgia.

SAMUEL C. BOLTON, 33497386, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 3 December 1944, in the vicinity of Soucht, France. While protecting his platoon's right flank with automatic rifle fire during the attack on Soucht, Private Bolton was seriously wounded by hostile shell fragments. Realizing that if he left the attack his comrades would be exposed from the right flank he determinedly continued on for two hours at which time when ordered to prepare positions for the night he submitted to medical attention. His resoluteness to support the attack and thus protect his platoon buddies won their unreserved admiration and respect and is in keeping with the finest military traditions. Entered military service from Quarryville, Pennsylvania.

DUARD E. McFARLAND, 37745601, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 15 March 1945, in the vicinity of Bitché, France. During an attack near Bitché, heavy small arms fire forced the squad in which Private McFarland was assistant squad leader to take cover. In a heroic attempt to knock out the enemy gun, Private McFarland led part of the squad around the flank. Wounded before he had reached an advantageous firing position, he nevertheless continued to direct the movement of his men, and was ultimately successful in destroying the enemy gun, thus allowing the attack to continue. Only when his mission was accomplished did Private McFarland seek aid for his wounds. The magnificent courage displayed by Private McFarland greatly aided his company in taking its objective, and won for him the respect and admiration of the entire organization. Entered military service from Wichita, Kansas.

EARL W. McKISSON, 14189052, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 11 December 1944, in the vicinity of Houterhouse, France. When Private McKisson, a mortarman, was sent by his squad leader to the platoon command post with a message, a sudden enemy counterattack developed on the platoon's flank. Completing his mission despite intense enemy fire, Private McKisson returned to his squad to find it engaged in a fierce fire fight. Manning a mortar, he delivered accurate and deadly fire on the advancing hostile forces, inflicting many casualties, and then reorganized his squad, thus greatly aiding in beating back the enemy. The heroic devotion to duty and aggressiveness displayed by Private McKisson are in keeping with the highest military traditions. Entered military service from Clearwater, Florida.

FRESCO O. W. MORPHEW, 38668309, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from Kirby, Arkansas.

ALBERT FOWLER, 31392334, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from Gardner, Massachusetts.

For heroic achievement in action on 17 January 1945, in the vicinity of Rimling, France. When the night patrol of which they were members was halted by crossfire from enemy snipers and machine guns, Privates Morpew and Fowler volunteered to crawl forward and determine the disposition and strength of the hostile force. These two men and a third member of the patrol advanced under automatic weapon fire to within a few yards of the enemy positions, then engaged the opposing troops with accurate and effective automatic rifle fire. Their action so distracted the enemy that the remainder of the patrol was able to move into position and subdue the enemy threat.

JAMES L. SMITH, 35147970, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 17 December 1944, in the vicinity of Bitché, France. While advancing in an assault upon the bitterly defended Fort Schiesseck of the enemy-held Haginot Line, Private Smith, a rifleman, was struck by small arms fire which shattered the bones of his wrist. Despite the pain of his wound, Private Smith resolutely refused evacuation and upon his own volition continued to participate in the attack. Only when the assigned objectives were secured and defensive positions had been organized did he submit to being evacuated, thus by his resolute courage winning the admiration of his comrades and contributing to the success of our operations. Entered military service from Andrews, Indiana.

SECTION IV -- AWARD OF MERITORIOUS SERVICE UNIT PLAQUE

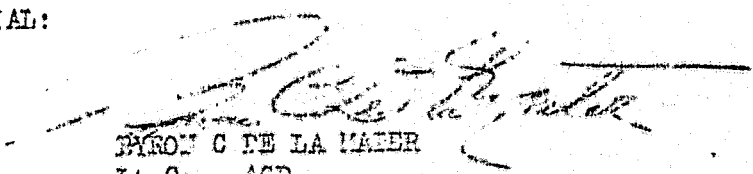
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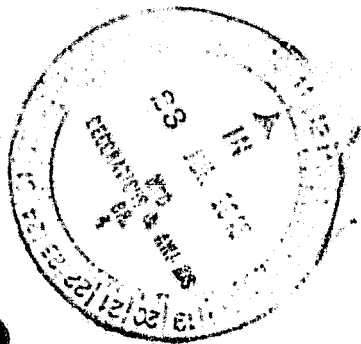
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SECTION I -- AWARD OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO BRONZE STAR MEDAL

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, the Oak Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to each of the following named individuals:

Award of Second Oak Leaf Cluster

JACK A. HERRMANN, 38607828, Staff Sergeant (then Private First Class), 198th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 7 April 1945, in the vicinity of Jagstfeld, Germany. During the bitter house-to-house fighting, when his platoon was immobilized by an enemy machine gun at a strategic intersection, Sergeant Herrmann volunteered to return to the company command post and secure the help of two tank destroyers. Although the entire street was subjected to sniper fire and the immediate area was being shelled by enemy artillery and mortars, Sergeant Herrmann continued on his self-appointed mission and finally reached his objective. He then boldly led the armored units forward and after a short exchange of fire, the hostile machine gun was destroyed and our forces were able to continue their advance. By his magnificent courage, initiative and aggressiveness, Sergeant Herrmann enabled his company to continue its advance quickly and without sustaining any casualties. Entered military service from Amarillo, Texas.

Award of First Oak Leaf Cluster

ANGELO J. FUNARO, 0366357, Major, 399th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 15 March 1945, in the vicinity of Reyersviller, France. During the attack when it became impossible to evacuate casualties, replenish ammunition, and advance our tank forces, Major Funaro, battalion executive officer, supervised the clearing of several road blocks and then led a mine sweeping squad into the city. When a volley of hostile small arms fire killed the squad leader, Major Funaro took two men and proceeded to clear the town house by house. By his courageous action and devoted leadership, Major Funaro was directly responsible for clearing the town, taking fifteen prisoners, and opening a route for the evacuation of casualties, the supply of ammunition, and the advance of our tanks. Entered military service from Macon, Georgia.

JAMES H. DRUMM, 33900579, Technical Sergeant, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 10 February 1945, in the vicinity of Goetzbruck, France. Upon being immobilized by machine gun fire from an enemy ambush, one of our combat patrols exchanged shots with the entrenched foe for more than twenty minutes, without effect. Sergeant Drumm, on his own initiative, began crawling to the rear in an attempt to call for mortar fire. After going a short distance he discovered the path blocked by a small group of enemy who had infiltrated behind the patrol and succeeded in mounting another machine gun on the only path of withdrawal. Taking the enemy by surprise, Sergeant Drumm fired an entire magazine of sub-machine gun ammunition at the enemy, silencing the gun and then continuing on his mission. As a result of his courageous action, the first machine gun was destroyed by the subsequent mortar fire, and the patrol was able to continue its advance. Entered military service from Collingsdale, Pennsylvania.

EARL R. LOVELACE, 34737865, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 9 January 1945, in the vicinity of Guising, France. During an attack northwest of Guising, the assault platoons were immobilized by intense enemy artillery, mortar and small arms fire, and were desperately in need of the fire support of the light machine gun section which was to the rear. Private Lovelace, a runner, volunteered to find the section and bring it forward. In spite of the intense fire, he made his way over the open terrain until he found the machine gun section, and then led it forward. Private Lovelace's courage, initiative and aggressiveness enabled the additional fire power of this section to keep the Germans from attacking, and cutting off the forward platoon, thus preventing many casualties. Entered military service from Knoxville, Tennessee.

SECTION II -- AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded to each of the following named individuals:

HENRY J. BLANEY, 31237394, Staff Sergeant, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 8 April 1945, in the vicinity of Odheim, Germany. During the attack northwest of Odheim, the light machine gun section under Sergeant Blaney was attached to the right flank unit of the battalion, which was meeting fierce resistance. When a rifleman, crawling forward in an attempt to silence several snipers, was wounded, Sergeant Blaney immediately ran forward, heedless of the intense fire, and reached the fallen man. Finding the man dead, he waved back an aid man who had started out, and then braved the deadly fire again to return to his position. By his actions, Sergeant Blaney displayed a personal courage and devotion to duty in keeping with the highest traditions of the Army of the United States. Entered military service from Boston, Massachusetts.

WILLIAM L. ATKEISON, 34913287, Sergeant, 397th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from Hickory Valley, Tennessee.

THOMAS B. BENDER, SR., 34949872, Sergeant, 397th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from Spring Hill, Alabama.

For heroic achievement in action on 20 March 1945, in the vicinity of Kleinsteinhausen, Germany. While the company of which Sergeants Atkeison and Bender were members was advancing to the town of Kleinsteinhausen in order to establish defensive positions, direct enemy observation of the route of advance resulted in intense and effective hostile artillery fire which inflicted severe casualties and disorganized our forces. Aware of the critical necessity of establishing contact with a reconnaissance unit which had already entered the town, Sergeant Atkeison and Sergeant Bender upon their own volition advanced alone for a distance of two miles, reached the reconnaissance party, then retraced their steps under intense continuing fire and their platoon to its objective. The courageous and aggressive action of these two men thus made possible the accomplishment of the mission.

PAUL F. MOSHER, 15120837, Sergeant, 397th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from Delaware, Ohio.

WILLIAM B. MC KEOWN, 36896890, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from Grand Junction, Michigan.

FRANCISCO S. LOPEZ, 39283984, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from Victoriaville, California.

For heroic achievement in action on 6 April 1945, in the vicinity of Heilbronn, Germany. When the advance elements of the company were immobilized by constant sniper and automatic weapons fire from a building five hundred yards to the front, these three men, members of a machine gun squad, advanced across an open, fire-swept area in an attempt to silence the enemy forces. Advancing toward the foe by fire and movement, they made a successful assault upon the building, killing three Germans, wounding two and capturing seventeen. As a result of their heroic and aggressive action, the enemy position was neutralized and their company was able to continue its advance and take the objective without further casualties.

MICHAEL J. PLESA, 15316351, Corporal, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 27 December 1944, in the vicinity of Hottviller, France. When hostile artillery and mortar barrage severed all communication lines to the rear during a determined enemy counterattack, Corporal Plesa volunteered to leave the comparative safety of his observation post and repair broken lines. Although the shelling mounted in intensity and artillery rounds struck within twenty-five yards of him on several occasions, he succeeded in his dangerous mission and thus contributed significantly to our repulse of the assault. Entered military service from Holiday's Cove, West Virginia.

ASA L. COLLINS, 38859867, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from Saxis, Virginia.

CHARLES E. DUNNO, 15122070, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from Van Wert, Ohio.

ARTHUR D. HARE, 38572108, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from Tishomingo, Oklahoma.

For heroic achievement in action on 9 April 1945, in the vicinity of Heilbronn, Germany. During bitter fighting for the city of Heilbronn, the platoon of which these men were members was halted by intense enemy crossfire which killed two men and wounded eight others. The wounded fell in an open area, and Privates Collins, Dunno and Hare, employing fire and movement tactics, maneuvered from one casualty

to another and administered first aid. Although on several occasions they were forced to engage hostile snipers, and were constantly subjected to increased rocket and mortar fire, they resolutely proceeded with their mission and ultimately succeeded in caring for and evacuating the wounded, and by their courageous actions saved the lives of men who would otherwise have succumbed to their wounds.

WILLIAM A. HESTER, 16157639, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 7 April 1945, in the vicinity of Heilbronn, Germany. During the fierce fighting for the Neckar River city, Private Hester volunteered to guide a company of tanks to the rifle companies of his battalion. Despite intense enemy artillery and rocket fire, he mounted the lead tank and, further exposing himself to panzerfaust and sniper fire, guided all the armored vehicles to their assigned companies. As a direct result of his heroic and determined action, an enemy counterattack on the following morning was repulsed and heavy casualties inflicted. Entered military service from Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

ALLEN C. HOLDERFIELD, 38642616, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 4 April 1945, in the vicinity of Heilbronn, Germany. When forward elements of his company were pressed back by intense enemy fire, Private Holderfield with a companion left the comparative safety of his position to advance across open terrain swept by hostile sniper fire in order to rescue a wounded soldier. He applied first aid to the wounded man and then, with the help of his comrade, half carried and half dragged the casualty through continuing fire to the battalion aid station. He then returned to his platoon and, when wounded himself during subsequent counterattacks, again administered aid to other wounded members of the unit, helping to evacuate all other casualties before submitting to evacuation. The courage and devotion to his comrades which Private Holderfield thus displayed were instrumental in saving the lives of several wounded men. Entered military service from Palestine, Texas.

LELAND L. HOWARD, 35696337, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 14 April 1945, in the vicinity of Willsbach, Germany. When his squad was immobilized by fire from a large force of Germans dug-in on three sides, it became apparent that the only possibility was to withdraw and attack from another direction. Private Howard, a rifleman, immediately opened fire upon the enemy in order to cover the withdrawal of the rest of the platoon. Although seriously wounded by the enemy fire, Private Howard stubbornly continued to engage the enemy until the entire patrol had safely withdrawn. Only then did he effect his own evacuation. The unhesitating courage and devotion to duty displayed by Private Howard won the gratitude, respect and admiration of his entire company. Entered military service from Mitchell, Indiana.

DAVID A. JACOBSON, 12227404, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 9 January 1945, in the vicinity of Rinling, France. During an attack against strong enemy forces, the platoon of which Private Jacobson was a member was subjected to intense fire from six hostile tanks. Numerous casualties were suffered by the unit, and Private Jacobson, aware of the critical necessity of extricating the platoon from its dangerous situation, leaped to his feet and advanced toward the tanks alternately firing and rushing forward. One of the armored vehicles immediately opened fire upon him and he was severely wounded by a shell burst, but by his courageous and aggressive action in the face of immeasurable odds he enabled his comrades to reorganize and obtain support from friendly tank forces. Entered military service from Jersey City, New Jersey.

DONALD E. KITZMILLER, 35089523, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 27 February 1945, in the vicinity of Lenberg, France. When, during a daylight reconnaissance, his patrol was sighted by the enemy, Private Kitzmiller and his comrades immediately opened fire. While his men slowly crawled into defilade positions to the rear of the mined area, Private Kitzmiller remained in position and delivered such effective fire that the Germans were unable to use their machine gun. Only after the rest of his patrol had safely cleared the minefield did Private Kitzmiller abandon his position and withdraw. His quick and courageous action, performed on his own initiative, prevented the enemy from setting up its machine gun, and saved his patrol from suffering heavy casualties. Entered military service from Bismarck, West Virginia.

SHERWOOD LABAR, 38774254, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 9 January 1945, in the vicinity of Rinling, France. When attacking troops were hit by intense enemy artillery, mortar, tank and small arms fire, the company commander dispatched Private Labar, a runner, to deliver a

message to his platoon leader. Although under continuous shelling, Private Labar made his way over several hundred yards of barren terrain and successfully completed his mission. Wounded on the return trip, Private Labar nevertheless continued on his way and finally reached the company commander and informed him that the message was delivered. The magnificent courage, determination and devotion to duty displayed by Private Labar while wounded, enabled his company to successfully coordinate its actions and continue its attack. Entered military service from Pen Argyl, Pennsylvania.

RONALD LARSON, 16154593, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 3 April 1945, in the vicinity of Heilbronn, Germany. During the bitter house-to-house fighting for the city, Private Larson voluntarily exposed himself to direct enemy mortar and artillery fire in order to evacuate four wounded men. Although mortar fire exploded within a short distance of his vehicle, he continued forward and further exposed himself to the enemy sniper fire which had foiled all previous attempts at evacuation. Reaching the wounded, he quickly moved them into his vehicle and took them safely to medical aid. Private Larson's courage and aggressiveness saved the lives of four men, and are in keeping with the highest military traditions. Entered military service from Ishpeming, Michigan.

RUSSELL W. NORMAN, 33614388, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 29 December 1944, in the vicinity of Eollenbach, France. Private Norman was a member of a forty-man combat patrol assigned the mission of holding a village one mile behind enemy lines when an enemy machine gun located on the second story of a building suddenly opened fire. Although less than fifty yards from the weapon and silhouetted in bright moonlight, Private Norman ran to a position directly underneath the weapon and began firing a devastating volley of rifle fire into the window. His accurate shooting killed the gunner and the remainder of the hostile crew fled the position. As a result of his heroic action, the patrol was able to continue its advance and complete its mission in a minimum of time. Entered military service from Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania.

GEORGE R. OAKS, 39104595, Private First Class, Medical Detachment, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action during the period 4 April 1945 to 12 April 1945, in the vicinity of Heilbronn, Germany. During bitter fighting for establishment of the bridgehead across the Neckar River and the capture of the city of Heilbronn, Private Oaks distinguished himself by his courageous performance of his duties as an aid man. On one occasion, when the platoon to which he was attached was forced to withdraw, he volunteered to remain behind with a seriously wounded man. He dressed a severe wound in his comrade's leg, then dragged the casualty to a position which was out of the line of direct fire of the enemy and remained with him for a period of thirteen hours in hostile territory. Later, with the help of three riflemen, he made a stretcher from a raincoat and rifles and carried the wounded soldier through enemy lines to our positions, thus by his gallant efforts preventing the death or capture of his companion. Entered military service from Burlingame, California.

LYLE SEEMER, 37697971, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from Waterloo, Iowa.

ARTHUR W. JASPER, 37751508, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from Humphrey, Nebraska.

JAMES S. LONG, 38669417, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from El Dorado, Arkansas.

For heroic achievement in action on 9 April 1945, in the vicinity of Heilbronn, Germany. In order to complete its mission, the squad of which these three men were members had to cross a wide street which the enemy had well covered with machine guns. Consequently, the squad leader halted his men and awaited further orders. Disregarding their own safety, these three men volunteered to cross the street. Once on the other side, they secured a position from which they could direct covering fire for the remainder of the squad, and then cleared out the buildings in the vicinity, capturing eleven Germans. Their courage and aggressiveness eliminated an enemy strongpoint and prevented a delay which would have seriously disrupted the squad's operations.

CLAYTON SCHAFFNER, 33855355, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from Pound, Virginia.

CHARLES J. GULINO, 35849737, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from Aktebula, Ohio.

JOSEPH A. LOPINCO, 33925243, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

For heroic achievement in action on 21 February 1945, in the vicinity of Tollenbach, France. When the combat patrol of which these three men were members was immobilized by cross-fire from two enemy machine guns and it was impossible to advance or withdraw, these men volunteered to flank the enemy and destroy the weapons. Advancing under direct enemy fire, they succeeded in killing one enemy, destroying a machine gun, and forcing the remainder of the enemy to retreat. Their heroic and determined action saved the lives of the members of the patrol who otherwise might have become victims of the deadly enemy fire.

MARTIN E. WOOLSEY, 35984207, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 4 April 1945, in the vicinity of Heilbronn, Germany. Leading a four-man patrol across hostile terrain in an attempt to establish contact with an adjacent company, Private Woolsey encountered numerous groups of enemy and was eventually forced to relinquish his mission. Returning to his own unit, he found the route blocked by a force of fifteen hostile soldiers and, quickly deploying his comrades, he directed the engagement of the opposing troops. As a result of his skillful and aggressive tactics, the patrol succeeded in killing six of the enemy and taking the remainder prisoner. He then led his men and their captives safely back to the command post, having inflicted grievous casualties upon the enemy and gained valuable information by his courageous action. Entered military service from Du Quoin, Illinois.

SECTION III -- RESCISSION OF AWARD OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO BRONZE STAR MEDAL

OK } In accordance with Section I, General Orders Number 195, this headquarters, current series, no awards an Oak Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal to Major, MITCHEL J. FERRARO, 398th Infantry Regiment, is rescinded. (See Section I, this order)

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SECTION I -- POSTHUMOUS AWARD OF SILVER STAR

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Silver Star is posthumously awarded to each of the following named individuals for gallantry in action:

FRANKLIN G. MRAZEK, 01310863, First Lieutenant, 397th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 11 November 1944, in the vicinity of Clairrupt, France. When his platoon was subjected to an intense artillery barrage, one of the men in Lieutenant Mrazek's command was severely wounded. Disregarding the enemy shells bursting about him and without thought for his personal safety, Lieutenant Mrazek unhesitatingly left the security of his fox hole and went to the assistance of the wounded soldier. Working heroically, without cover of any kind, he administered aid to the injured man, and while so engaged was himself mortally wounded by a shrapnel burst. By the personal courage and gallantry he displayed in sacrificing his life to aid a wounded man of his command, Lieutenant Mrazek proved himself worthy of the leadership entrusted to him and lived up to the highest traditions of the service. Next of kin: Mary C. Mrazek (Mother), 3763 East 127th Street, Cleveland, Ohio.

RICHARD GLASS, 32935046, Private First Class (then Private), 398th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 10 November 1944, in the vicinity of Eoon L'Etap, France. Members of a combat patrol which had succeeded in demolishing a road block and killing seven of the enemy, Private Glass and his comrades unknowingly entered an enemy mine field while returning to their unit. When one member of the party was killed and two others were seriously wounded by the detonation of mines, Private Glass courageously volunteered to stay behind, caring for the wounded and acting as protection against enemy patrols, while the remainder of the group went for assistance. He remained on guard throughout the ensuing night, firing his carbine to attract the attention of any friendly troops in the area and administering aid to his comrades. Toward morning, while attempting to comfort one of the casualties, Private Glass himself detonated a mine and was mortally wounded. Next of kin: Joseph Glass (Father), 14 Elizabeth Street, Bladwinville, New York.

SECTION II -- POSTHUMOUS AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Bronze Star Medal is posthumously awarded to each of the following named individuals:

ALLEN E. GRUBBS, JR., 0532766, Second Lieutenant, 375th Field Artillery Battalion, for heroic achievement in action during the period 6 November 1944 to 6 December 1944, in Eastern France. Throughout this period of combat duty, Lieutenant Grubbs, as forward artillery observer assigned to an infantry battalion, repeatedly and voluntarily exposed himself to enemy action in order to better direct the fire of artillery on hostile positions. Fighting through mountainous and thickly-wooded country, he frequently carried his radio set over difficult terrain in order to maintain communication, and in every advance was to be found with the forward elements of the attacking infantry. It was while he was so engaged that he was killed by enemy action on 8 December. By his regard for duty above all else, by his courage and his gallantry, Lieutenant Grubbs reflected great credit upon himself and the military service. Next of kin: Allen E. Grubbs, Sr. (Father), Livingston, Alabama.

PATRICK E. PERRY, 15141359, Staff Sergeant, 781st Tank Battalion, for heroic achievement in action on 8 April 1945, in the vicinity of Odheim, Germany. While Sergeant Perry's tank platoon was supporting infantry forces in an attack upon Odheim, the vehicle bearing his platoon leader stalled as a result of mechanical failure after penetrating enemy lines. Sergeant Perry unhesitatingly went forward

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his own tank to afford covering fire to the immobilized vehicle, which otherwise would have become a vulnerable target for enemy weapons. His skillful and courageous action thus enabled the crew of the stalled tank to make necessary repairs and extricate their vehicle from its untenable position. Sergeant Perry later died of wounds received in this same engagement when his own tank was destroyed by hostile artillery fire. Next of kin: Charles Perry (Father), 302 South Karlov Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

CLIVE LITTLETON, 38352338, Private, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 12 April 1945, in the vicinity of Nassach, Germany. Instructed to provide covering fire with his automatic rifle while his platoon crossed an open area, Private Littleton found his assigned position unfavorable and upon his own volition advanced to an exposed vantage point. Although his movement was observed by the enemy and he immediately became the target of intense hostile fire, he courageously and effectively engaged the opposing forces. He refused to relinquish his efforts even when he was seriously injured as a result of a nearby shellburst, and by the accurate and rapid volume of fire which he delivered made it possible for his comrades to safely negotiate the open area and subsequently accomplish the assigned mission. Next of kin: Clara Littleton (Wife), General Delivery, Eack, Louisiana.

JAMES H. HILLSBRANDT, 32855016, Private, Medical Detachment, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 4 December 1944, in the vicinity of Ingwiller, France. Next of kin: Edna M. Hillsbrandt (Mother), Rural Box Delivery, Number One, Tonda, New York.

SECTION III -- AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded to each of the following named individuals:

JOHN E. VOLAN, 33280503, First Sergeant (then Staff Sergeant), 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 20 December 1944, in the vicinity of Bitch, France. During an attack against enemy positions Sergeant Nolan, supply sergeant, was engaged in bringing supplies to his company over a road subjected to heavy enemy artillery and mortar shelling. Upon learning that a number of men had been seriously wounded by the hostile barrage, he immediately volunteered to evacuate the casualties, and despite the intensity of the continuing enemy fire made a total of six trips through the shelled area, thus by his courageous action playing an instrumental role in the eventual recovery of his wounded comrades. Entered military service from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

ROBERT H. BURNS, 34500589, Staff Sergeant, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 15 March 1945, in the vicinity of Bitch, France. When, during an attack, Sergeant Burns and his men detonated some concealed dum-dums, several casualties resulted. Although suffering severe facial lacerations, Sergeant Burns led one of his more seriously wounded men from the field and personally administered first aid, saving the man's eyesight. Then, although forced to travel over a shell-infested road which was being strafed by fire from an enemy plane, Sergeant Burns and three other men improvised a litter and evacuated the man to an aid station. Not until the other men had been treated did Sergeant Burns consent to have his own wounds treated. His fearlessness, courage and devotion to his comrades reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Hickory, North Carolina.

MARVIN M. MORRIS, 35212850, Sergeant, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 10 April 1945, in the vicinity of Hailbronn, Germany. When the advance of his weapons company was halted by hostile machine gun fire, Sergeant Morris established his mortar in firing position, then advanced alone in an attempt to discover the location of the concealed automatic weapon. Carefully maneuvering from building to building, he eventually detected the enemy position and was simultaneously discovered by the opposing crew. Although he immediately became the target of concentrated fire, he courageously maintained his mortar point and directed mortar fire upon the enemy with such accuracy and effectiveness that the hostile troops surrendered. His aggressive action, performed at great risk to his own life, thus enabled the company to continue to the successful accomplishment of the assigned mission. Entered military service from Portsmouth, Ohio.

UGERTE J. ALBERTI, 31332070, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 6 April 1945, in the vicinity of Putterberg, Germany. As the first waves of our troops crossed the Jagst River in assault boats, a concealed enemy machine gun emplacement on the far bank opened fire. Private Alberti, a member of a heavy machine gun squad waiting to make the crossing, immediately placed his own weapon into operation and engaged the enemy forces. Although in his exposed position he soon became the target of concentrated fire, he courageously continued to man his gun, and by his accurate and effective delivery of a large volume of fire eventually succeeded in silencing the hostile emplacement, thus preventing the infliction of greater casualties upon our troops and contributing to the successful establishment of the bridgehead. Entered military service from Bridgeport, Connecticut.

BERNARD ASIAN, 32384939, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from Perth Amboy, New Jersey.

LAMARCE A. ADYNS, 31461575, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from Plymouth, Connecticut.

ARTHUR W. BOUCHARD, 31435716, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from Taunton, Massachusetts.

For heroic achievement in action on 28 March 1945, in the vicinity of Ludwigs-hafen, Germany. Shortly after the company moved into defensive positions in the city, the enemy unleashed terrific concentrations of artillery, mortar and sniper-fire from the opposite bank of the Rhine River, immobilizing the company and inflicting severe casualties. Although completely exposed to the hostile fire, these three men volunteered to aid and evacuate the wounded men. On one occasion, upon finding a wounded man lying helpless at the river's edge, these men, using a ladder as a stretcher, advanced to the precarious location and succeeded in returning safely with the wounded man. As a result of their heroic, devoted and aggressive action the lives of many men were saved.

CHRISTOPHER J. BEAVIS, 42124784, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 6 April 1945, in the vicinity of Jestfeld, Germany. When the leader of his machine gun squad was severely wounded by enemy fire and in immediate danger of succumbing to loss of blood, Private Beavis volunteered to go in search of an aid man. Although he was fired upon by enemy snipers on four occasions, he succeeded in making his way for a distance of two hundred yards to a rifle platoon, then led an aid man back over the same hazardous route. He was again fired on by hostile snipers while returning, and by accurate fire killed one of the opposing riflemen. Although his wounded comrade died despite his efforts, the courageous action of Private Beavis won the deserved admiration of all members of his squad. Entered military service from Kearny, New Jersey.

ROBERT E. DAVIS, 36746339, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 28 February 1945, in the vicinity of Lemberg, France. The patrol of which Private Davis was a member successfully completed its mission of reconnoitering hostile defensive positions and was advancing through an enemy mine field when the patrol leader was killed and his second in command was severely wounded by the detonation of a mine. Private Davis unhesitatingly advanced to the side of the injured man to administer first aid, then retraced his steps through untraversed terrain to obtain an aid man. He subsequently assisted in the evacuation of the casualty under intense enemy mortar fire, and by his courageous and unflinching efforts was instrumental in saving the life of his wounded comrade. Entered military service from Vandalia, Illinois.

THOMAS J. GRADY, 32316327, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 6 April 1945, in the vicinity of Weilbronn, Germany. During the vicious fighting in the city, when two of his comrades were wounded by shrapnel, Private Grady immediately ran across an open field under direct enemy observation and mortar fire and succeeded in reaching the casualties. After administering first aid, he retraced his steps to bring up an aid man to help in the evacuation. As a result of Private Grady's aggressive and courageous action, the injuries to the two men were greatly minimized. His exhibition of personal daring inspired all his comrades and won for him their respect and admiration. Entered military service from New York, New York.

NELSON T. MECKEL, 18233144, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 9 January 1945, in the vicinity of Ripling, France. When he learned that, due to lack of ammunition, a weapons company's mortar positions were in critical danger of being overrun by hostile forces, Private Meckel,

a driver, immediately volunteered to supply the beleaguered unit with sorely needed ammunition. Although the weapons company was deployed within one hundred yards of opposing troops and the only available supply route was subjected to intense enemy artillery fire, Private Meckel courageously drove a quarter-ton truck and its trailer laden with eighty-one millimeter mortar rounds to the company's positions, and by his aggressive action made it possible for the unit to repulse the attackers and maintain its defensive lines. Entered military service from San Antonio, Texas.

SECTION IV -- RESCISSION OF AWARD OF SILVER STAR

OK

✓ So much of Section I, General Orders Number 26, this headquarters, dated 15 December 1944, awarding the Silver Star to First Lieutenant Franklin G. Huzar, 397th Infantry Regiment, is rescinded. (See Section I, this order)

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✓ So much of Section II, General Orders Number 8, this headquarters, current series, awarding the Silver Star to Private First Class Richard Glass, 398th Infantry Regiment, is rescinded. (See Section I, this order)

SECTION V -- RESCISSION OF AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

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✓ So much of Section III, General Orders Number 34, this headquarters, dated 28 December 1944, awarding the Bronze Star Medal to Private James H. Hillbrandt, 397th Infantry Regiment, is rescinded. (See Section II, this order)

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✓ So much of Section I, General Orders Number 36, this headquarters, dated 30 December 1944, awarding the Bronze Star Medal to Second Lieutenant Allen E. Grubbs, Jr., 375th Field Artillery Battalion, is rescinded. (See Section II, this order)

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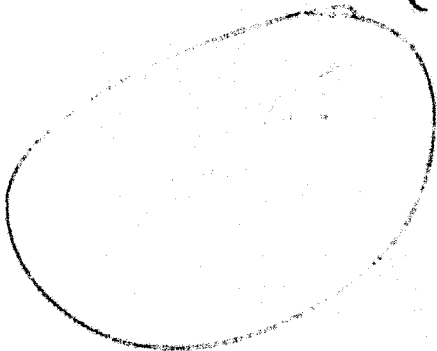
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Award of Oak Leaf Cluster to Bronze Star Medal..... I
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SECTION I -- AWARD OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO BRONZE STAR MEDAL

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, the First Oak Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to each of the following named individuals:

ROBERT G. MOSS, 01298102, First Lieutenant, 399th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 16 April 1945, in the vicinity of Schozach, Germany. When intense enemy fire of almost every type and caliber immobilized his battalion during an attack, Lieutenant Moss, leader of a machine gun platoon, advanced upon his own initiative over fire-swept terrain to an exposed vantage point from which he was able to observe the enemy emplacement. From this vulnerable position he directed friendly mortar fire upon the opposing weapons, and, although constantly subjected to intense enemy action, he remained at his self-imposed mission until all hostile strongpoints were eliminated. He then returned to his platoon, led the men to a position of safety, and subsequently, in company with a small group of volunteers, returned to the area to evacuate wounded under fire. His courageous and aggressive action was instrumental in the accomplishment of the battalion's mission. Entered military service from Waterloo, Iowa.

HYMAN L. SILVERMAN, 33362317, Technical Sergeant, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 19 April 1945, in the vicinity of Murrhart, Germany. During the advance upon Murrhart, intense enemy fire was received and Sergeant Silverman, acting platoon leader, skillfully deployed his men, then leaned upon a supporting tank and from this exposed position personally directed fire upon the hostile emplacements. His courageous action was instrumental in the liquidation of the enemy positions, and thus made possible the successful accomplishment of the assigned mission. Entered military service from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

STANLEY A. SIUBA, 36304339, Staff Sergeant, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 8 February 1945, in the vicinity of Lemberg, France. After successfully leading a combat patrol on a night mission, Sergeant Siuba was directing the return of his men to friendly lines when they were fired upon by enemy troops armed with automatic weapons. Fearful that the patrol might become isolated in hostile territory, Sergeant Siuba ordered his men to continue their withdrawal while he remained behind to singlehandedly engage the opposing force. Thus by his courageous action he made possible the escape of his comrades and subsequently succeeded in making good his own withdrawal. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

JOSEPH TARANTINO, 12027039, Technician Fourth Grade, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 6 April 1945, in the vicinity of Heilbronn, Germany. While advancing to repair a break in communication lines, Sergeant Tarantino found his path obstructed by hostile snipers in a building. He approached the structure and, hugging the walls, moved toward a window through which he tossed a hand grenade which silenced the enemy riflemen. Meanwhile, he was fired upon by a second group of snipers in a building across a street, and he engaged this enemy with his automatic weapon, forcing them to withdraw, then proceeded with his mission of repairing the severed wire lines despite an intense artillery bombardment of the area, thus by his courageous and aggressive tactics maintaining vital communications at a critical period in our operations. Entered military service from Brooklyn, New York.

MANUEL S. HERNANDEZ, 38438350, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 4 January 1945, in the vicinity of Glassenberg, France. When fire from entrenched automatic weapons of the enemy halted the advance of his reconnaissance patrol and threatened to inflict severe casualties upon his comrades, Private Hernandez unhesitatingly crawled forward to within grenade range of the enemy emplacement, and with accurately-placed hand grenades destroyed the position, killing one enemy soldier and capturing a second. With three comrades he then engaged the remaining hostile troops in the area, killing another enemy and driving the entire opposing force from the area. His courageous and aggressive

action not only made possible the successful accomplishment of the patrol's mission but also greatly facilitated a subsequent advance of our troops through the area. Entered military service from Van Horn, Texas.

JOHN A. MAHER, 12100621, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 1 January 1945, in the vicinity of Rimling, France. While a rifle company was fighting back a vicious enemy counterattack, Private Maher and another man set up their 60 millimeter mortar during an intense concentration of hostile mortar and rocket fire, in order to lend support to the rifle troops. When the enemy fire destroyed telephone communication between the gun and the observation post, Private Maher and his comrade then moved to the forward slope of a hill from which they were able to direct their own fire. As a result of Private Maher's courage, initiative and aggressiveness, our troops were able to arrest the forward progress of the enemy, and our casualties were kept to a minimum. Entered military service from East Orange, New Jersey.

HARRY J. SMITH, 20835125, Private First Class, Medical Detachment, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 6 April 1945, in the vicinity of Jagstfeld, Germany. The platoon to which Private Smith was attached as aid man was advancing upon the city of Jagstfeld when hostile machine gun and rifle fire wounded the two scouts. Although the flat and open terrain was devoid of cover, Private Smith immediately crawled forward under intense hostile fire until he succeeded in reaching the wounded men, then applied emergency first aid measures and started back toward our positions, crawling and dragging the casualties behind him as best he could. He ultimately succeeded in reaching a place of safety, and thus by his prodigious and courageous efforts was successful in saving the lives of his wounded comrades. Entered military service from Pawhuska, Oklahoma.

SECTION II -- AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded to each of the following named individuals:

ANTONIO N. FRENDOLA, 32597357, Staff Sergeant, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 15 April 1945, in the vicinity of Oppen-Grünbach, Germany. Instructed to furnish covering fire while other elements of his platoon pressed an open area, Sergeant Frendola led his men into some woods flanking the projected route of advance. Moving forward ahead of the squad, he found evidence of enemy activity and, quickly and skillfully deploying the men, he directed their advance against the opposing troops. So expertly was the maneuver executed that the hostile force, believing itself surrounded, immediately surrendered. Sergeant Frendola's aggressiveness and tactical skill were thus instrumental in capturing twenty-two prisoners and preventing the infliction of casualties upon our troops. Entered military service from Hoboken, New Jersey.

JAMES E. LOWERY, 14176875, Sergeant (then Private First Class), 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 1 January 1945, in the vicinity of Rimling, France. While a rifle company was fighting back a vicious enemy counter-attack, Sergeant Lowery and another man set up their 60 millimeter mortar during an intense concentration of hostile mortar and rocket fire, in order to lend support to the rifle troops. When the enemy fire destroyed telephone communication between the gun and the observation post, Sergeant Lowery and his comrade then moved to the forward slope of a hill from which they were able to direct their own fire. As a result of Sergeant Lowery's courage, initiative and aggressiveness, our troops were able to arrest the forward progress of the enemy, and our casualties were held at a minimum. Entered military service from New Bern, North Carolina.

TRUMAN J. MEWIS, 39587267, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from San Diego, California.

PAUL BREITERMAN, 42137882, Private, 397th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from Brooklyn, New York.

For heroic achievement in action on 9 April 1945, in the vicinity of Heilbronn, Germany. When a platoon became immobilized by savage enemy automatic weapons fire which inflicted severe casualties, these two men volunteered to assist in the evacuation of the wounded. Advancing over barbed wire, fire-swept terrain and forced to seek cover and fire again, they continued on their self-appointed mission, and upon reaching their wounded comrades, administered first aid and evacuated them to safety. By their initiative, devotion, and fearlessness, these men enabled their company to advance, and saved the lives of men who would have otherwise succumbed to their wounds.

HOWARD E. BALGLEY, 12226974, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from Bronx, New York.

WILBERT G. BINGHAM, 38700396, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from Crosbyton, Texas.

For heroic achievement in action on 4 January 1945, in the vicinity of Rimling, France. The patrol of which Privates Balgley and Bingham were members had successfully completed its mission and was returning to our lines when its progress was halted by heavy fire from a hostile gun position. Private Balgley and Private Bingham stealthily crawled forward alone to within a few yards of the enemy emplacement, killed the gunner with grenade fire, then called for and adjusted friendly artillery fire upon an enemy supply convoy, destroying many vehicles and inflicting severe casualties upon the opposing troops. The alert and aggressive action of these two men was thus responsible for the elimination of an enemy strongpoint.

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~~JOSIEPH E. CHUEY, SR., 35607020, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 18 April 1945, in the vicinity of Beilstein, Germany. The squad of which Private Chuey was a member was advancing over steep, thickly-wooded terrain when it encountered determined resistance from entrenched enemy small arms and automatic weapons. Upon his own volition Private Chuey charged the hostile position, firing his rifle as he advanced, and succeeded in killing three members of an enemy machine gun crew, neutralizing the hostile defenses. His courageous and aggressive action thus enabled his squad to proceed to the accomplishment of the assigned mission. Entered military service from New Waterford, Ohio.~~

JAMES A. CLAYTON, 34845711, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 13 April 1945, in the vicinity of Heilbronn, Germany. When the advance of our troops was temporarily halted by enemy machine gun and sniper fire, Private Clayton continued to advance by successive dashes from one position to another, firing his machine gun from the hip as he moved forward. His devastating fire killed three enemy snipers and silenced a hostile machine gun emplacement, and by his courageous and aggressive action, performed at great risk to his own life, he enabled his company to continue its advance and achieve the assigned objective. Entered military service from Charleston, South Carolina.

OSCAR GURLERICK, 32658125, Private First Class, Medical Detachment, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 1 April 1945, in the vicinity of Odheim, Germany. When several members of the company to which he was attached as aid men were injured during an attack, Private Gurlerick went to the assistance of the wounded men. Placing the casualties upon a friendly tank which was moving toward them, he then climbed upon the deck of the vehicle himself and proceeded to dress the wounds of his comrades. Seeing the men on the tank, hostile forces immediately opened fire and one of the injured men was wounded a second time, but Private Gurlerick maintained his exposed position despite the enemy action and succeeded in applying a tourniquet to one seriously wounded soldier who was losing blood rapidly. His courageous action, performed at great risk to his own life, was thus instrumental in saving the lives of his companions. Entered military service from New York, New York.

MARTIN HUGGINS, 34980646, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 17 April 1945, in the vicinity of Wiedelsbunn, Germany. When the advance of his squad was halted by fire from a concealed enemy sniper, Private Huggins, acting upon his own initiative, crawled forward alone in an attempt to discover the position of the hostile rifleman. After advancing more than fifty yards without detecting the enemy, Private Huggins deliberately exposed himself and, when he was fired upon, immediately returned the fire and killed the sniper with his first shot. His courageous and aggressive action thus prevented the infliction of casualties upon his comrades. Entered military service from Webster, Florida.

JOSIEPH R. JAEGER, 36255305, Private, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 7 April 1945, in the vicinity of Odheim, Germany. As the company of which Private Jaeger was a member swept up a hill in an attack, advance elements were met with heavy small arms and mortar fire, and a scout was wounded and fell on the forward slope of the hill. Despite continuing enemy fire Private Jaeger crawled forward over the crest of the hill and succeeded in reaching the wounded soldier, whom he picked up and carried back over the summit. His courageous action in thus silhouetting himself against the skyline, an extremely vulnerable target for enemy fire, was responsible for saving the life of his wounded comrade. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

JOHN A. GARRITY, 01171186, Captain, 375th Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious achievement during the period 1 November 1944 to 20 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from New York, New York.

RICHARD M. KING, 0462584, Captain, 100th Division Artillery, for meritorious service in support of combat operations during the period 9 November 1944 to 31 March 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Highlands, North Carolina.

DUDLEY ROBERT, JR., 02041913, Captain, Headquarters 100th Infantry Division, for meritorious service in support of combat operations during the period 8 November 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Nashville, Tennessee.

RAYMOND W. FIFINE, 38123089, Sergeant, 375th Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations during the period 7 November 1944 to 8 March 1945, in Eastern France. Entered military service from Broad View, New Mexico.

DEAN RYNDOLDS, 24514787, Sergeant, 373rd Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 4 November 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Gaffney, South Carolina.

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Posthumous Award of Silver Star..... I
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SECTION I -- POSTHUMOUS AWARD OF SILVER STAR

Under the provisions of Army Regulation 600-10, as amended, a Silver Star is posthumously awarded to each of the following named individuals for gallantry in action:

HAROLD H. DORAN, 31272079, Staff Sergeant, 393rd Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 5 April 1945, in the vicinity of Heilbronn, Germany. Entrusted with the difficult and hazardous mission of establishing a bridgehead on the west bank of the Neckar River, Sergeant Doran's company crossed the stream, overcame initial enemy resistance, and moved inland to encounter devastating hostile mortar, machine gun and small arms fire from commanding ground. Left behind with a small force to cover the withdrawal of the remainder of our forces, Sergeant Doran skillfully deployed his men and directed their delivery of effective fire against the enemy. When the main body of troops had safely completed the withdrawal, Sergeant Doran sent his own men back and, although hostile forces were now closing in upon both flanks, he continued to man his position, inflicting severe casualties upon the enemy by his accurate fire. He succeeded in holding the opposing troops at bay until his comrades had retired, but his heroic action was performed at the cost of his own life when the enemy overran his position. Next of kin: Josephine Doran (Mother), 56 Orchard Place, Greenwich, Connecticut.

CLIFFORD J. CLYBURN, 33852806, Private First Class, 598th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 6 April 1945, in the vicinity of Jagstfeld, Germany. During bitter fighting near Jagstfeld, a formidable enemy force attempted to outflank our positions and attack from the rear. Private Clyburn, an automatic rifleman, observed the hostile action, and without regard for mortar and artillery fire falling in the area he immediately left the comparative security of his entrenchment to crawl to a vantage point from which he could engage the attackers. His first burst of fire killed both scouts of the hostile force, and although he was the target of concentrated enemy fire, he continued to engage the opposing troops and ultimately succeeded in forcing the entire group to withdraw. His courageous and aggressive action thus singlehandedly repulsed a strong enemy threat to the success of our operations. Private Clyburn was subsequently killed by mortar fire in this engagement. Next of kin: Ruby Kozak (Mother), 629 E Street Northwest, Washington, District of Columbia.

LEW H. NGOR, 32651171, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 5 April 1945, in the vicinity of Heilbronn, Germany. When the enemy launched a fierce counterattack against the bridgehead positions established by his platoon the day before, Private Ngor, a rifleman, took cover in a shell crater and on his own initiative remained behind to cover the withdrawal of his comrades. Although he soon became the target for the concentrated fire of the Germans who were rapidly closing in on him, he remained in position and killed seven enemy soldiers before he himself was killed by an enemy volley from close quarters. By his gallantry and marked devotion to duty, Private Ngor enabled his comrades to withdraw with only a minimum of casualties. Next of kin: Mrs Lew Ngor (Mother), 70 West 94th Street, New York, New York.

VICTOR H. SEIJO, 32657319, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 5 April 1945, in the vicinity of Heilbronn, Germany. While leading his machine gun section in support of the attacking rifle platoons, Private Seijo and his men were totally exposed when the Germans unleashed heavy machine gun and small arms fire, immobilizing the entire company. Immediately deploying his machine guns, Private Seijo engaged the enemy with accurate and effective fire. After the rifleman had withdrawn, Private Seijo manned a machine gun himself, and ordering his section to fall back, he alone covered the withdrawal of his men, holding off the Germans until his ammunition was exhausted. Not until he resorted to the use of his pistol and had expended all its ammunition were the Germans able to overrun his position. His gallant action and supreme sacrifice are in keeping with the highest traditions of the Army of the United States. Next of kin: Felisa Seijo (Mother), 3920 Third Avenue, Brooklyn, New York.

SECTION II -- AWARD OF SILVER STAR

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Silver Star is awarded to each of the following named individuals for gallantry in action:

GEORGE A. SARLES, JR., O403440, First Lieutenant, 399th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 13 April 1945 and 14 April 1945, in the vicinity of Sontheim and Talheim, Germany. During the attack near Sontheim Lieutenant Sarles at great risk to his own life rescued fifteen soldiers who had been wounded and had fallen in an area exposed to intense enemy fire. On the following day, at Talheim, he boarded a friendly tank, manned the vehicle's machine gun, and directed the tank's advance toward strong hostile positions on commanding ground. With accurate fire he silenced an enemy machine gun emplacement, thereby relieving a comrade who had been pinned down by the weapon, and subsequently killed twelve and wounded an undetermined number of a hostile wire-laying crew. His aggressive and courageous action thus contributed greatly to the success of our operations and was instrumental in saving the lives of his fellow soldiers. Entered military service from Cleveland, Ohio.

EDWARD A. SILK, O1310890, First Lieutenant, 398th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 15 February 1945, in the vicinity of Goetzenbruck, France. While leading a large combat patrol through enemy lines, Lieutenant Silk, sensing a hostile ambush, ordered his men to remain behind, and crawled ahead alone to reconnoiter the situation. Traveling but a short distance, he drew intense fire from enemy machine guns and riflemen. Returning to his men, he immediately led them forward in an attack, but found it impossible to dislodge the entrenched foe. Realizing the danger of being surrounded, Lieutenant Silk ordered his men to withdraw. Then, although the enemy was rapidly closing in, he remained in position for more than half an hour, covering the movements of his men. Only after his men had withdrawn and his fire killed two Germans and wounded three more, did Lieutenant Silk himself withdraw. His gallant action and aggressive leadership frustrated an enemy ambush and allowed his entire patrol to withdraw safely. Entered military service from Johnstown, Pennsylvania.

WARREN C. HEROLD, O2006992, Second Lieutenant, 398th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 6 April 1945, in the vicinity of Jagstfeld, Germany. During the bitter house-to-house fighting for the city of Jagstfeld, Lieutenant Herold's platoon was hit by a determined enemy counterattack. Although intense enemy artillery, mortar and small arms fire was inflicting heavy casualties upon his command, Lieutenant Herold moved from man to man, encouraging and directing their defense. Meanwhile, the platoon on his left flank, whose platoon leader had been wounded earlier in the day, and two attached tank destroyers, began to withdraw. Realizing the seriousness of the situation, Lieutenant Herold made his way to the flanking unit, assumed command and ordered the men back into position. After bringing the armored vehicles back into the action, he then directed both platoons and successfully beat back the fanatical enemy attack. Entered military service from Greens Farms, Connecticut.

CLARENCE R. HIX, O554349, Second Lieutenant, 398th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 6 November 1944, in the vicinity of Etival, France. Advantageously situated in a position which was impervious to small arms fire, a hostile machine gun emplacement inflicted severe casualties upon our troops during the action near Etival. Lieutenant Hix and an enlisted man crawled forward alone across an open field in an attempt to eliminate the enemy strongpoint, and succeeded in advancing to within a few yards of the opposing weapon when a burst of fire killed the enlisted man. Lieutenant Hix immediately rose to his feet and hurled a grenade which destroyed the hostile emplacement. He was subsequently wounded when the enemy subjected the area to a heavy mortar barrage, but by his gallant and aggressive action prevented the infliction of further casualties upon our forces and contributed significantly to the success of our operations. Entered military service from Pullman, Washington.

PAUL E. MINSHALL, 15120957, Staff Sergeant, 398th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 14 April 1945, in the vicinity of Wilsbach, Germany. When the advance of his platoon was halted by intense enemy opposition, Sergeant Minshall, a squad leader, found himself directly to the front of a hostile machine gun position supported by six enemy riflemen. Without regard for the intensity of the enemy action, he leaped to his feet and charged the hostile emplacement, firing from the hip as he advanced, and succeeded in wounding the opposing machine gunner and so disconcerting the other defending troops that nine enemy immediately surrendered.

As a result of his gallant and courageous action, the hostile line was broken, our forces were able to overrun the defensive positions, and the entire enemy group of thirty-seven men, including four machine gun crews, was captured. Entered military service from New Holland, Ohio.

JAMES B. HAZEN, JR., 15177014, Sergeant, 398th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 5 April 1945, in the vicinity of Jagstfeld, Germany. Advancing as the leading element of our troops in an attack, Sergeant Hazen's squad encountered fanatical enemy resistance and found itself in immediate danger of becoming isolated from the remainder of our forces. Despite the intensity of enemy fire, Sergeant Hazen proceeded to move from one member of the squad to another, issuing orders to withdraw, and while so engaged was severely wounded in the face by a hostile shellburst. Disregarding the pain of his wound, which was bleeding profusely, he resolutely continued to warn his men to withdraw, and while approaching the last member of the unit he was again wounded when a sniper's bullet pierced his foot. Unable to walk, and suffering steadily mounting pain, he remained behind and delivered covering fire while comrades retired, and by his gallantry and devotion to duty displayed, prevented the capture or annihilation of his squad. Entered military service from Hudson, Michigan.

ROBERT M. DUNCAN, 37363189, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 8 April 1945, in the vicinity of Jagstfeld, Germany. When devastating fire from an enemy machine gun emplacement prevented the withdrawal of the reconnaissance patrol of which he was a member, Private Duncan, who was acting as scout, immediately crawled toward a vantage point from which he was able to engage the hostile force. Rising to his feet, he directed an accurate and effective volume of fire upon the enemy, killing the gunner, forcing other members of the crew to seek cover, and enabled his companions to complete their withdrawal. He subsequently observed six hostile soldiers in an attempt to outflank the patrol, and concealed himself until the opposing infantrymen approached within a few feet, then killed all six with a single burst of fire. His courageous and aggressive action was undoubtedly responsible for saving the entire patrol from capture or annihilation. Entered military service from Eaglewood, Colorado.

CLAYTON E. LANDAHL, 42093337, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 17 April 1945, in the vicinity of Neuhutten, Germany. While moving up the forward slope of Hill 525, the company in which Private Landahl was a rifleman was hit by heavy enemy fire from front and right, and his platoon was immobilized by machine gun fire from the direct front. In an attempt to outflank the enemy position, Private Landahl made for a ravine and began crawling past the enemy positions when a sniper fired at him. Sighting the sniper and jumping to his feet, Private Landahl killed the enemy, and then turned to charge the hostile machine gun position, when the fire from another sniper seriously wounded him. By his personal daring and defiance of danger, Private Landahl succeeded in unnerving the enemy, causing them to withdraw and thus alleviate the pressure upon his comrades. Entered military service from Buffalo, New York.

FERGUS SAUCIER, 38652531, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 3 April 1945, in the vicinity of Jagstfeld, Germany. During a bitterly-fought action, Private Saucier observed a wounded man who had fallen in an open field directly to his front. Despite the intensity of enemy artillery, mortar and small arms fire, he left the comparative safety of his sheltered position and ran toward the wounded soldier, delivering a rapid volume of fire at a nearby machine gun emplacement as he advanced. He was himself seriously wounded by a mortar shellburst, but, although nearly blinded by his injury, courageously continued until he reached the injured man, then carried him to a place of safety where he received medical attention. His gallant and selfless action was directly responsible for saving the life of a comrade. Entered military service from Marksville, Louisiana.

JAMES VARGO, 36509731, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 8 April 1945, in the vicinity of Odheim, Germany. When fire from a concealed enemy machine gun halted the advance of our troops, Private Vargo, acting as first scout, deliberately exposed himself in order to draw fire which disclosed the enemy's position. He then crawled forward alone until he was within grenade range of the opposing emplacement, hurled a grenade at the enemy, then charged the emplacement. Despite the intense fire which was directed at him, he succeeded in reaching the hostile weapon and killed all members of its crew, thus at tremendous risk to his own life eliminating a major threat to the success of his company's operations. Entered military service from Chesaning, Michigan.

LAWRENCE WACHTEL, 32824650, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 16 April 1945, in the vicinity of Huberg, Germany. During an advance by our forces, intense fire from a hostile machine gun inflicted heavy casualties upon the leading squad and halted the progress of the column. Private Wachtel, realizing that a frontal assault upon the position would prove costly, volunteered to attempt a flanking maneuver. Moving forward alone, he succeeded in bypassing hostile infantrymen, reached a point in the rear of the opposing emplacement, and while his comrades delivered frontal fire he hurled two grenades and then charged the position, only to find that his grenades had killed the crew and destroyed their weapon. His skillfully executed and courageous tactics were thus responsible for eliminating a hostile strongpoint and enabled his platoon to successfully complete its mission. Entered military service from Bronx, New York.

JOHN H. WALK, 35767660, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 16 April 1945, in the vicinity of Oberheimbach, Germany. When the progress of his company was halted by intense small arms and automatic weapons fire, Private Walk, who had been advancing with leading elements, unhesitatingly charged the enemy position. His action, made entirely upon his own initiative, so demoralized the opposing troops that four of the enemy immediately surrendered to him. Three others attempted to flee, and he pursued them, killing one and wounding another. The alert and aggressive action of Private Walk, performed at incalculable risk to his own life, thus prevented the infliction of casualties upon our troops, reduced an enemy strongpoint and contributed greatly to the success of our operations. Entered military service from Laing, West Virginia.

SECTION III -- AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded to each of the following named individuals:

LEO R. FAMBURG, 01283761, Major, Headquarters 100th Infantry Division, for meritorious service in support of combat operations during the period 17 February 1945 to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

ALDEN K. SHALL, 0408626, Captain, Headquarters Company, 100th Infantry Division, for meritorious service in support of combat operations during the period 9 November 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Garden City, Long Island, New York.

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SECTION I -- AWARD OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO BRONZE STAR MEDAL

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, the First Oak Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following named individual:

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* ~~NEWTON J. HEUBERGER, 0392721, Captain, 399th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 24 November 1944, in the vicinity of Neufpauis, France. When heavy enemy artillery fell in his company's area on its first engagement, Captain Heuberger moved from platoon to platoon, encouraging his men and seeing that they were well concealed. Then, determined to locate the hostile gun position, he took his artillery observer with him and moved out through the barrage. From a vantage point eight hundred yards inside enemy territory, he directed friendly artillery on the hostile position, thus sharply decreasing the volume of shelling being inflicted on his troops. Returning to his unit, he then organized an advance which overran the enemy position. His personal courage, initiative and aggressive leadership have been a constant inspiration to his men. Entered military service from Center Hill, Florida.~~

SECTION II -- AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded to each of the following named individuals:

ROBERT L. JASTER, 38652300, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from Spring Hill, Alabama.

FRANCIS J. MATHIAS, 42146400, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from Buffalo, New York.

NICHOLAS RODRIGUES, 31309776, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from Fall River, Massachusetts.

For heroic achievement in action on 13 April 1945, in the vicinity of Heilbronn Germany. While the company was preparing defensive positions in the wooded area surrounding the city, these three men, on guard at an outpost, detected an enemy patrol advancing toward the company. Although armed with rifles only, they opened fire and succeeded in halting the enemy advance. The three men then charged the Germans, firing their rifles and hurling hand grenades as they advanced. By their sudden daring and determined action they were able to neutralize the enemy force, killing and wounding several Germans, and thus insured the stability of the company's defense.

LEON BROOKS, JR., 33774811, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from Lancaster, Pennsylvania.

WALTER L. ELLIS, 33871966, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from Windsor, Pennsylvania.

For heroic achievement in action on 11 December 1944, in the vicinity of Louverhouse, France. When two assault platoons were immobilized by intense enemy artillery, mortar, automatic weapons and sniper fire, these two men, members of a machine gun squad, volunteered to distract the enemy and afford our leading elements an opportunity to reorganize. Moving their gun into an advantageous position, they directed a steady stream of fire at the foe, causing disorganization in the enemy ranks. Then, when an enemy flak-wagon menaced our withdrawing forces, they moved their gun again and opened fire, inflicting casualties upon the enemy crew and neutralizing the gun. As a result of their daring and aggressive action the company was able to withdraw and reorganize without further casualties.

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PHILIP F. BELL, 33889109, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from Cambridge, Missouri.

WILLIAM D. CARROLL, SR., 34311709, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from Sylacauga, Alabama.

VAN D. HARLAGE, 38732325, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from Malvern, Arkansas.

FRANK G. JIM, 42099851, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from Jamestown, New York.

For heroic achievement in action on 17 April 1945, in the vicinity of Huberg, Germany. While acting as the point in their company's advance on Huberg, these four men were subjected to intense mortar and automatic weapons fire from a numerically superior force dug in to their front. Although the terrain offered little protection from the deadly hail of bullets, they refused to withdraw and immediately returned the foe's fire. By engaging the enemy in this manner for more than half an hour, they succeeded in diverting the Germans' attention from the main body of the company, enabling their comrades to attack the strong point from the rear and seize it without suffering a single casualty.

DANIEL R. NORTON, 35705500, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from Hegira, Kentucky.

FRANCISCO A. LAYONGA, 38091407, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from San Diego, California.

GORDON B. MORSE, 42098874, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from Handel, New York.

MELVIN W. JOHNS, 44030483, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from Atlanta, Georgia.

For heroic achievement in action on 4 April 1945, in the vicinity of Heilbronn, Germany. After their company stormed across the Neckar River and established defensive positions for the expected counterattacks, these four men volunteered to contact the company on the right flank. After advancing over eight hundred yards of fire-swept terrain, they began running into enemy troops, and found that the unit they were to contact had been pushed back to the river. On their way back to the company, they found their route cut off by a force of fifteen enemy riflemen. Despite the odds, the patrol charged the enemy with such fierceness that six Germans were killed, two wounded, and seven taken prisoner, thus enabling the patrol to return to the company with the vital information.

EDWARD D. MC BRIDE, 01550443, First Lieutenant, 300th Ordnance Company, for meritorious service in support of combat operations during the period 1 December 1944 to 21 January 1945, in Eastern France. Entered military service from Brooklyn, New York.

MILTON L. WALDEN, 01551140, First Lieutenant, 300th Ordnance Company, for meritorious service in support of combat operations during the period 22 December 1944 to 22 January 1945, in Eastern France. Entered military service from Wrens, Georgia.

SECTION III -- AWARD OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO PURPLE HEART

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

BENJAMIN J. BACCHI, 32650051, Staff Sergeant, 399th Infantry Regiment, 19 April 1945. Entered military service from Brooklyn, New York.

CHARLES J. THOMAS, 35473806, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, 15 March 1945. Entered military service from Hills, Ohio.

SECTION IV -- AWARD OF PURPLE HEART

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

BEDDLE R. TRIPLES, JR., 02206708, First Lieutenant, 397th Infantry Regiment, 12 December 1944. Entered military service from Miami, Florida.

JAMES R. CHARLEY, 02055911, Second Lieutenant, 397th Infantry Regiment, 24 November 1944. Entered military service from Gary, Indiana.

JOSEPH F. JACOBSON, 12007834, First Sergeant, 397th Infantry Regiment, 5 January 1945. Entered military service from Long Island City, New York.

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WILLIAM J. GOSTROWSKI, 32681028, Technical Sergeant, 397th Infantry Regiment, 15 December 1944. Entered military service from Northport, New York.
EDWARD M. GHOT, 32931511, Staff Sergeant, 398th Infantry Regiment, 7 April 1945. Entered military service from Buffalo, New York.
DONALD H. LEMMON, 34591644, Technician Fourth Grade, 398th Infantry Regiment, 14 December 1944. Entered military service from Matthews, North Carolina.
MICHAEL MONTAGANO, 32483463, Corporal, 398th Infantry Regiment, 17 December 1944. Entered military service from Burlington, New Jersey.
LEWIS F. LLAING, 35549396, Corporal, 373rd Field Artillery Battalion, 17 April 1945. Entered military service from New York, New York.
BURTON B. LOGAN, 13195347, Technician Fifth Grade, 398th Infantry Regiment, 24 December 1944. Entered military service from Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.
FRANCIS J. BAILEY, JR., 31356096, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, 12 April 1945. Entered military service from Beverly, Massachusetts.
WILLIAM F. FITZPATRICK, 32934035, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, 19 November 1944. Entered military service from Buffalo, New York.
ARTHUR C. HEISLER, 42187093, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, 11 April 1945. Entered military service from Fort Murray, New Jersey.
JOHN C. LUNTY, 42144695, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment, 6 March 1945. Entered military service from Union City, New Jersey.
FRANK D. ALMEIDA, 32680490, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, 17 December 1944. Entered military service from Central Falls, Rhode Island.
JAMES MC NEW, 36037816, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, 21 April 1945. Entered military service from Carterville, Illinois.
JAMES E. MINNLS, 39342905, Private, 399th Infantry Regiment, 16 November 1944. Entered military service from Fendleton, Oregon.

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SECTION I -- AWARD OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO BRONZE STAR MEDAL

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, the First Oak Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following named individual:

CANDELARIO R. ROMERO, 38537111, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 6 April 1945, in the vicinity of Jagstfeld, Germany. When a coordinated tank-infantry assault on Jagstfeld was immobilized by intense enemy bazooka, automatic weapons and small arms fire, Private Romero and a companion crawled forward, and manning their heavy machine gun from a window, engaged the hostile forces. Although the enemy directed a deadly volley of small arms and bazooka fire at their position in an attempt to silence it, Private Romero and his comrade continued to fire, killing twenty-six Germans and forcing them to withdraw. By his heroic and aggressive action in the face of great danger, Private Romero succeeded in breaking the enemy's main line of defense, and enabled our troops to advance in quick pursuit. Entered military service from Austin, Texas.

SECTION II -- AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL, MISSING IN ACTION

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following named individual, missing in action:

BEN F. LOEHNDING, 39612763, Sergeant, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 7 April 1945, in the vicinity of Odheim, Germany. After trying for two days to penetrate and crack the enemy's defense line near Willenbach Farms north of Odheim, a ten-man patrol was sent into the farms area and was halted by intense enemy fire. Sergeant Loehding, sixty millimeter mortar squad leader, immediately set up his mortar and rendered supporting fire. The enemy, locating his gun position, then launched a terrific counterbattery barrage, but Sergeant Loehding remained at his post until a direct hit on the gun position seriously wounded him. He was subsequently reported as missing in this action. Sergeant Loehding's courageous and devoted efforts reflect the highest traditions of the Army of the United States. Next of kin: Gertrude M. Piekens (Mother), Route #1, Opportunity, Washington.

SECTION III -- AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded to each of the following named individuals:

JOSEPH P. MUDD, 35869786, Staff Sergeant, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 4 April 1945, in the vicinity of Heilbronn, Germany. Assigned the mission of clearing a factory and establishing a defensive position during the assault on Heilbronn, Germany, Sergeant Mudd led his squad forward despite intense and unremitting enemy artillery and small arms fire. Upon reaching his objective, Sergeant Mudd expertly deployed his men and guided them in the attack against a numerically superior force of thirty men to successfully complete his mission. The courage, leadership and initiative displayed by Sergeant Mudd eliminated an enemy strong point and facilitated his company's advance. Entered military service from New Harlan, Kentucky.

HARRY P. TAYLOR, 36456606, Staff Sergeant, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 16 April 1945, in the vicinity of Heilbronn, Germany. While participating in an advance against an enemy pocket near Heilbronn, Germany, Sergeant Taylor's company was immobilized by enemy automatic weapons fire. Despite the intensity of the resistance, Sergeant Taylor courageously left the security of his position and led his squad over uncovered terrain, successfully destroying the hostile strong point. Sergeant Taylor's intrepid leadership resulted in the killing

of one enemy, the wounding of four, and the capture of the enemy position which had been holding up his company's advance. Entered military service from Niagara, Wisconsin.

JOE B. WYNN, 34910340, Staff Sergeant, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 13 April 1945, in the vicinity of Heilbronn, Germany. When leading elements of his battalion were immobilized by intense artillery, mortar, machinegun, automatic weapons and sniper fire, Sergeant Wynn, in charge of a machine gun squad, reconnoitered the surrounding terrain and discovered a position from which his squad could direct fire upon the enemy emplacements. Then, faced by a shortage of ammunition, he twice worked his way back to the supply point under the severe enemy fire and returned to his squad with the vital supplies of ammunition. The courageous and devoted actions of Sergeant Wynn contributed materially to the successful completion of his unit's operation. Entered military service from Jacksonville, Florida.

VILLIAM T. DAVIS, 34897494, Sergeant (then Private First Class), 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 4 December 1944, in the vicinity of Saucht, France. While supporting a rifle company, one of our heavy machine gun sections ran into a hostile ambush and was caught in the deadly cross-fire of entrenched automatic weapons. Seeing his squad leader become wounded, Sergeant Davis immediately assumed command and began crawling forward to an exposed vantage point from which he could best direct the fire of his section. Almost simultaneously, he organized his ammunition bearers into a small rifle squad and directed them in delivering covering fire while the gunners were getting their weapons into action. As a result of his brilliant leadership, courage and aggressiveness, our forces were able to gain fire superiority and ultimately force the foe to abandon their position. Entered military service from Hamlet, North Carolina.

JOHN W. CROWLEY, 31238344, Technician Fourth Grade, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 17 April 1945, in the vicinity of Mustelrot, Germany. When the company command post was forced to withdraw from their advanced positions under intense enemy automatic weapons and sniper fire, Sergeant Crowley, who had been operating two radios, volunteered to remain behind and keep the company commander abreast of the situation. Despite the hazards of his position, Sergeant Crowley continued operating his radios until the threat had been eliminated. The courage, initiative and devotion to duty displayed by Sergeant Crowley were an inspiration to those with whom he served. Entered military service from Andover, Massachusetts.

RAYMOND E. DUDZIK, 36296224, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 14 February 1945, in the vicinity of Coetzenbruck, France. Assigned the task of maintaining wire communications between his eighty-one millimeter mortar platoon and a forward observation post, Private Dudzik, when the regular observer was wounded, was forced to man the observation post alone. When the enemy subsequently shelled our positions with severe mortar fire, Private Dudzik quickly discovered the enemy's exact positions, and, calling for counterfire from his own platoon, so skillfully adjusted it on the foe's emplacements that their weapons were silenced, and further losses by our forces were not sustained. His courageous and aggressive action won for him the respect and admiration of the entire organization. Entered military service from Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

CAR FARRIS, 36687763, Private First Class (then Private), 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action during the period 17 December 1944 to 21 December 1944, in the vicinity of Fische, France. During the assault on Fort Schiesseck in the Maginot Line, Private Farris, a rifleman, and his platoon were immobilized by savage enemy artillery, mortar and small arms fire. When several men became casualties, he courageously went back for medical aid for the wounded men. After the fortifications on Hill 419 were taken, he helped drive back several enemy counterattacks. Private Farris then went on a patrol into enemy territory and returned with information that the enemy was marshaling forces for a counterattack. As a result of his aggressive, heroic and devoted action, this information was of immeasurable value in enabling our forces to repulse the enemy attack, and ultimately achieve its own objectives. Entered military service from Macona, Texas.

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* ~~ALVIN~~ ~~RAY~~ ~~RAY~~, 32393275, Private First Class, 325th Medical Battalion, for heroic achievement in action on 3 April 1945, in the vicinity of Seckenheim, Germany. When a fire broke out in a building occupied by his battalion, Private Ray, who was on guard duty, bravely ignored exploding ammunition and continued his efforts to

control the spreading flames until help arrived. The prompt and heroic actions of Private Kay saved large quantities of valuable equipment and prevented possible death or injury to numerous patients within the building. Entered military service from Union Beach, New Jersey.

OLIVER V. LARSON, 37591214, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 7 April 1945, in the vicinity of Odheim, Germany. While advancing across Hill 215.8 in the attack upon Willenbach Farms, the company in which Private Larson was a rifleman encountered heavy machine gun and rifle fire from the flanks and front. When the reserve platoon began maneuvering to outflank the enemy positions, the Germans unleashed heavy concentrations of artillery fire, causing many casualties. Despite the intensity of the fire, Private Larson and three other men continued forward, and, after courageously destroying one enemy strongpoint, moved forward to silence another. Private Larson was taken prisoner by the Germans in this action, but has subsequently been freed by friendly forces. Entered military service from Bottineau, North Dakota.

ERIC W. LOMASNEY, 16175325, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 6 April 1945, in the vicinity of Jagstfeld, Germany. When a coordinated tank-infantry assault on Jagstfeld was immobilized by intense enemy bazooka, automatic weapons and small arms fire, Private Lomasney and a companion crawled forward with a heavy machine gun, and, mounting their weapon in a window, engaged the hostile forces. Although the enemy directed a deadly volley of small arms and brooke fire at their position, Private Lomasney and his comrade continued to fire, killing twenty-six Germans and forcing them to withdraw. By his heroic and aggressive action in the face of great danger, Private Lomasney succeeded in breaking the enemy's main line of defense, and enabled our troops to advance in quick pursuit. Entered military service from Urbana, Illinois.

JOE L. LOVAN, 37641315, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 9 April 1945, in the vicinity of Odheim, Germany. Private Lovan, an automatic rifleman, was advancing with the lead squad of his platoon in an attempt to outflank an enemy position, when the enemy opened fire from three sides, immobilizing the squad. Exposing himself to the hostile fire, Private Lovan manned his automatic rifle and engaged the enemy, forcing them to take cover. Thus protected, the remainder of the platoon was able to withdraw to safety. Only after all his comrades had escaped the trap did Private Lovan himself withdraw. His courage, aggressiveness and devotion were directly responsible for holding the major portion of the enemy at bay and allowing his platoon to withdraw, thus saving countless lives. Entered military service from Willow Springs, Missouri.

DOUGLAS T. TODD, JR., 34964103, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 7 April 1945, in the vicinity of Odheim, Germany. While advancing across Hill 215.8 in the attack upon Willenbach Farms, the company in which Private Todd was a rifleman encountered heavy machine gun and rifle fire from the flanks and front. When the reserve platoon began maneuvering to outflank the enemy positions, the Germans unleashed heavy concentrations of artillery fire, causing many casualties. Despite the intensity of the fire, Private Todd and three other men continued forward, and, after courageously demolishing one enemy strongpoint, moved forward to silence another. Private Todd was taken prisoner by the Germans in this action, but has subsequently been freed by friendly forces. Entered military service from Lumberton, North Carolina.

THEODORE A. WARD, 37261164, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 19 December 1944, in the vicinity of Bitche, France. During the attack on the Maginot Line at Bitche, Private Ward, an ammunition bearer in a light machine gun squad, advanced across open terrain under direct enemy artillery, mortar and small arms fire in order to bring up the needed supplies and ammunition. Reaching his destination, a counterattack developed in an adjacent area, and Private Ward again started out over the fire-swept terrain to support the troops engaged in repulsing the attack. By his courage, aggressiveness and unflinching devotion to duty, Private Ward contributed greatly to the successful defense of the attacked positions. Entered military service from Box Elder, South Dakota.

RAYMOND G. ELMELL, 0163383, First Lieutenant, 100th Signal Company, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations during the period 21 March 1945 to 9 May 1945, in Eastern Germany. Entered military service from Auburn Heights, Michigan.

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BAYARD T. HERRICK, 01031811, First Lieutenant, 100th Cavalry Reconnaissance Troop, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations during the period 3 November 1944 to 30 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Cleveland, Ohio.

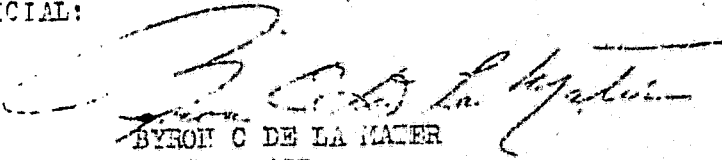
JOHN W. SOLBERG, 01319871, First Lieutenant, Military Police Platoon, 100th Infantry Division, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations during the period 30 October 1944 to 30 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Minneapolis, Minnesota.

JACK GILBERT, 58627910, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 3 November 1944 to 30 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Fort Worth, Texas.

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SECTION I -- AWARD OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO BRONZE STAR MEDAL

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, the First Oak Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to each of the following named individuals:

JOHN R. GOOD, 13188868, Technical Sergeant, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 7 April 1945, in the vicinity of Jagstfeld, Germany. During our attack on Jagstfeld, Sergeant Good's heavy machine gun section and the rifle company it supported were immobilized by heavy, hostile fire. Sergeant Good immediately began crawling forward into the volley of fire to determine the exact enemy positions and, miraculously escaping injury, reached a vantage point, plotted the German positions and then returned to his men. Inspired by his intrepid action, they followed him forward to a point from which they began delivering effective counterfire, shortly silenced several enemy weapons and thus enabled the infantry elements to resume the attack in force. As a result of his heroism, Sergeant Good was instrumental in the victory achieved at Jagstfeld and was responsible for keeping our casualties at a minimum. Entered military service from Turtle Creek, Pennsylvania.

CHARLES H. FLAVIN, 31067973, Staff Sergeant, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 7 April 1945, in the vicinity of Jagstfeld, Germany. When his platoon sergeant was wounded and evacuated during the attack on Jagstfeld, Sergeant Flavin, the platoon guide, immediately assumed command and aggressively led his men against the frenzied German resistance. After the platoon captured several blocks of houses, two squads became immobilized by an enemy machine gun. With singular resourcefulness, Sergeant Flavin led another squad in a flanking movement and shortly came abreast the hostile weapon. Still unobserved by the German crew, he then heroically advanced alone to within twenty-five yards of the automatic weapon, directed a sudden and devastating volley of fire at the Germans, succeeded in killing one and the remainder, bewildered by his furious attack, surrendered. Thus, single-handedly, Sergeant Flavin eliminated a hostile strongpoint, allowing his platoon to continue the attack. Entered military service from Dorchester, Massachusetts.

SECTION II -- POSTHUMOUS AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Bronze Star Medal is posthumously awarded to the following named individual:

CLARENCE R. POOR, 35849951, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 6 April 1945, in the vicinity of Jagstfeld, Germany. While his company was engaged in bitter fighting near Jagstfeld, Private Poor sighted a large hostile force attempting to outflank our positions. Unable to warn his squad of this danger, he immediately left the comparative safety of his position, moved toward the advancing foe and reached a vantage point from where he could observe their movements. Although his position offered little cover and the enemy concentrated their fire against him, he heroically remained in place and effectively returned the fire. He succeeded in killing three Germans and wounded two more before he himself was mortally wounded. His audacious and intrepid action considerably slowed the German advance and enabled his comrades to eventually repulse the attack altogether. Next of kin: Barbara Poor (Mother), 657 Norman Avenue, Wickliffe, Ohio.

SECTION III -- AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded to each of the following named individuals:

RICHARD B. FROST, 33716051, Staff Sergeant, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 8 April 1945, in the vicinity of Heilbronn, Germany. After Sergeant Frost and his men crossed the fire-swept Neckar River, assisted in the establishment of a bridgehead, and achieved their primary objective, they were immobilized by intense enemy small arms fire. At great personal risk, Sergeant Frost heroically advanced alone over open terrain, assumed a position from which he commanded a view of the enemy and then, with steady rifle fire, covered the progress of his comrades. As a result of his resourceful tactics the enemy force was soon routed, his squad achieved new positions and were able, in conjunction with adjacent friendly units, to continue the attack with rapidity and success. Entered military service from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

CHESTER L. HALL, 31236964, Sergeant, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 7 April 1945, in the vicinity of Offenau, Germany. When several vehicles ran into an enemy ambush, and their occupants were severely wounded by machine gun fire, all attempts to evacuate the casualties were turned back by accurate fire from the entrenched enemy. Informed of the situation, Sergeant Hall, company water sergeant, quickly went forward and organized a rescue party of riflemen, drivers and aid men. Then, under the cover of darkness, and after having set up a machine gun to cover their movements, he led his men forward and succeeded in evacuating all the casualties. His heroic, aggressive and determined action saved the lives of these men, and won him the respect and admiration of the entire organization. Entered military service from Attleboro Falls, Massachusetts.

ABRAHAM H. KAFLAN, 32340544, Technician Fifth Grade, Medical Detachment, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 21 December 1944, in the vicinity of Bitché, France. When informed that two members of the heavy machine gun section to which he was attached as an aid man had been wounded, Corporal Kaflan immediately made his way forward despite the intense hostile fire. Upon reaching the wounded men he administered first aid and then carried the more seriously wounded to the comparative safety of an abandoned dugout. Then, with continued heroism, he made his way back through the shell fire to the second casualty and removed him to the shelter. Later, when the hostile fire lessened, he directed their evacuation to the rear. His indomitable courage and devotion to duty saved the lives of both men and are representative of the highest Medical Corps traditions. Entered military service from Brooklyn, New York.

CLEMENT C. O'MALLEY, 31236964, Technician Fifth Grade, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 16 November 1944, in the vicinity of Raon l'Etape, France. When the battalion communication line to a leading company was severed by hostile shell fire, Corporal O'Malley, chief of a wire team, immediately began tracing the wire to locate the break. Although the enemy shell fire increased in intensity and the danger was great from flying shrapnel, he grimly continued his task and eventually discovered the damage. While engaged in repairing the line, Corporal O'Malley inadvertently detonated a German mine, and, although he was seriously wounded and was suffering much pain, he heroically finished his work and thus restored vital communications. He then made his hazardous way back and received medical aid. His indomitable courage and devotion to duty are representative of the highest traditions in the Army of the United States. Entered military service from Medford, Massachusetts.

RALPH H. KIMBALL, 15360905, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 1 February 1945, in the vicinity of Gochsbrunn, France. When a combat patrol was dispatched with the mission of engaging an enemy force in a patch of woods, Private Kimball, advancing with the leading elements, was seriously wounded by an exploding rifle grenade when the patrol encountered an enemy outpost. Despite this painful injury, he continued to aid his comrades in overrunning the outpost position and when additional enemy, alerted by this exchange of fire, threatened to surround our entire force, Private Kimball voluntarily remained behind to cover the withdrawal of his companions. Moving from one position to another, he steadily fired his rifle, holding the enemy in check and enabling his comrades to reach safety. He then fell back to friendly lines. Private Kimball's heroic action is in keeping with the finest traditions of the Army of the United States. Entered military service from Akron, Ohio.

ROBERT C. LISKA, 16175389, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 7 April 1945, in the vicinity of Jagstfeld, Germany. After engaging all day in bitter house-to-house fighting for Jagstfeld, Private Liska's company encountered a large enemy force located in the railroad station. Although the surrounding area offered no protection, Private Liska, an automatic rifleman, courageously advanced to a point from where effective fire could be delivered at the doors and windows of the structure. Although the foe concentrated automatic weapons fire on his position, he delivered such a deadly volley of counter-fire that the enemy left their positions and took refuge in the rear of the station, thus enabling his companions to make a successful assault on the strongpoint. His heroic action won the plaudits of his entire company and is within keeping with the finest military traditions. Entered military service from Parkridge, Illinois.

VERNON E. OSBORNE, 38670255, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 6 April 1945, in the vicinity of Jagstfeld, Germany. Commissioned the task of keeping the communication wires between his battalion and company intact, Private Osborne crossed the fire-swept Jagst River in company with his unit when wounded by an enemy sniper. Administering self first aid, he continued with the attack, and, when learning that hostile shell fire had severed a wire, he immediately began tracing for the break. After traversing a mile and a half of open terrain and being subjected to German sniper fire, he located and repaired the damage, thus restoring the vital communication system. Private Osborne at this point, collapsed from shock and exhaustion and was evacuated to an aid station. His intrepid performance greatly aided the attack and served as an inspiring example of heroism, courage and devotion to duty to his comrades. Entered military service from Des Arc, Arkansas.

RICHARD I. THOMAS, 38727884, Private First Class, Medical Detachment, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 14 April 1945, in the vicinity of Shornach, Germany. When the leading scout of his platoon was seriously wounded, Private Thomas, an aid man, immediately started out to administer first aid. Although the terrain offered no protection, he crept forward more than two hundred yards, until he reached the wounded man. Under constant enemy fire, he was forced to treat the casualty while laying flat on the ground. Realizing that the man had already lost a large quantity of blood, Private Thomas decided to evacuate him immediately. Crawling over the same precarious route and dragging his comrade with him, he finally reached the company command post where a litter team was waiting. Private Thomas' outstanding courage and complete devotion to duty were directly responsible for saving the man's life. Entered military service from Boonsboro, Maryland.

GERALD WOLK, 31412563, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 8 April 1945, in the vicinity of Odheim, Germany. After a successful attack near Willenbach Farms our forces prepared their newly-won positions for the night. Private Wolk was manning his position when with notable alertness he observed a German patrol approaching. With outstanding presence of mind, he immediately threw a hand grenade at the enemy and then, taking advantage of the patrol's confusion, stood up and directed a devastating volley of rifle fire into the hostile force. So swift were Private Wolk's actions that the enemy, bewildered and surprised, fled in disorder, leaving one German dead. As a result of his outstanding initiative, quick-thinking and resourcefulness, Private Wolk eliminated a serious threat to our forces and saved his companions from having to engage in a serious fire-fight. Entered military service from Stamford, Connecticut.

LEVERT W. CLOW, 36990869, Private, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 9 April 1945, in the vicinity of Jagstfeld, Germany. As a member of a reconnaissance patrol, Private Clow and his companions had advanced deep into enemy territory when they became involved in a fire-fight with a numerically superior enemy force. When the Germans attempted to surround the small patrol and his leader ordered a withdrawal, Private Clow voluntarily held his position and for nearly an hour heroically covered the movements of his comrades with steady, accurate rifle fire. Only upon expending his ammunition did he himself drop back. While thus engaged, he was seriously wounded, and, although he was suffering intense pain, with great resourcefulness he evaded capture, and, after hiding for thirty-six hours behind the hostile lines, he finally crept in darkness to friendly positions. Private Clow's heroism, courage and devotion to duty are representative of the highest military traditions. Entered military service from Madison, Illinois.

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JAMES M. MC CARTHY, 0359364, Major, 100th Quartermaster Company, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations during the period 1 November 1944 to 1 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Lawrence, Massachusetts.

JAMES E. DOUGHERTY, 0397230, Captain, 100th Quartermaster Company, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations during the period 1 November 1944 to 1 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Alton, Pennsylvania.

FRED J. STEHEEN, 01300226, First Lieutenant, 100th Quartermaster Company, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations during the period 1 November 1944 to 1 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Park Rapids, Minnesota.

ROGGIE W. CLARK, 34495798, Private First Class, 375th Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 1 January 1945 to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Haydenburg, Tennessee.

SECTION IV -- AWARD OF MERITORIOUS SERVICE UNIT PLAQUE

By the order of the President, and under the provisions of Section I, Circular Number 34, War Department, 23 August 1944, the Meritorious Service Unit Plaque is awarded to Headquarters Company, 399th Infantry Regiment, for superior performance of duty and the achievement of a high standard of discipline during the period from 1 November 1944 to 8 May 1945.

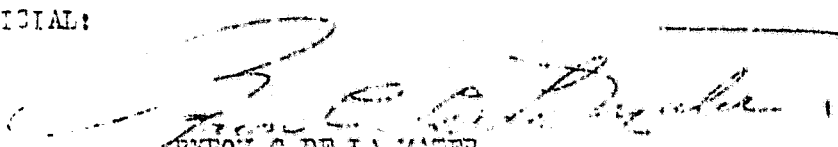
SECTION V -- RESCISSION OF AWARD OF MERITORIOUS SERVICE UNIT PLAQUE

Section of Section VII, General Order Number 192, this headquarters, current series, awards the Meritorious Service Unit Plaque to Regimental Headquarters, 399th Infantry Regiment, is rescinded. (See Section IV, this order)

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SECTION I -- AWARD OF SOLDIERS MEDAL

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Soldiers Medal is awarded to the following named individual:

ALEXANDER L. KA, 32593275, Private First Class, 325th Medical Battalion, for heroism not involving actual conflict with the enemy on 3 April 1945, in the vicinity of Seckenheim, Germany. When fire broke out in a building near the post where he stood guard, Private Kay unhesitatingly ran to the blazing structure and fought the flames with every available means. Although enemy small arms ammunition stored within the building began to explode about him, he refused to relinquish his efforts, and by his valiant and determined action he made it possible for comrades who came to his assistance to ultimately extinguish the blaze. His alert presence of mind thus prevented the possible death or injury of patients quartered within the building and the loss of valuable equipment. Entered military service from Union Beach, New Jersey.

SECTION II -- AWARD OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO BRONZE STAR MEDAL

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, the First Oak Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following named individual:

NORMAN F. WALTERS, 37568382, Staff Sergeant, 399th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 13 April 1945, in the vicinity of Talheim, Germany, assuming the duties of platoon guide when his company was immobilized by intense enemy artillery, mortar, rocket and small arms fire, Sergeant Walters moved from squad to squad, giving first aid to the wounded and relaying a message that the platoon withdraw from their exposed positions, he, himself, voluntarily remaining behind to cover the maneuver. Following a regrouping of forces, the company made a dawn attack upon the town. Sergeant Walters crossed open ground in the face of severe enemy fire, directed the remainder of the platoon across and led the way into the town. He was wounded in this action but continued with his platoon until his mission had been accomplished. His inspiring action was an inspiration to his men. Entered military service from Rochester, Minnesota.

SECTION III -- AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded to each of the following named individuals:

FRANK OUTSLAY, 32597785, Technical Sergeant, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 4 April 1945, in the vicinity of Heilbronn, Germany: Commissioned with the task of crossing the fire-swept Neckar River to establish a bridgehead, Sergeant Outslay and his platoon made the hazardous trip in open assault boats, secured the bridgehead and then pushed forward about seventy-five yards until they encountered severe enemy automatic weapons fire. Although the hostile cross-fire was intense, Sergeant Outslay determinedly led his men across the terrain away from the river bank and by skillful tactics reached a factory where the platoon eliminated strong German positions and captured ninety enemy. Then, pausing only to reorganize his platoon, Sergeant Outslay supervised the capture of two more factories. As a result of his heroic leadership, Sergeant Outslay was instrumental in aiding his company in achieving new positions and eliminating several enemy strongpoints. Entered military service from Midland Park, New Jersey.

PHILIP C. ELLSWORTH, 15359803, Staff Sergeant, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 4 April 1945, in the vicinity of Heilbronn, Germany. After the platoon in which Sergeant Ellsworth was a squad leader crossed the fire-swept Neckar River in open assault-boats with the mission of establishing a bridgehead, severe enemy automatic weapons and shellfire was encountered. Both of the platoon's flanks were particularly subjected to the hostile fire, and Sergeant Ellsworth, realizing the seriousness of the situation, courageously started forward, leading his men away from the river bank and into a factory which under his guidance was soon cleared of German snipers. He then supervised the capture of several adjacent buildings and thus enabled the remainder of the platoon to advance, assume the newly-won positions and ultimately continue the attack. Sergeant Ellsworth, by his intrepid action, greatly enhanced the operations of his company and was instrumental in the establishment of the bridgehead. Entered military service from South Bend, Indiana.

FRANK J. SMITH, 32656452, Sergeant, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action during the period 17 December 1944 to 21 December 1944, in the vicinity of Bitché, France. During our attacks on the fanatically-resisted Forts Fraudentberg and Schlosseck, strongpoints of the Maginot Line, Sergeant Smith led his machine gun squad in a heroic and daring manner for the five days of vicious fighting. With outstanding courage and singular ingenuity he greatly strengthened the assaults by repeatedly bringing his squad right up to the concrete forts, and, with the deadly volumes of machine gun fire keeping the enemy within away from their weapons, the rifle units placed their explosive charges. Sergeant Smith with superb fire direction of his squad's weapons was also instrumental in the defense of Hill 419 when the enemy was repulsed in their numerous attempts to counterattack. Entered military service from Bronx, New York.

CLIFFORD S. L. GRIFFIN, 20625963, Technician Fifth Grade, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 14 April 1945, in the vicinity of Willsbach, Germany. Corporal Griffin, a rifleman, was participating with his company in the attack along Hill 250 when the assault platoons were immobilized by intense fire from a large number of enemy riflemen and two machine guns. Corporal Griffin, observing a trench leading behind the German positions, leaped into it and after crawling for fifty yards, climbed over the parapit and at close range single-handedly engaged the enemy in a fire-fight. Although he was wounded shortly thereafter, the distraction he caused the hostile force enabled his comrades to renew the attack and eliminate the enemy positions. His heroism is representative of the finest military traditions. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

JAMES G. BRETON, 34928651, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from Easley, South Carolina.

CHARLES CALAPPA, 34994651, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from Brooklyn, New York.

For heroic achievement in action on 5 April 1945, in the vicinity of Duttonberg, Germany. When the rifle platoon then advancing their heavy machine gun section had been supporting because immobilized by fire from an enemy automatic weapon, these two men voluntarily started out for critically needed ammunition. Although their route was across an open field offering no cover, they courageously made two trips under enemy shell fire, providing their comrades with sufficient ammunition and enabling the German strongpoint to be eliminated. Their heroic action is in keeping with the highest traditions of the Army of the United States.

VERCELL A. CHESTNUT, 37697507, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from Waverly, Iowa.

ROGER H. FULTON, 11092262, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from Hamden, Connecticut.

WILLIAM W. MALLIS, 33132154, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from Petersburg, Virginia.

For heroic achievement in action on 1 January 1945, in the vicinity of Biding, France. During the bitter fighting at Biding, the company to which these men were assigned became immobilized by fire from an enemy machine gun. Once it was determined that the location of this weapon be located, these three men courageously moved forward from their hiding place, and, as they observed the German gun, they began to lay down a mortar fire. Heroically defying the flying shrapnel about them, they held their ground and directed a deadly volley of rifle fire into the German emplacement, forcing the crew to abandon the weapon and quickly be taken prisoner. The indomitable courage, bravery and audaciousness of these men represent the highest traditions in the Army of the United States.

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SAMUEL D. COCKINS, 01319724, Captain, Headquarters Company, 100th Infantry Division, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations during the period 30 December 1944 to 1 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Santa Monica, California.

DANIEL BREITH, 01635807, First Lieutenant, 100th Signal Company, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations during the period 1 November 1944 to 24 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Denver, Colorado.

ELLIOTT WOLHELL, 01641943, First Lieutenant, 100th Signal Company, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations during the period 1 November 1944 to 8 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Bronx, New York.

DAVID G. KELLY, 32680700, Staff Sergeant, 373rd Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations during the period 3 November 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Portchester, New York.

ALTON F. DAVIS, 34464197, Technician Fifth Grade, 375th Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 1 January 1945 to 6 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Winston, North Carolina.

SECTION IV -- AWARD OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO PURPLE HEART

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

FRANK D. ALLEIDA, 32680490, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, 4 April 1945. Entered military service from Central Falls, Rhode Island.

HAYDEN O. EVANS, Jr., 42121754, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, 10 April 1945. Entered military service from Utica, New York.

SECTION V -- AWARD OF PURPLE HEART

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

JEROME J. SZAFRANSKI, 32933328, Sergeant, 397th Infantry Regiment, 13 November 1944. Entered military service from Lancaster, New York.

ANTHONY KATAVOLOS, 35233479, Technician Fourth Grade, Medical Detachment, 397th Infantry Regiment, 13 November 1944. Entered military service from Youngstown, Ohio.

ROBERT W. HART, 19138497, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, 13 November 1944. Entered military service from Hamilton, Maryland.

HARRY P. HOLBY, 42026574, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, 19 March 1945. Entered military service from Auburn, New York.

EARL D. HOYT, 11121731, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, 22 April 1945. Entered military service from Shaker Heights, Ohio.

CHARLES E. WILLIAMS, 35769492, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, 1 December 1944. Entered military service from Wylam, Alabama.

MARCUS L. HARRIS, 14143351, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, 16 March 1945. Entered military service from West Asheville, North Carolina.

SEYMOUR BASSUK, 42180600, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, 15 March 1945. Entered military service from Brooklyn, New York.

GEORGE L. BALLANCE, 34663561, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, 15 March 1945. Entered military service from Lowland, North Carolina.

VERNON E. OSBORNE, 38670255, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, 6 April 1945. Entered military service from De Sars, Arkansas.

MICHAEL L. BREMER, 13175040, Private, 397th Infantry Regiment, 15 March 1945. Entered military service from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

SECTION VI -- RESCISSION OF AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

So much of Section III, General Orders Number 208, this headquarters, current series, awarding the Bronze Star Medal to Private First Class Alexander L. Kay, 32593275, 325th Medical Battalion, is rescinded. (See Section I, this order)

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SECTION VII -- RESCISSION OF AWARD OF PURPLE HEART

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So much of Section V, General Orders Number 83, this headquarters, current series, as awards a Purple Heart to Private First Class Hayden O. Evans, Jr., #121754, 398th Infantry Regiment, is rescinded. (See Section IV, this order)

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So much of Section V, General Orders Number 114, this headquarters, current series, as awards a Purple Heart to Sergeant Ark G. Chin, 39215970, 399th Infantry Regiment, is rescinded.

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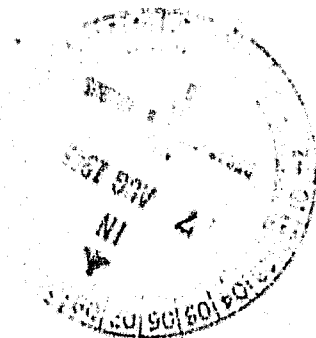
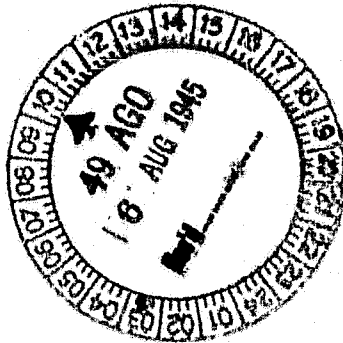
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SECTION I -- POSTHUMOUS AWARD OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO BRONZE STAR MEDAL

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, the First Oak Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal is posthumously awarded to the following named individual:

PAUL W. ARTHUR, 35806557, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 9 April 1945, in the vicinity of Heilbronn, Germany. Private Arthur's company had cleared the fanatical enemy from several railroad tracks when hostile shell fire became so intense that the order to fall back was given. However, the tactical situation had so changed that a new route was mandatory. Private Arthur swiftly reconnoitered a suitable path and then, while his comrades fell back over the new route, he heroically remained in place, delivering withering counterfire into the German positions. When he assured himself his companions were safe, he started to join them and, while thus engaged, was instantly killed. His intrepid action, directly responsible for saving his platoon from disaster, is in keeping with the highest traditions of the Army of the United States. Next of kin: Lillian L. Arthur (Mother), 341 Vine Street, Hamilton, Ohio.

SECTION II -- AWARD OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO BRONZE STAR MEDAL

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, the First Oak Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to each of the following named individuals:

RAY E. SNYDER, 02010705, Second Lieutenant, 399th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 13 April 1945, in the vicinity of Talheim, Germany. When his battalion's attack against the strong enemy positions on the outskirts of Talheim was halted, Lieutenant Snyder, accompanied by twelve riflemen, a mortar squad and a medium tank, advanced upon the determined enemy. Riding upon the outside of the tank in order to direct the movement of his men to better advantage, Lieutenant Snyder heroically led the attack from his exposed position despite the intense enemy fire. Confused by Lieutenant Snyder's approach from an unexpected direction, the enemy finally broke and retreated, leaving seven dead and fourteen wounded behind them. By his extraordinary leadership, initiative and aggressiveness, Lieutenant Snyder enabled his unit to resume their advance and capture their objective. Entered military service from Pontiac, Michigan.

HOWARD E. PERSONETTE, 35148008, Technical Sergeant, 399th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 15 March 1945, in the vicinity of Royersviller, France. When his platoon leader and nine riflemen were immobilized by intense fire from an enemy force entrenched on Sritsberg Ridge, Sergeant Personette led the remainder of the platoon in a flanking movement against the hostile positions. Advancing over the difficult terrain, he hurled a grenade into the first enemy bunker which killed three enemy and forced two others to surrender. Then, continuing the attack, he overran a second enemy bunker, capturing eight additional Germans. By his aggressiveness and heroism, Sergeant Personette eliminated a dangerous threat to our advance and relieved serious pressure upon his platoon leader and nine of his companions. Entered military service from Kouts, Indiana.

SECTION III -- POSTHUMOUS AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Bronze Star Medal is posthumously awarded to the following named individual:

ARNOLD P. BROCK, 37398119, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 9 April 1945, in the vicinity of Heilbronn, Germany. Private Brock's company had cleared the fanatical enemy from several railroad tracks

when hostile shell fire became so intense that the order to fall back was given. However, the tactical situation had so changed that a new route was mandatory. Private Brock swiftly reconnoitered a suitable path and then, while his comrades fell back over the new route, he heroically remained in place, delivering a withering cover counterfire into the German positions. When he assured himself his companions were safe, he started to join them and, while thus engaged, was instantly killed. His intrepid action, directly responsible for saving his platoon from disaster, is in keeping with the highest traditions of the Army of the United States. Next of kin: Jennette Brock (Mother), Sioux Rapids, Iowa.

SECTION IV -- AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded to each of the following named individuals:

CLIFFORD E. BATE, JR., 39188594, Staff Sergeant, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 15 April 1945, in the vicinity of Verhof, Germany. After directing the withdrawal of his squad from an untenable position after nightfall, Sergeant Bate discovered that four members of the unit were missing. Although front lines were fluid and hostile forces were all about him, Sergeant Bate immediately went in search of his men, and after an hour and a half of unremitting effort, during which his life was in constant danger, he succeeded in locating his comrades deep within enemy territory. His aggressive and courageous action thus prevented the death or capture of his fellow soldiers. Entered military service from Seattle, Washington.

PASOVENTO A. GARCIA, 39254298, Staff Sergeant, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 14 April 1945, in the vicinity of Lowenstein, Germany. When his squad was halted by intense enemy sniper and machine gun fire during an attack, Sergeant Garcia moved to a position in the van of his men and in full view of the enemy in order to direct the full fire power of a supporting tank against the hostile entrenchments. His heroic action resulted in the silencing of the enemy weapon and the capture of the machine gun crew and all rifle attachments. By his initiative and courage, Sergeant Garcia made possible the elimination of an important enemy strongpoint. Entered military service from Los Angeles, California.

WILLIAM R. KULL, 36955007, Staff Sergeant, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 9 April 1945, in the vicinity of Heilbronn, Germany. When the company in which Sergeant Kull was a squad leader was immobilized by intense enemy automatic weapons fire and unable to advance or withdraw, Sergeant Kull voluntarily reconnoitered the area and discovered a road which was free from enemy fire. He then led his entire platoon to safety and, acting on his own initiative, courageously returned to the fire-raked area to evacuate his wounded platoon leader and a squad leader. The intrepid and selfless actions of Sergeant Kull prevented serious losses to his company and saved the lives of two of his companions. Entered military service from Granite City, Illinois.

WILLIS H. BANKS, 19172426, Sergeant, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 6 April 1945, in the vicinity of Heilbronn, Germany. During the bitter fighting for this vital communications city, the company of which Sergeant Banks was a member encountered a superior force of enemy supported by two tanks. Although his company was ordered to withdraw from their exposed positions, Sergeant Banks courageously remained in his hazardous position and continued to engage the enemy with his automatic weapon until his entire company had withdrawn to more advantageous positions. By his intrepidity, initiative and devotion to duty, Sergeant Banks made possible the safe execution of this difficult maneuver. Entered military service from Rigby, Idaho.

JAMES E. CHRISTY, 35841498, Sergeant, 397th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from Indianapolis, Indiana.

WILLIAM E. MC KAY, 37541567, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from Lomax, Missouri.

For heroic achievement in action on 9 April 1945, in the vicinity of Heilbronn, Germany. Assigned the mission of clearing a large factory building during the fierce fighting for the communications city of Heilbronn, Germany, the squad of which these two men were members found that the only means of entrance into the structure were two strongly barricaded steel doors. Voluntarily advancing against the building despite the intense enemy fire, these two men took positions in plain view of the enemy and fired two bazooka rounds into the steel doorway which destroy-

ed the barricade and facilitated the successful completion of their unit's mission. The courage and aggressiveness of these two soldiers is in the best traditions of the military service.

JACK G. WAGNER, 33588050, Sergeant (then Private First Class), 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 14 November 1944, in the vicinity of Bertrichamps, France. When his company was attacked by a strong enemy force supported by automatic weapons before our troops were able to dig-in for the night, Sergeant Wagner, acting on his own initiative, courageously engaged the enemy with his automatic rifle and delivered such accurate fire against the attacking enemy that his comrades were enabled to take effective positions and repel the assault. The intrepidity and aggressiveness displayed by Sergeant Wagner, although the target of intense enemy fire, contributed greatly to the repulse of the enemy and the maintenance of his unit's positions. Entered military service from Philadelphia Pennsylvania.

MELVIN CHANCEY, 34526826, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from Jacksonville, Florida.

RUSSELL J. WILLMON, 33659868, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from Bloxom, Virginia.

For heroic achievement in action on 20 April 1945, in the vicinity of Badnang, Germany. When our infantry-supporting lead tanks were halted by the flat trajectory fire of an enemy antitank weapon, these two riflemen courageously remained on the tank they had been riding and engaged the hostile crew in a bitter exchange of fire. Then, moving strategically to cover, they continued the fight until the position of the antitank gun commanded the use of rocket fire. Although the nearest rocket weapon was on a tank fifty yards distant, Private Chancey ran to the tank and secured the weapon while Private Willmon covered his movements with rifle fire. Then, expertly employing their rocket gun, they scored several direct hits, killing the crew and neutralizing their weapon. The heroism and indomitable courage of these two men saved the armored vehicles from destruction and permitted their company to resume the attack.

CLEYON M. DALABA, 42143559, Private First Class (then Private), 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 7 February 1945, in the vicinity of Holbach, France. While his platoon held positions in an outpost line of resistance, Private Dalaba assumed vigilance over an important stretch of road. During the night hours he observed five Germans attempting to infiltrate through the platoon's positions. Realizing that if he shouted a warning, his comrades, because of the darkness, might fire on each other, he cautiously moved to a point of vantage and, skillfully using the element of surprise, fired into the enemy group. Although the Germans were armed with several automatic weapons, the suddenness of Private Dalaba's attack forced their immediate surrender, and thus a serious threat to the platoon's positions was eliminated by the intrepid action of this man. Entered military service from Bakers Hills, New York.

JOHN DEAK, 35245519, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 29 March 1945, in the vicinity of Ludwigshafen, Germany. Manning a position on the bank of the Rhine River while adjacent units crossed the stream in assault boats under intense enemy artillery fire, Private Deak heard a cry for help. He immediately left the comparative security of his entrenchment and dove into the river to rescue a fully-equipped infantryman who had fallen from an assault boat and was struggling in the water. Making his way to shore with the stunned soldier, he then carried him to a place of safety, where he administered first aid, and subsequently led him five hundred yards to the rear under continuing heavy artillery fire, thus at great risk to his own life saving that of a comrade. Entered military service from Youngstown, Ohio.

CLAYTON D. HALL, 34997451, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 22 April 1945, in the vicinity of Altbach, Germany. When his company was engaged in a fierce fire fight and information was relayed to the weapons platoon that their forward observer had been wounded, Private Hall, a mortarman, voluntarily wormed his way forward under intense enemy fire toward the Observation Post. Assuming the hazardous position, he administered first aid to the wounded observer and then adjusted such accurate fire upon the enemy that they fled in disorder. The courage, aggressiveness and devotion to duty displayed by Private Hall enabled his company to repulse a dangerous threat to their advance. Entered military service from Lawsonville, North Carolina.

LEONARD A. KORNACKI, 33928317, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 15 April 1945, in the vicinity of Oppergummenbach, Germany. When Private Kornacki, acting as squad leader, encountered an enemy-defended road block during an advance against Oppergummenbach, Germany, he courageously reconnoitered the enemy's positions with his two scouts. Returning, he flanked the enemy defenses so skillfully that he reached his objective unobserved. Then, using prearranged signals with two other squads, he directed his squad to open fire upon the enemy while the remainder of the platoon engaged the Germans from another direction. Startled, and believing themselves surrounded, the enemy surrendered without a fight. By his quick thinking and excellent leadership, Private Kornacki enabled his platoon to overrun a strong enemy position without delay or casualties. Entered military service from Mt. Carmel, Pennsylvania.

THEODORE LYONS, 33679981, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 14 April 1945, in the vicinity of Oppergummenbach, Germany. Shortly after Private Lyons' company emerged victorious from a bitter struggle, the defensive preparations of the newly-won positions were being made for the night, an intense concentration of hostile shell fire severed all communication lines. When it became paramount that a message be delivered to the company command post, Private Lyons, platoon runner, courageously braving the exploding shells around him, miraculously made his way unscathed to the command post. Then, after a dash over the hazardous route, he heroically crawled under the continuing shell fire to the side of two comrades wounded by shrapnel, administered first aid and made arrangements for their evacuation. His superlative courage is representative of the finest traditions in the Army of the United States. Entered military service from Pipersburg, Pennsylvania.

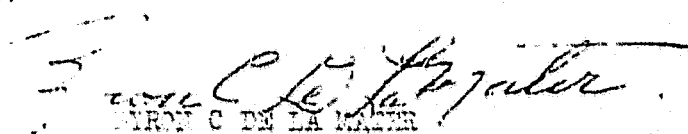
CARL SHELTON, JR., 13179922, Private First Class (then Private), 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 8 December 1944, in the vicinity of Mitterhousem, France. During an attack the company of which Private Shelton was a member became immobilized by intense enemy shell fire, causing numerous casualties and necessitating the need for the support platoon which was located to the rear. When communications failed, Private Shelton voluntarily started the hazardous trip back to contact the support platoon, and, although the shell fire had increased in volume, he miraculously escaped injury, reached the platoon and then led it back to the scene of action where, thus strengthened, the company resumed the attack, drove the enemy from its positions and achieved its objective. Private Shelton's silent courage of imminent danger won the respect and admiration of his comrades and brought forth expressions of praise from his officers. Entered military service from South River, Virginia.

LTC M. REICHTER, 0494284, Major, 10th Division Artillery, for meritorious service in support of combat operations during the period 8 November 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Croton-on-Hudson, New York.

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SECTION I -- POSTHUMOUS AWARD OF SILVER STAR

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Silver Star is posthumously awarded to each of the following named individuals for gallantry in action:

WALTER L. MOORE, 34515769, Staff Sergeant, 399th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 3 February 1945, in the vicinity of Bitché, France. Sergeant Moore was leading one of several combat patrols assigned the mission of simultaneously attacking the strong enemy defenses at Freudenberg Farms when upon approaching two enemy pillboxes, destruction of which was his patrol's objective, Sergeant Moore drew enemy fire. Deliberately exposing himself and remaining in his position after the withdrawal order was given in order to cover the other patrols who also were falling back, Sergeant Moore courageously engaged the vastly superior enemy until killed by hostile fire. The gallantry and devotion to duty displayed by Sergeant Moore were instrumental in saving the lives of many of his companions. Next of kin: Mrs Ollie E. Moore (Mother), 12 Montgomery Avenue, Greenville, South Carolina.

CHARLES D. WHITE, 34636923, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 7 December 1944, in the vicinity of Lemberg, France. As first scout for the spearhead platoon of our attack on Lemberg, Private White had reached the approaches of the town when he encountered stiff resistance from enemy small arms fire. Observing the origin of the German fire, he signalled the information to his platoon leader and then heroically proceeded to crawl forward two hundred yards, firing his rifle into the hostile emplacements while enroute, and thus engaging the enemy long enough for his platoon to form a firing line. Then, as his comrades attacked, he joined the foremost elements, and, while participating in the assault on the enemy positions, he was instantly killed by small arms fire. His outstanding gallantry served as an inspiring example to his comrades and is representative of the highest traditions in the Army of the United States. Next of kin: Mary L. J. White (Mother), Southern Cafe, Corinth, Mississippi.

CLETTUS V. WHITTEN, 33860202, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 8 April 1945, in the vicinity of Odheim, Germany. When his platoon was fired upon and immobilized by severe enemy machine gun and rifle fire, Private Whitten, a rifleman, stood up and delivered such an accurate and effective volley of fire that the enemy forces were pinned to the ground, and his platoon was able to withdraw to safety. While continuing to render covering fire, he became the target for the entire concentration of hostile fire and was mortally wounded. His gallant, aggressive action and his unselfish sacrifice and devotion to duty held the enemy at bay and permitted his comrades to escape, thus preventing many casualties. Next of kin: Leah N. Whitten (Mother), 622 Pine Street, Kannapolis, North Carolina.

EDWARD R. GONDOLF, 42081211, Private, 399th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 7 December 1944, in the vicinity of Lemberg, France. During our attack toward high ground outside of Lemberg, Private Gondolf, who had been commissioned to guard the spearhead platoon's left flank with a rocket launcher, displayed singular courage when he crawled three hundred yards under concentrated hostile small arms fire to engage single-handedly a Germany self-propelled weapon that was firing directly into the platoon. His close range, accurate shooting forced the weapon to withdraw in haste, and thus, his platoon was able to renew the attack. Later, as Private Gondolf was still protecting the flank, he was killed by enemy small arms fire. His gallant action was instrumental in his platoon's capture of the important high ground and the subsequent fall of Lemberg. Next of kin: Winifred T. Gondolf (Mother), 1462 Bellevue Avenue, Camden, New Jersey.

SECTION II -- AWARD OF SILVER STAR

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Silver Star is awarded to each of the following named individuals for gallantry in action:

BERNARD V. LENTZ, 0311093, Lieutenant Colonel (then Major), 399th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 1 January 1945, in the vicinity of Bitche, France. When a fierce German counterattack threatened to trap the entire battalion, thus endangering the division's right flank, Colonel Lentz, battalion commander, joined his forwardmost elements in order to personally direct the defense. Although exposed to enemy fire, he proceeded to organize positions for an effective stand against the advancing forces. When ordered to withdraw, Colonel Lentz used previously established strongpoints for delaying and covering action, and abandoned his position only after all troops had withdrawn. He then established new defense positions from which his troops were able to repulse the enemy attack. By his courageous, brilliant and inspiring leadership, Colonel Lentz prevented a penetration of his battalion's rear and maintained effective protection of the division's right flank. Entered military service from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

JAMES F. SHIELDS, 01718875, First Lieutenant, 399th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 16 April 1945, in the vicinity of Flein, Germany. When two platoons were immobilized by enemy machine gun fire during an attack upon Flein, Germany, Lieutenant Shields, realizing the danger if they remained in their positions, left his location with company headquarters and assumed command of the two platoons. Rushing forward against the increasingly heavy volume of hostile fire and shouting a few commands to his men, Lieutenant Shields advanced upon the enemy machine gun positions. Inspired by this display of intrepidity, the two platoons followed. Continuing in the van, Lieutenant Shields personally neutralized one of the machine gun nests and forced the crew of another to abandon their position. Subsequently when the company was cut in half by enemy infiltration, he again led a charge which stabilized the situation. Entered military service from St. Paul, Minnesota.

ROY E. SIMMONS, 01692604, First Lieutenant (then Second Lieutenant), 399th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 8 January 1945 and 15 February 1945, in Eastern France. On 8 January, after his platoon had secured an important road junction near Glassemberg, Lieutenant Simmons deployed his men around the salient point to meet a strong German counterattack. Despite the intense shell fire that supported the enemy, he so capably commanded his men that the Germans were driven back. Then, with outstanding heroism and daring, he crawled deep into enemy territory to rescue one of his injured men, and, although he was wounded by shell fire in the act, he refused evacuation and remained to command the road junction. On 15 February, near Spitzberg Hill, Lieutenant Simmons again displayed outstanding leadership and courage when he supervised the installation of traps and mines under sporadic automatic weapons and mortar fire, his efforts greatly enhancing the strength of our winter defensive positions. Entered military service from Lonoke, Arkansas.

JOSEPH SHOVLANSKY, 01692641, Second Lieutenant (then Technical Sergeant), 397th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 1 January 1945, in the vicinity of Rimling, France. When two German night counterattacks against our forces forced back the unit protecting his company's left flank, thus leaving that side open to enemy thrusts, Lieutenant Shovlansky heroically moved through his platoon, directing defensive tactics until the enemy withdrew. At dawn, the Germans counterattacked again. To meet this new assault, Lieutenant Shovlansky assumed a position on the weakened left flank where for a period of four days and nights he brilliantly supervised his men and skillfully directed fire missions against repeated German attempts to crack our defenses with tanks, infantry and all types of weapons. Lieutenant Shovlansky's outstanding leadership and magnificent courage in this engagement were a direct and vital contribution towards our successful defense of Rimling. Entered military service from Holden, Massachusetts.

JOSEPH H. GREER, 34571939, Technical Sergeant, 399th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 8 January 1945, in the vicinity of Spitzberg, France. Wounded and unconscious, Sergeant Greer was evacuated to the battalion clearing station where, despite medical advice, he refused further evacuation and insisted upon returning to his depleted platoon of ten men deployed over a four hundred yard front. Throughout the ensuing night, he constantly moved from one position to another, encouraging his comrades, directing the repulse of hostile attempts to

infiltrate our lines, distributing ammunition and repairing severed wire communication lines. His resolute and unquestioning devotion to duty inspired the exhausted platoon to maintain its thinly-held lines, and contributed immeasurably to the success of our defensive operations. Entered military service from Senoia, Georgia.

HARRY E. RICE, 6285919, Staff Sergeant (then Corporal), 398th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 7 April 1945, in the vicinity of Odheim, Germany. When his platoon advanced over the crest of a hill and was immobilized by intense enemy automatic weapons and small arms fire, Sergeant Rice, who had assumed command when all high ranking noncommissioned officers became casualties, took two other men and started out in an attempt to flank the enemy. Almost simultaneously the enemy launched a counterattack, and Sergeant Rice, fully exposed, engaged the enemy, killing several and forcing the rest to withdraw. He then reorganized his platoon into an effective fighting force and established a line of defense. His gallant and aggressive action turned back an enemy counterattack and enabled his men to subsequently continue their advance. Entered military service from North Little Rock, Arkansas.

RUSSELL M. SEFING, 33828045, Staff Sergeant (then Private First Class), 399th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 2 January 1945, in the vicinity of Spitzberg, France. Manning an outpost, Sergeant Sefing observed the approach of a strong enemy force and sent his companion back to the platoon, which had received orders to withdraw. He then singlehandedly engaged the opposing troops with accurate rifle fire, inflicting numerous casualties, and for more than an hour held the attackers at bay while his unit made good the withdrawal. Eventually taken prisoner when his ammunition was exhausted and his position overrun, he subsequently escaped his captors under cover of an artillery barrage. The courage and indomitable resolution which he displayed thus enabled our forces to retire without loss from an untenable position. Entered military service from Norristown, Pennsylvania.

THEODORE D. BRUNDIDGE, 36456138, Sergeant, 399th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 8 December 1944, in the vicinity of Lemberg, France. After single-handedly evacuating four wounded men from an open field raked with enemy fire, Sergeant Brundidge, an automatic rifleman, with the same courage and initiative he had shown before, again left his sheltered position when fire from a hostile machine gun endangered his platoon. Reaching an advantageous position, he attempted to fire and found his gun jammed. Then, while enemy mortar and flak fire continued to burst in the area, he calmly sat down and proceeded to disassemble and repair his gun. Resuming his voluntary mission, he then moved forward and fired three magazines of ammunition, killing or wounding two of the enemy and silencing the enemy weapon. The magnificent courage and devotion to duty displayed by Sergeant Brundidge is in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Army. Entered military service from East Lansing, Michigan.

ARTHUR S. WEISS, 12219745, Sergeant, 399th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 1 January 1945, in the vicinity of Bitche, France. When hostile forces surrounded the company command post, Sergeant Weiss led his squad through intense enemy small arms fire and a barrage laid down by friendly artillery in an attempt to establish a route of withdrawal for the headquarters section. The intensity of the enemy action halted his squad seventy-five yards from the objective, and Sergeant Weiss advanced alone to the command post, directed the withdrawal of personnel through our positions, then voluntarily made a second trip to the command post to ascertain that all troops had safely escaped. He thus at great risk to his own life saved his comrades from almost certain death or capture. Entered military service from New York, New York.

ORSENE FATA, 35233483, Technician Fourth Grade, Medical Detachment, 307th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 9 April 1945, in the vicinity of Heilbronn, Germany. When numerous casualties occurred during his platoon's fire-fight near a railway point, Sergeant Fata, an aid man, heroically moved forward into the bullet-infested area. When an enemy sniper directed a steady volume of fire at him, he resourcefully fell to the ground, pretending to have been hit, and then, when the sniper's attention was directed elsewhere, sprang to his feet and swiftly reached the casualties. After administering first aid and helping in the evacuation of several comrades, he went to the aid of a wounded man lying but a few yards from a hostile machine gun nest, and, although he was forced to crawl under intense fire, he successfully reached the casualty, rendered first aid and then painstakingly evacuated him over the fire-swept terrain. By his gallantry, Sergeant Fata saved the lives of several men, his actions representing the highest traditions of the Army Medical Corps. Entered military service from Youngstown, Ohio.

JOE F. PROSSER, 14161809, Technician Fourth Grade, Medical Detachment, 399th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 6 December 1944 and 9 December 1944, in the vicinity of Lemberg, France. During bitter fighting for Lemberg, Sergeant Prosser repeatedly risked his life in caring for wounded, and, although wounded himself on the night of 6 December, he resolutely refused to relinquish his efforts. On 9 December, he voluntarily left the comparative safety of his entrenchment to make his way through intense small arms, mortar and artillery fire to the side of a wounded member of another unit, and, after administering aid, he subsequently made three additional trips to ascertain the condition of the casualty, who was unconscious and suffering from severe loss of blood. His gallant action was thus directly responsible for saving the life of this man and many other casualties during the action. Entered military service from Lewisburg, Tennessee.

DOUGLAS E. MAC DONALD, 36727874, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 15 November 1944, in the vicinity of Neufmaisons, France. Shortly after his company had secured new positions on a hill and the troops were preparing them for the night, the enemy initiated a strong counter-attack. When five members of his machine gun section were wounded by hostile shell fire, Private MacDon'd, a second gunner, immediately assumed charge of the weapon, and, although intense fire was directed at his position and he suffered a painful bullet wound, he continued to direct deadly streams of fire at the approaching enemy, taking a heavy toll among their ranks. Only after the German force was repulsed did he relinquish his weapon and submit to first aid treatment. His gallantry in the face of the gravest danger is representative of the finest traditions in the Army of the United States. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

JOSEPH KAZER, JR., 32654600, Private, 399th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 15 March 1945, in the vicinity of Spitzberg Hill, France. During our bitterly-resisted attack up Spitzberg Hill, Private Kazer, serving as a one man machine gun unit after all his squad members had been wounded, picked up his weapon and daringly ran through the bullet-infested line of resistance to a vantage point where his deadly, accurate shooting neutralized several enemy positions. Later, pushing forward against the fanatical enemy, with casualties steadily mounting, Private Kazer, becoming incensed, again picked up his machine gun, slung an ammunition belt over his shoulder and, firing from the hip, singlehandedly charged the German positions. Although the smoking, overheated gun barrel burned his flesh, he continued his incredible attack, killing six enemy and capturing fourteen others, thus, by his gallant action, enabling his company to secure its objective in a minimum of time. Entered military service from New York, New York.

SECTION III -- AMENDMENT OF AWARD OF SILVER STAR

So much of General Orders Number 31, this headquarters, dated 24 December 1944, awarding Second Lieutenant DONALD W. HOLLAND, 0554150, 397th Infantry Regiment, a Silver Star, as reads: "19 November 1944", is amended to read: 18 November 1944.

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AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded to each of the following named individuals:

JAMES P. HARRISON, 0553702, Second Lieutenant, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action during the period 6 December 1944 to 8 December 1944, in the vicinity of Mouterhouse, France. When his unit was faced with the necessity of destroying hostile automatic weapons and sniper positions which were delaying their advance, Lieutenant Harrison was assigned the hazardous mission of infiltrating the enemy's lines and establishing an observation post. Skillfully leading his men past an enemy foot patrol and three motorized patrols without being detected, Lieutenant Harrison reached a position two thousand yards behind the enemy lines from where he directed the fire of his mortar section and an attached 4.2 chemical mortar platoon for thirty hours. The exceptional leadership and initiative displayed by Lieutenant Harrison enabled his unit to resume their advance. Entered military service from Portland, Oregon.

EDWARD P. STOESSEL, 02025593, Second Lieutenant (then Staff Sergeant), 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 10 April 1945, in the vicinity of Heilbronn, Germany. After crossing the Neckar River by boat in an effort to act as forward observer for his company, Lieutenant Stoessel was immobilized by sniper fire from Germans within a building. Working his way forward cautiously, Lieutenant Stoessel crept to within grenade range of the structure. Then, hurling a grenade through a window, he closed in and killed the snipers with his carbine. Continuing on his voluntary mission, he reached the rifle companies, organized skillful defensive fire and directed mortar fire upon a hostile machine gun position which killed three of the enemy and eliminated this threat. Lieutenant Stoessel's courage, initiative and leadership were an inspiration to all those who served with him. Entered military service from New York, New York.

EDWARD C. PORN, 32650931, Staff Sergeant (then Sergeant), 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 7 January 1945, in the vicinity of Rimling, France. Having captured three prisoners while on a reconnaissance of the area near Rimling, Sergeant Porn and his squad were returning to their lines when they were surprised by a strong group of hostile infantry supported by a tank. Although one of his men was wounded in the fierce fire fight, Sergeant Porn maintained control of the situation and succeeded in evacuating the casualty and reporting the valuable information to his unit. The superb leadership and initiative displayed by Sergeant Porn enabled his company to prepare an adequate defense against further enemy infiltration. Entered military service from Bronx, New York.

NICHOLAS FORMICHELLI, 32112796, Technician Fourth Grade, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 6 April 1945, in the vicinity of Heilbronn, Germany. When the vehicle in which he was riding was fired upon by a hostile sniper, Sergeant Formichelli immediately jumped to the ground and made his way to the front of the enemy rifleman. Exposing himself to view, he thus diverted the attention of the sniper, who thereby became a victim to the fire of soldiers who had remained within the vehicle. Sergeant Formichelli's courageous action made it possible for the truck to continue on its way and resulted in the prompt delivery of rations to our troops. Entered military service from Brooklyn, New York.

FLOYD W. COY, JR., 32276142, Corporal, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 17 April 1945, in the vicinity of Unter Heinriet, Germany. While his squad was engaged in clearing hostile forces from the town of Unter Heinriet, Corporal McCoy saw a hostile soldier enter a building which had previously been investigated by his comrades. Upon his own initiative he ran to the rear of the structure, entered and made his way to a room overlooking the street. Throwing open the door, he discovered five enemy soldiers and a civilian, all heavily armed and training their weapons upon our troops in the street. He boldly ordered the five to surrender, and the entire group, surprised and disconcerted, laid down their arms. His courageous and aggressive action thus prevented the infliction of casualties upon his comrades. Entered military service from West Orange, New Jersey.

HENRY J. PALMERINO, 31041806, Corporal, 397th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from Southbridge, Massachusetts. ESM

ISIDOR S. LEVINE, 38740706, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from Brooklyn, New York.

For heroic achievement in action on 7 April 1945, in the vicinity of Heilbronn, Germany. When enemy tanks threatened one of our foremost companies, these men, volunteering to serve as a rocket weapon team, crossed the hostile fire-swept Neckar River in an open assault boat. Made their hazardous way through enemy fire to the active sector and assumed positions on the company's right flank. Then, when informed that German tanks were located across the street behind a high wall, they heroically advanced into the open within range of the tanks and by expert shooting drove the armored vehicles away from the wall where a friendly artillery observer destroyed them with shell fire. Thus, by their magnificent courage, these men were instrumental in eliminating a serious threat to our forces and enabled the attack to push forward more swiftly.

SAM J. DIAGOSEINO, 32653942, Technician Fifth Grade, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 16 December 1944, in the vicinity of Bitche, France. During a critical phase of our assault upon the fortress city of Bitche, hostile artillery severed vital communication lines near the forward command post. Although one soldier was killed and four were wounded in the continuing fire, Corporal DiAgostino unhesitatingly left the comparative security of his entrenchment to repair the broken lines. He was severely wounded by fragments from a nearby shellburst, but courageously completed his task, thus by his resolute action restoring vital communications at an important period in our operations. Entered military service from New York, New York.

ARTURO M. AVILES, 32681325, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 8 April 1945, in the vicinity of Heilbronn, Germany. When enemy machine gun fire halted the advance of our troops, Private Aviles upon his own initiative crawled forward in the face of intense hostile action. Coming within range of the opposing emplacement, he courageously exposed himself to the enemy in order to open fire with his rocket launcher, and with accurate marksmanship killed one member of the hostile crew, wounded another, and silenced the automatic weapon. His aggressive action thus eliminated an enemy strongpoint and enabled his company to continue its advance. Entered military service from Bronx, New York.

CHRISTOS CHRISTAKOS, 31256374, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 10 April 1945, in the vicinity of Heilbronn, Germany. During bitter house-to-house fighting in the city of Heilbronn, the advance of Private Christakos' company was halted by fire from a hostile machine gun emplacement. Private Christakos crawled forward toward the building in which the enemy were ensconced, dashed into an adjoining structure and made his way to the second floor, from where he hurled two grenades into the hostile emplacement. He then opened fire with his rifle with the result that the opposing machine gun crew immediately surrendered to him. His courageous action thus, at great risk to his own life, eliminated a hostile strongpoint and made possible the continued advance of his company. Entered military service from Lowell, Massachusetts.

WILLIAM C. EYER, 37682892, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from Palmyra, Illinois.

CLIFFORD L. PHILLIPS, 36805706, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from Detroit, Michigan.

WALTER B. SWAIN, 34460718, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from Roper, North Carolina.

For heroic achievement in action on 5 April 1945, in the vicinity of Heilbronn, Germany. When their company, which was engaged in the bitter fighting across the Neckar River, was in critical need of supplies and ammunition, these men secured an open assault boat, loaded it with their cargo and heroically rowed across the river through enemy shell fire and mortar's bullets. Then, disembarking, they moved over an open, bullet-infested area to their company, thus delivering the vital supplies and ammunition and thereby enabling the fighting elements to combat the enemy with greater effectiveness. Their valiant achievement is in keeping with the highest military traditions.

ROBERT WITTING, 36807016, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 10 April 1945, in the vicinity of Lohenstein, Germany. When intense enemy artillery and mortar fire inflicted severe casualties

upon an exposed rifle platoon, Private Kenning, a driver, unhesitatingly volunteered to assist the attached aid man in caring for the wounded. Leaving a post of comparative safety in a nearby house, he made two consecutive trips to forward areas, on each occasion carrying a wounded soldier for a distance of over fifty yards through ever-increasing hostile fire, dressed the wounds, applied a tourniquet which saved one man's life, and transported the casualties to the aid station five miles distant. His valiant efforts thus prevented loss of life among casualties who might otherwise have succumbed to their wounds. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

CLIFTON KETRON, 35080478, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 20 April 1945, in the vicinity of Schorndorf, Germany. When an enemy roadblock halted the advance of our troops, Private Ketron, a member of the ammunition and pioneer platoon, immediately manned a power saw and set to work to remove the log obstruction. Although hostile forces commanded direct observation of the area and directed intermittent mortar and artillery fire upon the roadblock, he courageously remained at his task and completed his mission in a minimum length of time, thus by his resolute action enabling our armor to continue its advance and freeing the only available supply route for our troops. Entered military service from Verda, Kentucky.

VINCENT C. MACIAS, 39296585, Private First Class, 357th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 10 April 1945, in the vicinity of Heilbronn, Germany. Private Macias was acting as mortar gunner when an enemy attack, accompanied by a concentration of artillery and mortar fire, threatened his position. Despite the intensity and accuracy of the hostile shelling, Private Macias courageously remained at his gun and returned the enemy fire with such speed and accuracy that he inflicted numerous casualties upon the enemy and broke up the attack. Entered military service from Fullerton, California.

ROBERT A. MC MILLIN, 11092761, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 16 April 1945, in the vicinity of Lowenstein, Germany. When a rifle company was immobilized during the attack on this fiercely defended town, Private McMillin, a machine gunner, volunteered to disperse the enemy resistance. Finding no place from which he could effectively fire his light machine gun, Private McMillin, carrying the gun and a belt of ammunition in his arms, sprayed the area so accurately that the enemy was forced to withdraw. He then carried a wounded man five hundred yards to safety despite intense hostile artillery and mortar fire, and returned once more to his company. Private McMillin's initiative, heroism and devotion to duty were an inspiration to those serving with him. Entered military service from Wilkensburg, Pennsylvania.

JESS A. MOLLARY, 39727941, Private First Class (then Private), 397th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from Los Angeles, California.

EDWARD C. MOESSER, JR., 39558068, Private First Class (then Private), 397th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from Compton, California.

For heroic achievement in action on 14 April 1945, in the vicinity of Ober Heinstet, Germany. When their squad was commissioned to contact a friendly element on the right flank in order that both units could be coordinated, these two men, acting as scouts, courageously led the squad for several hundred yards when German automatic weapons fire was suddenly encountered. Then, although they were subjected to grazing machine gun fire, they heroically worked their way to a position flanking the enemy and by accurate shooting demolished the machine gun, killed two Germans and captured five more. Thus, as a result of their outstanding courage and resourcefulness, these men enabled the squad to proceed and accomplish its mission.

EDWARD J. OLBRYNS, 35246561, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action during the period 6 December 1944 to 8 December 1944, in the vicinity of Mouterhouse, France. Private Olbrys, a radio operator, voluntarily accompanied his section leader on a hazardous mission to infiltrate enemy lines and report the positions of hostile automatic weapons and snipers, which had been delaying the advance of our troops. Evading numerous enemy patrols, Private Olbrys and his section leader successfully infiltrated the enemy's positions. Then, setting his radio less than one hundred and fifty yards of an enemy armored car and a machine gun position, he remained at his hazardous post for two days and nights while he relayed his vital information to his unit headquarters. Due to Private Olbrys' courage and devotion to duty, this battalion was able to eliminate these strongpoints and continue their advance at minimum cost. Entered military service from Cleveland, Ohio.

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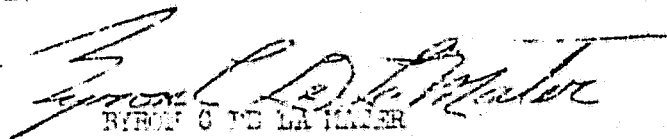
GEORGE P. STONE, 42165835, Private First Class (then Private), 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 16 April 1945, in the vicinity of Heilbronn, Germany. When Private Stone observed that a friendly machine gunner had been wounded, he heroically crawled fifty yards over enemy bullet-infested terrain and assumed charge of the weapon. Later, upon deciding that he wasn't rendering full support to friendly riflemen, he began crawling, dragging the heavy weapon with him, through German sniper and artillery fire to a more advantageous position and then, establishing the machine gun once more, he resumed his steady, accurate firing into the German forces which considerably aided our rifle units. His heroism and devotion to duty are in keeping with the finest traditions in the Army of the United States. Entered military service from Malone, New York.

LEWIS A. WILES, 34965194, Private First Class (then Private), 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 18 November 1944, in the vicinity of Rean L'Etape, France. When an enemy mortar concentration killed or wounded every member of his mortar section with the exception of Private Wiles, he courageously and skillfully administered first aid to the casualties. Then, despite the intensity of the enemy fire, he moved the wounded to a place of safety and returned to his unit headquarters to gather aid. Private Wiles' initiative and devotion to duty undoubtedly saved the lives of his wounded companions. Entered military service from Orangeburg, South Carolina.

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SECTION I -- AWARD OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO BRONZE STAR MEDAL

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, the Oak Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to each of the following named individuals:

Award of Second Oak Leaf Cluster

FLOYD R. SHERBINO, 11105893, Technician Fourth Grade, Medical Detachment, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 1 March 1945, in the vicinity of Urbach, France. On the early morning of 1 March, a patrol was forced to return to friendly lines, leaving a seriously wounded member deep in enemy territory after he inadvertently detonated a German mine, the resulting explosion alerting the enemy to intensive activity. Sergeant Sherbino and two companions, members of the Medical Detachment, against the judgment of their company commander, went forth to evacuate the mine victim. With outstanding skill and magnificent courage, the trio successfully crept by the enemy sentinels, located the wounded man and, after administering first aid, carried him back over the hazardous route to the command post where he was evacuated. Sergeant Sherbino's daring and prompt action, which contributed to saving the soldier's life, is representative of the highest Army Medical Corps traditions. Entered military service from Hardwick, Vermont.

Award of First Oak Leaf Cluster

ROBERT H. WILLIAMS, 022206, Colonel (then Lieutenant Colonel), 399th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 15 November 1944, in the vicinity of Neufmaisons, France. When the Third Battalion initiated its attack on Hills 409.0 and 431.3, near Neufmaisons, Colonel Williams, Commander, assumed a position with the foremost elements and with superlative tactical measures directed the advance up steep terrain, through dense undergrowth and over barbed wire obstacles. Although enemy fire from small arms, mortar and artillery weapons grew in intensity as the attack progressed, he fearlessly remained exposed to the danger, calling for and supervising fire missions against hostile strongpoints and thus, inspired by his indomitable courage and magnificent leadership, the Battalion relentlessly drove forward, overran the German positions and captured both objectives in a minimum of time. Entered military service from Greenville, Texas.

HERBERT W. BRADFELD, 34496989, First Sergeant, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 1 April 1945, in the vicinity of Weisloch, Germany. During the advance on the fiercely defended town of Weisloch, Sergeant Bradfield's company commander was seriously wounded and the company, under intense enemy self-propelled and mortar fire, showed evidence of becoming disorganized. Cognizant of the fact that numerous casualties would result, Sergeant Bradfield left the safety of his position and, collecting the scattered groups of men, directed their withdrawal and effected the evacuation of all casualties. By his leadership and courage, Sergeant Bradfield was an inspiration to the men in his company. Entered military service from Memphis, Tennessee.

GEORGE MYLONAS, 32644589, Staff Sergeant (then Sergeant), 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 8 April 1945, in the vicinity of Heilbronn, Germany. When an enemy shellburst severed a communications line spanning the Neckar River, necessitating a hazardous trip over the fire-swept river by scaling a thin girder, Sergeant Mylonas, by swinging hand over hand from the girder, his body dangling in full view of enemy artillery observers and snipers, painstakingly reached the break amidst shellfire and bullets, changed position so he hung by his legs, and with his hands thus free repaired the wire. Then, as his task was completed, a shellburst struck the girder, plunging Sergeant Mylonas into the river where, uninjured, he swam ashore. His heroic and intrepid action is in keeping with the highest traditions in the Army of the United States. Entered military service from Brooklyn, New York.

SECTION II -- POSTHUMOUS AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Bronze Star Medal is posthumously awarded to each of the following named individuals:

CHARLES T. SUSKI, 33012801, Staff Sergeant, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 4 January 1945, in the vicinity of Guising, France. Shortly after dawn on 4 January, Sergeant Suski, a squad leader in an eighty-one millimeter mortar platoon, was manning a forward observation post in support of attacking rifle troops when he decided that he could render more effective support by assuming a different position. Although Sergeant Suski was aware of the hazards involved in assuming this new vantage point, he unhesitatingly set out and while crossing an open field under heavy enemy fire was killed by a German sniper's bullet. The heroic devotion to duty displayed by Sergeant Suski is in keeping with the highest traditions in the Army of the United States. Next of kin: Walter Suski (Father), 232 Orange Street, Reading, Pennsylvania.

RAMON D. GERNHART, 37772711, Private, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 15 March 1945, in the vicinity of Schorbach, France. During an attack upon the strongly-defended town of Schorbach, intense enemy artillery fire shattered all lines of communication and disorganized our forces. Private Gernhart volunteered to carry a vital message to higher elements, and, although he was forced to take cover from time to time by the intensity of the hostile shelling, he succeeded in reaching his objective. While returning to his unit, he was mortally wounded by enemy fire, thus sacrificing his life in devotion to his duty. Next of kin: Leon F. Gernhart (Father), Pierson, Iowa.

SECTION III -- AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded to each of the following named individuals:

ROY R. WEAVER, 01177230, Captain, 925th Field Artillery Battalion, for heroic achievement in action on 8 April 1945, in the vicinity of Heilbronn, Germany. During the fierce fighting for the vital city of Heilbronn, it became necessary to establish wire communications between the artillery and their forward observers on the east bank of the Neckar River. Captain Weaver, displaying singular courage and leadership, crossed the river by ferryboat under intense enemy mortar, rocket and artillery fire, and pulled a four-way cable across. Then, he personally supervised the completion of the wire installation and directed maintenance so skillfully that the Infantry was afforded maximum support by the artillery. Entered military service from Wooster, Ohio.

SIDNEY M. HUNSON, 02048863, First Lieutenant, Medical Detachment, 397th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from Boston, Massachusetts.

KENNETH E. BEST, 31252428, Private First Class, Medical Detachment, 397th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from West Windsor, Vermont.

For heroic achievement in action on 1 March 1945, in the vicinity of Urbach, France. On the early morning of 1 March 1945, a patrol was forced to return to friendly lines, leaving a seriously wounded member deep in enemy territory after he inadvertently detonated a German mine, the resulting explosion alerting the enemy to intensive activity. Lieutenant Hunson, Private Best and a third companion, members of the Medical Detachment, against the judgment of their company commander, went forth to evacuate the mine victim. With outstanding skill and courage, they successfully crept by the enemy sentinels, located the wounded man and, after administering first aid, carried him back over the hazardous route to the command post where he was evacuated. Their daring and prompt action, which saved the soldier's life, is representative of the highest Army Medical Corps traditions.

WILLIAM W. MARTINDALE, 38416375, Staff Sergeant, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 9 April 1945, in the vicinity of Heilbronn, Germany. When his company was assigned the mission of occupying and securing a vital road junction, Sergeant Martindale, a squad leader, skillfully led his men in the establishment of an observation post well forward of the command post. Although under almost constant enemy artillery and mortar concentrations, Sergeant Martindale remained at his hazardous position and adjusted our artillery fire so expertly that several hostile mortar positions were destroyed. Then, crawling forward under observed sniper fire, he established a new observation post from which he neutralized several additional enemy strongpoints. Entered military service from Jasper, Texas.

VINCENT F. DEASY, 32651212, Sergeant (then Private First Class), 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 4 December 1944, in the vicinity of Fitché, France. When his ammunition bearer was wounded during an enemy counter-attack against his machine gun position, Sergeant Deasy, a squad leader, administered first aid to the injured man. Then, although completely exposed to the intense hostile fire, Sergeant Deasy secured two boxes of ammunition and returned to his runner. Taking up the fire fight with his rifle he aided materially in repulsing the attack. The following morning, twelve enemy dead were counted only twenty-five yards from Sergeant Deasy's gun. The magnificent courage and aggressiveness displayed by Sergeant Deasy saved his gun and enabled his unit to maintain their position. Entered military service from New York, New York.

ARTHUR K. MAJARIAN, 31237132, Sergeant (then Technician Fourth Grade), 325th Engineer Combat Battalion, for heroic achievement in action on 17 November 1944, in the vicinity of Raon L'Etape, France. During the attack through the Vosges Mountains toward the city of Raon L'Etape, France, an enemy roadblock hindered the advance of motorized elements. A squad of Engineers was sent forward to remove the block, but preregistered artillery fire kept the squad dispersed. On his own initiative, Sergeant Majarian crawled forward under the enemy shelling, placed the charges and blew the roadblock, clearing the road for his unit's vehicles. The heroic action of Sergeant Majarian enabled armor and artillery to advance in support of the Infantry. Entered military service from Rockland, Massachusetts.

ROBERT G. EMOND, 31256379, Technician Fourth Grade, Medical Detachment, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 19 November 1944, in the vicinity of Raon L'Etape, France. When the rifle platoon to which Sergeant Emond was attached as aid-man came under intense enemy mortar fire during an attack against fiercely defended enemy positions, Sergeant Emond displayed singular courage in tending the wounded. Despite dangerous tree bursts, he moved from one casualty to another, disregarding cover and continuing dauntlessly with his vital duties. The heroism and devotion to duty displayed by Sergeant Emond undoubtedly saved the lives of many of his companions. Entered military service from Lowell, Massachusetts.

LEONARD MAAS, 36407092, Corporal, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 25 April 1945, in the vicinity of Grumbach, Germany. When battalion communications were completely severed during an attack upon the town of Grumbach, Corporal Maas, cognizant of the fact that front line troops had not had hot food in thirty-six hours, volunteered to lead mess vehicles over three miles of open terrain subjected to constant enemy fire. Although completely exposed to enemy observation, Corporal Maas succeeded in getting the convoy through. The magnificent courage, initiative and devotion to duty displayed by Corporal Maas was of inestimable aid to the morale and well-being of the men in his unit. Entered military service from Grandville, Michigan.

SAL MICELI, 42051478, Corporal (then Private First Class), 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 9 April 1945, in the vicinity of Heilbronn, Germany. When his squad leader was wounded during a severe exchange of mortar fire with the enemy, Corporal Miceli immediately assumed command and continued the accurate fire of his mortar crew until the base-plate and binod of his gun were destroyed by enemy shell fragments. Pausing only long enough for delivery of new parts Corporal Miceli held his position and continued firing in close support of the infantry. The determination, initiative and leadership displayed by Corporal Miceli contributed materially to the success of his unit's operation. Entered military service from Brooklyn, New York.

ERNEST C. BLOMEIER, 33552818, Private First Class (then Private), 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 16 November 1944, in the vicinity of Baccarat, France. During an attack against strong enemy resistance, the machine gun platoon of which Private Blomeier was a member found itself in a precarious situation and sorely in need of additional supplies of ammunition. Private Blomeier unhesitatingly advanced toward the platoon's position through intense hostile fire and, although wounded by an enemy shellburst, courageously continued on his way and succeeded in reaching his comrades with the ammunition they so vitally needed. His aggressive efforts thus made possible the success of his unit's operations. Entered military service from Baltimore, Maryland.

JOHN T. KIM, 38669523, Private First Class (then Private), 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 14 April 1945, in the vicinity of Eisenberg, Germany. During the assault on the village of Eisenberg, Private Kim

was acting as first scout for the leading platoon. With his platoon immobilized by intense automatic weapons fire upon reaching the edge of the town, Private New courageously maneuvered himself to an exposed position and deliberately engaged the enemy, diverting the hostile fire and enabling his unit to advance and capture the town. The heroism and devotion to duty displayed by Private New played an important role in the achievement of his unit's objective. Entered military service from Greenbrier, Arkansas.

JAMES B. WILLERSON, 34239803, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 14 April 1945, in the vicinity of Oppenbruppenbach, Germany. While the squad with which Private Willerson was acting as flank guard was participating in a night attack, sudden sniper fire from the rear wounded three men. Immediately assuming command of the group, Private Willerson, who was nearest the source of enemy fire, ordered the remainder of the squad to withdraw while he covered them and their evacuation of the wounded men. Then, creeping to the flank of the enemy's position, he killed the three enemy snipers with two well-placed hand grenades. As a result of Private Willerson's intrepid actions, high ground to his unit's flank was secured and a serious hazard to our advance was eliminated. Entered military service from Coltewah, Tennessee.

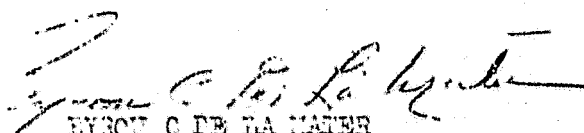
DEE GAMBALLO, 35843119, Private, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 6 April 1945, in the vicinity of Heilbronn, Germany. During the crossing of the Neckar River by assault boat, the squad of which Private Gamballo was a member was immobilized by sniper fire from the far bank. Upon his own initiative, Private Gamballo exposed himself to draw fire which disclosed the position of the opposing riflemen, then with accurate fire killed two of the snipers and forced the remainder to withdraw. He was himself wounded in the action, and by his courageous and aggressive efforts undoubtedly saved the lives of several of his comrades. Entered military service from Cleveland, Ohio.

DONALD D. WAGNER, 37392716, Private, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 15 March 1945, in the vicinity of Schorbach, Germany. Assigned the mission of capturing a vital hill and road not defended by an enemy armed with two automatic weapons and several machine pistols, Private Wagner, a squad leader, skillfully deployed his men and led them forward until halted by intense enemy fire. Forced to attack frontally because of terrain difficulties, Private Wagner, accompanied by only a few men, thereupon crawled to within several yards of the enemy positions and, aided by his companions, directed grenade and small arms fire against the enemy which killed five Germans and forced seven more to surrender. By his initiative, courage and leadership, Private Wagner enabled his unit to seize this important objective. Entered military service from Eipton, Iowa.

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AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded to each of the following named individuals:

THOMAS D. ELLY, 13122015, Private First Class, Military Police Platoon, 100th Infantry Division. Entered military service from State College, Pennsylvania.

JOHN L. WAGNER, 12207577, Private First Class, Military Police Platoon, 100th Infantry Division. Entered military service from Buffalo, New York.

For heroic achievement in action on 7 April 1945 and 8 April 1945, in the vicinity of Heilbronn, Germany. During bitter fighting for the key city of Heilbronn, our vital bridge across the Neckar River was the target of concentrated enemy artillery fire and a heavy smoke screen was consequently used to screen our operations. The smoke greatly hampered vehicle drivers who were unfamiliar with the terrain, and for two days Privates Elly and Wagner guided the approach of each individual vehicle from a point three hundred yards distant to the bridge itself. Despite the savage intensity of enemy shelling these two men refused to take cover or abate their efforts, and thus at great risk to their own lives they contributed materially to the success of our operations at a critical period.

DAVID KLINKSTEIN, 0398354, Major, Headquarters 100th Infantry Division, for meritorious service in support of combat operations during the period 1 November 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Malden, Massachusetts.

GILBERT T. RAMSOM, 0329759, Major, Headquarters Special Troops, for meritorious service in support of combat operations during the period from 1 November 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Fairfield, Illinois.

WAYNE P. ATHERTON, 01002162, Captain, Headquarters 100th Infantry Division, for meritorious service in support of combat operations during the period 1 November 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Aurora, Illinois.

WALDEMAR D. BRATCHER, 01000323, Captain, Headquarters 100th Infantry Division, for meritorious service in support of combat operations during the period 1 November 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Morgantown, Kentucky.

GEORGE H. HARRIS, 0295608, Captain, Headquarters 100th Infantry Division, for meritorious service in support of combat operations during the period 1 April 1945 to 9 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Albuquerque, New Mexico.

EUGENE J. KATZ, 01281503, Captain, Headquarters 100th Infantry Division, for meritorious service in support of combat operations during the period 1 November 1944 to 1 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

NORMAN D. LEWIS, 0275602, Captain, Headquarters 100th Infantry Division, for meritorious service in support of combat operations during the period 1 November 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Lovell, Wyoming.

CREIGHTON F. MAGOUN, 0268408, Captain, Headquarters 100th Infantry Division, for meritorious service in support of combat operations during the period 11 January 1945 to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Lyme, Connecticut.

JOHN A. MALONE, 01318816, Captain, Headquarters 100th Infantry Division, for meritorious service in support of combat operations during the period 1 December 1944 to 25 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Alexandria, Virginia.

ANTHONY R. MATOS, 01316307, Captain, 100th Counterintelligence Corps Detachment, for meritorious service in support of combat operations during the period 8 November 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from San Jose, California.

DONALD E. SHIRKEY, O1177181, Captain, Headquarters 100th Infantry Division, for meritorious service in support of combat operations during the period 1 November 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Kalamazoo, Michigan.

WINCELV W. WALSH, O1296614, Captain, Headquarters 100th Infantry Division, for meritorious service in support of combat operations during the period 1 November 1944 to 24 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Woodside, New York.

FRANK G. WATKINS, O1549863, Captain, 800th Ordnance Company, for meritorious service in support of combat operations during the period 9 November 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Baltimore, Maryland.

ANDRE L. BRAYSSE, O1181662, First Lieutenant, Headquarters 100th Infantry Division, for meritorious service in support of combat operations during the period 1 December 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from West New York, New Jersey.

RONALD W. HELMICK, O1304586, First Lieutenant, Military Police Platoon, 100th Infantry Division, for meritorious service in support of combat operations during the period 1 November 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Morgantown, West Virginia.

FRANK VANDEWETTER, JR., O530148, First Lieutenant, 375th Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in support of combat operations during the period 17 December 1944 to 25 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Norfolk, Virginia.

LINDSEY A. WEBB, O396222, First Lieutenant, Headquarters Company, 100th Infantry Division, for meritorious service in support of combat operations during the period 1 November 1944 to 1 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Farmersville, Texas.

MAURICE M. YAFFEE, O1168987, First Lieutenant, Headquarters 100th Infantry Division, for meritorious service in support of combat operations during the period 20 February 1945 to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Glens Falls, New York.

MARION B. ABERNATHY, W2109533, Chief Warrant Officer, Headquarters 100th Infantry Division, for meritorious service in support of combat operations during the period 1 November 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Clarksdale, Mississippi.

ROBERT F. BYRNE, W2129457, Warrant Officer Junior Grade, Headquarters 100th Infantry Division, for meritorious service in support of combat operations during the period 1 November 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

PHILIP V. FLEHING, W2134850, Warrant Officer Junior Grade, 100th Signal Company, for meritorious service in support of combat operations during the period 6 November 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Revere, Massachusetts.

DAVID B. KOZINSKI, W2105583, Warrant Officer Junior Grade, 100th Infantry Division Band, for meritorious service in support of combat operations during the period 15 December 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Dover, Delaware.

JOHN A. NASIELLO, W2127864, Warrant Officer Junior Grade, Headquarters 100th Infantry Division, for meritorious service in support of combat operations during the period 1 November 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Paterson, New Jersey.

CHARLES W. RAYER, W2109562, Warrant Officer Junior Grade, Headquarters 100th Infantry Division, for meritorious service in support of combat operations during the period 1 November 1944 to 9 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Redwood City, California.

JAMES W. DALY, 31123693, Master Sergeant, Headquarters 100th Infantry Division, for meritorious service in support of combat operations during the period 1 November 1944 to 1 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Stamford, Connecticut.

AMIL HRYSEK, 32346133, Master Sergeant, Headquarters 100th Infantry Division, for meritorious service in support of combat operations during the period 1 November 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from New York, New York.

BENJAMIN LUFFELAN, 31060845, Master Sergeant, Headquarters 100th Infantry Division, for meritorious service in support of combat operations during the period 1 November 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Mattapan, Massachusetts.

WILLIAM J. RIZZO, 31121154, Master Sergeant, Headquarters 100th Infantry Division, for meritorious service in support of combat operations during the period 1 November 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Bridgeport, Connecticut.

PETER A. RUA, 32047919, Master Sergeant, Headquarters 100th Infantry Division, for meritorious service in support of combat operations during the period 1 November 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Ulster, New York.

HERBERT K. COTTRILL, 33035070, Technical Sergeant, 100th Signal Company, for meritorious service in support of combat operations during the period 9 November 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Erie, Pennsylvania.

SAVERIO A. FIORE, 6717394, Technical Sergeant, 100th Infantry Division Band, for meritorious service in support of combat operations during the period 15 December 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Plattsburg, New York.

JACK A. GORDON, 34496384, Technical Sergeant, 100th Infantry Division Band, for meritorious service in support of combat operations during the period 15 December 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Memphis, Tennessee.

GEORGE L. NORRIS, 32349121, Technical Sergeant, Headquarters 100th Infantry Division, for meritorious service in support of combat operations during the period 1 November 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from New York, New York.

JOSEPH G. REILLY, 32351779, Technical Sergeant, Headquarters 100th Infantry Division, for meritorious service in support of combat operations during the period 11 March 1945 to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Bronx, New York.

THEODORE J. DEL NEGRO, 32353671 Staff Sergeant, Headquarters Company, 100th Infantry Division, for meritorious service in support of combat operations during the period 1 November 1944 to 1 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Brooklyn, New York.

EMIL F. IZZILLO, 12192456, Staff Sergeant, 100th Signal Company, for meritorious service in support of combat operations during the period 1 November 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Bronx, New York.

NOLEY B. KILPATRICK, JR., 34581181, Staff Sergeant, 100th Signal Company, for meritorious service in support of combat operations during the period 6 November 1944 to 9 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Carbon Hill, Alabama.

DANIEL J. MELCHIORRE, 32025102, Staff Sergeant, Headquarters Company, 100th Infantry Division, for meritorious service in support of combat operations during the period 1 November 1944 to 1 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Utica, New York.

JOHN L. KULHOLLAND, 31214166, Staff Sergeant, 100th Signal Company, for meritorious service in support of combat operations during the period 1 November 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Drexel Hill, Pennsylvania.

FRANK J. NARY, 3259347, Staff Sergeant, Headquarters 100th Infantry Division, for meritorious service in support of combat operations during the period 1 November 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Ramson, New Jersey.

BENJAMIN H. NEWLANDS, JR., 31178628, Staff Sergeant, 100th Signal Company, for meritorious service in support of combat operations during the period 9 November 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Pittsfield, New Hampshire.

HARRY A. PRITCH, 37134609, Staff Sergeant, Headquarters Company, 100th Infantry Division, for meritorious service in support of combat operations during the period 1 November 1944 to 1 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Normandy, Missouri.

MAX RUBINSTEIN, 32395038, Staff Sergeant, 800th Ordnance Company, for meritorious service in support of combat operations during the period 9 November 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Brooklyn, New York.

EDMUND SADOWITZ, 36200696, Staff Sergeant, 800th Ordnance Company, for meritorious service in support of combat operations during the period 9 November 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Iron Mountain, Michigan.

MELVIN R. ESSICK, 32186438, Technician Third Grade, 800th Ordnance Company, for meritorious service in support of combat operations during the period 9 November 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Wilmington, Delaware.

THOMAS G. KAUFMAN, 32655028, Technician Third Grade, Headquarters 100th Infantry Division, for meritorious service in support of combat operations during the period 1 November 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Brooklyn, New York.

WALTER F. POLNAR, 31141166, Technician Third Grade, 800th Ordnance Company, for meritorious service in support of combat operations during the period 1 November 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Hartford, Connecticut.

JAMES D. RAINY, 33186306, Technician Third Grade, 800th Ordnance Company, for meritorious service in support of combat operations during the period 9 November 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from New Cumberland, Pennsylvania.

ROBERT E. ROFFER, 11136129, Technician Third Grade, 100th Signal Company, for meritorious service in support of combat operations during the period 6 November 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Cranston, Rhode Island.

OLNEY E. FREEMAN, 34313031, Sergeant, Headquarters Special Troops, for meritorious service in support of combat operations during the period 1 November 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Colerain, North Carolina.

RAY M. HUFF, 35456446, Sergeant, Headquarters 100th Infantry Division, for meritorious service in support of combat operations during the period 1 November 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Cynthiana, Kentucky.

SIDNEY E. BRANTLEY, 32597482, Technician Fourth Grade, 100th Infantry Division Band, for meritorious service in support of combat operations during the period 15 December 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from East Orange, New Jersey.

JOHN J. BURNS, 32649131, Technician Fourth Grade, 100th Infantry Division Band, for meritorious service in support of combat operations during the period 15 December 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Brooklyn, New York.

JOHN J. KELLY, 12192479, Technician Fourth Grade, Headquarters 100th Infantry Division, for meritorious service in support of combat operations during the period 1 November 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from New York, New York.

EDWARD J. KING, 31237095, Technician Fourth Grade, 100th Signal Company, for meritorious service in support of combat operations during the period 1 November 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Malden, Massachusetts.

MARVIN E. NELSON, 32597391, Technician Fifth Grade, 100th Signal Company, for meritorious service in support of combat operations during the period 9 November 1944 to 12 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Lyndhurst, New Jersey.

ROGER J. ROY, 11103636, Technician Fifth Grade, 100th Signal Company, for meritorious service in support of combat operations during the period 9 November 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Hartford, Connecticut.

JESSE E. WISE, 34514484, Technician Fifth Grade, 100th Signal Company, for meritorious service in support of combat operations during the period 6 November 1944 to 9 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Pauline, South Carolina.

ESLAME BARGIEL, 11127814, Private First Class, 100th Signal Company, for meritorious service in support of combat operations during the period 9 November 1944 to 12 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Manchester, New Hampshire.

ROBERT W. GREENLAW, 31178732, Private First Class, 100th Signal Company, for meritorious service in support of combat operations during the period 9 November 1944 to 12 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Littleton, New Hampshire.

THOMAS B. MURPHY, 32941895, Private First Class, 100th Signal Company, for meritorious service in support of combat operations during the period 9 November 1944 to 12 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Massena, New York.

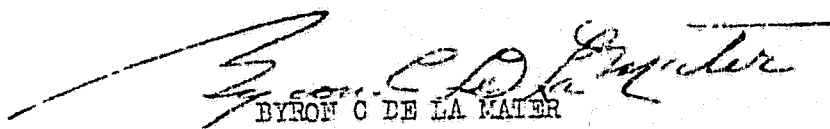
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RALEH J. WICKHAM, 32599537, Private First Class, 100th Signal Company, for meritorious service in support of combat operations during the period 9 November 1944 to 12 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Jersey City, New Jersey.

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Award of Oak Leaf Cluster to Bronze Star Medal..... I
Award of Bronze Star Medal..... II

SECTION I -- AWARD OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO BRONZE STAR MEDAL

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, the First Oak Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to each of the following named individuals:

JOSEPH J. BELLAVIA, 32657098, Technical Sergeant (then Staff Sergeant), 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 8 January 1945, in the vicinity of Rimling, France. Counterattacked by a strong enemy force which was attempting to overrun his platoon's positions, Sergeant Bellavia, a platoon guide, ordered his men to hold their fire until the enemy had advanced to within forty yards of their entrenchments. Then, concentrating his fire from close range and calling for and directing accurate mortar fire, he so demoralized the enemy that he hurled back the assault, killing or wounding eight Germans. He continued improving his positions and repulsing repeated enemy thrusts until ordered to withdraw through his excellent leadership and devotion to duty, Sergeant Bellavia held open his unit's sole route of withdrawal. Entered military service from New York, New York.

STANLEY C. HAWORTH, 37483235, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 14 April 1945, in the vicinity of Ober Heinriet, Germany. When the enemy launched a serious counterattack against our positions and succeeded in infiltrating our lines, Private Haworth, a command post guard, observed three German infantrymen approaching his post under cover of adjoining buildings. Fearful of injuring the guard at the far end of the street if he opened fire, Private Haworth shouted a warning and courageously engaged the three enemy in a fierce hand-to-hand struggle. After several moments of fighting, Private Haworth succeeded in wounding one of the enemy and putting the other two Germans to flight. By his courage, Private Haworth eliminated a threat to his company's security. Entered military service from Jaxington, Nebraska.

SECTION II -- AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded to each of the following named individuals:

JAMES A. R. BURROWES, 02025592, Second Lieutenant (then Staff Sergeant), 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 8 April 1945, in the vicinity of Heilbronn, Germany. Lieutenant Burrowes as the leader of a combat patrol had entered an enemy-held sector of the city when severe hostile rifle and automatic weapons fire was encountered. Realizing that the small patrol with its light fire power was in grave danger against the numerically superior German force, Lieutenant Burrowes ordered his men to withdraw and while they were thus engaged he covered their movements with automatic rifle fire. So accurate was his covering counterfire that he killed one enemy and wounded several others. He then fell back himself and led the patrol in a successful flanking movement and fulfilled the assigned mission. His heroism and superlative leadership is in keeping with the highest military traditions. Entered military service from Hendersonville, North Carolina.

HOWARD S. DUMHART, 32483428, Staff Sergeant (then Sergeant), 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 6 January 1945, in the vicinity of Rimling, France. After communications were destroyed by hostile shellfire, isolating his platoon from its company, and an enemy armor-supported infantry attack became imminent, Sergeant Dumhart remained in position to deliver covering fire for his comrades while they fell back to more secure defensive positions. Although the enemy was numerically superior, he heroically directed a steady stream of counterfire into the advancing German ranks, and only after his platoon had fully prepared for the attack did he fall back. His outstanding bravery and devotion to duty were instrumental in repulsing the German attack. Entered military service from Pemberton, New Jersey.

ROBERT A. SCHNIEDERS, 35332579, Staff Sergeant, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 9 March 1945, in the vicinity of Hottviller, France. When the night patrol which he had led deep into enemy territory to determine the German main line of resistance and location of gun emplacements encountered severe automatic weapons fire causing a casualty, Sergeant Schnieders ordered his men to fall back. He then courageously and single-handedly reconnoitered the sector, obtaining the vital intelligence information. Then, returning to the casualty, he began the perilous trip back, painstakingly crawling over four hundred yards with the wounded man under searching machine gun fire before reaching friendly lines where the casualty was afforded immediate medical aid. Sergeant Schnieders, by his outstanding heroism, won the unreserved respect and admiration of his comrades and reflects great credit upon himself and the Army of the United States. Entered military service from Fort Wayne, Indiana.

WILLIAM H. CHAMBERLAIN, 32657118, Sergeant (then Private First Class), 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 20 November 1944, in the vicinity of Ron L'Etape, France. When the platoon of which Sergeant Chamberlain was a member was immobilized by intense automatic weapons and small arms fire, Sergeant Chamberlain, on his own volition, courageously crawled forward to a point of vantage and opened fire with his automatic rifle. Pushing his advantage to the utmost, he continued to work his way toward the enemy strongpoint, until he had neutralized the hostile machine gun and killed its entire crew. By his determined and heroic action, Sergeant Chamberlain enabled his unit to continue their advance. Entered military service from New York, New York.

CHARLES W. HOTINGER, 14193879, Sergeant, 397th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from Columbia, South Carolina.

STEVE MILOSVICH, 33147709, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from Turtle Creek, Pennsylvania.

For heroic achievement in action on 12 April 1945, in the vicinity of Unter Heinriet, Germany. During the bitter fighting for Unter Heinriet, our forces were subjected to a fierce concentration of enemy artillery fire and a determined enemy counterattack. Upon their own initiative, Sergeant Hotinger and Private Milosvich located their sixty millimeter mortar weapon in an exposed position, and, although the area was shrapnel-infested from nearby exploding shells, they determinedly counter-fired at the advancing Germans with such effectiveness that they were forced to seek cover, thus enabling our troops to improve their defensive positions and ultimately force the enemy to withdraw. Their outstanding heroism at great personal risk is in keeping with the highest military traditions.

ROY W. KENT, 15401563, Sergeant, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 5 April 1945, in the vicinity of Heilbronn, Germany. When his company was met with fierce resistance from an enemy force entrenched in a factory building, Sergeant Kent, as assistant squad leader, courageously took an exposed position and fired a rifle grenade against a wall of the building which succeeded in blasting a hole in the structure. Then, leading his men into the factory, he engaged the numerically superior enemy in close combat and secured the building. The heroism, initiative and aggressiveness displayed by Sergeant Kent enabled his company to achieve their objective. Entered military service from Shadyside, Ohio.

STEPHEN T. BAIZA, 32593568, Technician Fourth Grade, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 10 April 1945, in the vicinity of Heilbronn, Germany. Shortly after the enemy initiated a severe counterattack, hostile shellfire severed a telephone line leading to a rifle company, thus isolating it from other units. Realizing the seriousness of the situation, Sergeant Baiza, on his own volition, seized a drum of wire and began working his way along the line. Although he was subjected to sniper and shellfire along the entire route, he determinedly repaired the wire in several places and not until he assured himself that communications were restored did he leave the sector. As a result of his heroic action, the isolated company was again contacted and more effectively used in stemming the German attack. Entered military service from Hillside, New Jersey.

EUGENE H. BENCK, 36778191, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 10 April 1945, in the vicinity of Heilbronn, Germany. When Private Benck, a platoon runner, learned through interrogation of a prisoner the location of five enemy, he courageously set out in advance of friendly lines taking his prisoner with him as a guide and although the sector was subjected to heavy hostile fire, he continued his way until reaching the objective. Then, with outstanding fearlessness and resourcefulness, he captured five enemy and

returned then to his company command post where through questioning, valuable intelligence information was secured. Thus, as a result of his initiative and intrepidity, Private Benck greatly aided his platoon's operations in the important Heilbronn engagement. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

SALVATORE CIOTTO, 42144085, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 5 April 1945, in the vicinity of Heilbronn, Germany. While advancing over open terrain the platoon in which Private Ciotto was an automatic rifleman encountered severe hostile rifle and machine gun fire. During the ensuing action, Private Ciotto used his weapon with great effect, and then, when he saw his squad leader was wounded, he ran through the bullet-infested sector to his aid, administered first aid and then crawled to a vantage point where he delivered rapid and accurate fire at the enemy, rendering them temporarily and allowing his squad to secure more advantageous defensive positions. Still firing his weapon, he then helped his wounded leader retire to friendly lines for further medical treatment. His heroic action was instrumental in the eventual success of his platoon in the important Heilbronn engagement. Entered military service from Cohoes, New York.

ALBERT A. DULZIE, 36984893, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 5 January 1945, in the vicinity of Rialing, France. While returning from a hazardous reconnaissance patrol with several other members of his unit, Private Duzzie and his patrol leader encountered four enemy soldiers who were immediately engaged by the patrol leader from a forward position. Two of the Germans were killed by the patrol leader, but Private Duzzie, realizing the dangerous position of his outnumbered and exposed comrade, courageously ran forward, shouting and firing his weapon to draw the enemy's attention toward himself, Private Duzzie succeeded in killing the remaining two enemy. By his initiative, heroism and aggressiveness, Private Duzzie deprived the enemy of vital information and probably saved his comrade's life. Entered military service from Detroit, Michigan.

GERALD A. ESEES, 42165128, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from Ausable Forks, New York.

EDWARD H. GORE, 34916841, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from Albertville, Alabama.

For heroic achievement in action on 9 April 1945, in the vicinity of Heilbronn, Germany. While fighting for the fiercely-defended factory district in Heilbronn, the company in which these men were members of a machine gun squad became immobilized by a strongly-entrenched hostile force. On their own volition, Private Estes and Private Gore proceeded to set up their weapon on the top floor of a factory building and although the structure was repeatedly hit by German shellfire, they heroically remained in position, delivering devastating streams of fire at the enemy positions, causing heavy casualties and enabling their comrades to take the offensive and ultimately clear the sector of enemy resistance.

MAROLD L. KEOWN, 36573706, Private First Class, Medical Detachment, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 10 April 1945, in the vicinity of Heilbronn, Germany. During the bitter street fighting in Heilbronn, Private Keown, a medical aid man, was advancing with his antitank company in the face of heavy hostile fire when one of the men from an adjacent rifle company was wounded. Without hesitation, Private Keown swiftly ran to his aid, and although under enemy observation and rifle fire was directed at him, he calmly administered first aid to the casualty and then evacuated him. This outstanding act of heroism was a source of inspiration and courage to his companions and reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Clinton, Indiana.

WALTER F. LA FIEDRA, 32841953, Private First Class (then Private), 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 30 November 1944, in the vicinity of Boon L'Etape, France. Private LaFiedra, an automatic rifleman, was advancing with his platoon in an attack against strongly defended enemy hill positions, when they were immobilized by intense hostile fire. Despite the hazards of movement, Private LaFiedra, heroically and on his own initiative, crawled forward and delivered such accurate fire upon the hostile weapon that he killed one member of the crew and destroyed the machine gun. Private LaFiedra's courage and aggressiveness enabled his platoon to continue their advance and reach their objective. Entered military service from Staten Island, New York.

JOHN H. SMITH, 34961087, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from Rockingham, North Carolina.

ALBERT F. STALEY, 35839559, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from St. Matthews, Kentucky.

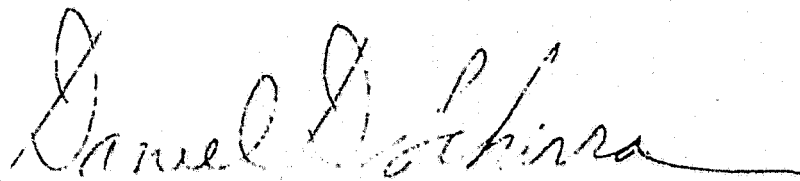
For heroic achievement in action on 6 April 1945, in the vicinity of Heilbronn, Germany. After their platoon advanced to the outskirts of Heilbronn, it encountered heavy enemy fire and Privates Smith and Staley, members of a light machine gun squad were designated as left flank security. While engaged in setting up their weapon, they were fired upon by a concealed force of enemy snipers whose fire never endangered the entire platoon. Without delay, these men located the German position, and then, while Private Smith directed covering machine gun fire into the location, Private Staley crawled to within a few yards of the snipers and fired a volley of rifle shots. As a result of their heroic joint action, they killed two enemy and captured eight others, thus removing a dangerous threat to their platoon.

REMON L. BROOME, 40048571, Private, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 14 April 1945, in the vicinity of Heilbronn, Germany. During a bitter fire fight, the machine gunner in Private Broome's squad was wounded and unable to continue firing his weapon. Acting on his own initiative, Private Broome ran across a clearing which was under enemy observation and fire, and put the machine gun into action. The added fire power provided by Private Broome's heroic and courageous action, enabled his battalion to continue their attack and reach their objective. Entered military service from Sumrall, Mississippi.

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Posthumous Award of Silver Star..... I
Award of Silver Star..... II

SECTION I -- POSTHUMOUS AWARD OF SILVER STAR

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Silver Star is posthumously awarded to each of the following named individuals for gallantry in action:

ROBERT H. PALMER, 38000742, Staff Sergeant, 397th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 15 November 1944, in the vicinity of Raon L'Etape, France. When an enemy mortar barrage created great confusion among our troops, Sergeant Palmer refused to seek cover and moved from one position to another under continuing fire, encouraging his men and administering first aid to casualties. He then crawled forward, determined the location of the opposing weapons, and thus made possible the silencing of the enemy fire. While subsequently advancing to the assistance of a wounded comrade he was mortally wounded. Sergeant Palmer's resolute courage and devotion to his men reflected the highest traditions of the armed services. Next of kin: Clara Palmer (Wife), 210 Davis Street, Toccoa, Georgia.

ROBERT M. HAMMONDS, 35247575, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 11 April 1945, in the vicinity of Heilbronn, Germany. After seven days and nights of hazardous and almost unremitting efforts to maintain wire communications during bitter house-to-house fighting for the city of Heilbronn, Private Hammond's courageously volunteered to complete installation of a wire line within full view of the enemy. Well aware of the great danger involved, he unhesitatingly exposed himself to direct hostile observation and fire, and had just completed his task when he was struck and mortally wounded by a sniper's bullet. The personal courage and great devotion to duty which he thus displayed exemplified the finest ideals of the armed services. Next of kin: Jettie T. Hammords (Mother), Wickliffe, Kentucky.

GEORGE E. SULLIVAN, 12230126, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 10 April 1945, in the vicinity of Heilbronn, Germany. During the bitter street fighting in Heilbronn, Private Sullivan, a member of an antitank platoon, was serving as a provisional rifleman while his unit was assigned to clear a residential section of enemy resistance. When he observed that his squad was in danger of being annihilated by close range hostile machine gun fire, he heroically charged the German nest alone, and, although he killed the entire crew with rifle fire and silenced the machine gun, he himself was killed in the act. The gallant and magnificent courage displayed by Private Sullivan was directly responsible for saving his comrades from disaster and is in keeping with the highest traditions in the Army of the United States. Next of kin: Patricia Sullivan (Mother), 40 Birch Street, Mount Vernon, New York.

SECTION II -- AWARD OF SILVER STAR

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Silver Star is awarded to each of the following named individuals for gallantry in action:

ELBA W. BOWEN, 0384272, Captain, 398th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 12 March 1945, in the vicinity of Goutzenbruck, France. As the battalion was in process of being relieved by another organization, the enemy launched a determined counterattack which threatened to disorganize our forces. Captain Bowen, commander of a heavy weapons company, immediately ordered his mortar units to fire upon all avenues of approach, then courageously made his way to the sector bearing the brunt of the onslaught and by his effective direction of fire halted the assault. When the enemy shifted the attack, he again moved to the focal point of the action and despite intense artillery fire was once more successful in repelling the attackers. His alert and aggressive action thus eliminated a serious threat to our forces and prevented the infliction of severe casualties. Entered military service from Elizabethton, Tennessee.

WARREN B. HAUGHT, O1295710, Captain (then First Lieutenant), 398th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 23 November 1944, in the vicinity of St. Foyel, France. When machine gun and small arms fire from a hostile emplacement halted the progress of his company, Captain Haught, executive officer, organized an assault team and personally led it toward the opposing force. Strong enemy resistance wounded one man and forced the others to withdraw, but Captain Haught courageously continued forward alone, crawled to within twenty yards of the hostile machine gun and with three well-placed grenades killed the crew and destroyed the weapon. He then charged the enemy position, taking the occupants by surprise and capturing seven hostile riflemen. His aggressive gallantry enabled the company to continue its advance and won the deserved admiration of the entire organization. Entered military service from Rochester, Pennsylvania.

NICHOLAS M. EMERY, O1500300, First Lieutenant, 398th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 9 December 1944, in the vicinity of Lemberg, France. After securing its objective and repulsing a determined counterattack, Lieutenant Emery's platoon was subjected to a second counterattack in strength. Moving from one position to another and encouraging his men, Lieutenant Emery inspired them with his own indomitable resolution, personally killed seven of the attackers, and repelled the assault with heavy losses. When a dawn attack forced back adjacent units, making his position untenable, he personally directed the withdrawal of his men and was himself the last to retire. As a result of his heroic leadership, the platoon suffered but three casualties during this bitterly-fought action. Entered military service from Macon, Georgia.

JOHN T. GULLINS, O1319080, First Lieutenant, 397th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 9 April 1945, in the vicinity of Heilbronn, Germany. When the unit on his left flank was forced to withdraw under heavy enemy pressure, exposing the left flank of Lieutenant Gullins' platoon, Lieutenant Gullins courageously advanced to a forward position from where he diverted the enemy by rapid and accurate covering fire which permitted his men time to reorganize. Launching a second assault, a patrol of enemy infantry succeeded in infiltrating Lieutenant Gullins' positions, but by alerting his men and pointing out hostile gun positions, he once again succeeded in routing the enemy. The dogged determination, exemplary leadership and gallantry displayed by Lieutenant Gullins were an inspiration to his men and a credit to the military service. Entered military service from New York, New York.

PETER HALL, O2014923, Second Lieutenant (then Technical Sergeant), 397th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 6 April 1945, in the vicinity of Heilbronn, Germany. During the bitterly-fought Heilbronn engagement, Lieutenant Hall had courageously led his men in a fierce assault and capture of a strategic German strongpoint when the enemy initiated an armor-supported infantry counter-attack. Leading his platoon with outstanding heroism, Lieutenant Hall singlehandedly attacked a hostile tank with a rocket propelled weapon, his accurate shooting damaging the vehicle's gun turret and forcing it to withdraw. Then, joining an intensified fire fight surrounding a pillbox, he valiantly directed his platoon's tactical operations, and, although wounded, he refused to cease for medical aid until the enemy was repulsed. His fearless, gallant leadership was an inspiration to his men, and his personal achievements against the enemy are representative of the highest military traditions. Entered military service from Gaffney, South Carolina.

ARTHUR F. JENNINGS, JR., O2000985, Second Lieutenant, 398th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 8 April 1945, in the vicinity of Oheim, Germany. When the combat patrol under his command was subjected to enemy artillery, mortar and small arms fire of such intensity that all attempts at withdrawal proved unsuccessful, Lieutenant Jennings courageously crawled forward alone to a position within one hundred yards of hostile positions. He then, by means of radio, directed friendly artillery fire which neutralized the opposing emplacements and subsequently called for smoke shells which covered the retirement of the patrol. Not until all his men had successfully withdrawn did Lieutenant Jennings himself move toward the rear, thus by his aggressive and courageous action prevent the infliction of severe casualties upon the patrol at extreme risk to his own life. Entered military service from Oakland, California.

MARTIN V. QUINLAN, O2006117, Second Lieutenant, 398th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 13 April 1945, in the vicinity of Sonthheim, Germany. When tactical operations called for the capture of Sonthheim, Lieutenant Quinlan, platoon

leader, skillfully reconnoitered the route of attack and then, as the assault started, assumed the duties of first scout. During the approach march to Sontheim's outskirts, he singlehandedly attacked two German machine gun positions, killing five enemy and capturing four more, his intrepid actions clearing the way for his platoon's rapid advance into the town. Then, as furious house-to-house fighting developed, he gallantly led his men in several brilliant tactical maneuvers which directly contributed to the swift capture of Sontheim and kept casualties in his platoon at a minimum. Entered military service from Bronx, New York.

CHARLES O. VAN PATTEN, 37190430, Technical Sergeant, 397th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 15 March 1945, in the vicinity of Schorbach, France. Sergeant Van Patten, a platoon sergeant, was leading his men through a wooded area when they suddenly encountered hostile machine gun fire. Swiftly deploying the platoon, he moved up with the two scouts, and then, as he renewed the advance, he tactically brought the squads up to a vantage point where fire could be directed on the German position. Then, ordering one squad to lay base fire at the emplacement, he led another squad in an assault on the position. While thus engaged, he noticed an opening between the gun position and his men, and, realizing that they would be unprotected in crossing the clearing, he heroically ran across the opening alone, miraculously escaping the hail of hostile bullets directed at him. Then, reaching cover, he crawled close to the hostile nest and threw a hand grenade, killing one enemy and wounding two others, thereby neutralizing the position without a casualty to his platoon. Entered military service from Ames, Iowa.

NICHOLAS J. BIANCOSINO, 32483975, Staff Sergeant, 397th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 15 April 1945, in the vicinity of Unter Reinriet, Germany. Assigned the mission of capturing high ground on the outskirts of the town, Sergeant Biancosino led his platoon to the base of the hill where they came under intense hostile automatic weapons and mortar fire. Sergeant Biancosino skillfully deployed his men, ordering them to lay a base of fire against the enemy positions. Then, he courageously crept and crawled up the side of the hill toward the foe. Reaching a point of vantage, he fired his rifle with such speed and accuracy as to kill four Germans, wound two and capture five. Due to his intrepid actions, the hill was secured and his company succeeded in taking the town. Entered military service from Camden, New Jersey.

LOUIS GAQUETTE, 31214928, Staff Sergeant, 397th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 9 April 1945, in the vicinity of Heilbronn, Germany. Assigned the hazardous mission of reconnoitering and securing a bridgehead across the fiercely defended Neckar River, Sergeant Gaquette led his squad forward in the face of intense, observed enemy artillery fire. With his platoon temporarily immobilized, Sergeant Gaquette crawled from man to man despite the concentrated fire, directing their placement of weapons and administering first aid to the wounded. Then infiltrating his squad and securing a bridgehead, he engaged the foe in a bitter three hour fire fight during which two enemy were killed and three captured. By his selfless devotion to duty, gallantry and aggressiveness, Sergeant Gaquette was an inspiration to those who served with him. Entered military service from Holyoke, Massachusetts.

WILLIAM J. WHITAKER, 38216886, Staff Sergeant, 398th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 6 April 1945, in the vicinity of Duttenberg, Germany. Crossing the Jagst River with the first wave of assault troops, Sergeant Whitaker saw two of his men fall as they charged across open terrain on the far side of the stream. Quickly deploying his security force in a skirmish line, he exposed himself to full view of the enemy, shouting to the casualties to withdraw to our positions. One wounded soldier was unable to walk, and Sergeant Whitaker braved intense machine gun fire to run forward and carry the man to safety on his back. He then directed the delivery of a rapid and accurate volume of fire upon the enemy as reinforcements were ferried across the stream, thus by his alert and aggressive action saving the life of a comrade and insuring the success of our operations. Entered military service from Artesia, New Mexico.

BRUCE I. CANN, 39054534, Sergeant (then Private First Class), 397th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 15 April 1945, in the vicinity of Unter Reinriet, Germany. When his platoon was immobilized by intense enemy fire, Sergeant Cann, as a BAR man, continued the advance alone. Pouring a steady stream of accurate fire into the enemy's position, he courageously moved forward, killing three Germans and dispersing the remainder who had been holding up the advance of his platoon. The heroism and devotion to duty displayed by Sergeant Cann reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Palo Alto, California.

ROBERT A. FORSETT, 35698700, Sergeant (then Private First Class), 397th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from North Vernon, Indiana.

IVAN G. INCHELI, 35698828, Technician Fifth Grade, 397th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from Fair Lake, Pennsylvania.

For gallantry in action on 11 April 1945 in the vicinity of Heilbronn, Germany. During bitter street fighting in the city of Heilbronn, our company combat post was attacked by a strong enemy force which had infiltrated past our lines by means of a tunnel. Immediately leaving the comparative security of the command post, Sergeant Forsett and Corporal Inceli made their way under direct observation and fire to the front of the attacking troops. Charging the enemy, they killed several of the opposing riflemen with accurate fire and forced the remainder to retreat within the tunnel, thus by their courageous and aggressive action eliminating a serious threat to the command post at great risk to their own lives.

HAROLD S. HERRIGAN, 30650895, Technician Fourth Grade, Medical Detachment, 398th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 15 March 1945, in the vicinity of Bitche, France. During bitter fighting for the fortress city of Bitche, thirteen members of the platoon to which Sergeant Herrigan was attached as aid man were wounded by hostile fire. Obvious of the intensity of enemy action, Sergeant Herrigan immediately left the comparative safety of his entrenchment to administer aid and evacuate the wounded. He crept forward over flat, open terrain to two casualties who had fallen but seventy-five yards from a hostile machine gun, dragged them to shelter and with unflinching courage ultimately succeeded in removing all wounded to a place of safety. As a result of his heroic devotion to his comrades, not a single man lost his life despite the serious nature of the injuries inflicted by intense enemy fire. Entered military service from Bronx, New York.

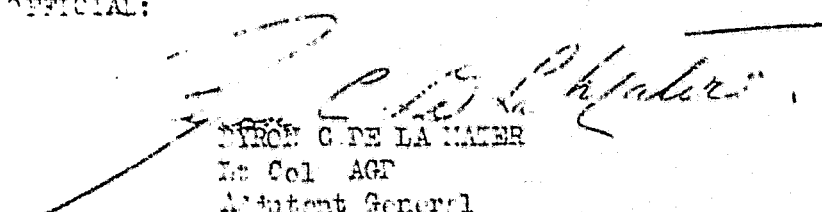
WILLIAM H. MC GEE, 30651155, Technician Fourth Grade, Medical Detachment, 397th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 7 April 1945, in the vicinity of Heilbronn, Germany. During the bitter street fighting in Heilbronn, the unit to which Sergeant McGee was attached as an aid man became immobilized by sustained automatic weapons fire. A wounded man lay in an open area, and, when an aid man attempted to reach him, he too was wounded and unable to move. Although Sergeant McGee was fully aware of the personal risk, he heroically ran to the assistance of both men and, while bullets struck around him, he administered first aid to each and evacuated them to a point of safety, thereby saving the lives of two comrades and earning through his fearlessness and gallantry the unreserved admiration and respect of all concerned. Entered military service from Brooklyn, New York.

GEORGE W. KOERNER, JR., 30650875, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 18 December 1944 in the vicinity of Reon L'Etape, France. When enemy resistance halted the progress of our troops, Private Koerner crawled forward alone to observe the opposing forces. Discovering that he was confronted by an entrenched rearward group, he opened fire with deadly accuracy, killing one of the enemy, capturing an officer and forcing the remainder of the group to withdraw. He subsequently observed a five-man hostile patrol on the flank, and immediately advanced under heavy fire, deliberately exposed himself and called upon the patrol to surrender. His aggressive action disconcerted the opposing troops, who left their arms. Almost singlehandedly Private Koerner thus made possible the continued progress of his company and the success of our operations. Entered military service from Clifton, Staten Island, New York.

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SECTION I -- AWARD OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO BRONZE STAR MEDAL

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, the First Oak Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to each of the following named individuals:

EDWARD D. TIMONEY, 32882051, Staff Sergeant, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 10 April 1945, in the vicinity of Heilbronn, Germany. When his company was immobilized by intense hostile fire during bitter house-to-house fighting for Heilbronn, Sergeant Timoney established his mortar in an advantageous position, then moved forward alone to determine the location of enemy weapons. He was observed by the opposing forces as he moved from one building to another and became the target of concentrated hostile fire, but courageously persevered in his efforts and, directing mortar fire against the enemy positions with devastating accuracy, forced the defending troops to surrender. His aggressive action was thus instrumental in the accomplishment of his company's mission. Entered military service from Long Island City, New York.

PEARL GRIMES, 35560645, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 12 April 1945, in the vicinity of Heilbronn, Germany. During the company's attack against strongly defended enemy positions, intense hostile mortar, rocket and artillery shelling disrupted all radio and wire communications between the leading platoon and battalion headquarters. Private Grimes, a platoon runner, courageously volunteered to carry a vital message from his platoon to the battalion observation post. Creeping, crawling and running across several hundred yards of open terrain under constant enemy fire, Private Grimes accomplished his mission and then returned to the forward elements with badly needed ammunition and supplies. By his heroic action, Private Grimes enabled his unit to reestablish contact with headquarters. Entered military service from Symbol, Kentucky.

ALBERT T. KLETT, 37583509, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 9 April 1945, in the vicinity of Heilbronn, Germany. When his patrol encountered hostile forces and was immobilized in the ensuing fire fight, Private Klett, noting the superior size of the enemy troops, volunteered to return to the company command post for aid. Although observed and fired upon by an enemy mortar, he continued forward, and, reaching his destination, assembled an auxiliary force. Then, although exhausted from his previous journey, he courageously led the men to the scene of battle, where the additional fire power enabled our forces to advance, neutralize the enemy emplacements, and accomplish their assigned mission. Entered military service from Jamestown, North Dakota.

SECTION II -- POSTHUMOUS AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Bronze Star Medal is posthumously awarded to each of the following named individuals:

HENRY P. PERKINS, 35693917, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 8 April 1945, in the vicinity of Heilbronn, Germany. When a squad was formed to reconnoiter a route by which a strong hostile position might be outflanked, Private Perkins unhesitatingly volunteered to serve as first scout. He courageously advanced ahead of his comrades under savage crossfire from enemy machine guns and, when he reached a stone wall which obstructed his path, immediately attempted to scale the obstacle and was killed by hostile fire as he did so. The gallantry which he thus displayed exemplified the highest traditions of the armed services. Next of kin: Sarah L. Perkins (Wife), Route Number Four, Glasgow, Kentucky.

JAMES E. MALONE, JR., 35582162, Private, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 15 March 1945, in the vicinity of Klein Steinhausen, Germany. While on the approach march to establish defensive positions in the town,

the company of which Private Malone was a member was immobilized by intense enemy artillery fire which inflicted severe casualties. In the absence of medical personnel, Private Malone voluntarily left the relative safety of his position and advanced under the unrelenting barrage in order to administer first aid to the wounded. While moving from man to man, he was seriously wounded by a shellburst, but courageously continued to assist other casualties until he himself was evacuated. He subsequently died of the wounds sustained in this action. His gallant and unselfish action saved the lives of many of his comrades, and is in keeping with the highest traditions of the Army of the United States. Next of kin: James E. Malone, Sr., (Father), 1708 Harrison Street, Gary, Indiana.

SECTION III -- AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded to each of the following named individuals:

JOSEPH T. OSTROKOLOWICZ, 31255574, Technical Sergeant, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 5 April 1945, in the vicinity of Heilbronn, Germany. While leading his men across an open field, Sergeant Ostrokolowicz and his platoon were immobilized by automatic weapons fire coming through slits in a wall to his front. Traversing intense enemy artillery, rocket and mortar fire, Sergeant Ostrokolowicz crawled forward about fifty yards in front of the platoon, and from an advantageous position throw fragmentation and smoke grenades at the enemy positions. This courageous and daring maneuver furnished sufficient protective fire to allow his unit to advance and capture the enemy stronghold. By his fearless and inspiring leadership, Sergeant Ostrokolowicz won the respect and admiration of his entire platoon. Entered military service from Saugus, Massachusetts.

HARRY R. CEYROLLES, 33260059, Staff Sergeant (then Corporal), 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 10 April 1945, in the vicinity of Heilbronn, Germany. Sergeant Ceyrolles, an antitank squad leader, was leading his men as provisional riflemen during the bitterly-fought Heilbronn engagement when he observed enemy resistance from the basement of a church. Although the only entrance to the basement led in from the street, he unhesitatingly entered the open thoroughfare and with great courage and resourcefulness led his men in an assault upon the strongpoint, capturing four enemy and eliminating a serious threat to our forces. Sergeant Ceyrolles' heroism is in keeping with the highest military traditions. Entered military service from Coropolis, Pennsylvania.

JOHN P. POLLACK, 36417889, Staff Sergeant (then Sergeant), 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 14 April 1945, in the vicinity of Oppergumwiesch, Germany. Volunteering to cover the advance of his platoon across an open area against enemy resistance, Sergeant Pollack moved forward to establish his automatic rifle in an exposed vantage point. In so doing he was observed by hostile forces and subjected to concentrated enemy fire, but despite the intensity of the action persevered in his efforts, reached the desired position, and directed an accurate and consistent stream of fire against the enemy. Although nearby shellbursts hurled fragments about him, he continued to deliver effective covering fire which enabled his comrades to safely negotiate the crossing, thus by his courageous action contributing materially to the success of our operations. Entered military service from Bottle Creek, Michigan.

ANGILO SCALI, 6877654, Staff Sergeant, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 12 April 1945, in the vicinity of Heilbronn, Germany. After intense hostile small arms and machine gun fire forced his squad to withdraw from an untenable position, Sergeant Scali found that one of his men was missing. Upon his own initiative, Sergeant Scali returned under devastating fire to the point where the man had been wounded and had fallen, and, although he was exposed to direct observation of the enemy, he then carried the casualty to safety. He thus at great risk to his own life saved his comrade from possible death or capture. Entered military service from Columbia, South Carolina.

DAVID G. HURT, 35841622, Sergeant, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 8 March 1945, in the vicinity of Dolenbach, France. Sergeant Hurt, leading a night patrol against an enemy machine gun position, advanced with his men to within a few yards of the enemy weapon and then called for and adjusted artillery fire upon the hostile gun which destroyed it. With his mission accomplished, he was leading his patrol back to our lines when he encountered an enemy supply train. In the fire fight which ensued, one man in Sergeant Hurt's patrol

was wounded. Sergeant Hurt, however, crawling stealthily toward the enemy, killed one German with a hand grenade and then adjusted artillery fire which inflicted heavy casualties on the convoy and destroyed the supply vehicles. Sergeant Hurt's leadership, courage and aggressiveness are in the best traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Webster, Kentucky.

GERALD S. WILLIAMSON, 37298377, Corporal, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 14 April 1945, in the vicinity of Weinberg, Germany. When the progress of his platoon was halted by fire from an enemy machine gun supported by riflemen, Corporal Williamson upon his own initiative moved to a vantage point from which he was able to engage the opposing forces. Delivering accurate and effective fire upon the machine gun installation with his automatic rifle, he killed two of the enemy, wounded three, and forced the remainder to withdraw. His aggressive and courageous action in the face of intense enemy fire thus enabled his platoon to continue to its objective. Entered military service from Austin, Michigan.

LUCIAN C. CANTIN, 31343372, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from Waterbury, Connecticut.

KEITH H. WARD, 17176604, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from Kansas City, Missouri.

For heroic achievement in action on 9 April 1945, in the vicinity of Heilbronn, Germany. During bitter house-to-house fighting for the city of Heilbronn, a small group of soldiers occupied a wooden building under intense enemy fire which killed two men and wounded others. Privates Cantin and Ward unhesitatingly volunteered to evacuate the wounded; and, advancing across open terrain, doggedly fought their way to the structure under continual mortar, rocket and small arms fire. Reaching the building, they administered first aid and then evacuated the casualties across the same hazardous terrain. The courage and resolution of these two men thus saved the lives of wounded comrades who would otherwise have succumbed to their injuries or enemy action.

LOUIS A. GROWEL, 35248802, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from Greensprings, Ohio.

KENNETH O. KEMP, 35783449, Private First Class (then Private) 397th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from Weirton, West Virginia.

For heroic achievement in action on 6 April 1945, in the vicinity of Heilbronn, Germany. When an enemy tank, supported by infantry, approached their position, Private Growel and Private Kemp immediately engaged the opposing force and with accurate small arms fire dispersed the foot troops. Lacking antitank weapons, they retrieved hostile rocket launchers and, scoring direct hits on the armored vehicle, forced it to withdraw. The courageous action of these two soldiers in the face of overwhelming odds prevented the infliction of casualties upon our troops and contributed immeasurably to the success of their company's operations.

JOHN J. HAGAN, 31345011, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from Pacific Beach, California.

PAUL S. SCHETZSLE, 15304483, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from Mulberry, Indiana.

For heroic achievement in action on 9 April 1945, in the vicinity of Heilbronn, Germany. In an attempt to establish a bridgehead, leading elements of an assault company were caught in an enemy crossfire, and sustained several casualties. Acting on their own initiative, Privates Schetzslé and Hagan volunteered to aid in the evacuation. Moving forward into terrain swept by enemy sniper and machine gun fire, they fought their way to a wooden shack in which several wounded lay. Although the shack was a target of concentrated hostile fire, these two men successfully administered first aid, and then again crossed the same fire-swept terrain to take the wounded to safety. Their courage, aggressiveness and unflinching devotion to duty saved the lives of men who would otherwise have succumbed to their wounds.

ALBERTO MORALES, 38675904, Private First Class (then Private), 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 2 March 1945, in the vicinity of Urbech, France. Private Morales and two other members of a night patrol had penetrated far behind enemy lines when they were fired upon by hostile troops. He immediately engaged the enemy with accurate and effective rifle fire, thereby enabling his comrades to withdraw to safety, and after they had retired he skillfully made his own way back to friendly lines. The alert and aggressive action of Private Morales thus prevented the infliction of casualties upon the patrol and was instrumental in providing his commanding officer with vital information of enemy dispositions. Entered military service from New Braunfels, Texas.

AFAM: A. SCHETTINO, 42124379, Private First Class (then Private), 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 15 November 1944, in the vicinity of Ron L'Etape, France. Volunteering to lead a wounded comrade to the battalion aid station, Private Schettino was making his way through a wooded area at dusk when he and his companion were fired upon by a hostile patrol which had infiltrated behind our lines. Although he was himself wounded by the opening bursts of fire, Private Schettino aggressively engaged the opposing troops, and with accurate fire killed one of the enemy, wounded another, and forced the remainder to withdraw. His courageous and resolute action thus prevented the death or capture of both himself and his comrade. Entered military service from Bronx, New York.

ROBERT E. SHIPP, 34895502, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 11 April 1945, in the vicinity of Heilbronn, Germany. After participating in a contact patrol action in which he and his companions successfully established contact with an adjacent unit, Private Shipp volunteered to install a wire communication line between the two organizations. He advanced alone over open terrain, and, although he was forced to take cover time and again by the intensity of enemy shelling, he persisted in his efforts and ultimately succeeded in completing his self-imposed mission. The initiative and courage which he thus displayed resulted in close coordination between units in the ensuing action, and contributed materially to the success of our operations. Entered military service from Chunchula, Alabama.

HERBERT S. ESKIN, 0522459, Chaplain (Captain), Headquarters Special Troops, 100th Infantry Division, for meritorious service during the period 1 November 1944 to 1 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered the Chaplain's Corps of the Army of the United States from Detroit, Michigan.

JOHN T. HILDEMAN, 12100605, Sergeant, 397th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 1 November 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Hoboken, New Jersey.

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Posthumous Award of Silver Star..... I
Award of Silver Star..... II

SECTION I -- POSTHUMOUS AWARD OF SILVER STAR

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Silver Star is posthumously awarded to each of the following named individuals for gallantry in action:

✓ JOSEPH P. KIELBOWICZ, 33087949, Technical Sergeant, 397th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 11 April 1945, in the vicinity of Heilbronn, Germany. Sergeant Kielbowicz, an antitank platoon sergeant, was leading his platoon, participating as rifleman during the fierce engagement for Heilbronn, when they were immobilized by heavy enemy machine gun fire. Realizing the danger to his men, Sergeant Kielbowicz gallantly advanced alone across a clearing, stormed the enemy position and destroyed the gun and crew. He was subsequently killed by an enemy sniper while leading his men in a continuation of the attack. The outstanding courage, aggressiveness and devotion to duty displayed by Sergeant Kielbowicz probably prevented numerous casualties in his platoon and enabled his unit to continue their advance. Next of kin: Josephine Kielbowicz (Wife), 423 Seneca Street, Oil City, Pennsylvania.

✓ ROBERT L. LINE, 35521608, Staff Sergeant, 397th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 15 November 1944, in the vicinity of Reon L'Etape, France. During a strong enemy counterattack, Sergeant Line, a machine gun section leader, observed that the he had an exposed flank. Although the sector was engulfed with crossfire, he valiantly left the comparative safety of his position and heroically ran to the flank where he succeeded in infiltrating several yards to a vantage point. With steady, accurate rifle fire he killed four enemy, wounded several others and forced the remainder to flee in confusion. Then, as he was returning to his lines, Sergeant Line was killed by an enemy mortar shellburst. His gallant one-man attack completely repulsed the hostile force and enabled his companions to assume the offensive. Next of kin: Mabel L. Line (Mother), Rural Free Delivery, Route #1, Elyria, Ohio.

✓ ADOLPH C. GERSZEWSKI, 37169760, Sergeant, 397th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 9 April 1945, in the vicinity of Heilbronn, Germany. With his squad split and surrounded by the enemy who had infiltrated our positions preparatory to launching an attack, Sergeant Gerszewski, as squad leader, displayed unusual leadership, aggressiveness and capability in reorganizing his men under cover of darkness. Then, cognizant of the great danger to his men, he personally made a reconnaissance, discovered the enemy's positions, and, engaging them in a fire fight, succeeded in killing five Germans, wounding three, and driving the remainder from their entrenchments. He, himself, was mortally wounded a short time later while attempting to aid a casualty who was lying in the open. The gallantry and initiative displayed by Sergeant Gerszewski was an inspiration to those who served with him. Next of kin: Aloysius Gerszewski (Father), 707 North Sixth Street, Grand Forks, North Dakota.

✓ LEON A. JANUSZEWSKI, 33597003, Private First Class, Medical Detachment, 399th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action during the period 4 April 1945 to 9 April 1945, in the vicinity of Heilbronn, Germany. During bitter fighting to bridge the Neckar and capture the German city of Heilbronn, Private Januszewski heroically risked his life to go to the assistance of wounded members of the company to which he was attached as aid man. On 4 April, he braved intense mortar fire to administer aid to casualties, and was undoubtedly responsible for saving the life of at least one badly injured soldier. He similarly distinguished himself on numerous other occasions during this period, and by his gallantry and devotion to his comrades won the deserved admiration of his entire organization. Private Januszewski was accidentally killed on 29 April. Next of kin: Josephine Sudomier (Mother), Box 22, Worthington, West Virginia.

ROBERT D. MATEER, 33766256, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 2 January 1945, in the vicinity of Rimling, France. Private Mateer was manning his light machine gun when the strong enemy counterattack of 2 January developed, a number of the enemy converging on a flank of his section with the result that one friendly machine gun was neutralized. Private Mateer immediately picked up his weapon, ran through intense hostile fire to the weakened flank and directed a steady, devastating stream of bullets into the German ranks with such effect that the attack temporarily paused. Then, when the numerically superior enemy attacked again supported with tanks, Private Mateer's section became encircled. With outstanding initiative and gallantry, he quickly assumed command of the section and, after destroying his weapon, led the men miraculously through the enemy ring to safety. Private Mateer was killed in a subsequent action. His superlative performance is representative of the highest military traditions. Next of kin: Hattie Mateer (Mother), 945 29th Street, Altoona, Pennsylvania.

JOHN L. BEEBE, 33856369, Private, 397th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 12 March 1945, in the vicinity of Dolenbach, France. When a night patrol, deep in enemy territory, encountered severe hostile automatic weapons fire, Private Beebe, a member, realizing the hazardous situation his comrades were in, voluntarily advanced alone toward the German position. Although grazing fire covered the terrain as he slowly and heroically crawled forward, he reached a position just a few yards from the enemy and swiftly threw two hand grenades into the position, killing the gunner and wounding three others. Then, while advancing forward again to determine if there were additional enemy, he inadvertently detonated an enemy mine and was seriously wounded. He died four days later as a result of the wounds he received in this action. The gallantry and fearlessness that Private Beebe displayed enabled the patrol to successfully withdraw with vital intelligence information. Next of kin: Jernette E. Beebe (Wife), 32 Mumford Street, Chincoteague, Virginia.

SECTION II -- AWARD OF SILVER STAR

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Silver Star is awarded to each of the following named individuals for gallantry in action:

JOHN B. MURPHY, 012338, Brigadier General, 100th Division Artillery, for gallantry in action on 16 December 1944, in the vicinity of Bitche, France. When the Division was faced with the necessity of reducing the seemingly impregnable Fort Schiesseck before our troops could invest the M-ginot bastion of Bitche, General Murphy took personal command of the difficult artillery operation. Crossing ground which had been mined by the enemy, General Murphy proceeded toward a forward observation post despite the fact that the area was under severe enemy mortar, artillery, flak and small arms fire. General Murphy calmly and courageously made note of shell bursts until he had ascertained the positions of the hostile guns. Then, crawling through a mud-filled trench, he took up an exposed position which enabled him to observe every action of the fierce tank-infantry engagement which raged below him. When he had made careful note of the enemy defenses, terrain features and possible emplacements for our direct fire weapons, he returned to issue orders to the artillery and to assist in the formulation of a Divisional tactical maneuver which in two days resulted in the capture of Fort Schiesseck. The gallantry and calmness displayed by General Murphy in the face of hazardous danger proved an inspiration to the officers and men engaged in this bitter action and played a major role in the success of the operation. Entered Military Academy from Amarillo, Texas.

SAM P. PASSERO, 02000652, First Lieutenant (then Second Lieutenant), 398th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 6 April 1945, in the vicinity of Jagstfeld, Germany. Ambushed by the enemy while leading a small patrol, Lieutenant Passero, realizing that he was greatly outnumbered and that the enemy was closing in from the rear, ordered his men to withdraw to a previously planned rendezvous. He, himself, however, voluntarily remained behind to cover their movements, killing two Germans. Reaching the rendezvous, Lieutenant Passero discovered that one of his men was missing. Although the area was swarming with enemy, he retraced his steps and found the missing man who had been wounded. Bravely exposing himself, he carried the casualty back to safety. Then, reorganizing his patrol, he led them forward over another route and completed his mission. Entered military service from Port Chester, New York.

ALFRED J. RIZZO, 02000651, Second Lieutenant, 398th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 5 April 1945, in the vicinity of Heilbronn, Germany. After gaining its objective against stubborn resistance and repulsing a determined counter-

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attack, the platoon under Lieutenant Rizzo's command was subjected to a second assault by a vastly superior hostile force of two hundred and fifty men. Although his unit was soon surrounded by the enemy, Lieutenant Rizzo defiantly disregarded intense hostile fire to move among his men, directing the establishment of perimeter defenses and the fire of his men. Hopelessly outnumbered and completely isolated, Lieutenant Rizzo fought on with indomitable courage, succeeded in inflicting at least seventy casualties upon attacking troops, and resolutely refused to yield until every available round of ammunition was exhausted and no other course was physically possible. Entered military service from Long Island City, New York.

WILLIAM J. RYAN, 32683259, Staff Sergeant, 398th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 7 April 1945, in the vicinity of Jagstfeld, Germany. When his company was immobilized by enemy rifle fire after crossing the Jagst River, Sergeant Ryan crawled to a point of vantage from where he directed accurate sixty millimeter mortar fire against the entrenched enemy. Although his exposed position made him the target of hostile small arms concentrations, Sergeant Ryan courageously adjusted the fire from his mortar section and succeeded in scoring a direct hit on a dugout which killed three enemy and wounded two others. Then, charging the German position, he captured the enemy casualties and prevented further resistance. His aggressiveness and daring enabled his company to continue its advance without casualties. Entered military service from New York, New York.

RALPH B. ECKLES, 14118205, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 6 April 1945, in the vicinity of Jagstfeld, Germany. When the two leading squads of his platoon was immobilized by an enemy machine gun emplaced at a strategic intersection in the town, Private Eckles, on his own volition, moved forward to outflank the weapon and attack it from the rear. Although the section of town ahead of him had not yet been cleared of the enemy, Private Eckles bypassed the gun by making his way along a parallel street. Then, still unobserved, he crawled back to within grenade range and with one well-placed grenade succeeded in killing two enemy gunners, wounding a third and effectively silencing the weapon. Due to his gallantry and devotion to duty, Private Eckles' platoon was able to continue their advance. Entered military service from Sanford, Florida.

JOSEPH F. SEDOWSKI, 6150371, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 9 January 1945, in the vicinity of Guising, France. Attacking over the crest of a hill, Sergeant Sedowski's company was met by direct fire from six enemy tanks. Despite the intense fire which was causing numerous casualties among our men, Private Sedowski courageously advanced against the tanks. Fitting a grenade to his rifle, he damaged one tank with his first round. Then, with the enemy fire concentrated upon him, Private Sedowski was forced to take cover in a foxhole from where he was last seen preparing to resume his intrepid attack. Private Sedowski was subsequently reported missing in action, but it has since been disclosed that he was taken prisoner by the Germans and freed by friendly forces. Entered military service from Jewett City, Connecticut.

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- Award of Oak Leaf Cluster to Bronze Star Medal..... I
- Award of Bronze Star Medal..... II

SECTION I -- AWARD OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO BRONZE STAR MEDAL

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, the First Oak Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to each of the following named individuals:

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KARL T. NEALAND, 01500607, First Lieutenant, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 13 March 1945, in the vicinity of Hottviller, France. During an attack against strong enemy positions, an entire mortar squad was cut out of action when it encountered a hidden mine field of undetermined size. The men were evacuated successfully, but their equipment, including a complete mortar, was left behind. Realizing the importance of the mortar's fire power in maintaining the advance, Lieutenant Nealand, company executive officer, voluntarily entered the mine area and, after thirty minutes of hazardous effort, recovered the weapon and brought it into action against the enemy. The courage, initiative and devotion to duty displayed by Lieutenant Nealand aided materially in the success of the attack. Entered military service from Cohoes, New York.

JOSE C. NOEL, JR., 01309596, First Lieutenant, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 16 April 1945 and 17 April 1945, in the vicinity of Billensbach, Germany. When his company was forced to withdraw under intense observed enemy fire from a light field piece and a strong enemy delaying force, Lieutenant Noel, company commander, skillfully deployed his men in safer positions. Then, voluntarily advancing alone despite the heavy hostile shelling, he established an observation post from where he directed such accurate counter fire against the enemy as to force them to abandon their positions and enable Lieutenant Noel and his men to capture the town without casualties. The following day, Lieutenant Noel again established a forward observation post from where he succeeded in destroying an enemy self-propelled gun. His persistent direction of counterbattery fire and his courage in leading the attack prevented numerous casualties among his men. Entered military service from Richmond, Virginia.

FRANK OUSLEY, 32597785, Technical Sergeant, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 8 February 1945, in the vicinity of Hottviller, France. When he discovered that one of the members of his company lay wounded some distance in front of our lines, Sergeant Ousley immediately volunteered to accompany a litter squad and aid in the evacuation. Although the area was under direct enemy observation and heavy mortar fire, he left the comparative safety of his position and courageously led the litter team across territory covered with barbed wire and booby traps, and succeeded in reaching the wounded man. Then while the medical men administered first aid, Sergeant Ousley covered and protected the group from enemy action. His unselfish, fearless and aggressive action saved the life of a wounded man, and is in keeping with the highest traditions of the Army of the United States. Entered military service from Midland Park, New Jersey.

JOHN J. NEEDHAM, 31237917, Staff Sergeant, 397th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 1 November 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Roxbury, Massachusetts.

JAMES L. ESSIG, 12206654, Private First Class, Medical Detachment, 397th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 1 November 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Dover, New Jersey.

SECTION II -- AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded to each of the following named individuals:

GEORGE W. BRAZIER, JR., 02014956, Second Lieutenant (then Technician Fourth Grade), 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 9 April 1945,

in the vicinity of Heilbronn, Germany. While serving as a provisional rifleman during the bitterly-fought Heilbronn engagement, Lieutenant Brazier was in command of an outpost when near midnight a large enemy force attacked his station. Although he was alone, Lieutenant Brazier cleverly held his fire until the Germans were nearly on him, and then, although he himself was a target for sustained fire, he directed a steady stream of bullets into the enemy, killing two, wounding several others and forcing the remainder to flee in confusion. As a result of his heroic and courageous act, Lieutenant Brazier saved his men from becoming involved in a fire fight and from suffering numerous possible injuries. Entered military service from Kansas City, Kansas.

HERBERT E. TURNER, 02014032, Second Lieutenant (then First Sergeant), 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 22 January 1945, in the vicinity of Guising, France. When darkness fell on the night of 22 January, Lieutenant Turner voluntarily started out for Guising with a trailer load of critically needed food and supplies for front line troops. Although the only available road was infested with enemy snipers, a target for enemy shellfire and was covered with deep snow drifts, Lieutenant Turner determinedly continued his way, and, after successfully reaching Guising, he organized a carrying party and on foot started out for the front line positions. Twice he and his men were immobilized by German anti-aircraft fire but with superlative courage and leadership, he reached the positions and thus, by his outstanding heroism, Lieutenant Turner enabled the front line troops to continue their fight much more effectively. Entered military service from Roanoke, Virginia.

HARRY W. JAY, 17087072, Technical Sergeant (then Staff Sergeant), 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 8 April 1945, in the vicinity of Heilbronn, Germany. When one of the platoons was immobilized by enemy machine gun and rifle fire, Sergeant Jay was called on to bring mortar fire upon the hostile positions. Moving through sniper fire, he reached an observation point from which he directed such devastatingly effective fire that the enemy force began to withdraw. Moving to another point, he continued to direct fire, and, finding his target, caused remnants of the enemy to flee in disorder. His courageous and aggressive action in the face of grave danger dispersed the enemy force and was greatly responsible for the company's success in completing its mission. Entered military service from Huttons Port, West Virginia.

ALFRED E. DI PRIMIO, 73470014, Staff Sergeant (then Sergeant), 397th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from Dicksonburg, Pennsylvania.

ALFRED HERTEL, 37742620, Private First Class (then Private), 397th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from Pass City, Kansas.

PAUL A. KEER, 12911871, Private First Class (then Private), 397th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from Camden, New Jersey.

For heroic achievement in action on 17 April 1945, in the vicinity of Heilbronn, Germany. When strong resistance from entrenched hostile troops halted our advance, three members of a mortar squad established their weapon in an exposed position which afforded direct observation of the enemy. Although they were subjected to intense artillery and mortar fire, they skillfully and accurately adjusted their own fire upon the opposing emplacement, and succeeded in killing the hostile gun crew. The courageous and aggressive action of Sergeant DiPrimio and Privates Hertel and Keer thus enabled leading rifle companies to continue the attack without casualty.

WILLIAM E. KING, 53000445, Staff Sergeant, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 17 December 1944, in the vicinity of Bitch, France. During our assault on Fort Schiesbeck, a stronghold of the Maginot Line, Sergeant King, rifle platoon squad leader, led courageously his men across hostile fire-swept terrain to the base of a concrete emplacement when severe enemy small arms and shellfire immobilized them. With outstanding heroism, Sergeant King crept in full view of the enemy and started moving through the hail of bullets and flying shrapnel. The intruder's act inspired his men to follow, and, although Sergeant King was seriously wounded during the assault, he continued to direct the advance from a prone position and not until he was sure that the attack was successful did he permit medical treatment and evacuation. His outstanding bravery and initiative are in keeping with the highest traditions of the Army of the United States. Entered military service from Laurel, Maryland.

ROY E. BLOOMER, 34363444, Sergeant (then Private First Class), 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 15 March 1945, in the vicinity of