

Hottviller, France. During a fiercely-fought engagement near Hottviller, two of our men lay wounded in an open field, and, although two attempts had been made to reach them, the rescuers were driven back each time by grazing machine gun fire. Sergeant Bloomer, although realizing the great personal risk, voluntarily started out alone over the open terrain, and, despite the automatic weapons fire directed at him, he succeeded in reaching the casualties, administered first aid to them and moved both to a shelter out of the range of enemy weapons. Then, he returned over the hazardous route and made arrangements for their evacuation by litter bearers. As a result of his outstanding heroism, Sergeant Bloomer was instrumental in saving the lives of his two comrades. Entered military service from Pineyflats, Tennessee.

FORREST F. FARR, 39198745, Sergeant, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 14 April 1945, in the vicinity of Heilbronn, Germany. When communications between his machine gun platoon and his platoon leader were interrupted by intense enemy fire and a counterattack which threatened his position, Sergeant Farr courageously restored communications under hostile shelling. Then removing his guns to new positions which he himself had scouted, he laid down such accurate and intense fire against the surprised enemy that they were forced to abandon their attack, permitting a rifle company to regain original positions. The heroism and unhesitating devotion to duty displayed by Sergeant Farr were an inspiration to officers and men in his company. Entered military service from Seattle, Washington.

CLIFFORD E. JIMISON, 35737831, Sergeant, 397th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from McConnell, West Virginia.

DAVID PEREZIN, 36958415, Private First Class (then Private), 397th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

For heroic achievement in action during the period 29 December 1944 to 3 January 1945, in the vicinity of Rimling, France. During the frantic enemy counter-attack in which the enemy maintained almost continuous artillery, mortar and rocket fire, these two men, working as a team, constantly braved the hostile fire in order to repair the frequently ruptured communications lines between company and battalion command posts. On one occasion, when the line to a platoon outpost was damaged and required immediate repair, these men went forward, and, in spite of the terrific mortar fire being directed solely on them, inched their way forward until they located and repaired the break. Their courage, aggressiveness and devoted devotion to duty were responsible for the maintenance of continuous communication, thus contributing to their battalion's successful operations.

HOWARD O. ORZELL, 34934569, Sergeant (then Private First Class), 397th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from Lexington, North Carolina.

JAMES J. CURTIS, 34922798, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from Morville, Tennessee.

DONALD L. RAINEY, 35249017, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from Francisco, Indiana.

For heroic achievement in action on 17 April 1945, in the vicinity of Heilbronn, Germany. When their convoy was halted by enemy small arms fire, these three men volunteered to flank the opposing troops and drive them from commanding high ground. They engaged the hostile force and with accurate fire killed two of the enemy, wounded several others, and forced the remainder to withdraw. The courageous and aggressive action of Sergeant Orzell and Privates Curtis and Rainey thus prevented any interruption in the flow of vital supplies to our combat troops.

STANLEY J. WALEWSKI, 33971357, Sergeant (then Private First Class), 397th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from Pontiac, Michigan.

SILAS P. MARSH, 33658403, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from Snowsville, Virginia.

For heroic achievement in action on 15 March 1945, in the vicinity of Scholbach, France. While these two men, gunner and assistant gunner, were manning their machine gun to cover the advance of our troops, the enemy spotted their position and concentrated intense mortar fire on the area. Despite the flying shrapnel, they held their ground and continued firing. When the gunner was temporarily stunned by a bursting shell, the assistant unhesitatingly took over, insuring a continual stream of protective fire. A second enemy shell then painfully wounded both men, but they refused to be evacuated and continued to fire until our forces advanced and forced the withdrawal of the enemy mortars. Their courage and unselfish devotion to duty contributed markedly to the success of the operation, and won for them the respect and admiration of their entire organization.

LARRY E. BROWER, 37341258, Technician Fourth Grade (then Private First Class), 397th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from Cannon City, Colorado.  
RAIMOND O. DEYAN, JR., 42103085, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from Summit, New Jersey.

For heroic achievement in action on 8 April 1945, in the vicinity of Heilbronn Germany. While flushing the enemy out of buildings in the bitterly-defended city, these two men and their squad were immobilized by hostile fire while crossing an open area. After taking cover, it was noticed that the lead scout was missing. Considering the possibility of his having been wounded, these two men, acting upon their own initiative, immediately went in search of the scout. Spotting him lying in an open area, they heroically made their way through the enemy fire and carried the man to safety. Their exceptional courage and initiative saved the life of one of their comrades, and reflect the noblest traditions of the military service.

ROBERT I. GLESBY, 19204451, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from Los Angeles, California.

ALBERT H. HAAS, 33776042, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from Castle Shannon, Pennsylvania.

For heroic achievement in action on 7 April 1945, in the vicinity of Heilbronn, Germany. These two men, mortar gunners, were directing fire on an enemy automatic weapon which had been harassing our troops, when the Germans unleashed a counter-barrage of mortar fire. Although they were under direct enemy observation, they stubbornly remained in position and ultimately succeeded in killing the gunner and silencing the enemy weapon. Their courage, determination and unflinching devotion to duty enabled their unit to continue operations unharassed by the enemy, and reflect creditably upon themselves and the military service.

RALPH E. GRAY, 35244720, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from Gas City, Indiana.

LOGAN E. PREIFFER, 37036313, Private First Class (then Private), 397th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from Boonville, Missouri.

MILTON J. SANDERS, 36984897, Private First Class (then Private), 397th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from Lurium, Michigan.

For heroic achievement in action on 6 April 1945, in the vicinity of Heilbronn, Germany. When withering fire from an enemy strongpoint halted the advance of our troops, these members of a machine gun squad moved forward across five hundred yards of open terrain in an attempt to reduce the hostile position. Harassed constantly by sniper and machine gun fire, and hitting fire and again to engage the opposing troops, they eventually succeeded in assaulting the building in which the defending force was ensconced, killing two of the enemy, wounding three and capturing seventeen prisoners. The aggressive and courageous action of Privates Gray, Sanders and Preiffer thereby enabled leading elements of the battalion to continue the attack without casualty.

ORLANDO MICHELI, 39049115, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 4 April 1945, in the vicinity of Heilbronn, Germany. When the advance of his eighty-one millimeter mortar section was halted by fire from a well-concealed sniper, Private Micheli volunteered to locate and silence the threat. Despite intense artillery and rocket fire, he left his position of comparative safety and ventured into the open street, thus drawing fire and locating the enemy. Crawling to a vantage point, he then took up his rifle and by accurate fire eliminated the obstacle. The courage, aggressiveness and devotion to duty displayed by Private Micheli enabled his section to advance to the support of the rifle troops and aid in the accomplishment of their mission. Entered military service from Rio Dell, California.

GEORGE J. SCHRAMM, W2129468, Warrant Officer Junior Grade, 325th Medical Battalion, for meritorious service in support of combat operations during the period 1 November 1942 to 30 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Middle Village, Long Island, 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:

JONATHAN G. IZANT, 02010529, Second Lieutenant, 397th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 20 April 1945, in the vicinity of Backnang, Germany. While advancing to 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 instantly killed. 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:

HARRY F. MIGNEREY, 0511918, Captain, Medical Detachment, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 5 April 1945, in the vicinity of Neckargartach, Germany. When the enemy initiated a strong counterattack, Captain Mignerey, battalion surgeon, crossed the fire-swept Neckar River to the forward aid station, and, although the structure was frequently hit by German artillery fire, he fearlessly remained on the first floor, directed slightly wounded casualties to the basement and for several hours treated and supervised the evacuation of those seriously wounded. Then, although fatigued, he personally directed the removal of casualties in assault boats across the hostile shell-wracked river, he himself repeatedly braving the hazardous, tedious voyage. As a result of his indomitable courage, intrepidity and devotion to duty, Captain Mignerey saved innumerable lives; his actions representing the highest traditions of the Army Medical Corps. Entered military service from Stryker, Ohio.

RALPH C. HUDSPETH, 02014871, Second Lieutenant, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 4 April 1945 and 5 April 1945, in the vicinity of Heilbronn, Germany. During the bitterly-fought Heilbronn engagement, Lieutenant Hudspeth and his antitank platoon crossed the fire-swept Neckar River in assault boats and established positions at the leading site to coordinate the movement of food and supplies and afford protection to an engineer detachment constructing a trestle bridge. Although the entire sector was subjected to intense enemy shell-fire, Lieutenant Hudspeth courageously remained at his post and later moved his guns forward to frustrate an enemy tank attack. As a result of his heroic and superlative leadership, Lieutenant Hudspeth materially contributed to the important victory achieved at Heilbronn. Entered military service from Sharon, Pennsylvania.

JAMES V. SABIA, 32094757, Staff Sergeant, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 8 April 1945, in the vicinity of Odheim, Germany. As the leader of the spearhead squad in an attack near Odheim, Sergeant Sabia displayed

outstanding initiative when he effectively deployed his men in the face of intense hostile fire and at great personal risk moved among them, expertly supervising counterfire. Then, when his platoon sergeant and guide became casualties, he assumed command of the platoon and heroically led it in an assault on the fanatically defended enemy emplacements. So swift and skillful were his tactics that numerous German casualties resulted, all enemy weapons were neutralized and the platoon objective was secured. He was wounded a short time later while organizing for another attack, but his outstanding leadership stood as an inspiring example to his comrades who drove on to additional achievements. Entered military service from North Bellmore, New York.

OLEW P. HOOKER, 39052976, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 4 April 1945, in the vicinity of Heilbronn, Germany. When our forces attacked the fanatically defended city of Heilbronn, Private Hooker, a rifleman, crossed the fire-swept Neckar River with the initial elements and helped to establish the first bridgehead. Shortly after, a numerically superior enemy force counterattacked his squad's sector, and during the intensified fighting Private Hooker, becoming incensed, exposed himself to the enemy and, although sustained fire was directed at him and a bullet pierced his helmet, grazing his scalp, he refused to retreat and with indomitable courage directed a steady stream of accurate rifle fire at the hostile force, eventually forcing them to withdraw, leaving four killed. His intrepid action relieved a serious threat to our forces. Entered military service from Waterford, California.

JOHN E. HUNTER, 13189124, Private, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 30 December 1944, in the vicinity of Hottviller, France. Private Hunter was a member of a five man reconnaissance patrol, which was returning from its mission behind enemy lines, when severe hostile automatic weapons fire was encountered. Realizing that his comrades were in danger of being annihilated, Private Hunter courageously crawled one hundred yards to a flank position and engaged the enemy in a fierce fire-fight, thus allowing his companions to successfully slip by the distracted enemy. Then, when assured his comrades were safe, he himself began a hazardous withdrawal and painstakingly crawled the long distance to friendly lines. His intrepid action is representative of the highest military traditions. Entered military service from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

#### 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 each of the following named individuals:

CHARLES E. LICHTENHAN, SR., 32666557, Staff Sergeant, 397th Infantry Regiment. Next of kin: Barbara Lichtenhan (Wife), Germantown, New York.

KENNETH S. BROMLEY, 13156897, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment. Next of kin: Robert L. Bromley (Father), 802 Quintana Place Northwest, Washington, D. C.

ALBERT D. RICHARDSON, JR., 17176721, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment. Next of kin: Albert D. Richardson, Sr., (Father), 801 Garfield Street, Topeka, Kansas.

GEORGE L. SAUNDERS, 42102211, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment. Next of kin: Catherine Saunders (Mother), 212 Danforth Avenue, Jersey City, New Jersey.

BILLY L. WALKER, 18243084, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment. Next of kin: Landers C. Walker (Father), 5507 Hanover Street, Dallas, Texas.

RAYMOND V. HERBERT, 32598582, Private, 397th Infantry Regiment. Next of kin: Leona Herbert (Mother), 290 Bergen Avenue, Jersey City, New Jersey.

For heroic achievement in action on 18 November 1944, in the vicinity of Raon L'Etape, France. As our troops moved out of the city of Raon L'Etape, these men, members of a rifle squad, comprised the most advanced element of the regiment. Discovering a hostile position on the flank of their route, they immediately engaged the enemy, and, although they were soon isolated from the remainder of the regiment by intense hostile artillery and mortar fire, they successfully held vastly superior opposing forces at bay for a period of twelve hours. Sergeant Lichtenhan and his comrades ultimately lost their lives in this engagement, but by their resolute and courageous action they enabled our troops to occupy advantageous positions from which a successful attack was subsequently launched.

ELLIS H. HANFIELD, 37697844, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 5 April 1945, in the vicinity of Heilbronn, Germany. When the weapons platoon in which Private Hanfield was an ammunition bearer became

surrounded by a numerically superior German force, he courageously maintained a steady supply of ammunition at hand for his weapon, and then, as the situation grew progressively worse, he started out with a companion to contact a machine gun squad on his flank. When they became targets for an automatic weapon and his comrade was seriously wounded, Private Hatfield defied the imminent danger and began to carry him to a place of safety. While thus engaged Private Hatfield was instantly killed by enemy machine gun fire. His valiant and intrepid action is in keeping with the highest traditions of the Army of the United States. Next of kin: Wilma Hatfield (Wife), 1109 Brookdale Avenue, Chariton, 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:

LYNWOOD E. MARTIN, 34114315, Technical Sergeant, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 19 November 1944, in the vicinity of Raon L'Etape, France. While Sergeant Martin's platoon was acting as point in the battalion's advance to take high ground, sudden enemy machine gun and small arms fire opened up, immobilizing their forward movement. Acting immediately, Sergeant Martin made his way to the right half of the platoon and led it in a frontal assault upon the enemy's positions. After driving the enemy from the right side of the hill, he swung to his left and cleared the entire hill of hostile troops, thus enabling the battalion to move on to its objective. His courageous, brilliant and inspiring leadership made it possible for the battalion to accomplish its mission with a minimum of casualties. Entered military service from Blackburg, South Carolina.

JAMES T. SULLIVAN, 31284743, Staff Sergeant (then Corporal), 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 19 November 1944, in the vicinity of Raon L'Etape, France. In the late afternoon, Sergeant Sullivan, member of a mortar platoon, voluntarily set out to reconnoiter three thousand yards of open terrain for approach routes and gun positions for a dawn attack the next day. Although he was in full view of the enemy and a target for their sniper and shell fire, he thoroughly examined the sector and then, while returning to his platoon, came upon a litter team, immobilized by sniper fire in an attempt to reach a seriously wounded man. With outstanding initiative and bravery, Sergeant Sullivan immediately engaged the sniper in a fire fight and by skillful tactics managed to reach a position from which he killed the enemy, thus allowing the litter team to reach the casualty and evacuate him to safety. Entered military service from Springfield, Massachusetts.

HORACE A. HIGGINS, 38233822, Corporal, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 8 April 1945, in the vicinity of Odheim, Germany. During the attack on Odheim from the north, the company in which Corporal Higgins was a runner was immobilized by intense enemy fire and forced to dig in. One of the scouts, it was learned, had been hit in the fighting and was lying helpless thirty yards in front of the enemy lines. Volunteering to rescue the casualty, Corporal Higgins and another man crawled forward under the cover of darkness. After a few minutes of searching, they found the injured man and successfully evacuated him. The calmness and magnificent courage displayed by Corporal Higgins in the face of grave danger saved the life of a wounded man, and won for him the respect and admiration of his organization. Entered military service from Pardanelle, Arkansas.

XABOT BAKER, 38892363, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from Carthage, Texas.

ROY C. BRUNHART, 16157709, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

For heroic achievement in action on 18 November 1944, in the vicinity of Raon L'Etape, France. As our troops moved out of the city of Raon L'Etape, the rifle squad of which these men were members comprised the most advanced element of the regiment. When a hostile position was discovered upon the flank, Privates Baker and Brunhart, together with their comrades, immediately engaged the enemy, and, although the squad was soon isolated from the remainder of the regiment by intense hostile artillery and mortar fire, the eight members of the unit successfully held vastly superior opposing forces at bay for a period of twelve hours. The magnificent courage and determination displayed by Privates Baker and Brunhart in this action, in which their six comrades lost their lives, contributed materially to the success of our operations.

JOSEPH M. KERNS, 33343899, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action during the period 4 April 1945 to 13 April 1945, in the vicinity of Heilbronn, Germany. After making the assault boat crossing of the Neckar River and establishing a bridgehead on the east bank, Private Kerns, a mortar gunner, moved forward in the face of heavy machine gun and rifle fire. Setting up his mortar, he delivered accurate fire against the enemy, and, when another gunner was wounded, he exposed himself in order to recover the gun and ammunition desperately needed at the time. Throughout this period, although he was frequently a target for direct enemy fire, Private Kerns kept his gun in action, and by accurate and consistent fire helped to repel numerous enemy counterattacks. His courage, aggressiveness and devotion to duty contributed markedly to his unit's brilliant success in this engagement. Entered military service from Shenandoah, Pennsylvania.

PAUL E. BRANTON, 02025604, Second Lieutenant (then Staff Sergeant), 398th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 17 December 1944 to 21 December 1944, in the vicinity of Bitche, France. Entered military service from Ferris, Texas.

SECTION V -- 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:

RICHARD G. YOUNG, 0407475, Captain, 399th Infantry Regiment, 7 December 1944. Entered military service from Watertown, Connecticut.

LEO M. GRADY, 31092954, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment, 18 April 1945. Entered military service from Cambridge, Massachusetts.

SECTION VI -- 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 L. HILL, 072564, Major, 373rd Field Artillery Battalion, 12 January 1945. Entered military service from Cincinnati, Ohio.

LELYN D. LAKE, 16175632, Sergeant, 397th Infantry Regiment, 1 April 1945. Entered military service from Downers Grove, Illinois.

SALOMON HORNEATTER, 32439753, Technician Fourth Grade, Medical Detachment, 399th Infantry Regiment, 11 April 1945. Entered military service from New York, New York.

ROBERT C. HALL, 34916182, Private First Class, Medical Detachment, 399th Infantry Regiment, 8 April 1945. Entered military service from Birmingham, Alabama.

FRANK S. LAZZAROTTI, 32655271, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, 8 December 1944. Entered military service from Brooklyn, New York.

SECTION VII -- RESCISSION OF POSTHUMOUS AWARD OF SILVER STAR

Section I, General Orders Number 197, this headquarters, current series, awarding a Silver Star posthumously to JONATHAN G. IZANT, 02010523, Second Lieutenant, 397th Infantry Regiment, is rescinded. (See Section I, this order)

SECTION VIII -- RESCISSION OF AWARD OF PURPLE HEART

So much of Section IV, General Orders Number 124, this headquarters, current series, as awards a Purple Heart to LEO M. GRADY, 31092954, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment, is rescinded. (See Section V, 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 each of the following named individuals:

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\* ERNEST J. JAMES, 10326916, Lieutenant Colonel, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action during the period 4 April 1945 to 19 April 1945, in the vicinity of Heilbronn, Germany. Given the mission of establishing a bridgehead across the Neckar River, Colonel James personally went to the embarkation point and directed the operation under severe enemy artillery and sniper fire. During the next eight days, while his battalion was being subjected to numerous counterattacks and continuous artillery and mortar fire, he made frequent trips to the front lines in order to better direct the battalion's defense. On 13 April, he led the battalion in a swift-moving drive which seized Neckarsulm and culminated in the assault and capture of Unterurbach. Colonel James' heroic, brilliant and skillful leadership insured the success of the mission and was an inspiration to his entire command during this campaign. Entered military service from Sharpsburg, Kentucky.

DOMINICK T. FATHERYAR, 02006937, Second Lieutenant, 398th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 21 March 1945 to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Kingston, 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:

SYLVESTER J. LUSTICA, 01692614, Second Lieutenant, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 7 April 1945, in the vicinity of Jagstfeld, Germany. When the rifle company, whose advance his heavy machine gun platoon was supporting, was halted by fire from several hostile automatic weapons, Lieutenant Lustica immediately made his way forward to locate a vantage point from which effective counter-fire could be delivered. Discovering such a position, he began firing at the enemy, diverting their attention from other members of the platoon, who were crawling forward. He succeeded in killing two Germans and temporarily silenced one automatic weapon, thus enabling his men to mount their own gun and commence firing. By directing deadly fire into the hostile positions, they forced the foe to withdraw, permitting our forces to continue. Lieutenant Lustica's courageous and inspiring leadership enabled his men to accomplish their mission without sustaining a single casualty. Entered military service from Detroit, Michigan.

ROSS F. DOWNING, 38697389, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 22 February 1945, in the vicinity of Leidersberg, France. Private Downing, while acting as scout during a night patrol into German lines, detected an enemy machine gun position. Warning his comrades, he crept to within twenty feet of the hostile weapon, and, taking up a position, covered the crew in the eventuality that they spot the patrol and open fire. Thus protected, the patrol continued with its mission and, having successfully completed it, was returning when the hostile machine gun opened fire. Standing up, Private Downing immediately engaged the foe, emptying a clip of ammunition into the Germany forces, thus silencing the gun and permitting the patrol to return to safety. His courageous and aggressive action enabled his comrades to complete their mission unhindered, and is in keeping with the highest military traditions. Entered military service from Stockton, California.

ALBERT E. HARP, 44005719, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 7 April 1945, in the vicinity of Odheim, Germany.

During our attack near Millontach Farms, Private Harn, as first scout, was leading his platoon when fire from a well concealed enemy machine gun held up the advance. After several attempts to neutralize the hostile weapon failed, Private Harn heroically crawled forward to a small rise overlooking the German weapon, and, although bullets struck the earth about him, he calmly flung a hand grenade into the position killing both enemy. Then, taking charge of the hostile gun, he began firing it at other enemy emplacements, thus by his intrepid action, allowing his platoon to advance and secure its objective in a minimum of time. Entered military service from Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

FRANK L. KOEVAH, 35621147, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 17 April 1945, in the vicinity of Grab, Germany. While advancing along a narrow valley, the company in which Private Horvath was a bazooka man was immobilized by enemy machine gun fire coming from a position two hundred yards to the front. Acting on his own initiative, Private Horvath immediately began crawling forward, and, undeterred by the intense enemy fire, finally reached a position from which he could put effective fire on the hostile troops. Firing two rockets, he knocked out the gun and killed or wounded all four Germans manning it. His magnificent courage, unflinching devotion to duty and aggressive action single-handedly removed a major threat to his company's advance and lessened casualties perceptively. Entered military service from Athens, Ohio.

RALPH J. JONES, 44006046, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 17 April 1945, in the vicinity of Finsterrot, Germany. During our frontal attack on Finsterrot, Private Jones was serving with members of his machine gun squad as an ammunition bearer when their weapon suddenly jammed. The enemy immediately seized advantage of their plight and began directing intense automatic weapons fire into their position. Private Jones, realizing that his comrades were in great danger, swiftly engaged the hostile force in a fire fight and with outstanding rifle marksmanship, killed two of the enemy and caused the remainder to withdraw, thus saving his comrades from possible death and enabling them repair their weapon and resume the attack. Entered military service from Dady, Florida.

RALPH W. VERDI, 31132239, First Sergeant, 925th Field Artillery Battalion, 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 Holden, Massachusetts.

ALBERT WOLINSKY, 12227845, Sergeant (then Private), 398th 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 York, New York.

ROBERT L. CORBIN, 33837208, Corporal, 398th 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 Dorlestown, Pennsylvania.

JOHN D. MC MURPHY, 39421476, Technician Fifth Grade, 398th 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 Yuma, Colorado.

STANLEY RACHOWICZ, 36748440, Technician Fifth Grade, 398th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 2 April 1945 to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

HAROLD B. BISSNETZ, 35076180, Private First Class, 398th 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 Arcadia, Ohio.

PAUL F. CALDWELL, 34613104, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 18 February 1945 to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Huntington, West Virginia.

JOSEPH R. JACCES, 33775627, Private First Class (then Private), 398th 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 Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

FRED J. SEILER, 37606331, Private First Class (then Private), 398th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 1 November 1944 to 25 March 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Brentwood, Missouri.

GEORGE VIDL, 33768311, Private, 398th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 4 January 1945 to 8 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Baswell, Pennsylvania.



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SECTION III -- AWARD OF GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 300-68, as amended, a Good Conduct Medal is awarded to each of the following named individuals:

ARTHUR M. SCHUELER, 36537343, Technical Sergeant, 100th Counterintelligence Corps Detachment.

BERNARD B. GIFFER, 32821382, Sergeant, 100th Counterintelligence Corps Detachment.

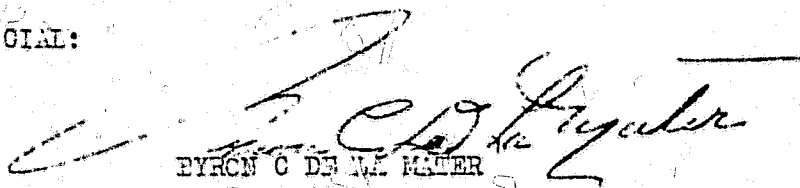
SECTION IV -- AWARD OF MERITORIOUS SERVICE UNIT PLAQUE

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 the Band, 100th Infantry Division, for superior performance of duty and the achievement of a high standard of discipline during the period from 15 November 1944 to 8 May 1945.

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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 C. ROBERTS, JR., 31236990, Sergeant, 397th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 18 November 1944, in the vicinity of Raon L'Etape, France. When a savagely-prosecuted enemy counterattack isolated advanced elements of our troops and inflicted severe casualties upon the beleaguered units, Sergeant Roberts moved forward of his comrades to engage the attackers at point blank range. Firing with accuracy and determination, he drove the enemy to cover, and, although he was himself the target of intense fire, he succeeded in holding the hostile troops at bay until he was mortally wounded. His gallant and aggressive action thus made possible the eventual reinforcement of his comrades, and prevented the capture or annihilation of our troops. Next of kin: Margaret Roberts (Mother), 65 Summer Street, Weymouth, Massachusetts.

ROBERT R. VAN STEENBERG, 37583842, Sergeant, 399th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 14 April 1945, in the vicinity of Flein, Germany. The machine gun squad of which Sergeant Van Steenberg was a member was supporting a rifle company in an attack, when determined resistance from a superior enemy force halted the progress of our troops. Although advanced elements of the rifle company were engaged from three sides and hostile fire was of great intensity, Sergeant Van Steenberg unhesitatingly moved forward, established his weapon in an exposed vantage point, and with accurate fire silenced an enemy machine gun emplacement. He continued to man his gun despite the concentrated fire of the enemy, and was subsequently killed by hostile action. His courageous and aggressive action thus, at the cost of his own life, prevented the infliction of severe casualties upon our forces, and enabled them to maintain their position until reinforcements arrived. Next of kin: Emile Van Steenberg (Mother), Jasper, Minnesota.

WILLARD R. McCARTY, 34581024, Corporal, 399th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 23 March 1945, in the vicinity of Elmstein, Germany. When his battalion crossed through the Siegfried Line and raced sixty miles into Germany before nightfall, Corporal McCarty and his lieutenant drove out to locate the troops in order to feed and supply them. Although the rapidity of advance left numerous pockets of Germans in its wake, Corporal McCarty, realizing that time was an important factor, took the shortest possible routes which included wooded lanes and unchecked roads. When they were suddenly ambushed by small arms fire, Corporal McCarty stopped his vehicle, jumped into the road, and, firing his weapon in the direction of the enemy, advanced fifty yards before he was hit and killed. His courageous and aggressive action killed one German, wounded two, and routed the others, thus allowing the battalion S-4 to complete the assigned mission. Next of kin: Inell R. McCarty (Mother), 105 Smythe Street, Kosciusko, Mississippi.

CALVIN D. BROWN, 14176830, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 17 December 1944, in the vicinity of Bitché, France. Serving as scout in a reconnaissance patrol which had been dispatched to determine the position of strong enemy forces, Private Brown advanced deep into enemy territory. When intense sniper and rifle fire ultimately forced the patrol to withdraw, he courageously covered the retirement of his comrades, engaging the enemy so effectively that his companions reached safety without casualty. Subsequently attempting to withdraw himself, he was killed by a hostile sniper. His courageous action thus, at the eventual cost of his own life, was responsible for the safe retirement of his fellow soldiers from an untenable position. Next of kin: Paul J. Brown (Father), Route #4, Charlotte, North Carolina.

WILLIAM H. FOLDS, JR., 44036343, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 8 April 1945, in the vicinity of Odheim, Germany. While pressing the attack against a battalion of SS troopers, the company in which Private Folds was a rifleman was immobilized by heavy enemy fire after having gained the crest of Hill 915.8. Determined to continue the attack, Private Folds rose to his feet and went forward, firing as he advanced. His fire neutralized one enemy strong point, but while moving toward another position, he was felled by sniper fire. Despite his wound, Private Folds continued to fire and shout directions to his comrades until he finally succumbed to his wounds. His gallantry, aggressiveness and personal sacrifice were of marked importance in the success of the mission, and reflect the highest traditions of the Army of the United States. Next of kin: Lila M. Folds (Mother), Route #1, Grubbsville, Georgia.

MARTIN T. MC IERNEY, 42155701, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 8 April 1945, in the vicinity of Odheim, Germany. Having volunteered to act as lead scout for the platoon leading the attack against a well-entrenched enemy near Odheim, Private McInerney moved forward to seek out the foe. Then, in full view of the enemy positions, he rose to a standing position and opened fire upon the enemy to his front, killing two German riflemen as he advanced. A burst of enemy machine gun fire hit Private McInerney twice, and, although he was unable to move, he managed to warn and give fire directions to other members of his platoon who came in close proximity of the enemy. A second burst of hostile machine gun fire killed Private McInerney instantly. His gallantry and unselfish devotion to duty won the admiration of all his comrades and inspired them to go on and ultimately eliminate the enemy strongpoint. Next of kin: Helen McInerney (Mother), 2068 State Street, Brooklyn, New York.

ROBERT L. NAPIER, 19074241, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 14 December 1944, in the vicinity of Fische, France. During the bitter struggle to take the fiercely defended forts of the Maginot Line, Private Napier fearlessly advanced through severe enemy artillery, mortar and small arms fire, in order to get his machine gun into position from which maximum support could be rendered advancing riflemen. When the intensity of the enemy fire made withdrawal imperative, Private Napier voluntarily remained behind to furnish covering fire. Disregarding his own safety, he manned the gun alone, inflicting great casualties upon the hostile forces until he was hit and killed by an enemy mortar shell. His courageous, daring and unselfish action contributed greatly to his company's operations against the Maginot Fortresses and is in keeping with the highest military traditions. Next of kin: Eunice Nichols (Mother), 728 Lighthouse Avenue, Pacific Grove, California.

LELAND H. FLAGGE, 16025066, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 8 April 1945, in the vicinity of Odheim, Germany. Volunteering to act as lead scout in an attack against well fortified enemy positions near Odheim, Germany, Private Flagge advanced to within ten yards of an enemy strongpoint from where, ignoring cover, he opened fire upon the enemy. Although hit several times, he continued firing upon the foe, thereby warning his companions as to the location of the German positions. Then, while severely wounded, he maintained his fire, pointing out enemy entrenchments to his platoon leader until he was hit a third time and killed. Private Flagge's gallantry greatly facilitated the elimination of strong enemy positions which had been delaying the advance of his battalion. Next of kin: Rose Flagge (Mother), 519 Elm Street, Deerfield, Illinois.

#### 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:

ERNEST F. VAN DAELEN, 39924006, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 11 January 1945, in the vicinity of Reversviller, France. Private Van Daelen, a radio operator, was on a patrol near Spitzberg Hill, where a murderous enemy mortar and small arms fire was encountered. Realizing that the patrol had no alternative but to withdraw through the hostile fire, he voluntarily remained in position and directed harassing fire on the enemy machine gun and rifle positions. Although this action drew the foe's fire upon himself, he continued to men his women, ignoring his exposed position, and thus allowed his temporarily disorganized patrol to withdraw. When last seen, Private Van Daelen was still in position, firing into the enemy forces. His magnificent courage, self sacrifice, and

aggressive action permitted his patrol to escape virtual annihilation. Text of kin: Wilhelmina Van Daalen (Mother), 91 Savoy Place, Prospect Park, New Jersey.

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:

MERLIN E. DOAK, 31282093, Staff Sergeant, 399th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 16 March 1945, in the vicinity of Bitche, France. Immediately after the capture of Bitche, our forces attacked Camp de Bitche, major military garrison of the Maginot Line. Acting as the foremost point of his company's advance Sergeant Doak, equipped with a radio, was far ahead of his companions when sudden enemy machine gun fire seriously wounded him. Although subjected to steady hostile fire, he relayed a flow of vital information concerning enemy positions to his company commander, who was thus able to plan the attack more effectively. Although suffering intense pain, Sergeant Doak, with singular courage, operated his radio throughout the fighting, directing friendly artillery shelling and the maneuvers of supporting troops. As a result of his gallant, intrepid performance, the capture of eighty enemy, including a battalion commander and his staff, was effected and the objective of his company achieved. Entered military service from Easton, Maine.

JAMES J. HARTE, 33051954, Staff Sergeant, 399th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 6 November 1944, in the vicinity of St. Remy, France. Sergeant Harte, a squad leader, and his men formed the advance element of an attack up an open hill when they became immobilized by camouflaged enemy machine gun fire. Realizing the endangered position of his men, Sergeant Harte ordered them to withdraw, and then, singlehandedly and with singular courage, he attacked the German machine gun nest in a swift, charging movement, alternately firing his rifle and throwing hand grenades. So sudden was his assault and so accurate his fire, that two enemy were killed and the remainder of the crew, demoralized and confused, were easily captured by friendly flanking elements. The gallantry and intrepidity of Sergeant Harte's action is representative of the highest traditions in the Army of the United States. Entered military service from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

GEORGE T. GRANT, JR., 39578704, Sergeant, 399th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 19 April 1945, in the vicinity of Sohlbach, Germany. Sergeant Grant volunteered to lead a patrol on reconnaissance prior to a general attack, and with his comrades moved deep into enemy territory. When hostile machine gun fire was encountered, he instructed his men to take cover and advanced alone to within one hundred and fifty yards of the emplacement. Unable to effectively engage the enemy, he then crept to the flank, circled the opposing weapon and approached from the rear. When he was within thirty-five yards, he hurled two hand grenades which killed one and wounded another member of the crew. The remaining enemy quickly surrendered, and he thus, by his gallant action, singlehandedly eliminated a hostile strongpoint and made possible the successful accomplishment of the patrol's mission. Entered military service from Chico, California.

FRANK J. RUBINO, 32647661, Sergeant, 399th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 7 December 1944, in the vicinity of Lemberg, France. Sergeant Rubino, squad leader in a rifle company, was leading his men in an attack when they were immobilized by intense enemy artillery, mortar and small arms fire. Moving from man to man, he gave withdrawal instructions, and then personally carried seriously wounded men to safety. Then, with two other men, he forced the surrender of a German twenty millimeter gun crew, taking four prisoners. Disdaining the continued enemy fire, he reorganized his men and proceeded on the original mission, knocking out a hostile machine gun nest and taking the objective. He was seriously wounded by shell fragments in subsequent fighting and was forced to retire, but not before his daring and inspiring action took its toll of dead and captured Germans, and eliminated two of the enemy strongpoints holding up the advance of his squad. Entered military service from Brooklyn, New York.

MANFORD A. BAKER, 33553507, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 11 April 1945, in the vicinity of Heilbronn, Germany. Advancing ahead of his comrades as first scout of the platoon during an attack against strong enemy positions, Private Baker was fired upon from a hostile entrenchment. Despite continuing fire, he leaped across barbed wire entanglements and threw himself into the enemy position. He killed one of the occupants with rifle fire and, wielding his rifle as a club, boldly subdued the second. His aggressive gallantry

contributed greatly to the success of the company's mission, and prevented the infliction of casualties upon his comrades from the hostile strongpoint which he stormed. Entered military service from Willard, Maryland.

JOHN J. BARRY III, 11055143, Private First Class, Medical Detachment, 398th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 4 April 1945, in the vicinity of Heilbronn, Germany. The platoon to which Private Barry was attached as aid man was advancing across open terrain when intense enemy small arms and automatic weapon fire inflicted heavy casualties upon the troops. Despite the devastating character of enemy action, Private Barry courageously advanced into the open to treat his wounded comrades, and while so engaged was wounded and subsequently captured by hostile troops. He escaped his captors under cover of a friendly mortar barrage, returned to friendly lines, and once more braved enemy fire to treat a wounded rifleman before submitting to medical attention himself. His courageous devotion to his comrades at enormous risk to his own life won the merited admiration of all who witnessed his action. Entered military service from Woburn, Massachusetts.

ALFRED C. HANSEN, 36951878, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 28 February 1945, in the vicinity of Lemberg, France. As member of the battalion raider platoon, Private Hansen was on a patrol inside the enemy's defensive lines, when the patrol leader stepped on a Schu mine, becoming seriously wounded. When the platoon sergeant went to the patrol leader's rescue and also stepped on a mine, the enemy became alerted and sprayed the area with heavy machine gun and small arms fire. Defiant of the enemy fire, Private Hansen went forward, found the sergeant, administered first aid, and then helped him back to our lines. Then, leading a searching party, he returned again to the same area and conducted an exhaustive search for the patrol leader, until daylight forced him to withdraw. Private Hansen's courageous and aggressive action saved the life of one man, and his second gallant attempt at rescue won the respect and admiration of his entire organization. Entered military service from Escanaba, Michigan.

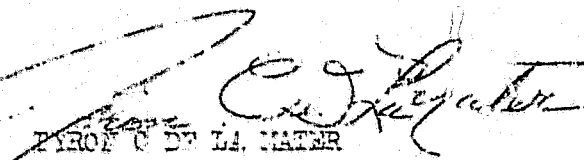
JOHN E. KLUMP, 36950902, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 14 April 1945, in the vicinity of Heilbronn, Germany. Private Klump, platoon scout, was leading his company's advance toward enemy positions when he was fired upon by a hostile sniper. He took cover, then deliberately exposed himself in order to draw fire which disclosed the opposing rifleman's position. Charging forward, he was struck in the chest by a third shot from the sniper's rifle, but courageously regained his feet and resumed his advance, eventually killing the enemy with accurate fire. His gallant and aggressive action prevented the infliction of casualties upon his comrades and contributed to the success of his company's mission. Entered military service from Muskegon, Michigan.

VERNON W. PATTERSON, JR., 13186943, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 19 November 1944, in the vicinity of Raon L'Etape, France. When a savagely-prosecuted enemy counterattack isolated his unit and capture or annihilation seemed imminent, Private Patterson courageously volunteered to cover the withdrawal of his comrades from their untenable position. Delivering accurate and devastating fire against the attackers, he held the enemy at bay until his comrades had succeeded in retiring to safety, and was himself ultimately captured by hostile troops. His gallant and voluntary action thus, at immeasurable risk to his life, prevented the infliction of severe casualties upon his comrades and their eventual capture. He has subsequently been freed by friendly forces. Entered military service from Charlotte, North 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 First Oak Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to each of the following named individuals:

LOUIS B. ROLLINS, 01314192, First 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 Portland, Maine.

ROBERT G. EMOND, 31256379, Technician Fourth 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 Lowell, Massachusetts.

PAUL J. KUTZIAN, 32680267, 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 Brooklyn, 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:

RALPH J. BARB, 33692661, Private First Class, Medical Detachment, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 15 March 1945, in the vicinity of Bitche, France. While fighting for the Maginot Line fortresses ranged outside the citadel city of Bitche, numerous casualties occurred to a friendly rifle platoon. Private Barb, a medical aid man attached to a supporting machine gun section, immediately made his way forward to those wounded, and, although the enemy shell fire was intense and steadily increasing, causing additional casualties, he courageously moved from one injured man to another, administering first aid and making them as comfortable as possible. He miraculously escaped injury himself during this intrepid performance and, when the shelling lessened, made arrangements for the evacuation of all casualties. His indomitable courage and sincere devotion to duty are representative of the highest Army Medical Corps traditions. Entered military service from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

RAYMOND J. MORAY, 01634159, Captain, 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 Providence, Rhode Island.

PHILIP A. STRICKLER, 01292246, Captain, 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 Weststock, Virginia.

GORDON E. FOLTON, 42089448, 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 Rochester, New York.

HAROLD S. HERRIGAN, 32650605, Technician Fourth 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 Bronx, New York.

BRUNO W. LEGLER, 38411630, Corporal, 398th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 20 December 1944 to 23 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from La Grange, Texas.

ROBERT W. O'CONNOR, 37093647, 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 Graceville, Minnesota.

EDWARD K. ANDERSON, 39926885, 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 Lewiston, Utah.

ROBERT T. BRUMER, 35468344, 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 Cincinnati, Ohio.

LEO J. BRZOZOWSKI, 13185814, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 7 December 1944 to 9 January 1945, in Eastern France. Entered military service from Baltimore, Maryland.

ALFRED J. DESAUTELS, 42121409, 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 Plattsburg, New York.

PHILIP GOLDSTEIN, 32997689, 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 Brooklyn, New York.

CHARLES GURGILO, 6299925, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 1 April 1945 to 8 May 1945, in Germany. Entered military service from San Antonio, Texas.

MALCOLM C. LAUDERS, 44031740, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 18 February 1945 to 23 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Horton, Alabama.

ROBERT L. LANGDON, 35769564, 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 Glenwood, West Virginia.

WARREN J. C. LAYMON, 38697161, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 7 December 1944 to 4 February 1945, in Eastern France. Entered military service from Bennington, Oklahoma.

ALVIS C. MORRISON, 34349695, 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 Houlka, Mississippi.

LOUIS PERLA, 32791807, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 31 January 1945 to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Ozone Park, New York.

JACK J. PETRUZZELLI, 32374965, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 8 March 1945 to 23 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Buffalo, New York.

HERBERT D. SIMPSON, 32681537, 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 Brooklyn, New York.

DAVID J. STANLEY, 34789298, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 1 November 1944 to 1 January 1945, in Eastern France. Entered military service from Santa Fe, Florida.

GEORGE W. VAN DERVORT, 38652066, 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 New Orleans, Louisiana.

### SECTION III -- AWARD OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO PURPLE HEART

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-4E, 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

JACK WILLIAMS, 34515486, Technician Fourth Grade, Medical Detachment, 399th Infantry Regiment, 9 January 1945. Entered military service from Graniteville, South Carolina.

RICHARD E. MITZ, 39295344, Private First Class, Medical Detachment, 390th Infantry Regiment, 8 January 1945. Entered military service from San Pedro, California.

#### Award of First Oak Leaf Cluster

WILLIAM E. KANTER, 01322557, First Lieutenant, 398th Infantry Regiment, 20 November 1944. Entered military service from New York, New York.

GARVIE C. WALKER, 34261643, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, 7 April 1945. Entered military service from Dial, Georgia.

HARRY SUGGS, 34670644, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment, 9 January 1945. Entered military service from LaGrange, North Carolina.

JAMES S. HASSLSCHWEERT, 35558509, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment, 6 November 1944. Entered military service from Defiance, 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:

- RAYMOND VEIOLA, 022971, Lieutenant Colonel, 375th Field Artillery Battalion, 17 December 1944. Entered military service from Providence, Rhode Island.
- JOHN HALLA, 33285540, Master Sergeant, 398th Infantry Regiment, 15 April 1945. Entered military service from Tonora, Pennsylvania.
- JAMES H. CHANEY, 38119449, Staff Sergeant, 399th Infantry Regiment, 10 January 1945. Entered military service from Dallas, Texas.
- ALBERT F. VANFOLIC, 40231025, Staff Sergeant, 398th Infantry Regiment, 10 January 1945. Entered military service from Kenmore, New York.
- DEWITT R. WALKER, 21379787, Sergeant, 398th Infantry Regiment, 7 February 1945. Entered military service from Tonkers, New York.
- JOHN R. GONDSBERRY, 36335495, Technician Fifth Grade, 374th Field Artillery Battalion, 13 January 1945. Entered military service from Unionville Center, Ohio.
- JOHN T. PIELA, 16189017, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, 3 January 1945. Entered military service from Kenosha, Wisconsin.
- \* ~~HOWARD M. KIMBLEY, 42035427, Private First Class, 888th <sup>210</sup> ~~Infantry~~ <sup>15 Sept 45</sup> Regiment.~~
- 4 April 1945. Entered military service from Brooklyn Kings, New York.
- OLIVER E. BALCH, 38671851, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, 3 January 1945. Entered military service from Elgin, Texas.
- CESAR W. JORDAN, 34835048, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, 9 April 1945. Entered military service from Atlanta, Georgia.
- FRANK W. SHELIVSKI, 36983103, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment, 11 January 1945. Entered military service from Royal Oak, Michigan.
- HENRY L. BAGWELL, 34515598, Private First Class, 375th Field Artillery Battalion, 9 April 1945. Entered military service from Pickens, South Carolina.
- LEONARD R. KRETSCH, 13006923, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, 18 April 1945. Entered military service from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
- ARTHUR R. MOCHEL, 35228152, Corporal, 398th Infantry Regiment, 18 April 1945. Entered military service from Madison, Ohio.

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Award of Silver Star..... I  
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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:

DENARDOU, Captain, 1st Foreign Cavalry Regiment, 5th French Armored Division, for gallantry in action on 7 April 1945, in the vicinity of Lauffen, Germany. During bitter fighting in the Heilbronn sector, Captain Denardou, commanding officer of an armored reconnaissance squadron, employed the armored cars of his unit as a base of fire which immobilized hostile troops defending Lauffen, and personally led a handful of his men in a daring raid upon the town. His aggressive and audacious action resulted in the capture of sixty prisoners and so disorganized the enemy that supporting infantry units were able to secure the town without difficulty.

GAILLARD DE ST. GERMAIN, Captain, 1st African Chasseurs Regiment, 5th French Armored Division, for gallantry in action on 5 April 1945, in the vicinity of Nordheim, Germany. During bitter fighting to breach the enemy's Neckar River defenses and create an avenue of approach for attacks upon the key German cities of Heilbronn and Stuttgart, Captain De St. Germain, commanding officer of an armored squadron, led an assault upon the enemy-held town of Nordheim. Although hostile troops were well-entrenched in the town, he skillfully and with great personal courage directed the action in which two hundred prisoners and important military materiel were captured and the town itself was secured. The qualities of leadership and professional ability which he displayed thus contributed immeasurably to the success of our operations in the Heilbronn sector.

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:

JEAN PAUL ROBELIN, Lieutenant Colonel, 1st African Chasseurs Regiment, 5th French Armored Division, for heroic achievement in action on 4 April 1945 and 5 April 1945, in the vicinity of Nordheim, Germany. Leading the task force which spear-headed French forces fighting to breach the enemy's Neckar River defenses, Lieutenant Colonel Robelin skillfully maneuvered his troops in coordination with the 100th Infantry Division to capture the strategic town of Klingenberg and Nordheim, inflicting heavy losses upon opposing forces and either capturing or destroying large quantities of enemy materiel. His aggressive tactics and superior leadership thus contributed immeasurably to the success of allied operations in the Heilbronn sector.

BLANDIN DE CHALIN, Major, 1st African Chasseurs Regiment, 5th French Armored Division, for heroic achievement in action during the period 4 April 1945 to 7 April 1945, in the vicinity of Nordheim, Germany. Leading an armored task force entrusted with the mission of reaching the Neckar River, Major De Chalin expertly maneuvered the forces under his command to achieve the assigned objective in a minimum of time despite determined enemy resistance. As a result of the inspiring leadership and tactical skill which he displayed, the important town of Nordheim was secured, large quantities of enemy materiel were destroyed, and numerous prisoners were taken, thus greatly facilitating the success of our operations in the Heilbronn sector.

EDMOND LAINAY, Major, 1st Foreign Legion March Regiment, 5th French Armored Division, for heroic achievement in action during the period 5 April 1945 to 7 April 1945, in the vicinity of Stetten, Germany. In bitterly-prosecuted fighting along the Neckar River line, Major Lainay with numerically inferior forces succeeded in taking the important town of Stetten, Bonningheim and Kurchheim by assault, inflicting severe casualties upon the enemy and repulsing repeated hostile counterattacks in strength. His capable and aggressive leadership thus contributed materially to the

success of our operations in this sector during a critical period.

JACQUES FORCADE, Captain, 1st African Chasseurs Regiment, 5th French Armored Division, for heroic achievement in action on 4 April 1945, in the vicinity of Klingenberg, Germany. Leading a combined tank-infantry task force in an assault upon the town of Klingenberg, Captain Forcade by the tactical skill and personal courage which he displayed contributed greatly to the successful capture of the objective despite strong enemy resistance. His immediate preparation and organization of defenses made possible the subsequent repulse of determined hostile counterattacks with a minimum of casualties.

FRANCIS POINT, Captain, 1st Foreign Legion March Regiment, 5th French Armored Division, for heroic achievement in action on 5 April 1945, in the vicinity of Nordheim, Germany. As commanding officer of an infantry company serving in support of an armored task force, Captain Point contributed materially to the capture of the enemy town of Nordheim. Personally leading his men in the attack upon strong hostile positions, he played an important role in this action, in which severe casualties were inflicted upon opposing troops and a total of more than two hundred prisoners were secured.

ANDRE BARBEY, First Lieutenant, 1st Foreign Cavalry Regiment, 5th French Armored Division, for heroic achievement in action on 7 April 1945, in the vicinity of Lauffen, Germany. In the assault upon the enemy town of Lauffen Lieutenant Barbey, a platoon leader, led his men in a dismounted attack upon hostile defenses. The personal courage and efficient control of his unit which he displayed in this action contributed greatly to the success of our operations.

BERTARD GAUTIER, First Lieutenant, 1st Foreign Cavalry Regiment, 5th Armored Division, for heroic achievement in action on 7 April 1945, in the vicinity of Lauffen, Germany. In the assault upon the enemy town of Lauffen, Lieutenant Gautier a platoon leader, led his men in an attack upon hostile defenses in the face of intense enemy sniper and small arms fire. The personal courage and efficient control of his unit which he displayed in this action contributed greatly to the success of our operations.

GEORGES BATSELET, Second Lieutenant, 1st African Chasseurs Regiment, 5th French Armored Division, for heroic achievement in action on 7 April 1945, in the vicinity of Heilbronn, Germany. During bitter fighting to breach the enemy's Neckar River defense line, Lieutenant Batslet courageously undertook a hazardous night liaison mission. He succeeded in making his way through a part of the city of Heilbronn, where American forces were engaged in house-to-house fighting, and thus accomplished his assigned mission, but while returning to his organization was captured by hostile forces. He subsequently escaped his captors in the vicinity of Muremberg and made his way to friendly lines.

PAUL LACROIX, Adjutant Chef, 1st African Chasseurs Regiment, 5th French Armored Division, for heroic achievement in action during the period 5 April 1945 to 7 April 1945, in the vicinity of Nordheim, Germany. During bitter fighting to breach the enemy's Neckar River defense line, Adjutant Chef Lacroix repeatedly undertook hazardous liaison missions. His capable and efficient accomplishment of these missions in the face of intense hostile mortar and artillery fire contributed materially to the success of his organization's operations in the Heilbronn sector.

HUBERT MORNARD, Adjutant, 1st Foreign Legion March Regiment, 5th French Armored Division, for heroic achievement in action on 5 April 1945, in the vicinity of Klingenberg, Germany. When the commanding officer of his platoon was killed during the assault upon the enemy-held town of Klingenberg, Adjutant Mornard unhesitatingly assumed command of the unit. He skillfully and courageously directed his men in the repulse of a hostile counterattack which had penetrated our positions, and by his aggressive leadership played an instrumental role in our capture of the objective.

ROBERT CHRISTOPHE, Aspirant, 1st Foreign Cavalry Regiment, 5th French Armored Division, for heroic achievement in action during the period 5 April 1945 to 7 April 1945, in the vicinity of Nordheim and Lauffen, Germany. As assistant platoon leader Aspirant Christophe led a group of legionnaires in support of tank forces assaulting the important enemy-held town of Nordheim, and was one of the first members of our troops to enter the town. Two days later, on 7 April, he participated in a similar action at Lauffen and again was among the first to enter that hostile strongpoint.

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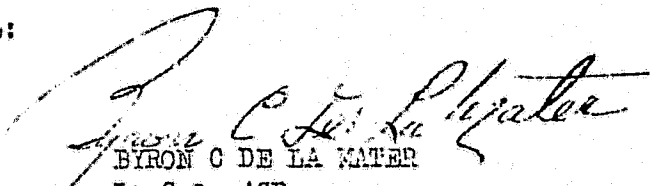
His courageous leadership thus contributed materially to the success of allied attacks upon these two enemy bastions.

PATRICE DE LECAIN, Lieutenant, First French Army, for meritorious service in support of combat operations during the period 23 January 1945 to 5 May 1945, in France and Germany.

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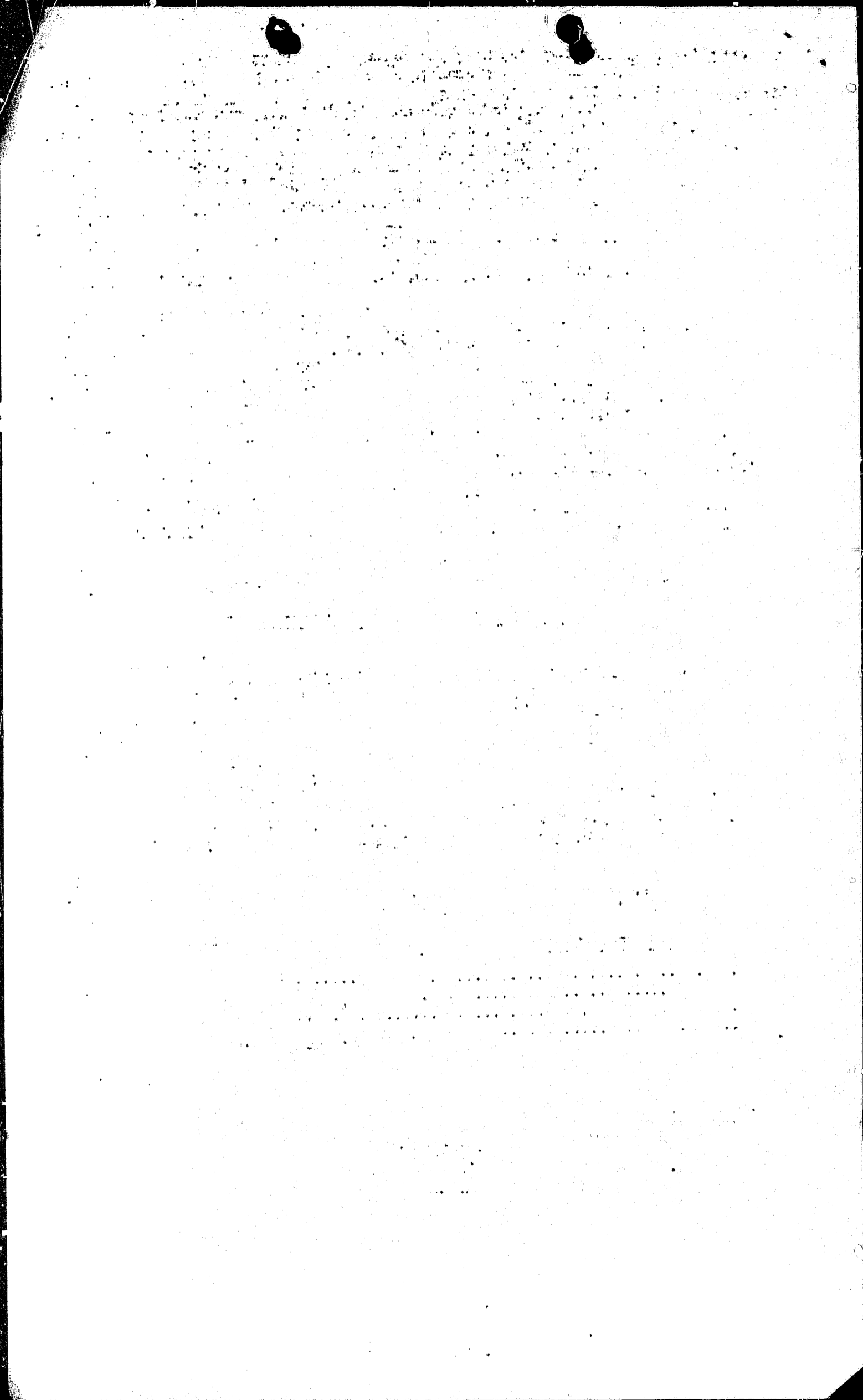
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Posthumous Award of Silver Star..... I  
Award of Silver Star..... II

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:

GEORGE WILKENS, 0549622, Second Lieutenant, 398th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 1 March 1945, in the vicinity of Lemberg, France. Leading a combat patrol toward enemy territory at midnight, Lieutenant Wilkens encountered a hostile mine field and ordered his men to retrace their steps. Advancing by an alternate route which he believed to be mined, he instructed the members of the patrol to remain behind while he moved forward alone to reconnoiter. In so doing he was killed by the detonation of a mine, thus at cost of his own life preventing loss of life among his comrades. Next of kin: Estelle Wilkens (Wife), Wilkes Barre, Pennsylvania.

FREDERICK J. ARHEIT, JR., 15359345, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 5 April 1945, in the vicinity of Heilbronn, Germany. After Private Arheit, a machine gunner, and his companions secured a bridgehead on the east bank of the Neckar River, the Germans counterattacked several times, but were repelled. Later, the enemy, augmented by several reinforcements, attacked again, and, although outnumbered, our force furiously battled the fanatical enemy until in danger of being surrounded. When it became imperative for them to pull back to a nearby house, Private Arheit voluntarily remained behind to cover the withdrawal and with outstanding heroism stemmed the advancing hostile troops, inflicting heavy casualties with sustained, accurate fire, until his ammunition was expended. Then, while attempting to reach his companions, he was killed by enemy fire. As a result of his gallant action, Private Arheit prevented the annihilation of his comrades and enabled them to prepare a more effective line of defense. Next of kin: Gertrude E. Arheit (Mother), 3231 Houghton Drive, Toledo, Ohio.

SIDNEY J. BAESCHLIN, 19201675, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 18 December 1944 and 19 December 1944, in the vicinity of Bitch, France. On 18 December, Private Baeschlin, a rifleman, repeatedly displayed great courage in assisting his squad in assaults on the strongly fortified forts of the Maginot Line. With outstanding heroism he carried explosive charges through heavy enemy fire to the entrances of the hostile-held concrete emplacements, and in the attack up Hill 419 he assumed command of the squad after his leader was killed and led it in a furious assault to attain the immediate objective. On 19 December, while leading the squad in an attack on a pill box, he fearlessly defied hostile machine gun fire to direct and encourage his men and while thus engaged was killed by enemy bullets. His gallant leadership and intrepidity were a source of inspiration to his comrades and are representative of the highest military traditions. Next of kin: Neal Baeschlin (Father), 7803 East Third Street, McLaughlin Heights, Vancouver, Washington.

SIDNEY G. ROSENBERG, 33909260, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 5 April 1945, in the vicinity of Heilbronn, Germany. After repeated counterattacks in strength, hostile forces threatened to surround and annihilate our troops. Private Rosenberg, a machine gunner, and a comrade remained at their weapons to cover the withdrawal of the unit, and, after riflemen had successfully retired to a place of safety, Private Rosenberg continued to man his gun while the other machine gunner withdrew. In so doing he was killed by a hostile grenade, thus by the sacrifice of his own life saving the lives of his comrades. Next of kin: Rose Rosenberg (Mother), 2631 Pennsylvania Avenue, Baltimore, Maryland.

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:

WILLIAM E. KANTER, 01322557, First Lieutenant, 398th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 30 April 1945, in the vicinity of Jagstfeld, Germany. When fire from a hostile machine gun emplacement immobilized forward elements of his platoon during litter house-to-house fighting for the city of Jagstfeld, Lieutenant Kanter advanced alone, moving from the shelter of one doorway to another, until he was within twenty-five yards of the opposing weapon. With a rifle grenade he silenced the enemy gun and killed four of the crew, then quickly reorganized his men and led them in an assault in which sixteen more hostile soldiers were killed, six captured, and the area cleared of enemy troops. The aggressive leadership and personal courage which he thus displayed were thereby directly responsible for the reduction of important hostile strongpoints. Entered military service from New York, New York.

JAMES A. KEDDIE, 01313900, First Lieutenant, 398th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 19 December 1944, in the vicinity of Reversviller, France. While moving forward to occupy new defensive positions, Lieutenant Keddie, platoon leader, and his men encountered an enemy ambush and were caught in a deadly stream of enemy machine gun bullets. Ordering the platoon to take cover in several abandoned dug outs, Lieutenant Keddie brilliantly directed his men in a fierce fire fight until two friendly tank destroyers, unmindful of the presence of Lieutenant Keddie's platoon, entered the area and began firing into their dug out positions. Realizing that the tankmen were not aware of friendly forces in the sector, Lieutenant Keddie heroically braved enemy fire to enter the open terrain and inform the tankmen of the situation. Then, with the added armor support, the audacious Lieutenant led an attack against the enemy positions, swiftly routing the German troops and capturing his original objective. Entered military service from Lynn, Massachusetts.

CHARLES W. BIETZ, 02006990, Second Lieutenant, 398th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 17 April 1945, in the vicinity of Frohnfalls, Germany. During our sustained drive near Frohnfalls, elements of our forces became immobilized by fire from a hostile machine gun and several enemy riflemen located in a stone farm house. In complete defiance of the grave danger, Lieutenant Bietz, a platoon leader, armed himself with a rocket gun and crawled directly into the hostile line of fire until he reached a vantage point. Then, he fired one round from his weapon and neutralized the machine gun situated by a window, simultaneously killing four of the crew. Quickly taking advantage of the enemy's confusion, he single-handedly charged the house, forced the front door and demanded complete surrender. The audacity of his actions resulted in the capitulation of six enemy, thereby eliminating a hostile strongpoint and allowing our forces to renew the attack. Entered military service from Curwensville, Pennsylvania.

DANIEL J. SKOTARSKI, 33001866, Technical Sergeant, 398th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 5 April 1945, in the vicinity of Heilbronn, Germany. As dawn broke on 5 April, Sergeant SkotarSKI, acting platoon leader, and his men from their positions by the Neckar River observed a large enemy force approaching. Waiting until the Germans were twenty-five yards distant before giving a fire order, Sergeant SkotarSKI superbly directed his men in the ensuing fire fight in which the hostile force was repulsed with heavy losses. During the second fanatical attack which included ninety enemy, Sergeant SkotarSKI lost contact with the company command post and, thus isolated, established his men in a stone house from where the Germans, after advancing to within five yards of the building, were repelled by point blank rocket fire and hand grenades, until the defenders expended their ammunition and became completely surrounded. Sergeant SkotarSKI was taken prisoner by the Germans in the above action, but has since been liberated by friendly forces. Entered military service from Baltimore, Maryland.

WILLIAM J. LEVESQUE, 31252086, Staff Sergeant, 398th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 10 January 1945, in the vicinity of Reversviller, France. While advancing against enemy positions, the squad under Sergeant Levesque's command was immobilized by fire from a hostile machine gun emplacement, which inflicted casualties upon half the unit. Realizing the deadly peril of the situation, Sergeant Levesque seized an automatic rifle and crawled forward across open terrain until he reached a vantage point from which he could observe the enemy. Courageously exposing himself to the opposing troops, he opened fire, killed two members of

the machine gun crew, wounded another, and then charged forward to capture the wounded man and silence the weapon. His courageous and unhesitating action prevented the infliction of further casualties upon his men and made possible the evacuation of his wounded comrades. Entered military service from Hartford, Connecticut.

STANLEY V. OSTROW, 11092359, Staff Sergeant (then Private First Class), 398th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 11 April 1945, in the vicinity of Hagenbach, Germany. Sergeant Ostrow volunteered to lead a reconnaissance patrol into an enemy village and had proceeded but a short distance when the group was subjected to fire from a concealed hostile machine gun. Ordering his companions to take cover, he crawled forward alone to within close range, killed two members of the enemy crew and wounded the third with an accurately-placed hand grenade. After destroying the weapon, he continued his advance, killed a hostile soldier who fired upon the patrol, and singlehandedly captured two forward observers of an enemy artillery unit. He thus at great risk to his own life inflicted severe casualties upon opposing forces and made possible the seizure of the town with a minimum of casualties. Entered military service from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

JOHN J. STAWINSKI, 12058367, Staff Sergeant, 398th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 22 December 1944, in the vicinity of Bitche, France. Sergeant Stawinski's squad was engaged in guarding a command post within a captured enemy pill box, when hostile forces launched a counterattack through a connecting tunnel leading to other portions of the fortifications. Opening fire with his automatic rifle, Sergeant Stawinski killed one hostile soldier, wounded another, and forced the remainder to withdraw. He then crawled forward to the steel door of the tunnel and called upon the opposing forces to surrender, but was met with a fusillade of small arms and grenade fire. Although stunned by concussion, he succeeded in closing the door, thus preventing a subsequent attack. His courageous action thus eliminated a serious threat to the safety of his comrades. Entered military service from New York, New York.

WILLIAM C. H. BISSELL, 31122076, Sergeant, 398th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 23 November 1944, in the vicinity of St. Freyal, France. During our advance near St. Freyal, Sergeant Bissell, a mortar section squad leader, was acting as a forward observer when he sighted a hostile machine gun which had immobilized an entire friendly platoon. When friendly mortar fire failed to dislodge the deeply entrenched enemy, Sergeant Bissell deployed his men in a skirmish line, ordered them to furnish cover fire and began crawling forward alone toward the German position. Although the terrain was open and afforded him no cover from the enemy bullets, he heroically continued his way until within hand grenade range and then, standing up, threw two grenades into the emplacement, killing three enemy, wounding one and damaging the weapon. Thus, as a result of his intrepid action, our forces were able to outflank the remaining enemy and attain the immediate objective. Entered military service from Greenwich, Connecticut.

MARION D. JAYCOX, 37682594, Sergeant, 398th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 19 February 1945, in the vicinity of Coetzenbruck, France. In attempting to establish contact with the unit on his company's left flank, Sergeant Jaycox and the three men under him ran into a strong enemy force and were engaged in a bitter fire fight. When it became apparent that they were outnumbered and in danger of being surrounded, Sergeant Jaycox ordered his men to withdraw while he remained behind to cover them. Realizing the situation, the enemy charged the patrol in an attempt to cut it off. Standing fast, Sergeant Jaycox opened up with his sub-machine gun, killing three enemy, wounding two others, and thus breaking up the hostile attack. When the foe charged for the second time and he had exhausted his ammunition, Sergeant Jaycox fought with his bare fists, but was finally overcome and captured. He has since been liberated by friendly troops. Entered military service from Lake Park, Iowa.

GEORGE E. P. FARAH, 16102581, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action during the period 21 January 1945 to 24 January 1945, in the vicinity of Lemberg, France. Despite frequent and severe enemy artillery and mortar fire, Private Farah, member of an antitank gun platoon whose mission it was to hold an outpost line, remained at his second story observation post directing fire upon the foe. It was during one of these enemy barrages that Private Farah, refusing to vacate his exposed position, was seriously wounded by a direct hit upon his outpost. Disregarding his wounds, Private Farah dragged himself to where a wounded comrade was lying and administered to him until medical aid arrived. His heroic and selfless action saved the life of a wounded man, and his accurate fire

direction and devoted, untiring efforts were instrumental in keeping the enemy from massing large numbers of troops in his sector. Entered military service from Green Bay, Wisconsin.

RICHARD L. FRIDAY, 13141968. Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 1 March 1945, in the vicinity of Goetzenbruck, France. When, during an advance through enemy lines, two members of a combat patrol accidentally detonated a Schminie, Private Friday immediately began crawling forward to rescue his comrades. Although sustaining a serious wound himself, he continued on until he reached the two men. Finding them dead, he rejoined the patrol and told them to withdraw. Voluntarily remaining behind, he covered the withdrawal, killing two enemy. Then, when his rifle ammunition was exhausted, he allowed two more Germans to advance to within a few yards of his position before he threw a hand grenade, killing both. Only when the main body of the patrol had reached safety, did Private Friday himself withdraw. His heroic, devoted and daring action killed four Germans, and permitted the patrol to withdraw without suffering further casualties. Entered military service from Exeter, Pennsylvania.

CHARLES R. MATHENY, 35247402, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 8 April 1945, in the vicinity of Jagstfeld, Germany. During bitter fighting for the city of Jagstfeld, fire from a hostile machine gun immobilized leading elements of our forces. Upon his own initiative, Private Matheny crawled forward across open terrain until he reached a vantage point from which he could engage the enemy position, then with a rifle grenade killed two members of the opposing crew and wounded the two remaining members. He quickly charged the emplacement before the wounded enemy could recover, seized the machine gun and captured the two survivors. His gallant and aggressive action thus prevented the infliction of casualties upon his comrades and enabled our troops to successfully occupy the town. Entered military service from Barberton, Ohio.

DAVID E. VAN NORMAN, 32770592 Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 14 April 1945, in the vicinity of Flein Woods, Germany. Private Van Norman, platoon scout, was advancing approximately four hundred yards ahead of his comrades when he was fired upon by a hostile machine gun. Crawling to the front, he engaged the opposing weapon with rifle fire in order to divert fire from his company, and after one and one-half hours of such action wounded a member of the hostile crew. Quickly seizing his advantage, he crept to within seventy-five yards of the enemy, then charged the emplacement. Although he was wounded by enemy fire, he courageously continued his advance and succeeded in killing the remaining member of the crew. His courageous action thus prevented the infliction of casualties upon his comrades and eliminated an important hostile stronghold. Entered military service from Wharton, New Jersey.

HARVEY O. EVANS, JR., 42121754, Private, 398th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 5 April 1945, in the vicinity of Heilbronn, Germany. Shortly after his mortar squad had crossed the fire-swept Neckar River and continued to advance across an open field under heavy hostile fire, Private Evans, second gunner, was slightly wounded and a nearby companion seriously wounded. Disregarding his own injury and continued enemy sniper fire, he administered first aid to his stricken comrade, and then, when his squad leader was killed, he assumed command of the squad. After ordering the men to remain in place, he protected the injured man from the enemy fire with his body, and, when darkness ascended, carried him to a rear aid station. His gallant action is representative of the highest traditions of the Army of the United States. Entered military service from Utica, New York.

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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:

WILBER L. SOWELS, 36079942, Sergeant, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action during the period 4 April 1945 to 12 April 1945, in the vicinity of Heilbronn, Germany. Assigned the mission of maintaining communications between his company headquarters and platoon command posts after his unit had crossed the Neckar River at Heilbronn, Sergeant Sowels repeatedly exposed himself for eight days to intense enemy fire while repairing ruptured communication lines. During this period, he used approximately four miles of wire in replacing wire damaged by enemy fire. Due to Sergeant Sowels' courage, initiative and devotion to duty, complete information was transmitted from forward elements, greatly simplifying operations. Entered military service from Dallas, Texas.

JACK L. HEDA, 01296148, Captain, 398th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 20 March 1945 to 9 May 1945, in Germany. Entered military service from Webster Groves, Missouri.

FREDERICK G. HODGE, 01316703, First Lieutenant, 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, Michigan.

JAMES W. FRICHE, Jr., 6954802, Staff 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 Fort Worth, Texas.

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:

RICHARD C. YARDLEY, 02014976, Second Lieutenant (then First Sergeant), 395th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 5 April 1945, in the vicinity of Heilbronn, Germany. When Lieutenant Yardley was informed by a runner that a rifle platoon of his company was almost surrounded by the enemy and was running out of ammunition, he immediately organized a carrying party consisting of himself and two other men, loaded up with ammunition and set out to contact the platoon. After two unsuccessful attempts, Lieutenant Yardley and his companions finally fought their way through to the platoon's positions, only to find that the entire platoon had been captured by the enemy. He then battled his way back to his company command post and reported the incident. His prompt and courageous action enabled his company commander to make necessary adjustments in the defense of his assigned area. Entered military service from Ilich, New York.

JAMES M. MALLOY, 31252040, Sergeant (then Technician Fifth Grade), 325th Medical Battalion, for heroic achievement in action on 12 December 1944, in the vicinity of Puberg, France. Informed that five men had been injured while clearing a mine field, Sergeant Malloy, a medical aid man attached to a clearing station, was dispatched to the scene. Finding the wounded men untended and still lying where they had fallen because no one dared venture into the mined area, Sergeant Malloy courageously walked into the mine field and administered first aid to the casualties. Then, with the aid of his ambulance driver, he carried all of the wounded to safety and evacuated them to the clearing station. Sergeant Malloy's intrepid devotion to duty undoubtedly saved the lives of these men. Entered military service from Hartford, Connecticut.

JAMES E. GUNNING, 39429150, Technician Fifth Grade, 325th Engineer Combat Battalion, for heroic achievement in action on 14 March 1945, in the vicinity of

Hottviller, France. During the attack on Bitche, a large crater on the main supply route blocked the advance of urgently needed tanks and supporting infantry. Although the crater was under enemy artillery and rocket fire, Corporal Gunning manned his bulldozer and began filling in the depression. Despite the fact that he was working in a mine field and had already set off a booby trap which luckily caused no damage, he continued to work until the crater was sufficiently filled to allow the armor to pass. Corporal Gunning's courage, determination and devotion to duty allowed supporting elements to proceed, thus contributing to the capture of Schorbach, Maginot line village guarding the northern approaches to Bitche. Entered military service from Portland, Oregon.

WALTER R. JOHNSON, 1139432, Captain, 398th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations during the period 6 November 1944 to 6 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Brooklyn, New York.

WALTER L. BAKER, 0130232, First Lieutenant, 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 Potsdam, New York.

JAMES M. CROCKETT, 0516097, First Lieutenant, 398th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations during the period 6 November 1944 to 6 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Washington, D. C.

FRED C. PEHLING, 6853331, 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 Brooklyn, New York.

GEORGE F. BAUER, 01170745, Technical Sergeant, 398th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 7 November 1944 to 27 March 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from East Kingston, New Hampshire.

EARL G. DAVIS, 32650215, Staff Sergeant, 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.

SAINTON W. CRODY, 1416207, Staff Sergeant, 398th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 6 November 1944 to 15 February 1945, in Eastern France. Entered military service from LaFayette, Georgia.

HOWARD H. G. CHAMBERLAIN, 0130403, Technician Third Grade, 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 Ward Hill, Massachusetts.

FREDERICK W. BARROWS, 31237290, 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 East Bridgewater, Massachusetts.

THEODORE BLACK, 12237545, Sergeant, 398th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 6 November 1944 to 5 March 1945, in Eastern France. Entered military service from Brooklyn, New York.

STEPHEN P. BATHCHELOR, 31429495, 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 Edmerton, Pennsylvania.

LEONARD W. SALEM, 32569443, Technician Fourth Grade, 398th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in support of combat operations during the period 20 October 1944 to 23 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from East Orange, New Jersey.

ALBERT P. HERRLE, 32566606, Corporal, 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 Astoria, New York.

ROBERT L. MURRAY, 32164927, Corporal, 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 Brooklyn, New York.

LEONARD B. SILVESTRI, 32655070, 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 Bronx, New York.

WILLIAM G. MYNEN, JR., 14150742, 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 Augusta, Georgia.

ELLIOT S. LAZARUS, 12137416, 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 Baldwin, Long Island, New York.

JAMES A. BARNES, 31983311, 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 Camden, Tennessee.

RABBIT E. HILLINGS, 31333444, 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 Springfield, Massachusetts.

ANTHONY A. BONANNI, 32666512, 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 Amsterdam, New York.

CHARLES W. BUSHMAN, 17177881, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 6 November 1944 to 28 March 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Lincoln, Nebraska.

LOREN T. CUFF, 35243330, 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 Sherley, Indiana.

WALTER A. DALLEN, 34644888, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 23 January 1945 to 23 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Oxford, North Carolina.

DAVID J. DUNAJCZ, 32655513, 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 New York, New York.

WILLIAM A. DUM, 32381417, 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 Troy, Pennsylvania.

WILLIAM L. BERTSEF, 35241150, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 16 February 1945 to 23 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Springfield, Ohio.

ANTHONY FARINA, 13028301, 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 Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

MICHAEL S. FERLICK, 32365271, 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 Saratoga Springs, New York.

YVES FORTINOT, 33253872, Private First Class, Medical Detachment, 398th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 20 November 1944 to 30 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Ville Platte, Louisiana.

JOHN A. GURLEY, 32366159, 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 Brooklyn, New York.

FRANK W. LEMLE, 35097224, 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 Rock Hill, South Carolina.

CHARLES G. JANKIAN, 1700694, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 7 November 1944 to 17 November 1944, and 5 January 1945 to 5 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Waterbury, Massachusetts.

WILLIAM C. KIMBLE, 17053827, Private First Class, 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 Copperstown, North Dakota.

WILLIAM H. MADL, 35619015, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 8 March 1945 to 23 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Sweet Valley, Pennsylvania.

WALTER WENDEL, 32662794, 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 Kapplagers Falls, New York.

STANLEY FOLK, 34956720, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 15 November 1944 to 9 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Union, Illinois.

DONALD W. REOS, 34834353, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in action during the period 6 November 1944 to 23 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Atlanta, Georgia.

PAUL STAMM, 32684277, Private First Class, 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.

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BERNARD WALK, 12185176, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 6 November 1944 to 29 January 1945, in Eastern France. Entered military service from New York, New York.

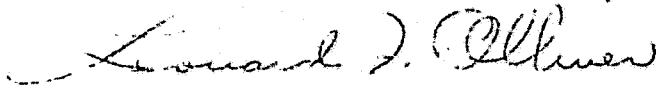
DANIEL WEINSTEIN, 11089978, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations during the period 6 November 1944 to 9 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Boston, Massachusetts.

LEE R. WRIGHT, 38583962, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 7 December 1944 to 7 February 1945, in Eastern France. Entered military service from Detroit, Michigan.

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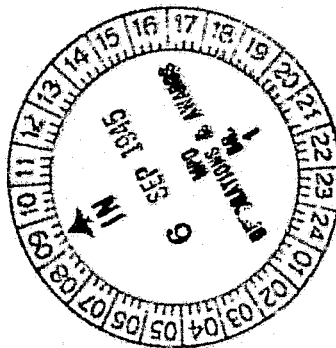
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Posthumous Award of Silver Star..... I  
Award of Silver Star..... II  
Rescission of Award of Bronze Star Medal..... III

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:

FRANK J. GRAKUS, 32665300, Technical Sergeant, 398th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 19 November 1944, in the vicinity of La Trouche, France. During an attack, when his platoon leader was killed, Sergeant Grakus immediately took command and personally directed his men in the bitter fire fight. When severe enemy machine gun fire harassed the entire platoon, Sergeant Grakus crawled to within thirty-five yards of the hostile weapon and threw a hand grenade, killing two, wounding one, and completely destroying the machine gun nest. Taking advantage of the situation, he quickly moved his men forward and organized new positions. He was killed by subsequent enemy artillery fire, but his magnificent courage and daring leadership inspired his men to move forward, despite the withering enemy fire and take the objective. Next of kin: John Young (Friend), Milton, New York.

MELVIN R. HAFEMAN, 36981239, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 14 February 1945, in the vicinity of Meyersviller, France. Private Hafeman, a rifleman, volunteered to be a member of a raiding party whose mission it was to capture some enemy for interrogation. Taking the lead, he advanced five hundred yards into hostile lines, when the patrol was suddenly fired upon. As an enemy flare lit the area, he spotted two Germans in a nearby fox hole. Disregarding his command to surrender, one man lifted his rifle and aimed. With deceptive speed, Private Hafeman jumped into the hole and engaged the Germans in a hand to hand struggle. Realizing the critical need for prisoners, he continued to fight desperately until he was overpowered and killed. His gallantry, daring and devotion to duty inspired his comrades to continue with their mission and capture five enemy soldiers. Next of kin: Mae Hafeman (Mother), Route #6, Sawyer, Wisconsin.

STEPHEN J. HORNICK, JR., 13138574, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 18 November 1944, in the vicinity of Raon l'Etape, France. Private Hornick was acting in the hazardous capacity of lead scout together with one other member of his unit when a concealed enemy machine gun opened fire on his platoon, causing numerous casualties. Ignoring the danger, Private Hornick and his companion crawled across the rough terrain and despite heavy mortar fire advanced to within fifteen yards of the enemy gun from where they wiped out the emplacement with grenade and rifle fire. Then, continuing their intrepid attack they killed four additional Germans before they, themselves were killed by sniper fire. The selfless gallantry displayed by Private Hornick and his companion prevented an unestimated number of casualties and gained the everlasting respect and admiration of their comrades. Next of kin: Stephen J. Hornick, Sr. (Father), 9 Water Street, Cumberland, Maryland.

ROBERT E. MILLER, 15359777, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 9 January 1945, in the vicinity of Rimling, France. As our troops attacked strongly fortified hostile positions, intense fire from enemy tank-infantry forces threatened to inflict severe casualties upon assaulting forces. Private Miller, a machine gunner, upon his own initiative advanced with his weapon across open ground and through deep snow drifts to a vantage point from which he could best engage opposing troops. From his exposed position he opened fire upon infantry protecting the hostile tanks, killing and wounding many of the enemy. Concentrated fire from tanks and small arms was instantly directed upon him, but he courageously continued to engage the enemy until he was ultimately killed by a shell burst. He thus succeeded, although at the cost of his own life, in preventing the repulse of our attacking forces and the infliction of heavy casualties upon his comrades. Next of kin: Minnie G. Miller (Mother), 308 South O'Neill Street, Frankfort, Indiana.

JAMES W. TUCKER, 14154756, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment. Next of kin: Marguerite Tucker (Mother); Hamilton, Mississippi.

JACK M. PATERSON, 36897994, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment. Next of kin: Alexina Paterson (Mother), 9789 American Avenue, Detroit, Michigan.

For gallantry in action on 5 December 1944, in the vicinity of Ingwiller, France. As machine gunners in a rifle company, these two men were protecting the right flank of the leading elements attacking a heavily-defended hill position. Before their weapon was in position, the enemy launched a vicious counterattack aimed at the flank protecting the company's lines of communication. Despite the fire-swept terrain, the two men moved forward and, putting their gun into action, fired into the enemy formations, killing at least ten Germans attacking in waves. As the last attack was beaten off, both men were mortally wounded. The magnificent courage, daring and devotion to duty displayed by these men thwarted the enemy attack and enabled the company to continue with its assigned mission.

FREDERICK W. POWERS, 31360808, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 6 April 1945, in the vicinity of Heilbronn, Germany. During a vicious enemy counterattack, the squad in which Private Powers was a scout was threatened with being cut off from the rest of the platoon by steady and accurate fire from a hostile machine gun. With daring courage, Private Powers crawled forward to a position close to the weapon. Exposing himself, he fired, killing the gunner, but was himself wounded in the exchange of fire. Determined to remove the enemy threat, he rushed the emplacement and, firing from the hip, killed the remaining two Germans and captured the gun. Refusing evacuation, he remained at this post until the enemy retreated. As a result of this action, he later died of his wounds. His courage, initiative and devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the Army of the United States. Next of kin: Johanna Powers (Mother), 365 Washington Street, Canton, Massachusetts.

HORACE L. RASBERRY, 34707655, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 5 April 1945, in the vicinity of Heilbronn, Germany. As a scout, Private Rasberry was assigned the mission of clearing aactory building defended by an undetermined number of enemy delaying the advance of his platoon. Covered by the remainder of his squad, Private Rasberry intrepidly crossed seventy-five yards of open ground, scaled a six foot wall and stormed the building despite concentrated hostile small arms and automatic weapons fire directed against him. Reaching to within grenade range, Private Rasberry hurled a white phosphorus and a fragmentation grenade into a second story window which killed one enemy, burned two severely and forced three others to surrender before he, himself, was killed by an enemy sniper firing from another position. His selfless gallantry undoubtedly prevented many casualties and speeded the taking of his platoon's objective. Next of kin: Mary E. Rasberry (Wife), 301 Hardy Street, Paris, Tennessee.

ARVO SEIFERT, 14176912, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 18 November 1944, in the vicinity of Rean L'Etape, France. Private Seifert was acting in the hazardous capacity of lead scout together with one other member of his unit when a concealed enemy machine gun opened fire on his platoon, causing numerous casualties. Ignoring the danger, Private Seifert and his companion crawled across the rough terrain and despite heavy mortar fire advanced to within fifteen yards of the enemy gun from where they wiped out the emplacement with grenade and rifle fire. Then, continuing their intrepid attack, they killed four additional Germans before they, themselves, were killed by sniper fire. The selfless gallantry displayed by Private Seifert and his companion prevented an unestimated number of casualties and gained the everlasting respect and admiration of their comrades. Next of kin: Antonie K. Seifert (Wife), 421 Hempstead Place, Charlotte, North Carolina.

RAYMOND L. TAFT, 31469400, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 5 April 1945 in the vicinity of Heilbronn, Germany. Private Taft was acting as lead scout while his company was advancing through the fiercely defended factory district of Heilbronn when his unit came under intense sniper and machine gun fire. Displaying magnificent courage and initiative, Private Taft, crawling and crawling, moved to within twenty-five yards of the hostile gun. Then, gallantly exposing himself, he hurled a grenade into the enemy position and, rushing forward in the face of noisome blind fire, killed two Germans and wounded another. Although he, himself, had been wounded in the fight and was unable to stand, he continued firing, killing another enemy rifleman before he was instantly killed by enemy rifle fire. The valour, loyalty and extreme devotion to duty shown by Private Taft permitted his unit to continue their attack without delay and reach their objective. Next of kin: Kathryn Taft (Wife), Richmond, Vermont.

JOSEPH E. VERSIACKAS, 35247573, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 13 April 1945, in the vicinity of Talheim, Germany. Advancing over open terrain, our attacking troops were halted by intense enemy artillery, mortar and small arms fire. Private Versiackas, a machine gunner, advanced alone and upon his own initiative to a vantage point well forward of our line of infantry, and there attempted to establish his weapon. In so doing he was wounded by a hostile mortar bur. but resolutely proceeded to put his gun in operation and was killed a few moments later by a second enemy shell. His aggressive gallantry and devotion to duty exemplified the highest traditions of the armed services. Next of kin: Helen L. Versiackas (Mother), 972 Ansel Road, Cleveland, Ohio.

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:

PAUL J. SATORA, 31272086, Technical Sergeant, 398th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 3 April 1945, in the vicinity of Odheim, Germany. During an attack against strong enemy positions consisting of cleverly camouflaged and strategically located bunkers a member of our forces was wounded in both legs and, in attempting to crawl to safety, was observed and subjected to intense automatic weapon fire by the enemy. Sergeant Satora unhesitatingly left the security of his own position, ran for a distance of three hundred and fifty yards through concentrated hostile fire to reach the side of the casualty, then hoisted the crippled man to his back and with hostile bullets hailing about him carried his wounded comrade to safety. Thus by heroic determination and at immeasurable risk to his own life he saved that of a fellow soldier. Entered military service from Cos Cob, Connecticut.

SEBASTIANO TIMPARIANO, 32597170, Technical Sergeant (then Staff Sergeant), 397th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 8 January 1945 and 9 January 1945, in the vicinity of Rialing, France. When a rifle company was in great need of mortar support, Sergeant Timpariano, mortar section leader, placed his runs and then, laying his own wire, advanced to a house on the main line of resistance, from which he directed mortar and artillery fire for two days. On one occasion, combined tank-infantry-artillery fire almost razed the house, but he remained at his post, directing approximately eight hundred mortar rounds daily. Twelve times he was forced to repair his wire lines. His accurate fire, in one instance, killed all fifteen members of a German patrol. When the company was ordered to withdraw, he remained to direct covering fire. His magnificent courage and devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the Army of the United States. Entered military service from Hackensack, New Jersey.

OLIVER F. TRAMEL, 34497339, Staff Sergeant, 398th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 28 February 1945, in the vicinity of Lemberg, France. As squad leader in a raider platoon, Sergeant Tramel was second in command on a patrol into enemy occupied territory near Lemberg. After having completed its mission, the raiding party was returning through the fire-swept, mine-infested terrain, when the patrol leader detonated a Schu-mine. Instructing his men to remain behind, Sergeant Tramel began moving through the mine field in an attempt to reach his fallen leader. While so engaged, he set off a second mine which subsequently necessitated amputation. Despite the severe nature of his injury, he directed the withdrawal of the patrol, which was then involved in a heavy fire fight. His heroic, unselfish and inspiring action won the respect and admiration of the entire patrol. Entered military service from Mount Juliet, Tennessee.

JOSEPH ZARABET, 32654892, Sergeant, 398th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 10 January 1945, in the vicinity of Meyersviller, France. Although painfully wounded in the first exchange of fire during an engagement, Sergeant Zarabet aggressively directed the action of his squad until the unit was ordered to retire. As the squad withdrew, he discovered that a wounded man was missing, and, although suffering from shock and loss of blood, he courageously crawled forward in search of his comrade. He was wounded a second time, but refused to relinquish his mission, and eventually reached the missing soldier. He administered first aid to the unconscious soldier, then returned to his squad and covered the further withdrawal of his men. His ammunition depleted, he was eventually captured, but subsequently liberated by friendly forces. Sergeant Zarabet's gallantry and devotion to his comrades thus exemplified the highest traditions of the armed service. Entered military service from Brooklyn, New York.

GEORGE DEMONOVLOS, 32655329, Technician Fourth Grade, Medical Detachment, 399th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 18 April 1945, in the vicinity of Bellstein, Germany. During our attack towards Fohlenberg Hill, several casualties resulted from intense enemy mortar and artillery fire. Sergeant Demonovlos, an aid man, immediately began administering treatment, and, although the air was rent with flying shrapnel, he heroically attended to each man, moving them to whatever cover was available after he bandaged their injuries. As the severe fire continued, he himself was wounded and rendered unconscious from a nearby shell burst. Upon regaining consciousness, he returned to the casualties despite his painful wounds. When his supply of aid equipment was expended, he improvised bandages from his own clothing, and not until every man was treated did he allow himself to be evacuated. His gallantry and magnificent courage are representative of the highest traditions in the Army Medical Corps. Entered military service from New York, New York.

ADOLPH KRAVETS, 36659553, Corporal, 398th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 8 April 1945, in the vicinity of Untergriesheim, Germany. When the reconnaissance patrol of which Corporal Kravets was a member was engaged by hostile forces and threatened with encirclement, he courageously volunteered to remain in position and cover the withdrawal of his comrades. Engaging the enemy with accurate fire, he thus enabled other members of the patrol to retire safely, but was himself isolated from his companions. Defying enemy demands to surrender, he held opposing troops at bay for a period of seven hours, repulsing repeated attempts to effect his capture, and ultimately escaped under cover of darkness. Corporal Kravets' aggressive and resolute action thereby prevented the annihilation of the patrol by numerically superior hostile forces. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

ROBERT A. FRASER, 36867028, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 13 April 1945, in the vicinity of Telheim, Germany. Shortly after our attack on Telheim was initiated, the two leading platoons encountered severe hostile automatic weapon and small arms fire from two concrete pillboxes and supporting bunker positions. Private Fraser, equipped with a 300 radio, was with the company commander well forward in a position between the two platoons, which were progressing slowly by crawling and short rushes. When it became evident to him that an adjacent squad was not advancing, having become separated from its leader, Private Fraser courageously ran across open fire swept terrain, and, although he was burdened with the radio, he organized the squad and heroically led it in an assault on the hostile emplacements. His gallant and intrepid action was instrumental in the subsequent neutralization of the pillboxes and the capture of a large enemy force. Entered military service from Detroit, Michigan.

SECTION III -- RESCISSION OF AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

So much of Section III, General Orders Number 197, this headquarters, current series, awarding the Bronze Star Medal to Technical Sergeant Paul J. Santora, 31272086, 399th Infantry Regiment, is rescinded. (See Section II, this order)

So much of Section IV, General Orders Number 97, this headquarters, current series, awarding the Bronze Star Medal to Technical Sergeant (then Staff Sergeant) Sebastiano DiGennaro, 32597170, 397th 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:

MARTIN HALE, 02000760, Second Lieutenant, 925th Field Artillery Battalion, for heroic achievement in action on 18 April 1945, in the vicinity of Beilstein, Germany. As forward observer attached to an infantry company, Lieutenant Hale was registering artillery fire when the enemy counterattacked in great force. The weight of the hostile assault was so intense that in addition to directing fire by radio, Lieutenant Hale joined the riflemen in fighting off the advancing foe. At one time, when the enemy had moved to within twenty-five yards of him, he had to stop radio conversation and shoot two of the Germans with his pistol. Then, as the fury of battle mounted, he accurately placed artillery fire in front of our troops, thus throwing a blanket of fire in the path of the enemy forces. The courage, determination and devotion to duty displayed by Lieutenant Hale were directly responsible for halting the German attack and causing the enemy to retreat. Entered military service from Milton, Massachusetts.

MICHAEL P. SENIUK, 01047772, First Lieutenant, 397th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 20 January 1945 to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. 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:

CHARLES GIBSON, 34602719, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action during the period 4 April 1945 to 13 April 1945, in the vicinity of Heilbronn, Germany. As a rifleman, Private Gibson was a member of the first unit to establish a bridgehead across the fiercely defended Neckar River at Heilbronn. When his platoon was threatened by encirclement during the bitter fire fights which followed, Private Gibson and another rifleman courageously volunteered to return to his company command post and report the platoon's hazardous position. Crossing open ground, Private Gibson reached the command post despite intense enemy shelling and then returned to his platoon with vital instructions. Throughout nine days of fighting, Private Gibson delivered a tremendous volume of fire and killed several of the enemy. His selfless actions greatly aided his company in the completion of its mission. Entered military service from Union Grove, North Carolina.

KEITH SHERMAN, 01177130, First Lieutenant, 375th Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 8 November 1944 to 9 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Salem, Oregon.

JOHN D. COOKE, 01183836, Second Lieutenant, 375th Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 27 December 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

LEONARD D. PENCEK, 02000779, Second Lieutenant, 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 Hartford, Connecticut.

JOHN W. HANNA, 33285540, Master 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 Donora, Pennsylvania.

IRVING BLOOM, 32105452, Technical Sergeant, 398th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in support of combat operations during the period 20 October 1944 to 7 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Brooklyn, New York.

HENRY A. DELLA GALA, 32664507, 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 Utica, New York.

CLAUDE R. ROSS, 34824728, Staff 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 Eastman, Georgia.

FREEMAN H. WRIGHT, 31217528, 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 Portland, Maine.

LAUCLIN S. MAC GREGOR, 36524834, 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 Bay City, Michigan.

THOMAS R. PARK, 32483546, 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 Pottstown, Pennsylvania.

PETER BRUCKER, 32358942, 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 New York, New York.

FASCHAL N. GIOVINAZZO, 32664466, 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 Utica, New York.

JOHN C. REILLY, 34983677, Technician Fifth Grade, 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 Memphis, Tennessee.

RICHARD F. ROGERS, 32596848, Technician Fifth Grade, 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 Hasbrouck Heights, New Jersey.

DELMAR R. WARD, 34573676, Technician Fifth 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 Augusta, Georgia.

NELSON J. CROCKEN, 33891800, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 23 January 1945 to 23 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Baltimore, Maryland.

JOHN L. FAVE, 32598593, 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 Union City, New Jersey.

CHARLES R. GRAY, 34131408, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 22 November 1944 to 11 March 1945, in Eastern France. Entered military service from Fontotoc, Mississippi.

THOMAS W. HALE, 0954713, 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 Omaha, Texas.

AUREY H. HARRINGTON, 34857640, 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 Henderson, North Carolina.

NATHANIEL S. HOYT, 11023614, 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 Meredith, New Hampshire.

GLENN A. LUNDY, 34983405, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 22 January 1945 to 23 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Knoxville, Tennessee.

EUGENE H. MITCHELL, 35076211, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 7 November 1944 to 4 March 1945, in Eastern France. Entered military service from Lumberport, West Virginia.

HOWARD MORGAN, JR., 15140802, 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 Youngstown, Ohio.

FLOYD R. MUSSARI, 33355715, Private First Class, 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 Carbondale, Pennsylvania.

JOHN J. NICHOLSON, 32681336, 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 New York, New York.

ROBERT E. NIGRO, 35052081, 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 Cleveland, Ohio.

SIDNEY B. ROSENTHAL, 42121216, Private First Class, 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 Mountaine, New York.

RELDON L. STAHLY, 36992460, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 22 January 1945 to 23 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Baltimore, Maryland.

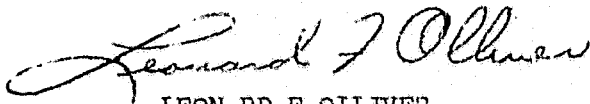
JAMES R. WILKIE, 34948807, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 22 January 1945 to 23 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Griffin, Georgia.

WARREN A. BARNES, 11133060, Private, 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.

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SECTION I -- 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:

CLARENCE H. GRESH, 37013603, Staff Sergeant, 393th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 20 November 1944, in the vicinity of La Trouche, France. Voluntarily leading a patrol of men to locate missing and wounded riflemen, Sergeant Gresh and his party became immobilized by sniper fire from the flank. Exposing himself, Sergeant Gresh maneuvered into a position from which he successfully engaged the sniper. In the subsequent fire fight, Sergeant Gresh shot and killed the enemy. He then continued on his mission and located the missing and wounded men who had been cut off from their units. His aggressive, courageous and determined action eliminated a threat to his patrol's mission, and saved the lives of the eight missing men. Entered military service from Reading, Pennsylvania.

ARLES O. BROWN, JR., 34438411, Sergeant, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 20 November 1944, in the vicinity of La Trouche, France. Sergeant Brown, assistant squad leader, was advancing in the forefront of our attacking forces when he was wounded by enemy fire. Refusing to halt, he continued to press home the attack, directing the fire of members of the squad on enemy positions. He was subsequently severely wounded and unable to proceed further, but despite the pain of his injury he moved among other casualties, encouraging them and seeing to their welfare, until evacuation eventually became possible. His resolute action thus contributed materially to the morale of his comrades. Entered military service from Ashville, North Carolina.

HAROLD WISINGER, 32593173, Sergeant, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 20 November 1944, in the vicinity of La Trouche, France. During the attack to break through the German winter defense line near Raon L'Etape, one of the rifle companies suffered heavy losses. Volunteering to lead a patrol to help recover the casualties, Sergeant Wisinger and his men encountered intense enemy fire while attempting to cross a bridge. Exposing himself, Sergeant Wisinger engaged the enemy in a fire fight. Then, deliberately running across an open road, he drew the enemy's fire upon himself, thus enabling other members of the patrol to safely withdraw and later to continue their mission to a successful conclusion. His heroic, totally unselfish action is in keeping with the highest traditions of the Army of the United States. Entered military service from Clifton, New Jersey.

CLIFFORD E. GUNDER, 32449818, Corporal, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 4 December 1944, in the vicinity of Soucht, France. While moving forward behind the rifle company whose advance they had been supporting, Corporal Gunder, a jeep driver, and the other members of his heavy machine gun section ran into an enemy ambush and were caught in a deadly crossfire from three machine guns and sniping riflemen. Sighting a large force of enemy attempting to outflank one of our machine guns and attack it from the rear, Corporal Gunder started out alone to break up the attack. Realizing that he was facing a numerically superior enemy, he took cover behind a fallen tree and waited until the foe was within a few yards of him before firing. Taking the Germans completely by surprise, his fire killed two, wounded three, and forced the others to flee in disorder. Corporal Gunder's aggressiveness and daring enabled the machine gun crew to continue firing, eventually destroying the entire enemy force. Entered military service from Elmont, Long Island New York.

JAMES H. ALBURN, JR., 33712883, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 16 March 1945, in the vicinity of Bitché, France. When the combat patrol of which he was a member was halted by fire from a hostile sniper, Private Alburn unhesitatingly maneuvered to an exposed position from which he could engage the opposing riflemen. His accurate fire silenced the sniper, and

thus by his courageous and aggressive action he enabled the patrol to continue its mission and prevented the infliction of casualties upon his comrades. Entered military service from Erie, Pennsylvania.

NICHOLAS A. ALLEVA, 33582618, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 19 November 1944, in the vicinity of La Trouche, France. Private Alleva, a driver in a weapons company, courageously volunteered to evacuate wounded riflemen who were in desperate need of medical attention, and made his way through hostile territory to the area where the casualties lay. En route he was fired upon by snipers and resolutely returned the fire, killing one of the enemy, then continued through hostile mine fields and artillery fire to reach his objective. He made four successive trips under hazardous conditions, and by his courageous efforts succeeded in bringing many seriously wounded men to safety. Entered military service from Upper Darby, Pennsylvania.

LEWIS J. ARMSTRONG, JR., 31177006, Private First Class, Medical Detachment, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 6 April 1945, in the vicinity of Jarstfeld, Germany. When Private Armstrong learned that two seriously wounded men lay in open terrain on the opposite bank of a river, he courageously volunteered to go to their assistance. Driving his medical vehicle through the stream under direct hostile mortar fire and in full view of the enemy, he reached the casualties, administered first aid, then evacuated the wounded men to the aid station. His immediate and courageous action thus was instrumental in saving the lives of two fellow soldiers. Entered military service from Kittery, Maine.

ROMAN E. GALLIHER, 35782705, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 8 April 1945, in the vicinity of Odheim, Germany. When his unit was immobilized by intense enemy fire during the bitter engagement for the town, a tank was sent up to support the hard-pressed infantrymen. Private Galliher boldly moved forward with the tank and when the tank was knocked out by concentrated hostile fire, remained with the vehicle while two wounded tank-men were evacuated. With the entire fire power of the enemy levelled at the disabled tank, the remainder of Private Galliher's unit was enabled to withdraw, but Private Galliher steadfastly remained in his hazardous position, plotting the enemy's positions and returning fire for six hours before he finally returned to his unit. The information gained by Private Galliher enabled his unit to successfully complete their attack the following morning. Entered military service from Vanceburg, Kentucky.

WALTER C. GARWOL, 42091663, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 4 April 1945, in the vicinity of Heilbrunn, Germany. During the assault boat crossing of the Neckar River, Private Garwol, a machine gunner, was in position with the rest of his section, when a fierce German counter-attack developed. Although surrounded, the group decided to stand fast and divert the enemy from other troops. Despite constant enemy fire, Private Garwol firing one of the two machine guns, inflicted many casualties upon the foe. When the area was retaken, it was discovered that Private Garwol and the other men had been captured, but the area in front of their guns was littered with dead Germans. The courage and devotion to duty displayed by Private Garwol in stubbornly remaining in position and fighting until captured, was instrumental in the final success of the battalion. Private Garwol was subsequently liberated. Entered military service from Buffalo, New York.

JOHN GURA, 32595013, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 12 February 1945, in the vicinity of Lemberg, France. When the machine gun section of which Private Gura is a member was advancing into position near Lemberg, it was caught in a concentration of enemy artillery fire. Although painfully wounded, Private Gura, a machine gunner, refused evacuation. Going into position, his accurate fire in an ensuing fire fight with an enemy patrol drove the hostile forces back with heavy losses. Only when our position was firmly secured, did he finally submit to medical treatment. His courageous, determined and devoted efforts helped repulse an enemy patrol, and won for him the respect and admiration of all his comrades. Entered military service from Elizabeth, New Jersey.

WILLIAM J. HOFFMAN, 35600124, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 7 April 1945, in the vicinity of Odheim, Germany. When intense enemy small arms and artillery fire held up his squad and trapped his two scouts in a blanket of fire, Private Hoffman immediately stood up, and thus

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exposed, engaged the enemy. His accurate fire slowed the enemy fire long enough for the scouts to return and rejoin the squad. Then, crawling forward, he took up a position from which he eliminated three snipers who were inflicting heavy casualties upon the company. Returning, he then deployed his men in defensive positions. His courageous and devoted action was an inspiration to his comrades, and contributed materially to the success of his company's operation. Entered military service from Millersburg, Ohio.

WILLIAM A. HORNING, JR., 19204544, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 9 April 1945, in the vicinity of Odheim, Germany. When an enemy machine gun held up the advance of his platoon, Private Horning and two other men moved up to eliminate the emplacement. Crawling to within fifty yards of the hostile weapon, Private Horning engaged the enemy with his automatic rifle. Despite the intensity of enemy fire, he remained in position furnishing covering fire until his two comrades, who had crawled further forward, knocked out the machine gun nest with hand grenades. His fearless, courageous and determined action contributed materially to the elimination of an enemy strong point, and reflects great credit upon himself and the Army of the United States. Entered military service from Los Angeles, California.

ADOLPH L. ZAHLER, 39474899, Private First Class, 363th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 12 March 1945, in the vicinity of Lemberg, France. Charged with the defense of a vital outpost, Private Zahler and three squad members were attacked by a numerically superior enemy force. Exposing himself so as to observe the enemy, Private Zahler skillfully and effectively directed the fire of his men, and personally threw several hand grenades into the advancing foe. Despite the enemy's determined efforts, the outpost held, and Private Zahler's courage and inspiring leadership were vital factors in repulsing the enemy and saving the important position. Entered military service from Hood River, Oregon.

GURNEE H. BARRETT, JR., 0582788, Major, 375th Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in support of combat operations during the period 17 March 1945 to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Chappaqua, New York.

RICHARD H. MOSS, 0516840, First Lieutenant, 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 Chicago, Illinois.

VIRGIL K. PULLIAM, 15042045, 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 St. Louis, Missouri.

DONALD A. SWANSON, 32283444, Master Sergeant, 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 Jamestown, New York.

#### SECTION II -- AWARD OF PURPLE HEART

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-4, as amended, a Purple Heart is awarded to each of the following named individuals for wounds received as a result of enemy action:

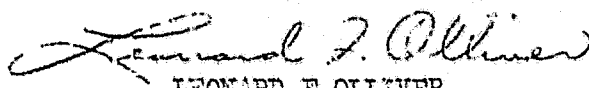
CHARLES KARLOKS, R106597, First Sergeant, 375th Field Artillery Battalion, 11 November 1944. Entered military service from Watertown, New York.

\* JUAN JARA, 39722235, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment, 24 December 1944. Entered military service from ~~San Antonio, Texas~~ ~~San Antonio, Texas~~ ~~San Antonio, 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:

DOMINICK CLASSI, 32649678, Staff Sergeant, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 26 February 1945, in the vicinity of Lemberg, France. When sniper fire from an enemy position had resulted in the death of one man in his unit, Sergeant Classi, a platoon guide, determined to eliminate the threat. Accompanied by one companion, Sergeant Classi crawled forward over open ground toward the enemy position. The enemy soon became cognizant of Sergeant Classi's approach and opened fire on him. Despite this threat, however, Sergeant Classi courageously continued his advance until he had reached a point approximately thirty yards from the enemy position. Then boldly rising to his feet, he hurled a hand grenade into the sniper's nest and killed the German. Sergeant Classi's valour, initiative and aggressiveness removed a serious obstacle to his unit's successful defensive mission. Entered military service from Brooklyn, New York.

HARRY J. TURNER, 32483394, Staff Sergeant, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 13 April 1945, in the vicinity of Odheim, Germany. As forward observer for his mortar section, Sergeant Turner, on line with forward elements of rifle troops, was unable to observe the enemy whose fire was disrupting our attack. Exposing himself to the deadly hostile fire, he advanced to higher ground, from which point he directed accurate mortar fire upon the foe. Despite the extreme danger of his position, he continued to direct his mortar fire until the enemy strongpoint had been completely neutralized. Sergeant Turner's aggressive and courageous action was greatly responsible for the successful culmination of his battalion's attack. Entered military service from Magnolia, New Jersey.

GORDON E. BOLTON, 42089448, Sergeant, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 11 April 1945, in the vicinity of Odheim, Germany. As a combat patrol was entering hostile territory, Sergeant Bolton, who was not a member of the group, saw that one of the patrol members had been wounded by fire from concealed enemy positions. Unhesitatingly leaving the comparative security of his entrenchment, Sergeant Bolton advanced through continuing fire to the side of the fallen man, administered first aid, and carried the casualty to a place of safety. His immediate and courageous assistance contributed decisively to the ultimate recovery of his wounded comrade. Entered military service from Rochester, New York.

HERBERT W. BOOK, 13188895, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 3 March 1945, in the vicinity of Lemberg, France. When a hostile patrol succeeded in infiltrating between our positions and an advanced outpost, and wire communications with the outpost were simultaneously disrupted, Private Book volunteered to find the break in the wire line. Aware that the outpost might well have been overrun by the enemy and that he himself was in imminent danger of capture by the hostile patrol, he advanced for a hundred yards before he succeeded in finding and repairing the severed line. As he did so, he was seen by a member of the patrol, and quickly ran back to his own position by an alternate route to avoid disclosing the location of the vital wire line. His aggressive action and alert presence of mind thus contributed greatly to the success of our defensive operations. Entered military service from Slippery Rock, 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 each of the following named individuals:

CHESTER B. GRAY, 01317160, First Lieutenant, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 20 November 1944, in the vicinity of Raon L'Etape, France. In the attack on Hill 578, Lieutenant Gray's heavy machine gun platoon was supporting a rifle company, when a formidable enemy counterattack destroyed contact between the two elements. Taking it upon himself to resecure communications with the rifle troops, Lieutenant Gray made his way through the sniper-infested woods and had just contacted the rifleman at the peak of the hill, when he was shot and killed. His heroic and unselfish action re-established contact, thus contributing directly to the success of the mission. Next of kin: Mrs. George Gray (Mother), 715 Woodbine Avenue, Rochester, New York.

JACOB J. BUCK, JR., 31217337, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 19 November 1944, in the vicinity of La Trouche, France. While the unit in which Private Buck was a rifleman was attacking east of La Trouche, they suddenly came under intense enemy machine gun and mortar fire. The automatic rifleman was seriously wounded, and Private Buck heroically left the comparative safety of his position and, despite the intense enemy fire, made his way to the wounded man, administered first aid and carried him to a rear position. Then, returning through the concentrated enemy fire, he manned the automatic rifle and delivered accurate and effective fire upon the enemy until he, himself, was killed by a mortar burst. The laudable courage, initiative and devotion to duty displayed by Private Buck probably saved the life of his wounded companion and gained the admiration and respect of officers and men in his unit. Next of kin: Jacob J. Buck, Sr. (Father), 1 Spring Street Place, Portland, Maine.

ROBERT E. CHESNEY, 17140705, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 19 November 1944, in the vicinity of Raon L'Etape, France. After crossing the Muerthe River and taking its first objective, the unit in which Private Chesney was lead scout was assigned the mission of capturing high ground to its front. Private Chesney, leading the assault, crossed open ground under enemy fire, doggedly and courageously advancing toward the enemy lines until he was mortally wounded. The aggressiveness and supreme devotion to duty displayed by Private Chesney enabled the remainder of his platoon to ascertain the enemy's positions and neutralize them without heavy casualties. Next of kin: Carl W. Chesney (Father), 1427 Edmund Avenue, St. Paul, Minn. et al.

JOHN H. DOWNEY, 35925834, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 19 November 1944, in the vicinity of Raon L'Etape, France. When his platoon was immobilized by intense enemy machine gun fire after crossing the Muerthe River, Private Downey courageously moved to a position from which he could direct observed fire upon the enemy. He continued to lay down accurate and intense rifle fire until mortally wounded. His aggressive and courageous action, however, enabled his platoon to set up its mortars and neutralize the hostile machine gun which was seriously threatening the success of its advance. Next of kin: Mrs. Ada Downey (Mother), 143 Herrick Avenue, East, Wellington, Ohio.

ROBERT E. GIFFORD, 33751366, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 19 November 1944, in the vicinity of Raon L'Etape, France. After crossing the Muerthe River and continuing the attack in the wooded hills west of the town, the leading platoon was immobilized by fire from a concealed enemy machine gun. Private Gifford, assistant automatic rifleman, moved through open terrain to a position from which he could bring fire upon the hostile emplacement. His shots drew the fire of the enemy weapon upon himself, and he was ultimately killed. His courageous and totally unselfish action enabled our mortars to set up and knock out the hostile machine gun nest, thus enabling the company to continue its attack without further casualties. Next of kin: Mrs. Mildred S. Gifford (Mother), 5513 Thirtieth Street, Northwest, Washington, District of Columbia.

### 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:

GEORGE V. BAILEY, 33531429, Staff Sergeant, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 10 January 1945, in the vicinity of Royersviller, France. When two hostile machine gun emplacements obstructed the advance of his company, Sergeant Bailey quickly organized his squad and led his men in a flanking movement. The maneuver was successful in silencing one of the opposing weapons, but the other,



more effectively entrenched, continued to resist. Ordering his men to deliver covering fire, Sergeant Bailey crawled forward alone until he was within close range of the second entrenchment, then with an accurately placed grenade killed three members of the crew and destroyed their weapon. His aggressive action thus made possible the continued advance of our troops. Entered military service from Onancock, Virginia.

WILLIAM J. BROWN, 35280943, Staff Sergeant, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 18 December 1944, in the vicinity of Bitché, France. During initial attacks upon enemy-held fortifications of the Maginot Line, concentrated hostile mortar and artillery fire inflicted more casualties upon our troops than available medical personnel were able to care for. Sergeant Brown, a squad leader, unhesitatingly left the comparative security of his own position under continuing fire to go to the assistance of wounded men. In so doing he was himself wounded, but refused to relinquish his efforts until he eventually became so weakened from loss of blood that he was forced to submit to medical attention. His courageous devotion to his comrades thus contributed immeasurably to the welfare and eventual recovery of many wounded soldiers. Entered military service from Strainville, Ohio.

LYDA BROWNING, 34594461, Staff Sergeant, 396th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 7 April 1945, in the vicinity of Odheim, Germany. Although wounded by enemy machine gun fire during his unit's attack against Odheim, Sergeant Browning dressed his own wounds and continued directing the assault of his men. Three other members of his squad were wounded soon after, one of them in direct line of the enemy's fire. Despite his wounds and the intensity of the fire concentration, Sergeant Browning crawled to the wounded man and dragged him to a place of safety. Then, holding his position until darkness, Sergeant Browning carried his wounded companion to the rear and made certain that litter bearers were dispatched to evacuate the other casualties in his squad. His devoted and intrepid action saved the lives of three men. Entered military service from Asheville, North Carolina.

JOHN T. EDWARDS, 35221927, Staff Sergeant, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 18 April 1945, in the vicinity of Murrhart, Germany. When his squad came under intense enemy fire during the advance on Murrhart, Sergeant Edwards courageously took up the position of lead scout. Moving forward with great initiative and aggressiveness, Sergeant Edwards neutralized the enemy's sniper position and routed them from the town. Quickly and efficiently reorganizing his men, Sergeant Edwards continued the pursuit of the enemy through mined roads and numerous road blocks for the remainder of the night. The magnificent leadership and valour of Sergeant Edwards were major factors in the success of his unit's mission. Entered military service from Urbana, Ohio.

FRANCIS E. BARG, 37585510, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 20 November 1944, in the vicinity of La Trouche, France. In the bitterly-fought action near La Trouche, Private Barg, an automatic rifleman, pressed forward in the forefront of the attack until he ultimately received seven wounds from the savage enemy fire. Unable to continue with his unit because of the crippling nature of his wounds, he ignored the severe pain of his injuries to guard prisoners for a period of thirty-six hours until medical aid was eventually available. His resolute courage on this occasion proved an inspiration to his comrades. Entered military service from St. Cloud, Minnesota.

GEORGE I. BAXTER, 31406053, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 10 April 1945, in the vicinity of Odheim, Germany. When withering fire from a hostile machine gun immobilized three mortar squads during an advance, Private Baxter unhesitatingly moved into open terrain to relay messages to one of the squads which was one hundred yards distant from the other two. Although he was exposed to full view and the fire of the machine gun and a self-propelled gun, he maintained his position and relayed fire directions which resulted in the silencing of the opposing weapon. His immediate and aggressive action thus prevented the infliction of casualties upon his comrades and enabled our troops to continue their advance. Entered military service from New Haven, Connecticut.

WESLEY H. BEADLING, 42143914, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 4 April 1945, in the vicinity of Heilbronn, Germany. During bitter fighting to bridge the Neckar River, leading elements of our troops

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were subjected to harassing sniper fire from the rear while engaging strong hostile forces to their front. Private Beadling and a comrade, armed with carbines, voluntarily crossed an open area under machine gun and rifle fire to capture two of the snipers, thereby eliminating a serious threat to our troops. Private Beadling was himself subsequently captured by enemy forces in this engagement, but he was later liberated. Entered military service from Rochester, New York.

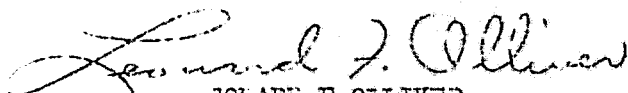
FRANCIS R. CONEYS, 31489104, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 30 December 1944, in the vicinity of Etiche, France. When Private Coneys' company was fiercely counterattacked by the enemy, he courageously held his ground, killing two enemy with his pistol. Then, ordering several riflemen to hold their positions, he moved his mortar to a commanding location and laid down such accurate and intense fire from short range that the enemy was forced to abandon their attack. The determination, initiative and courage displayed by Private Coneys were determining factors in the repulse of a dangerous enemy counter-attack. Entered military service from Weymouth, Massachusetts.

WILLIAM P. DOWNS, 34836374, Private First Class, 396th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 12 April 1945, in the vicinity of Waldau, Germany. When his platoon was halted in an attempted crossing of the Waldau River by intense machine gun fire from emplacements on the far bank, Private Downs voluntarily went on a reconnaissance for a safer crossing site. After covering a half-mile of riverbank over an area known to have been mined by the enemy, Private Downs discovered a small foot bridge. Attempting to return to his platoon with this important information, Private Downs came under intense enemy mortar and artillery fire; but cognizant of the importance of his discovery, he continued on until he finally reached his unit. Then, leading the entire group back to the bridge, they crossed the river without further casualties. The aggressiveness and daring displayed by Private Downs enabled his platoon to achieve its objective. Entered military service from Athens, Georgia.

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AWARD OF MEDICAL BADGE

Under the provisions of War Department Circular Number 66, dated 1 March 1945, the following named officers and enlisted men, 325th Medical Battalion, are awarded the Medical Badge, effective 1 May 1945:

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CAPT ROBERT H. DRADDY, 0513360, MC  
CAPT ROBERT W. ROSE, 0513371, MC  
1ST LT JOSEPH R. PAUL, 01544236, MAC  
1ST LT WILLIAM K. FARQUHAR, 02048909, IAC  
S Sgt Michael Interlandi, 31120603  
S Sgt Bryce L. Moschel, 20738470  
Sgt Emery D. Nelson, 37161698  
Sgt James A. Fuller, 34580943  
Sgt Robert S. Pieratt, 15305532  
Te: + Aaron B. Milam, 34495526  
Cpl George J. McDonough, 31214520  
Tec 5 Charles G. Burkert, 32420865  
Tec 5 Ewen J. Fraser, 13074206  
Tec 5 Mack J. Jordan, 34514759  
Tec 5 Frank E. McDonald, Jr., 31236222  
Tec 5 Walter H. Peters, 42084458  
Tec 5 Walter G. Roberts, 31252534  
Tec 5 Michael J. Ambrosio, 32648909  
Tec 5 Sol N. Kosofsky, 32643832  
Pfc James W. Arant, 34514688  
Pfc Floyd E. Baggett, 34106559  
Pfc Alador B. Balas, 42052935  
Pfc Louis F. Baldassano, 32641380  
Pfc Claudie H. Bradshaw, 34500794  
Pfc Louis R. Bratton, 34473945  
Pfc Joseph J. Bravchok, 32649568  
Pfc Quentin D. Brewington, 34713664  
Pfc Boyce L. Carpenter, 34672090  
Pfc Richard L. Childs, 31452304  
Pfc Roy Craig, 39307749  
Pfc John W. Curran, 36954660  
Pfc Nicholas D'Abate, 31252600  
Pfc Donald P. Darsch, 33771683  
Pfc William E. Dodd, 33126191  
Pfc Robert H. Hannon, 31363765  
Pfc William D. Heagney, 12129977  
Pfc Charles J. Jackivicz, 31235295  
Pfc John J. Keppner, 12216496  
Pfc Dominic A. Locurcio, 31273809  
Pfc Frank P. Martelli, 31385512  
Pfc Reuben E. Marten, 36816646  
Pfc Lowell A. Martin, 35142530  
Pfc William F. Melton, 6994644  
Pfc Richard T. McLeod, 36594504  
Pfc Philip Millman, 32649145  
Pfc Winifred L. Millwood, 34514477  
Pfc John P. Nelson, 32650108  
Pfc Eugene S. Osinski, 32934512  
Pfc Frank Radicella, 33680470  
Pfc Marvin Rosenberg, 42069133  
Pfc Gerald E. Rowen, 17144864  
Pfc Harold Schwartz, 32655356  
Pfc Lloyd E. Shreve, 36349660  
Pfc Johnny S. Sizemore, 6388296

Pfc Clarence L. Spearman, 14181430  
Pfc Harry A. Strandell, 36659988  
Pfc Darell W. Stevenson, 32940781  
Pfc Evan G. Thomas, 33436798  
Pfc Burnell Z. Willbanks, 34573823  
Pfc Rush F. Young, 20239475  
Pfc Joseph W. Zebracki, 36594873  
Pvt Alton Eberhardt, 38416585

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CAPT PAUL H. GOODMAN, 01696618, MC  
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1ST LT WALLACE A. KING, 01547987, IAC  
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S Sgt Benjamin T. Toomer, 34497023  
S Sgt Frank L. White, 34591262  
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Cpl Henry J. Andersen, 31235315  
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Tec 5 Lawrence F. Bourgeois, 36461076  
Tec 5 Ewell B. Bramble, 32567268  
Tec 5 King A. Jackson, 34514874  
Tec 5 Joseph Mikorzewski, 31238131  
Tec 5 Harry R. Naylor, 32367384  
Tec 5 Wallace L. Stevens, 31245611  
Tec 5 Charles N. Tardiff, 32597273  
Pfc Walton N. Adams, 31197415  
Pfc Herbert R. Aemisegger, 32649529  
Pfc George D. Brill, 33829856  
Pfc Frank A. Eunn, 34573979  
Pfc Donald L. Charlton, 31237122  
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Pfc John Civostal, 32367732  
Pfc Lory W. Clevenger, 35752418  
Pfc Charles E. Grandell, 19034023  
Pfc Michael DeNardo, 32649937  
Pfc Harold Edelson, 32654458  
Pfc John Koczkanin, 35008819  
Pfc Fred J. Giambrone, 32654458  
Pfc Donald J. Gorman, 32019897  
Pfc James J. Holden, 33783274  
Pfc Thomas G. Hunt, 34259485  
Pfc George Jacobs, 31252514  
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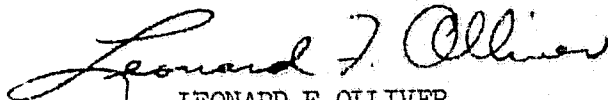
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SECTION I -- POSTHUMOUS AWARD OF SILVER STAR

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:

THOMAS B. DE VANE, 6308600, First Sergeant, 397th Infantry Regiment. Next of kin: Grace DeVane (Wife), Box 655, Bovill, Idaho.

SANTIAGO CIFRON, 32655930, Technical Sergeant, 397th Infantry Regiment. Next of kin: Carmen Rivera (Sister), 54 East 116th Street, New York, N.Y.

For gallantry in action on 5 December 1944, in the vicinity of St. Blaise, France. During an assault on a strongly defended hill position, the enemy launched a counter-attack against our right flank where these two men were in charge of the heavy weapons platoon and an attached section of heavy machine guns. In addition to directing their unit's fire, these men fired their personal weapons into the advancing foe, thus driving them back. While leading a new attack against the retreating enemy, our troops were subjected to heavy automatic weapons fire. Further exposing themselves, both men moved toward the hostile gun emplacement and threw hand grenades into the position, enabling other elements to successfully overrun the enemy. Both these men were killed in the assault. Their courageous and aggressive action won the respect and admiration of their men, and is in keeping with the highest military traditions.

LEROY E. EATON, 31282027, Staff Sergeant, 397th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 23 November 1944, in the vicinity of St. Blaise, France. During the night advance on the city, the mortar platoon of which Sergeant Eaton was a member was immobilized by hostile automatic weapons fire. At the same time, an enemy patrol suddenly attacked the platoon rear, taking two prisoners and subjecting the other men to small arms fire. Leaving his comparatively safe position at the front of the platoon, Sergeant Eaton charged up the road, firing as he went. His fire killed two of the enemy and enabled the captured men to escape. Sergeant Eaton was subsequently killed by the fire of one of the retreating Germans. His heroism and unselfish devotion to duty were directly responsible for saving the lives of his platoon members, and gained for him the respect and admiration of all the men with whom he served. Next of kin: Eugene S. Eaton (Father), Little Deer Isle, Maine.

WILLIAM J. HARRINGTON, 31235284, Staff Sergeant, 397th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 15 November 1944, in the vicinity of Bertrichamps, France. When a hostile machine gun emplacement halted the advance of our attacking troops, Sergeant Harrington upon his own initiative crawled forward under intense fire to within twenty yards of the enemy position. With accurate grenade and rifle fire he killed four and wounded one of the opposing force, silencing the emplacement. He was killed when the enemy subsequently subjected the area to concentrated artillery and mortar fire, but by his gallant and aggressive action enabled our troops to continue to the achievement of the objective. Next of kin: Rita M. Harrington (Wife), 380 Ridge Street, Cambridge, Massachusetts.

JOHN H. EARLY, 13184846, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 18 November 1944, in the vicinity of Reon L'Etape, France. Shortly after our forces consolidated newly-won positions on Hill 506, the enemy initiated a severe counterattack, and during the bitter fighting Private Early's section became isolated and outnumbered, suffering heavy casualties. Although armed with only a pistol, Private Early fought desperately to protect his injured comrades, and, as the Germans advanced to within a few yards of his position, his accurate shooting killed two and forced the remainder to take cover. Then, as the fire-fight raged, he was mortally wounded. Later, despite the intense cold, he ordered that his blankets be given to an injured comrade, his gallantry and magnificent courage never

falling him and serving to those around him as a source of sincere admiration and respect. Next of kin: Margaret G. H. Early (Mother), 302 Washington Avenue, Hancock, Pennsylvania.

CARL B. HARRINGTON, 39702708, Private First Class, Medical Detachment, 397th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 3 January 1945, in the vicinity of Guising, France. When hostile forces launched a counterattack in such strength that the platoon to which he was attached as aid man was forced to fall back, Private Harrington upon his own initiative remained behind to treat wounded members of the unit. Moving from one man to another, administering first aid to casualties and moving them to sheltered positions, he was himself mortally wounded as the enemy overran the position. In thus sacrificing his own life in devotion to his comrades he exemplified the highest traditions of the Medical Corps. Next of kin: Winifred B. Harrington (Mother), 6123 Roy Street, Los Angeles, California.

FLAY E. REED, 34617324, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 29 April 1945, in the vicinity of Altbach, Germany. When his battalion drove into Germany with such swiftness that it became necessary to send back a convoy to secure supplies and ammunition, Private Reed voluntarily offered his services as a driver. As the fleet of vehicles led by him reached the vicinity of Altbach, a by-passed force of enemy snipers suddenly attacked, their initial volley of shots wounding him. Realizing that if the convoy halted it would be annihilated, Private Reed ignored his injuries and heroically turned his truck directly toward the German force. This sudden maneuver so confused the Germans that many surrendered and the remainder fled. As he continued his pursuit of the enemy, fire from a hidden hostile machine gun instantly killed him. As a result of his gallant action, Private Reed was instrumental in saving the convoy from serious destruction. Next of kin: Ruby J. Holder Reed (Wife), Route #1, Noxapater, Mississippi.

#### 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 M. JENKINS, 0343938, First Lieutenant, 399th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 16 November 1944, in the vicinity of Cam de Vacances, France. Rather than expose his platoon to heavy casualties in a frontal assault upon a hostile machine gun emplacement which obstructed the advance of our troops, Lieutenant Jenkins skillfully dispersed his men to deliver effective covering fire. Then with five riflemen he charged forward to within close range of the enemy position and with accurately placed hand grenades killed seven of the opposing troops and destroyed the emplacement. His courageous and aggressive action made possible the accomplishment of the objective without further casualties. Entered military service from Edisto Island, South Carolina.

HAROLD P. COATES, 16177198, Staff Sergeant, 397th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 5 April 1945, in the vicinity of Heilbronn, Germany. As lead scout, Sergeant Coates encountered sniper fire from a factory building at the outskirts of the city. Calling on his squad to cover him, he moved forward and, firing his automatic rifle, cleared the entire building, killing two enemy and taking six prisoners. While rallying his men and moving forward again, he was wounded in the arm. Refusing medical attention, he remained in position and directed his squad's fire so skillfully that an entire hostile force was demoralized and forced to withdraw, leaving two more dead. Only then did Sergeant Coates consent to having his wounds treated. His courageous and unselfish action reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from West Allenhurst, New Jersey.

EDMUND S. ELESZAR, 32028945, Staff Sergeant, 397th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 9 January 1945, in the vicinity of Rimling, France. At dawn on 9 January, an enemy force of over sixty men, armed with automatic and semi-automatic weapons, executed a surprise attack on the unit to which Sergeant Eleszar was assigned as a mortar section leader. With courageous defiance of the intense hostile fire, Sergeant Eleszar adjusted his weapon to the threatened point and, single-handedly, set and fired the mortar with uncanny accuracy. His steady stream of shells, fired at the close range of one hundred and fifty yards killed and wounded thirty of the hostile force and riddled the remainder to the ground. Then, as three enemy machine guns concentrated volumes of fire at his position, Sergeant Eleszar heroically remained at his weapon and continued to fire it until the entire German



force was killed or captured. His gallant and intrepid performance was instrumental in destroying all enemy resistance. Entered military service from Auburn, New York.

HARRY S. HOFF, 33940710, Staff Sergeant, 397th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 5 April 1945, in the vicinity of Heilbronn, Germany. During bitter house-to-house fighting for the city of Heilbronn, enemy automatic small arms fire from behind a wall halted the advance of our attacking troops. Sergeant Hoff ran forward and hurled hand grenades over the wall, silencing the fire and enabling his squad to extricate itself from its untenable position. In so doing, he was wounded by an artillery burst, but made his way through a gap in the wall, killed four opposing infantrymen and wounded three others before he himself was wounded a second time. His aggressive action thus inflicted severe losses upon the enemy and resulted in the subsequent capture of the thirty-eight remaining hostile troops. Entered military service from Latrobe, Pennsylvania.

DOCK B. BENNETT, 33598272, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 6 January 1945, in the vicinity of Rimling, France. During the bitter fighting in defense of the city, one platoon was cut off from the rest of the company and was badly in need of ammunition and supplies. Private Bennett, company driver, started out to relieve the situation. While enroute, he sighted a five-man enemy patrol moving toward the platoon. Taking position behind a mounted machine gun, he opened fire. Two enemy were wounded in the engagement, and the entire force was captured. Private Bennett's heroic and aggressive action intercepted a dangerous threat, and by replenishing the platoon's ammunition supply, he made it possible to beat back repeated attacks, thus enabling the platoon to hold its position. Entered military service from Media, Pennsylvania.

EGBERT J. CHILDS, JR., 42116151, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 5 April 1945, in the vicinity of Heilbronn, Germany. The platoon of which Private Childs was a member was covering another platoon, whose withdrawal was necessitated by fanatical enemy resistance. Maintaining an exposed position, despite the intense enemy artillery, mortar and rocket fire, Private Childs continued to fire into the hostile ranks. Then, crawling forward, he reached a position to the right of an enemy machine gun. Standing up in full view of the enemy, he charged forward, knocking out the machine gun, killing one German, and capturing three more. His audacious, daring and determined action is in keeping with the highest traditions of the Army of the United States. Entered military service from Williamsport, New York.

ROBERT P. HAGENBERGER, 42138200, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 6 April 1945, in the vicinity of Jagstfeld, Germany. When a fanatical enemy counterattack forced rifle elements to withdraw, Private Hagenberger, with heavy machine gun section was in support, voluntarily remained behind. Realizing that complete withdrawal would leave the entire battalion's flank exposed, he held his position and, manning a machine gun, killed five attacking Germans. His fire kept the foe at bay for twenty minutes, when five direct hits knocked out his gun. Making his way back to the rifle platoon, he borrowed an automatic rifle and returned to his former position. Although he faced numerically superior forces, he single-handedly held them back for fifteen more minutes, until our forces, supported by tanks and tank destroyers, counterattacked and forced the enemy to withdraw. Private Hagenberger's courageous, aggressive action was directly responsible for the success of our operations. Entered military service from Holbrook, New York.

PHILIP P. REILLY, 32960359, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 10 January 1945, in the vicinity of Reversviller, France. When his platoon leader was pinned down by hostile machine gun fire during an attack, Private Reilly courageously crawled forward in an attempt to rescue the officer. Firing his rifle and deliberately exposing himself to the enemy, he drew the fire of the opposing weapon to himself and thus enabled the platoon leader to withdraw to safety. Although he was himself seriously wounded during the engagement, Private Reilly subsequently volunteered to remain behind and cover the withdrawal of the platoon, and succeeded in holding the enemy at bay until he ultimately lost consciousness as a result of his injuries. He was captured by hostile forces but was later liberated by friendly troops. His gallantry and devotion to his comrades exemplified the highest traditions of the armed services. Entered military service from Danbury Hills, New York.

JOHN A. SCHELLER, JR., 12101114, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 22 February 1945, in the vicinity of Goetzenbruck, France. The five-man combat patrol of which Private Scheller was a member had succeeded in approaching within forty yards of the objective, a hostile machine gun emplacement, when fire from the enemy weapon halted the progress of the group. Private Scheller courageously crawled forward alone, and, when he reached a barbed wire fence, he rose to his feet, hurled the obstacle and charged the enemy position, firing his sub-machine gun and hurling a grenade as he ran forward. The grenade destroyed the opposing weapon and killed the three members of its crew, and, when three supporting enemy riflemen subsequently attempted to withdraw, Private Scheller killed the three with a single burst of fire. By his aggressive and gallant action he thus single-handedly accomplished the mission of the patrol and inflicted severe casualties upon opposing forces. Entered military service from Marlwood, New Jersey.

HAROLD D. LAWLESS, 35780280, Private, 397th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 18 April 1945, in the vicinity of Billensbach, Germany. During an advance by our forces, extremely heavy direct fire from a hostile self-propelled weapon was concentrated upon the position occupied by Private Lawless, a machine gunner. Although the enemy fire was so intense that all other personnel in the vicinity were forced to seek cover, Private Lawless continued to man his gun, operating the weapon without assistance, expending six belts of ammunition, killing eleven of the opposing troops, wounding nine, and completely disorganizing all hostile resistance. As a result of his courageous and resolute action, our troops achieved the objective with a minimum of casualties. Entered military service from McComas, West Virginia.

#### SECTION III -- AWARD OF SOLDIERS MEDAL

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

BERTRAUD F. SCHLEISMANN, 38380660, Private First Class (then Private), 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroism not involving actual conflict with the enemy on 12 January 1945, in the vicinity of Rohrbach, France. When a gasoline lamp was accidentally upset, rapidly spreading flames soon enveloped equipment piled nearby, including small arms ammunition and fragmentation grenades, and set fire to the clothes and bedding of a sleeping soldier. Although heat from the flames threatened momentarily to explode ammunition and grenades, Private Schleismann unhesitatingly seized the panic-stricken soldier, extinguished the blazing clothing, then dragged the burning ammunition and grenade containers to one side and beat out the flames. His courageous action thus saved the life of one comrade and prevented serious injury to other men quartered in the building. Entered military service from New Orleans, Louisiana.

#### SECTION IV -- RESCISSION OF AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

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Some of General Orders Number 88, this headquarters, current series, as awards a Bronze Star Medal to GURNEE H. PARRETT, JR., 0382788, Major, 375th Field Artillery Battalion, 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:

ANTHONY J. MAIALE, 0347087, Captain, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 19 November 1944, in the vicinity of Raon L'Etape, France. Captain Maiale and a companion were far in advance of friendly lines reconnoitering for advantageous machine gun positions when they observed a number of enemy preparing automatic weapon emplacements. Realizing that there was not time to call for assistance, Captain Maiale decided to attack, and both men, armed with only a carbine and pistol, opened fire. Their initial volley killed two enemy and so surprised the remainder that they surrendered. Thus, by his courageous decision and intrepid action, Captain Maiale was instrumental in the capture of fourteen Germans and two machine guns. Entered military service from Wilmington, Delaware.

THOMAS I. BUSBEE, 01998075, First Lieutenant (then Second Lieutenant), 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 9 January 1945, in the vicinity of Rimling, France. During heavy fighting near Rimling, Lieutenant Busbee, platoon leader, had advanced two hundred yards ahead of his men and with the aid of a field telephone was effectively directing shell fire upon a large force of German tanks and riflemen when he was suddenly isolated from his platoon by two enemy armored cars and thirty infantrymen. He quickly took cover, and, although intense volumes of fire were directed at him, he succeeded in fighting the hostile force off and subsequently called directions over his telephone to the company commander, warning him of the emergency and the location of the enemy cars. Although his wire was then cut by the enemy, his swift action enabled our forces to destroy the armored cars with shell fire and capture over twelve Germans, thus repelling the strong enemy thrust without additional casualties to his men. Entered military service from Fort Valley, Georgia.

GUY E. ALLEN, 33768605, Staff Sergeant, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 12 February 1945, in the vicinity of Urbach, France. Under the cover of darkness, one of our combat patrols had infiltrated deep into enemy territory and, after completing its mission of destroying a German machine gun nest, was returning toward friendly lines when it suddenly encountered a mine field guarded by two hostile machine guns. While the patrol slowly fought its way forward, two men were injured by exploding mines. Sergeant Allen, with outstanding courage, immediately made his way back to the stricken men, and, although the enemy fire was intense, he miraculously managed to evacuate both comrades. His magnificent fearlessness and zealous concern for his companions are representative of the highest traditions in the Army of the United States. Entered military service from Mill Hall, 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:

RICHARD G. BRANDON, 36838367, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 6 November 1944, in the vicinity of Etival, France. While his company was attacking Hill 600, Private Brandon's platoon was immobilized by heavy enemy machine gun fire from a position among some large rocks. Seeing that small arms fire had no effect on the enemy strongpoint, Private Brandon, a bazooka man, rose to his feet and began to make his way around the flank of the hostile emplacement. Intending to use his rocket launcher, he moved forward until he was within one hundred yards of the enemy. Sudden enemy mortar fire destroyed

his rocket gun, but Private Brandon immediately grabbed his rifle and fired a clip of ammunition into the enemy position. He then returned to his platoon. Private Brandon was killed in a subsequent action. His courage and aggressiveness are in keeping with the highest military traditions. Next of kin: William M. Brandon (Father), 405 $\frac{1}{2}$  Park Avenue, Bremerton, 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:

HAROLD L. WEIL, 01054819, First Lieutenant, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 19 November 1944, in the vicinity of La Trouche, France. When intense enemy artillery and small arms fire divided our forces, Lieutenant Weil immediately assumed command of one segment of his company and skillfully maintained control of his men. He organized a flank assault upon the enemy's positions, displayed outstanding tactical skill in reducing a hostile road block, and by means of his capable and effective leadership was successful in reestablishing contact with other elements of our troops. His aggressive action thus prevented the isolation and possible annihilation of a portion of our attacking forces. Entered military service from Alliance, Ohio.

EUCLIDE P. BEAUDOIN, 01316004, Second Lieutenant, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 8 November 1944, in the vicinity of Raon L'Etape, France. After relieving another unit, Lieutenant Beaudoin realized the inadequacy of the established observation post, and, acting on his own initiative, moved forward in search of another position. Creeping and crawling under enemy mortar and small arms fire and over mine-infested terrain, he moved five hundred yards beyond the front line outposts. The accurate and effective fire which he later directed from this position was of salient importance in the battalion's swift and successful advance. Lieutenant Beaudoin's courage, aggressiveness and devotion to duty reflect creditably upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Troy, New York.

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\* CHARLES MARTINOTTI, 32654656, Technical Sergeant (then Staff Sergeant), 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 7 December 1944 and 8 December 1944, in the vicinity of Mouterhouse, France. Moving forward as the spearhead of our attacking forces, Sergeant Martinotti's platoon was subjected to concentrated enemy artillery and mortar fire which wounded the leaders of two squads. Despite the intensity of the hostile action, Sergeant Martinotti maintained excellent control of his men and personally led the assault across two hundred yards of open terrain and succeeded in occupying the primary objective. He then left his position under continuing fire to bring a wounded man to a position of safety, and subsequently exposed himself to hostile action to locate and direct fire upon a hostile weapon which had inflicted severe casualties upon our forces. The weapon was silenced, and Sergeant Martinotti later led his men in a successful assault upon commanding hostile positions, thus contributing decisively to the success of our operations. Entered military service from New York, New York.

STANLEY BRODSKY, 32960731, Sergeant, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 9 January 1945, in the vicinity of Rimling, France. During an attack, Sergeant Brodsky, a sixty millimeter mortar squad leader, was immobilized with the rest of his company by intense enemy artillery and rocket fire. Seeing a comrade become wounded, he left his sheltered position in an attempt to rescue him. Despite the fact that he became target for concentrated enemy fire, he crawled forward and, reaching the wounded man, administered first aid. Returning to his section, he found his men dispersed and disorganized. Going from man to man, defiant of the shelling, he personally assembled the whole section. His heroism, leadership and devotion to duty saved the life of a wounded man and was further responsible for the reorganization of the mortar section. Entered military service from Brooklyn, New York.

WILLIAM A. BUCKLEY, 31273089, Technician Fifth Grade, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 14 December 1944, in the vicinity of Royersviller, France. While checking an important communication line, Private Buckley, member of the battalion communications platoon, was caught in a heavy concentration of enemy artillery fire and was severely wounded. Despite the pain and the curtain of small arms fire that was being directed at him, Private Buckley stubbornly continued to work. Not until he had checked and repaired the ruptured wire line, did

he make his way back to medical aid. His heroism and unwavering devotion to duty were responsible for the installation of vital communications, and his action won him the admiration and respect of all who served with him. Entered military service from Bridgeport, Connecticut.

CLARENCE H. BELLOWS, 32664558, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 15 February 1945, in the vicinity of Lemberg, France. While in full view of the enemy, Private Bellows, member of the Ammunition and Pioneer Platoon, was engaged in laying vital communication lines, when concentrated enemy small arms and machine gun fire suddenly inflicted severe wounds in his hands. Although his hands were almost numbed with pain, he courageously remained in position and, despite continued enemy fire, completed his mission. His heroic and unselfish devotion to duty resulted in the establishment of vital communications and thus contributed to the successful culmination of his unit's mission. Entered military service from Roxbury, New York.

WILLIAM D. BUDD, 32597836, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 19 November 1944, in the vicinity of La Trouche, France. While in the attack, the company in which Private Budd was a machine gunner was subjected to intense enemy mortar fire. Despite the deadly enemy fire, Private Budd continued to advance over open and exposed terrain, maintaining rapid and effective fire as he went. Hit in the leg with a piece of shrapnel, he nevertheless pressed his bold advance, blasting the enemy with the sustained fire of his machine gun. When his wound finally forced him to seek medical attention, he worked his way back through the barrage and, moving among the more seriously wounded comrades, cheered and encouraged them. His heroic and determined action contributed immeasurably to the morale of other men and to the success of his unit's mission. Entered military service from Bloomfield, New Jersey.

VINCENT J. FAUCI, 42030187, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 24 January, 1945, in the vicinity of Bitche, France. While making a hazardous trip with a vital message under intense enemy artillery and mortar fire, Private Fauci, a platoon messenger, was wounded in the leg by a shell fragment. Disregarding the pain, he valiantly continued on his mission, until he had delivered the important message to his company commander. The courage, determination and devotion to duty displayed by Private Fauci won him the admiration and respect of the officers and men in his unit. Entered military service from New Hyde Park, Long Island, New York.

C. H. FULLER, 34637015, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 4 April 1945, in the vicinity of Heilbronn, Germany. Surrounded by the enemy and subjected to heavy hostile fire from all sides following their crossing of the fiercely defended Neckar River barrier, Private Fuller and the other members of his machine gun section elected to hold their ground, thereby diverting this enemy pressure from being leveled at adjacent friendly units. Manning one of the machine guns, Private Fuller took a heavy toll of the enemy in dead and wounded until he and his companions ran out of ammunition and were captured by the enemy. The gallant stand of this intrepid soldier, despite the fact that he and his companions were surrounded, enabled his battalion to achieve its objective with a minimum of resistance from the enemy. He was later liberated by friendly forces. Entered military service from Hazelhurst, Mississippi.

ALAN A. HARPER, 42060961, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 12 November 1944, in the vicinity of Reon L'Etape, France. When his squad's first scout was killed by enemy fire during an attack, Private Harper immediately assumed his position and led the advance, firing rapidly from the hip as he moved forward in an attempt to dislodge the enemy. As the intensity of the hostile fire increased and our troops became immobilized, he crawled forward alone to a vantage point and directed an accurate and effective stream of fire into an emplacement, killing one enemy, wounding another, and capturing the remaining two. His aggressive action was thus directly responsible for the success of his squad's operations. Entered military service from Brooklyn, 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:

PETER P. PETRACCO, 02006096, Second Lieutenant, 397th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 4 April 1945, in the vicinity of Heilbronn, Germany. Ordered to withdraw his platoon from an untenable position during bitter house-to-house fighting for the city of Heilbronn, Lieutenant Petracco remained in position to deliver covering fire while his men one by one made their way across two hundred yards of open terrain. When others had reached safety he himself started across the dangerous open area under intense small arms fire, and came upon a wounded man who lay exposed to the enemy. Disregarding the hostile fire, he picked up the casualty and bore him the remaining hundred yards to a covered position, thus at immeasurable risk saving the life of a comrade who would otherwise have succumbed to enemy action. Lieutenant Petracco was himself killed by sniper fire later in this engagement. Next of kin: Josephine Petracco (Wife), Whitmore Avenue, Wayne, New Jersey.

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:

ALTUS E. PRINCE, 025714, Captain, 399th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 1 January 1945, in the vicinity of Bitché, France. Captain Prince, company commander, was conducting operations from a house near the Lemberg-Bitché highway when a numerically superior enemy initiated a strong counterattack and it became apparent that the fanatical hostile troops would soon encircle his command post. Realizing that his position was paramount to the successful withdrawal of his forces and the maintenance of an artillery post, Captain Prince with complete defiance of the imminent danger chose to remain in the building. His courageous decision prompted fourteen of his men to remain with him, and, when last observed, Captain Prince was directing this small force in a brilliant delaying action, which considerably slowed the German advance. It was later learned that he was captured by the Germans, but he has subsequently been freed by friendly forces. As a result of his gallantry and magnificent courage, Captain Prince was responsible for the successful withdrawal of our troops and time gained to ultimately repulse the entire German attack. Entered military service from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

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:

NICHOLAS J. MICARI, 32654396, Staff Sergeant, 397th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 12 November 1944, in the vicinity of Bertrichamps, France. As the squad under his command was crossing open terrain in an attack, fire from concealed enemy machine guns wounded both scouts and halted the progress of the unit. Sergeant Micari crawled from one man to another, directing fire upon the hostile position. When it became evident that rifle fire would not dislodge the enemy, he advanced alone by short rushes to within twenty-five yards of the opposing emplace-

ment, hurling hand grenades which killed two of the hostile troops before he was himself mortally wounded. His gallant and aggressive action exemplified the highest traditions of the armed forces. Next of kin: Mamie Micari (mother), 1415 Avenue "Y", Brooklyn, New York.

RAYMOND J. MC INTIRE, JR., 33219043, Sergeant, 399th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 18 April 1945, in the vicinity of Helfenberg, Germany. In attempting to outflank a ring of enemy machine gun emplacements, our forces were immobilized by grazing fire and in imminent danger of annihilation when Sergeant McIntire, a squad leader, rose to his feet and advanced alone toward the opposing position. Inspired by his example, his squad followed. Sergeant McIntire was within thirty yards of the enemy when he was wounded and fell. Hostile forces shifted their fire in the belief that he was killed, and he immediately seized the opportunity to rise and engage the enemy, killing three gunners and a rifleman before he himself was killed by concentrated automatic fire. His gallant action was directly responsible for the accomplishment of the mission, and prevented the possible annihilation of his platoon in the attack. Next of kin: Susie S McIntire (mother), 908a West Main Street, Richmond, Virginia.

THOMAS F. KING, JR., 13200208, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 15 November 1944, in the vicinity of Bertrichamps, France. When intense enemy machine gun and sniper fire inflicted severe casualties upon his squad, Private King crawled forward to within close range of the nearest hostile emplacement and hurled two hand grenades which killed both of the opposing gunners and destroyed their weapon. He then led his platoon in an assault against the enemy positions which resulted in the death of six and the capture of fourteen of the hostile force. He was mortally wounded when the enemy subsequently subjected the area to intense mortar and artillery fire. His aggressive and courageous action was thus responsible for the achievement of our objective. Next of kin: Anna C. King (mother), 212 Osborne Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

WILLIAM B. WAGNER, 34987090, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 5 April 1945, in the vicinity of Heilbronn, Germany. During bitter house-to-house fighting in Heilbronn, the platoon of which Private Wagner was a member was immobilized by intense fire from hostile forces ensconced behind a concrete wall. Disregarding the intensity of enemy action, Private Wagner courageously moved into the open in order to fire rockets into the wall. His first round dismantled a large portion of the obstacle and killed the crew of a hostile machine gun emplaced behind it. Although he was exposed to direct enemy observation at close range, he continued to fire until most of the wall was destroyed, and he himself was killed by hostile rifle fire. Private Wagner's aggressive gallantry thus, at the cost of his own life, made possible the achievement of the objective. Next of kin: Lillie G. Wagner (mother), Box 492, Elizabethton, Tennessee.

#### 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:

JOHN C. NOEL, JR., 01309596, First Lieutenant, 397th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 19 November 1944, in the vicinity of Raon L'Etape, France. While reconnoitering for machine gun positions to support the battalion attack, Lieutenant Noel observed the enemy preparing positions which would endanger the advance of our attacking elements. Making his way back to the battalion command post, he organized three bazooka teams and led them to the spot. Throwing hand grenades and directing bazooka fire, Lieutenant Noel captured eleven enemy. Continuing on his original mission, he again encountered hostile forces. With no escape possible, he fired two well-aimed shots from his pistol, killing two of the foe. Then, picking up a machine pistol from one of the fallen men, he ran forward and, firing as he went, forced the surrender of the remaining enemy forces. His aggressive and audacious action eliminated a possible ambush and enabled his battalion to carry out its mission. Twenty-five enemy were captured and two killed in the action. Entered military service from Richmond, Virginia.

JOSE DE J. DIAZ, 5674443, Staff Sergeant, 399th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 15 March 1945, in the vicinity of Spitzberg Hill, France. During our attack near Spitzberg Hill, Sergeant Diaz, acting platoon leader, displayed outstanding leadership and fearlessness when he crawled forward alone under intense enemy fire and, with his bayonet as a probing instrument, painstakingly



cleared a small path through a German mine field, thus allowing his men to proceed more safely and push the attack more swiftly. Later, as our forces progressed, Sergeant Diaz's platoon encountered severe German automatic weapons fire, and with great skill, the intrepid Sergeant led a squad in a flanking movement and totally surprised the enemy. In the ensuing fire fight, he personally killed or wounded six Germans and climaxed the engagement by throwing a hand grenade into the last strongpoint, completely neutralizing all resistance. His gallantry is representative of the highest military traditions. Entered military service from Plattsburg, New York.

LLOYD H. WHITE, 13185794, Staff Sergeant, 399th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 13 April 1945, in the vicinity of Flein, Germany. When intense enemy artillery and rocket fire inflicted severe casualties upon our attacking troops and made medical attention and evacuation impossible, Sergeant White, a mortar section leader, courageously moved from one wounded member of his section to another, administering first aid. He crossed open terrain under withering fire time and again, and with a comrade evacuated four casualties to a place of safety. Although exhausted by his unremitting efforts, he then continued to participate in the attack, personally killing or wounding three hostile snipers, and by his courageous observation from a position well in advance of his section making possible the delivery of mortar fire which contributed materially to the success of our operations. Entered military service from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

WCDROW WILSON, 39613016, Staff Sergeant, 399th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 16 March 1945, in the vicinity of Bitche, France. During the assault upon Camp de Bitche, hostile mortar fire immobilized the squad of which Sergeant Wilson was leader. Upon his own initiative, Sergeant Wilson dashed across more than a hundred yards of open terrain under direct fire of two hostile tanks, gained the shelter of a building which protected the opposing mortar emplacements, and from this vantage point engaged the hostile troops. His accurate rifle fire killed two of the mortarmen and forced the three others to surrender, and he thus, by his courageous and aggressive tactics, contributed decisively to the success of our operations. Entered military service from Philipsburg, Montana.

DOMINIC J. GIANNINI, 32681520, Sergeant (then Private First Class), 399th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 7 April 1945, in the vicinity of Heilbronn, Germany. During the bitter street fighting in Heilbronn, Sergeant Giannini, a machine gunner, was manning an outpost in a factory building as protection to a platoon of friendly riflemen located in an adjacent structure. When an enemy tank followed by German infantrymen attempted to attack our rifle units, Sergeant Giannini instructed his assistant gunner to cover his movements and then, securing three Panzerfausts and leaving the safety of the building, heroically worked his way through intense hostile fire until he commanded a view of the tank. He immediately began firing at the vehicle, forcing it to withdraw in haste, and, when two enemy riflemen also attempted to retreat, his accurate fire killed one and wounded another. Thus, by his gallant and intrepid action, Sergeant Giannini removed a serious threat to the platoon of friendly riflemen. Entered military service from Brooklyn, New York.

NORMAN W. MEAD, 32665369, Sergeant (then Private), 325th Engineer Combat Battalion, for gallantry in action on 17 December 1944, in the vicinity of Bitche, France. During attacks upon bitterly defended fortifications of the Maginot Line, Sergeant Mead, a member of a demolition squad, advanced under heavy small arms fire to an entrance of Fort Schiesseck, crawled through a twenty-five foot tunnel in semi-darkness and in constant danger of discovery by the enemy, and crossed a six-foot moat by using a plank as an improvised bridge. He emplaced his demolition charge and, slipping as he recrossed the moat, was barely able to withdraw from the tunnel before the detonation, which dismantled inner doors to the fortress, ignited oil and ammunition within, and forced the occupants to withdraw. His gallant action was thus instrumental in the capture of this highly strategic strongpoint, and made possible the breaching of the enemy's defenses in this sector. Entered military service from Albany, New York.

JOSEPH T. CHUEY, SR., 35607020, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 18 April 1945, in the vicinity of Beilstein, Germany. During the bitter fighting near Beilstein, a force of eighty German officer candidate infantrymen initiated a fanatical counterattack at Private Chuey's company, and his platoon leader was instantly killed by a volley of machine gun bullets. Private Chuey, a rifleman, observed the location of the hostile automatic weapon,

and, although the enemy fire was highly concentrated, he rose to his feet and began a lone charge of the German position. Firing his weapon as he progressed, he killed the three enemy gunners from a distance of nearly one hundred yards. Becoming inspired by his intrepid performance, his comrades rose to follow him, and the furious nature of their attack completely demoralized the enemy, forcing them to withdraw in haste. Thus, by his indomitable courage, Private Chuay was instrumental in repulsing a determined enemy counterattack. Entered military service from Youngstown, Ohio.

HENRY A. MADSEN, 36751195, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 14 November 1944, in the vicinity of Raon l'Étape, France. While his company was engaged in withdrawing from an untenable position under intense enemy artillery and mortar fire which had severely wounded him in the leg, Private Madsen noticed two hostile soldiers operating a field radio in a concealed entrenchment. Despite the pain of his wound and the intensity of the continuing fire, he unhesitatingly charged the enemy position and succeeded in killing the opposing soldiers and destroying their radio. His alert and aggressive action thus disrupted hostile observation and communication, and contributed to the success of our operations. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

WILLIAM D. PASCHAL, 17176729, Private First Class, Medical Detachment, 397th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 8 January 1945, in the vicinity of Rindling, France. When severe enemy artillery fire inflicted heavy casualties upon the men of his platoon, Private Paschal, an aid man, went from hole to hole treating the wounded. With the position untenable, the platoon was ordered to withdraw. Knowing that his platoon was leaving and that the enemy was rapidly closing in, Private Paschal nevertheless remained with the wounded in the hope that some could be evacuated. As a result of his courage and unselfish devotion to duty, some of the wounded were saved, but Private Paschal was taken prisoner by the enemy. He has subsequently been reported as freed by friendly forces. Entered military service from Luray, Kansas.

THOMAS K. UNNOLD, 31217299, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 8 January 1945, in the vicinity of Rindling, France. While acting as security at the battalion command post during an enemy night attack in which a hostile tank supported by enemy riflemen penetrated our lines, Private Unnold noticed the tank gunner training his weapon on the building. Holding his position despite the intense enemy machine gun and small arms fire being directed at him, he calmly fired two rounds from his grenade launcher. The first round hit the top of the tank. The second landed among the riflemen, killing four and wounding six others. The outstanding valor and unflinching devotion to duty displayed by Private Unnold was directly responsible for forcing the tank to retreat, thus removing the threat to the battalion command post. Entered military service from Bridgton, Maine.

SECTION V -- RESCISSION OF AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

So much of Section I, General Orders Number 27, this headquarters, 16 December 1944, awarding the Bronze Star medal Posthumously to Staff Sergeant Nicholas J. Micari, 32654396, 397th Infantry Regiment, is rescinded. (See Section III, this order)

So much of General Orders Number 25, this headquarters, current series, awarding the Bronze Star medal to Sergeant (then Private) Norman W. Mead, 32665369, 325th Engineer Combat Battalion, is rescinded. (See Section IV, this order)

So much of Section II, General Orders Number 201, this headquarters, current series, awarding the Bronze Star medal to Private First Class Joseph T. Chuay, Sr., 35607020, 399th Infantry Regiment, is rescinded. (See Section IV, this order)

So much of Section III, General Orders Number 28, this headquarters, current series, awarding the Bronze Star medal to Private First Class Thomas K. Unnold, 31217299, 397th Infantry Regiment, is rescinded. (See Section IV, this order)

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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:

✓ BERNARD A. DEVER, 0455496, Major, 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 Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

✓ ALVIN A. KATT, 0335804, Major, Headquarters 100th Infantry Division, for meritorious service in support of combat operations during the period 1 November 1944 to 2 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Hot Springs, South Dakota.

✓ HAROLD W. BLY, 0168590, 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 Revere, Massachusetts.

✓ WALKER B. DAVIS, 01104601, Captain, 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 Memphis, Tennessee.

✓ WILLIAM A. GARDEN, 01296511, Captain, 397th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 8 January 1945 to 1 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Tuckahoe, New York.

✓ DAVIS PIPER, 01175275, Captain, 100th Division Artillery, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations during the period 9 November 1944 to 9 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Princeton, Illinois.

✓ CHARLES H. PROUT, JR., 01296577, 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 Fanwood, New Jersey.

✓ JOSEPH W. SMITH, 0440460, Captain, 373rd Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in support of combat operations during the period 10 November 1944 to 9 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Roanoke, Virginia.

✓ JOHN J. WALTERS, 01174735, Captain, 100th Division Artillery, for meritorious service in support of combat operations during the period 8 November 1944 to 9 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

✓ LESTER B. WEISS, 01683238, 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 Naugatuck, Connecticut.

✓ ALBERT W. WRIGHT, 0425189, Chaplain (Captain), Headquarters 100th Division Artillery, 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 Newport, Pennsylvania.

✓ DONALD W. CALLAN, 0466588, First Lieutenant, 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 Glendale, California.

✓ DANIEL D. COVILL, 01183048, First Lieutenant, 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 Jamaica, New York.

✓ WINDHAM K. BARQUHAR, 02048909, First Lieutenant, 325th Medical Battalion, for meritorious service in support of combat operations during the period 5 November 1944 to 24 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Oberlin, Ohio.

RICHARD J. FLANNIG, 02049240, First Lieutenant, 325th Medical Battalion, for meritorious service in support of combat operations during the period 7 November 1944 to 2 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Homestead, Pennsylvania.

HERBERT E. MUNGER, 01030599, First Lieutenant, 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 Little Falls, New York.

JOHN C. SPEEDY, JR., 01172670, First Lieutenant, 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 Youngstown, Ohio.

CLYDE E. TIMMONS, JR., 0516671, First Lieutenant, 373rd Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in support of combat operations during the period 1 January 1945 to 25 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Hoopston, Illinois.

GEORGE W. WATCHER, 01177228, First Lieutenant, 925th Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations during the period 1 November 1944 to 23 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Hoquiam, Washington.

ROBERT H. WILDS, JR., 0531619, First Lieutenant, 373rd 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 Hartsville, South Carolina.

WILLIAM L. EHRING, W2109547, Chief Warrant Officer, 100th Signal Company, for meritorious service in support of combat operations during the period 1 November 1944 to 2 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from New York, New York.

CLARENCE L. LARKIN, W2109532, Chief Warrant Officer, 925th Field Artillery Battalion, 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 Burlington, Vermont.

WILLIAM J. FITZGERALD, W2132722, 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 Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

MELVIN D. HOEN, W2132738, Warrant Officer Junior Grade, 374th Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in support of combat operations during the period 3 November 1944 to 1 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from New York, New York.

JAMES W. CALLAHAN, 20347088, Master Sergeant, 374th Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations during the period 3 November 1944 to 3 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Baltimore, Maryland.

VINCENT FOEHLEIN, 6665963, Master Sergeant, 925th Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in support of combat operations during the period 1 November 1944 to 25 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Evansville, Indiana.

WILLIAM ANDERSON, 32680456, First Sergeant, 374th Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 30 November 1944 to 7 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from New York, New York.

JOHN R. BARBOUR, 31245114, First Sergeant, 325th Medical Battalion, for meritorious service in support of combat operations during the period 7 November 1944 to 2 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Providence, Rhode Island.

RAYMOND A. CAMPBELL, 37040125, First Sergeant, 373rd Field Artillery Battalion for meritorious service in support of combat operations during the period 5 November 1944 to 7 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Rockwell, Iowa.

HENRY A. WHEEL, 32184641, First Sergeant, 925th Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in support of combat operations during the period 1 November 1944 to 13 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from New York, New York.

ELWOOD C. ISHBERGER, 6627363, First Sergeant, 373rd Field Artillery 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 Dayton, Ohio.

SILVANO V. FREZIOSO, JR., 32597335, First Sergeant, 100th Cavalry Reconnaissance Troop for meritorious service in support of combat operations during the period 3 November 1944 to 30 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Belleville, New Jersey.

VICTOR A. FUFFILOWSKI, 6975420, Technical Sergeant, Medical Detachment, 100th Division Artillery, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations during the period 6 November 1944 to 6 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Elizabeth, New Jersey.

ROBERT J. CLIFFORD, 31133928, Technical Sergeant, 925th Field Artillery Battalion, 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 Lynn, Massachusetts.

ARTHUR C. WEHRING, 37050909, Technical Sergeant, 100th Division Artillery, 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 St. Louis, Missouri.

FRANK J. BARTOS, 31272007, Staff Sergeant, 374th Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 2 November 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Hartford, Connecticut.

DONALD J. CURRIE, 31236916, Staff Sergeant, 375th Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in support of combat operations during the period 5 November 1944 to 9 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Newtonville, Massachusetts.

HENRIE L. DOERING, 32354769, Staff Sergeant, 373rd Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in support of combat operations during the period 2 November 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Jamaica, Long Island, New York.

SAMUEL J. GRAYOFF, 12082645, Staff Sergeant, 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 Elizabeth, New Jersey.

MICHAEL INTERLANDI, 31120603, Staff Sergeant, 325th Medical Battalion, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations during the period 5 November to 4 December 1944 and 17 March to 24 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Providence, Rhode Island.

JOHN R. KISER, JR., 34591117, Staff Sergeant, 373rd Field Artillery Battalion, 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 Concord, North Carolina.

HAROLD E. SAMPSON, 31282063, 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 Sangerville, Maine.

JOHN H. VAN DYKE, 31256112, Staff Sergeant, 100th Division Artillery, 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 Lowell, Massachusetts.

VITO MASSI, 12203799, Technician Third Grade, 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 Jersey City, New Jersey.

ALBERT W. SLOWICK, 31215174, Technician Third Grade, 325th Medical Battalion, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations during the period 5 November 1944 to 24 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Palmer, Massachusetts.

CHARLES B. BARRETT, 34514623, Sergeant, 325th Medical Battalion, 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 Manning, South Carolina.

STANLEY S. BROWN, 20347101, Sergeant, 925th Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in support of combat operations during the period 1 November 1944 to 23 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Baltimore, Maryland.

ALBERT E. PROLESNEY, 3266499, Sergeant, 325th Medical Battalion, for meritorious service in support of combat operations during the period 5 November 1944 to 24 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Utica, New York.

ROBERT F. FIERLITZ, 15305532, Sergeant, 325th Medical Battalion, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations during the period 5 November 1944 to 9 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from DeGrange, Texas.

CHARLES E. SMITH, 15175442, Sergeant, Headquarters 100th Infantry Division, for meritorious service in support of combat operations during the period 1 November 1944 to 2 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

CARL V. SUMNER, 34574644, Sergeant, 100th Quartermaster Company, 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 Donovan, Georgia.

HARVEY G. FOCKLEIN, 32593079, Sergeant, 100th Division Artillery, 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 Hawthorne, New Jersey.

VICTOR P. FOWLER, 31200591, Technician Fourth Grade, 574th Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 1 December 1944 to 7 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Bristol, Connecticut.

WILLIAM J. COCHRANE, JR., 31245629, Technician Fourth Grade, 100th Division Artillery, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations during the period 6 November 1944 to 6 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Providence, Rhode Island.

TRUMAN R. LOWE, 35867504, Technician Fourth Grade, 325th Medical Battalion, for meritorious service in support of combat operations during the period 5 November 1944 to 24 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Columbus, Ohio.

FRANCIS M. MILKEM, 31235412, Technician Fourth Grade, Headquarters 100th Infantry Division, for meritorious service in support of combat operations during the period 20 October 1944 to 9 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Jamaica, Long Island, New York.

DWIGHT C. FEMMERS, 31200660, Technician Fourth Grade, 100th Division Artillery, 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 Richmond, Vermont.

FRANK J. SMITHY, 32650603, Technician Fourth Grade, 100th Division Artillery, 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 New York, New York.

SALVATORE E. SILVESTRO, 32649895, Technician Fourth Grade, 373rd 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 Brooklyn, New York.

WALTER L. STARNES, 34493722, Technician Fourth Grade, 373rd 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 Chattanooga, Tennessee.

EARL O. BILHARE, 33718781, Corporal, 100th Division Artillery, 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 Baltimore, Maryland.

PAUL A. DUTCHAK, 31273011, Corporal, 373rd Field Artillery Battalion, 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 Keiser, Pennsylvania.

THOMAS A. BOGER, 6996377, Technician Fifth Grade, 325th Medical Battalion, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 1 November 1944 to 30 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Petersburg, Virginia.

ROLAND E. FISHERLING, 38094141, Technician Fifth Grade, 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 Pattison, Texas.

JOHN A. JULIUS, 32652252, Technician Fifth Grade, 100th Division Artillery, 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.

HUGH S. HITTLETON, 34591110, Technician Fifth Grade, 373rd Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in support of combat operations during the period 3 November 1944 to 20 March 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Jefferson, South Carolina.

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CHARLIE H. WILLIAMS, 34591337, Technician Fifth Grade, 375th Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations during the period 7 November 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Charlotte, North Carolina.

ALBERT YORK, JR., 32593322, Technician Fifth Grade, 100th Division Artillery, 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 Port Monmouth, New Jersey.

GEORGE T. BACSIK, 32482061, Private First Class, 374th Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 15 November 1944 to 28 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Trenton, New Jersey.

FLOYD C. BOBCEAN, 36892291, Private First Class, 374th Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 15 November 1944 to 28 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Detroit, Michigan.

EMILE J. POSSIE, 31179683, Private First Class, 374th Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 11 November 1944 to 25 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Manchester, New Hampshire.

ROY CRAIG, 39307749, Private First Class, 325th Medical Battalion, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 5 November 1944 to 24 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Summerville, Oregon.

ZACHARIAH B. LITSEY, 33534413, Private First Class, 374th Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 6 November 1944 to 9 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Lynchburg, Virginia.

ALEXANDER P. MEHLSTO, 32043144, 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 Endicott, New York.

STUART J. SIEZBERGER, 38584252, Private First Class, 375th Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in support of combat operations during the period 16 November 1944 to 18 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Cimarron, New Mexico.

DARRELL W. STEVENSON, 32940781, Private First Class, 325th Medical Battalion, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 5 November 1944 to 24 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Rossie, New York.

HARRY A. STRAUDELL, 36659988, Private First Class, 325th Medical Battalion, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations during the period 5 November 1944 to 24 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

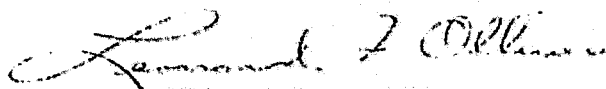
EUGENE TURNER, 14036400, Private First Class, 373rd Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations during the period 3 November 1944 to 7 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Bessemer, Alabama.

CLARENCE E. WITHERSPOON, 33645846, Private, 374th Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 15 December 1944 to 13 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Richmond, 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 each of the following named individuals:

WILLIAM ESBITT, 0291450, Lieutenant Colonel (then Major), 399th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 2 December 1944, in the vicinity of Rothbach, France. When intense enemy artillery, mortar and machine gun fire temporarily disorganized our troops during an attack upon strong hostile positions, Lieutenant Colonel Esbitt courageously exposed himself to enemy observation and fire to move to forward elements of his battalion, reorganized his forces, and personally adjusted friendly artillery fire upon the enemy with devastating results. He made contact with an adjacent unit on the flank, and skillfully directed a coordinated attack which was successful in driving the opposing troops from their entrenched and strongly fortified positions. His courageous action in personally moving among his men during the attack and his inspiring leadership were thus predominately responsible for the success of our operations. Entered military service from New York, New York.

RICHARD C STRICKLAND, 01296602, First Lieutenant, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 12 November 1944, in the vicinity of Bertrichamps, France. When his heavy machine gun platoon became endangered by a lone enemy sniper and it was impossible for anyone to move without drawing fire, Lieutenant Strickland courageously set out to eliminate the menace. After working his way through a dense woods he purposely drew the enemy's fire to locate his position and thus informed, the intrepid Lieutenant opened up with an intense stream of fire from his carbine which killed the sniper. Thus, as a result of his outstanding bravery, Lieutenant Strickland removed a source of grave danger to his men and enabled the resumption of the supply line leading to his platoon. Entered military service from Tuscaloosa, Alabama.

CHARLES MARTINOTTI, 32654656, Technical Sergeant (then Staff Sergeant), 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 7 and 8 December 1944, in the vicinity of Mouterhouse, France. Moving forward as the spearhead of our attacking forces, Sergeant Martinotti's platoon was subjected to concentrated enemy artillery and mortar fire which wounded the leaders of two squads. Despite the intensity of the hostile action, Sergeant Martinotti maintained excellent control of his men and personally led the assault across two hundred yards of open terrain and succeeded in occupying the primary objective. He then left his position under continuing fire to bring a wounded man to a position of safety, and subsequently exposed himself to hostile action to locate and direct fire upon a hostile weapon which had inflicted severe casualties upon our forces. The weapon was silenced, and Sergeant Martinotti later led his men in a successful assault upon commanding hostile positions, thus contributing decisively to the success of our operations. Entered military service from New York, 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 the following named individuals;

RALPH K. MILLER 35055679, Sergeant, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 8 December 1944, in the vicinity of Mouterhouse, France. When his company was immobilized by intense enemy artillery, mortar and automatic weapons fire, Sergeant Miller, a mortar squad leader, led his men to a dangerously exposed position in order to bring most effective fire upon the enemy. Sergeant Miller was killed in this action, but his mortar was responsible for silencing



several hostile machine guns, thus enabling his company to advance and seize its objective. Sergeant Miller's courage and unselfish devotion to duty were inspirational to all his comrades, and are in keeping with the highest military traditions. Next of kin: Margaret Miller, (Mother), 35 Maple Avenue, Niles, Ohio.

ALDEN R. NOBLE, 32576772; Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment. Next of kin: Harry J. Noble (Father), 614 Chestnut Street, Mechanicsville, New York.

JOHN B. NASUTA, 11095119, Sergeant, 397th Infantry Regiment. Next of kin: Anthony J. Nasuta (Father), 865 Broad Street, Hartford, Connecticut.

For heroic achievement in action on 2 April 1945, in the vicinity of Mechel-feld, Germany. Upon entering the town, the company of which these men were members encountered heavy enemy machine gun and sniper fire. When a by-passed enemy bazooka team knocked out one of our tanks, these two men, who were acting as lead scouts and pointing out targets for the attached armor, backtracked under the intense fire and killed the entire enemy bazooka team. By their courageous and devoted action the company was able to continue on its mission and secure the town with a minimum of casualties. Both men were killed in this action.

LE ROY SCARBOROUGH, 38486439, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment. Next of kin: Alma Scarborough (Mother), 1528 Gieffers Street, Lake Charles, Louisiana.

ALOYSIUS J. KUJAWSKI, 33829785, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment. Next of kin: Adelle Kujawski (Mother), 110 North Inaret Street, Shenandoah, Pennsylvania.

For heroic achievement in action on 14 November 1944, in the vicinity of Bertrichamps, France. When the company to which these two men were assigned suddenly met stiff resistance, leading elements became immobilized by intense enemy automatic weapons, mortar and artillery fire. Forming themselves into an assault team, the two men worked their way through barbed wire entanglements and, ignoring the hostile fire, charged the center of the enemy resistance. They were both killed in the charge, but their daring action inflicted heavy casualties among the hostile forces, thus contributing to the subsequent capture of the positions by their comrades. Their courage, aggressiveness and devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the Army of the United States.

JAMES ROGERS, 31455437, Private, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 3 December 1944, in the vicinity of Wimmenau, France. During a patrol mission into enemy lines, the platoon of which Private Rogers was a member was fired upon from the rear by enemy machine guns and rifles. Crawling to within a few yards of the hostile positions, Private Rogers threw several hand grenades, inflicting heavy casualties upon the enemy and preventing his platoon from being cut off from the rest of the company. The courage, daring and devotion to duty displayed by Private Rogers served to inspire all the men and officers in his organization. Private Rogers was subsequently killed in a later action. Next of kin: Angelina Rogers (Mother) 219 Rivot Street, New Bedford, Massachusetts.

STANLEY SWEDO, 33846304, Private, 397th Infantry Regiment. Next of kin: Sophie Swedo (Mother), Route Number One, Box 448, Johnstown, Pennsylvania.

FRANCIS A. GOECKEL, 33845352, Private, 397th Infantry Regiment. Next of kin: Caroline L. Goeckel (Mother), 8 Lehigh Street, Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania.

GEORGE J. STOUT, JR., 42107882, Private, 397th Infantry Regiment. Next of kin: Alice C. Stout (Mother), 264 Walnut Avenue, Trenton, New Jersey.

For heroic achievement in action on 14 November 1944, in the vicinity of Bertrichamps, France. When strong resistance from a well-entrenched enemy supported by accurate artillery and mortar fire immobilized their company, these three men attempted to cross the fire-swept field and charge the foe. After crawling under a barbed wire entanglement which was grazed by fire from automatic weapons, these men rose to their feet and charged the center of enemy resistance, inflicting heavy casualties upon the hostile forces. All three men were killed in this action, but their bravery, daring and unselfish devotion to duty contributed greatly to the subsequent seizure of the enemy strong point.

RICHARD VITZ, 35249750, Private, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 12 November 1944, in the vicinity of Raon L'Etape, France. When heavy automatic weapons and rifle fire from the crest of a hill immobilized his entire company, Private Vitz, a lead scout, observed the source of fire and crawled forward to a position from which he could engage the enemy. Disregarding his own safety, he half-kneeled and fired several rounds, when he was hit and killed by sniper fire. The momentary diversion enabled his comrades to storm and eliminate

the enemy positions. Private Vitz's courage, devotion to duty, and self-sacrifice are in keeping with the highest military traditions. Next of kin: Anna L. Vitz (Wife), 205 Irving Street, Toledo, 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:

RAYMOND J. SMOROL, 01309316, First Lieutenant, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 19 November 1944, in the vicinity of Raon L'Étape, France. Charged with the mission of capturing Hill 538, Lieutenant Smorol, platoon leader, led his men to the base of the hill at which point they encountered intense enemy machine gun and automatic rifle fire. Although seriously wounded in this initial fight with the enemy, Lieutenant Smorol heroically continued to direct the attack and by his superb tactical skill and indomitable courage led his men to the top of the hill after driving the hostile troops back with heavy casualties. Only after the position was secure did the intrepid Lieutenant permit his evacuation. His laudable leadership is representative of the highest traditions in the Army of the United States. Entered military service from Rochester, New York.

STANLEY A. TEISER, 0552798, First Lieutenant, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action during the period 9 to 10 January 1945, in the vicinity of Rimling, France. When enemy shell fire kept severing the communication line between his platoon's position and the company command post, Lieutenant Teiser, platoon leader, repeatedly left the comparative safety of his position and crawled over two hundred yards of open terrain under intense enemy fire to repair the numerous re-occurring breaks. Then, realizing the impossibility of keeping the line intact, he courageously made his way over four hundred yards of fire-swept terrain and obtaining a drum of wire from his command post, unrolled and installed it while returning to his men. Thus, with his new line of contact, the intrepid Lieutenant was able to direct mortar fire on the enemy positions with devastating accuracy, forcing the Germans to abandon a contemplated counter-attack. Entered military service from Henderson, North Carolina.

ERNEST F. ST. MARY, JR., 0548596, Second Lieutenant, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 19 November 1944, in the vicinity of Raon L'Étape, France. Shortly after the battalion antitank platoon under Lieutenant St. Mary's command had been rearmed with unfamiliar weapons, the unit was committed in combat. Despite the intensity of hostile fire, Lieutenant St. Mary insisted upon visiting each of his squads in order to insure himself that new weapons were properly employed. While so engaged, he was severely wounded by an enemy sniper, and despite intense pain refused to permit others to come to his assistance until the hostile sniper had been killed, thus by his resolute courage preventing the infliction of casualties upon his command. Entered military service from Bloomfield, New Jersey.

GRANT H. BESSEY, 36265836, Staff Sergeant, (then Sergeant), 100th Cavalry Reconnaissance Troop, for heroic achievement in action on 21 February 1945, in the vicinity of Goetzenbruck, France. The reconnaissance patrol under Sergeant Bessey's leadership penetrated deep into hostile territory despite mines and barbed wire obstacles, succeeded in by-passing one enemy outpost and was eventually fired upon from another hostile position. Although he was severely wounded in the leg in the first exchange of fire, Sergeant Bessey skillfully deployed his men to engage the hostile forces, and, when withdrawal became necessary, he enlisted the aid of a comrade and, crippled though he was, succeeded in directing the patrol's retirement under machine gun and small arms fire from two positions without further casualty. His tactical skill and resolute personal courage thus prevented the possible annihilation of the patrol and brought the mission to a successful conclusion. Entered military service from Merrill, Wisconsin.

ARMAND Q. GENOVESI, JR., 11110904, Staff Sergeant, 397th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from Barrington, Rhode Island.

DOHNICK MOTT, 32570077, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from Paterson, New Jersey.

JAMES H. SMITH, 33889899, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from Wise, Virginia.

For heroic achievement in action on 19 April 1945, in the vicinity of Altbach, Germany. While enroute to the front line positions of their company with food and

ammunition these men were ambushed by a numerically superior enemy and became engaged in a furious fire fight. Although fully aware that they were outnumbered, all three men fought back with outstanding calmness and courage and finally succeeded in routing the hostile force after killing two enemy and capturing fifteen. Sergeant Genovesi was wounded in the action but refused medical treatment and the three men with their captives completed their original mission. Their intrepid performance in the face of grave danger is representative of the highest traditions in the Army of the United States.

RAYMOND R. SALSMAN, 39411008, Staff Sergeant, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 2 March 1945, in the vicinity of Urbach, France. While leading a combat patrol into hostile territory, Sergeant Salsman observed enemy activity in a farm building. Skillfully deploying his men around the building, he directed a white phosphorous grenade through the window of the structure, forcing the occupants to flee. He then safely led his men back to friendly lines through hostile machine gun and mortar fire, thus by his aggressive leadership destroying an important enemy observation post and eliminating a threat to our positions. Entered military service from Stockton, California.

JACK H. MC LEAN, 19148050, Sergeant, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 14 November 1944, in the vicinity of Bertrichamps, France. During an attack Sergeant McLean's company encountered heavy hostile fire from behind well prepared barbed wire entanglements. When it became apparent that any attempt of the company to formulate an attack would result in numerous casualties, Sergeant McLean bravely exposed himself to the German gunners and observed that the center of resistance was a machine gun well protected by hostile riflemen. He began working his way toward this menace and although the wire entanglements hindered his progress and all types of enemy fire was directed at him he miraculously cleared the obstacles and then standing straight up, he heroically charged the machine gun at which time he was last observed. He was subsequently reported as missing in action and was eventually liberated. Sergeant McLean's valiant performance inspired his comrades to organize and launch an assault that drove the Germans from their positions. Entered military service from Okanogan, Washington.

WAYNE I. ROSENQUIST, 17176711, Sergeant (then Private First Class), 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 15 November 1945, in the vicinity of Clairvaux, France. When the progress of his company's attack was delayed by withering fire from hostile machine guns strategically emplaced on the flank, Sergeant Rosenquist upon his own initiative established his mortar in an exposed position from which he was able to engage the enemy. His accurate and effective fire silenced the opposing weapons and he thus, by his alert and aggressive action, enabled our troops to advance to the achievement of the objective. Entered military service from Marquette, Kansas.

JOSEPH E. ORSAK, 18046262, Technician Fourth Grade, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 8 January 1945, in the vicinity of Rinling, France. When a hostile tank-infantry force approached his position, Sergeant Orsak immediately opened fire, killing two of the supporting infantrymen and forcing the remainder to flee in disorder. The tank then opened fire with machine guns on a building housing other members of his platoon, and Sergeant Orsak discharged rifle grenades at the armored vehicle, scoring several direct hits and forcing the tank to withdraw, thus by his aggressive and courageous action preventing the infliction of casualties upon his comrades. Entered military service from Colorado Spring, Colorado.

FRANK J. FRADELLA, 32896003, Corporal (then Private First Class), 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 15 December 1944, in the vicinity of Mouterhouse, France. During our initial attack on Bitche, fortress city of the Maginot Line, Corporal Fradella voluntarily undertook a dangerous mission which necessitated his traveling for two miles on foot through hostile sniper-infested woods. After completing his assignment he was engaged in returning to his platoon when suddenly fired upon by a force of four Germans. With great courage and mental alertness he skillfully located the enemy and promptly initiated a fire fight which he undertook with outstanding aggressiveness. Keeping low and running from tree to tree, he alternately fired his weapon and threw hand grenades with uncanny accuracy and succeeded in killing all four enemy. His exceptional bravery and initiative is representative of the highest military traditions. Entered military service from Brooklyn, New York.

LILBURN D. WALLS, 18130978, Technician Fifth Grade, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 15 April 1945, in the vicinity of Unter Heinriat, Germany. As member of a Cannon Company forward observation party when the company to which he was attached was under three distinctive and unrelenting counterattacks, Corporal Walls stubbornly remained in position, despite enemy fire, in order to keep radio communications open. The second of these enemy attacks was so intense that he was refused permission to go forward, but realizing the need, he nevertheless braved small arms and mortar fire to return to his observation post. From this position he directed several hundred rounds of 105 millimeter ammunition which disorganized the enemy and repulsed the counterattack. Private Walls' magnificent courage and unflinching devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest military traditions. Entered military service from Waynoka, Oklahoma.

EDWARD METCALF, 32654351, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 9 November 1944, in the vicinity of Bertrichamps, France. When his company launched an attack against a well-entrenched enemy, Private Metcalf, as lead scout, moved well out in front and did not stop despite the fact that his company became immobilized. Moving to within twenty-five yards of the foe, he threw several hand grenades and fired his rifle into the hostile forces, thus relieving the rest of his company. Upon becoming wounded, he crawled back to his lines and told his company commander the exact location of the enemy. Private Metcalf's courage, aggressiveness and devotion to duty were thus primarily responsible for the ultimate seizure of the company objective and the capture of fourteen prisoners. Entered military service from Astoria, Long Island, New York.

MONTICELLO NEACE, 35074355, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 15 November 1944, in the vicinity of Bertrichamps, France. During an attack on enemy positions our troops were immobilized by intense hostile shell fire which destroyed all communication between the troops and the company command post. When it became necessary for someone to go forward and contact the company commander, Private Neace voluntarily undertook the mission and leaving the command post in daylight, he boldly made his way through sniper-infested woods and although fired upon he courageously continued his advance until he delivered the message to his commander. Then, observing several wounded men he began to administer first aid and assist in their evacuation. While thus engaged he was fired at again by a German sniper. He immediately proceeded to seek out this menace and in a few minutes located the sniper and following a short fire fight killed him, thus enabling the evacuation of those wounded to continue with comparative safety. Entered military service from Leatherwood, Kentucky.

PHILIP H. NEWMAN, 16174456, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 21 April 1945, in the vicinity of Aichschless, Germany. Private Newman and another man were assigned the task of evicting civilians so that houses might be used for billets. Noticing a light in a barn adjacent to one house, Private Newman investigated and, taking the enemy by surprise, captured forty-eight Germans. Continuing through town, he captured a sentry, guarding the town commandant's headquarters, and then placed himself in position to cover the building's exits. Aroused by the noise, a group of Germans came out and were quickly apprehended. Hearing voices in the next yard, Private Newman called out for them to surrender. Receiving a burst of small arms fire in return, he daringly advanced into the yard and completed the capture. By his outstanding initiative and remarkable courage, more than one hundred enemy soldiers were taken prisoner. Entered military service from Wilmette, Illinois.

WILLIAM D. PASCHAL, 17176729, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 8 December 1944, in the vicinity of Houtchouse, France. After heavy artillery and mortar preparation, hostile forces charged Private Paschal's platoon. When the attack was beaten back, the enemy, in attempting to rally, set up a machine gun and was prepared to attack again, when Private Paschal crawled from his hole, worked his way forward to an observation post, and opened fire. His accurate fire killed three of the foe and routed the remainder. By the courage, initiative and daring displayed by Private Paschal, the enemy was completely demoralized and their attack stemmed. Entered military service from Luray, Kansas.

NICHOLAS SODANO, 32773423, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 6 & 8 April 1945, in the vicinity of Heilbronn, Germany. Private Sodano, platoon runner, displayed outstanding courage on 6 April when he voluntarily penetrated deep into enemy lines and located an isolated

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friendly squad which he successfully led back to his platoon. On 8 April while his platoon was attacking, Private Sodano and two companions were wounded. Disregarding his own painful injuries, he treated his stricken comrades and then made his way to an aid station from which point he returned to his companions with medical personnel. His heroic efforts during the Heilbronn engagement are in keeping with the highest traditions of the Army of the United States. Entered military service from Cliffside Park, New Jersey.

GEORGE F. LAFFEN, 36836944, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action during the period 1 to 5 January 1945, in the vicinity of Rimling, France. During the enemy's fanatical counterattack of Rimling, Private Steffin, radio operator in a cannon company, heroically maintained excellent communications with his fire direction center despite the fact that he was continually under hostile shell fire and was greatly fatigued from long, uninterrupted hours of duty. On one occasion he refused to leave his post when German shell fire repeatedly struck the building in which he was located. His courage, skill and devotion to duty under consistently dangerous circumstances was invaluable to his organization and greatly assisted our troops in driving the enemy from Rimling. Entered military service from Woodford, Wisconsin.

EDWARD A. STOPPEL, 33327234, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 14 April 1945, in the vicinity of Ober Heimeriet, Germany. During a fierce fire-fight, Private Stoppel voluntarily set out to find a safe position for a friendly tank which was under fire from an enemy antitank weapon. While proceeding through the bullet-swept town he suddenly encountered two infiltrating German infantrymen and although wounded by their first burst of fire he valiantly engaged them in battle and killed both. Then despite his painful wound, he completed his reconnaissance and reported back to the tank commander, directing him to a relatively safe position. His indomitable courage and devotion to duty is representative of the highest traditions in the Army of the United States. Entered military service from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

RICHARD L. VAN DEUSEN, 34921233, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 25 December 1944, in the vicinity of Erching, France. While Private Van Deusen's battalion was holding positions close to the German border line a strong enemy force attacked and when the unit was ordered to fall back to the main line of resistance the machine gun section to which he was assigned as a gunner remained in place to cover the movement. Private Van Deusen calmly held his fire until the Germans were within two hundred yards and then with outstandingly accuracy he killed four enemy, operating his weapon steadily until a burst of enemy bullets knocked the gun from his hands. Although wounded, he began firing his pistol until ordered to fall back. He was subsequently reported as missing in action and was later liberated. Private Van Deusen's exceptional courage in the face of grave danger is representative of the highest military traditions. Entered military service from Allentown, Pennsylvania.

JOHN J. FULLEYLOVE, 42135586, Private, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 18 April 1945, in the vicinity of Jettenbach, Germany. When his platoon was subject to being encircled and captured if the enemy were permitted to cross a deep draw, Private Fulleylove voluntarily manned an observation post from the attic window of a house to the front of his platoon. Covering the draw with his automatic rifle, his accurate harassing fire wounded four enemy and broke up several hostile attempts to envelope his platoon. Although subsequently wounded by artillery fire, Private Fulleylove remained at his post until his comrades advanced to more advantageous ground out of danger of encirclement. His courage, initiative and unselfish devotion to duty won him the respect and admiration of his entire organization. Entered military service from Port Washington, Long Island, New York.

VALENTA A. DAVIDSON, 0469468, Major, Medical Detachment, 397th Infantry, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations during the period 1 November 1944 to 1 February 1945, in Eastern France. Entered military service from Ruston, Louisiana.

GEORGE J. SOARES, 01171371, Captain, 925th Field Artillery Battalion, 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 Providence, Rhode Island.

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BRUNO F JACOB, 01846453, First Lieutenant, Interrogation of Prisoners of War Team 123, Seventh Army, for meritorious service in support of combat operations during the period 1 December 1944 to 7 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Altoona, Pennsylvania.

JOHN J. DUGGAN, W2125166, Warrant Officer Junior Grade, 447th AAA AW Battalion, for meritorious service in support of combat operations during the period 7 June 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Illinois.

ROBERT F. HAWKINS, 12108253, Staff Sergeant, Interrogation of Prisoners of War Team 123, Seventh Army, for meritorious service in support of combat operations during the period 1 December 1944 to 7 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from New York, New York.

BERNARD T. COENEN, 32265662, Technician Third Grade, Interrogation of Prisoners of War Team 123, Seventh Army, for meritorious service in support of combat operations during the period 1 December 1944 to 7 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Rome, New York.

HAROLD H. BUCKLEY, 32650300, 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 Ozone Park, New Jersey.

HOWARD O. MORTEN, 37312811, Technician Fourth Grade, 781st Tank Battalion, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 15 February 1945 to 6 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Minneapolis, Minnesota.

SECTION IV -- RESCISSION OF AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

So much of Section II, General Orders Number 94, this headquarters, current series, as awards a Bronze Star Medal to Vanda A. Davidson, 0469468, Major, Medical Detachment, 397th Infantry Regiment, is rescinded. (See Section III, this order)

So much of Section III, General Orders Number 241, this headquarters, current series, awarding a Bronze Star Medal to Technical Sergeant Charles Martinotti, 32654656, 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:

JACK W. CHRISTENSEN, 0516204, Second Lieutenant, 397th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 12 November 1944, in the vicinity of Baccarat, France. During an attack on strong enemy positions, our forces were subjected to deadly crossfire from hostile automatic weapons. Lieutenant Christensen, leader of a weapons platoon, courageously advanced under this fire to put one of his unit's machine guns into operation, neutralizing an enemy position, then crossed an open area to establish a second weapon. Mortar fire subsequently wounded one of the gunners, and Lieutenant Christensen made his way to the unmanned weapon and engaged the enemy with accurate and effective fire which silenced an opposing machine gun emplacement, thus by his gallant and aggressive efforts contributing markedly to the success of our operations. He was mortally wounded a few moments later while moving his weapon to a new position. Next of kin: Pauline B. Christensen (Wife), 2625 South Street, Lincoln, Nebraska.

HERBERT D. COE, 30990354, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 17 April 1945, in the vicinity of Wustenrot, Germany. Private Coe was ensconced upon the top of a tank in an attack against an enemy strong point when the armored vehicle received a direct hit from a hostile rocket. The shell burst set the tank on fire and pinned the turret gunner within vehicle, but without regard for the flames Private Coe rescued the wounded man and was carrying the casualty toward friendly lines when he was himself mortally wounded by enemy machine gun fire. He thus by his courageous action saved the life of a comrade at the cost of his own. Next of kin: Julia Coe (Mother), Route #1, Port Byron, Illinois.

JAMES E. RICHARDSON, 34495894, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 4 December 1944, in the vicinity of Wimmenau, France. During a bitterly-fought engagement with hostile forces, an enemy patrol succeeded in infiltrating within inner defense lines of the company of which Private Richardson was a member. He immediately opened fire upon the attacking patrol, killing two hostile soldiers with his first burst of fire. The patrol then concentrated its fire upon Private Richardson, wounding him twice, but he resolutely ignored his injury to leave his entrenchment and attack the opposing troops. He killed two more of the enemy with hand grenades before he was himself killed by enemy action, thus by his great courage and at the cost of his life making possible the eventual repulse of the hostile attack. Next of kin: James W. Richardson (Father), RED #3, Gainesboro, Tennessee.

EDWARD J. BUTOW, 42080155, Private, 397th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 5 April 1945, in the vicinity of Heilbronn, Germany. During bitter house-to-house fighting for the city of Heilbronn, Private Butow courageously volunteered to deliver covering fire from an exposed position while his comrades gained entrance to buildings housing strong enemy forces. He moved to a vantage point on open ground subjected to intense enemy mortar fire and, although he was the target of concentrated hostile action, he succeeded in enabling a squad to enter the buildings and eventually secure the objective, but while so engaged was himself killed by a bursting mortar shell. His resolute and courageous action thus was directly responsible for the successful achievement of the assigned mission and contributed materially to the success of our operations at a critical period. Next of kin: Agnes V. Butow (Mother), 17 Clifton Avenue, Tom's River, New Jersey.

CLAYTON M. PERRY, 35816701, Private, 399th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 7 April 1945, in the vicinity of Heilbronn, Germany. While manning his post at the flank of our beachhead across the Neckar River, Private Perry was approached by a hostile tank. He immediately left the comparative safety of his position to engage the enemy vehicle, and had discharged one rocket at the tank when a shell from its cannon burst near him, hurling him to the ground. Dazed and shaken, he regained his feet and again engaged the vehicle, immobilized it with his third rocket. Shortly afterward he led his company in an assault upon enemy positions, killing two hostile soldiers before he was himself killed by enemy action. His intrepid gallantry thus contributed materially to the success of our operations and reflected great credit upon himself. Next of kin: Bertha Perry (Mother), Route #3, Benton, Kentucky.

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:

FRANK H. CRITTENDON, 02006095, First Lieutenant (then Staff Sergeant), 397th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 10 December 1944, in the vicinity of Mouterhouse, France. When both platoon sergeant and platoon leader became casualties during a bitterly fought engagement, Lieutenant Crittendon, then platoon guide, immediately assumed command of the unit. He skillfully deployed his men, then crawled forward alone in the face of intense fire, hurled a hand grenade into a hostile machine gun position, and killed the gunner and one member of the crew. He killed a third and then a fourth and fifth enemy as they concentrated their fire upon him, then from his advanced position directed the action of his men as they routed the opposing force. His aggressive and inspiring leadership thus was largely responsible for the achievement of the objective. Entered military service from Hartwell, Georgia.

OLIVER C. KNIGHTON, 02000756, First Lieutenant, 397th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 4 April 1945, in the vicinity of Heilbronn, Germany. During bitter house-to-house fighting for the city of Heilbronn, the platoon under Lieutenant Knighton's command launched an attack against a strongly-defended factory building, only to be immobilized by intense mortar and artillery fire. Acting in the hazardous capacity of first scout, Lieutenant Knighton led his men forward, and after a rocket had been fired into the building he charged forward alone, firing his carbine from the hip, and destroyed a hostile machine gun emplacement, killing two of the gun crew and wounding a third. His aggressive and intrepid action thus enabled the platoon to secure the objective with a minimum of casualties and contributed materially to the success of our operations. Entered military service from Johnstown, Pennsylvania.

ELMER E. ODELL, 32680919, Staff Sergeant, 399th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 15 March 1945, in the vicinity of Spitzberg Hill, France. During an attack, Sergeant Odell was acting as platoon guide of a reserve platoon when other elements of the company encountered an extensive mine field and several casualties resulted. The field was subjected to intense enemy automatic cross fire, and, when it became apparent that all the stricken men would not be evacuated, Sergeant Odell with extraordinary courage ran through the heavy hostile fire and, picking his way through the mine infested area, successfully evacuated numerous casualties. Sergeant Odell again displayed great initiative and fearlessness later in the attack when he singlehandedly destroyed a German machine gun nest, killing the entire gun crew in this intrepid performance with two hand grenades. Entered military service from Peekskill, New York.

JEROME F. PAWLAK, 42119458, Staff Sergeant, 397th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 11 April 1945 and 21 April 1945, in the vicinity of Heilbronn and Hohengehren, Germany. When hostile automatic weapons fire from the basement of a wrecked building halted the advance of his platoon during house-to-house fighting in Heilbronn, Sergeant Pawlak dashed across an open street under intense fire, made his way through debris and rubble to an advantageous position, and from there hurled grenades into the hostile strongpoint, killing two of the enemy and forcing the remaining six to surrender. On 21 April he observed a hostile convoy approaching, scored a direct hit on the first vehicle with a rifle grenade, and so disconcerted the opposing troops that forty-seven enemy surrendered themselves and their four vehicles. His alert and aggressive action on two occasions thus contributed materially to the success of our operations and inflicted severe losses upon the enemy. Entered military service from Buffalo, New York.



MERLE L. RIGBY, 35896237, Staff Sergeant, 397th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 3 April 1945, in the vicinity of Ittlingen, Germany. When the advance of his company was halted by fire from enemy troops entrenched at the summit of a commanding hill, Sergeant Rigby and a companion dashed up the slope in the face of automatic fire and by their action so disconcerted the enemy that they overran one hostile position, taking the occupants prisoner. While evacuating the captives, Sergeant Rigby's comrade was wounded by fire from another enemy emplacement, and Sergeant Rigby left the prisoners in a defiladed position under guard of the wounded man, then stormed the second hostile entrenchment, killing two of the crew and forcing the remainder to withdraw. His gallant and aggressive action was thus the paramount factor in the capture of the objective with a minimum of casualties to our troops. Entered military service from Fort Wayne, Indiana.

ALBERT HEWINES, 32483782, Sergeant (then Private First Class), 397th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 7 December 1944, in the vicinity of Houterhouse, France. As Sergeant Hewines' squad moved forward in advance of the main body of our troops, it was suddenly confronted by an enemy armored vehicle supported by infantry. While his comrades sought cover from the fire of the numerically superior hostile force, Sergeant Hewines resolutely engaged the enemy with his automatic rifle, and by the daring of his action temporarily disconcerted the attackers. The accuracy of his fire inflicted numerous casualties upon the opposing infantry, and as he moved forward aggressively he was joined by other members of the squad, with the result that the armored vehicle and its supporting troops were quickly forced to withdraw. His gallant and intrepid action thus routed a formidable enemy force and enabled his company to achieve its assigned objective. Entered military service from Trenton, New Jersey.

JOHN M. TARIS, 32651329, Sergeant, 397th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 22 April 1945, in the vicinity of Altbach, Germany. Because the rapid battalion advance by-passed strong pockets of enemy who were menacing supply lines, Sergeant Taris, returning with a group to a rear rest area, volunteered to man the heavy machine gun on the convoy's leading vehicle. Leaving town, the convoy was ambushed by a large hostile force whose automatic weapons fire killed the driver and sent the truck crashing into the side of the road. Completely exposed, Sergeant Taris manned his machine gun. His first burst killed several enemy, and he continued to fire until he was wounded and fell from the truck. Despite his wounds, he climbed back onto the truck, and, while the rest of the convoy took up positions, continued to fire until he was wounded again and his weapon destroyed. The outstanding valor and unselfish devotion to duty displayed by Sergeant Taris was primarily responsible for routing the enemy and keeping supply lanes open. Entered military service from New York, New York.

HAROLD E. MADDEX, 38692916, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 7 December 1944, in the vicinity of Milch, France. Private Maddux was instructed to determine the position of a specific platoon during an engagement, and succeeded in his objective despite intense enemy mortar and artillery fire. He then proceeded to establish a marked supply route to the unit, and while so engaged was attacked by a hostile patrol. Although he was alone, he aggressively opened fire upon the attackers, killed two of the enemy and captured the remaining three. His alert and gallant action thus prevented the infliction of casualties upon our forces and greatly facilitated the supplying of the platoon. Entered military service from Mooreland, Oklahoma.

LAURENCE E. MOSOLF, 39468928, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 13 December 1944, in the vicinity of Camp de Bitch, France. During the bitter fighting for the garrison east of Bitch, the platoon of which Private Mosolf was a member became immobilized by heavy automatic weapons fire from an enemy strong point and harassing sniper fire from positions two hundred yards away. Private Mosolf, an antitank grenadier, crawled to within fifty yards of the machine gun nest and, firing a rifle grenade, killed the gunner. Then, rushing forward the remaining fifty yards, he killed the assistant gunner and, gaining control of the gun, quickly turned it in the direction of the enemy and fired at the remaining positions. The courage, daring and initiative displayed by Private Mosolf enabled his platoon to withdraw, regroup and continue the attack. Entered military service from Sand Point, Idaho.

BAXTER R. SMITH, JR., 34946512, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 7 April 1945, in the vicinity of Heilbronn, Germany.

During the bitter house to house fighting for Heilbronn, the company of which Private Smith was a member was attacked by a strong force of enemy infantrymen and tanks. Because of its exposed position it became necessary for the company to withdraw several blocks. Private Smith, a machine gunner in an extreme forward position, voluntarily remained behind to cover the maneuver. When three German tanks and several riflemen advanced toward his position, he fearlessly waited until the force reached a point within one hundred yards, and then, directing a deadly stream of bullets with uncanny accuracy, he killed fifteen enemy and so confused the remainder that the tanks retreated and the remaining riflemen took cover. His mission completed, Private Smith began to fall back, and, although wounded while thus engaged, he managed to rejoin his companions. His gallantry and magnificent courage are representative of the highest military traditions. Entered military service from Birmingham, Alabama.

JOHNNIE T. WISE, 35705510, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 12 November 1944, in the vicinity of Baccarat, France. As his company inaugurated its attack upon commanding enemy positions, leading elements were immobilized by hostile machine gun fire, and Private Wise volunteered to reduce the enemy emplacement. He crawled forward under heavy fire and, although wounded as he advanced, succeeded in reaching a vantage point from which he hurled a grenade which silenced the opposing weapon. His courageous and aggressive tactics thus enabled his comrades to continue the assault and prevented the further infliction of casualties upon our troops. Entered military service from Elizabethtown, Kentucky.

CLYDE R. MAGEE, 38652245, Private, 399th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 17 November 1944, in the vicinity of Raon L'Etape, France. Private Magee, an ammunition bearer, unhesitatingly manned a machine gun when members of its crew were killed during an enemy counterattack, and, establishing the weapon in a more advantageous position, inflicted heavy casualties upon the attackers. Although he was subjected to intense hostile mortar, grenade, and small arms fire, he continued to engage the enemy until his gun jammed. As he dismantled the weapon in an attempt to restore it to action, he was attacked by a squad of hostile infantry, and with accurate carbine fire he killed two of the enemy, wounded three others and dispersed the remainder. He was severely wounded meanwhile, but refused to relinquish his position until hostile troops had withdrawn, thus by his resolute and courageous action contributing to the success of our operations. Entered military service from Bogalusa, Louisiana.

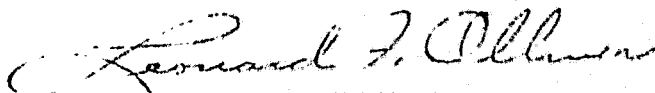
SECTION III -- RESCISSION OF AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

So much of Section II, General Orders Number 1, this headquarters, current series, as awards a Bronze Star Medal to Frank H. Crittendon, 34572376, Staff Sergeant, 397th Infantry Regiment, is rescinded. (See Section II, 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 each of the following named individuals:

JOHN F. NOLAN, JR., 02025608, Second Lieutenant (then Technical Sergeant) 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 22 April 1945, in the vicinity of Altbach, Germany. On a mission to contact the First French Army across the Neckar River, Lieutenant Nolan and his men patrolled the entire area without success. While returning through a supposedly cleared town, his patrol was fired upon. Deploying his forces, Lieutenant Nolan personally led them in several fire fights in which the enemy was either killed, wounded or captured. When hostile forces attacked from high ground outside the town, Lieutenant Nolan assumed an exposed position and fired his automatic rifle into the advancing foe. A final count disclosed eight enemy killed, seventeen wounded, and seventy-eight captured. The courage, brilliant and inspiring leadership and devotion to duty displayed by Lieutenant Nolan enabled his patrol to eliminate a hazardous threat to his entire battalion. Entered military service from Newton, Massachusetts.

STANLEY E. WAKEMAN, 32056261, Technical Sergeant, 397th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 1 March 1945 to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from New York, New York.

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 individuals, missing in action:

ROBERT W. WILLIS, 37357968, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 17 December and 18 December 1944, in the vicinity of Bitche, France. When, during the assault on the forts of the Maginot Line, the platoon runner became a casualty, Private Willis, a rifleman, immediately took over the job. Despite the intense enemy artillery, mortar and small arms fire, Private Willis began to work his way up Hill 419 in an attempt to deliver desperately needed supplies. Although hostile shells were exploding over the entire area, he continued forward, but was hit and reported as missing in action due to the enemy action. His heroic, devoted and unselfish effort aided materially in the ultimate seizure of the company objective, and won for him the gratitude and admiration of the entire organization. Next of kin: Cecelia M. Willis (Mother), 228 West Eleventh Street, Casper, Wyoming.

RODDY L. SMITH, 34607461, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 1 December 1944 to 9 January 1945, in Eastern France. Next of kin: Ruth M. Smith (Wife), 356 South Union Street, Concord, North Carolina.

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:

KENNETH A. JACKSON, 0552363, First Lieutenant, 325th Engineer Combat Battalion, for heroic achievement in action on 5 April 1945, in the vicinity of Heilbronn, Germany. Notified of the plan to assault the Neckar River, Lieutenant Jackson made a personal reconnaissance of the crossing site despite intense enemy artillery fire falling in the area. Then, although enemy small arms fire produced four casualties in the first wave, he held his men together and successfully crossed the infantry elements. For the next four days he maintained assault boat supply and evacuation of the bridgehead, in spite of the enemy fire which destroyed a nearby bridge and ferry. His courage, initiative and inspiring leadership contributed markedly to the success of the operation. Entered military service from St. Albans, New York.

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ROY L. WHITACRE, 32659118, First Sergeant (then Technical Sergeant), 399th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 14 April 1945, in the vicinity of Talheim, Germany. Sergeant Whitacre, Weapons Platoon Sergeant, was manning an observation post from an attic window when he observed several enemy proposing to form an ambush. After establishing an alternate observation post, he returned, and called for mortar fire, killing several of the enemy. When he was fired upon by automatic weapons, he remained in position long enough to knock out one of the guns and cause the enemy to retreat. Moving to his alternate post, he directed fire on a group of hostile mortars. Despite several direct hits upon his position, he continued to adjust fire so accurately that the enemy fled in disorder, leaving ten dead and wounded behind. By his magnificent courage and unselfish devotion to duty, Sergeant Whitacre eliminated a serious threat, and won the respect and admiration of the entire company. Entered military service from Kansas City, Missouri.

RAGGIO L. CALPOSO, 05374866, Technical Sergeant (then Staff Sergeant), 398th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 15 March 1945 to 22 March 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Cleveland, Ohio.

LYLE K. CARR, 6827915, Technical Sergeant, 398th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 1 January 1945 to 4 January 1945, in Eastern France. Entered military service from Detroit, Michigan.

JAMES H. COWAN, JR., 13064603, Technical Sergeant, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 22 November 1944, in the vicinity of La Trouche, France. During the attack on La Trouche, Sergeant Cowan volunteered to cross open terrain which was subjected to heavy enemy artillery and mortar fire in order to contact the men bringing up rations and supplies. Having successfully made the contact, he started the several hundred yard trip back, when he was suddenly caught in intense hostile artillery fire and seriously wounded. Sergeant Cowan's courage and devotion to duty in the face of known dangers won for him the respect and admiration of his officers and fellow soldiers, and reflect creditably upon the Army of the United States. Entered military service from Appalachia, Virginia.

WILLIAM CONSORTE, 32681467, Technician Third Grade, Medical Detachment, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 9 April 1945, in the vicinity of Untergrischeim, Germany. When, during an attack, several soldiers were wounded by sniper fire, Sergeant Consorte, an aid station technician, volunteered to treat and evacuate the wounded. Although the area was under intense enemy fire, Sergeant Consorte donned the large red and white Geneva Red Cross apron, and went out into plain view of the enemy. Making repeated trips over the terrain, he administered aid and evacuated three men who would have died without his assistance. As continued enemy fire increased our casualties, Sergeant Consorte remained at the front lines and did not stop working until every wounded man had been evacuated. His courage and untiring devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the Army Medical Corps. Entered military service from Brooklyn, New York.

JOHN J. DANIELUK, 11103593, Sergeant, 398th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 1 December to 4 December 1944 in Eastern France. Entered military service from Jewett City, Connecticut.

RAYMOND E. CLOYD, 38547643, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 4 December 1944, in the vicinity of Soucht, France. When his machine gun section ran into an enemy ambush and was immobilized by the crossfire of several machine guns, Private Cloyd, an ammunition bearer, sighted one of the hostile guns and crawled toward it. By moving from one position to another and firing a few shots from each, he avoided detection and succeeded in killing two of the enemy gunners. Thus holding the foe's attention, he enabled his squad to set up their own gun and engage the enemy. As a result of Private Cloyd's courageous and single-handed action, our forces were able to gain fire superiority, and after a bitter battle forced the Germans to withdraw. Entered military service from Bellesville, Texas.

RALPH COX, 3749752, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 7 April to 14 April 1945, in Germany. Entered military service from Galena, Missouri.

WILLIAM ROMERO, 37334315, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 4 April 1945, in the vicinity of Heilbronn, Germany. After establishing a bridge head across the Neckar River, the platoon in which Private Romero was an automatic rifleman encountered intense enemy machine gun and

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rifle fire and was forced into a temporary withdrawal. In order to permit his platoon to establish a good defensive position, Private Romero remained behind to furnish covering fire for his comrades. His accurate fire killed two enemy and wounded three others. He was subsequently severely wounded, but his heroic and unselfish devotion to duty enabled his platoon to regroup and launch an attack which dislodged the enemy. Entered military service from Fort Morgan, Colorado.

CHARLES R. WOOD, 31469492, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 4 April to 13 April 1945, in Germany. Entered military service from Newport, Vermont.

JOHN S. EDWARDS, JR., 0407503, Captain, 375th Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in support of combat operations during the period 5 November 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Baltimore, Maryland.

THOMAS J. RICHAN, 32598629, First Sergeant, 397th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 1 March 1945 to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Jersey City, New Jersey.

LESTER O. GLUESENKAMP, 16120602, Staff Sergeant, 397th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 1 March 1945 to 10 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from St. Peter, Illinois.

MALCOLM D. GANNAWAY, 36449669, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 1 April 1945 to 8 May 1945, in Germany. Entered military service from Champaign, Illinois.

LOUIS N. LOOSEBANDY, 16175411, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 1 March 1945 to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

EDWARD W. MILLER, 11138475, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 1 December 1944 to 1 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Shelton, Connecticut.

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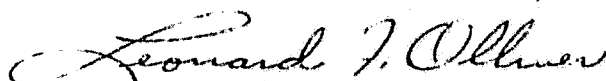
By direction of the President, under the provisions of Section IV, Circular Number 333, War Department, 1943, and with the approval of the Army Commander, the following named organization is cited for outstanding performance of duty in action:

THE THIRD BATTALION, 399TH INFANTRY REGIMENT, is cited for outstanding accomplishment in combat on 18 April 1945, in the vicinity of Beilstein, Germany. Assigned the mission of capturing the isolated, practically inaccessible hill mass of Fohlenberg which dominated the entire 16,000 yard front of its regiment, the Third Battalion moved out from an assembly area 5,000 yards from the objective, and, advancing cross-country over heavily wooded, semi-mountainous terrain, penetrated the line of enemy outposts to reach the high ground of Steinberg. After charging down the open precipitous southern slopes of Steinberg under a relentless hail of accurate enemy fire, the Battalion climbed to assault and capture an intermediate objective, the thickly wooded hill of Kubelsteige. The Battalion, determined to accomplish its mission despite numerous casualties and the uninterrupted severity of enemy fire, maintained the momentum of its attack and continued across the open terrain between Kubelsteige and Fohlenberg; then fought its way up the steep slopes to the summit. A steady downpour of enemy artillery and heavy mortar shells failed to daunt the drive of the Battalion and, although taxed beyond the normal limit of endurance, it met and determinedly repelled a vicious hostile counterattack and proceeded to secure the entire summit of Fohlenberg. The brilliant coordination and teamwork of all elements which characterized the drive of the Third Battalion, resulted in the capture of this important objective, and played a major role, too, in converting the difficult attack of the regiment against a continuous line into a lightning pursuit which completely routed the disorganized enemy, and carried the Division into the outskirts of the key city of Stuttgart. The gallantry, esprit de corps and unrelenting determination of the members of the Third Battalion are in keeping with the finest traditions of the United States Army.

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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:

WILLIAM W. MCCANSE, 0554350, Second Lieutenant, 397th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry 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 under Lieutenant McCanse's command occupied a precarious position in advance of our main body of troops. When the enemy subjected his unit to a savage artillery bombardment in attempting to dislodge the platoon, Lieutenant McCanse moved from one squad to another under intense fire, issuing orders to squad leaders and encouraging his men. He continued to move about aggressively despite concentrated fire directed at him by a hostile machine gunner, and, when the concussion of a nearby shellburst knocked him to the ground while he was making his way to the foremost squad, he resolutely regained his feet and continued toward his destination, only to be killed by a second shell. The unfaltering courage and devotion to duty thus displayed by Lieutenant McCanse were in keeping with the highest traditions of the armed services. Next of kin: J. W. McCanse (Father), Pomeroy, Washington.

ELLS MEDVIN, 42090483, Technician Fifth Grade, Medical Detachment, 398th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 10 January 1945, in the vicinity of Reyersviller, France. When the platoon to which Corporal Medvin was attached as aid man was maneuvering to outflank strongly-held enemy positions, heavy concentrations of enemy artillery fire caused many casualties. Despite the fire of a hostile machine gun one hundred and fifty yards away, Corporal Medvin moved from one casualty to another, administering first aid. After treating seven wounded men he was himself hit in the leg. Hearing a cry for help, he disregarded his own serious and painful injury, and raced toward the wounded man. Before he could reach his destination, however, he was hit again and killed. The outstanding valor and unselfish devotion to duty displayed by Corporal Medvin saved the lives of seven men, and reflect the highest traditions of the Army Medical Corps. Next of kin: Ethel Medvin, (Mother), 75 Norton Street, Rochester, New York.

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:

OLAF DABBS, 18087026, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 6 April 1945, in the vicinity of Heilbronn, Germany. When a determined counterattack was launched against the building occupied by his platoon during bitter house-to-house fighting for the city of Heilbronn, Private Dabbs courageously exposed at a window in order to engage the attackers, and when his rifle ammunition was exhausted hurled hand grenades which broke up hostile attempts to charge the entrances to the building. He then manned a machine gun when the gunner became a casualty and repulsed subsequent attacks by numerically superior enemy troops, and, when hostile phosphorous grenades set the building afire and forced the platoon to withdraw, he doggedly refused to relinquish his position and continued to engage the enemy as the building ultimately collapsed in flames. His heroic devotion to duty demonstrated the highest ideals of the armed services. Next of kin: Woodrow W. Dabbs (Father), Route #1, Wynnewood, Oklahoma.

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:

ROBERT J. BOHIGIAN, 02025590, Second Lieutenant (then Staff Sergeant), 397th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 7 April 1945, in the vicinity of Heilbronn, Germany. When visual contact with the two lead platoons was lost, Lieutenant Bohigian and his mortar section, which had been supporting the advance, were suddenly attacked by a small enemy force from the right flank. Ordering his men to deploy and meet the onslaught, Lieutenant Bohigian exposed himself to direct the fire of his section. When the enemy came so close as to be pinned down by our fire, Lieutenant Bohigian ran a gauntlet of hostile small arms fire and, reaching a vantage point, threw a grenade into the foe's flank, killing two and wounded two more. A fifth German surrendered as the remaining hostile forces fled in disorder. Lieutenant Bohigian's aggressive and courageous action is in keeping with the highest traditions of the Army of the United States. Entered military service from Worcester, Massachusetts.

JAMES J. AMOROSO, 32597778, Staff Sergeant, 399th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from Cliffside Park, New Jersey.

GILBERT B. MONIZ, 31234739, Staff Sergeant, 399th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from New Bedford, Massachusetts.

For gallantry in action on 13 April 1945, in the vicinity of Heilbronn, Germany. When a scout was wounded while reconnoitering hostile territory, Sergeant Amoroso and Moniz volunteered to go to the assistance of the casualty. The two men quickly crossed an open field under enemy fire, firing their own weapons from the hip as they advanced, and reached the wounded man. While one man delivered covering fire, his comrade administered first aid to the casualty, and when the wound was dressed Sergeants Amoroso and Moniz continued to engage the enemy with such devastating effect that they succeeded in killing four of the opposing troops, capturing five, and silencing a hostile machine gun emplacement, then brought prisoners as well as their wounded comrade back to friendly lines. The aggressive and courageous action of Sergeant Moniz and Sergeant Amoroso thus saved the life of an injured soldier and inflicted severe casualties upon the enemy.

CHECKER FERGUSON, 35769585, Sergeant (then Private First Class), 397th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 22 April 1945, in the vicinity of Hohengrin, Germany. When hostile fire from a road block halted the advance of our troops, Sergeant Ferguson unhesitatingly led his squad to the flank of the enemy position. Two snipers who were encountered were killed, and at a distance of one hundred yards Sergeant Ferguson deployed his men to deliver covering fire and crawled forward alone to within twenty-five yards of the road block. He then hurled grenades into the position and led his squad in an assault which overran the enemy entrenchment. Sergeant Ferguson by his daring and aggressive action accounted for three enemy killed and the capture of others, and made possible the continued advance of our troops without casualty. Entered military service from Dunlow, West Virginia.

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:

BERNARD K. JOHNSON, 37470672, Staff Sergeant, 399th Infantry Regiment, 15 March 1945. Entered military service from Colome, South Dakota.

HOWARD A. MC KINLEY, 42035427, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, 4 April 1945. Entered military service from Brooklyn, New York.

APLIE S. JOHNSON JR., 44040697, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, 6 April 1945. Entered military service from Bristol, Tennessee.

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.

FRANK ORISIK, 33037877, Technical Sergeant, 398th Infantry Regiment, 11 January 1945. Entered military service from Smithton, Pennsylvania.



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WILLIAM A. MULLER, 35305956, Staff Sergeant, 398th Infantry Regiment, 21 December 1944. Entered military service from Lake Wood, Ohio.

WILLIAM J. RYAN, 32683252, Staff Sergeant, 398th Infantry Regiment, 8 December 1944. Entered military service from New York, New York.

ARMON B. MADERIOS, 31227486, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, 18 November 1944. Entered military service from Taunton, Massachusetts.

CLYDE F. JONES, 34693522, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, 20 February 1945. Entered military service from Chattanooga, Tennessee.

STANLEY L. ZAREMBA, 33690582, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, 29 January 1945. Entered military service from Baltimore, Maryland.

JOHN H. PENDER, JR., 15172320, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, 11 December 1944. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

#### SECTION VI -- POSTHUMOUS AWARD OF MEDICAL BADGE

Under the provisions of War Department Circular Number 66, dated 1 March 1945, the following named enlisted men of Company "A", 325th Medical Battalion are posthumously awarded the Medical Badge, effective 5 December 1944:

Cpl Woodrow W. Bailey, 34591513  
Pvt Dimitri Butka, 36594856

#### SECTION VII -- AWARD OF MEDICAL BADGE

Under the provisions of War Department Circular Number 66, dated 1 March 1945, the following named enlisted men, Medical Detachment, Headquarters Special Troops, attached to the 100th Cavalry Reconnaissance Troop, are awarded the Medical Badge, effective 1 May 1945:

Tec 4 Robert L. Atwater, 32303706  
Tec 5 Nicholas Cusani, 32647450  
Pfc Bernard D. Weinstein, 42050387

#### SECTION VIII -- RESCISSION OF AWARD OF PURPLE HEART

SK) So much of Section IV, General Orders Number 229, this headquarters, current series, as awards a Purple Heart to HOWARD MCKINLEY, 42035427, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, is rescinded. (See Section IV, 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 each of the following named individuals:

WALTER R. MASON, O2000671, Second Lieutenant, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 9 January 1945, in the vicinity of Rimling, France. When, during the attack on Hill 370, the commanding officer was killed and two other officers wounded, Lieutenant Mason, a platoon leader, immediately assumed command of the company. Although having received a battlefield commission only fifteen days before, Lieutenant Mason displayed exceptional skill and tactical brilliance in organizing his company's defenses at a time when five German tanks were inflicting great casualties. When the order to withdraw came, he effected this movement without the enemy becoming aware of the change in the situation. His heroism and inspiring leadership enabled his company to meet an enemy onslaught, and later to withdraw without casualties, thus maintaining the company's effectiveness as a fighting force. Entered military service from Burlington, New Jersey.

VINCENT R. FERRELL, 39585476, Sergeant (then Private First Class), 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 8 January 1945, in the vicinity of Rimling, France. When the weight of a savage attack by numerically superior enemy troops forced his company to withdraw, Sergeant Ferrell, an automatic rifleman, held his position despite the danger and delivered accurate fire at the foe. Seeing a wounded comrade nearby, he continued to fire, holding the enemy at bay, and administered first aid. Then, when an escape route was opened by friendly fire, Sergeant Ferrell carried the casualty toward friendly lines. Despite a wound which he himself sustained, and although he had to stop and fight the enemy at regular intervals, he continued moving until he and his wounded comrade reached safety. His heroic, aggressive and unselfish action helped to stem the enemy's attack, and saved the life of a wounded man. Entered military service from Montebello, California.

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 individuals:

JAMES E. DOUGHERTY, 1921105, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 12 December 1944, in the vicinity of Lemberg, France. During the attack to take the high ground overlooking Reysviller, Private Dougherty, gunner in a mortar platoon, advanced with his squad through a densely wooded area under heavy enemy fire. After reaching the appointed positions for the displacement of the mortars, it was discovered that there was a better position one hundred yards forward. Private Dougherty immediately moved forward through the intense enemy artillery fire in order to prepare the new position for his squad. While so engaged he was hit by shrapnel and instantly killed. Private Dougherty's brave and unselfish action was in keeping with the highest traditions of the Army of the United States. Next of kin: Catherine Dougherty (mother), 618 West Quartz, Butte, Montana.

IRMA SHAFRAN, 32648046, Private First Class, Medical Detachment, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 2 December 1944, in the vicinity of Ingwiller, France. During an intense concentration of enemy mortar fire, Private Shafran, a medical aid man, courageously left the comparative safety of his position against the advice of his platoon leader, to assist a wounded comrade. Although the stricken man lay in an exposed position, Private Shafran fearlessly remained at

his side and after administering first aid began the hazardous task of removing him to a position of safety. Private Shafran was thus engaged when a nearby shellburst killed him. As a result of his heroic action, the wounded man was close enough to friendly positions to be safely evacuated. Private Shafran's outstanding courage and devotion to duty is representative of the highest traditions in the Army Medical Corps. Next of kin: Anna Shafran (Mother), 359 Midwood Street, Brooklyn, 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:

CHARLES H. DOONAN, 32001783, Technical Sergeant, (then Staff Sergeant), 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 25 November 1944, in the vicinity of La Vermont, France. When lack of forward observers handicapped the operations of his mortar platoon during an engagement, Sergeant Doonan, a squad leader, volunteered to go forward. Although riflemen were unavailable for local protection, he established an observation post on high ground in advance of our line of infantry. At 0400 the following morning he observed a large hostile force moving to attack our troops, and by accurate adjustment of mortar fire, he inflicted severe casualties upon the opposing troops and forced them to withdraw. His alert and courageous action thus eliminated a serious threat to our forces and prevented the infliction of heavy casualties upon our troops. Entered military service from New York, New York.

JAMES H. MILLER, 13015623, Technical Sergeant (then Staff Sergeant), 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 11 April 1945, in the vicinity of Heilbronn, Germany. During the furious street fighting in Heilbronn, Sergeant Miller, a platoon sergeant, continually exposed himself to intense hostile machine gun and rifle fire to assist his comrades in clearing buildings and cellars held by the enemy. His repeated acts of bravery and his initiative and aggressiveness gave impetus to his men; and, under his superb leadership many Germans were killed, captured or forced to withdraw. Sergeant Miller single-handedly killed many enemy, and, by his laudable performance, was instrumental in our successful capture of Heilbronn. Entered military service from Rockbridge Baths, Virginia.

ALEXANDER J. DYBAS, 32371317, Technician Third Grade, Medical Detachment, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 5 April 1945, in the vicinity of Bad Wimpfen, Germany. When, during an attack, the battalion encountered severe enemy artillery, mortar and small arms fire, several casualties were inflicted upon forwardmost rifle elements. Although snipers continued to fire throughout the area, Sergeant Dybas, a surgical technician whose duties did not demand that he leave the aid station, volunteered to treat and evacuate the wounded. He advanced through the fire and carried one of the wounded to safety. Then he heroically went forward again, crossed the fire-swept field, and evacuated the second casualty. His courage and unselfish devotion to duty saved the lives of two men, and served to inspire all the men of his section. Entered military service from Amsterdam, New York.

CARLO J. DI FULCO, 38313663, Sergeant (then Private First Class), 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 20 December 1944, in the vicinity of Bitchy, France. Sergeant Di Fulco, a machine gunner, was protecting the entire left flank of his company when the enemy counterattacked in strength. Despite the deadly fire of the advancing foe, Sergeant Di Fulco remained in position and rendered protective fire while his company withdrew to take up better positions. Only after his company had reorganized and consolidated their positions, and, with his ammunition almost exhausted, did Sergeant Di Fulco finally withdraw and join his comrades. The magnificent courage and outstanding devotion to duty displayed by Sergeant Di Fulco contributed materially to his company's success in this action. Entered military service from New Orleans, Louisiana.

FLIANA BRANCHOK, 32937783, Technician Fifth Grade, Medical Detachment, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 19 November 1944, in the vicinity of La Trouche, France. When enemy mortar fire inflicted numerous casualties upon troops in the battalion command area, Corporal Branchok, an aid man, volunteered to guide litterbearers to the area and assist in evacuation of the wounded. While so engaged he was severely wounded by a mortar shellburst which overturned the vehicle in which he was riding; but despite the pain of his injury he insisted upon completing the evacuation of other casualties before he submitted to treatment.

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of his wound, thus by his resolute action making possible immediate medical attention for his comrades. Entered military service from Binghamton, New York.

LONNIE S. COTTRELL, 44014132, Private First Class, (then Private), 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 17 April 1945, in the vicinity of Mustenrot, Germany. When his platoon was immobilized by devastating fire from an enemy tank, Private Cottrell armed himself with a bazooka and voluntarily went forward to destroy it. After crawling under sweeping machine gun fire, he took a position opposite the tank and knocked it out with one rocket, thus causing the enemy to withdraw and permitting his platoon to advance and take its objective with a minimum of casualties. His daring and courageous single-handed action, won him the respect and admiration of his entire company. Entered military service from Louisburg, North Carolina.

GEORGE DE MASTROFRANCESCO, 32652822, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 20 December 1944, in the vicinity of Bitche, France. While Private Demastrofrancesco was engaged in delivering rations to forward elements of his unit, the vehicle which he was driving was overturned by the concussion of a hostile shellburst. Although badly shaken by the force of the explosion, he unhesitatingly proceeded to hand-carry the rations across open terrain under intense enemy artillery and mortar shelling, thus by his resolute devotion to duty, supplying his comrades with food and supplies despite the enemy action. Entered military service from New York, New York.

WILLIAM G. DICKEY, 35073974, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 4 December 1944, in the vicinity of Soucht, France. While supporting a rifle company, Private Dickey and his heavy machine gun section were ambushed and caught in the deadly crossfire of three enemy machine guns and supporting riflemen. When the gunner and his assistant were both killed in the attempt to man their gun, Private Dickey, an ammunition bearer, immediately ran across the fire-swept terrain and single-handedly manned the gun. Although the bulk of the hostile fire was directed at him, he adamantly remained in position. His fire silenced one enemy gun and killed an unknown number of German riflemen. As a result of Private Dickey's unhesitating heroism, our forces ultimately gained fire superiority and beat back the enemy. Entered military service from Greenville, Ohio.

ANTHONY A. MATTIOLI, 32647217, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 13 November 1944, in the vicinity of Bertrichamps, France. At dawn, the company to which Private Mattioli was assigned as a machine gunner was subjected to a strong enemy counterattack. When hostile artillery fire became highly intense, several of the company's units began to fall back to form new defense lines. Although the enemy mortar and rifle fire was severe, Private Mattioli refused to retreat and courageously continued to operate his weapon with such effectiveness that many casualties occurred among the advancing German troops; and, they were finally forced to halt. Thus, by his heroic action, Private Mattioli was instrumental in stemming the enemy counterattack, thereby enabling his comrades to establish new positions and eventually drive the enemy back. Entered military service from Brooklyn, New York.

HARTLEY F. MC CLOUD, 38641151, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 8 January 1945, in the vicinity of Rimling, France. As a volunteer member of a combat patrol, Private McCloud, an automatic rifleman, entered a barn behind enemy lines and encountered a number of Germans. He swiftly opened fire and killed one and wounded six others. Then, running to an opening in the side of the structure, he began firing at a hostile sniper. While reloading his rifle, fire from the sniper's weapon wounded him; but, despite the intense pain, Private McCloud determinedly finished loading his gun and with one burst killed the enemy. His heroic and aggressive action eliminated a grave source of danger to his comrades and was instrumental in aiding the patrol to complete its mission. Entered military service from Bogata, Texas.

MEARL MC KEE, 35806508, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 6 April 1945, in the vicinity of Heilbronn, Germany. During the fierce fighting in Heilbronn proper, the company to which Private McKee was assigned as a rifleman, lost contact with a supporting unit. Private McKee voluntarily set out under intense hostile fire to locate the friendly unit, although he was forced to pass through numerous German positions. He continued his way, returning the fire of enemy snipers located in the area, and ascertaining the location of the friendly unit, he returned to the sniper position.

houses and single-handedly killed a number of the enemy. Thus, by his performance, Private [redacted] re-established contact for his company with the unit and removed several grave sources of danger to his comrades. Entered military service from Cincinnati, Ohio.

JOSEPH J. MURPHY, 32654135, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 13 November 1944, in the vicinity of Clairrupt, France. During an intense concentration of enemy artillery fire, Private Murphy heroically left the comparative safety of his position to aid a seriously wounded comrade. While engaged in removing the stricken man to a place of safety Private Murphy was himself wounded by shrapnel; and, although in great pain, he determinedly continued his efforts to carry his companion. With indomitable courage he finally managed to reach a medical detachment vehicle, and both he and his comrade were evacuated. Private Murphy's zealous concern for the safety and welfare of his companion is in keeping with the highest military traditions. Entered military service from Astoria, Long Island, New York.

MILTON J. MEYERS, 01686019, Captain, medical detachment, 325th Engineer Combat Battalion, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations during the period 1 February 1945 to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Lawrence, Massachusetts.

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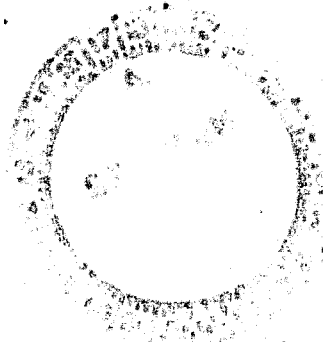
So much of Section II, General Orders Number 164, this headquarters, current series, as awards a Bronze Star Medal to Milton J. Meyers, 01686019, Captain, medical detachment, 325th Engineer Combat Battalion, is rescinded. (See Section III, this order).

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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 each of the following named individuals:

JOHN H. KING, 0346800, Lieutenant Colonel, 397th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 4 February 1945 to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Baltimore, Maryland.

WILLIAM S. PRESTON, JR., 01296576, Major, 397th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations during the period 14 November 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Burlington Vermont.

ROY G. PEDEP, 02000784, Second Lieutenant, 397th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 11 November 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Wilson, North Carolina.

SALVATORE R. UCCELLO, 31252318, Technician Fifth Grade, 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 Hartford, Connecticut.

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:

STEPHEN J. PRELOZNI, 36223783, Staff Sergeant, 397th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations during the period 11 November 1944 to 1 April 1945, in France and Germany. Next of kin: Josephine Prelozni (Mother); 1111 Aroka Avenue, Waukesha, Wisconsin.

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:

PARKER L. OAKLEY, 0364783, Major, 397th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in support of combat operations during the period 11 November 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

GEORGE KAPP, 01038413, First Lieutenant, Headquarters 100th Infantry Division, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations during the period 26 March 1945 to 17 April 1945, in Western Germany. Entered military service from Brooklyn, New York.

ALTON H. JOHNSON, W2109556, Chief Warrant Officer, 397th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations during the period 10 November 1944 to 13 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from New York, New York.

LEROY VAN WINKLE, W2124550, Warrant Officer Junior Grade, 397th 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 Brooklyn, New York.

ARTHUR C. LABICHELLA, 32647488, First Sergeant (then Staff Sergeant), 397th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations during the period 14 November 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Brooklyn, New York.

PAUL J. ESPOSITO, 33052000, Technical Sergeant, 397th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 12 November 1944 to 20 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

MORRIS GOLDMAN, 32655474, Technical Sergeant, 397th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations during the period 14 November 1944 to 23 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Brooklyn, New York.

WILLIAM C. MANGELS, 32276477, Technical Sergeant, 397th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations during the period 12 November 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Rutherford, New Jersey.

GERARD J. MOPPIGER, 33001724, Technical Sergeant, 397th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 12 November 1944 to 20 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Baltimore, Maryland.

PASQUALE H. SPINOSA, 32141115, Technical Sergeant (then Sergeant), 397th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 15 November 1944 to 17 December 1944, in Eastern France. Entered military service from Rochester, New York.

ROGER D. COOS, 37684191, 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 Beaman, Iowa.

PETER A. GRAZIANO, 32803362, Staff Sergeant, 397th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 1 December 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Newark, New Jersey.

FREDERICK J. HUNKEY, 12093472, Staff Sergeant (then Technician Fourth Grade), 397th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations during the period 11 November 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Weehawken, New Jersey.

JOHN E. LUTTER, 33052018, Staff Sergeant, 397th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 12 November 1944 to 15 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

MERVIN L. MCKEE, 38567620, Staff Sergeant, 397th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 12 November 1944 to 2 January 1945, in Eastern France. Entered military service from Marshall, Oklahoma.

GLADSTONE B. MILLET, 31237668, 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 Waltham, Massachusetts.

JOHN J. MOOR, 36865435, Staff Sergeant (then Corporal), 397th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 2 November 1944 to 10 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Muskegon, Michigan.

RAYMOND A. BORTH, 36817471, Sergeant (then Corporal), 397th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in support of combat operations during the period 12 November 1944 to 20 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Sheboygan, Wisconsin.

ROBERT V. BUETS, 14183491, 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 Due West, South Carolina.

ARCHUR A. IRVIN, 32657322, Sergeant, 397th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 8 November 1944 to 9 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Brooklyn, New York.

JOSEPH A. THOMAS, JR., 32660009, Sergeant, 397th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations during the period 12 November 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Albany, New York.

CARL E. YOUNG, 19204105, Sergeant, 397th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 12 November 1944 to 23 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Santa Barbara, California.

WALTER W. DAUFYAN, 32365119, Technician Fourth Grade, 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 Red Hook, New York.

JACK E. SMITHSON, 32663523, Technician Fourth Grade, 397th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations during the period 11 November 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Bronx, New York.

FREDERICK B. HEITKAMP, JR., 32966279, Corporal, 397th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 18 December 1944 to 9 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from New York, New York.

MICHAEL J. KAROSKY, 32605912, Corporal (then Private First Class), 397th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 2 November 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Fredland, Pennsylvania.

ROCCO J. LICALSI, 12193878, Corporal (then Private First Class), 397th 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 Hoboken, New Jersey.

NELSON P. BOLTON, 33812088, Technician Fifth Grade, 397th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 11 November 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

THOMAS F. DUPRE, JR., 18134320, 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 Shreveport, Louisiana.

IRVIN F. LOREFFZ, 37416638, Technician Fifth Grade, 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 St. Louis, Missouri.

WILLIAM E. TALBOT, 16096145, Technician Fifth Grade, 397th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 25 February 1945 to 20 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

ROBERT A. LA CROIX, 31465052, 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 Lebanon, New Hampshire.

WILLIAM D. MC KINLEY, 31238240, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 7 November 1944 to 1 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Charlestown, Massachusetts.

WILLIAM J. MORAN, 42107835, 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 Jersey City, New Jersey.

ARTHUR R. OLSEN, 32657239, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 21 February 1945 to 20 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Brooklyn, New York.

WELDON F. SAILORS, 34572681, Private First Class, 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 Commerce, Georgia.

RICHARD H. SALISBURY, 14176896, 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 Scotland Neck, North Carolina.

JAMES D. SCHMITT, 13135220, 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 Erie, Pennsylvania.

JOHN P. SMITH, 42087354, 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 Trenton, New Jersey.

THOMAS A. SURRATT, 34890151, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, 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 Winston-Salem, North Carolina.

JACK C. WALSH, 37356500, 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 Cheyenne, Wyoming.

DONALD Q. BROWN, 36900530, Private First Class, 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 Sadorus, Illinois.

RONALD H. BROWN, 36900528, Private First Class, 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 Sadorus, Illinois.

WILBUR S. BROWN, 38656222, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 18 December 1944 to 30 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Centerville, Indiana.

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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:

ALLEN I. MCLEAN, 1918044, Staff Sergeant, 397th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 14 November 1944, in the vicinity of Bertrichamps, France. When heavy enemy fire from fortified positions behind barbed wire obstacles halted the progress of our troops, Sergeant McLean upon his own initiative began to work his way forward through the wire. Despite intense hostile fire which was concentrated upon him, he succeeded in clearing the obstacles, then rose to his feet and charged the positions. He was mortally wounded as he dashed forward, but by the courageous gallantry he thus displayed exemplified the highest traditions of the armed services. Next of kin: Betty L. McLean (wife), Okanogan, Washington.

SECTION II -- 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:

THEODORE H. HYLEY, 11103302, Technician Fourth Grade, 397th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 3 January 1945, in the vicinity of Kinding, France. While engaged in house-to-house fighting with infiltrating enemy infantry in the town of Kinding, Sergeant Hyley was fired upon by snipers concealed in a building which also housed American prisoners. Advancing across a hundred yards of open terrain, he courageously called upon the enemy troops to surrender, and when two hostile soldiers attempted to escape he killed one and wounded the other with accurate rifle fire, then disarmed the casualty and took him prisoner. He entered the building and, moving fearlessly from room to room, surprised and captured the eight hostile occupants and liberated five American prisoners. The resolution and intrepidity which he thus displayed reflected enormous credit upon himself. Entered military service from Hartford, Connecticut.

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 individuals:

BERNARD J. MCFADDEN, 12227044, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 12 April 1945, in the vicinity of Heilbronn, Germany. During the bitterly-fought engagement at Heilbronn, Germany, Private McFadden voluntarily left the comparative safety of his position to repair damage to a communication line between his mortar section and forward command post. Although hostile shell fire was highly intense, Private McFadden courageously made his way to the severed line and shortly thereafter communications were restored. When Private McFadden failed to return from his mission a patrol was sent to locate him. He was found holding the two wire lines together, having been fatally wounded by an enemy shell burst. His heroism in choosing to restore communications rather than return for medical aid is representative of the highest traditions in the Army of the United States. Next of kin: Hugh McFadden (Father), 230 Martense Street, Brooklyn, New York.

RICHARD C. MCKELLS, 33631899, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 13 November 1944, in the vicinity of Raon L'Etape,

France. While advancing through the Vosges mountains, the mortar squad of which Private Rennie was a member was counterattacked by strong enemy forces. Determined not to withdraw, Private Rennie ran across open terrain to a position from which he could place accurate fire on the attacking foe. His fire killed one, wounded two, and pinned the enemy down. Under cover of a mortar barrage, the enemy withdrew, regrouped and launched a second attack. Again Private Rennie took up his position and fired into the hostile forces. While so engaged, Private Rennie was killed by enemy fire at point blank range. His magnificent courage and unselfish devotion to duty enabled his company to organize and repel the counterattack. Next of kin: Ruth Rennie (mother), 1409 Willington Avenue, Richmond, Virginia.

EARL D. DAVIS, 24963823, Private, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 18 November 1944, in the vicinity of Raon L'Etape, France. When his platoon, advancing on hill 528, was held up by intense fire from concealed enemy positions, Private Davis voluntarily left his position of comparative safety and moved into the open, drawing the enemy's fire and permitting his comrades to destroy two thus-exposed hostile machine guns. Continuing the attack, the platoon was again immobilized by hostile fire. Again Private Davis went forward to draw the enemy's fire. While so engaged, he was hit and killed, but his action so inspired his comrades that they attacked and cleared out all resistance in the zone of advance. His courage and unselfish devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Next of kin: Lula S. Davis (mother), Helena, Tennessee.

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:

BRYAN G. DAVIS, 01958221, Second Lieutenant, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 19 November 1944, in the vicinity of Raon L'Etape, France. Assigned the mission of taking a strategic hill on the battalion's flank, Lieutenant Davis led two attacking platoons in a series of brilliant and successful maneuvers. When one platoon was immobilized by intense enemy fire, Lieutenant Davis personally moved forward, firing and shouting orders as he went, and thus inspired his men to continue their assault and eliminate the enemy's positions. During a savage counterattack, he kept the safety of his men to give direct and effective orders and to make sure of their execution. The heroic and inspiring leadership displayed by Lieutenant Davis enabled his men to take their objective and hold it in the face of a subsequent counterattack. Entered military service from Raleigh, North Carolina.

CLAUDE W. CRUSAN, 20843939, Technical Sergeant, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 5 April to 12 April 1945, in the vicinity of Heilbronn, Germany. During the bitter struggle for the key city of Heilbronn, Sergeant Crusan, leader of the battalion ammunition and pioneer platoon, was charged with the responsibility of ferrying supplies and casualties across the Neckar River under intense and concentrated enemy artillery and rocket bombardment. Although the intensity of enemy action made it almost impossible to launch and row boats across the stream, he succeeded by herculean efforts in supplying food, ammunition and equipment to the troops engaged on the far bank, and evacuated all casualties swiftly and efficiently. When one of his men was killed by sniper fire, Sergeant Crusan immediately took the man's place in one of the boats until a replacement was available. His determined and aggressive efforts contributed markedly to the success of our operations during this highly important engagement. Entered military service from Baltimore, Maryland.

CLEMENT R. CROWLEY, 37583907, Staff Sergeant, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 20 March 1945, in the vicinity of Klein Steinhäusen, Germany. When, during a night march, leading elements of the advance were immobilized by intense enemy machine gun fire, Sergeant Crowley maneuvered the lead man into position to furnish covering fire, and then advanced alone toward the hostile gun. Moving skillfully forward, Sergeant Crowley crawled, entirely unobserved, to within a few yards of the German machine gun and neutralized it with several hand grenades. The courage, initiative and aggressiveness displayed by Sergeant Crowley in this action enabled his company to continue its advance into the town. Entered military service from Avon, Minnesota.

JOHN W. QUALLS, 3861921, Staff Sergeant (then Private First Class), 397th Inf-

antry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 7 April 1945, in the vicinity of Heilbronn, Germany. During the bitter house-to-house fighting in the factory district of Heilbronn, Germany, Sergeant Qualls was manning a forward observation post from an upper story window when an advancing friendly rifle platoon encountered severe hostile automatic rifle fire. Observing that this sniper fire emanated from a nearby house, Sergeant Qualls immediately left the comparative safety of his building and rushing across an open area subjected to intense enemy artillery, mortar and rocket fire, he miraculously reached the house unscathed. Then, with continued courage, he sought out the sniper and after a furious fire fight during which he feigned death, he caught the enemy off guard and killed him, thereby enabling the rifle platoon to continue its advance more safely. Entered military service from Fort Worth, Texas.

FRANCIS A. QUINN, 42152335, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 11 April 1945, in the vicinity of Heilbronn, Germany. During bitter house-to-house fighting for the city of Heilbronn, the platoon of which Private Quinn was a member was halted by heavy fire from a building to the front. Dashing forward in the face of the enemy action, Private Quinn succeeded in entering the building through a window, then stood in full view of hostile troops to help his comrades make their way through the opening. His courageous and aggressive action was thus directly responsible for the capture of this strong point. Entered military service from Totterville, Staten Island, New York.

WILLIAM M. ROBEY, 33562060, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 3 April 1945, in the vicinity of Ittlingen, Germany. When the tank which was supporting his platoon was suddenly attacked by determined hostile forces, Private Robey immediately placed himself between the tank and the enemy, and began firing into the attackers. Although hit and seriously wounded, he remained in position and continued to engage the enemy until the tank could maneuver and, with its added firepower, ultimately repulse the attack. The magnificent courage and unselfish devotion to duty displayed by Private Robey are in keeping with the highest traditions of the Army of the United States. Entered military service from Burtonsville, Maryland.

GEORGE J. BURMETH, 53951129, Private First Class, 397th 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 Scranton, Pennsylvania.

THOMAS E. DONAHUE, 39152573, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 12 November 1944 to 3 January 1945, in Eastern France. Entered military service from Gaviota, California.

#### SECTION V -- 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:

JAMES A. CASSA, 38072235, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment, 24 December 1944. Entered military service from Laredo, Texas.

#### SECTION VI -- 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:

DANIEL F. SHAMON, 33592237, Technician Fifth Grade, 399th Infantry Regiment, 19 February 1945. Entered military service from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

ROBERT V. FLANIGAN, 32943391, Corporal, 399th Infantry Regiment, 20 April 1945. Entered military service from Ardenia, New York.

RONALD J. KAHN, 39872598, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, 26 April 1945. Entered military service from Lancaster, Pennsylvania.

ALBERT A. SCHMID, 02017764, Second Lieutenant, 399th Infantry Regiment, 6 January 1945. Entered military service from Cleveland, Ohio.

MALCOLM D. MAC GREGOR, 19201353, Staff Sergeant, 399th Infantry Regiment, 2 February 1945. Entered military service from Eugene, Oregon.

EDWARD J. SYDOR, 31420239, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, 31 January 1945. Entered military service from Auburn, Massachusetts.

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SECTION VII -- AWARD OF MEDICAL BADGE

Under the provisions of War Department Circular Number 66, dated 1 March 1945, the following named enlisted men, 325th Medical Battalion, are awarded the Medical Badge, effective 1 May 1945:

Pfc Norman C. Martin, 36862138, Co A  
Pfc Theodore I. Nigri, 32114815, Co A  
Pfc Isaac J. Rosen, 32593478, Co B

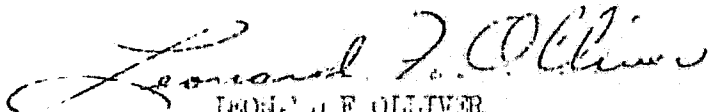
SECTION VIII -- RESCINDING OF AWARD OF PURPLE HEART

So much of Section II, General Orders Number 235, this headquarters, current series, as awards a Purple Heart to ALVIN LEMA, 38072035, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment, is rescinded. (See Section V, 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 each of the following named individuals:

KENNETH JOINER, 33000828, Staff Sergeant, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 2 January 1945, in the vicinity of Rimling, France. During an enemy night attack, when it became necessary to establish an alternate mortar observation post, Sergeant Joiner, section leader, immediately volunteered. Despite intense enemy artillery fire, and snipers who had infiltrated through our lines, Sergeant Joiner made his way to a position from which he could best direct his mortar fire; and then, although the hostile fire continued in intensity, he remained at his post and succeeded in inflicting heavy casualties upon the attacking forces. When several enemy riflemen broke through, Sergeant Joiner shot and killed three men, and took three others prisoner. His magnificent courage, aggressiveness and devotion to duty were of salient importance in repulsing the hostile thrusts. Entered military service from Concord, Tennessee.

FRANK A. TICHACEK, 12012723, First 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 New York, New York.

ROBERT E. DWYER, 15317411, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 11 November 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from River Forest, Illinois.

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 H. KLOH, 6657708, Sergeant, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 4 December 1944, in the vicinity of Wimmenau, France. After taking his objectives, Sergeant Kloh was engaged in setting up his squad's defenses when the enemy suddenly counterattacked his left flank. Despite the deadly hostile fire, he moved from man to man, maneuvering them and directing their fire. By virtue of his superb leadership, the attack was driven off with great losses to the enemy. In the course of this action Sergeant Kloh was wounded, but he refused to call for medical aid until the fire fight was over. When he finally called for medical help, it was too late and he died of his wounds. His magnificent courage, inspiring leadership and unwavering devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the Army of the United States. Next of kin: Henry Kloh (Father) 2297 Joyce Avenue, Columbus, Ohio.

JAMES E. AKERS, 35777194, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 11 March 1945, in the vicinity of Urbach, France. Private Akers was standing guard in defense of his company's area when he observed an enemy patrol disappearing into a nearby building. Although greatly outnumbered, he courageously ran towards the structure and by accurate rifle fire and the use of hand grenades wounded several of the enemy and forced the remainder to withdraw. Private Akers was fatally wounded the following day in a fiercely-fought fire fight. His heroism in singlehandedly attacking the hostile patrol is representative of the highest traditions in the Army of the United States. Next of kin: Virginia Akers (Mother), Ward, West Virginia.

ROBERT E. HERMAN, 36255530, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 12 November 1944, in the vicinity of Bertrichamps, France. When the company launched an attack upon a stubborn, well-fortified enemy,

Private Herman, as lead scout, moved out in front of the leading elements. When intense enemy fire immobilized the advance, Private Herman, by creeping and crawling, reached a position within grenade distance of the hostile forces. From this vantage point, he threw several grenades, and then fired his rifle at the enemy until he was mortally wounded. The conspicuous bravery and unflinching devotion to duty displayed by Private Herman saved his comrades from devastating enemy machine gun fire, and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Next of kin: Gladys C. Herman (Mother), 411 Meeker Street, Galena, Illinois.

MURRAY HORNSTEIN, 32680218, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 8 December 1944, in the vicinity of Montchouse, France. Given the mission of clearing out a house believed to be an enemy observation post for the artillery and mortar fire shelling the town, Private Hornstein, a newly appointed squad leader, realized the danger of a frontal attack, and held his squad in covered positions. He then moved forward alone, and while advancing, was killed by an enemy rifleman stationed in the house. Inspired by their leader's action, the squad took the initiative, and rushing the house from all sides, neutralized the hostile observation post. The magnificent courage and unselfish devotion to duty displayed by Private Hornstein are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Next of kin: Helen Hornstein (Wife), 2112 Honeywell Avenue, Bronx, New York.

ROBERT E. MAEHER, 38766256, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 8 November 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Next of kin: Fattie Maeher (Mother), 245 29th Street, Altoona, Pennsylvania.

#### 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:

HENRY V. MCCORKLE, JR., 3606634, Staff Sergeant (then Private First Class), 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 7 April 1945, in the vicinity of Keilbunn, Germany. Without food, water and sleep for two days, Sergeant McCorkle, a radio operator in a forward observation party, nevertheless continued to carry his radio and relay fire orders to his mortar section. When his leader collapsed from fatigue, and the enemy launched a series of counterattacks, Sergeant McCorkle, in the dual capacity of section leader and radio operator, climbed to the top of a nearby building in order to observe the enemy. Three times hostile machine gun and sniper fire forced him from his position, but he returned each time to direct accurate fire on the German forces who had penetrated our lines and advanced to within one hundred and fifty yards of his observation post. His fire killed ten enemy, wounded fifteen, and halted all enemy attacks. Sergeant McCorkle then bravely made his way back through a mortar barrage, and carried his section leader to safety. Entered military service from Pampa, Texas.

NESTOR BRAVO, 42180407, Sergeant (then Private), 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 13 April 1945, in the vicinity of Ober Heimriet, Germany. Sergeant Bravo, lead scout for his company's attack on Ober Heimriet, had entered the town and single-handedly captured two enemy when other enemy elements suddenly opened fire. Although his nearby companion was killed by a rocket shell burst and he himself was knocked to the ground, Sergeant Bravo swiftly turned his prisoners over to the proper individuals and set out to engage the hostile troops. During the heavy hostile fire, he heroically ran from house to house, ferreting out the enemy and materially reducing hostile resistance. As a result of his intrepid performance, he wounded at least six enemy, captured two more and was instrumental in driving the German troops from the town, thus achieving its surrender. Entered military service from New York, New York.

HOWARD H. BROWN, 34495860, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 8 January 1945, in the vicinity of Rimling, France. When his company received a severe counterattack on the left flank and the platoon, of which he was a member, began to withdraw, Private Brown remained in position to cover the movement. Although the enemy attack was strongly supported with tanks and artillery fire, Private Brown courageously remained in place, rapidly firing his weapon and taking a heavy toll of the enemy troops. Then, assuring himself that his comrades were safe, and realizing that his position was a death

trap, he withdrew to a nearby house and remained hidden until dawn, at which time he made his way back, under enemy fire, to friendly lines. Private Brown's intrepidity is representative of the highest military traditions. Entered military service from Banner Springs, Tennessee.

JAMES E. CHOATE, 35057795, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 13 April 1945, in the vicinity of Ober Weisriet, Germany. When intense enemy machine gun fire was encountered, Private Choate, acting squad leader, deployed his men and courageously set out alone to neutralize the weapon. Although subjected to direct enemy fire, he continued his intrepid advance until within a few yards of the gun, and, throwing several successive hand grenades into the nest, he completely destroyed the weapon and killed all the crew members. Thus, as a result of his indomitable bravery and heroism, Private Choate enabled his squad to renew its attack. Entered military service from Stamford, Illinois.

WILLIAM J. KING, JR., 36977977, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 5 April 1945, in the vicinity of Heilbronn, Germany. While moving forward through open, heavily-mined and fire-swept terrain, Private King and his company encountered a well-entrenched enemy whose fire immobilized the attack and inflicted heavy casualties upon his comrades. Discarding the enemy position, Private King, firing his automatic rifle from the hip, ran across terrain exposed to hostile machine gun and mortar fire in an attempt to divert the enemy and allow the leading squad to reorganize. Although wounded, he crawled fifty additional yards to a fox hole, from which position his fire and accurately-thrown hand grenades dispersed the German defenders. His personal daring and unselfish devotion to duty prevented numerous casualties, and allowed his company to continue its attack and take the objective. Entered military service from Detroit, Michigan.

SAMUEL WINTERSTEIN, 3209543, Warrant Officer Junior Grade, 397th Infantry Regiment, 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.

JOSEPH E. CORCORAN, 32379561, First Sergeant, 397th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations during the period 15 February 1945 to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Magneth, Long Island, New York.

HENRY D. POWELL, 3860455, Technical Sergeant, 397th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 8 November 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Cassville, Arkansas.

CECIL E. SHERCLER, 18195559, 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 Lawton, Oklahoma.

THOMAS S. BURN, 37582011, 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 Ely, Minnesota.

JACQUES E. ROTLERER, 36429000, Sergeant, 397th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 8 November 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Bloomington, Illinois.

JOEL J. CLOSE, 34836854, Technical Sergeant, 397th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in support of combat operations during the period 11 November 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Pottsville, Pennsylvania.

GEORGE FILIOGLIOS, 31236163, Corporal, 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 Somerville, Massachusetts.

CLIFFORD R. TURNER, 34435623, Corporal, 397th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 19 January 1945 to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Mason, Tennessee.

EDWARD COLLETTI, 31402523, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 20 January 1945 to 30 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Ferris, Vermont.

LEWIS E. TRENBLE, 39471590, 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 Hammond, Oregon.

JAMES R. LANG, 35723761, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 11 November 1944 to 27 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

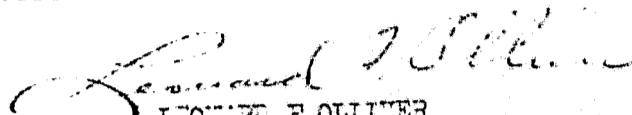
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JOHN G. SCHIER, JR., 5850762, Private First Class, 307th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 30 March 1945 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Portsmouth, Ohio.

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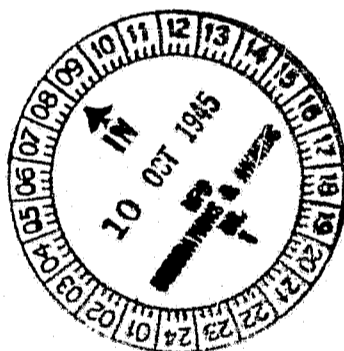
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SECTION I -- AWARD OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO BRONZE STAR MEDAL

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:

ROBERT J. BOHIGIAN, 02035590, Second Lieutenant (then Staff Sergeant), 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 2 March 1945, in the vicinity of Hottviller, France. The night patrol which Lieutenant Bohigian voluntarily accompanied as a mortar observer and radio operator, had killed two enemy and captured a wounded third enemy and started back for friendly lines when it encountered severe cross fire from two enemy machine guns. While his companions continued on their way, Lieutenant Bohigian remained with the stricken prisoner and despite his precarious position, directed friendly mortar fire by radio with such accuracy that both German weapons were neutralized. Then, burdened with the prisoner and his radio, he made his way back to his company and released his captive for questioning. Lieutenant Bohigian's outstanding heroism is representative of the highest military traditions. Entered military service from Worcester, Massachusetts.

NICHOLAS J. FACCI, 38731755, Staff Sergeant, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 3 April 1945, in the vicinity of Plochingen, Germany. Shortly after his rifle company captured a hill overlooking Plochingen, Sergeant Facci, squad leader, was ordered to establish his men in defensive positions. While thus engaged enemy fire increased and he was wounded by a machine gun bullet. Suspecting a German counterattack, Sergeant Facci refused to be evacuated and shortly thereafter the enemy counterattacked in force. With outstanding sagacity, he waited until the enemy advanced to within fifty yards of his lines and then issued a fire order. The close range firing of his squad's weapons completely demoralized the Germans and they abandoned their assault. Sergeant Facci then permitted his evacuation. His initiative and bravery earned the respect and admiration of his entire company. Entered military service from Johnstown, Pennsylvania.

MAYNARD A. DOVEL, 36891687, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 9 April 1945, in the vicinity of Heilbronn, Germany. When an important wire line became damaged by hostile shellfire, Private Dovel and a companion voluntarily advanced deep into enemy-infested territory where they discovered the break. While Private Dovel engaged in the necessary repairs his comrade covered him. When suddenly fired upon by an enemy automatic weapon Private Dovel started for cover but when bullets struck around him he showed great presence of mind by falling to the ground as if dead. Then, with eyes wide open, he carefully watched for any movement by the enemy. Upon observing two Germans approaching, he sprang to his feet and firing his carbine, killed one enemy while his hidden companion killed the other. Thus, by his singular resourcefulness and bravery, Private Dovel was able to complete his mission. Entered military service from Baltimore, Maryland.

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:

RICHARD C. CHAPMAN, JR., 14148017, Sergeant, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 7 December 1944, in the vicinity of Mouterhouse, France. When his company became immobilized by heavy hostile machine gun fire, Sergeant Chapman, acting mortar squad leader, courageously led his men over fire-swept terrain for one hundred yards to achieve an improved firing point for his weapon. Then, crawling forward alone for fifty yards under intense sniper fire he chose a vantage point and began to direct fire on the enemy machine gun nest. His accurate calculations resulted in the swift destruction of the weapon and thus by his heroic action, his company was able to renew its advance. Sergeant Chapman was killed in a subsequent engagement. His bravery and initiative are representative of the highest traditions in the Army of the United States. Next of kin: Richard C. Chapman, Sr. (Father), RFD #4, Morganton, North Carolina.

MILLER J. KOSTAL, 36318550, Technician Fourth Grade, Medical Detachment, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 5 December 1944, in the vicinity of Ingwiller, France. Acting against orders, Sergeant Kostal left his covered position and braved intense enemy artillery and small arms fire in order to go to the aid of a wounded man. After he had reached the casualty and had dressed his wounds, Sergeant Kostal was caught in the crossfire of hostile machine guns and was killed. The supreme courage and magnificent devotion to the welfare of the fighting man displayed by Sergeant Kostal saved the life of a wounded man, and reflect the noblest traditions of the Army Medical Corps. Next of kin: Mary Kostal (Mother), 2424 South 61st Court, Cicero, Illinois.

CARL C. DEN HARTOG, 37251063, Corporal, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 6 April 1945, in the vicinity of Heilbronn, Germany. During the bitter house-to-house fighting in the key railway city of Heilbronn, Corporal Den Hartog's squad became immobilized by intense enemy small arms fire. Assuming the duties of first scout, Corporal Den Hartog courageously crawled forward alone in an attempt to locate the hostile positions. After advancing for fifty yards he observed two snipers and although he killed one he was seriously wounded by the other. Despite his painful injuries he managed to inform his squad of the remaining sniper's position, thus enabling his companions to direct devastating fire on the enemy, killing him. Corporal Den Hartog later succumbed to his wounds. His indomitable bravery and initiative is representative of the finest traditions in the Army of the United States. Next of kin: Henrietta Den Hartog (Mother), Route Two (#2), New Sharon, Iowa.

JOHN A. HECKMAN, 3648169, Private, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 14 April 1945, in the vicinity of Oberheinriet, Germany. During a determined enemy attack, Private Heckman's squad was providing overhead fire for two other squads which were working their way to a position from which they could repel the attacking foe. Moving from his foxhole to an exposed position which gave him a better view of the enemy, Private Heckman continued to fire until he was killed by hostile mortar fire. His outstanding courage and unselfish devotion to duty served as an inspiration for the rest of his squad, who remained in position and were instrumental in beating off the enemy. Next of kin: Elizabeth H. Heckman (Mother), 611 Avenue "C", Sterling, Illinois.

#### SECTION III -- AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

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

CHARLES M. BOUCHARD, 39415333, Staff Sergeant, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 5 April 1945, in the vicinity of Heilbronn, Germany. While his company was preparing to force a bridgehead across the fire-swept Neckar River, an intense concentration of enemy mortar, rocket and artillery shell fire endangered the entire command; and, Sergeant Bouchard was wounded by a shell fragment. Although painfully injured, he courageously crawled into open terrain to assist two wounded comrades and while thus engaged was in-

jured a second time. Despite this, he refused to stop his efforts and managed to reach and assist one of the stricken men. Sergeant Bouchard's outstanding heroism is representative of the highest traditions in the Army of the United States. Entered military service from Standish, California.

JAMES F. CONNER, 34497176, Staff Sergeant (then Private First Class), 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 20 April 1945, in the vicinity of Backnang, Germany. During a night motor march when communications were silent, it became necessary to contact the leading elements of the task force. Although realizing that many enemy pockets of resistance were probable, Sergeant Conner, then transportation corporal, volunteered for the mission and immediately set out. Upon approaching a road fork he was fired upon. Leaving his vehicle and taking cover in a ditch, he quietly waited until he determined the location of the enemy position. Then, courageously crawling to within ten yards of the enemy, he opened fire and single-handedly assaulted the nest. As a result of his intrepid action he killed one enemy, wounded another and completely neutralized the German position. Entered military service from Concord, Tennessee.

EUGENE J. DENNEY, 13204309, Staff Sergeant, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 19 November 1944, in the vicinity of Raon L'Etape, France. When the rifle platoon in which he was a squad leader became immobilized by heavy hostile fire, Sergeant Denney voluntarily set out with a three man patrol to locate the concealed enemy positions. Courageously crawling forward for seventy-five yards under intense enemy fire he observed the German emplacements from a distance of one hundred yards. Then, by a man to man relay system he called for adjusting artillery fire and although wounded by a sniper while thus engaged his expert calculations resulted in the destruction of the German positions. Sergeant Denney then returned to his own lines for medical treatment. His initiative and bravery exemplifies the highest traditions in the Army of the United States. Entered military service from East Orange, New Jersey.

EUGENE J. HUELSKAMP, 6831190, Staff Sergeant, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 22 April 1945, in the vicinity of Altbach, Germany. When his platoon was fired upon by a concealed enemy automatic weapon, Sergeant Huelskamp voluntarily went forward to locate the gun. Unable to find the hostile positions, he bravely stood up and drew fire upon himself, thus locating the foe's machine gun. Then, crawling across the fire-swept terrain, he skillfully worked his way to the enemy stronghold and, with grenade in hand, sprang into the parapet. Throwing the grenade, he killed one of the enemy and stunned two others whom he took prisoner, thus capturing the strongpoint and destroying the gun. Sergeant Huelskamp's daring singlehanded action in the face of deadly hostile fire won him the respect and admiration of his comrades and his leaders. Entered military service from St. Louis, Missouri.

JOHN J. LUBRANO, 33483960, Staff Sergeant, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 9 December 1944, in the vicinity of Mouternouse, France. In order to reach its objective, Sergeant Lubrano's squad was forced to cross one hundred yards of open terrain. Running across the field in advance of his squad, and firing as he went, Sergeant Lubrano diverted the enemy's fire from his squad. Without hesitation, he then entered the first building which housed an enemy force, and cleared it. Despite the heavy enemy artillery and small arms fire, he cleared building after building virtually single-handedly. After capturing the last structure in his zone, he made a thorough reconnaissance to determine that no enemy was left undiscovered. Sergeant Lubrano's courageous action and gallant leadership were directly responsible for the success of the attack. Entered military service from Paulsboro, New Jersey.

RUDOLPH T. HOLDER, 34464545, Technician Fifth Grade, Headquarters Company, 100th Infantry Division, for meritorious service in support of combat operations during the period 1 November 1944 to 8 May 1945,

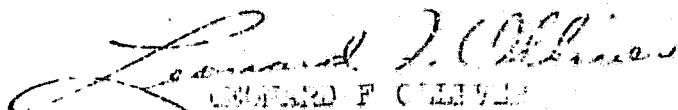
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SECTION I -- POSTHUMOUS AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

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

JESS W. SAUERBREI, 01286008, First Lieutenant, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 8 December 1944, in the vicinity of Mouterhouse, France. During an attack, when the company in which Lieutenant Sauerbrei was a weapons platoon leader was advancing toward an important road junction, the enemy unleashed intense concentrations of artillery, mortar and small arms fire. Despite the hostile fire, Lieutenant Sauerbrei personally searched out suitable machine gun positions, and then deployed his men so as to furnish maximum fire in support of the rifle troops. While engaged in moving a forward machine gun section, Lieutenant Sauerbrei was killed by enemy artillery. His outstanding courage and unselfish devotion to duty were inspirational to all his men, and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Next of kin: Mildred J. Sauerbrei (Wife), 855 Fairview Street, East Liverpool, Ohio.

JAMES P. GRIMES, 35257961, Staff Sergeant, 397th Infantry Regiment. Next of kin: Maxine W. Grimes (Wife), Route Number One, Salem, Indiana.  
CHESTER S. MERRILL, JR., 31363503, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment. Next of kin: Frances Merrill (Mother), 38 Whitney Road, Newtonville, Massachusetts.

For heroic achievement in action on 6 April 1945, in the vicinity of Heilbronn, Germany. During the fighting in the factory district of Heilbronn, Sergeant Grimes' squad was cut off from the rest of the platoon by enemy machine gun fire across an open alleyway. Realizing that only by crossing the alley would they be able to rejoin their platoon Sergeant Grimes and Private Merrill voluntarily moved ahead of the squad to determine if a crossing could possibly be made. Realizing the great danger, they nevertheless crawled into the open and had hardly started across, when the enemy opened fire, killing them both instantly. Consequently, the squad remained in position until nightfall when they crossed unobserved. The magnificent courage, devotion to duty, and self-sacrifice displayed by these two men are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

LESTER A. ABBOTT, 14019617, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment. Next of kin: Josephine Abbott (Mother), 1016 East Locust Street, Scranton, Pennsylvania.

JOSEPH J. JASINSKI, 36565722, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment. Next of kin: Amilia Jasinski (Mother), 6118 Huber Street, Detroit, Michigan.

For heroic achievement in action on 1 April 1945, in the vicinity of Wiesloch, Germany. When our attacking elements moved into a large open field, the enemy unleashed a severe artillery barrage. Spotting the hostile artillery observer, Private Abbott raced toward the position, firing his rifle as he advanced. Knocked down by the explosion of a shell, he got up to move again, but was killed by a second shell. Seeing his comrade fall, Private Jasinski immediately jumped to his feet, and, firing his automatic rifle, ran toward the enemy. When he emptied the magazine, he calmly reloaded in plain view of the foe, and resumed firing. His first burst killed the enemy observer, but Private Jasinski was himself killed a few seconds later by the explosion of two shells. The extraordinary courage, daring and aggressiveness displayed by these men contributed immeasurably to the success of the operation.

ANTHONY J. GONSALVES, 31455762, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 16 December 1944, in the vicinity of Camp de Bitche, France. Due to the nature of the terrain the enemy had excellent observation of the supply route of one of our rifle companies and it became impractical to use a supply vehicle. Although realizing the grave danger involved, Private Gonsalves voluntarily set out on foot for the front lines with a load of critically needed ammunition. When hostile shellfire started to fall in the area he courageously chose to continue on his way but before reaching his destination was killed by a direct shellburst. Private Gonsalves' outstanding heroism and devotion to duty is representative of the finest traditions in the Army of the United States. Next of kin: Mary Gonsalves (Mother), 1158 Central Street, Stoughton, 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:

DANTE GRANITO, 6709606, First Sergeant, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 13 November 1944, in the vicinity of Raon L'Etape, France. During a strong enemy counterattack, Sergeant Granito had voluntarily led a carrying party to a supply point and was returning to the front lines with critically needed ammunition and food when suddenly fired upon by an infiltrating enemy combat patrol. Exposing himself to the hostile fire in order to crawl to another position where he could fire on the enemy and also direct the fire of his men, Sergeant Granito was wounded by mortar fire. Despite his pain he continued his efforts and managed to reach a vantage point. Then, with the combined fire of he and his men, two Germans were killed and the remainder driven away. Sergeant Granito was then evacuated by two of his men while the others, as a result of his heroic action, were able to complete the mission. Entered military service from Clifton, New Jersey.

BENNIE B. RAY, 6344890, Technical Sergeant, 397th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from Lanett, Alabama.

WILLIAM L. KERR, 33076827, Staff Sergeant, 397th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from Alturtis, Pennsylvania.

For heroic achievement in action on 16 April 1945, in the vicinity of Mustenrot, Germany. While clearing the enemy out of one section of town, the platoon of which these men were members was immobilized by fire from an enemy machine gun. Spotting the gun, these two men began to advance across an open field, and, by fire and movement, were able to reach a position near enough to the hostile emplacement to engage the foe. Their fire killed one, wounded another, and enabled them to take two enemy prisoners. By virtue of this display of courage and aggressiveness, a threat to the entire battalion was removed, and the advance through town continued unabated.

WILLIAM P. BEDARD, 32664965, Sergeant, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 19 November 1944, in the vicinity of Raon L'Etape, France. During a strong enemy counterattack in the Vosges Mountains, Sergeant Bedard, leader of a machine gun section, and his men became isolated from their company. When enemy machine gun fire caused several casualties he bravely moved forward under heavy hostile fire and although wounded, continued his advance until close enough to hurl a hand grenade which neutralized the weapon. Returning to his men, Sergeant Bedard ordered them to withdraw while he himself remained behind to furnish covering fire. Although eventually captured, he heroically held the enemy back, enabling his men to reach friendly positions. He was eventually liberated by friendly troops. His intrepid performance is representative of the highest military traditions. Entered military service from Hoosick Falls, New York.

JOHN R. CLMSTED, 37613251, Sergeant, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 1 December 1944, in the vicinity of Wimmenau, France. When his company became cut off from the rest of the battalion, Sergeant Clmsted volunteered to lead a three-man patrol

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to probe the hostile positions. Moving forward, he was detected and fired on by an armored vehicle spearheading an enemy attack. Although two of his comrades were wounded by the initial burst of fire, Sergeant Olmsted engaged the enemy with his automatic rifle and succeeded in disabling the counterattacking forces. He then rendered skillful first aid to the seriously wounded men, and helped them back to friendly lines. His prompt and courageous action saved the lives of two men, and allowed his company to consolidate its gains and removed the threat to the remainder of the battalion. Entered military service from Huron, South Dakota.

JAMES P. BIETERMAN, 35754470, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from Mannington, West Virginia.

JOHN L. PAPPALARDO, 32630233, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from Elmsford, New York.

For heroic achievement in action on 18 November 1944, in the vicinity of Raon l'Etape, France. When entrenched enemy automatic weapons fire immobilized their platoon, Privates Bieterman and Pappalardo, acting as right flank security, courageously crawled forward one hundred yards to a vantage point. Then, although subjected to hostile fire, they directed a steady stream of bullets into the German positions, killing two enemy and wounding two others. Both were wounded in the action but with unrelenting fury, continued their aggressive tactics. Unable to move, Private Bieterman fired his weapon in support of Private Pappalardo who killed two more enemy and forced the remainder to withdraw. Private Pappalardo then administered first aid to Private Bieterman and himself and carried his companion back to friendly positions. The heroic and intrepid performance of these two men is representative of the highest traditions in the Army of the United States.

JOSEPH BOTTO, 31429026, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 8 April 1945, in the vicinity of Heilbronn, Germany. During the bitter street fighting in Heilbronn, a machine gun in Private Botto's section became subjected to German sniper fire, greatly reducing its operating effectiveness. Unable to determine the direction from which this enemy fire was emanating, Private Botto deliberately exposed himself to the danger by setting up his machine gun in the middle of the street. The enemy immediately fired upon him and thus learning the sniper's location, he directed devastating fire on the position, killing the sniper and thereby removing the serious threat to his companions. Private Botto's intrepid action is in keeping with the highest military traditions. Entered military service from Rockland, Massachusetts.

RAUL DOMINGUEZ, 39705170, Private First Class, Medical Detachment, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 9 January 1945, in the vicinity of Rimling, France. During the uphill attack of our forces against strongly entrenched German positions, several casualties occurred from highly intensified enemy artillery, mortar and small arms fire. Although the hill on which these stricken men lay was under direct hostile observation, and the enemy fire failed to lessen, Private Dominguez, acting as a litter bearer, repeatedly exposed himself to this grave danger to treat and evacuate the wounded men. His incomparable courage and devotion to duty did not falter even when four of his companion litter bearers were wounded; and, not until the last injured man was evacuated did he consent to leave the scene of action. His heroism is in keeping with the finest Army Medical Corps traditions. Entered military service from Torrance, California.

JOHN G. GROUT, 39343132, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 4 December 1944, in the vicinity of Rothbach, Germany. During our attack on Hill 375 near Rothbach, Private GROUT's company was forced to temporarily withdraw due to heavy hostile mortar, artillery and small arms fire. When two men were wounded in the movement, Private GROUT volunteered to lead a small group back into the fire-swept area and attempt a rescue of

their stricken companions. After proceeding part way up the hill he ordered his men to take cover. Then, advancing alone at great personal risk, he reached the wounded men but found them both dead. While attempting to return to safety he was seriously wounded, but managed to crawl to cover, and then was evacuated. Private Grout's outstanding heroism and willingness to risk his life for the sake of his comrades is representative of the finest traditions in the Army of the United States. Entered military service from Portland, Oregon.

RODNEY P. GUAY, 31254780, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 4 April 1945, in the vicinity of Heilbronn, Germany. When his company was spearheading the attack on the fiercely defended city, it encountered a vicious barrage of panzerfaust and rifle fire from the first buildings in town. Dashing ahead of the leading elements, and firing his rifle as he went, Private Guay reached a building from which he was able to pin down the enemy snipers stationed at windows. Despite the danger, he remained in this exposed position and continued to fire until the remainder of his unit entered the buildings. As a result of Private Guay's magnificent courage and devotion to duty serious casualties in the company's approach were averted; and, his comrades were able to enter the buildings and wipe out all resistance. Entered military service from Woodsville, New Hampshire.

ROBERT W. NYCEK, 31252564, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 15 December 1944, in the vicinity of Wimmenau, France. When his company was counterattacked by an enemy force supported by two machine guns, Private Nycek left the comparative security of his shelter and, under the cover of darkness, ventured into the enemy lines. Spotting the hostile weapons, Private Nycek returned through the enemy positions, and contacting friendly forces, relayed his information. His report of the location of the enemy emplacements was so accurate that when artillery fire was brought to bear, both guns were destroyed. The outstanding courage and initiative displayed by Private Nycek were directly responsible for allowing his company to launch a successful attack. Entered military service from Middletown, Connecticut.

JAMES K. THOMSON, 19209697, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 7 April 1945, in the vicinity of Heilbronn, Germany. While engaged in a fire fight, Private Thomson's squad was encircled by enemy troops who had infiltrated through a tunnel. Sensing the seriousness of the situation, Private Thomson crawled approximately one hundred yards to a position from which he could lay down accurate and deadly automatic rifle fire. Waiting until the hostile forces came within twenty-five yards of him, Private Thomson then opened fire, killing two and forcing one officer and eight enlisted men to surrender. By virtue of his magnificent courage, initiative and aggressive action, the threat to his squad was removed, and Private Thomson won the respect and admiration of all his comrades. Entered military service from Morgan, Utah.

CHARLES K. WATKINS, 37745261, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 4 April 1945, in the vicinity of Heilbronn, Germany. When the forward platoon was immobilized by intense enemy artillery and small arms fire, Private Watkins, first scout in another platoon, was told to lead his squad in an attempt to effect a rescue. After advancing twenty yards, his own platoon was immobilized by hostile machine gun fire. Creeping forward, Private Watkins assumed an exposed position and fired two rifle grenades, blowing one of the machine guns apart. He then crawled behind some rubble and drew the fire of a second machine gun. This daring action thus exposed the foe's position, and Private Watkins immediately directed his squad's fire upon it, forcing seven enemy soldiers to surrender. The personal courage and skillful leadership displayed by Private Watkins enabled both platoons to continue the advance. Entered military service from Gilman City, Missouri.

STUART H. ELYDENBURGH, 15120895, Private, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 12 November 1944, in the vicinity



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of Raon L'Etape, France. While advancing through heavily wooded terrain, the platoon to which Private Blydenburgh was assigned as an automatic rifleman, became immobilized by heavy hostile machine gun and rifle fire. Realizing the seriousness of the situation, Private Blydenburgh stood straight up, deliberately exposing himself to draw the enemy fire. Then, moving forward at great personal risk, he fired his weapon into the German positions with uncanny accuracy, the effectiveness of which considerably lessened the enemy fire and enabled his platoon to once more advance. As a result of his outstanding heroism, Private Blydenburgh was instrumental in the ultimate neutralization of all the German positions in that sector. Entered military service from Delaware, Ohio.

RICHARD C. YOUNG, 42165242, Private, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 17 April 1945, in the vicinity of Mustenrot, Germany. As first scout during an attack, Private Young came upon an open field six hundred yards wide and fearlessly began moving across the field in order to determine the location of enemy machine guns. Although wounded before he crossed the barren terrain, Private Young continued to crawl forward until he could pick out the enemy positions. He then relayed the information to his company by firing tracer ammunition, and in so doing enabled his unit to bring mortar fire on the hostile emplacements, thus completely neutralizing them. Private Young's magnificent courage and devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the Army of the United States. Entered military service from Massena, New York.

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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:

RAINY C. McCURM, 022643, Lieutenant Colonel (then Major), 398th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 19 April 1945 and 20 April 1945, in the vicinity of Murrhardt, Germany. When a roadblock delayed the swift progress of the combat team under his command, Lieutenant Colonel McCrum courageously continued the advance in his vehicle without infantry or tank protection. Encountering hostile fire outside the village, he called for armored and infantry forces and personally led the attack upon the town, disregarding the intensity of enemy fire to point out hostile positions and strong points. The town cleared, a second roadblock was encountered, and Lieutenant Colonel McCrum unhesitatingly turned his vehicle toward an alternate route, traveled through enemy-infested territory and succeeded in reaching the assigned objective. His gallant and aggressive leadership was largely responsible for clearing hostile forces from an area of fifty square kilometers. Entered military service from Brunswick, Maine.

WELBY M. ZEHNER, 020822, Lieutenant Colonel, 399th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 9 January 1945, in the vicinity of Lombach, France. When one of his companies became immobilized by heavy hostile fire during a large scale attack, Colonel Zehner, battalion commander and then acting regimental commander, realizing that further delay would endanger his battalion's flank, climbed into the lead supporting tank and driving himself, went far out in advance of his troops. Directing the fire of his tank gunners, he had reduced several enemy positions, when the vehicle skidded and stalled against a tree. Ten enemy approached but Colonel Zehner boldly confronted and captured them singlehandedly. Ordering the tank to join its own group, Colonel Zehner then courageously walked his prisoners through sporadic fire to friendly lines. Inspired by his brilliant leadership and intrepidity, Colonel Zehner's troops, now cognizant of the enemy's strength, attacked with success, assured full protection to the battalion's flank and achieved their objective on schedule. Entered United States Military Academy from Indiana.

JAMES W. O'NEAL, JR., 01105073, Major, 325th Engineer Combat Battalion, for gallantry in action on 18 December 1944 to 20 December 1944, in the vicinity of Bitche, France. When several attempts by infantry and engineer demolition squads failed to neutralize the chain of mutually supporting fortifications of the Maginot Line, Major O'Neal personally took a demolition charge and made his way to one of the pillboxes alone. Despite continuous artillery fire, he placed the charge in the muzzle of an enemy 75 millimeter gun and destroyed it. Realizing the futility of a frontal assault, he then employed a tank-dozer, and taking complete charge of the operation, despite being in full view of the entrenched Germans, he directed it in completely covering the front of the fort with dirt, thus burying the occupants. The tank-dozer was subsequently damaged and the plan had to be abandoned, but Major O'Neal's courage, personal daring and initiative contributed greatly to the success of the operation. Entered military service from Chattanooga, Tennessee.

CHARLES T. GILMER, 33810797, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 17 April 1945, in the vicinity of Wustenrot, Germany. During the furious fighting in Wustenrot, Private Gilmer, a rifleman, observed that a friendly crew member of a burning tank was unable to escape through the hatch because of rapidly spreading flames. In complete defiance of the searing flames and intense enemy fire he swiftly climbed upon the stricken vehicle and miraculously rescued the endangered tankman. Then, he courageously carried the badly burned victim over bullet-swept terrain for three hundred yards to an evacuation point.

Private Gilmer again displayed outstanding gallantry the same evening when he voluntarily accompanied a patrol to rescue a wounded man who lay dead in enemy territory. He was instrumental in the success of this hazardous mission. Entered military service from Jonkintown, Pennsylvania.

MATTHEW T. MARTIN, 31399465, Private First Class, Medical Detachment, 399th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 10 April 1945, in the vicinity of Heilbronn, Germany. During the furious Heilbronn fighting, Private Martin, an aid man was administering medical treatment to several wounded men near a bridgehead on the Neckar River when he observed that ten full gasoline cans were afire. Realizing that an explosion would further injure his patients, he swiftly ran to the blazing containers and threw them into the river. Then, although his hands were badly burned, he proceeded with the help of another man to load two wounded companions into a boat. Despite the intense pain of his injuries he assisted in rowing across the hostile shell-swept water to the far bank where he and the other wounded were evacuated. Private Martin's indomitable courage and intrepidity is representative of the highest Army Medical Corps traditions. Entered military service from Portland, Maine.

SECTION II -- ALARD 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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BENJAMIN V. BENNETT, 3311095, Lieutenant Colonel, 399th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 12 January 1945 to 8 May 1945 in France and Germany. Entered military service from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

RAULPH S. COX, 34802550, 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 Killen, Alabama.

DAVID H. SWIFT, 31367544, Staff Sergeant, 399th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 1 November 1944 to 23 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Boston, Massachusetts.

SECTION III -- ALARD 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 J. MISSEWA, 01317716, First Lieutenant, 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 Muskegon, Michigan.

WILLIAM J. CATTRELL, 31237586, Staff Sergeant, 397th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 1 November 1944 to 20 November 1944, in Eastern France. Entered military service from Dorchester, Massachusetts.

CHESTER A. KIDALOSKI, 33460350, 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 Old Forge, Pennsylvania.

PEARL DALEMBERG, 39133685, 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 Hill Valley, California.

JOSEPH J. FLEMING, 32856747, 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 Beacon, New York.

JAMES E. JELUSIC, 32527930, 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 Bronx, New York.

JOHN H. MASTRACCO, 42127948, 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 Rome, New York.

BENJAMIN W. RAYNALS, 16175354, 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 Morris, Illinois.

GEORGE J. WATERS, 35248144, 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 Sullivan, Indiana.

MARTIN G. ANDREWS, 11067513, Private First Class, 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 Gardner, Massachusetts.

GEORGE D. LEM, 35261401, Private First Class, 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 Corbonglow, Kentucky.

JUL L. BOHS, 33019364, Private First Class, 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 Cresson, Pennsylvania.

JOSEPH A. BPELUX, 33485382, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 19 January 1945 to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Youngsville, Louisiana.

BERLAN R. CARUWALL, 31302197, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 19 November 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Hyde Park, Massachusetts.

MARY D. CONBOY, 33787007, Private First Class, 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 Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

WILFRED C. DOMINQUE, 31232451, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 19 November 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Pascoag, Rhode Island.

MARTIN B. NILOT, 37744478, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 28 November 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Kansas City, Missouri.

OSCAR F. BRICKSON, 38235910, Private First Class, 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 Fort Worth, Texas.

WESLEY J. BRICKSON, 16157719, Private First Class, 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 Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

PAUL R. GORFF, 39041347, Private First Class, 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 San Francisco, California.

ROY H. HOEISCHER, 33784538, Private First Class, 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 Lott, Texas.

GERALD C. MADIGAN, 36847200, Private First Class, 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 Detroit, Michigan.

JAMES B. MCGILL, 30930756, 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 Degmar, Montana.

DONALD C. FETHAS, 37311264, Private First Class, 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 Thunder Hawk, South Dakota.

MARVIN J. WYVENEY, 37503560, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 10 March 1945 to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Cawker City, Kansas.

PAUL E. GROPPER, JR., 11711826, Private, 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 Wilmington, Delaware.

#### 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 the following named individual for wounds received as a result of enemy action:

RICHARD E. KUTCHERA, 35922941, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment, 18 April 1945. Entered military service from Cleveland, Ohio.

#### 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:

ALFRED R. CHIUSANO, 32308056, Staff Sergeant, 398th Infantry Regiment, 6 April 1945. Entered military service from Cliffside, New Jersey.

JOSEPH J. VENTINIGLIA, 32655278, Staff Sergeant, 397th Infantry Regiment, 16 March 1945. Entered military service from Brooklyn, New York.

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WILLIAM KOMAR, 35243362, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, 10 December 1944. Entered military service from Bedford, Ohio.

RICHARD SPIELMAN, 36990396, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, 2 February 1945. Entered military service from Freeport, Illinois.

SECTION VI -- RESCISSION OF AWARD OF SILVER STAR

So much of Section I, General Orders Number 83, this headquarters, current series, as awards a Silver Star to JAMES S. HOWARD, 01998062, Second Lieutenant, 374th Field Artillery Battalion, is rescinded.

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By direction of th. President, under the provisions of Section IV, Circular Number 333, War Department, 1943, and with the approval of the Army Commander, the following named organizations are cited for outstanding performance of duty in action:

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THE SECOND BATTALION, 397TH INFANTRY REGIMENT, is cited for outstanding accomplishment in combat during the period 4 April 1945 to 12 April 1945, at Heilbronn, Germany. On 4 April the Second Battalion launched its frontal assault against Heilbronn, key German rail center and defensive bastion of the Neckar River line. Ferrying assault forces across the Neckar under intense concentrations of artillery and mortar shelling as well as small arms fire, advance elements over-ran entrenched enemy positions on the east bank, inflicted heavy casualties and established a precarious bridgehead. For seven days the battalion then fought its way forward street-by-street, house-by-house and even room-by-room, overcoming fanatical enemy resistance and repulsing counter-attack after counter-attack as the enemy struggled desperately to hold Heilbronn at all costs. Enemy artillery on dominating hills surrounding the city pounded the river crossing site with unabating savagery, preventing the bridging of the stream and making it necessary to ferry supplies and casualties across the Neckar throughout the battle. Attempts to float armor across the river failed when improvised rafts capsized and, lacking tank support, the battalion doggedly inched its way forward until, on 11 April, final remnants of the defending forces were routed from high ground behind the city. Thus the Second Battalion, by dint of resolute, unflinching courage displayed by every man and the perfect coordination of all elements, crushed fanatical enemy resistance, breached the formidable Neckar defense line, and made possible the subsequent drive into Austria.

BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER GENERAL TYCHSEN:

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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:

TIBERT W. JONES, 02010681, Second Lieutenant (then Sergeant), 397th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 7 December 1944, in the vicinity of Mouterhouse, France. Leading his squad in an advance across open, fire-swept terrain, Lieutenant Jones received three abdominal wounds from hostile machine gun fire. Although suffering intense pain and weakened by nausea and loss of blood, he dragged two wounded comrades from the line of fire, then supported by two of his men, continued the assault upon the objective. His heroic personal courage and devotion to duty thus contributed immeasurably to the success of our operations, and exemplified the highest traditions of the armed services. Entered military service from Mexico, Missouri.

ROBERT L. REYNOLDS, 36950954, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 7 April 1945, in the vicinity of Gagernberg, Germany. When two hostile machine gun emplacements subjected our advancing troops to a deadly cross-fire which inflicted numerous casualties, Private Reynolds, an automatic rifleman, charged the nearest position, firing his weapon as he ran forward. Concussion from a hostile shellburst threw him to the ground, but he quickly regained his feet and continued his assault, killing the enemy gunner and forcing remaining members of the crew to abandon their position. His gallant and aggressive action, at immeasurable risk to his own life prevented the infliction of further casualties upon his comrades and made possible the subsequent capture of the enemy town of Gagernberg, Germany. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

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:

BORRORNO W. HURLEY, 32348636, First Sergeant, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 11 April 1945, in the vicinity of Waldau, Germany. While his company was advancing on the enemy-held village, Sergeant Hurley was informed that one man had been seriously wounded and was lying in a mine field covered by enemy sniper fire. Although two men were already wounded in attempting the rescue, Sergeant Hurley moved forward. Probing a route through the mined area and working under continuous hostile rifle fire, Sergeant Hurley finally reached the casualty. Picking him up, he then carried the injured man to a place of comparative safety where medical aid was administered. Sergeant Hurley's outstanding courage and selfless devotion to duty and to the welfare and safety of his men saved the life of a wounded man, and won the respect and admiration of the entire company. Entered military service from Bronx, New York.

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 each of the following named individuals:

EDWARD LEDIC, 16176374, Sergeant, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 9 April 1945, in the vicinity of Hailbronn, Germany. While the remainder of the platoon was establishing temporary defenses in the bitterly fought for city, Sergeant Ledic had his heavy machine gun squad skillfully deployed as protection, when sudden and heavy concentrations of enemy sniper fire were encountered. Realizing the situation, Sergeant Ledic immediately went forward to reconnoiter new positions from which his squad could return the enemy's fire. Although completely exposed to hostile observation and fire, he succeeded in finding an effective posi-

tion, and engaged the hostile forces. He was killed in the ensuing fire fight. The personal bravery and supreme devotion to duty displayed by Sergeant Ladic are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Next of kin: Josephine Ladic (Mother), 1237 B.W. Walker Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

PETER J. LAMOREAUX, 33608576, Private, Medical Detachment, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 1 December 1944, in the vicinity of Ingwiller, France. When a group of men were being organized to patrol enemy territory, Private Lamoreaux, although told it was completely voluntary on his part, agreed to accompany the party in the event that one of his comrades might need medical attention. When, during the patrol, one man was wounded and lying helpless in an area covered by enemy small arms fire, Private Lamoreaux unhesitatingly went to his aid. He was killed while so engaged, but his courageous and selfless devotion to duty and to the welfare and safety of his comrades is in keeping with the noblest traditions of the Army Medical Corps. Next of kin: Mary Lamoreaux (Mother), 122 Willow Street, Plymouth, Pennsylvania.

PHILIP LIBRONE, 33480387, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 16 April 1945, in the vicinity of Kaiserbach, Germany. During an attack, Private Librone, a lead scout, was fired upon by enemy snipers dug in on the far side of town. Despite the long range, the hostile fire was so accurate that Private Librone was unable to move. From his position, however, he did have excellent observation, and he called fire directions to the artillery forward observer. His accurate fire adjustment destroyed one hostile machine gun. Taking advantage of the artillery barrage, he then attempted to rejoin his platoon, but he was hit and killed by a sniper firing from another section of town. His outstanding courage and devotion to duty saved his company from suffering further casualties, and won him the respect and admiration of all. Next of kin: Julia Librone (Mother), 632 Reed Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

NORTON A. SHOGER, 16175564, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 1 November 1944 to 18 November 1944, in Eastern France. Next of kin: Florence Shoger (Mother), 506 North Lake Street, Aurora, Illinois.

SALOME R. TORREZ, JR., 38562435, Private, 397th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 1 November 1944 to 5 December 1944, in Eastern France. Next of kin: Concepcion Torrez (Mother), Route Seven, Box 255, San Antonio, Texas.

#### 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:

RAY L. HOLLAND, 01321183, First Lieutenant, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 25 January 1945, in the vicinity of Urbach, France. When one of the rifle company's supply vehicles was put out of action after hitting a mine, Lieutenant Holland immediately attempted to retrieve it. Although cognizant of the fact that there were more mines in the area, he nevertheless went forward, and reaching the site, he was forced to take cover from hostile mortar fire. When the fire did not abate, Lieutenant Holland left his position of safety hitched a tow-line to the vehicle, and signalled the driver to drive off. He was subsequently seriously wounded by a second mortar barrage, but his courageous and unselfish action saved a valuable piece of government equipment, and won for him the respect and admiration of all the men in his company. Entered military service from Indianapolis, Indiana.

VERNON L. SHERMAN, 18233114, Staff Sergeant, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 3 February 1945, in the vicinity of Goetzenbruck, France. When he became suspicious of activity centering around an abandoned farm house situated halfway between our lines and the enemy's, Sergeant Sherman started out to investigate. Courageously crawling for two hundred yards over enemy mined terrain he reached a vantage point and discovered that the Germans had established a forward observation point for mortar and artillery weapons. Sergeant Sherman immediately returned to his own lines, secured a rocket gun and proceeded back to his original position. Then, he fired three rounds into the house, killing four enemy and setting the building afire. After assuring himself that all the enemy were dead he returned to his company. His heroism is representative of the finest traditions in the Army of the United States. Entered military service from Del Rio, Texas.

DONALD G. TAYLOR, 36783978, Staff Sergeant (then Private First Class), 399th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 8 April 1945, in the vicinity of Heilbronn, Germany. When an enemy artillery shellburst struck the room he



was sleeping in, killing one man and wounding another, Private Taylor, although dazed and injured himself, immediately began to help his wounded companion who was trapped beneath debris. When another shellburst struck the house and the room's ceiling began to cave in, he courageously braced himself over his stricken comrade's body and thus allowed his own self to accept the brunt of the falling timber. Although he received additional injuries from this brave act, he successfully freed the entrapped man and then with the help of a newly arrived companion, carried the injured member to safety. Not until then did Private Taylor allow his own painful wounds be medically treated. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

WILFRID J. TURMELLE, 31917 77, Staff Sergeant, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 4 December 1944, in the vicinity of Soucht, France. When his heavy machine gun platoon was ambushed by a numerically superior enemy force, Sergeant Turmelle immediately ordered his men to mount their guns and engage the foe. Sighting the automatic weapon which had already killed two men and pinned another squad to the ground, Sergeant Turmelle crawled forward alone in an attempt to silence it. Getting within a few yards of the enemy, he opened fire with his rifle. His daring and audacious action caught the foe by surprise, and he killed two and forced the others to abandon their gun and take cover, thus enabling his comrades to get their guns in operation and ultimately repulse the enemy. Entered military service from Springvale, Maine.

ROLAND C. BUTEAU, 31173872, Sergeant, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 5 December 1944, in the vicinity of Soucht, France. During the height of an enemy counterattack, Sergeant Buteau sighted a hostile force of riflemen attempting to outflank his machine gun squad. Despite the intensity of enemy fire, he immediately left his foxhole and crawled forward. Taking cover behind a fallen tree, he let the advancing foe get within a few yards of him before he engaged them with his rifle. He killed the leading two men instantly, and held the rest of the force back long enough to enable our own riflemen to come forward and disperse the group. Sergeant Buteau's gallantry, aggressiveness and unselfish devotion to duty prevented the enemy from cutting off his squad, thereby saving his comrades from capture. Entered military service from Lancaster, New Hampshire.

LEONARD O. BURTFER, 35247730, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from Lebanon, Indiana.

JOSEPH LOGAN, 35756731, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from Haddonfield, New Jersey.

For heroic achievement in action on 3 January 1945, in the vicinity of Rimling, France. Privates Burtner and Logan, attached to a battalion anti-tank platoon, assumed positions in a house at the outskirts of Rimling, and, armed with a rocket weapon, prepared to guard against an expected enemy mechanized attack. When they observed a Mark IV tank approaching they courageously held their fire despite the constant stream of machine gun bullets directed at them from the tank's turret gunner; and, not until the vehicle had reached a point less than twenty feet from them did they open fire. Their two well-aimed rockets completely disabled the tank, making it vulnerable to additional fire which resulted in the death of the German crew. The heroism displayed by these two men removed a serious threat to their battalion's flank and greatly hampered the enemy's offensive operations.

ORVILLE H. CLARK, JR., 35778418, Private First Class, Medical Detachment, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 3 January 1945, in the vicinity of Biche, France. When the company to which he was attached was subjected to intense hostile artillery fire, Private Clark, informed that two men were seriously wounded, immediately went to their aid. Leaving his shelter he crawled forward under the severe fire and succeeded in reaching the wounded. Having administered first aid, he was evacuating the casualties, when he himself was seriously wounded. Despite his wounds, however, he refused evacuation until the two wounded men were moved to a place of safety. His courage and unselfish devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the Army Medical Corps. Entered military service from Pikeville, Kentucky.

WALTER A. FINGER, 35938900, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 6 April 1945, in the vicinity of Heilbronn, Germany. When a squad was immobilized by intense enemy sniper fire, Private Finger, an automatic rifleman, voluntarily left the security of his position and advanced alone in an attempt to locate the enemy's emplacements. Despite the continued hostile fire, he found a vantage point from which he directed accurate and deadly fire upon the foe. As a direct result of his heroic and aggressive action, enemy resistance was crushed and the platoon was able to proceed with its mission and seize its objective. Entered military service from Cleveland, Ohio.

RICHARD FISCHER, 32652475, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 4 December 1944, in the vicinity of Soucht, France. When his heavy machine gun section ran into an enemy ambush and was caught in a deadly crossfire of several automatic weapons, Private Fischer ran forward, removed the machine gun from the vehicle and singlehandedly placed it in action. Then, although his assistant and two ammunition bearers were killed, he engaged the foe, and firing two belts of ammunition, gained fire superiority, pinning down the numerically superior force. Taking advantage of this covering fire, other members of the section made their way forward and routed the enemy. Private Fischer's daring and aggressive action won him the deserved admiration of every man in his company. Entered military service from Long Island City, New York.

MAX HAAS, 32897980, Private First Class, Medical Detachment, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 10 November 1944, in the vicinity of Raon L'Etape, France. When informed that a member of the attacking company was wounded by an exploding shell, Private Haas, a litterbearer, immediately volunteered to go to the man's aid. Defiant of the danger involved, he entered a minefield in order to reach the casualty. Then, after administering first aid, Private Haas carried the wounded man back through the minefield, and ultimately reached a place of safety. The magnificent courage, unselfish devotion to duty, and the marked technical skill displayed by Private Haas saved the life of a wounded comrade. Entered military service from New York, New York.

EDWARD H. MARTIN, 35558575, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 11 December 1944, in the vicinity of Reysersviller, France. While moving forward from battalion headquarters to a rifle company command post with important verbal instructions, Private Martin, a messenger, was suddenly attacked by a three-man enemy patrol which had infiltrated through our lines. Realizing the futility of fighting it out with the numerically superior force, Private Martin hit the ground and feigned death as the enemy fired its first shot. When the foe advanced to investigate, Private Martin allowed them to come within fifteen yards of his position. He then opened fire, and taking the Germans completely by surprise, succeeded in killing one, wounding another, and forcing the third to flee. His daring and quick-witted action eliminated a dangerous enemy patrol, and enabled him to continue on with his vital message. Entered military service from Kendallville, Indiana.

JOHN L. MASHUGA, 37366053, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 16 November 1944, in the vicinity of Raon L'Etape, France. Private Mashuga, automatic rifleman, was serving as right flank security when a fanatical enemy counterattacked his company. Fighting desperately to retake the ground, the Germans placed an intense artillery and mortar concentration over the area in support of large numbers of attacking troops. Private Mashuga heroically held his position, firing his weapon with devastating accuracy, and although wounded by a nearby shellburst refused to stop firing for medical treatment. Four times the German riflemen were repulsed and on their fifth attempted assault, when they were again thrown back, they abandoned the offensive. Private Mashuga's indomitable courage and expert gunnery was instrumental in repulsing this determined German thrust. Entered military service from Minneapolis, Minnesota.

CECIL B. COATES, 6353395, Master Sergeant, 397th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations during the period 1 November 1944 to 31 December 1944, in Eastern France. Entered military service from Pelzer, South Carolina.

HAROLD A. STANO, 32568510, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 19 November 1944 to 3 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Jersey City, New Jersey.

#### SECTION V -- RESCISSION OF AWARD OF SILVER STAR

So much of Section II, General Orders Number 26, this headquarters, 15 December 1944, as awards a Silver Star to FERRY M. ZEPFNER, 020820, Lieutenant Colonel, 398th Infantry Regiment, is rescinded.

#### SECTION VI -- RESCISSION OF AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

So much of Section I, General Orders Number 156, this headquarters, current series, as awards a Bronze Star Medal to CECIL B. COATES, 6353395, Master Sergeant, 397th Infantry Regiment, is rescinded. (See Section IV this order)

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So much of Section III, General Orders Number 94, this headquarters, current series, as awards a Bronze Star Medal to CAPTAIN N. MAGGIACOMO, 3266670, Master Sergeant, 100th Signal Company, 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:

RUFUS C. MC CORM, 025643, Lieutenant Colonel, 398th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 2 April 1945 to 8 May 1945, in Western Germany. Entered military service from Brunswick, Maine.

JOHN M. MARCOY, JR., 0405182, Major, 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 Macco, Georgia. *RESC. BY COF 264 - 8 Oct 45*

STUELL WYLER, JR., 0554722, Chaplain (Captain) 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 Wellesley, Massachusetts.

BREXUS L. FINE, 01325107, First Lieutenant, 398th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 9 January 1945 to 5 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Jonesboro, Arkansas.

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:

EDWARD R. MOODY, II, 0439688, First Lieutenant, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 19 November 1944, in the vicinity of Raon-Blanc, France. After crossing the Meurthe River and taking its first objective, Lieutenant Moody was given the mission of leading the assault platoon in the company's attack on the high ground directly to their front. During the attack, the two lead scouts were seriously wounded by enemy fire. Despite the grave danger, Lieutenant Moody immediately moved to the two fallen scouts and administered first aid. While treating the wounded, Lieutenant Moody was killed by an enemy sniper. Lieutenant Moody's magnificent courage, inspiring leadership and unselfish devotion to the welfare of his men mirror the highest traditions of the military service. Next of kin: M. E. Moody (Mother), 175 South Belvedere, Memphis, Tennessee.

FRANCIS M. GALLUP, 32658809, Technician Fourth Grade, 398th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 7 November 1944 to 5 January 1945, in Eastern France. Next of kin: Mabel Gallup (Wife), 10 Clinton Circle, Cables Hill, New York.

FRANK M. BURROLA, 39528431, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 6 November 1944 to 18 December 1944 in Eastern France. Next of kin: Praxedis M. Burrola (Mother), 1047 South Soto Street, Los Angeles, California.

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:

LEONARD M. KRASZEWski, 00025600, Second Lieutenant (then Staff Sergeant), 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 6 April 1945, in the vicinity of Jagstfeld, Germany. While boarding assault boats preparatory to crossing the Jagst River, Sergeant Kraszewski's machine gun platoon was fired upon by a concealed automatic weapon from the opposite bank. Forced to withdraw slightly from the river's edge, Sergeant Kraszewski directed his men in a firefight to eliminate the hostile stronghold. Noting a wounded man lying at the edge of the stream, Sergeant Kraszewski immediately ran across thirty-five yards of fire-swept

terrain, picked the man up, and carried him bodily to a place of safety. Then, when one of his runners was killed and the assistant wounded, Sergeant Kraszewski seized the gun himself, and, continuing to fire, succeeded in silencing the German weapon, and killing two members of its crew. His gallantry, outstanding courage, and devotion to duty enable his entire platoon to cross the river with minimum casualties. Entered military service from Akron, Ohio.

WILLIAM J. FREESE, 32507622, Private First Class, Medical Detachment, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 5 December 1944, in the vicinity of Zittersheim, France. Private Freese, a jeep driver in the medical section, went forward over terrain unswept of mines in order to evacuate casualties from the town of Wingen, France. One other vehicle was also going into town, and preceded Private Freese. Suddenly the lead vehicle hit a mine, wounding the driver. After treating the wounded man and arranging for his evacuation, Private Freese traversed the shelled terrain, circled a road block, and succeeded in entering town. Being the first vehicle in town, Private Freese loaded his jeep with wounded and successfully evacuated them. He then made the hazardous trip again, and succeeded in evacuating all the casualties. The magnificent courage and unselfish devotion to duty displayed by Private Freese saved the lives of many men who would otherwise have succumbed to their wounds. Entered military service from Caldwell, New Jersey.

MERLEY SLOMON, 19227052, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 19 November 1944, in the vicinity of Raon L'Etape, France. Shortly after our forces crossed the Ourthe River, the leading platoon became immobilized in an open field by a well concealed enemy machine gun. Although the terrain offered no concealment, Private Solomon, ammunition bearer for an automatic rifle team, courageously moved to a position from which he could observe the enemy's fire and then began firing his own weapon, thus drawing the hostile weapon's fire directly on him. Although severely wounded, he engaged the enemy in a fierce fire fight long enough to enable our mortar weapons to neutralize the position, thus by his outstanding heroism, permitting the continuation of our attack. Entered military service from Brooklyn, New York.

MICHAEL VAIDA, 31413420, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 4 April 1945, in the vicinity of Heilbronn, Germany. After crossing the Neckar River in the assault which established the first bridgehead, the platoon in which Private Vaida was a rifleman advanced to its objective, but faced encirclement when the unit on its right flank was forced to withdraw. Enemy machine gun fire from one of the flanks was especially effective, inflicting several casualties upon the platoon. Crawling out in front of his men, Private Vaida moved to within grenade-throwing distance of the deadly weapon. Then, despite the continued severity of the hostile fire, he hurled two hand grenades, destroying the gun. His outstanding courage and unselfish devotion to duty enabled his platoon to accomplish its mission with a minimum of casualties. Entered military service from Phoenixville, Connecticut.

KARL M. VAN RUYVEN, 01310179, Major, General Staff Corps, Headquarters 100th Infantry Division, for meritorious service in support of combat operations during the period 1 November 1944 to 30 December 1944, in Eastern France. Entered military service from Des Moines, Iowa.

FRED G. HERR, JR., 01060859, First Lieutenant, 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 Shaker Heights, Ohio.

LEON H. STAHL, 01996149, First Lieutenant, 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 Dubuque, Iowa.

ROBERT T. VILCOX, 02000846, Second Lieutenant, 398th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations during the period 7 November 1944 to 15 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Kannapolis, North Carolina.

FRANK FERRO, 30132727, Warrant Officer Junior Grade, (then Technician Third Grade), Headquarters, 100th Infantry Division, for meritorious service in support of combat operations during the period 1 November 1944 to 3 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Brooklyn, New York.

PAUL L. HEBELER, 30567081, Technical Sergeant, 398th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 6 November 1944 to 18 March 1945, in Eastern France. Entered military service from East Rutherford, New Jersey.

JOSEPH B. CRAIG, 30599483, Staff 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 Jersey City, New Jersey.

ALEXANDER W. KRUGLER, 31235204, Staff Sergeant, 397th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 2 November 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Roxbury, Massachusetts.

JUSTIN J. MILICAI, 32371632, Staff Sergeant, 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 Albany, New York.

MICHAEL J. CIGONFELL, 32383392, Staff Sergeant, 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 City, New York.

DIMITRI M. ILECZAK, 13086078, Technician Third Grade, Medical Detachment, 398th 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.

JOSEPH G. FAIRIS, 31537428, Sergeant, 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 Danbury, Connecticut.

PATSY J. L. SELV, 32935305, Sergeant, 398th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 6 November 1944 to 8 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Camden, New Jersey.

DAVID A. LONZI, 32567467, 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 Fairlawn, New Jersey.

WALTER J. LINDBAUGH, 37195901, Technician Fourth Grade, 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 Holstein, Iowa.

RICHARD E. FORTMOLT, 17157790, Corporal, 398th 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 Garrison, North Dakota.

WILLIAM W. CORDELL, 34983765, Corporal, 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 Big Rock, Tennessee.

WALTER A. WYRON, 13178997, Technician Fifth Grade, 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 Cohoes, New York.

LEO W. MCMAHON, 32384719, Technician Fifth Grade, Medical Detachment, 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 Sairview, Missouri.

THOMAS G. BREIDEN, JR., 31853210, Private First Class, 398th 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 Richmond, Virginia.

HERBERT G. CHANDLER, JR., 42107894, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 6 November 1944 to 26 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Mount Vernon, New York.

DORIAN S. CLARK, 3445768, Staff 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 Carthage, Tennessee.

ANGELO A. DE VIRIS, 35935463, 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 Akron, Ohio.

MERRY E. DOLAN, 35233348, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 6 November 1944 to 20 December 1944, in Eastern France. Entered military service from Cookeville, Tennessee.

RUSSELL E. GIBBS, 42008151, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 6 November 1944 to 17 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from East Orange, New Jersey.

JAMES W. GOSSETT, 35519595, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 6 November 1944 to 24 March 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Cleveland, Ohio.

GEORGE J. HANSEN, 35937497, Private First Class, 398th 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 Nophy, Utah.

MARCEL J. HOLT, 16399336, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 26 January 1945 to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Youngstown, Ohio.

BERNARD J. LEMME, 32358195, Private First Class, 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 Brooklyn, New York.

CLAYTON MATTHEWS, 31352379, 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 Scranton, South Carolina.

JUSTIN M. MIRCHIA, 42076399, 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 New York City, New York.

ROBERT E. MORRIS, 37583159, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 6 November 1944 to 20 December 1944, in Western France. Entered military service from Minneapolis, Minnesota.

ROBERT E. PERKINS, 55705654, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 8 November 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Froque, Kentucky.

ROBERT A. SCOTT, 6612400, Private First Class, Medical Detachment, 399th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 3 November 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Bainsville, West Virginia.

WILLIAM P. STEPHENSON, 66901992, 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 Clinton, Illinois.

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

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-43, 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:

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~~LESTER D. JOHNSON, 47470673, Staff Sergeant, 399th Infantry Regiment, 15 March 1945. Entered military service from Colono, South Dakota.~~

CHARLES E. THURLEY, 34933421, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, 14 April 1945. Entered military service from Rocky Point, North Carolina.

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:

ROBERT BURTON, 050412, First Lieutenant, 398th Infantry Regiment, 3 January 1945. Entered military service from Roadman, Oregon.

DWAYNE L. BURTON, 02242625, First Lieutenant, 398th Infantry Regiment, 14 April 1945. Entered military service from St. Paul, Minnesota.

SEYMOUR KONICK, 5958008, Staff Sergeant, 396th Infantry Regiment, 3 April 1945. Entered military service from Bronx, New York.

RICHARD KONIGO, 17080419, Staff Sergeant, 398th Infantry Regiment, 5 November 1944. Entered military service from Rich, Pennsylvania.

DEAN W. MEEHAN, 57097332, Staff Sergeant, 398th Infantry Regiment, 10 April 1945. Entered military service from Sisseton, South Dakota.

EDWIN T. MOTTLE, 1191293, Sergeant, 398th Infantry Regiment, 17 November 1944. Entered military service from Herrick, Illinois.

ROBERT E. ROSE, 5549273, Technician Fifth Grade, 399th Infantry Regiment, 9 February 1945. Entered military service from Big Bend, West Virginia.

ROBERT W. SMITH, 17109858, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, 15 February 1945. Entered military service from Newark, New Jersey.

ANTHONY W. GARCIA, 39803349, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, 11 January 1945. Entered military service from Elko, Nevada.

WALTER W. WELLS, 39861910, Private First Class, 395d Field Artillery Battalion, 31 January 1945. Entered military service from Brooklyn, New York.

SECTION VI -- RESCINDING OF AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

Second of Section I, General Orders Number 153, this headquarters, current series, awards a Bronze Star Medal to EARLE W. VAN BENTHUYSEN, 01310173, Major, General Staff Corps, Headquarters 100th Infantry Division, is rescinded. (See Section III, this order).

BY ORDER OF BRIGADIER GENERAL TROTTEN:

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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:

HENRY S. HARRILL, 14 27476, Technician Fourth Grade, Medical Detachment, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 4 April 1945, in the vicinity of Neilbronn, Germany. During the bridgehead fighting, when the enemy counterattacked, Sergeant Harrill, the company aid man, started for a group of buildings from which he heard a call for help. Slipping past two Germans, he entered the building and administered aid to two wounded men. Then, when the platoon decided to withdraw, Sergeant Harrill accompanied it despite the fact that they were still being fired upon from three sides. Going to the aid of two more men, Sergeant Harrill and another man found the supposed casualties dead, and in trying to return, they were fired upon and immobilized. Forced to play dead, the two men remained in position until the enemy withdrew the next afternoon. Sergeant Harrill's magnificent courage, skill and devotion to the welfare of the fighting man saved many lives. Entered military service from Ireland, 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:

JOHN J. DILLON, 33527895, Private First Class, 793th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 3 April 1945, in the vicinity of Jagstfeld, Germany. When, during the bitter fighting for the city, the lead scout of his squad was seriously wounded by German machine gun fire, Private Dillon immediately began crawling forward to rescue his comrade. Although the foe concentrated their full firepower against him, and bullets ate into the ground all about him, he reached the casualty. In dragging the wounded man back to the rear, Private Dillon was himself mortally wounded. The magnificent courage and unselfish devotion to duty and to the welfare of his comrades, displayed by Private Dillon, are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Next of kin: Nellie E. Dillon (Mother), Woolwine, Virginia.

JOHN JEROME, 33301751, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 4 December 1944, in the vicinity of Faberg, France. Private Jerome, a machine gunner, was protecting his company's exposed left flank when a determined enemy counterattacked. Although the riflemen defending his gun position were killed during the mortar barrage which preceded the attack, and despite being virtually cut off from other units of the company, Private Jerome heroically remained in position and delivered a steady stream of fire into the attacking forces, inflicting extremely heavy casualties and forcing the foe to withdraw. It was later determined that he killed fifteen Germans during the bitter half hour fight. Private Jerome later died of wounds sustained in a subsequent engagement. Next of kin: Anne Jerome (Mother), 630 Trinity Avenue, Bronx, 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:

RALPH J. CANINA, 51235029, First Sergeant (then Technical Sergeant), for heroic achievement in action on 17 December 1944, in the vicinity of Reversviller, France. When the eighty-one millimeter mortar platoon was subjected to intense counterfire from enemy artillery, and the men were forced to take cover, a forward observer reported that the foe had launched a determined counterattack against a nearby company. Despite the fact that enemy shells were landing within twenty-five yards of the gun positions, Sergeant Canina, realizing the extreme need of mortar support, left his position of safety and single handedly began firing one of the mortars. Inspired by his courage and daring, other members of the platoon followed and laid down an excep-



tionally heavy barrage on the attacking forces, compelling the foe to withdraw leaving twenty of their dead behind. Entered military service from Cambridge, Massachusetts.

ROBERT C. SEIFRIED, 32648257, Technical Sergeant (then Staff Sergeant), 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 4 December 1944, in the vicinity of Soult, France. When one of the machine gun sections, which was supporting a rifle company, ran into an enemy ambush and was immobilized by the crossfire of several hostile machine guns. Sergeant Seifried immediately crawled across open terrain until he reached a vantage point overlooking one of the German emplacements. Despite the increasing intensity of hostile fire, he took careful aim and fired, killing one of the gunners and wounding another. Sergeant Seifried's daring and aggressive action held the enemy at bay long enough for his own squad to get its gun into action and ultimately force the foe to withdraw. Entered military service from Ozone Park, Queens, New York.

JOSEPH D. CARSELLO, 37570992, Staff Sergeant (then Private First Class), 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 15 March 1945 to 17 March 1945 in the vicinity of Bitche, France. During these three days, while our forces were engaged in bitter fighting for the fortress city of Bitche, Sergeant Carsello volunteered to assist in the evacuation of wounded. Working without sleep or rest, he deliberately exposed himself to hostile fire in order to remove the wounded from front lines to the aid station. On one occasion he probed a route through a mined and heavily shelled area in order to reach a casualty. After administering aid, he picked the man up and carried him bodily to the rear. Sergeant Carsello, by his unshakable courage and utter fearlessness, saved the lives of many men, and won himself the respect and admiration of the entire organization. Entered military service from St. Paul, Minnesota.

LLOYD C. DAHLBERG, 36613179, Staff Sergeant, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 6 April 1945, in the vicinity of Jagstfeld, Germany. During an advance, Sergeant Dahlberg's heavy machine gun section was immobilized by fire from an enemy automatic weapon dug in to their front. After reconnoitering the area for a suitable position for his own gun, Sergeant Dahlberg voluntarily crawled across fire-swept terrain until he reached the foe's flank. Then, personally engaging the hostile gun crew with his own gun, he killed two of the gunners and enable his men to mount their own weapon and commence firing. As a result of Sergeant Dahlberg's personal daring and aggressive leadership, the enemy gun was silenced without casualty to his own section, and the entire battalion was able to continue its advance. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

JOSEPH J. KANIA, 42143522, Staff Sergeant (then Private First Class), 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 17 April 1945, in the vicinity of Pfedelbach, Germany. When enemy machine gun and rifle fire immobilized his platoon's advance, Sergeant Kania immediately seized an automatic weapon from one of his comrades and charged across fifty yards of fire-swept terrain to a vantage point overlooking the hostile machine gun. Then, although the enemy swung their full firepower against him, he assumed a kneeling position and opened fire. His accurate fire killed three Germans, and effectively silenced the gun. By virtue of Sergeant Kania's courageous, daring and single-handed action, the entire company was able to continue its advance without casualty or delay. Entered military service from North Arlington, New Jersey.

HANLEY F. SPEAR, 35166508, Staff Sergeant, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 7 April 1945 and 11 April 1945, in the vicinity of Odheim, Germany. When the platoon aid man was wounded in a fire fight, Sergeant Spear, after deploying his men in defensive positions, dug a foxhole for the wounded man and then administered first aid. Realizing the serious extent of the man's wounds, he then carried him over fire-swept terrain to a position in the rear, thus saving the man's life. On 11 April, Sergeant Spear placed himself at the head of the platoon and personally led the attack against enemy strongpoints. Halting his platoon at an open field, he went ahead to reconnoiter. He was seriously wounded while so engaged, but managed to withdraw to his company's lines at nightfall. His information as to the location of several enemy positions greatly aided his company's subsequent attack. His aggressiveness and inspirational leadership are in keeping with the highest traditions of the Army of the United States. Entered military service from Hestand, Kentucky.

THOMAS J. TELLETT, 141319, Staff Sergeant (then Sergeant), 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 6 April 1945, in the vicinity of Jagstfeld, Germany. When a rifle company was immobilized by fire from three sides,

tanks were called forward. When the lead tank was set afire by a direct hit and the trapped tankmen were fired upon by enemy machine gunners as they tried to escape, Sergeant Tillett immediately ordered his machine gun crew to concentrate their fire on the hostile automatic weapon. When the gunner and his assistant became wounded, Sergeant Tillett immediately ran forward and personally manned the gun. Remaining in this exposed position, he fired until his ammunition was exhausted and succeeded in silencing one of the enemy guns and allowing the tankmen to escape their burning vehicle. Sergeant Tillett's aggressiveness and courage saved the lives of the entire tank crew, and won him the respect and admiration of all. Entered military service from Upper Merion, Pennsylvania.

WALTER S. KIRK, JR., 11173021, Sergeant (then Private First Class), 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 4 December 1944, in the vicinity of Soicht, France. When informed that one member of his platoon lay seriously wounded some distance in front of our lines, Sergeant Kirk immediately volunteered to attempt the rescue. Crawling across fifty yards of open and fire-pocked terrain, which was also covered with barbed wire and concealed schu mines, he finally reached the wounded man. As he prepared to pick the man up, he was fired upon by an enemy sniper. Sighting the foe's position, Sergeant Kirk fired two rounds from his rifle, killing the snip. He then lifted his comrade and carried him bodily to the rear. Sergeant Kirk, by his heroism and complete disregard for his own safety, saved the life of a wounded man. Entered military service from Bridgeport, Connecticut.

DONALD E. KAUFFMAN, 33874359, Sergeant, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 10 April 1945, in the vicinity of Jagstfeld, Germany. During the frenetic fighting for the city, Sergeant Kauffman was placed in command of an outpost group comprised of one tank and his heavy machine gun section. While on a reconnaissance, forward of the outpost position, Sergeant Kauffman sighted a three-man bazooka team moving toward the tank. Unable to warn his comrades, he took cover behind a fallen tree and allowed the enemy to come within five yards of him. He then jumped out in front of the foe and spraying the area with fire from his sub-machine gun, killed two and captured the third. The daring and audacious action displayed by Sergeant Kauffman enabled him to single-handedly eliminate a dangerous enemy force. Entered military service from Shippenburg, Pennsylvania.

MERLE D. ROUTZON, 15175126, Sergeant (then Private First Class), 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 15 March 1945, in the vicinity of Bitche, France. During the advance on the fortress city, the rifle platoon which Sergeant Routzon's machine gun section was supporting was immobilized by enemy machine gun fire emanating from a concrete pillbox. After a ten-minute exchange of fire failed to silence the enemy, Sergeant Routzon picked up a machine gun and a chest of ammunition, and ran across an open field to a position overlooking the enemy emplacement. Placing the gun in action, he then directed a deadly stream of fire into the pillbox turret, forcing the foe to take cover and enabling our troops to advance on the position unopposed. His daring and single-handed action was directly responsible for the seizure of a hostile strongpoint without casualty to our own forces. Entered military service from Dallas, Texas.

ARSWIN H. THATCHER, 34515844, Corporal, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 4 April 1945, in the vicinity of Heilbronn, Germany. When the section to which he was attached as Instrument Corporal was surrounded by counter-attacking Germans, Corporal Thatcher volunteered to resecure communications with the rest of the troops. After advancing several hundred yards, he was fired upon by three snipers. Attempting to fight his way out, Corporal Thatcher silenced one of the snipers, but was captured by a force of heavily-armed enemy. Although he was not able to reach the rear of our lines, the magnificent courage and fearless devotion to duty displayed by Corporal Thatcher in engaging a numerically superior force, effectively pointed out his trapped comrades' position. Corporal Thatcher was subsequently liberated by friendly troops. Entered military service from Rock Hill, South Carolina.

ELMER L. FAW, 17176649, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 10 January 1945, in the vicinity of Reyersviller, France. When the light machine gun section, engaged in fighting a numerically superior enemy force, became dangerously low on ammunition, it became apparent that the section would be unable to continue rendering fire in support of immobilized rifle troops. Private Faw, volunteering to make his way to the company command post for several chests of ammunition, crawled more than one hundred yards across fire-swept terrain, and while returning, was wounded in the arm and leg by German machine gun fire. Despite the intense pain, Private Faw refused to turn back until he had

completed his mission. His magnificent courage and undying devotion to duty contributed directly to the eventual beating back of the enemy forces. Entered military service from Topeka, Kansas.

MICHAEL J. FERRUZZA, 43098450, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 15 March 1945, in the vicinity of Bitter, France. During the assault upon the fortress city, one squad of the battalion anti-tank platoon moved into position under cover of darkness preparatory to supporting the 2d Co. companies when they jumped off again in the morning. At dawn it was discovered that the enemy still occupied a complete position less than seventy five yards from the squad's gun, and enemy snip fire forced the gunners to abandon their position and take cover. Grasping the situation, Private Ferruzza ordered his comrades to fire into the turret while he crawled ahead. Grabbing the top of the fortress and throwing two hand grenades, he killed three snipers and forced the others to surrender. Private Ferruzza's personal daring and aggressiveness enabled him to single-handedly eliminate an enemy strong point capable of inflicting heavy casualties upon our forces. Entered military service from Lockport, New York.

LUNA H. LUNA, 38871047, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 17 December 1944, in the vicinity of Litzhe, France. Under cover of a heavy mortar and artillery barrage, the enemy launched a determined counter-attack against our positions near the fortress city, and threatened to cut off the company's forward platoon. Seeing the gunner and assistant, of his light machine gun served, killed by mortar fire, Private Luna immediately seized the automatic weapon and continued to engage the enemy. Although seriously wounded himself, when a shell exploded less than fifteen yards away, Private Luna remained in position and succeeded in killing six Germans before falling into unconsciousness. As a result of his daring and aggressive action, the counterattack was repulsed with heavy enemy losses. Entered military service from Olmita, Texas.

JOE E. STALL, 38568256, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 4 April 1945, in the vicinity of Heilbronn, Germany. After having established a bridgehead across the Neckar River, the platoon in which Private Stall was a machine gunner was completely surrounded by a force of counter-attacking Germans. Although it was impossible for anyone to advance and replenish their ammunition, Private Stall and his comrades took up the fight alone, and continued to engage the enemy until their ammunition was exhausted. When the battalion retook the ground, it was discovered that Private Stall and his comrades had been captured, and the immediate area was littered with German dead. The gallant and undying devotion to duty displayed by Private Stall and his companions contributed materially to the battalion's final success. Private Stall was subsequently reported liberated. Entered military service from Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

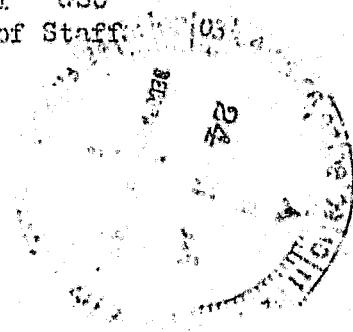
LEES A. KIDDIE, 01313600, First Lieutenant, 398th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 8 November 1944 to 30 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Lynn, Massachusetts.

BY ORDER OF BRIGADIER GENERAL TYORSEN:

OFFICIAL:

*James F. Chidder*  
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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:

GORDON SINGLES, 018522, Colonel, 397th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement during the period 25 January 1945 to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Colorado.

JOSEPH A. AUGELLO, 12192588, Technical Sergeant, 398th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 22 December 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Richmond Hill, New York.

JOHN C. GUERRY, 34516595, Technical Sergeant (then Staff Sergeant), 398th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 8 November 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Jamestown, South Carolina.

WILLIAM R. BARNHART, 33037932, Staff Sergeant, 398th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 22 December 1944 to 6 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Mount Pleasant, 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:

*BY G.O. 4268 -- 12 Oct 1945*  
HARVEY C. WEISEL, JR., 0295336, Lieutenant Colonel, 398th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 16 January 1945 to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Allentown, Pennsylvania.

*Also by G.O. 4268 13 Nov 45*  
ALFRED M. WEILLER, 01309999, Captain, 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 Connersville, Indiana.

JOSEPH B. NEWTON, 01302042, First Lieutenant, 398th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 6 November 1944 to 19 November 1944, in Eastern France. Entered military service from Pinson, Alabama.

JOSEPH E. WARD, 01294396, First Lieutenant, 398th 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 Camden, New Jersey.

ARTHUR W. WENDEL, 01295969, First Lieutenant, 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 Camden, Ohio.

WALTER R. SZYMIEWICZ, 02007152, Second Lieutenant, 373rd Field Artillery Battalion, 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 Hudson, New York.

JOHN E. WILSON, 32645865, First Sergeant, 398th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 6 November 1944 to 25 February 1945, in Eastern France. Entered military service from Brooklyn, New York.

THEODORE C. BIELACZY, 32651224, Technical Sergeant, 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.

LAWRENCE A. CAMP, 32483831, Technical Sergeant, 373rd Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in support of combat operations during the period 3 November 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Port Norris, New Jersey.

JOSEPH J. LECKENMAN, 32597036, Technical Sergeant, 398th 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 Maplewood, New Jersey.

FLOYD W. BAKER, 38579621, Staff Sergeant, 398th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 8 November 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Carlsbad, New Mexico.

JULIUS J. BARTA, 38113435, Staff Sergeant (then Technician Fourth Grade), 373rd Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in support of combat operations during the period 3 November 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Shulenberg, Texas.

ARTHUR A. ARNOLD, 33024734, Staff Sergeant, 373rd Field Artillery Battalion, 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 Bethlehem, Pennsylvania.

THEODORE S. FEFJAMIN, 14066986, Staff Sergeant, 398th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 6 November 1944 to 25 March 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Jacksonville, Florida.

CLEVELAND A. COTRELL, 3248639, Staff Sergeant, 398th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 6 November 1944 to 8 December 1944, in Eastern France. Entered military service from Millville, New Jersey.

JAMES L. FORSEY, 33522412, Staff Sergeant, 398th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 12 October 1944 to 8 March 1945, in Eastern France. Entered military service from Richmond, Virginia.

STANLEY S. WYMAN, 31178296, Staff Sergeant (then Corporal), 373rd Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in support of combat operations during the period 3 November 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Dover, New Hampshire.

DOUGLAS S. SMYTH, 31250679, Technician Third Grade, Medical Detachment, 398th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 3 November 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from New Milford, Connecticut.

SIBBOLD W. KROFOD, 32932879, Sergeant, 398th 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 Jamestown, New York.

WILBUR L. PEARSON, 35243346, Sergeant, 398th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 15 November 1944 to 10 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Sheridan, Indiana.

CASIMIR E. PTEROSKY, 32652797, Sergeant, 398th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 15 January 1945 to 25 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from New York, New York.

WYMAN T. ROBINSON, 38275216, Sergeant (then Corporal), 373rd Field Artillery Battalion, 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 Elmer, Oklahoma.

FRANK A. ANDROS, 32666706, Technician Fourth Grade, 373rd Field Artillery Battalion, 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 Hyde Park, New York.

GEORGE KUREK, 32482776, Technician Fourth Grade, 373rd Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in support of combat operations during the period 3 November 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Williamstown, New Jersey.

ALTON RAY, 32649224, Technician Fourth Grade, 373rd Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in support of combat operations during the period 5 November 1944 to 30 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Brooklyn, New York.

CHARLES J. ROSE, 32598997, Technician Fourth Grade, 373rd Field Artillery Battalion, 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 Jersey City, New Jersey.

JOHN T. SINK, 33046535, Technician Fourth Grade, 373rd Field Artillery Battalion, 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 Wirt, Virginia.

ALEXANDER L. WATSON, 33317591, Technician Fourth Grade, 398th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations during the period 6 November 1944 to 15 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

THOMAS R. BRIDGE, 31448063, Corporal, 398th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 3 November 1944 to 15 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Providence, Rhode Island.

MICHAEL MONTAGANO, 32483433, Corporal, Medical Detachment, 398th 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 Burlington, New Jersey.

LOUIS S. ROSAL, 31271903, Corporal, 273rd Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations during the period 1 December 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Middletown, Connecticut.

WALTER J. WHITE, JR., 34434335, Corporal, 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 Havelock, North Carolina.

PAUL E. BAYHART, JR., 18127079, Technician Fifth Grade, 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 Elizabethtown, Pennsylvania.

EUGENIUS A. CALICA, 31350731, Technician Fifth Grade (then Private First Class), 373rd Field Artillery Battalion, 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 Chicopee Falls, Massachusetts.

RODNEY S. WISSELL, 32901874, Technician Fifth Grade, 373rd Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in support of combat operations during the period 3 November 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Marshall, Texas.

JOSHUA C. TAYLOR, 34572806, Technician Fifth Grade, 373rd Field Artillery Battalion, 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 Atlanta, Georgia.

RICHARD C. COWSHED, 31178570, Technician Fifth Grade, 398th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 6 November 1944 to 17 March 1945, in Eastern France. Entered military service from Nashua, New Hampshire.

WILLIAM C. ALBERTY, 39602580, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 7 November 1944 to 2 January 1945 and 21 March 1945 to 5 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Long Beach, California.

CALVIN H. ALFRED, 38508520, 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 Altus, Arkansas.

JOSIEPH R. BALON, JR., 33711340, 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 Oil City, Pennsylvania.

ERIC W. JONES, 33845916, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 8 November 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Johnstown, Pennsylvania.

ELMER E. JORDAN, 37637305, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 4 April 1945 to 13 April 1945, in Germany. Entered military service from Cantharsville, Missouri.

PHILIP E. TIMIS, 11108223, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 1 November 1944 to 13 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Springfield, Massachusetts.

EDMUND V. MILA, 36670866, 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 Cicero, Illinois.

WILLIAM H. NEWPORT, 34982921, 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 Oneida, Tennessee.

RICHARD W. NOVAK, 42006287, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 8 November 1944 to 9 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Haplewood, New Jersey.

DOUGLAS H. PERKINS, 31374175, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 19 November 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Seabrook, New Hampshire.

KENNETH H. SERRIAN, 42143457, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 22 January 1945 to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Westport, New York.

PERCY W. SUMMERS, 35072859, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 1 March 1945 to 4 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Columbus, Ohio.

NICHOLAS L. ZUGAY, 33375333, 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 Steelton, Pennsylvania.

SECTION III -- RESCISSION OF AWARD OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO BRONZE STAR MEDAL

So much of Section II, General Orders Number 269, this headquarters, current series, as awards the First Oak Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal to **BERNARD V. LEITZ**, 0311003, Lieutenant Colonel, 399th Infantry Regiment, is rescinded.

So much of Section I, General Orders Number 731, this headquarters, current series, as awards the First Oak Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal to **JOHN H. HANCOCK, JR.**, 0405182, Major, 397th Infantry Regiment, is rescinded.

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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:

RENE E. PARENTEAU, 20143979, Staff Sergeant, 399th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 18 April 1945, in the vicinity of Unter Heinriet, Germany. When devastating fire from a group of hostile machine gun emplacements immobilized our attacking troops, Sergeant Parenteau and another soldier charged the enemy positions. Running forward and firing his weapon as he advanced without regard for the sweeping automatic fire from the enemy, Sergeant Parenteau silenced one hostile machine gun killing the two members of the crew, then assaulted a second emplacement and again succeeded in killing both the gunner and his assistant. He then attacked a third position, and as he did so was killed by a sniper's bullet. His gallant and aggressive action prevented the infliction of severe casualties upon his comrades, demoralized the enemy, and made possible the successful accomplishment of the objective. Next of kin: Leo R. Parenteau (Father), 16 Walnut Street, Biddleford, Maine.

JAMES A. WHARTON, 6719178, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 6 April 1945, in the vicinity of Jagstfeld, Germany. After crossing the Jagst River, Private Wharton, first scout, was leading his platoon forward when fire from a well-concealed enemy machine gun immobilized the group. After several attempts to silence the gun failed, Private Wharton began moving across the fire-swept terrain, and was wounded after going a short distance. Despite the intense pain and although he was losing large quantities of blood, he continued forward until he reached an advantageous position. Then, rising to his feet, he fired his rifle into the German gunners, killing one of them. Private Wharton, however, was killed in the exchange of fire. His gallantry and unflinching devotion to duty in the face of withering fire inspired his comrades to charge and overrun the enemy position. Next of kin: Nellie B. Gillespie (Mother), 514 Church Road, Newarkville, 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:

WENTON J. HEMBERGER, 0393721, Captain, 399th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 24 November 1944, in the vicinity of Neufmaisons, France. When heavy enemy artillery fire fell in his company's area during its first combat engagement, Captain Hemberger moved from one platoon to another, encouraging his men and seeing that they were well concealed. Determined to locate the hostile gun position, he then 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 fire on the foe's position, thus sharply decreasing the volume of shelling sustained by his troops. Returning to his unit, he then led them in an advance which completely overran the German emplacement. His personal courage, aggressiveness and aggressive leadership are in keeping with the highest military traditions. Entered military service from Center Hill, Florida.

JOSEPH A. MAJESKI, 01300188, Captain, 399th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 4 April 1945, in the vicinity of Schwaiogen, Germany. Captain Majeski, a rifle company commander, had led his men in clearing out an enemy-infested strip of woods, when sudden and intense hostile shell fire immobilized them; and, it soon became apparent that the company was caught in a deadly artillery trap. Realizing the enemy had excellent observation of all escape routes except one, which was well protected by hostile abatis, mines and explosives, Captain Majeski determined to reconnoiter this possible outlet. Advancing alone, he was shortly caught between



two direct shell fire pockets; but, with great sagacity he took advantage of a slight forest depression and escaped injury. Then, carefully probing his way past mines, traps and abatis, he laid out a route, swiftly returned to his company, and led it safely out of the danger area without one casualty. His audacious and brilliant leadership is in keeping with the finest military traditions. Entered military service from Chelsea, Massachusetts.

ALFRED E. OLSON, JR., 01296570, Captain, 399th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 4 January 1945, in the vicinity of Lemburg, France. When hostile artillery fire slowed our attack and inflicted ten casualties upon the already depleted company under his command, Captain Olson courageously moved forward and personally led the assault in the face of enemy action. When intense small arms and machine gun fire from the enemy main positions again threatened to halt the attack, Captain Olson charged forward alone, calling to his men to follow him, and so inspired the members of his company that they overran the strongly defended entrenchments, killing thirty-five of the enemy, wounding thirty and capturing eighty prisoners. The indomitable resolution and gallantry which Captain Olson thus displayed was directly responsible for the capture of a vital tactical objective. Entered military service from Brooklyn, New York.

CHARLES T. FRITZ, 32507702, Staff Sergeant, 399th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 17 April 1945, in the vicinity of Heilbronn, Germany. While directing the fire of his two machine guns, Sergeant Fritz was suddenly engaged by five enemy soldiers. Engaging the numerically superior force, he killed one and captured the others. On another occasion, he was fired upon by enemy snipers who lay concealed behind bricks and rubble of the city's demolished houses. Unable to determine the location of the enemy, Sergeant Fritz deliberately exposed himself to draw the enemy's fire, and thus ascertained their positions. Firing into the hostile group, he again killed one and captured two more. The personal daring and courageous leadership displayed by Sergeant Fritz throughout the day-long battle encouraged and inspired his men, and contributed greatly to the final success of the operation. Entered military service from Caldwell, New Jersey.

HERBERT HARVEY, 32652253, Staff Sergeant, 397th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 3 December 1944 and 8 December 1944, in the vicinity of Mouterhouse, France. Sergeant Harvey, a German-speaking squad leader, voluntarily accompanied a patrol into enemy lines in order to gain information of the disposition of various hostile weapons which had stalled the battalion's advance. Reaching a house occupied by thirteen German civilians, Sergeant Harvey slipped through the ring of enemy soldiers surrounding the place, and entered the house unnoticed. Putting the civilians under guard, he then obtained from them information concerning the exact locations of hostile emplacements. Venturing out of the house the following morning, he destroyed several enemy positions, and relayed the information to his patrol leader. As a result of his gallant and devoted action, the hostile forces were completely eliminated in a subsequent artillery barrage, and the battalion was able to continue toward its objective. Entered military service from New York, New York.

CLARENCE H. SPENCE, 38440551, Staff Sergeant, 399th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 18 April 1945, in the vicinity of Abstatt, Germany. Sergeant Spence was in a house with twenty-three other men when the group was ambushed and surrounded by approximately ninety enemy soldiers. Volunteering to go for help, Sergeant Spence left the house under cover of friendly fire and proceeded on his mission despite a ring of German bullets. Although fired upon continually throughout his long trip, he finally got to another town where he explained the situation to the commanding officer, and showed in exact detail the disposition of hostile emplacements. As a result of Sergeant Spence's magnificent courage and supreme devotion to the welfare of his comrades, necessary reinforcements were secured, and the twenty-three man platoon, ambushed and trapped behind enemy lines, was liberated. Entered military service from Springerville, Arizona.

EDDY E. THOMAS, 30534622, Staff Sergeant, 397th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 9 April 1945, in the vicinity of Heilbronn, Germany. While attacking the city's fanatically defended factory district, the platoon in which Sergeant Thomas was platoon guide was immobilized by automatic weapons and small arms fire emanating from its objective. Realizing the danger to his platoon, Sergeant Thomas secured three abandoned panzerfausts and began to creep and crawl toward the enemy. Although observed and fired upon, he continued forward. Reaching a position near the building, he fired the three panzerfausts into the windows, and then moved closer to throw several hand grenades inside. Rushing the door, he shot

the lock open, fired two clips of rifle ammunition, and demanded the enemy's surrender. As a result of Sergeant Thomas' daring and heroic singlehanded action, twenty-five Germans were captured, five killed, four wounded, and the objective secured without a single casualty to the platoon. Entered military service from Henrietta, Texas.

ARTHUR J. GRIMM, 33038050, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 8 April 1945, in the vicinity of Heilbronn, Germany. When a hostile tank, spearheading an enemy counterattack, approached his position, Private Grimm resolutely engaged the armored vehicle, firing a rocket at the tank as it passed him. The tank quickly turned and adjusted its machine guns upon his position, but Private Grimm stepped into the open, fired a second rocket which disabled the engine vehicle, then, running closer to the tank, fired one and then another phosphorus round into the turret and hatch. When two of the hostile crew attempted to escape from the burning tank, he killed them with accurate carbine fire, and forced the three remaining members to surrender. His courageous and resolute action thus saved his platoon from almost certain annihilation, and contributed decisively to the success of our operations. Entered military service from Alverton, Pennsylvania.

ROBERT F. KIRKLAND, 34067611, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 13 April 1945, in the vicinity of Affletrach, Germany. Private Kirkland was leading his platoon forward when sudden fire from a concealed enemy machine gun immobilized the entire group. Realizing there was no time to call for friendly shell fire, he courageously crawled forward to a small slope overlooking the hostile nest. Then, although the enemy's full fire power was concentrated on him, he delivered a devastating volley of rifle fire into the position, killing two Germans and silencing the weapon. With great audaciousness he then assaulted the nest, gained control of the weapon and began firing it at the remaining enemy. His comrades were thus able to renew the attack and attain their objective. Entered military service from Saluda, South Carolina.

THOMAS G. SWEET, 37530502, Private First Class, 396th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 6 April 1945, in the vicinity of Heuchlingen, Germany. Private Sweet and his anti-tank platoon, serving as provincial riflemen, were advancing in the outskirts of Heuchlingen when the entire group became immobilized by heavy hostile machine gun fire. Realizing the imminent danger to his comrades, Private Sweet courageously advanced over open terrain to a small knoll overlooking the enemy position. Then, with an automatic rifle he engaged the Germans in a fierce fire fight and although rainfully wounded when the enemy began to shell his position he grimly refused to fall back but instead stood straight up and in full view of the enemy unloaded his entire magazine of ammunition into the hostile nest. By his audacious action, he killed the crew of three and silenced the machine gun, thus enabling his comrades to renew their attack. Entered military service from Kansas City, Missouri.

SECTION III -- RESCISSION OF AWARD OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO BRONZE STAR MEDAL

So much of Section I, General Orders Number 204, this headquarters, current series, as awards the First Oak Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal to *HEINICH J. HEEPERER, 307281*, Captain, 399th Infantry Regiment, is rescinded. (See Section II, 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 each of the following named individuals:

- RAMON E. NICOLA**, 038571, Lieutenant Colonel, 575th Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in support of combat operations during the period 17 December 1944 to 3 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Providence, Rhode Island.
- FRANCIS L. BARNETT, JR.**, 0334732, Major, 575th Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in support of combat operations during the period 29 October 1944 to 17 March 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Charlotte, New York.
- JOHN E. KELLY**, 01295826, Captain, 598th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 30 March 1945 to 8 May 1945, in Southern Germany. Entered military service from Troy, New York.
- WILSON S. MEYERS**, 01332019, Captain, Dental Corps, Medical Detachment, 59th Engineer Combat Battalion, for meritorious service in support of combat operations during the period 1 November 1944 to 1 February 1945, in Eastern France. Entered military service from Lawrence, Massachusetts.
- ESLIE B. JONES**, 00016543, Second Lieutenant, 598th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 7 November 1944 to 5 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Pittsfield, Massachusetts.
- HUNTER L. GRIMME**, 34463601, First Sergeant, Headquarters Company, 100th Infantry Division, for meritorious service in support of combat operations during the period 24 December 1944 to 15 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from West Berlin, New Jersey.

SECTION II -- AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 700-45, as amended, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded to each of the following named individuals:

- WILLIAM H. DE SWING**, 0492214, Major, Headquarters 100th Infantry Division, for meritorious service in support of combat operations during the period 1 November 1944 to 3 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Jacksonville, Florida.
- ~~**WALTER S. [Name]**, [Number], Captain, 573rd Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations during the period 20 January 1945 to 5 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Brooklyn, New York.~~
- ~~**WALTER S. [Name]**, [Number], First Lieutenant, 598th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 6 November 1944 to 3 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Syracuse, New York.~~
- ~~**WALTER S. [Name]**, [Number], First Lieutenant, 598th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 6 November 1944 to 3 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Rosburg, Oregon.~~
- JOHN E. WISNER**, 01310972, First Lieutenant, 598th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 6 November 1944 to 3 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Grand Rapids, Michigan.
- PAUL W. ROBERTS**, 00046395, Second Lieutenant, 598th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 6 November 1944 to 3 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from El Paso, Texas.
- JOHN E. SHANNON**, 00010333, Second Lieutenant, 598th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 7 November 1944 to 10 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Greencastle, Pennsylvania.
- JOHN E. [Name]**, [Number], Second Lieutenant, 598th 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 Fitchburg, Massachusetts.

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FRANK H. FOLEY, 3240449, Master Sergeant, 398th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations during the period 7 November 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Trenton, New Jersey.

FRANK FOLEY, 32258733, First Sergeant, 373d Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in support of combat operations during the period 3 November 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Charlestown, Massachusetts.

MURRAY W. GANFIELD, 31127157, First Sergeant, 92dth Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in support of combat operations during the period 1 November 1944 to 28 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Long Beach, Massachusetts.

LOUIS G. GOSCAIDINI, JR., 30371190, First Sergeant, 398th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 7 November 1944 to 19 November 1944 and from 27 December 1944 to 25 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Schenectady, New York.

EDWIN V. HUNCHESTER, 19173977, Technical Sergeant, 398th 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 Peterburgh, New York.

WILSON C. HENBRY, JR., 31217306, Technical Sergeant, 398th Infantry Regiment, 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 Brunswick, Maine.

SAMUEL J. HOKORY, 32972589, Technical Sergeant, Military Intelligence Service, for meritorious service in support of combat operations during the period 1 April 1945 to 8 May 1945, in Southern Germany. Entered military service from New York, New York.

BURTON SIFUEN, 12203483, Technical Sergeant (then 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 Passaic, New Jersey.

ROLAND L. BIRNSON, 36827849, Staff Sergeant, 373d Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 5 November 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Drummond, Wisconsin.

GENE BRADLEY, 34209455, Staff Sergeant, 373d Field Artillery Battalion, 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 Tallahassee, Florida.

JACK J. SPENCER, 14204329, Staff Sergeant, 398th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 8 November 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Allenhurst, New Jersey.

JAMES J. KELLY, 32653144, Staff Sergeant, 398th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 8 November 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from New York City, New York.

MATTHEW F. KORNHAU, 32652830, Staff Sergeant, 398th 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.

EDWIN E. FOLLSAT, 30807322, Staff Sergeant (then Technician Fourth Grade), 373d Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in support of combat operations during the period 5 November 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Plainfield, New Jersey.

FRANK J. RANVICH, 32167403, Staff Sergeant, 398th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 6 November 1944 to 26 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Wilmington, Delaware.

PAUL HUBLE, 34561180, Sergeant, 373d Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations during the period 4 November 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Newoo, Alabama.

FRANK S. WYLLIS, 33380540, Sergeant, 398th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 3 November 1944 to 13 December 1944, in Eastern France. Entered military service from Jamaica, Long Island, New York.

ALVIN J. RISCO, 34581774, Sergeant, 398th 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 Birmingham, Alabama.

WILL STUBBS, 34930545, Sergeant, 398th 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 Hamilton, Tennessee.

SIDNEY SHREINIKY, 30650043, Sergeant, 398th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 8 November 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Brooklyn, New York.

ALEXANDER J. KASPER, 3190267, Technician Fourth Grade, 308th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations during the period 5 November 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from West Rutland, Vermont.

SWYDER LINDERMAN, 30934935, Technician Fourth Grade, 373d Field Artillery Battalion, 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 Brooklyn, New York.

JOHN L. BENT, 37018895, Technician Fourth Grade (then Technician Fifth Grade), 373d Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in support of combat operations during the period 5 November 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Pittsburg, Kansas.

JOHN T. W. KESWORTHY, 10009000, Corporal, 308th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 7 November 1944 to 15 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from West Tulsa, Oklahoma.

THOMAS C. RUPPERT, 10174004, Technician Fifth Grade, 308th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 5 November 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Taylor, Pennsylvania.

JOHN J. HILLY, 32897216, Technician Fifth Grade, 373d Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 5 November 1944 to 9 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Westwood, New Jersey.

RAY S. WINTERB, 3151928, Technician Fifth Grade, 373d Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in support of combat operations during the period 5 November 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Westford, Connecticut.

WALTER C. WISE, 31668098, Technician Fifth Grade, Medical Detachment, 308th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 5 November 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Glen Falls, New York.

CHARL E. KIRBY, 32191307, Private First Class, 373d Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations during the period 5 November 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Washington, D. C.

ALVIN E. JOHNSON, 3332800, Private First Class, 308th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 21 January 1945 to 9 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Corsicana, Texas.

WALTER D. MITCHELL, 34930005, Private First Class, 308th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 21 January 1945 to 9 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Gunley, Alabama.

FRED T. HIRSH, 34913730, Private First Class, 308th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 21 January 1945 to 9 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Chattanooga, Tennessee.

WILLIAM F. FICE, 33641450, Private First Class, 308th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 7 November 1944 to 25 December 1944 and 11 March 1945 to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from San Augustine, Texas.

JAMES T. FRYCE, 35701097, Private First Class, 308th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 8 November 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Bowling Green, Kentucky.

LEO SCHMIDT, 10086400, Private First Class, 308th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 5 November 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from New York, New York.

JOHN H. FOLEY, 34918013, Private First Class, 308th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 21 January 1945 to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Brentley, Alabama.

THOMAS J. SMITH, 33941067, Private First Class, 308th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 21 January 1945 to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

ADAM J. HINTON, 33280000, Private, 307th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 7 November 1944 to 21 November 1944, in Eastern Europe. Entered military service from Brady, Texas.

LEWIS J. HARRIS, 33921000, Private, 308th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 21 January 1945 to 9 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Hershey, Pennsylvania.

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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

NORRIS E. WALTERS, 37538382, Staff Sergeant, 399th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 13 April 1945, in the vicinity of Talheim, Germany. During our dash out of Talheim several casualties occurred from numerous well coordinated enemy weapons and the order to withdraw to war covered positions was given. Sergeant Walters, acting platoon guide, audaciously defied the heavy hostile fire to move from squad to squad, relaying the message to fall back. When additional casualties occurred in this movement, he remained behind to administer first aid and assist in their evacuation. So zealous was his concern for his men that he was the last man to retreat. The following morning the attack was renewed and Sergeant Walters continued his heroism by bravely crossing a hostile fire-swept field, inspiring his men to follow him. Although later wounded while assaulting a machine gun emplacement, he refused evacuation until his mission was completed. Entered military service from Rochester, Minnesota.

Award of First Oak Leaf Cluster

THOMAS W. HUNT, 56716557, Staff Sergeant, 399th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 15 March 1945, in the vicinity of Bitch, France. During the furious fighting for Bitch, fortress city of the Maginot Line, Sergeant Hunt, a rifle squad leader, saw an American pilot bail out of his burning plane and parachute to a position some distance in front of our lines. Realizing that the pilot had landed in an enemy mined field, he swiftly organized a small rescue party and courageously led it forward, he himself probing cautiously for mines and booby traps. While thus engaged he killed two German snipers that had fired on the group. Upon locating the pilot he discovered him seriously injured and incapable of walking. Sergeant Hunt administered first aid to the stricken man, placed him on an improvised stretcher and led the group back over the precarious route to friendly lines. His heroism is in keeping with the finest military traditions. Entered military service from St. Joes, Illinois.

HARVEY C. WEISEL, JR., 02957336, Lieutenant Colonel, 398th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 16 January 1945 to 2 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Allentown, Pennsylvania.

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:

WILLIAM G. PETERSON, 35553500, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 11 December 1944, in the vicinity of Alt Schmel, France. When, during the height of a determined counter attack, enemy fire severed the single wire line between the company command post and the rear, Private Peterson voluntarily left his dugout and began tracing the ruptured line. Despite the continued hostile artillery fire, he located the break, repaired it, and started back; subsequently he was reported missing in action. As a result of Private Peterson's magnificent courage, initiative and aggressiveness, communications were reinstated, enabling our forces to successfully resist the attackers. Next of kin: Ethel E. Peterson (Mother), Route Number One, Defiance, Ohio.

SECTION III -- AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

Under the provision of Army Regulations 300-45, as amended, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded to each of the following named individuals:

EMIL C. SEELS, 34249237, First Sergeant (then Staff Sergeant), 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 8 April 1945, in the vicinity of Heuchlingen, Germany. During the fighting for Heilbronn, Sergeant Seels and members of his anti-air platoon were ordered to advance to Heuchlingen and join with a friendly rifle company. Upon approaching the town's outskirts the platoon was fired upon and it was soon ascertained that it was still enemy-held. Realizing that the rifle company must have been delayed, Sergeant Seels organized his men into two rifle squads and led them into the town. So effective was his leadership that although his men were only lightly engaged the town was completely cleared of the enemy in an hour and a half with thirty Germans captured and ten killed. The outstanding initiative, resourcefulness and courage displayed by Sergeant Seels in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Alpine, Tennessee.

SAMUEL SELES, 3265 153, Staff Sergeant (then Technician Fourth Grade), 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 6 April 1945, in the vicinity of Jostfeld, Germany. When, during an advance, two members of a wire team were wounded by sniper fire while attempting to lay a line to the lead company, Sergeant Seles, a radio operator, voluntarily started forward to assist the remaining man. Reaching the Just River, he discovered a foot bridge was not yet constructed and that the assault boats had been carried downstream. Undaunted, he swam across the river and reached the remaining member of the wire team. Warned that enemy artillery and mortar fire blanketed the area, Sergeant Seles nevertheless picked up a coil of wire, started out, and succeeded in reaching the rifle company and establishing contact with the rest. As a result of his gallant and devoted action, forward observers were able to direct accurate fire against enemy strongpoints, thus contributing to the success of the operation. Entered military service from Bronx, New York.

JAMES R. STANUS, 12170574, Staff Sergeant, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 8 April 1945, in the vicinity of Jostfeld, Germany. After crossing the Just River with leading elements of the battalion, Sergeant Stanus covered one of the rifle teams, and established an observation post for the 31 millimeter mortar platoon. A few minutes later, when he sighted a large force of hostile troops moving toward the crossing site, he immediately called for fire. Then, despite the fact that the foe located his position and directed intense machine gun and rifle fire at it, Sergeant Stanus remained at his post and for two hours adjusted accurate fire on the attacking forces. As a result of his courage and unflinching devotion to duty, the enemy was eventually forced to retreat after suffering heavy casualties. Entered military service from Albany, New York.

LESTER T. VANCECIC, 2921025, Staff Sergeant, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 10 January 1945, in the vicinity of Reversville, France. During an attack through a wooded area, three rifle platoons were suddenly immobilized by the ceaseless fire of enemy machine guns. Realizing that the thick overhead foliage made his 31 millimeter mortar useless, Sergeant Vancecic organized his men into a rifle squad and moved forward. Sighting a particularly effective enemy machine gun, Sergeant Vancecic ordered his men to halt, while he made a personal reconnaissance of the position. Returning, he led his men in a movement which flanked the enemy. Then, leading them in a charge, he caught the foe by surprise, and seized control of the weapon without suffering a single casualty to his own forces. His daring and brilliant leadership enabled the company to resume the offensive. Entered military service from Kanare, New York.

BARNABUCHY E. KELLY, 3294932, Sergeant (then Corporal), 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 10 December 1944, in the vicinity of Lormery, France. Charged with establishing communications between his heavy machine gun position and an observation post, Sergeant Kelly started forward, when the enemy began shelling our positions. Realizing that a counterattack was imminent, he braved the fire and continued to move forward until he completed his mission. Then, in a well-timed charge, his squad leader and company sergeant were wounded, Sergeant Kelly, disregarding the wounds which still bothered the area, made his way to the wounded men and finally carried them back to the platoon support post. His magnificent courage and unflinching devotion to duty enabled his section to effectively engage the enemy when the counterattack came, and his unselfish devotion to the welfare of his comrades saved the lives of two men. Entered military service from Troy, New York.

HORWELL C. WINDHAM, 14423547, Sergeant, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 17 April 1945, in the vicinity of Pfedelbach, Germany. When his company suddenly ran into a strong and well-entrenched enemy force, and was without communications to the rear, Sergeant Windham and another member of his machine gun section volunteered to try mounting their gun on top of a small knoll overlooking the foe. While crawling up the hill, the two men were subjected to intense hostile rifle fire, but courageously continued on until they had reached the summit. When his comrade was wounded while placing the gun in action, Sergeant Windham rained the machine gun. Seizing fire superiority, he effectively pinned down the enemy, enabling our platoon to advance virtually unopposed and overrun the position, capturing 200 prisoners. Sergeant Windham's daring and aggressive action is in keeping with the highest traditions of the Army of the United States. Entered military service from Oxford, Mississippi.

ARNER D. LORBER, 52609671, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 4 April 1945, in the vicinity of Jagstfeld, Germany. During the furious fighting for Jagstfeld Private Lorber and two other members of a battalion wire section were assigned the hazardous task of installing a wire line to the leading rifle company. To reach the company command post it was necessary to cross the Jagst River and then travel over four hundred yards of open enemy fire-swept terrain. As the three men started to cross the River direct hostile shell fire began to fall in the vicinity and both of Private Lorber's companions were seriously wounded. Realizing the importance of his mission, Private Lorber determinedly crossed the river alone and miraculously crossed the open terrain without injury, bringing the wire line up to the company command post and thus establishing the critically needed communication. His heroism is in keeping with the finest military traditions. Entered military service from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

CHARLES S. MOWBRAY, JR., 33305736, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 15 March 1945, in the vicinity of Bitch, France. While advancing on the fortress-city, Private Mowbray's platoon was immobilized by fire from an enemy machine gun dug in to his front. When the company's mortar fire failed to silence the hostile weapon, Private Mowbray voluntarily began crawling forward. Reaching a point from which he had clear observation of the enemy, he assumed a kneeling position, and firing his rifle, killed two German gunners and silenced the weapon. Private Mowbray's magnificent courage, daring and aggressive action enabled him to single-handedly remove a major threat to his platoon's advance. Entered military service from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

FRANK PICCO, 36142167, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 2 December 1944, in the vicinity of Soucht, France. During the attack on enemy-held Soucht, Private Picco, a rifleman, was guarding his own work at flank when heavy hostile machine gun fire immobilized the leading platoon. A numerically superior enemy force simultaneously attacked and seriously threatened to surround the company's leading elements. Private Picco, although in an exposed position, fearlessly fought back the enemy with rapid, accurate fire from his rifle and although several Germans attempted to close in on his position he killed them and forced the remainder to fall back. Then, although painfully wounded, he refused to withdraw until a friendly light machine gun section arrived to relieve him. Only until then would he submit to medical aid. His heroism in the face of grave danger is in keeping with the highest military traditions. Entered military service from San Francisco, California.

LEROY E. REAMAN, 36364491, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 6 April 1945, in the vicinity of Heuchlingen, Germany. While acting as infantry in support of several light tanks, the battalion anti-tank platoon was immobilized by hostile machine gun fire inside the village. Ordering his comrades to take cover, Private Reaman crawled forward alone, and, after locating the machine gun's position, continued on until he reached a point from which he could deliver effective counterfire. Then, standing up in full view of the enemy, he opened fire with his automatic rifle, killing three German gunners and effectively silencing the weapon. As a result of his daring and aggressive action, Private Reaman single-handedly removed a major threat to his unit's advance and prevented serious casualties. Entered military service from Grant Park, Illinois.

GABRIELE STEFINOVIC, 50596017, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 4 December 1944, in the vicinity of Soucht, France. During an advance, the heavy machine gun section of which Private Stefanovic was a member was crushed and immobilized by the crossfire of several enemy machine guns. Removing his weapon from the carrier, Private Stefanovic put it in ac-



tion in full view of the enemy. Although two members of his squad were wounded in the action, he remained in his exposed position and continued to defend the left flank. His accurate fire destroyed one machine gun and beat back an enemy attempt to outflank our positions. As a result of his magnificent courage, determination and unwavering devotion to duty, the foe was ultimately forced to withdraw after suffering great casualties, and our forces continued their advance. Entered military service from Danvers, Pennsylvania.

HERBERT E. STOV, 35346949, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 4 December 1944, in the vicinity of Soucht, France. While moving forward, a section of heavy machine guns was suddenly attacked by a large enemy force which succeeded in infiltrating through our lines. Seeing two of his comrades killed before they could put their gun in action, Private Stov, jeep driver, immediately helped the remaining men mount their weapon. Then, realizing the critical need for ammunition, he crawled across fire-swept terrain, gained his vehicle, and returned to the gun position with several chests of ammunition. His courageous and determined action enabled his squad to effectively engage the foe, inflicting heavy casualties and eventually forcing them to withdraw. Entered military service from Ashley, Indiana.

ANTHONY J. ANGELO, 31757173, Staff Sergeant, 398th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the periods 7 November 1944 to 8 December 1944, and 4 February 1945 to 5 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Lawrence, Massachusetts.

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

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-46, 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

JAMES P. REGAN, 10233396, Private First Class, 387th Infantry Regiment, 14 November 1944. Entered military service from Brooklyn, New York.

Award of First Oak Leaf Cluster

ADAM A. BEUTER, 16174638, Sergeant, 398th Infantry Regiment, 18 April 1945. Entered military service from Havana, Illinois.

HERMAN H. JEGAR, 49045370, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, 9 April 1945. Entered military service from Lakewood, New Jersey.

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:

LEON E. GASTMAN, 35363378, Corporal, 936th Field Artillery Battalion, 9 February 1945. Entered military service from Indianapolis, Indiana.

WALTER G. FLEISCH, 37349244, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, 7 April 1945. Entered military service from Milford, Virginia.

VINCENT L. EASTMAN, 41290716, Captain, 397th Infantry Regiment, 9 January 1945. Entered military service from Norwich, Connecticut.

SECTION VI -- RESCISSION OF AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

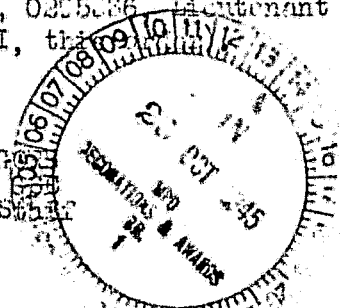
Section 1 of Section II, General Orders Number 264, this headquarters, current series, is amended to rescind a Bronze Star Medal to HENRY C. WISSEL, JR., 0355336, Lieutenant Colonel, 388th Infantry Regiment, is rescinded. (See Section I, this headquarters, current series.)

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

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 300-45, 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

MILMER D. HAYES, O1246389, Captain, 399th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 16 April 1945, in the vicinity of Schozach, Germany. When commissioned to assault and capture the town of Schozach, Captain Hayes, company commander, courageously made a visual reconnaissance of the approach terrain while under enemy shell fire, and then, formulating his attack plans, led his men forward. Deploying his second platoon in a flanking movement on the tops of tanks, he led the first and third platoons in a frontal attack. When extreme hostile fire was met and the third platoon lost communication, Captain Hayes, audaciously crossed over enemy mined terrain, while subjected to German shellfire, and located the lost unit. Then, although suffering from a knee injury, he organized his entire force and daringly led it in a fierce assault, timed with an attack by his tank-mounted second platoon. Under his brilliant leadership the town was soon captured and a number of the enemy taken prisoner. Entered military service from Brewton, Alabama.

ALFONSO W. SIEMASKO, O1998108, Second Lieutenant, 399th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 6 January 1945, in the vicinity of Shorbach, France. Lieutenant Siemasco, a platoon leader, was leading his men in a night reconnaissance raid when they became immobilized in a farm draw by heavy hostile fire on three sides. Having been previously advised that the draw was free of enemy, Lieutenant Siemasco determined to ascertain the strength and location of German emplacements. Courageously moving from man to man he skillfully built up a base of fire and then carefully explored all possible avenues of passage. His subterfuge actions drew several sources of enemy fire into the open. When convinced that to advance would be too costly, and fully satisfied as to the enemy's strength, he gave the order to withdraw. He himself covered the withdrawal with an automatic weapon and assured his men that no men were left behind before leaving. By his sagacious leadership, Lieutenant Siemasco returned his platoon without a casualty and at the same time secured vital intelligence information. Entered military service from Shamokin, Pennsylvania.

Award of First Oak Leaf Cluster

HERBERT T. YOUNG, O2000679, Second Lieutenant, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 16 April 1945, in the vicinity of Schozach, Germany. Lieutenant Young, leader of a heavy machine gun platoon, and his men were in support of the leading rifle company during the attack on Schozach when both units and another rifle company became immobilized in an open field by heavy hostile shellfire and direct sniper and self-propelled weapons fire. Although any movement was exceedingly dangerous, Lieutenant Young heroically exposed himself to the fire in order to administer first aid to the wounds of seven of his men and to remove them to what cover was available. Then, he moved forward to assist in the treatment of wounded riflemen. When all the injured had been cared for he displayed continued courage and great leadership by leading his men and one of the rifle companies out of the fire-swept area, thus enabling our forces to renew the attack. Entered military service from Haverhill, Massachusetts.

WILLIAM C. HYNSON, O1801485, First Lieutenant, 398th 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 Syracuse, 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:

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 \* LEONARD T. QUINLAN, 02006117, Second Lieutenant, 399th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 22 April 1945, in the vicinity of Roddenberg, Germany. Lieutenant Quinlan, with two tanks and a platoon of men at his disposal, was assigned the task of capturing a well-defended area. Realizing that his force was greatly outnumbered, Lieutenant Quinlan devised a plan whereby the two tanks were to simulate a frontal assault upon the town, while he and his men attacked the enemy from the rear. His ruse was so successful that his men killed nine Germans, wounded four and captured ninety-three prisoners, while suffering only negligible casualties themselves. Lieutenant Quinlan's bold tactics, confident and brilliant leadership reflect great credit upon himself and the Army of the United States. Entered military service from Bronx, New York.

THOMAS F. WORSHAM, 02311957, Second Lieutenant (then Staff Sergeant), 399th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 7 December 1944, in the vicinity of Lamber, France. When our forces became immobilized by heavy hostile fire at the outskirts of Lamber, Lieutenant Worsham, then an acting rifle platoon leader, courageously advanced alone to a point from which he could observe a 20 millimeter cannon emplacement. Although direct fire from this weapon tore his clothing and equipment, he valiantly held his position, firing a series of anti-tank grenades. Then, deeming the range was too great, he audaciously stood up in full view of the enemy and skillfully fired a clip of tracer ammunition which forced the German crew to take cover. His accurate tracer fire enabled a friendly mortar observer to call for adjustment and shortly neutralize the enemy weapon. Thus, by this intrepid action, Lieutenant Worsham was instrumental in removing a serious menace to our troops, enabling them to renew the attack. Entered military service from Jeffersonville, Georgia.

JIMMY P. MANZI, 33265092, Technical Sergeant (then Staff Sergeant), 363th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action during the period 5 April 1945 to 7 April 1945, in the vicinity of Jarstfeld, Germany. When Sergeant Manzi was given command of two rifle squads and assigned the important mission of defending his battalion's exposed left flank, he immediately moved his men into position in expectation of an enemy counter attack. At dawn a full company of German infantrymen initiated a strong attack but despite their numerical superiority were repulsed with twenty killed. Then, for the next two days the enemy repeatedly attacked but under the courageous and superb leadership of Sergeant Manzi who continually remained exposed to the hostile fire to direct his men, they were repelled with heavy losses. Thus, because of his great personal courage, leadership and diligence, Sergeant Manzi prevented the serious threat to his battalion from materializing. Entered military service from Millbrook, New York.

FRANKLIN E. SCHAEFER, 33423412, Technical Sergeant (then Staff Sergeant), 399th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 18 February 1945, in the vicinity of Frodenberg Farms, France. Having led a three-man reconnaissance patrol into enemy lines earlier in the day, Sergeant Schaefer volunteered to act as chief scout for a three-man combat patrol into the Farms area. After working his way to within short rifle range of the farm, Sergeant Schaefer spotted the enemy and opened fire. Following his example, the rest of the patrol opened up, and in the subsequent fire fight, inflicted five casualties upon the hostile forces. When the patrol was ordered to withdraw, Sergeant Schaefer continued to fire, thus drawing most of the fire upon himself and allowing his comrades to complete their withdrawal. His courage and unselfish devotion to duty reflect creditably upon himself and the Army of the United States. Entered military service from Gibbsboro, New Jersey.

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 \* ROBERT F. SMITH, 33278413, Technical Sergeant (then Technician Fourth Grade), 399th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 9 December 1944, in the vicinity of Sutzbruck, France. While working on overhead construction to install land line within a new command post area, Sergeant Smith and his assistants were caught in a heavy barrage of enemy 80 millimeter fire. Ordering his men to take cover, Sergeant Smith, knowing that the regimental commander and his staff would soon arrive and need to rely on service to bring them abreast of the tactical situation, continued to work unaided. Then, throughout the continued hostile barrage, he directed and assisted his wire team until all communications were installed and operating. His courage and unwavering devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the Army of the United States. Entered military service from Albany, New York.

JACK K. BRYANT, 18163636, Staff Sergeant, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 9 April 1945, in the vicinity of Waldau, Germany. Realizing that mortar support for the infantry assault upon an enemy hill position was very important, Sergeant Bryant, who had been acting as forward observer, moved up to the leading squad, and with his radio on his back, jugged off in the attack. As soon as our troops drew fire from the enemy, the point halted and Sergeant Bryant called for mortar fire. Despite the fact that the bulky radio and long antenna made him a perfect target for enemy fire, Sergeant Bryant continued to move with the assault elements until they reached the top of the hill and overcame all resistance. Sergeant Bryant engaged twelve different targets during this bitter action. His courage and skill contributed greatly to the success of the operation. Entered military service from Gravette, Arkansas.

JOSE DE J. DIAZ, 6674443, Staff Sergeant, 399th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 1 January 1945, in the vicinity of Siersthal, France. Seeing that the fire of his men would not be sufficient to drive back a second German counter attack, Sergeant Diaz ran forward to a previously abandoned enemy machine gun. Exposing himself to the enemy's fire, he manned the weapon. His and the fire of his men killed or wounded twenty of the attackers, and successfully drove the others away. When, during a third and more vicious attack, our forces' supply of ammunition dwindled, Sergeant Diaz crossed fire-swept terrain and obtained additional ammunition for his men. The daring, aggressiveness and devotion to duty displayed by Sergeant Diaz were instrumental in enabling his platoon to withstand each of the enemy's several attacks. Entered military service from Plattsburg, New York.

WILLIAM E. FIRESHEETS, 38242790, Staff Sergeant, 399th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 16 November 1944, in the vicinity of Bouffalons, France. When the first scout was wounded by enemy fire, Sergeant Firesheets, leader of the combat patrol, immediately crawled forward fifty yards over fire-swept terrain, and reaching the wounded man's side, administered first aid. Then, in full view of the enemy, he deployed his men and directed them in the ensuing fire fight. The accurate fire of Sergeant Firesheets and his men routed the enemy, and thus accomplished part of their mission. Sergeant Firesheets was wounded in this action, but despite the intense pain, he personally directed the removal of other wounded men in his command. The courage, aggressive leadership and unselfish devotion to duty displayed by Sergeant Firesheets reflect creditably upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Deweyville, Texas.

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\* JOSEPH E. KEDZIERSKI, 33482086, Staff Sergeant, 399th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 8 December 1944, in the vicinity of Leberg, France. Sergeant Kedziercki, a rifle platoon leader, was sent out to lead a combat patrol whose mission it was to silence the two enemy machine guns which were holding up the advance of our troops. Leading his patrol to within a hundred yards of the foe, Sergeant Kedziercki skillfully deployed his men in such positions that would give them command of the situation. Then, directing their fire, he neutralized both enemy machine gun nests, thus allowing our troops to continue their attack. By his courage and the brilliant tactical use of his troops, Sergeant Kedziercki enabled his company to take its objective. Entered military service from Trenton, New Jersey.

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\* CHESTER D. PORTER, JR., 33543083, Staff Sergeant, 399th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 20 April 1945, in the vicinity of Gross Aspach, Germany. During the advance toward Buchen, Sergeant Porter was put in charge of four men and sent forward to determine the condition of two bridges. Meeting no resistance in town, the patrol immediately went to survey the bridges. One was found completely destroyed. The other, although prepared for demolition, was still intact. Sending two men back to report to the company, Sergeant Porter removed the wires and fuses. Then, when a squad of twelve Germans approached to destroy the bridge, Sergeant Porter engaged the numerically superior force in a fire fight and succeeded in killing two, wounding three, and driving the others back. The courage and determination displayed by Sergeant Porter saved a key bridge and enabled his company to continue its advance. Entered military service from Hampton, Virginia.

FRANK J. SOLDANO, 31237476, Staff Sergeant, 399th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 5 November 1944, in the vicinity of St. Remy, France. While in an attack upon a small woods, Sergeant Soldano and his squad were immobilized by intense enemy machine gun fire. Disregarding his own safety, Sergeant Soldano crept and crawled into the woods until he was within rifle range of one of the gun crews. Firing his rifle, he killed two and forced the other to flee. Then, while moving toward a second gun, he was wounded by an exploding mortar shell. Un-

able to move, Sergeant Soldano called back to the weapons platoon, and directed their fire until the hostile mortar and machine guns were silenced. He then motioned his squad to continue the attack. The magnificent courage and supreme devotion to duty displayed by Sergeant Soldano are in keeping with the highest military traditions. Entered military service from East Boston, Massachusetts.

JAMES E. WALKER, JR., 34963244, Staff Sergeant (then Private First Class), 399th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 7 December 1944, in the vicinity of Lemberg, France. Just prior to our attack on Lemberg Sergeant Walker, a rifle squad leader but then a platoon runner, was engaged in carrying messages between platoons when suddenly hostile shellfire painfully wounded him. Although ordered to report back to a first aid station by his leader, Sergeant Walker, realizing that his presence was needed for the coming assault, resolved to remain with his team. When the attack was launched he tirelessly and courageously carried out his missions under heavy enemy fire and although the pain from his injuries steadily increased, he determinedly remained with the fighting units until the success of the attack was assured and his company had achieved its objective. Not until then did he submit to medical care. His indomitable courage and loyalty is in keeping with the highest military traditions. Entered military service from Greenville, South Carolina.

ARLAN E. WILSON, 14161705, Staff Sergeant, 399th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 16 April 1945, in the vicinity of Sonthelm, Germany. Sergeant Wilson, platoon guide in a rifle company, was leading his men out of the danger of enemy artillery barrage, when he was hit and wounded. Refusing medical attention until he had insured the safety of the men in his company, Sergeant Wilson administered first aid to his own wounds, and courageously continued forward, successful in getting his men out of the zone of fire. Only then did he submit to extensive medical treatment. The heroism and unselfish devotion to duty displayed by Sergeant Wilson reflect the highest traditions of the Army of the United States. Entered service from Chattanooga, Tennessee.

SAMUEL J. ERBERA, 12211915, Sergeant (then Private First Class), 399th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 1 January 1945, in the vicinity of Montal, France. When the Germans counterattacked for the third time, Sergeant Erbera, a rifleman, left the shelter of his foxhole and moved across open and heavily hilly terrain to a position from which he could fire more effectively. His fire killed or wounded six of the enemy. Then, when his ammunition gave out, he withdrew the enemy and grenades as he went. Coming upon an abandoned German machine gun, Sergeant Erbera aimed the weapon. Opening fire, he succeeded in halting a furious enemy charge. As a result of Sergeant Erbera's bold and aggressive action, the enemy attack was temporarily halted, and our troops were able to organize a defense which effectively stopped all German counterattacks in the area. Entered military service from Camden, New Jersey.

JAMES E. FINE, 30868808, Sergeant, 399th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 16 March 1945, in the vicinity of Cour de Bitché, France. During the advance on the military garrison, the assault platoon to which Sergeant Fine and his squad were attached was immobilized by severe enemy machine gun fire. Defiant of the hostile fire, Sergeant Fine moved through barbed wire entanglements and zigzagged across one hundred and fifty yards of open terrain. Inspired by his action, his squad followed and, taking the enemy by surprise, succeeded in routing the enemy and capturing its arms. Moving his squad into the camp, Sergeant Fine then led the assault in which six were killed, two wounded and eleven taken prisoner. Sergeant Fine's daring and aggressive action is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Detroit, Michigan.

EMERY E. LA MONTAGNE, 31214223, Sergeant, 399th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 8 February 1945, in the vicinity of Spitzberg, France. During the attack, Sergeant La Montagne and his platoon were subjected to intense enemy artillery fire which inflicted heavy casualties. Realizing that his platoon's position was untenable, Sergeant La Montagne urged his men to continue the attack despite the intense fire. While leading his men, Sergeant La Montagne was wounded, but after receiving first aid, continued forward until the objective was reached and many enemy captured. Only then did he submit to medical treatment. Sergeant La Montagne's gallant and aggressive leadership illustrates the highest traditions of the Army of the United States. Entered military service from Chicopee, Massachusetts.

CHARLES T. LAWSON, 34494507, Sergeant, 399th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 16 March 1945, in the vicinity of Bitch, France. During the advance on the military garrison east of the fortress city, a hidden enemy machine gun was exceptionally effective in stalling our troops. Taking a mortar and three rounds of ammunition, Sergeant Lawson advanced seventy-five yards and spotted the concealed gun emplacement. Although the enemy concentrated their full firepower upon him, Sergeant Lawson calmly set up his mortar in the rubble of a shattered building, and fired two rounds, killing the hostile gunners and destroying the gun. As a result of Sergeant Lawson's courage, skill and aggressiveness, a serious threat to the company's advance was eliminated. Entered military service from Edison, Tennessee.

RUSSELL E. MEIER, 15315598, Technician Fifth Grade, 399th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 17 April 1945, in the vicinity of Unter Hainreit, Germany. Corporal Meier's assignment was assigned the task of repairing communication lines connecting his regiment and the command post of a right flank task force. The line was downed at a point near the main highway, which was under intense mortar and artillery fire. When the enemy situated in a nearby woods opened fire, Corporal Meier signalled his driver and assistant to withdraw. Then, remaining alone in his exposed position, he succeeded in re-establishing communications. The courage, determination and devotion to duty displayed by Corporal Meier reflect creditably upon himself and the Army of the United States. Entered military service from Cleveland, Ohio.

FERRY S. AUGUSTYNIAK, 42024988, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 12 April 1945, in the vicinity of Heilbronn, Germany. While repairing the wire lines connecting the regiment command post with two battalion command posts on the other side of the Neckar River, Private Augustyniak and two other men were caught in a heavy rocket and mortar barrage. When his two assistants were wounded, Private Augustyniak immediately crawled to their side, administered first aid, and evacuated them to a place of safety. Then, returning to the severed wire lines which were still under hostile fire, he re-established communications. His courage, determination and devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest military traditions. Entered military service from Niagara Falls, New York.

SAUL H. BOEHMS, 34738928, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 6 April 1945, in the vicinity of Heilbronn, Germany. When Private Boehms and the other members of a four-man patrol had advanced to within two hundred yards of the Neckar River, they were immobilized by the crossfire of two enemy machine guns. Sliding along the ground, Private Boehms reached a water-filled ditch leading toward one of the guns. Ignoring himself, he pushed ahead to a position within seventy-five yards of the enemy. Deliberately exposing himself, he aimed and fired his rifle, killing one, wounding another, and effectively silencing the gun. Private Boehms was wounded in this action, but his gallant and aggressive action inspired the rest of the patrol to move forward toward the second machine gun and annihilate its crew. Entered military service from Nashville, Tennessee.

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MARSHALL B. ELLIOTT, 35373580, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 22 February 1945, in the vicinity of Bitch, France. When a four-man night patrol was returning to our lines, it was immobilized by murderous fire from an enemy machine gun. Despite the intensity of the hostile fire, Private Elliott, a machine gunner who had covered the movements of the patrol for six consecutive hours, turned his gun on the enemy weapon and succeeded in silencing it. The courage, determination and devotion to duty displayed by Private Elliott enabled the patrol to withdraw without casualty, and to return to our lines with valuable information concerning enemy dispositions. Entered military service from Washington, Ohio.

VERNON STEIN, 33661848, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 1 January 1945, in the vicinity of Siersthal, France. When, after a second unsuccessful German counterattack, enemy sniper fire from concealed positions still continued to inflict casualties upon our troops, Private Stein, a rifleman, volunteered to attempt to silence the foe. Leaving his shelter, he moved to a position within a few yards of one of the snipers. Despite continued enemy artillery fire, he remained in position and threw a hand grenade into the enemy emplacement. His courageous, aggressive and devoted action succeeded in killing or wounding three Germans, and wiping out one of the two enemy sniper positions. Entered military service from Pine Bluff, Arkansas.

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WILLIAM E. CRAMER, 72949647, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 8 January 1945, in the vicinity of Spitzberg Ridge, France. The machine gun section of which Private Cramer was a member was commissioned to act as security flank to a rifle squad in an assault for enemy-held high ground. As the two units emerged into open terrain from a woods they encountered heavy hostile fire from the enemy high ground emplacements. Private Cramer, realizing that to delay the advance would be dangerous for all concerned, continued forward firing his light machine gun from his hip as he went. Inspired by his audaciousness, the entire group resolutely went forward finally going into the assault. Their aggressive action drove the enemy back and thus Private Cramer and his comrades secured the vital high ground positions. His intrepid performance in the face of heavy hostile fire is in keeping with the highest military traditions. Entered military service from Camden, New Jersey.

AUGUSTINE GUTIERREZ, 39423743, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 5 January 1945, in the vicinity of Royersviller, France. When the night reconnaissance patrol of which Private Gutierrez, an automatic rifleman, was a member started to return to its own lines the entire group was fired upon by heavy hostile mortar and small arms fire. At great personal risk, Private Gutierrez courageously engaged the enemy in a fierce close fight and although wounded, determinedly held his position while his comrades escaped under his steady, accurate counter-fire. Then, assuring himself that all members had successfully pulled back he himself found his way to friendly lines. His heroism is in keeping with the finest traditions in the Army of the United States. Entered military service from Glendale, Oregon.

ROBERT F. KYLE, JR., 19901492, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 5 November 1944, in the vicinity of St. Remy, France. When, during the drive toward Etivel, the commander of the lead company asked for a man to evacuate the wounded and bring an ammunition, Private Kyle volunteered. For the remainder of the day and night, Private Kyle made repeated trips over the treacherous and shell-battered road, carrying casualties to medical installations and bringing vitally-needed ammunition to the front lines. Engineers removed three hostile turrets from the road in the morning. The courage and steadfast devotion to duty displayed by Private Kyle contributed materially to his company's success, and reflect great credit upon himself and the Army of the United States. Entered military service from Holford, Oregon.

JOHN H. LAWSON, 31459694, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action 16 March 1945, in the vicinity of Bitcho, France. During a coordinated attack with other elements of the battalion, Private Lawson, carrying the company's radio, became separated from the company commander. Realizing the importance of radio communication, Private Lawson started out in an attempt to rejoin his officer. Crawling under a barbed wire fence, his radio was caught in the entanglements. Instead of releasing himself from the radio and thus escaping, Private Lawson heroically stood up, and despite the intense enemy machine gun fire which raked the obstruction, climbed over and contacted his commander. As a result of his courage and supreme devotion to duty, the company commander was able to keep in touch with other units of our forces, thus insuring the success of the coordinated operation. Entered military service from Weston, Massachusetts.

LISTER L. ORRIS, 36968908, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 1 January 1945, in the vicinity of Siersthal, France. When the platoon runner, attempting to bring up a message, was wounded in an enemy artillery barrage, Private Orris immediately ran to the man and administered first aid. Then, realizing that the position was still under enemy fire, he carried the man to a place of safety. Returning to his foldole, Private Orris discovered that another of his comrades had been wounded. Enlisting the help of another man, Private Orris carried the casualty across open and sniper-infested terrain to the shelter of the platoon command post. Private Orris' courageous and devoted action, performed on his own initiative, won him the respect and admiration of all. Entered military service from St. Clair, Michigan.

JACK A. FASCOLINE, 16177232, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 16 April 1945, in the vicinity of Floin Woods, Germany. When the rifle platoons of his company encountered severe enemy artillery and small arms fire, Private Fascoline manned his mortar and engaged the hostile machine gun positions and observation posts. Despite intense German mortar and white phosphorous fire, Private Fascoline, instructing his assistant to seek cover, remained

in position and continued to fire alone. His fire killed six enemy and knocked out two machine guns. As a result of his magnificent courage, determination and devotion to duty, the company was able to advance, subdue the enemy, and secure their positions. Entered military service from Detroit, Michigan.

WYOM F. PRICE, 38402628, Private First Class, 299th Infantry Regiment, for heroic action in action on 3 February 1945, in the vicinity of Bitcho, France. During a night combat patrol, when his platoon encountered heavy enemy resistance, Private Price, a runner, was sent out to deliver operational orders to the left flank squad. Going upon an enemy machine gun and not wishing to attract attention, Private Price killed it with his bayonet. During the struggle, another squad armed with a machine gun began firing independently. Throwing a hand grenade, Private Price was hit in the chest, but he continued to work and then successfully completed his mission. The enemy and machine gun squad destroyed by Private Price in accomplishing his mission despite enemy opposition is an example with the highest military traditions. Entered military service from Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

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\* WILLIAM F. TONER, JR., 38447740, Private First Class, 593rd Infantry Regiment, for heroic action in action on 13 April 1945, in the vicinity of Eberbrunn, Germany. After regimental headquarters was out of contact with one of its battalions and was unable to get any information as to troop disposition and enemy action, Private Toner, a wireman, attempted to extend a line to the battalion command post. Despite constant enemy small arms and mortar fire, Private Toner went forward, located the forward station of the battalion command post, and then directed a wire crew along a safe route to its location. As a result of Private Toner's courage, determination and devotion, vital communication between tactical commands was restored at a strategically important time. Entered military service from Brooklyn, New York.

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\* WILLIAM EICHSON, 18815274, First Sergeant, 273rd Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations during the period 1 February 1945 to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Lawton, Oklahoma.

FRANK P. SIMPSON, JR., 34496606, Technician Fourth Grade, 298th Infantry Regiment, 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 Memphis, Tennessee.

SECTION III -- RESCISSION OF AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

Paragraph of Section II, General Orders Number 267, this Headquarters, current version, as regards the Bronze Star Medal to WILLIAM O. HENSON, 01301486, First Lieutenant, 28th Infantry Regiment, is rescinded.

Paragraph of Section II, General Orders Number 267, this Headquarters, current version, as regards the Bronze Star Medal to ROBERT R. PUCKETT, 0844412, First Lieutenant, 298th 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:

ROBERT R. PUCKETT, 0554412, First Lieutenant, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 9 January 1945, in the vicinity of Guising, France. When Lieutenant Puckett, heavy machine gun platoon leader, and his men encountered severe hostile fire, he advanced audaciously in the face of this danger and swiftly surveyed the enemy's strength. Noting that the German infantry was supported by six tanks, he emplaced his weapons to insure the maximum of support to our attacking riflemen. Then, despite the continuing hostile fire he remained exposed to better view the effect of his gunnery power. As the fierce fire fight progressed he personally manned a machine gun and with devastating accuracy, forced the hostile tanks to withdraw. His courageous and brilliant leadership was instrumental in neutralizing all resistance, thus enabling our rifle units to successfully complete their mission. Entered military service from Roseburg, Oregon.

LEON GALPERIN, 01171153, Captain, 373d Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations during the period 20 January 1945 to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Brooklyn, 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:

RICHARD C. DAMON, 02014372, Second Lieutenant, Headquarters 100th Infantry Division, 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 Hawaii.

IRA J. STEELE, F3093683, 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 West Graham, Virginia.

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:

EDMUND A. BOGERT, JR., 19211001, Technical Sergeant, 398th Infantry Regiment, 3 December 1944. Entered military service from Pocatello, Idaho.

RAYMOND S. KUHN, 33390543, Sergeant, 100th Mechanized Cavalry Reconnaissance Troop, 7 March 1945. Entered military service from Cumberland, Maryland.

CHARLES E. BOUWSMA, 17197264, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, 21 November 1944. Entered military service from Lincoln, Nebraska.

SECTION IV -- RESCISSION OF AWARD OF SILVER STAR

So much of Section I, General Orders Number 53, this headquarters, current series, as awards a Silver Star to WARREN D. BEHRENS, 01692633, Second Lieutenant, 399th Infantry Regiment; is rescinded.

SECTION V -- RESCINDION OF AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

So much of Section II, General Orders Number 267, this headquarters, current series, as awards a Bronze Star Medal to LEON GALPERIN, 01171153, Captain, 373d Field Artillery Battalion, is rescinded. (See Section I of this order).

So much of Section II, General Orders Number 269, this headquarters, current series, as awards a Bronze Star Medal to WILLIAM THOMSON, 6815874, First Sergeant, 375th Field Artillery Battalion, is rescinded.

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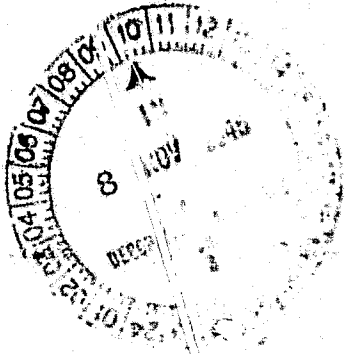
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AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

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

EDWARD F CONLON, 31235281, Technical Sergeant (then Staff Sergeant), 399th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 7 April 1945, in the vicinity of Heilbronn, Germany. Sergeant Conlon, a rifle squad leader, and his men had spent the night in a factory building which had been under constant enemy shellfire. Communication lines had been severed and several men in the area had been wounded. Towards morning, Sergeant Conlon courageously left his comparatively safe position and despite continued shellfire, repaired the wire lines and assisted in the treatment and evacuation of those wounded. When it became necessary to secure litter bearers he bravely made his way through the enemy fire for a distance of 400 yards and led them back to the scene of action. Later, as a result of his repaired wire lines he directed devastating mortar fire on numerous enemy positions. Thus, by his heroism, Sergeant Conlon greatly aided his platoon in repulsing the enemy's efforts to recapture lost ground. Entered military service from Cambridge, Massachusetts.

WILLIAM H. HARTMAN, 36957492, Staff Sergeant, 399th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 4 April 1945, in the vicinity of Schwalgera, Germany. Sergeant Hartman, an assistant squad leader in a rifle platoon, was in an advance with his men when they were halted by intense enemy artillery and mortar barrages. Seeing one of his men lying helplessly wounded, Sergeant Hartman immediately rose from his position of comparative safety and went to the wounded man's aid. Although his movement attracted enemy attention and drew hostile fire upon himself, he nevertheless continued to render aid. Then, constructing a protective shelter out of log and fallen tree branches, he rejoined his troops and returned later with medical men. Sergeant Hartman, by his outstanding courage and devotion to duty, saved the life of a wounded comrade. Entered military service from Willow Springs, Illinois.

JAMES H. LINDBERG, 16174526, Staff Sergeant (then Sergeant), 399th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 14 April 1945, in the vicinity of Flein, Germany. When, during a fierce fire fight, three new members of his squad became confused and lost in their first engagement, Sergeant Lindberg, a squad leader, set out to find them. Noticing movement in the underbrush one hundred yards away he moved to investigate, when two enemy riflemen stepped out and opened fire. Standing his ground, Sergeant Lindberg returned the fire, killing one and forcing the other to withdraw. Continuing forward, he then located the three missing men and led them safely back to the platoon. His quick and courageous action saved the lives of three men, and prevented the two enemy riflemen from gaining information pertinent to the deployment of our forces. Entered military service from Hurley, Wisconsin.

DONALD G. TAYLOR, 36783978, Staff Sergeant (then Private First Class), 399th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 7 December 1944, in the vicinity of Lemberg, France. When it became imperative that an especially effective enemy flak gun be silenced, Sergeant Taylor, a rifleman, started across an open field. Observing the hostile crew swinging their gun around on the advancing squad he immediately shouted a warning to his comrades, allowing them to find cover. Rising deliberately, Sergeant Taylor emptied several rifle clips into the emplacement, and then shouted to the enemy in German, demanding their instantaneous surrender. The crew came out with their hands up. Another 20 millimeter flak gun crew seeing that its protective fire had been eliminated, also surrendered. The cool courage and deliberate action displayed by Sergeant Taylor were instrumental in capturing two hostile flak guns and their crews, and preventing further casualties to our forces. Entered military service from Glendale, Long Island, New York.

HAROLD H. RYAN, 34165782, Sergeant, 399th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 14 April 1945, in the vicinity of Flein, Germany. Sergeant Ryan, assistant squad leader in a rifle company, quickly assumed command of the squad when the leader and two other men were wounded. When enemy fire endangered his right

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flank. Sergeant Ryan, intent on silencing the sniper, boldly advanced through the woods. Spotting the enemy rifleman, he engaged him in a man-to-man fire fight and killed him. Then, checking the area for further enemy, he returned to his squad and led them in an attack which overcame hostile resistance to his platoon's front. His audacious and single-handed action eliminated a threat to the entire company. Entered military service from Cullman, Alabama.

CHARLES E. UFFEN, 32683282, Sergeant, 399th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 7 April 1945, in the vicinity of Heilbronn, Germany. When a severe enemy counterattack endangered the positions of his mortar section, Sergeant Uffen and his men acted as provisional riflemen and although armed with only pistols and hand grenades they succeeded in holding the enemy at bay. Sergeant Uffen assumed a position less than 25 yards from the enemy and engaged in practically a one-man grenade fight. Standing on the rim of a depression, he accurately tossed grenades into the enemy trench and although each time he arose to throw a burst of automatic rifle fire was directed at him, his courage and sense of timing prevented his being wounded. He continued his intrepid performance until an adjacent rifle squad arrived and assaulted the German emplacements. By his heroic action, Sergeant Uffen was instrumental in the capture of eight enemy and three killed. Entered military service from Bronx, New York.

IRVING WITTCOFF, 36894277, Corporal, 399th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 16 April 1945, in the vicinity of Abstatt, Germany. While engaged in a motorized combat patrol, Corporal Wittcoff and his platoon members were ambushed by a numerically superior enemy, heavily armed with automatic weapons. During the ensuing fire fight, two of our men were slightly wounded and another so seriously that he could not be moved. Throughout the trying day, Corporal Wittcoff continually exposed himself to sniper fire to give aid and comfort to his wounded comrade. During this period he courageously returned the enemy's fire and managed to kill two of the snipers. When darkness fell, he slipped through the German lines and after organizing a rescue party, returned to the scene of action and supervised the evacuation of the stricken man. His courage and heroism is in keeping with the finest military traditions. Entered military service from Detroit, Michigan.

EDWARD W. ELMINS, 32433839, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 19 April 1945, in the vicinity of Beilstein, Germany. Private Elmins, a machine gunner, was about to enter the company command post, when he noticed some suspicious movement at the end of the company street. Avoiding the moonlit areas, he skillfully worked his way to the end of the street and noticed an enemy patrol moving back toward their lines with a prisoner. Moving out into the open, he challenged the enemy to halt. When the Germans were slow to respond to his command, he opened fire with his pistol and succeeded in dispersing the enemy. His prompt and courageous action foiled the Germans' plan and saved the prisoner, a member of his own company. Entered military service from Cedarville, New Jersey.

WILLIAM H. JONES, 35088622, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 5 April 1945, in the vicinity of Schwaigern, Germany. When two previous attempts failed, Private Jones, a wireman, volunteered to repair ruptured communication lines. Because the project required stringing overhead line Private Jones had climbed a telephone pole when an enemy tank opened with direct fire. Despite the grave danger, Private Jones continued with his task, and climbed other poles and trees in face of the deadly fire. Although one enemy shell knocked him from the pole on which he was working, he stubbornly kept working and succeeded in completing his mission. As a result of Private Jones' courage, determination and devotion to duty, vital communications, which later were instrumental in repelling a strong hostile counterattack, were re-established and maintained. Entered military service from Bethelton, Pennsylvania.

JOHN FRED KINZIE, 36955035, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 9 April 1945, in the vicinity of Heilbronn, Germany. When his machine gun squad leader became wounded, Private McKinzie assumed command of the men. Observing that enemy panzerfaust teams were inflicting casualties upon an adjacent rifle platoon, he immediately directed fire on them from his position in a house but feeling that he could direct more effective fire at closer range, he carried his weapon outside the structure and emplaced it in an exposed position in advance of the rifle company. Although sniper fire was directed at him he determin-

edly held his position and with devastating accuracy directed a stream of bullets into the enemy positions. Under the protection of his heavy fire the rifle platoon advanced and overran the German positions. Thus, by his initiative and heroism, Private McKinzie was instrumental in neutralizing enemy resistance in his sector. Entered military service from Bloomington, Illinois.

ELDON D. MC LEAN, 39478527, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 7 April 1945, in the vicinity of Heilbronn, Germany. During a severe enemy counterattack, it became expedient for Private McLean and members of his mortar section to serve as provisional riflemen. Although armed with only pistols and hand grenades, they managed to hold the enemy at a distance of 25 yards. When the grenade supply ran low, Private McLean voluntarily started out for his company command post to replenish the supply. Although he had to pass so near the enemy positions, that he was forced to crawl for 100 yards, cut his way through a wire fence and roll down an embankment to escape the torrent of bullets directed at him, he miraculously reached his objective. Then, loaded down with grenades, he courageously returned to his comrades. As a result of his heroism, he and his companions were able to launch a grenade assault in which three enemy were killed, eight were captured and the counterattack broken up. Entered military service from St. Maries, Idaho.

JAMES E. SMITH, 35810310, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 16 November 1944, in the vicinity of Raon L'Etape, France. During the battalion attack, Private Smith was a member of a platoon which was suddenly ambushed by a strong enemy force attacking from the rear. Realizing that the entire battalion's advance was threatened, Private Smith volunteered to cut a path through the enemy and to disperse the force with automatic rifle fire. Advancing to a favorable firing position, he delivered rapid volleys of fire into the enemy, thus allowing his platoon to rush forward and capture the entire enemy group of thirty-four men. Private Smith's daring and skillful action saved his platoon from being slashed by a numerically superior force, and was instrumental in eliminating the dangerous hostile force operating behind the advancing battalion. Entered military service from Glasgow, Kentucky.

THEODORE W. SPROULL, 35946910, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 15 February 1945, in the vicinity of Reversviller, France. Private Sproull and two other men were on a patrol to determine the location of an enemy outpost, when they were fired upon by an enemy machine gun. Directing his men to hold their fire so as not to give their position away, Private Sproull then by-passed the enemy position and, after obtaining the required information, began to return to his own lines. Coming upon the enemy machine gun position again, he opened fire with his automatic rifle and threw several hand grenades. Then, charging the emplacement, he found he had killed one of the enemy and forced the others to flee. His skill, courage and daring action enabled his patrol to achieve its mission and return to its lines unharmed. Entered military service from Erie, Pennsylvania.

STEPHEN J. SURMAN, 37569688, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 17 December 1944, in the vicinity of Bitché, France. After his platoon had infiltrated in darkness into the College de Bitché for the purpose of establishing an observation post it was discovered that the radio could not contact the company command post. Although the enemy was strongly entrenched both in front and behind the college and it had grown light, Private Surman courageously volunteered to make an attempt to pass through the enemy lines. Running at full speed, he miraculously escaped the sniper and cross machine gun fire directed at him but upon gaining a woods, encountered a German mine field. Undaunted, he changed his route and successfully reached his company command post. Then, although exhausted, he voluntarily led a wire party back across the treacherous terrain, thus establishing communication between his platoon and command post and protecting his companions against a possible counterattack. Entered military service from Duluth, Minnesota.

DONALD A. WAXMAN, 35925859, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 5 April 1945, in the vicinity of Schwalzen, Germany. When two previous attempts failed, Private Waxman, a wireman, volunteered to repair ruptured communication lines. Because the project necessitated stringing overhead lines, Private Waxman had climbed a telephone pole when an enemy tank opened up with direct fire. Despite the grave danger, Private Waxman continued with his task, and climbed other poles and trees in face of the deadly fire. Although subjected to

additional small arms and mortar fire, he stubbornly kept working and succeeded in completing his mission. As a result of Private Waxman's courage, determination and devotion to duty, vital communications, which later were instrumental in repelling a strong hostile counterattack, were re-established and maintained. Entered military service from Baltimore, Maryland.

VANSHAN E. CALDER, JR., 0544607, 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 Richmond, Virginia.

DE WITT W. COONS, 02016308, Second Lieutenant, 399th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 1 November 1944 to 10 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Plattsburg, New York.

WILBUR M. HOSHAU, 35166277, Sergeant, 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 Crown Point, Indiana.

CHARLES A. BLOOD, 42012943, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 19 November 1944 to 12 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Newark, New Jersey.

JAMES W. QUIGGLE, 12109155, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 1 November 1944 to 13 November 1944, in France. Entered military service from Washington, District of Columbia.

ALFRED H. OVERSTREET, 38446110, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 19 January 1945 to 8 May 1945 in France and Germany. Entered military service from Fort Smith, Arkansas.

JAMES F. REIS, 42146165, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 4 April 1945 to 8 May 1945, in Germany. Entered military service from Albany, New York.

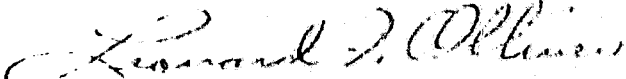
HARRY B. SPRINGERBY, 16175329, Private, 399th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 1 November 1944 to 9 December 1944, in Eastern France. Entered military service from Eureka, Illinois.

ADOLPH C. TATE, 33902913, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 14 January 1945 to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Hyattsville, Maryland.

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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 H. GOODMAN, 01696816, Major, 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 the Army Medical Corps from Atlanta, Georgia.

JAMES HUMPHRY III, 0374876, Captain, 373rd Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations during the period 27 January 1945 to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from New York, New York.

CIRIL J. DERRICK, 01184644, First Lieutenant, 374th Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations during the period 18 January 1945 to 28 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Binghamton, 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:

JACK RADIN, 42057435, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 18 April 1945, in the vicinity of Beilstein, Germany. When heavy hostile shell fire slowed our attack on Fohlenberg, a large hill mass, Private Radin, a machine gunner, moved forward of his squad and began directing devastating fire into the enemy's positions. Although a nearby exploding shell injured his comrades, he courageously continued to operate his weapon. When a second shell exploded a few feet from him and shrapnel pierced the gun's water jacket, he concentrated his efforts on locating the hostile observation post and upon spotting it, swung the gun in that direction. His swift, accurate fire drove the enemy observers from their vantage point and as they sought cover, Private Radin killed three. The hostile shell fire then necessarily ceased and thus, by his heroic action, Private Radin enabled our infantry troops to renew the attack and secure Fohlenberg. Entered military service from Brooklyn, New York.

WILLIAM E. HALLMAN, 0414338, Captain, 399th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 24 January 1945 to 20 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Aiken, South Carolina.

TAYLOR H. GARNER, 01177810, First Lieutenant, 375th Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations during the period 8 November 1944 to 5 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from San Antonio, Texas.

JOHN D. LAFFERTY, 0528730, First Lieutenant, 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 Olean, New York.

MICHAEL LUCAS, W2109531, Chief Warrant Officer, 375th Field Artillery Battalion for meritorious service in support of combat operations during the period 6 November 1944 to 7 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Waterbury, Connecticut.

WILLIAM H. EDWARDS, 17080881, First Sergeant, 373rd Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations during the period 5 November 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from St. Louis, Missouri.

WILLIAM R. HOOKS, 39859481, First Sergeant, 925th Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations during the period 1 November 1944 to 19 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Mesa, Arizona.

FRANK STRENGLEIN, 32680858, First Sergeant, 374th Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 3 November 1944 to 7 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Monticello, New York.

JOHN J. BRADLEY, 33052019, Technical Sergeant, 399th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 28 February 1945 to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

EUGENIE G. BOSCO, 32351736, Staff Sergeant, 373d Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in support of combat operations during the period 3 November 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Long Island City, New York.

ANDREW R. BUFORD, 34496452, Staff Sergeant, 374th Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations during the period 9 November 1944 to 2 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Ruess, Tennessee.

ROBERT J. CALL, 36434281, Staff Sergeant, 375th Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 3 November 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Kalamazoo, Michigan.

ORLAND W. GABRIEL, JR., 34777205, Staff Sergeant, 399th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 1 November 1944 to 26 January 1945 and 5 March 1945 to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Sherrills Ford, North Carolina.

HENRY S. NARCISO, 32649445, Staff Sergeant, 398th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations during the period 30 January 1945 to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from New York, New York.

MICHAEL A. PASCALE, 32352447, Staff Sergeant, 375th Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations during the period 5 November 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from New York, New York.

WILLIAM C. BASSETT, 11112310, Technician Fourth Grade, 373rd Field Artillery Battalion, 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 Providence, Rhode Island.

RICHARD A. DORRELLAN, 32978067, Technician Fourth Grade, 374th Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 6 November 1944 to 15 March 1945, in Eastern France. Entered military service from Brooklyn, New York.

FRANCIS W. HIGGINS, 32665275, Technician Fourth Grade, 375th Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in support of combat operations during the period 6 November 1944 to 7 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Brooklyn, New York.

HAROLD E. JOUDREY, 31256109, Technician Fourth Grade, 374th Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations during the period 3 November 1944 to 23 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Worcester, Massachusetts.

HENRY F. BENSON, 32658162, Corporal, 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 Brooklyn, New York.

EUGENE EMANUEL, 37684356, Corporal, 373rd Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations during the period 5 November 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Fairfield, Iowa.

HOWARD E. KOHN, 32746889, Corporal, 374th 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 Albany, New York.

ALBERT P. ROSS, 32665108, Corporal, 374th Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 1 November 1944 to 1 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from West Pawlett, Vermont.

HARLEY B. SANDY, 14166785, Technician Fifth Grade, 373rd Field Artillery Battalion, 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 Trion, Georgia.



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ROBERT COHEN, 32520087, Technician Fifth Grade, Medical Detachment, 398th Infantry Regiment, 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 New York, New York.

IRVING H. GOLD, 32652712, Technician Fifth Grade, 373rd Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in support of combat operations during the period 3 November 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Bronx, New York.

VERNON L. RATHBURN, 31200570, Technician Fifth Grade, 325th Medical Battalion, 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 Rutland, Vermont.

WILLIAM J. WITTIG, 33113354, Technician Fifth Grade, Headquarters 100th Infantry Division, for meritorious service in support of combat operations during the period 3 November 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

JOSEPH J. BIANCHINI, 11130573, 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 Boston, Massachusetts.

SYLVAN L. GREENBERGER, 33431841, Private First Class, Medical Detachment, 373rd Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 1 November 1944 to 1 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Astoria, New York.

THEODORE MACRIS, 32653055, Private First Class, 375th Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 8 November 1944 to 9 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Brooklyn, New York.

SECTION III -- RESCISSION OF AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

So much of General Orders Number 25, this headquarters, current series, as awards a Bronze Star Medal to BERRY M. ZERWER, 020820, Lieutenant Colonel, 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:

WILLIAM F. KENNEY, 01160885, Major, 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 Boston, Massachusetts.

ADDISON R. YEHL, 0446894, Captain, 373rd Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in support of combat operations during the period 20 March 1945 to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Olean, New York.

JULIUS A. MINTON, JR., 0530141, First Lieutenant, 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 Rossmore, Virginia.

HARRIS J. MARTIN, JR., 02000707, Second Lieutenant, 375th Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 24 December 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from East Orange, 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:

PHILIP F. SEARLE, 02025611, Second Lieutenant, 925th 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 Geneva, Ohio.

WILLIAM O. HENDERSON, 32306911, Master Sergeant, 373rd Field Artillery Battalion, 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 Newark, New Jersey.

SIDNEY KOEHLIG, 32658160, First Sergeant, 373rd Field Artillery Battalion, 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.

ALBERT ROZHELANI, 32652190, Technical Sergeant, 373rd Field Artillery Battalion, 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.

KARL W. ALLEN, 35900816, Staff Sergeant, 373rd Field Artillery Battalion, 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 Elwood, Indiana.

ALBERT H. HAIRER, 38618211, Staff Sergeant, Headquarters 100th Infantry Division, for meritorious service in support of combat operations during the period 1 February 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from New Orleans, Louisiana.

FRANCIS J. SCARFI, 32683248, Staff Sergeant, 373rd Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations during the period 5 November 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from New York, New York.

JULIUS SEALL, 32655239, Staff Sergeant, 373rd Field Artillery Battalion, 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.

CARROLL W. WARFIELD, 33000892, Staff Sergeant, 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 Forrest Hill, Maryland.

ROBERT I. BEITMANN, 32681136, Sergeant, 373rd Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in support of combat operations during the period 5 November 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from New York, New York.

JOHN P. LESKA, 31272982, Sergeant, 373rd Field Artillery Battalion, 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 Bridgeport, Connecticut.

JOHN W. O'KEEFE, 32273572, Sergeant, 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 Boysside, New York.

JOSEPH SILVER, 32644584, Sergeant, 373rd Field Artillery Battalion, 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.

ROLAND H. BROWN, 13137008, Technician Fourth Grade, 373rd Field Artillery Battalion, 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 Baltimore, Maryland.

CONRAD E. W. OLSON, 31255463, Technician Fourth Grade, 373rd Field Artillery Battalion, 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 Worcester, Massachusetts.

HOWARD Z. PIATT, 42001639, Technician Fourth Grade, 373rd Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 1 November 1944 to 1 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Montville, New Jersey.

EDWARD J. SCHREIBER, 32651435, Technician Fourth Grade, 373rd Field Artillery Battalion, 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 Bronx, New York.

HERBERT D. SMOTHERS, 34590742, Technician Fourth Grade, 373rd Field Artillery Battalion, 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 Greensboro, North Carolina.

JAMES W. WOODY, 34590883, Technician Fourth Grade, 373rd Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in support of combat operations during the period 5 November 1944 to 20 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Marion, North Carolina.

JAMES M. HAGMAN, 36828189, Corporal, 375th Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 8 November 1944 to 5 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Eau Claire, Wisconsin.

THOMAS E. MARRON, 32652270, Corporal, 373rd Field Artillery Battalion, 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.

WILLIAM E. RICHARDSON, 34573787, Corporal, 373rd Field Artillery Battalion, 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 Macon, Georgia.

ARTHUR J. KLEIN, 32698122, Technician Fifth Grade, 373rd Field Artillery Battalion, 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 Hoboken, New Jersey.

JAMES P. MACREA, 33601244, Technician Fifth Grade, 373rd Field Artillery Battalion, 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 Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

ROGER S. HOLYNEAUX, 35805452, Technician Fifth Grade, 373rd Field Artillery Battalion, 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 Cincinnati, Ohio.

GEORGE H. MYERS, 38529875, Technician Fifth Grade, 373rd Field Artillery Battalion, 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 Dayton, Ohio.

WILLIAM F. NICTERY, 32689743, Technician Fifth Grade, 373rd Field Artillery Battalion, 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.

ALFRED A. REPKA, 42020262, Technician Fifth Grade, 373rd Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in support of combat operations during the period 3 November 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Buffalo, New York.

STANLEY W. BOBROWSKY, 32682736, Private First Class, 373rd Field Artillery Battalion, 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 New York, New York.

ROBERT G. BROUWER, 31236345, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 1 November 1944 to 30 April 1945 in France and Germany. Entered military service from Methuen, Massachusetts.

JOHN E. O'BRIEN, 37552337, Private First Class, 373rd Field Artillery Battalion 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 Minneapolis, Minnesota.

#### 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:

BERNARD P. JERDING, 36955984, Sergeant, 399th Infantry Regiment, 8 December 1944. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

MARSHALL G. DAHLEN, 37162403, Technician Fourth Grade, Medical Detachment, 397th Infantry Regiment, 3 December 1944. Entered military service from Duluth, Minnesota.

HARRY M. STONE, 39053134, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment, 14 April 1945. Entered military service from Vina, California.

PRESTON W. DRADEFORD, 20344913, Private First Class, 100th Quartermaster Company 11 September 1944. Entered military service from Baltimore, Maryland.

ARTHUR E. DE LUCA, 33850026, Private 397th Infantry Regiment, 19 April 1945. Entered military service from Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania.

#### 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:

WILDELL L. ROBERTS, 0558123, First Lieutenant, 374th Field Artillery Battalion, 17 November 1944. Entered military service from Snyder, Oklahoma.

MICHAEL P. SEMIUK, 01047772, First Lieutenant, 397th Infantry Regiment, 13 March 1945. Entered military service from New York, New York.

JOHN M. KERINS, 02014865, Second Lieutenant, 397th Infantry Regiment, 13 March 1945. Entered military service from Farrell, Pennsylvania.

BRUNO J. MARINO, 32648192, Staff Sergeant, 399th Infantry Regiment, 20 April 1945. Entered military service from Ozone Park, New York.

DAVID L. STRONG, 36990387, Staff Sergeant, 398th Infantry Regiment, 13 January 1945. Entered military service from Freeport, Illinois.

JOHN W. O'KEEFE, 32273572, Sergeant, 399th Infantry Regiment, 9 January 1945. Entered military service from Bayside, New York.

PHILIP E. FOUQUET, 32980133, Corporal, 399th Infantry Regiment, 14 April 1945. Entered military service from New York, New York.

JOHN P. SCHOFSTOLL, JR., 35812909, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment 5 February 1945. Entered military service from Enon, Ohio.

ROBERT D. WEINER, 36741405, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, 13 March 1945. Entered military service from Erie, Illinois.

RAYMOND W. COX, 12174571, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment, 4 January 1945. Entered military service from Purling, New York.

HARRY M. STONE, 39053134, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment, 22 February 1945. Entered military service from Vina, California.

SECTION V -- AWARD OF MEDICAL BADGE

Under the provisions of War Department Circular Number 66, dated 1 March 1945, the following named officers and enlisted men are awarded the Medical Badge, effective 1 May 1945:

CAPT DONALD H. SCHUMAKER, 0419052, MC, 373d FA Bn  
1ST LT EDWARD H. DUBICKI, 01541772, MAC, 325th Med Bn  
1ST LT GEORGE J. RILEY, 01535896, MAC, 325th Med Bn  
Pfc Bobbie B. Little, 34631762, Co B, 325th Med Bn

SECTION VI -- RESCISSION OF AWARD OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO PURPLE HEART

So much of Section IV, General Orders Number 262, this headquarters, current series, as awards an Oak Leaf Cluster to the Purple Heart to BERNARD M. JOHNSON, 37470672, Staff Sergeant, 66th Infantry Regiment, is rescinded.

So much of Section IV, General Orders Number 52, this headquarters, current series, as awards an Oak Leaf Cluster to the Purple Heart to ARTHUR T. DE LUCA, 33850026, Private, 397th 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 Oak Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to each of the following named individuals:

Award of Second Oak Leaf Cluster

RAYMOND REMOLA, 022971, Lieutenant Colonel, 375th Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 3 and 4 April 1945, in the vicinity of Heilbronn, Germany. Entered military service from Providence, Rhode Island.

Award of First Oak Leaf Cluster

JOSEPH P. SCHONARTH, JR. 31235150, Technical Sergeant (then Staff Sergeant), 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 2 December 1944, in the vicinity of Ingwiller, France. While attacking heavily fortified enemy positions, the company in which Sergeant Schonarth was a member was suddenly assaulted by withering fire from three sides, which killed or wounded all officers and non-commissioned officers in the vicinity. Assuming command of his own section and of men from other disorganized units, Sergeant Schonarth ordered a withdrawal. Then, despite continued enemy fire, he personally deployed them into a line of resistance. In the ensuing counterattack, he captured an SS officer and four enlisted men bearing valuable papers which were of great help to higher headquarters. After stabilizing the line, he personally determined that all casualties had been aided. In the night, he manned a machine gun alone and beat back an enemy attempt to infiltrate into his ranks. The daring and courageous leadership displayed by Sergeant Schonarth is in keeping with highest military traditions. Entered military service from Boston, Massachusetts.

RADE H. MULLINS, 38683360, Staff Sergeant, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 3 January 1945, in the vicinity of Rimling, France. When, during the defense of Rimling, accurate artillery and sniper fire forced our troops to remain in their foxholes for three days, Sergeant Mullins voluntarily left the security of his position in an attempt to locate the enemy observer. Crawling skillfully through enemy lines, he made a careful reconnaissance of hostile observation posts and sniper positions. While returning he spotted a group of Germans trying to infiltrate. Opening fire, he killed two, captured five others, and returned with information enabling friendly artillery to eliminate the enemy positions. Sergeant Mullins, by his courage, initiative and aggressiveness, eased the pressure on his company and won the respect and admiration of all its members. Entered military service from Marshall, Texas.

ALBERT R. BAHNER, 01998115, Second Lieutenant, 397th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 2 January 1945 to 5 January 1945, in the vicinity of Rimling, France. Entered military service from Shamokin, 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 each of the following named individuals:

HENRY H. HEWETSON, JR., 02006981, Second Lieutenant, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 7 April 1945, in the vicinity of Heilbronn, Germany. When the enemy launched an armor-supported counterattack, one hostile tank came directly under the window which Lieutenant Hewetson was using as an observation post. Despite the danger, he nevertheless sent back a fire mission

for high angle fire which had to come immediately over his position. Although shells were bursting within twenty yards of his post, he continued to call for fire until the enemy tank retreated. Then, heedless of the deadly sniper fire which menaced his post, he called for direct heavy artillery and succeeded in tracking the tank and destroying it. His magnificent courage and devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Next of kin: Enid B. Hewetson, (wife), 519 Washington Street, Watertown, New York.

ALFRED BANKS, 36675659, Private, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 2 December 1944, in the vicinity of Ingwiller, France. Our troops were preparing to organize a defense of newly-taken ground, when additional enemy forces suddenly opened fire. In the ensuing attack, the entire company of which Private Banks was a member became immobilized. Observing the enemy's position, Private Banks crawled across the fire-swept terrain to within grenade-throwing distance of the foe. While throwing a grenade, Private Banks was killed by small arms fire. His heroism and unselfish devotion to duty greatly aided in the seizure of the enemy strong point and the successful accomplishment of the company's mission. Next of kin: Nannie Banks, (mother), Roan Mountain, Tennessee.

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:

ALBERT R. BAHNER, 01998115, Second Lieutenant (then Technical Sergeant), 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 21 November 1944, in the vicinity of St. Blaise, France. After all attempts to outflank the firmly entrenched enemy at the outskirts of St. Blaise had failed, Lieutenant Bahner, in the absence of his rifle platoon leader, assumed command of the unit. Skillfully deploying the men into an assault formation, he courageously led them in a frontal attack and despite heavy hostile fire reached a point 100 yards into the city where they became immobilized by concentrated artillery fire. Ordering the men to take cover, he carefully analyzed the tactical situation and then once again led them in an attack. Under his inspiring and intrepid leadership, the platoon captured an occupied vehicle, silenced several automatic weapons positions and achieved the surrender of several riflemen, thus greatly contributing to the eventual capitulation of St. Blaise. Entered military service from Shamokin, Pennsylvania.

JOHN P. SABATIE, 33597557, Technical Sergeant, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 3 April 1945, in the vicinity of Heilbronn, Germany. As cannon company forward observer, Sergeant Sabatie was with the leading rifle elements when the enemy made four attempts to contain the Neckar River bridgehead. Despite the fact that the building he used drew intense hostile fire, Sergeant Sabatie stood atop the roof and adjusted accurate fire on German infantry and tanks for two and one-half hours, expending approximately three hundred rounds of ammunition. He then remained in this exposed position for the entire day, making certain that all opposition had ceased. By his fearlessness, aggressiveness and devotion to duty, Sergeant Sabatie was greatly responsible for breaking up the enemy's attacking forces, and thus preserving the bridgehead. Entered military service from Maywood, New Jersey.

GEORGE J. GITTARI, 31245420, Sergeant, 399th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 8 January 1945, in the vicinity of Meyersvillers, France. Sergeant Gennari's machine gun squad was attached to the forward elements of a rifle company in an advance near Snitzberg Hill. Three times during the attack, over rugged and snow-covered terrain, Sergeant Gennari placed his gun in action and rendered close and accurate supporting fire. When leading elements reached the objective, Sergeant Gennari moved forward to reconnoiter to a defensive position in the event of a counterattack. While so engaged, he discovered a still active pocket of enemy resistance. Unable to contact his squad, he engaged the enemy with his rifle and succeeded in wounding two and forcing the others to flee. By his able leadership, courage and aggressive action, Sergeant Gennari contributed greatly to the success of the mission. Entered military service from East Providence, Rhode Island.

WILLIAM R. DERICKSON, 35876059, Corporal (then Technician Fifth Grade), 925th Field Artillery Battalion, for heroic achievement in action on 8 April 1945, in the vicinity of Heilbronn, Germany. When enemy shelling ruptured wire communications between forward rifle elements and an artillery liaison section, Corporal Derickson, a radio operator, volunteered to repair the line. Braving intense hostile sniper, mortar and artillery fire, he moved forward. Seeing an infantry of-

ficer and two enlisted men become wounded, Corporal Derickson immediately rendered first aid and then evacuated them by ferrying across the Neckar River. Returning to the infantry command post, he then set up his radio in a dangerously exposed position in order to facilitate communications between forward observers and the battalion fire direction center. His courage, determination and devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the Army of the United States. Entered military service from Stanton, Kentucky.

FRANK G. LIKLY, 15358901, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 7 April 1945, in the vicinity of Heilbronn, Germany. While standing guard at a tank destroyer, Private Likly was approached by an unidentified patrol. Holding his challenge until the enemy was so close that escape was impossible, he manned the destroyer's machine gun and opened fire, killing five and wounding two others. When a second enemy patrol tried to infiltrate, Private Likly again engaged the group and succeeded in capturing all eight men, thus thwarting their mission of harassing supply lines and destroying the vital ferry across the Neckar River. Later, he and another man succeeded in destroying an enemy tank. The courage, determination and aggressiveness displayed by Private Likly won him the admiration of his officers and the respect of all the men in his company. Entered military service from Cleveland Heights, Ohio.

MARVIN R. SMITH, 35703426, Private, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 15 April 1945, in the vicinity of Heilbronn, Germany. While our forces were clearing out a section of Heilbronn, the rifle platoon of which Private Smith was a member, became disorganized when suddenly subjected to intense enemy machine gun and sniper fire. Swiftly assuming command of his squad, he heroically led it forward and being cognizant of the squad's individual sector, accompanied his scouts from house to house. When three of his men became immobilized by sniper fire he courageously exposed himself and with accurate shooting pinned the enemy down while the three men advanced. Then, working in perfect coordination under Private Smith's singular supervision, the squad captured its objective. Entered military service from Nicholasville, Kentucky.

ROBERT B. MARTINEZ, 01577530, First Lieutenant, 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 Bronx, New York.

WING G. MILLER, 02016200, Second Lieutenant, 100th Division Military Police Platoon, 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 Carmichaels, Pennsylvania.

PAUL H. MEYER, 35349945, First Sergeant, 925th Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations during the period 15 February 1945 to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Winster, Ohio.

HENRY E. NAAS, 31248920, Master Sergeant, 925th Field Artillery Battalion, 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 Stony Brook, Connecticut.

LAMFORD E. JOHNSON, 19134393, 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 Asotin, Washington.

JOSEPH G. MENNER, 32597646, 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 Caldwell, New Jersey.

JOHN W. FOLEY, 31251038, Sergeant, 800th Ordnance Company, for meritorious service in support of combat operations during the period 1 November 1944 to 20 January 1945, in Eastern France. Entered military service from Waterbury, Connecticut.

FRANCIS L. DUFFY, 32483955, Technician Fourth Grade, 925th 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 Camden, New Jersey.



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HAROLD W. KIESSLING, 32339064, Technician Fourth Grade, 925th Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations during the period 1 November 1944 to 20 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Brooklyn, New York.

ANTHONY L. KUCINSKI, 32596608, Technician Fourth Grade, 925th Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations during the period 1 November 1944 to 20 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Newark, New Jersey.

WALTER W. DZIERGOWSKI, 30599046, Corporal, 925th Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations during the period 1 November 1944 to 20 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Newark, New Jersey.

THOMAS F. BROPHY, 32650756, Technician Fifth Grade, 925th Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations during the period 1 November 1944 to 23 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Bronx, New York.

ANGELO M. CORTOZZO, 32593660, Technician Fifth Grade, Headquarters 100th Division Artillery, 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 Hawthorne, New Jersey.

KENNETH E. WARREN, 31217035, Technician Fifth Grade, 374th Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations during the period 3 November 1944 to 3 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Portland, Maine.

WILLIAM L. JOHNSTON, 34548519, Private First Class, Medical Detachment, 397th Infantry Regiment, 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 Miami, Florida.

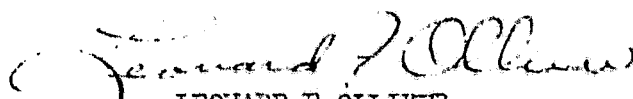
ARTHUR J. KEECH, 32665169, Private First Class, 925th Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations during the period 1 November 1944 to 27 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Hudson Falls, New York.

THOMAS MICHELEMA 32651451, Private First Class, Medical Detachment, 397th Infantry Regiment, 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 Bronx, New York.

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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:

TRAVIS V. HOPKINS, 01295881, Captain, 399th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 9 March 1945, in the vicinity of Reversvillers, France. Ordered to send out a patrol to determine the strength of the enemy in his area, Captain Hopkins, a rifle company commander, personally took the lead. Knowing that an enemy machine gun covered the area, Captain Hopkins went forward alone, engaged the foe, and succeeded in killing one crew member. Taking up the fight, his patrol killed two more enemy, thus eliminating the menace of the machine gun. Captain Hopkins then fired into the balance of the hostile forces, affording his men a chance to withdraw without suffering a single casualty. The daring and courageous leadership displayed by Captain Hopkins resulted in the successful accomplishment of the vital mission, and is in keeping with the highest traditions of the Army of the United States. Entered military service from Hickman Mills, Missouri.

FRANK FROIO, 31237514, Staff Sergeant (then Sergeant), 399th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 8 December 1944, in the vicinity of Lemberg, France. Given the mission of flanking an enemy machine gun nest which had held up the successful advance of the company, Sergeant Froio, acting squad leader, moved his men across an open field. By virtue of his skillful direction, the squad negotiated the open terrain and gained an embankment. Advancing alone, Sergeant Froio moved to within thirty-five yards of the hostile emplacement. Although fired upon, he threw a grenade, killing two Germans and capturing one. Reorganizing his squad, he then advanced into the town and successfully engaged the enemy until the rest of the company arrived. His daring and brilliant leadership won him the respect and admiration of the entire company. Entered military service from Brockton, Massachusetts.

KARL A. GIHR, 42143427, Sergeant (then Private First Class), 399th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 13 March 1945, in the vicinity of Reversvillers, France. Sergeant Gehr, a rifleman, volunteered to accompany a patrol into enemy territory. As the patrol crossed open terrain, they were met by the crossfire of two enemy machine guns. Taking an automatic rifle, Sergeant Gehr started out alone in the direction of one of the hostile weapons. Firing from the hip as he advanced, he killed three of the crew members and destroyed the gun. His daring, courageous and devoted action averted a precarious situation, and enabled the patrol to proceed and accomplish its mission. Entered military service from Pine Bush, New York.

GEORGE D. BYRD, 33531674, Corporal, 399th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 15 March 1945, in the vicinity of Reversvillers, France. On outpost duty about fifty yards in front of his platoon, Corporal Byrd, a rifleman, spied an enemy patrol trying to infiltrate. Without waiting for help, he allowed the foe to come within twenty yards of his position before he opened fire driving them back. When the Germans made a second attempt, Corporal Byrd killed one man. Then, despite being in the middle of their concentrated fire, he killed another, and raced from his covered position to capture three more. The remainder of the patrol fled in confusion. His daring and aggressive action thwarted the enemy's plans and preserved the security of his platoon. Entered military service from Abingdon, Virginia.

DANIEL H. EGER, 35088907, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 18 April 1945, in the vicinity of Beilstein, Germany. When, during an attack against a strong enemy position, intense hostile artillery fire inflicted severe casualties, Private Eger, member of a machine gun squad, was left alone with the gun. Putting the gun in action, he cut down several of the counterattacking enemy. When a second barrage knocked the gun out of action, Private Eger picked up an automatic rifle that had been left behind, and again engaged the foe. Though thoroughly unfamiliar with the weapon, he fired until the

ammunition was exhausted, forcing the Germans to withdraw. By his courage, aggressiveness and devotion to duty, he greatly aided the battalion in repulsing the enemy counterattack. Entered military service from Kileville, Ohio.

LADDIE J. KEBLUSEK, 33984148, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 15 March 1945, in the vicinity of Reversvillers, France. When, during an attack, our rifle troops were halted momentarily by a force of enemy, Private Keblusek, a machine gunner, was ordered to put his gun into action in an attempt to silence the foe. Finding it impossible to render accurate fire from his present position, he moved forward until he could clearly observe the enemy positions. When his assistant was wounded in a subsequent mortar barrage, Private Keblusek, alone at the gun, opened fire on the foe. His accuracy forced the enemy to withdraw, thus denying them observation of our troops. Private Keblusek then remained at his gun and supported the rifle troops who already resumed the attack. His courage and aggressiveness enabled our forces to continue the attack and secure their objective. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

LAWRENCE T. ROSS, 36992730, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 15 March 1945, in the vicinity of Bitche, France. Private Ross, a bazooka man, was with his platoon when it was halted by enemy machine gun fire. Taking his bazooka and a few extra rounds of ammunition, Private Ross skirted the enemy's flank and moved to the side of the machine gun. When he was observed and fired upon, he immediately dived into a hole, and the enemy, thinking him a casualty, turned their fire again upon his platoon. Moving forward again, Private Ross crept to within accurate firing distance of the hostile weapon, and fired his bazooka. His accurate fire silenced the machine gun, killed two men, and forced the others to flee. The courage, skill and determination displayed by Private Ross enabled our troops to continue their advance into enemy lines. Entered military service from Cumberland, Wisconsin.

HAROLD F. WEICKEL, 36955385, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 14 November 1944, in the vicinity of Neufmaisons, France. Private Weickel, first scout in a rifle company, voluntarily accompanied a patrol into enemy territory to determine positions and enemy strength. They advanced a considerable distance, when the foe opened fire, revealing their positions. Ordering the patrol to withdraw, Private Weickel remained to cover their movement. Upon reassembling, it was learned that one man had been wounded and was not in the party. Without hesitation, Private Weickel retraced his steps, found the wounded man and, again braving enemy fire, dragged him to safety. By his courage, determination and unwavering devotion to duty, Private Weickel saved the life of a wounded man, and brought valuable enemy information to his commanders. Entered military service from Lincoln Park, Michigan.

EUGENE J. STILLMAN, 01686007, Captain, Medical Detachment, Special Troops, 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 Boston, Massachusetts.

RAY A. WICHMAN, 01551336, First Lieutenant, 800th Ordnance Company, for meritorious service in support of combat operations during the period 9 November 1944 to 22 January 1945, in Eastern France. Entered military service from Barrington, Illinois.

CHARLES P. ILGOFFIN, 34312650, Master Sergeant (then 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 Chanel Hill, North Carolina.

CLEMENT CAREY, 32445032, 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 Beacon, New York.

IRVING LAUBER, 32653980, Technical Sergeant, Headquarters 100th Infantry Division, for meritorious service in support of combat operations during the period 12 November 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Brooklyn, New York.

OREY Y. SROGIN, 39249440, Technical Sergeant, Medical Detachment, Special Troops, 100th Infantry Division, for meritorious service in support of combat operations during the period 25 December 1944 to 13 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Los Angeles, California.

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WARREN K. THOMAS, 33000823, Technical Sergeant (then Sergeant), 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 Forrest Hill, Maryland.

FRANCIS E. TIERMAN, 32650250, Technical Sergeant, 100th Quartermaster Company, 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 Long Island, New York.

HOBSON OVERTON, 33905278, Staff Sergeant (then 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 Baltimore, Maryland.

HAROLD A. DUDLEY, 34580963, 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 Opelika, Alabama.

RICHARD B. HEISEY, 33449478, 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 Denver, Pennsylvania.

GEORGE R. SWANN, 34591138, Technician Third Grade, Medical Detachment, Special Troops, 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 Marion, North Carolina.

ROGER A. LAUBACH, 12204357, 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 Riegelsville, New Jersey.

LEONARD H. SLOMINSKI, 35058936, Technician Fourth Grade, Headquarters, 100th Infantry Division, for meritorious service in support of combat operations during the period 20 November 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Cleveland, Ohio.

MARIUS T. TRINQUE, 31237513, 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 Brockton, Massachusetts.

HENRY L. WILLIAMS, 34515732, Technician Fourth Grade, 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 McColl, South Carolina.

LEONARD J. O'CONNOR, 36765184, Technician Fifth Grade, Headquarters, 100th Infantry Division, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations during the period 6 February 1945 to 28 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

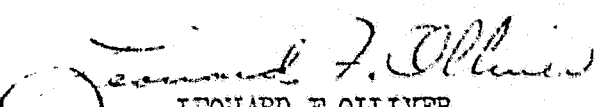
LEONARD J. ROCKEY, 36686223, Private First Class, Headquarters, 100th Infantry Division, for meritorious service in support of combat operations during the period 6 February 1945 to 28 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

JACOB SMIKOWYCK, 33762718, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, 100th Infantry Division, for meritorious service during the period 1 November 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Conemaugh, Pennsylvania.

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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:

NATHAN M. FRANKLIN, 0547341, First Lieutenant, 397th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 15 March 1945, in the vicinity of Schorbach, France. When his men encountered severe enemy shell fire, Lieutenant Franklin, a rifle platoon leader, inspired them to continue the attack. Clearing the shell-torn area, they were suddenly subjected to intense enfilade automatic fire. Running forward through a known mined area, the intrepid Lieutenant swiftly surveyed the enemy's disposition and then returning over the dangerous route to his men, skillfully deployed them and renewed the attack. Continuing his own personal bravery, Lieutenant Franklin single-handedly stormed an enemy bunker machine gun position, neutralizing it and wounding two of the crew members. As a result of his gallant leadership, ten enemy were killed, eight captured and a one and one-half ton truck, 5 machine gun positions and 4 Nebelwerfers were confiscated. Entered military service from Moodus, Connecticut.

RAYMOND M. ROSE, 31135173, Technical Sergeant, 398th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 15 March 1945, in the vicinity of Bitche, France. As his rifle platoon moved forward to attack two Maginot Line pill box fortifications, Platoon Sergeant Rose and his men were fired upon by enemy sniper and mortar fire which originated from one of a group of nearby shelled houses. Two men were wounded by the fire and realizing the necessity for immediate action to prevent further casualties, Sergeant Rose intrepidly rushed toward the houses. Observing a German mortar crew in one house, he boldly advanced and threw two hand grenades, severely wounding all four members. Then, from the cover of the house he called to the sniper who subsequently surrendered. Thus, by his gallant action, Sergeant Rose not only prevented further casualties but enabled his platoon to renew the attack. Entered military service from Boston, Massachusetts.

RICHARD B. FROST, 33716051, Staff Sergeant (then Private First Class), 398th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 18 December 1944, in the vicinity of Bitche, France. During our assault on Hill 419 near the Maginot Line, Sergeant Frost was serving as lead scout of his rifle platoon when he noticed an enemy combat patrol attempting to infiltrate one of our flanks for the purpose of establishing a machine gun position. With outstanding courage and intrepidity, he advanced toward the patrol, alternately firing his rifle and hurling hand grenades. This intelligent and accurate use of his fire power caused the death of three enemy and resulted in his capture of the remaining three crew members as well as the confiscation of the undamaged German machine gun. The gallant and heroic manner in which Sergeant Frost removed this serious threat to his platoon is in keeping with the finest military traditions. Entered military service from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

KENTON MACE, 35769509, Sergeant (then Private First Class), 398th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 10 January 1945, in the vicinity of Spitzberg, France. While acting as lead scout for his rifle platoon, Sergeant Mace observed an enemy machine gun emplacement directly to his front. Calling the information back to

his platoon leader, he heroically ran forward, firing his rifle from the hip. His accurate fire killed the German gunner. Then, as he drew near the position he hurled three grenades, the effect of which killed the entire crew. Later, in the same attack, Sergeant Mace again demonstrated outstanding courage and initiative when he and several comrades became isolated. Securing several smoke grenades, he threw them into nearby enemy positions and by the resulting smoke screen, enabled the group to safely withdraw, taking with them their wounded platoon sergeant. Entered military service from Putney, West Virginia.

CLARENCE F. NICHOLS, JR, 35769538, Sergeant (then Private First Class), 398th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 19 December 1944, in the vicinity of Bitché, France. Shortly after daybreak, the rifle platoon of which Sergeant Nichols was a member, was subjected to intense enemy shell fire and two men were wounded. Realizing that the artillery was being directed from a pillbox, and determined to prevent additional casualties to his comrades, Sergeant Nichols heroically went forward and approaching the entrance of the fortification, hurled two hand grenades inside. Then, he intrepidly entered the pillbox and forced the surrender of the crew of three, two of which had been wounded. Thus, by his gallant action, Sergeant Nichols single-handedly neutralized the hostile observation post and thereby removed a serious source of danger to his platoon. Entered military service from Oak Hill, West Virginia.

EDWARD C. GLAVICH, 14101381, Corporal, 398th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 10 December 1944, in the vicinity of Royersviller, France. After moving into position with his anti-tank squad, Corporal Glavich and a comrade were commissioned to establish contact with adjacent supporting units. Moving forward, he sighted an enemy machine gun directly to his front. Ordering his comrade to fire into the position, he heroically worked his way to within 25 yards of the weapon and then courageously stood straight up and hurled a hand grenade directly into the position. His bold and swift action resulted in the death of both crew members and destroyed the machine gun beyond use. Thus, by his gallantry, Corporal Glavich enabled himself and his comrade to proceed with their mission. Entered military service from Waynesville, North Carolina.

ALFRED E. DECK, 31272035, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 11 January 1945, in the vicinity of Lembach, France. During an enemy counterattack in Lembach a number of the enemy infiltrated and established sniper positions in various houses. Upon learning of a particularly strong position, Private Deck courageously drove his vehicle to within 50 yards of the house and then despite the heavy volume of fire directed at him, manned the 50 calibre machine gun mounted on his vehicle. His determined firing burst the building into flames and the enemy, startled by his intrepid performance, came out into the open and surrendered. Private Deck's gallant action served to dishearten the rest of the infiltrators and they were swiftly disorganized and killed or captured. Entered military service from Hartford, Connecticut.

WILLIAM F. JACOPI, 39142112, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 4 December 1944, in the vicinity of Soucht, France. During a furious enemy counterattack, Private Jacopi, a heavy machine gun platoon ammunition bearer, observed three enemy in the act of establishing an advantageous machine gun position. Realizing that his gunner could not see this target, he heroically crawled forward over the fire-swept terrain, firing his rifle to keep the enemy crew immobilized. He succeeded in killing one enemy before suffering a serious wound. Disregarding the pain, he attracted the attention of his gunner who turned his weapon on the remaining enemy and effectively neutralized the position. Private Jacopi then returned to his own lines for medical treatment. His gallant performance is in keeping with the finest military tradition and entered military service from San Carlos, California.

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:

ROBERT F. CURIAN, 020338, Lieutenant Colonel, 398th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations during the period 2 April 1945 to 8 May 1945, in Western Germany. Entered military service from Birmingham, Alabama.

JOHN J. UPCHURCH, III, 025435, Captain, 325th Engineer Combat Battalion, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 1 January 1945 to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Milliston, Florida.

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 B. TEPE, 0440580, Captain, 375th Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in support of combat operations during the period 15 January 1945 to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Covington, Kentucky.

HERBERT R. TISON, 01182474, First Lieutenant, 925th Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations during the period 20 December 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Sarasota, Florida.

EDWARD F. MENERTH, JR, 12206420, Technician Fifth Grade, 397th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in support of combat operations during the period 1 January 1945 to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Mountainside, New Jersey.

DUDLEY F. GERC., 12190964, Technical Sergeant, 397th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 1 November 1944 to 30 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Peekskill, New York.

ANTHONY R. MEGLIO, 32348278, Technical Sergeant, 398th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in support of combat operations during the period 20 October 1944 to 7 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Brooklyn, New York.

JOHN E. WATERS, 33233679, Technical Sergeant, 397th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in support of combat operations during the period 5 November 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Lancaster, Pennsylvania.

JOHN I. BUTLER, 13096161, Staff Sergeant, 398th Infantry Regiment, 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.

ARTHUR DAVIS, 32354421, Staff Sergeant, 397th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in support of combat operations during the period 5 November 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Bronx, New York.

ARTHUR J. DE FABIO, 31237322, Staff Sergeant, 397th 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 Malden, Massachusetts.

WILLIAM J. LORING, JR, 31217515, Staff Sergeant, 397th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in support of combat operations during the period 5 November 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from South Portland, Maine.

MELVIN E. BERGER, 32052095, Sergeant, 397th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in support of combat operations during the period 5 November 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from New York, New York.

ROBERT N. PRINCIPALIC, 31237581, Sergeant, 397th Infantry Regiment, 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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ANTHONY M. RIZZO, 32597368, Sergeant, 397th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in support of combat operations during the period 5 November 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Lynd Hurst, New Jersey.

JOHN A. TURCO, 31237489, Sergeant, 397th Infantry Regiment, 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 Needham, Massachusetts.

WESLEY A. DE SILVA, 32 597 686, Technician Fourth Grade, 397th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations during the period 11 November 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Glenrock, New Jersey.

ARNOLD FANER, 32664057, Corporal, 397th 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 Staten Island, New York.

WALTER J. OTKOWSKI, 32944692, Corporal, 397th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 1 March 1945 to 30 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Utica, New York.

BERNARD A. WEISS, 32483585, Corporal, 397th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in support of combat operations during the period 5 November 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Mercerville, New Jersey.

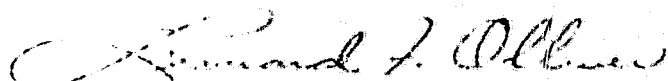
WALTER E. GEIER, 12227346, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 1 February 1945 to 30 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Cincinnati, Ohio.

JACK D. SHEPARD, 38607290, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 1 March 1945 to 30 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Texon, Texas.

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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:

ARGUEL TALKINGTON, 35230453, Technician Fourth Grade, 325th Medical Battalion, for heroic achievement in action on 16 November 1944, in the vicinity of Raon l'Etape, France. When one member of a patrol was wounded by machine gun fire and lay one hundred and fifty yards from an isolated cabin in which enemy gunners were hidden, Sergeant Talkington ran forward to aid the casualty. Ignoring the hostile machine gun fire, he dragged the man behind the crest of a hill and administered first aid. In a subsequent barrage, five more men were wounded, and Sergeant Talkington worked on them during the height of the enemy fire. When two men were wounded for the second time, he got help and carried the wounded to a position of safety. His courage, skill and devotion to duty effected a rapid treatment and evacuation of the casualties, thus saving their lives. Entered military service from Akron, Ohio.

ROBERT D. SMITH, 01180342, Captain, 374th Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations during the period 20 December 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

ROBERT J. SAWYER, 02006396, First Lieutenant, 374th Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 16 February 1945 to 28 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Camden, New York.

WEAR R. SACKETT, 32650337, Staff Sergeant, 925th 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 New York, New York.

MICHAEL F. BAIER, 33778531, Sergeant, 374th Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 16 January 1945 to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

BIAGIO J. PEEZA, 31384638, Technician Fifth Grade, 374th Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 12 January 1945 to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Cranston, Rhode Island.

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 K. TRUITT, 0554326, First Lieutenant, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 21 December 1944, in the vicinity of Bitche, France. Given the mission of taking a pillbox in the Maginot Line surrounding Bitche, Lieutenant Truitt successfully reconnoitered the area at night. At day-break, despite heavy concentration of enemy artillery and sniper fire, he fearlessly led his men in a skillful assault. Jumping into the trench leading to the entrance, he personally threw two hand grenades through the machine gun opening, killing four and forcing the other wounded to surrender. His heroic and inspiring leadership enabled the platoon to capture the strongly fortified pillbox without suffering a single casualty. His action reflects great credit upon himself and the Army of the United States. Entered military service from Bellingham, Washington.

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\* ~~DEWEY P. KROTT~~, 01598110, Second Lieutenant, 925th Field Artillery Battalion, for heroic achievement in action on 20 April 1945, in the vicinity of Winnenden, Germany. Lieutenant Krotte, a forward observer, was with the leading platoon in the attack, when it was halted by enemy direct fire weapons. Crawling ahead of his lines, he adjusted such accurate artillery fire into the town that

the enemy weapons were forced to withdraw. Remaining at his post until dark, he heard voices. Coming upon two civilians, he took them into custody and was told that the town's two bridges were ready for destruction. Realizing that the loss of these bridges would mean great delay, he set out with one platoon of men, and secured the spans before they could be blown. The courage, initiative and aggressiveness displayed by Lieutenant Ayotte enabled a task force to rush through town, and contributed materially to the success of the operation. Entered military service from Houlton, Maine.

FELIX E. HOLT, JR, 02023601, Second Lieutenant (then Staff Sergeant), 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 17 April 1945, in the vicinity of Pfedelbach, Germany. When the advance of an armored task force was halted by determined opposition of a large force of SS troopers and three tanks had been knocked out while trying to assault the enemy fortress, it became apparent that an infantry attack would be necessary. Despite the intense enemy fire of all descriptions, Lieutenant Holt, with a radio on his back, moved fifty yards in advance of leading riflemen until he located an enemy artillery piece. Adjusting the fire of his mortar platoon, he scored a direct hit, silencing the gun. Then, although wounded, he refused to withdraw until the high ground had been taken and the battalion able to continue. His courageous, unselfish and determined action reflects great credit upon himself and the Army of the United States. Entered military service from Nowata, Oklahoma.

WILLIAM H. STODDARD, 02014959, Second Lieutenant (then Technical Sergeant), 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 5 April 1945, in the vicinity of Ochoin, Germany. When the rifle company in which Lieutenant Stoddard was acting as a platoon leader, became immobilized during an attack by heavy hostile fire, information as to the enemy's strength and fire power was deemed necessary. Advancing to the top of the knoll, Lieutenant Stoddard observed several enemy a few hundred yards away. Gesticulating, he called for them to surrender, but was suddenly subjected to a direct burst of enemy machine gun fire. Although the enemy had disappeared, he arose from the ditch he had sought as cover and intently exposed himself again. Although subjected to direct fire again and then for a third time, he refused to halt his heroic actions. When he reached the knoll for the fourth time his demands were recognized and he returned to friendly lines with 13 prisoners. His brave performance resulted in our securing vital information which enabled a renewal of the attack. Entered military service from Saginaw, Michigan.

JOSEPH J. MITCHELL, 32652989, Technical Sergeant, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 11 April 1945, in the vicinity of Heilbronn, Germany. While dug in with his men in a temporary security line in the city, Sergeant Mitchell heard noises and, thinking they were those of his men, crept toward the sounds. Advancing to a small rise, three enemy machine guns opened fire in his direction. Spotting two of the guns only fifty yards away, he directed heavy rifle fire at both crews. When his ammunition was exhausted, he crept closer and threw several hand grenades into the hostile positions. The concentration of his fire was so accurate that both enemy crews abandoned their guns, leaving four wounded behind. Creeping forward, Sergeant Mitchell then captured the four remaining enemy. His daring and courageous single-handed action completely disorganized three enemy gun crews, and won him the respect and admiration of his entire unit. Entered military service from Bronx, New York.

KENNETH LEONIG, 32593550, Sergeant, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 11 April 1945, in the vicinity of Heilbronn, Germany. Given the mission of clearing the enemy from the houses in the residential section of the city, Sergeant Leonig, with the aid of a light tank, led his squad in successfully clearing several blocks in its assigned sector. When terrific fire from a house at the intersection of several main roads forced the tank to withdraw, Sergeant Leonig deployed his men behind a stone wall. Exposing himself, he then threw two white phosphorus grenades into the building, and charged through the door alone. Inside the building he captured seven enemy soldiers, two machine guns, and approximately forty-five panzerfausts. His courageous single-handed action enabled his company to continue and eventually complete its mission, and is in keeping with the highest military traditions. Entered military service from North Bergen, New Jersey.

JOHN E. O'DONNELL, 11153173, Sergeant, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 9 January 1945, in the vicinity of Birling, France. When, during a fiercely-prosecuted counterattack, one platoon was cut off and in danger

of annihilation, Sergeant O'Donnell volunteered to contact the group and assist in its withdrawal. While enroute, he surprised a group of five enemy soldiers armed with a flame thrower and several automatic weapons. Spraying them with his automatic rifle, he killed all five and destroyed the flame thrower. When a sniper opened fire, Sergeant O'Donnell quickly reloaded and killed the man with his first burst of fire. He then continued forward and accomplished his mission. His remarkable courage and determination despite overwhelming odds accounted for six dead enemy, and prevented a very serious threat to units of his company. Entered military service from Melrose, Massachusetts.

RICHARD L. STEWART, 512 2223, Corporal, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 15 December 1944, in the vicinity of Houterhouse, France. When, during the first attack on Bitch, it became necessary to contact friendly troops in Houterhouse, Corporal Stewart volunteered. Despite two miles of sniper-infested woods and intense enemy artillery fire, he completed his mission. Returning to bring up the main body of his mortar platoon, he was confronted with two enemy soldiers. Running from tree to tree, firing his rifle and throwing hand grenades as he moved, he succeeded in killing the two men. His magnificent courage and aggressive action eliminated a serious threat to his platoon, thus aiding materially in the final success of the battalion's mission. Entered military service from Middleford, Connecticut.

WILLIAM C. BRAUNHARDT, 51260947, Technician Fifth Grade, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 16 March 1945, in the vicinity of Hotviller, France. During the attack, three men were seriously wounded by shrapnel. Corporal Braunhardt, hearing the cries for help, entered the mined area and administered first aid to the wounded men. Seeing the serious nature of the men's wounds, he sought out a medical officer and three litter bearers, and led them to the mine field. Making two trips over the thousand yards of hazardous terrain, he succeeded in evacuating all the wounded, and then caught up with his company and continued in the attack. Corporal Braunhardt's courage and devotion to duty and to the welfare of his comrades won him the respect and admiration of his entire organization. Entered military service from Clinton, Massachusetts.

HOWARD J. JOHNSON, 37535136, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 20 November 1944, in the vicinity of Raon L'Etape, France. While guarding a mine field, Private Johnson heard the approach of a returning patrol of riflemen. When the patrol was intercepted by enemy troops and forced to return through the mine field, Private Johnson immediately ran forward to contact the riflemen and guide them through. When one member of the patrol stepped on a mine and was seriously wounded, Private Johnson courageously carried the man to the safety of his own lines, while also directing the remainder of the riflemen through the hazard. By his brave and alert action, Private Johnson enabled the patrol to reach its lines safely, and saved the life of a wounded man. Entered military service from Marshall, Minnesota.

SALVATORE LAFERINA, 32350924, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 11 December 1944, in the vicinity of Houterhouse, France. During the first attack on the fortress city of Bitch, the machine gun platoon of which Private Lafarina was a driver ran dangerously low on ammunition. Despite intense enemy shelling, Private Lafarina voluntarily moved out to deliver the vitally needed supplies. Attacked by a sniper, he immediately jumped from his vehicle and fired a volley of shots in the sniper's direction. Then, after securing a hand grenade from his vehicle, he purposely attracted the enemy's fire in order to determine the foe's location. Throwing his grenade, he killed the sniper and then continued on his mission until its successful completion. The magnificent courage and aggressiveness displayed by Private Lafarina enabled the platoon to obtain necessary rations and ammunition, and cleared the road for other vehicles. Entered military service from Brooklyn, New York.

ROBERT F. MC TERNAGHAN, 39255226, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 9 January 1945, in the vicinity of Rindling, France. While defending a basement position, Private McTernaghan voluntarily set out in darkness for medical aid after his squad leader became wounded when the building was struck by an enemy rocket shell. Although in great danger of being captured by hostile shells and fully exposed by the light of burning buildings, he miraculously reached an aid station unharmed. Then, with the same great courage, he came a mile back through the intense shelling where prompt attention was given the wounded leader. Later, as Private McTernaghan was assisting in the repulsion of an enemy attack he was wounded by shellfire and evacuated.

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His brave performance is representative of the finest military traditions.  
Entered military service from Livonia, New York.

LYNARD WETTER, 01184335, First Lieutenant, 925th Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations during the period 1 February 1945 to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Ridgewood, New Jersey.

JOSEPH F. DOLAN, 32597465, Sergeant, 397th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 11 November 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Warren Point, New Jersey.

FRANK B. COLLIER, 34572430, Technician Fourth Grade, 397th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations during the period 11 November 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Gainesville, Georgia.

FREDERICK C. SCHEDELMAN, 32597241, Technician Fourth Grade, 925th Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations during the period 1 December 1944 to 1 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from East Orange, New Jersey.

HAROLD W. GOVINGTON, 36275616, Corporal, 397th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations during the period 12 November 1944 to 23 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Ada, Oklahoma.

RUDOLPH LARNT, 31256266, Technician Fifth Grade, 925th Field Artillery Battalion, 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 Methuen, Massachusetts.

JOSEPH RUTUCCI, 31237500, Technician Fifth Grade, 925th Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations during the period 1 November 1944 to 23 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Brockton, Massachusetts.

WILLIAM S. WISE, 15308093, Technician Fifth Grade, 374th Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 15 March 1945 to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Hannastown, Pennsylvania.

EDWIN C. COONS, 31271924, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations during the period 12 November 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Plainville, Connecticut.

SYLVIO B. CURCURIUTO, 31272106, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 12 November 1944 to 23 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Greenwich, Connecticut.

BERNARD W. DOUGHERTY, 33692959, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 11 November 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Abilene, Texas.

BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER GENERAL TYCHSEN:

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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:

JOSEPH L. HUTTON, JR., 34737339, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 22 November 1944, in the vicinity of Senones, France. During his company's attack on Senones, Private Hutton's platoon became subjected to sudden enemy automatic weapons fire from a well concealed emplacement. Realizing the seriousness of delay, Private Hutton intrepidly crawled through the intense fire and reaching a vantage point, neutralized the position with accurate bazooka fire. He then advanced to the position to assure himself that there were no remaining enemy. His heroic performance greatly contributed to the successful accomplishment of his company's mission. Next of kin: Martha B. Hutton (Mother), Walnut Drive, Nashville, Tennessee.

LLOYD R. NESETH, 20749043, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 8 December 1944, in the vicinity of Houterhouse, France. When, during the battalion's attack on the town, leading rifle elements became immobilized by enemy fire of all descriptions, Private Neseth, number one gunner in a heavy machine gun squad, moved through mortar and machine gun fire in order to set up his gun and engage the foe. After succeeding in knocking out one enemy machine gun, Private Neseth was hit and killed by sniper fire. His crew, inspired by the courage and devotion to duty displayed by their leader, reorganized and carried on the attack. The magnificent heroism and self sacrifice of Private Neseth are in keeping with the highest traditions of the Army of the United States. Next of kin: Ida Neseth (Mother), Weyon, Minnesota.

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:

PAUL E. BERRY, 35049632, Staff Sergeant, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 15 March 1945, in the vicinity of Bitche, France. During the attack on the fortress city, Sergeant Berry voluntarily left his safe position to evacuate wounded from the front lines. Upon reaching the area where heavy casualties were sustained, he braved intense enemy artillery and sniper fire four times in order to single-handedly drag four wounded men across a hazardous mine field to safety. Later in the day, he exposed himself five times to continue the evacuation of wounded, and on one occasion rendered first aid to a fallen comrade during the height of a hostile barrage. By his courage, diligence and devotion to duty, Sergeant Berry saved many lives, and won himself the respect and admiration of the whole battalion. Entered military service from Ashland, Ohio.

RAY B. HATLEY, 34173022, Staff Sergeant, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 6 April 1945, in the vicinity of Jagstfeld, Germany. After crossing the Jagst River, the rifle company which Sergeant Hatley, an observer for an 81 millimeter mortar platoon, was supporting, was immobilized by enemy artillery and small arms fire. Sergeant Hatley and his radio operator immediately advanced in front of rifle elements in an attempt to find a suitable observation post. When the radio man was wounded by a concentration of fire, Sergeant Hatley picked up the radio and continued forward, ultimately reaching a good vantage point. Calling fire directions, he placed effective fire on large groups of enemy who were massing for a counterattack, killed forty and wounded an unestimable number. His courage, skill and unflinching devotion to duty are in keeping with highest military traditions. Entered military service from Mount Pleasant, North Carolina.

✓ **GEORGE MARKO**, 32653621, Staff Sergeant, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 7 April 1945, in the vicinity of Heilbronn, Germany. When Sergeant Marko's squad, pointing the attack to force entrance into a large factory, was pinned down in an open field by enemy automatic weapons fire emanating from the building, Sergeant Marko rushed across the open terrain to a knoll on the flank of his squad. His rapid fire caused the enemy to cease firing. Instructing his squad to provide covering fire, he crept and crawled forward to a position within twenty yards of the objective. On a signal from him, the squad lifted its fire, and Sergeant Marko threw two hand grenades into the window of the building, forcing the enemy to surrender. By his daring, courageous and devoted action, the squad was able to reach its objective. Entered military service from Allison, Pennsylvania.

✓ **STANLEY OSTASHEN**, 31252465, Staff Sergeant, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 8 January 1945, in the vicinity of Rimling, France. When a strong enemy force counterattacked at Rimling, Sergeant Ostashen, a weapons platoon sergeant, courageously ran for a distance of 200 yards over enemy fire-swept terrain to reach a mortar observation post. Standing fully exposed to the hostile troops he began directing fire with devastating effect and largely because of his accurate fire calls was the enemy finally repulsed. Later, when a small German force attempted to attack his post, Sergeant Ostashen dispersed the foe at a distance of 20 yards by his accurate hurling of grenades, the effect of which killed the enemy. Thus, by his heroic action, Sergeant Ostashen was a vital factor in our successful defensive stand in Rimling. Entered military service from Hartford, Connecticut.

✓ **WALTER L. FOMENTEER**, 16167921, Staff Sergeant, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 9 April 1945, in the vicinity of Jagstfeld, Germany. When a rifle company was halted by enemy automatic weapons and small arms fire, Sergeant Fomenteer, acting observer for an 81 millimeter mortar platoon, voluntarily crossed fire-infested terrain and established an observation post from which to engage the enemy. His skill and precision resulted in the destruction of two machine gun nests. Other enemy troops sought cover and withdrew, thus enabling our rifle troops to advance, take their intermediate objective, and seize the strategically important high ground overlooking Jagstfeld. The courage, accuracy and devotion to duty displayed by Sergeant Fomenteer reflect creditably upon himself and the Army of the United States. Entered military service from Midland, Michigan.

✓ **WILLIAM W. WRIGHT**, 17083975, Staff Sergeant, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 13 April 1945, in the vicinity of Heilbronn, Germany. While Sergeant Wright, in the absence of his squad leader, was moving his mortar squad forward, they were immobilized by small arms fire coming from a clump of bushes by the side of the road. Deploying his men, Sergeant Wright then crawled across the fire-swept terrain and gained observation on the hostile emplacement. After throwing two hand grenades, killing one and wounding two others, he called on the enemy to surrender. The two wounded and eight other Germans gave up their arms. His courageous and aggressive action prevented the enemy from annihilating his mortar squad, and enabled it to render fire in close support of attacking rifle units. Entered military service from Kansas City, Missouri.

✓ **ANTONIO J. MAMBRETTO**, 32380687, Technician Fifth Grade, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 5 January 1945, in the vicinity of Rimling, France. During the defense of Rimling, when attacking forces broke through our lines in several places, one platoon became cut off and was dangerously low of food and ammunition. Although his route was blocked by enemy, Corporal Mambretto, the company driver, volunteered to carry supplies to the trapped men. Enroute, he sighted a six-man enemy patrol moving toward the beleaguered platoon. Taking position behind his mounted machine gun, he single-handedly killed three, wounded one, and captured the remaining two. He then successfully completed his mission. The courageous and aggressive action displayed by Corporal Mambretto is in keeping with the highest traditions of the Army of the United States. Entered military service from Hamden, New York.

✓ **ARL H. THOMAS**, 14173517, Technician Fifth Grade, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 6 April 1945, in the vicinity of Heilbronn, Germany. When devastating enemy artillery and rocket fire severed wire lines leading to attacking companies, Corporal Thomas and his platoon leader started out to repair

them. When his officer was cut down by sniper fire, Corporal Thomas moved him to safety, and then continued to make communications repairs alone. Still harassed by sniper fire, Corporal Thomas moved into a position from which he could throw hand grenades at the hidden menace. Eliminating the snipers, Corporal Thomas, after completing his mission, gave skillful first aid to his wounded leader and carried him through heavy enemy fire to the aid station for evacuation. The courage, determination and initiative displayed by Corporal Thomas reflect great credit upon himself and the Army of the United States. Entered military service from Wothington Springs, Florida.

CHARLES D. BLACKSTONE, 36942303, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 14 April 1945, in the vicinity of Ober Heinriet, Germany. While manning an outpost a few yards ahead of his battalion's security line, Private Blackstone was subjected to an intense concentration of enemy artillery and mortar fire, followed by a strong counterattack. Determinedly holding his advance position, Private Blackstone intrepidly exposed himself to the enemy time after time to direct volleys of rifle fire at the advancing foe. The accuracy and rapidity of his shooting resulted in 15 wounded Germans and so disorganized the attack that the force fled in confusion. Swiftly changing positions, Private Blackstone killed two of the enemy and wounded three more as they retreated. His heroism is in keeping with the finest military traditions. Entered military service from Detroit, Michigan.

ARNOLD F. FRICKE, 35902650, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 20 March 1945, in the vicinity of Waldhausen, France. When enemy fire immobilized the heavy machine gun platoon of which he was a member, Private Fricke voluntarily set out to eliminate the snipers. Crawling out into the fire-pocket terrain, he reached a point a few yards in front of the enemy gun position. Firing a volley of rifle shots and throwing a hand grenade, he killed one of the enemy, wounded another, and neutralized the hostile gun position, thereby enabling the company to continue its advance. His magnificent heroism and unflinching devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the Army of the United States. Entered military service from Hammond, Indiana.

WILBERT W. GASKILL, 35485583, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 23 November 1944, in the vicinity of Raon L'Etape, France. Voluntarily acting as flank security against a possible enemy attack, Private Gaskill was finishing his foxhole when he detected sounds of men moving to his front. Moving forward, he discovered a fifteen-man enemy patrol approaching. Taking cover, he waited until the foe was within twenty-five yards of his position, and then opened fire with his rifle, killing four and forcing the others to withdraw. Suspecting another attack, he moved to a position which afforded better observation. When ten enemy came within fifteen yards of him, he threw two grenades, then jumped up and fired into the group, killing three more and wounding an additional three. His alertness, daring and determined action enabled his small platoon of four men to hold its position. Entered military service from Port Norris, New Jersey.

STANLEY PATERAKIS, 31214235, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 19 November 1944, in the vicinity of Raon L'Etape, France. When the mortar section of which he was a member was caught in a vicious counterattack, Private Paterakis crawled to an open position from which he could best deliver fire at the advancing enemy. Firing his carbine with deadly accuracy, he inflicted heavy casualties upon the foe and delayed them long enough for the rest of his section to withdraw. While so engaged, Private Paterakis was captured by the enemy, but magnificent courage and unselfish devotion to duty displayed by him saved many of his comrades' lives, and reflect the highest traditions of the Army of the United States. Private Paterakis was later returned to military control. Entered military service from Springfield, Massachusetts.

CHARLES E. SHOFF, 33497340, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 7 December 1944, in the vicinity of Montreux, France. When the automatic riflemen of his squad, cut off by enemy automatic weapons, ran low on ammunition, Private Shoff volunteered to replenish the supply. While attempting to cross open terrain, he was immobilized by cross fire from several enemy positions, and was seriously wounded by a bursting mortar shell. Despite his injuries, he continued to crawl and crawl forward until he reached his destination and delivered the vitally needed ammunition. He then fought as a light and pro-

vided supporting fire until the enemy withdrew and the mortar fire lifted. The determination and unflinching devotion to duty displayed by Private Shoff enabled the continuance of fire, thus aiding the eventual advance of his company. Entered military service from Pech Bottom, Pennsylvania.

MILTON TRILINSKY, 37728896, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 16 March 1945, in the vicinity of Bitche, France. As first scout in the assault on the fortress city, Private Trilinsky led his unit through the line of Maginot fortresses. Entering the outskirts, he discovered a heavily mined road block. Making his way through the mined area, he called for the next rifleman and left him there to direct the company safely through. When his unit was subjected to intense automatic weapon fire coming from a building, he and two other men moved forward. Firing two rifle grenades through the window, Private Trilinsky killed three and forced the two other wounded Germans to surrender. His aggressive and courageous action enabled the company to successfully complete its mission, and reflects great credit upon himself and the Army of the United States. Entered military service from St. Joseph, Missouri.

CLYDE A. YARBROUGH, 34770801, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 6 April 1945, in the vicinity of Heilbronn, Germany. Shortly after he and his companions had repulsed a fanatical enemy counterattack from their positions, the Heilbronn factory district, Private Yarbrough observed a lone enemy rifleman lurking in a nearby building. Sensing the potential danger this one enemy might incur on his comrades, he courageously left the comparative safety of his position and creeping and crawling, headed for the hostile structure. Although wounded by a nearby hostile shell explosion, he continued his way and finally gained the entrance to the building. Then, stalking the lone German, he cornered him in the basement and after a furious exchange of rifle fire, killed him with a hand grenade. His heroic and single-handed attack completed, he returned to his comrades where he was given first aid and evacuated. Entered military service from Lexington, North Carolina.

ROBERT F. GUERAN, 020338, Lieutenant Colonel, 398th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations during the period 16 February 1945 to 1 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Brighton, Massachusetts.

ALFRED H. MILLER, 01309999, Captain, 397th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 1 January 1945 to 5 January 1945, in the vicinity of Rimling, France. Entered military service from Connerville, Indiana.

MARTIN V. QUIFLAN, 02006117, Second Lieutenant, 399th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 17 January 1945 to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Bronx, New York.

ROBERT V. SMITH, 32665412, Technical Sergeant, 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 Albany, New York.

JOSEPH T. KEDZERSKI, 32482088, Staff Sergeant, 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 Trenton, New Jersey.

CHESTER D. PORTER, JR., 33543083, Staff Sergeant, 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 Hampton, Virginia.

WILLIAM E. CRAMER, 32849647, 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 Camden, New Jersey.

WARDLE C. ELLIOTT, 35878580, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 11 November 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Washington, Ohio.

WILLIAM F. TONER, JR., 32645747, 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.

#### SECTION III -- RESCISSION OF AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

So much of Section I, General Orders Number 108, this headquarters, current series, as awards the Bronze Star Medal to ROBERT F. CURRAN, 020338, Major, 398th Infantry Regiment, is rescinded. (See Section II, this order)



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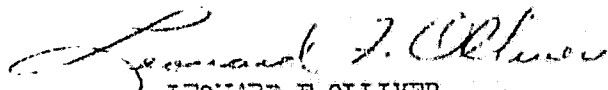
So much of Section II, General Orders Number 264, this headquarters, current series, as awards the Bronze Star Medal to ALFRED H. WEILER, 01309900, Captain, 397th Infantry Regiment, is rescinded. (See Section II, this order)

So much of Section II, General Orders Number 269, this headquarters, current series, as awards the Bronze Star Medal to MARTIN Z. GUNLAN, 02006117, Second Lieutenant; ROBERT V. SMITH, 32665412, Technical Sergeant; JOSEPH T. KEDZILSKI, 32482088, Staff Sergeant; CHESTER D. PORTER, JR., 32547083, Staff Sergeant; WILLIAM E. CRAMER, 32012647, Private First Class; WARREN B. VELLIOTT, 35878580, Private First Class; and WILLIAM T. MOYER, JR., 32645743, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment, is rescinded. (See Section II, 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 Oak Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to each of the following named individuals:

Award of Second Oak Leaf Cluster

JACK L. RHEA, O1295148, Captain, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 10 December 1944, in the vicinity of Lemborg, France. When, during the march from St. Louis to Lemborg, the leading company was forced to cross an open field and was halted by intense enemy artillery and mortar fire, Captain Rhea, realizing that remaining in position would be costly, directed his men to advance. Although stunned by an artillery shell exploding near him, Captain Rhea remained in an exposed position and continued to direct the forward movement of the battalion until it was no longer in danger of the hostile fire. Captain Rhea's heroic, intelligent and aggressive action prevented severe casualties and insured the successful accomplishment of the battalion's mission. Entered military service from Des Moines, Iowa.

DANIEL P. AYOTTE, O1998110, Second Lieutenant, 925th Field Artillery Battalion, for heroic achievement in action on 20 April 1945, in the vicinity of Winrienden, Germany. Lieutenant Ayotte, a forward observer, was with the leading platoon in the attack, when it was halted by enemy direct fire weapons. Crawling ahead of his lines, he adjusted such accurate artillery fire into the town that the enemy weapons were forced to withdraw. Remaining at his post until dark, he heard voices. Coming upon two civilians, he took them into custody and was told that the town's two bridges were ready for destruction. Realizing that the loss of these bridges would mean great delay, he set out with one platoon of men, and secured the spans before they could be blown. The courage, initiative and aggressiveness displayed by Lieutenant Ayotte enabled a task force to push through town, and contributed materially to the success of the operation. Entered military service from Foulton, Maine.

Award of First Oak Leaf Cluster

JAMES L. RIMLINGER, O1305833, Captain, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 7 April 1945, in the vicinity of Odheim, Germany. When unexpectedly strong enemy resistance immobilized his attacking company, Captain Rimlinger personally braved the savage hostile fire in order to direct the successful withdrawal of his troops. Discovering that one officer and four enlisted men had been captured, Captain Rimlinger immediately led a second attack on the foe. When his men were again immobilized, Captain Rimlinger exposed himself time and again to go about his men, insuring their safety. As a result of his courage and determination in these two attacks and successful withdrawal, a subsequent attack overran the enemy positions. Entered military service from Scranton, Pennsylvania.

FRED W. SPIEGELBERG, O528964, Captain (then First Lieutenant), 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 19 November 1944 and 20 November 1944, in the vicinity of La Trouche, France. When, during an attack, all ranking officers were killed or wounded, Captain Spiegelberg, a platoon leader, immediately assumed command. After having insured the treatment and safety of the casualties, Captain Spiegelberg rallied the remaining men and personally led them in a renewed and determined attack upon the enemy. Inspired by his leadership, the short-handed group succeeded in routing the enemy from its well-fixed positions and driving them from the surrounding hills. The gallantry and brilliant leadership displayed by Captain Spiegelberg reflect the highest traditions of the Army of the United States. Entered military service from Orick, Washington.

JULIUS J. RACY, 32647629, Sergeant, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 16 March 1945, in the vicinity of Eitche, France. Sergeant Racy had his machine gun squad at an outpost position near the fortress city when he spied a group of Germans around an enemy bunker. Opening fire with his machine gun he engaged the foe in a fire fight. Working his way to the flank of the bunker, Sergeant Racy demanded the enemy's surrender. Two Germans were killed in this action, three wounded and eight taken prisoner. Later, when a friendly plane crashed into hostile territory, Sergeant Racy took two men and moved toward the spot. Upon finding the pilot injured, he administered first aid. While helping the airman back to our lines, Sergeant Racy captured two more enemy. By his magnificent courage and unfaltering devotion to duty, Sergeant Racy eliminated a dangerous enemy position, and saved the life of an American pilot. Entered military service from Brooklyn, New York.

FRANK A. ZAWISZA, 35068807, Technician Fourth Grade, Medical Detachment, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 8 April 1945, in the vicinity of Odheim, Germany. During an attack against a stubborn enemy, one of our supporting tanks was hit. Despite savage fire of all descriptions, one of the wounded tankers succeeded in reaching an infantry company. While being treated by Sergeant Zawisza, the company aid man, the tanker mentioned his three wounded comrades. Although advised against it, Sergeant Zawisza crawled the entire length of the fire-swept terrain, reached the wounded tankmen, and dressed their wounds. Making his way back to the command post, he got help and returned to successfully evacuate the three casualties. As a result of his magnificent courage and undying devotion to duty, prompt treatment and evacuation saved the lives of four men. Entered military service from Cleveland, Ohio.

RICHARD L. THOMAS, 33727884, Private First Class, Medical Detachment, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 12 April 1945, in the vicinity of Jagstfeld, Germany. When, during mopping-up operations, two scouts were wounded by enemy sniper fire, Private Thomas, an aid man, exposed himself to hostile fire in order to move to the side of the casualties. Despite being ahead of his own infantrymen and having to work from an exposed position, Private Thomas successfully administered first aid to the two wounded men. Inspired by Private Thomas' courageous and devoted action, the rest of the rifleman regrouped, killed the German sniper, and proceeded to clean out the rest of the town. Entered military service from Boonsboro, Maryland.

EDWARD A. ZYCHOWSKI, 35068842, Private First Class, Medical Detachment, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 9 January 1945, in the vicinity of Golsing, France. Hearing a call for help, Private Zychowski, a litter bearer, moved to the forwardmost positions in our lines, and despite heavy enemy artillery, mortar and small arms fire, administered first aid to three wounded men and then evacuated them. Penetrating the dense curtain of hostile fire, he returned to his original post. Finding that his squad leader had been wounded, Private Zychowski immediately assumed command of the litter bearers, and successfully coordinated and directed their efforts in the evacuation of the wounded. His courage, aggressiveness and able leadership effected a prompt evacuation of casualties, thus saving many lives. Entered military service from Columbus, Ohio.

#### 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:

WILLIAM B. DE GRAF, 02006080, Second Lieutenant (then Staff Sergeant), 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 4 January 1945, in the vicinity of Rimling, France. During the frantic New Year's Eve enemy counterattack and the subsequent attacks, all communications with battalion were severed, affording it no contact with any other units of the regiment. Volunteering to lay a wire line from his position to command post, Lieutenant DeGraf set out under cover of darkness. While laying the line, he was ambushed by two enemy who had infiltrated through our positions. Taking up the fire fight, Lieutenant DeGraf wounded one and forced the second to flee. As a result of Lieutenant DeGraf's magnificent courage, aggressiveness and unwavering devotion to duty, regiment was in contact with battalion headquarters in Rimling for the first time in four days. Entered military service from San Francisco, California.

WILLIAM W. WARREN, 42027624, Staff Sergeant (then Private First Class), 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 4 December 1944, in the vicinity of Soucht, France. During a furious fire fight with a large hostile force, Sergeant Warren, who was defending his company's exposed right flank, sighted a group of five enemy attempting to mount a machine gun on top of a small hill to his front. Realizing this automatic weapon would endanger an entire platoon, he immediately assumed command of four companions and led them forward to assault the position. Skillfully deploying his men, Sergeant Warren managed to arrive within a few yards of the emplacement before being discovered. He swiftly began firing and in the encounter two enemy were killed and the remaining three were wounded and captured. Thus, by his courage and initiative, Sergeant Warren was instrumental in removing a serious threat of disaster to his company. Entered military service from Buffalo, New York.

BERNARD J. McDONALD, 3374199, Sergeant, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 20 February 1945, in the vicinity of Lemberg, France. When at a point near some railroad tracks, our riflemen were immobilized by enemy automatic weapons fire, Sergeant McDonald took over the machine gun from his wounded runner and engaged the enemy, killing two men, wounding one, and silencing the hostile gun. Later, when it became necessary to cross the fire-raked tracks, Sergeant McDonald again fired into the enemy forces, allowing the riflemen to move out. Despite additional enemy artillery and mortar fire, Sergeant McDonald remained in position until all men had safely withdrawn. The magnificent courage and unflinching devotion to duty displayed by Sergeant McDonald thwarted the enemy's attempt to isolate the forwardmost members of the patrol, and insured the successful completion of our mission. Entered military service from Washington, D. C.

NORRIS D. KING, 35248991, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 6 April 1945, in the vicinity of Jagstfeld, Germany. When the first gunner of a machine gun squad and his assistant were wounded, and repeated attempts to rescue them failed, Private King, an ammunition bearer, crawled forward. Negotiating the open terrain, he reached the casualties and administered first aid. Realizing that a return trip was impossible, Private King manned a machine gun and delivered covering fire while two of his comrades rescued the wounded men. His magnificent courage, aggressiveness and devotion to duty were responsible for saving the lives of two men, and won Private King the respect and admiration of his entire organization. Entered military service from Roberts, Kentucky.

ROGERS W. LAMISON, 39859829, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action during the period 4 April 1945 to 13 April 1945, in the vicinity of Heilbronn, Germany. Displaying laudable qualities of courage, aggressiveness and devotion to duty under fire, Private Lamison, a rifleman, distinguished himself in the bitter fighting for the Neckar River strongpoint. Making the assault boat cross which established the original bridgehead, he moved well in advance of his platoon at all times. During the series of frenzied enemy counterattacks, he maintained his position despite the fact that the foe came within three feet of our lines. On one occasion, he accounted for two hostile snipers, thus allowing his company to establish and hold its positions. The heroism and determination displayed by Private Lamison contributed greatly to the success of the operation. Entered military service from Hempton, Virginia.

JOHN A. WENSTRUP, 15317393, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 20 December 1944, in the vicinity of Bitchy, France. While manning a machine gun, Private Wenstrup sighted an enemy patrol working its way toward one of our outposts. Determined to divert the enemy's attention, Private Wenstrup rose from his position into full view of the enemy, and, bringing his machine gun to his hip, opened up with devastating fire. Despite the foe's counterfire, he remained erect and continued to engage the hostile force. By virtue of his magnificent courage, bold and aggressive action, Private Wenstrup eliminated the enemy patrol, saved the important outpost, and preserved many American lives. Entered military service from Cincinnati, Ohio.

THOMAS P. RAY, 0511993, Captain, Medical Detachment, 397th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 1 January 1945 to 8 January 1945, and 7 April 1945 to 13 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Dayton, Ohio.

ANDREW M. SCHUSLER, 32683443, First Sergeant (then 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 New York, New York.

WALTER T. KELLY, 32383727, Technical Sergeant, 397th 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 Brooklyn, New York.

WILLIAM T. WOODWARD, 32397306, Technical Sergeant, 397th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 11 November 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Belleville, New Jersey.

EDWARD L. BREGER, 31134017, Staff Sergeant, 397th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in support of combat operations during the period 5 November 1944 to May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Mattapan, Massachusetts.

JESSE T. MORGAN, 34572558, Staff Sergeant, 397th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations during the period 14 November 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Dublin, Georgia.

WILLIAM J. PAIDOLEI, 32653913, 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 Astoria, New York.

WILLIAM BERENIAN, 15313421, Sergeant, 397th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 1 November 1944 to 30 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Harvey, Illinois.

ARTHUR D. RAHIER, 32633016, Sergeant, 397th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 11 November 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Brooklyn, New York.

JOHN H. GOULD, 31235335, Technician Fourth Grade, 397th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations during the period 11 November 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Cambridge, Massachusetts.

JAMES A. LOWE, 34464279, Technician Fourth 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 Durham, North Carolina.

ANGELO A. CASTELLANO, 32599657, Corporal, Headquarters 100th Infantry Division, for meritorious service during the period 1 November 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Newark, New Jersey.

ALTON P. BROWN, JR., 34832046, Technician Fifth Grade, 397th 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 Smyrna, Georgia.

HARRY L. EWERLY, 35231152, Technician Fifth Grade, 397th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 11 November 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Zanesville, Ohio.

ALEX GWOZDOWSKI, 31256481, Technician Fifth Grade, 397th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 7 November 1944 to 5 December 1944, in Eastern France. Entered military service from Sutton, Massachusetts.

PAUL H. HANSEN, 37140131, Technician Fifth Grade, 397th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations during the period 11 November 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from North Platte, Nebraska.

JACK J. KORMAN, 32681207, Technician Fifth Grade, 397th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations during the period 11 November 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Brooklyn, New York.

EDWARD R. LEWIS, 31251340, Technician Fifth Grade, 397th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in support of combat operations during the period 12 November 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Seymour, Connecticut.

CHARLES L. MORRISON, 35523499, Technician Fifth Grade (then Private First Class), 397th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations during the period 14 November 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Lakewood, Ohio.

JOHN P. CANTAVO, 31472208, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 1 March 1945 to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Quincy, Massachusetts.

HORACE J. GIFFON, 34497454, Private First Class, 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 Neptune, Tennessee.

JAMES J. JARVIS, 32483115, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 11 November 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Garden, New Jersey.

KENNETH H. KAUFMAN, 32820573, Private First Class, 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 Brooklyn, New York.

AUSTIN C. KRICHT, 39922314, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations during the period 12 November 1944 to 24 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Salt Lake City, Utah.

KENNETH L. MC NEWNEY, 37623165, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 12 November 1944 to 23 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Villisca, Iowa.

CLYDE RICHARDSON, JR., 38 1722, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, 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 Union, Kentucky.

RODOLPH C. RITARI, 31236711, Private First Class, 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 Fitchburg, Massachusetts.

ROBERT F. SHOULDIS, 35762456, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 1 December 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Parkersburg, West Virginia.

GEORGE A. TRACY, 17176608, Private First Class, 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 Raytown, Missouri.

GEORGE E. THOMPSON, 32650205, Private First Class, 397th 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 Glendale, New York.

WILLIAM J. MC GRATH, 31214605, Private, 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 Hadley, Massachusetts.

SECTION III -- RESCISSION OF AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

So much of Section II, General Orders Number 281, this headquarters, current series, as awards the Bronze Star Medal to DANIEL P. AYOTTE, 01998110, Second Lieutenant, 925th Field Artillery Battalion, 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 Oak Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to each of the following named individuals:

Award of Second Oak Leaf Cluster

SAMUEL WEITZBAUM, 01310651, Captain, 398th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 25 December 1944 to 31 March 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from New York, New York.

Award of First Oak Leaf Cluster

JOHN B. MURPHY, 012338, Brigadier General, United States Army, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations during the period 1 January 1945 to 10 January 1945, in Eastern France. Entered military service from Amarillo, Texas.

FELIX E. THARPE, 0392701, Lieutenant Colonel, 397th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 16 November 1944 to 4 February 1945, in Eastern France. Entered military service from Macon, Georgia.

RALPH W. SCOTT, 0376417, Captain, 397th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 1 March 1945 to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Portsmouth, Virginia.

FREDERIC C. BROWN, 02048857, First Lieutenant, 325th Medical Battalion, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 5 November 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Franklin, 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:

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~~EDWIN R. KELLEY, 02048970, First Lieutenant, 325th Medical Battalion, for meritorious service in support of combat operations during the period 4 April 1945 to 8 May 1945, in Western Germany. Entered military service from Swampscott, Massachusetts.~~

WILLIAM D. LAMB, 02006109, Second Lieutenant, 398th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 6 November 1944 to 16 January 1945, in Eastern France. Entered military service from New York, New York.

CARROLL L. SMITH, 37144700, 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 Lawrence, Kansas.

JOHN E. BURKE, 33042257, First Sergeant, 325th Engineer Combat 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 Washington, D. C.

LORENZO D. CRENS, 34724999, Technical Sergeant, 397th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 11 November 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Memphis, Tennessee.

ALFRED H. KOHL, 37236626, Technical Sergeant, 325th Medical Battalion, for meritorious service in support of combat operations during the period 7 November 1944 to 7 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Ellis, Kansas.

JULIAN C. HELMS, 34591649, Technician Third Grade, 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 Charlotte, North Carolina.

RICHARD C. SZOTT, 36542803, 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 Saginaw, Michigan.

THOMAS E. COOPER, 33193921, Staff Sergeant, 397th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 8 November 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Lovettsville, Virginia.

JOHN J. FREO, 31178314, Staff Sergeant, 397th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 11 November 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Concord, New Hampshire.

PATRICK J. MCRIARTY, 31214924, Staff Sergeant, 397th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in support of combat operations during the period 14 November 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Holyoke, Massachusetts.

CHARLES A. RANNEY, 34591534, Staff Sergeant, Headquarters Company, 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 Salisbury, North Carolina.

MICHAEL A. DASS, 32649923, Sergeant, 399th Infantry Regiment, 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.

BARKLEY D. BEALE, 33634801, Sergeant, 398th Infantry Regiment, 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 Richmond, Virginia.

ROY D. BEEMER, 32308444, Sergeant, 398th Infantry Regiment, 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 Union City, New Jersey.

MICHAEL A. GIAMBELLI, 32655332, Sergeant, 398th Infantry Regiment, 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.

JAMES A. COLEMAN, 35832499, Sergeant, 397th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 11 November 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Wollville, Ohio.

JULIUS GOLDBERMAN, 32371788, Sergeant, 398th Infantry Regiment, 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 Valatie, New York.

GAIL V. CRAWFORD, 32654562, Sergeant, 396th Infantry Regiment, 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.

WALTER R. COSTRY, 37559766, Sergeant, 397th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 12 November 1944 to 2 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Biwabik, Minnesota.

JOHN D. SMITH, 32833150, Sergeant, 398th Infantry Regiment, 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.

WESLEY S. SCHLESING, 32664993, Sergeant, 398th Infantry Regiment, 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 Amsterdam, New York.

ALEX W. WYNN, 32649289, 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 Kanticoke, Pennsylvania.

LOUIS J. KALLAI, 36739398, Technician Fourth Grade, 390th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in support of combat operations during the period 17 December 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Joliet, Illinois.

PERRY H. MAHEIS, 3804323, Technician Fourth Grade, Headquarters Company, 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 Guthbert, Texas.

ANTHONY J. PIRSIC, 32650047, Technician Fourth Grade, Medical Detachment, 398th Infantry Regiment, 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.

JAMES H. STEVENSON, 31234334, Technician Fourth Grade, 398th Infantry Regiment, 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 Worcester, Massachusetts.



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FLEMING E. WELLS, JR., 34590133, 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 Senora, North Carolina.

MORRIS BIRLLY, 32659273, Corporal, 373rd Field Artillery Battalion, 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.

PASQUALE J. FORTUNATO, 32648875, Corporal, 374th Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations during the period 1 November 1944 to 10 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from South Ozone Park, New York.

JOHN T. GLASSON, 32355380, Corporal, 397th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 8 January 1945 to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from New York, New York.

WILLIAM D. NEAGHEY, 12129977, Corporal, 335th Medical Battalion, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations during the period 5 November 1944 to 24 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Rochester, New York.

HUBERT L. LOCKEY, 34477340, Corporal, 373rd Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in support of combat operations during the period 5 November 1944 to 20 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Lebanon, Tennessee.

EDWIN DUBOV, 32654018, Technician Fifth 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.

CLARENCE A. LANGER, 35927968, Technician Fifth Grade, 398th 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 Parma, Ohio.

PERRY L. COLLINSON, 34497342, Technician Fifth Grade, 373rd Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in support of combat operations during the period 3 November 1944 to 24 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Lebanon, Tennessee.

VERNON J. BIEWER, 13102535, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in support of combat operations during the period 20 November 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Port Washington, Wisconsin.

OLNEY L. CASTO, 35783615, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 20 February 1945 to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Strats Mills, West Virginia.

MAX G. HALTON, 35732298, Private First Class, 397th 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 Rosedale, Indiana.

HERBERT H. LANZA, 36899693, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in support of combat operations during the period 23 January 1945 to 17 March 1945, in Eastern France. Entered military service from Detroit, Michigan.

CHARLES T. MURRAY, 43121247, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 24 February 1945 to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from New York, New York.

JOHN RCIAN, 32655981, 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 New York, New York.

JEROME W. SUSSER, 32899409, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 4 December 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Bronx, New York.

### 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 Second Oak Leaf Cluster

MARSHALL G. DAHLEN, 37182403, Technician Fourth Grade, 397th Infantry Regiment, 7 April 1945. Entered military service from Duluth, Minnesota.

Award of First Oak Leaf Cluster

RALPH W. SHRETS, 35245911, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment, 23 December 1944. Entered military service from Crawfordsville, Indiana.

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:

ROGER E. WAKEFIELD 0469010, Captain, 392th Infantry Regiment, 17 January 1945. Entered military service from Salt Lake, Utah.

RAYMOND R. SALSIMAN 39411008, Technical Sergeant, 397th Infantry Regiment, 27 December 1944. Entered military service from Stockton, California.

\* JOSEPH H. COSBY, 19201779, Sergeant, 397th Infantry Regiment, 22 December 1944. Entered military service from Corvallis, Oregon.

EDWARD L. UHRETI, 36430754, Sergeant, 397th Infantry Regiment, 2 January 1945. Entered military service from Streator, Illinois.

JOSEPH J. KLEINY, 31252324, Sergeant, 308th Infantry Regiment, 3 December 1944. Entered military service from Hartford, Connecticut.

MATTHEW BALLERINO, 33802781, Technician Fifth Grade, 397th Infantry Regiment, 18 September 1944. Entered military service from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

JOSEPH B. WILLIS, 18163624, Technician Fifth Grade, 397th Infantry Regiment, 7 April 1945. Entered military service from Tahlequah, Oklahoma.

HOWARD W. ANDRESS, 42093128, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, 6 April 1945. Entered military service from Mount Morris, New York.

EDWARD A. GILCHRIST, 31427644, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, 7 November 1944. Entered military service from Quincy, Massachusetts.

ANGELO C. ARGIRIS, 16175388, Private First Class, 392th Infantry Regiment, 21 November 1944. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

THOMAS S. RICHARDS, JR., 35926561, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment, 9 December 1944. Entered military service from Poland, Ohio.

\* ~~BENNETT D. TAYLOR~~, 01962967, First Lieutenant, 399th Infantry Regiment, 18 April 1945. Entered military service from Kentucky. <sup>288</sup> - 23 Nov 45

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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 C. BELL, 025937, First Lieutenant, 325th Engineer Combat Battalion, for heroic achievement in action on 27 December 1944, in the vicinity of Bitche, France. When it became apparent that the enemy was aware of a direct approach route leading from German-held Bitche into our lines, Lieutenant Bell courageously made his way past an infiltrating hostile night patrol to a prepared abatis on the main approach route. Finding that the detonating device had been removed he swiftly improvised a firing mechanism from a hand grenade and with but five seconds delay attached the grenade to the charge and executed the block. His heroic action denied the enemy the use of the main route and enabled our forces to successfully hold our positions. Entered military service from Richmond, Virginia.

JACK REID, 01325930, First Lieutenant, 399th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 1 January 1945, in the vicinity of Bitche, France. When an enemy force of battalion strength began counterattacking his company's command post, Lieutenant Reid, a rifle platoon leader, established defensive positions which prevented the Germans from assaulting the objective from the rear. When advised the thirty-five men trapped in the post were to attempt an escape, Lieutenant Reid sagaciously supervised an assault that diverted the enemy's attention from the command post and assured the success of the escape. Then, although he was two thousand yards behind German lines he heroically led his men in heavy fighting, finally bringing them to the safety of our own lines. His great personal courage and skillful leadership is in keeping with the finest military traditions. Entered military service from Charlotte, North Carolina.

ROBERT H. TERSS, 36778579, Technical Sergeant, 399th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 13 April 1945, in the vicinity of Sontheim, Germany. During his battalion's attack toward Sontheim, the machine gun platoon of which Sergeant Terss was platoon sergeant became subjected to intense enemy fire as it crossed an open field. Although the hostile fire was so concentrated that his men were unable to move, Sergeant Terss heroically went forward to reconnoiter positions for his weapons. Then returning to his platoon, he skillfully led it in an advance, directing the establishment of machine gun emplacements and supervising the treatment and evacuation of those who were wounded. While manning a machine gun himself in an exposed position he was seriously wounded but with great determination continued to direct the movements of his men. Only after the last casualty had been removed to safety did he permit his own evacuation. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

EDWIN R. KYLE, 02048970, First Lieutenant, 325th Medical Battalion, for meritorious service in support of combat operations during the period 4 April 1945 to 8 May 1945, in Western Germany. Entered military service from Swampscott, 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:

SAM P. PASSERO, 02000652, First Lieutenant, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 15 March 1945, in the vicinity of Bitche, France. During the furious fighting for Bitche, fortress city of the Maginot Line, Lieutenant Passero, a rifle platoon leader, observed one of his men who had been stunned by a bursting shell, wandering aimlessly through the area toward a known

enemy mine field. Despite the heavy machine gun fire that was raking the terrain, Lieutenant Passero left the comparative safety of his position and ran to the stricken man. Reaching the casualty at the very edge of the mine field, he carried him back to an aid station. Lieutenant Passero's heroic action is in keeping with the finest traditions in the Army of the United States. Entered military service from New York, New York.

ROBERT A. CROMBIE, JR., 36759180, Staff Sergeant, 399th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 13 April, 1945, in the vicinity of Sontheim, Germany. Sergeant Crombie, a squad leader in a mortar platoon, was attached as a forward observer to the leading rifle company during an attack when sudden enemy automatic fire immobilized our entire force. Swiftly moving forward, Sergeant Crombie efficiently registered his mortars on a number of targets. Upon discovering that he could not observe several concealed positions, he made his way toward a small rise and although he drew direct enemy fire he established his post. Then he calmly proceeded to direct devastating mortar fire, the result of which neutralized a house containing several riflemen, silenced two machine guns and inflicted numerous hostile casualties. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

FRANCIS J. KELLY, 32829545, Staff Sergeant, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 17 November 1944, in the vicinity of St Prayal, France. When the single wire line to the rear was severed by hostile shell fire, Sergeant Kelly, forward observer for a mortar platoon, was completely isolated from his unit and further support became impossible. Although aware that the terrain was infested with enemy mines, he started back over the steep mountain trails to secure a battery for his radio. Completing his perilous trip safely, Sergeant Kelly obtained the battery and once more started forward, despite the fact that German artillery and rocket fire was now being directed on the trails. With great courage, he finally reached his post and reestablished contact with the rear. The following morning when the enemy staged a determined counterattack it was largely through the strong support rendered by Sergeant Kelly that our forces were able to repulse the foe with heavy casualties. Entered military service from Forest Hill, New York.

PATRICK J. RONAN, 32680728, Staff Sergeant, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 21 December 1944, in the vicinity of Bitche, France. Shortly after he assumed a position 150 yards in advance of our lines as a forward observer for an 81mm mortar platoon, Sergeant Ronan sighted a large group of enemy riflemen moving toward his company's exposed left flank. Upon preparing to call for mortar fire he discovered that hostile shell fire had disrupted the only wire line. As there was no time to be lost he swiftly traced the line to the break, repaired it and started back to his post. By this time the enemy was less than fifty yards distant but with great courage he continued on and reached his position. Then, quickly calling for mortar fire, he accurately adjusted it upon the foe, inflicting heavy casualties and forcing them to withdraw in confusion. Entered military service from Westchester, New York.

PHINEAS C. WHARTON, 34738496, Staff Sergeant, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 7 April 1945, in the vicinity of Jagstfeld, Germany. During an enemy counterattack on our newly won positions, Sergeant Wharton, a rifle squad leader, observed that the friendly machine gunner on his right had been wounded. Exposing himself to the on-coming enemy, he ran to the emplacement and began firing the weapon. His accurate, devastating fire caused severe casualties and forced the Germans to withdraw. Then, with the counterattack repulsed, he administered first aid to the machine gunner and made arrangements for further treatment and evacuation. His heroism is in keeping with the finest military traditions. Entered military service from Memphis, Tennessee.

KENNETH E. EAGLES, 39336743, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 15 March, 1945, in the vicinity of Bitche, France. During the bitter fighting for Bitche, fortress city of the Maginot Line, it became necessary that a path be cleared through an enemy mine field to enable an anti-tank squad to advance. With great courage and daring, Private Eagles, a member of an ammunition and pioneer platoon, voluntarily set out to accomplish the mission. Although he was hampered by darkness and subjected to direct 88mm fire, he miraculously cleared a path, thus permitting the critically needed anti-tank squad to proceed. Entered military service from Wishram, Washington.

ALFRED N. OLEJARZ, 42143667, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 15 April 1945, in the vicinity of Affeltrach, Germany. Private Olejarz was in charge of a security flank patrol when he observed strong enemy positions along a ridge. Skillfully maneuvering his men, he opened fire and forced the foe to cover while his company secured new firing positions. Then, for several hours, Private Olejarz remained in an exposed position, subjecting himself to hostile small arms fire while he returned effective counter-fire. When it was deemed expedient that the company fall back to form a new line he disregarded the withdrawal orders and it was mainly because of his persistent, accurate shooting that his comrades were able to fall back safely. His heroism is in keeping with the finest military traditions. Entered military service from Canastota, New Jersey.

WILLIAM F. SCHULER, 39421277, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 11 March 1945, in the vicinity of Goetzenbruck, France. Private Schuler was manning a machine gun outpost when he observed a hostile combat patrol attempting to infiltrate our lines. With calm presence of mind, he telephonically directed accurate mortar fire on the force, inflicting heavy casualties. Then, as the remaining few attempted to flee he opened fire with his machine gun, completely dispersing the foe. As a result of his brave action seven enemy were killed and four wounded. His heroic performance is in keeping with the finest military traditions. Entered military service from Sacramento, California.

EUGENE J. SULLIVAN, 42053632, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 10 April 1945, in the vicinity of Heilbronn, Germany. While serving as lead scout in his company's attack, Private Sullivan became immobilized by sudden small arms fire. Crawling back to warn his company of this impending danger he was fired upon by hostile snipers from the flank. Disregarding the fire to his front he courageously crawled to a vantage point from where he was able to wound one sniper with a hand grenade and accomplish the capture of the remaining one. Then, he directed the forward platoon to a commanding position from which it launched an attack that completely destroyed the frontal German resistance. Thus, by his heroic action, Private Sullivan was instrumental in enabling his company to resume the offensive. Entered military service from Brooklyn, New York.

BILLY J. WILLIAMS, 38627486, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 12 April 1945, in the vicinity of Hagenbach, Germany. When the squad to which Private Williams was assigned as a bazooka man entered Hagenbach on a reconnaissance mission it was immobilized by intense enemy small arms and automatic weapons fire. Moving forward under the heavy fire, Private Williams gained a vantage point that enabled him to fire his weapon into the German emplacement. Firing two rounds, he removed all resistance by killing two enemy and capturing the remaining eight, including two SS officers. As a result of his heroic action the squad completed its mission without the loss of a single man. Entered military service from Fort Worth, Texas.

VERUSTIANO FULIDO, 0644641, Captain, 325th Medical Battalion, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations during the period 2 November 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from South Gate, California.

JAMES B. WALSH, 0506275, Captain, 399th Infantry Regiment, 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 Haven, Connecticut.

JOHN MILLAR, JR., 32593423, Master Sergeant, Headquarters 100th Infantry Division, 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 Elizabeth, New Jersey.

CHARLES A. SCUTERO, 32641532, Master Sergeant, 325th Medical Battalion, 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.

UMBERTO A. NEYROZ, 32664653, First Sergeant, 325th Medical Battalion, for meritorious service in support of combat operations during the period 5 November 1944 to 24 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Albany, New York.

JOHN E. CRONIN, 31255187, Technical Sergeant, 325th Medical Battalion, 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 Worcester, Massachusetts.

GREGORY BENEDETTO, 32664747, Staff Sergeant, 100th Quartermaster 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 Cairo, Illinois.

JAMES F. HENRY, 34611702, Staff Sergeant, 398th 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 Braxton, Mississippi.

PETER GIBSON, 32655623, Staff Sergeant, 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 New York, New York.

HERBERT P. KNOX, 34515317, Staff Sergeant, 100th Quartermaster Company, 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 Columbia, South Carolina.

EDWARD W. LYSAKOWSKI, 31190242, Staff Sergeant, 397th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in support of combat operations during the period 14 November 1944 to 25 March 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Thomaston, Connecticut.

AARON B. FILAM, 34495526, Staff Sergeant, 325th Medical Battalion, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations during the period 5 November 1944 to 24 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Huntingdon, Tennessee.

SALVATORE A. OFULENTE, 32548290, Staff Sergeant, 373rd Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in support of combat operations during the period 3 November 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Brooklyn, New York.

JAMES F. EGNATION, 31235296, Technician Third Grade, Headquarters 100th Infantry Division, for meritorious service in support of combat operations during the period 7 November 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Lynn, Massachusetts.

DONALD R. JACKSON, 35409638, Technician Third Grade, 800th Ordnance Company, 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 Lore City, Ohio.

WILLIAM I. BROWN, 34591525, Sergeant, 100th Quartermaster 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 Salisbury, North Carolina.

RAYMOND W. CAMPBELL, 31358425, Sergeant, 100th Quartermaster Company, 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 Vineyard, Massachusetts.

HENRY KOHN, 32649650, Sergeant, 325th Engineer Combat Battalion, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 15 to 20 April 1945, in the vicinity of Affaltrach, Germany. Entered military service from Bronx, New York.

ANTHONY J. MARSANICO, 32653004, Sergeant, 373rd Field Artillery Battalion, 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.

JERRY MILLER, 12194770, 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 Brooklyn, New York.

ANDREW F. PANUZIO, 34405959, Sergeant, 373rd Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in support of combat operations during the period 3 November 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Bridgeport, Connecticut.

JOSEPH F. PIGNATARO, 32654157, Sergeant, 398th Infantry Regiment, 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.

MARVIN J. PION, 32964048, Sergeant, 398th Infantry Regiment, 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.

ANTHONY R. POCIA, 32664409, Sergeant, 373rd Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in support of combat operations during the period 3 November 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Utica, New York.

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JAMES E. SUMNER, 32665068, Sergeant, 100th Quartermaster 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 Mechanicville, New York.

HARVEY B. WATERMAN, 31217085, Sergeant, 325th Medical Battalion, 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 Kennebunk, Maine.

HAROLD G. BUNCH, 36060321, Technician Fourth 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 Bushnell, Illinois.

NICHOLAS G. CARIELLO, 32391518, Technician Fourth 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 Union City, New Jersey.

HOWARD M. CONDELL, 32650200, Technician Fourth Grade, 398th Infantry Regiment, 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 Floral Park, New York.

ARTHUR J. GONZALES, 31237170, Technician Fourth Grade, 373rd Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in support of combat operations during the period 4 November 1944 to 25 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Malden, Massachusetts.

HAYNE W. INABINET, JR., 34514370, 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 St. Matthews, South Carolina.

HUGH J. MC DEMOTT, 32652999, 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 Bronx, New York.

GEORGE J. MC DONOUGH, 31214520, Technician Fourth Grade, 325th Medical Battalion, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations during the period 5 November 1944 to 24 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Lee, Massachusetts.

ADAM C. NOWICKI, 32482098, 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 Trenton, New Jersey.

BENJAMIN A. ONOFRIO, 31252305, Technician Fourth Grade, 373rd Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in support of combat operations during the period 3 November 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Hartford, Connecticut.

FREDERICK SNYDER, 32680474, 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 White Plains, New York.

LOUIS G. BLASZYNSKI, 31237463, Corporal, 325th Medical Battalion, 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 Chicago, Illinois.

ROBERT L. FOLLIDAY, 36672877, Corporal, 398th 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 Sherrard, Illinois.

THOMAS G. KELLY, 32655227, Corporal, 800th Ordnance Company, 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 New York, New York.

CARL F. DEMASI, 32650146, Technician Fifth Grade, 373rd Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in support of combat operations during the period 3 November 1944 to 25 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Brooklyn, New York.

ORVILLE R. HARRIS, 34495896, Technician Fifth Grade, 373rd Field Artillery Battalion, 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 Columbia, Tennessee.

LEO HERSHKOWITZ, 32598484, Technician Fifth Grade, 373rd Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in support of combat operations during the period 5 November 1944 to 20 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Irvington, New Jersey.

JACK C. MORFIS, 34975109, Technician Fifth Grade, Headquarters 100th Infantry Division, for meritorious service in support of combat operations during the period 5 March 1945 to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Atlanta, Georgia.

HARRY R. NAYLOR, 32367384, Technician Fifth Grade, 325th Medical Battalion, 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 Middletown, Delaware.

LLOYD F. BOOTHBY, 37698045, Private First Class, 398th 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 Washta, Iowa.

RUSSELL W. GORANSON, 39613542, Private First Class, 398th 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 Helena, Montana.

CLARENCE D. LITHELAND, 35248892, Private First Class, 398th 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 Vincennes, Indiana.

PHILIP MILLER, 32643145, Private First Class, 325th Medical 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.

ROBERT K. STACH, 37736578, Private First Class, 398th 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 Kinsley, Kansas.

JOHN W. STORR, 37532258, Private First Class, 398th 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 Iola, Kansas.

JAMES A. STYERS, 33613695, Private First Class, 398th 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 Berwick, Pennsylvania.

ALBERT A. VIDLER, 35063268, Private First Class, 398th 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 Cleveland, Ohio.

SECTION III -- REVISION OF AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

SA) So much of Section II, General Orders Number 294, this headquarters, current series, as awards the Bronze Star Medal to EDWIN R. KILLEY, 02048970, First Lieutenant, 325th Medical Battalion, is rescinded.

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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:

✓ WILLIAM S. KUMMEL, 02007174, First Lieutenant, 374th Field Artillery Battalion, for gallantry in action on 8 April 1945, in the vicinity of Heilbronn, Germany. During an enemy counterattack, three tanks and approximately 100 infantrymen approached Lieutenant Kummel's artillery observation post. Refusing to retreat, he continued calling fire missions while defending himself with a carbine. Stopping one tank at 100 yards, the remaining two and German riflemen approached to within fifty yards of his position. By now, in view of the short distance, his own rounds were hitting his post. As our infantry came abreast of Lieutenant Kummel 30 of the enemy took refuge in a nearby house and one of the tanks went behind it. Adjusting accurate fire, he scored three hits on the house and tank. Then, he scored a direct hit on the retreating third tank. His gallant performance resulted in the enemy's loss of at least 21 men, three tanks and forced them to abandon the offensive. Entered military service from Mount Holly, New Jersey.

✓ ANDREW A. VICTOR, 0553502, First Lieutenant (then Second Lieutenant), 398th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 15 March 1945, in the vicinity of Spitzberg, France. During our attack toward Bitché, Lieutenant Victor, section leader of a mortar platoon, was acting as a forward observer. When the rifle company on his right became subjected to heavy hostile fire he detected two enemy mortar emplacements and learning that the friendly unit's observer had been wounded he immediately left the comparative safety of his position and moving over enemy fire-swept terrain, established his post in an exposed position. Although he was now under direct enemy fire he heroically stood up straight to better sight his objectives and despite the fact that this move made him an excellent target for German snipers he continued to adjust fire until both enemy mortar positions had been silenced. His gallant action was an integral factor in our capture of Spitzberg Hill. Entered military service from Kingston, Pennsylvania.

✓ MPHRAIM J. LAVANGIE, 31153038, Sergeant, 398th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 15 March 1945, in the vicinity of Bitché, France. When, during the attack upon Fort Friedenbourg, the leading rifle company suffered heavy casualties, Sergeant Lavangie volunteered to help in the evacuation. On one occasion, when enemy sniper fire harassed the area, Sergeant Lavangie maneuvered himself to an advantageous position. Throwing a hand grenade, he then charged forward and captured the three Germans, thus eliminating a strongpoint which would have held up the advance of our troops. By virtue of his magnificent courage and aggressive action Sergeant Lavangie effected the smooth and rapid evacuation of casualties, and enabled his company to advance unhindered. Entered military service from Portland, Maine.

✓ BURTON BELDEN LOGAN, 18195347, Technician Fifth Grade, Medical Detachment, 398th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 12 April 1945, in the vicinity of Weiler, Germany. When several men were wounded and enemy fire allowed no one to make a movement, Corporal Logan, a company aid man, deliberately stood up and walked toward the wounded men. Walking as close to the enemy as possible, so as to divert their fire from our troops, Corporal Logan was wounded. Despite his injuries, he continued to walk the gauntlet of hostile fire in order to render medical assistance. As a result of his heroism in making himself the target for enemy fire, our troops overran and neutralized the thus-exposed enemy machine gun positions, and continued on to complete their mission. His unselfishness and undying devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the Army Medical Corps. Entered military service from Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

✓ JOSEPH B. WILLIS, 18163624, Technician Fifth Grade (then Private First Class), Medical Detachment, 397th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 7 April 1945, in the vicinity of Heilbronn, Germany. During the furious fighting in Heilbronn's factory district, the rifle platoon to which Corporal Willis was assigned as an aid man, suffered numerous casualties by intense fire from enemy positions inside a factory. Running forward, Corporal Willis began treating the wounded although bullets struck within inches of him. It became expedient for the platoon to withdraw but with magnificent courage, Corporal Willis continued with his tasks and although there were now additional casualties and the men were sometimes wounded a second time as he worked on them he continued his efforts until every man was cared for. By his gallant action, Corporal Willis was instrumental in saving the lives of at least seven men. Entered military service from Tahlequah, Oklahoma.

✓ JOHN H. KASUN, 39931502, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 16 March 1945, in the vicinity of Bitche, France. During the furious fighting for the fortress city of Bitche, Private Kasun, an ammunition bearer, and his machine gun squad were fired upon by automatic weapons from a well concealed sniper position. Without hesitating, Private Kasun courageously crawled forward and with great skill managed to flank the emplacement. Then, taking advantage of the available cover, he crept to within a few feet of the foe and hurled a hand grenade into the position. Two of the enemy were killed but noting that the remaining two were only dazed, Private Kasun killed both with accurate pistol fire. His gallant action removed a serious threat of danger to his comrades and enabled them to continue their advance in support of the rifle elements. Entered military service from Butte, Montana.

✓ CARROLL E. WESTFALL, 35769712, Private, 398th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 15 April 1945, in the vicinity of Willsbach, Germany. While preceding his platoon as a scout in its attack toward Willsbach, Private Westfall encountered a murderous concentration of enemy automatic fire that not only held up his platoon but destroyed his weapon as well. Although only armed with hand grenades, he courageously approached the enemy machine gun emplacement. Having to maneuver around the field several times to escape the direct fire concentrated at his exposed self, he finally secured a point close enough to throw his grenades. His accurate hurling completely neutralized the position. Thus, by gallant and intrepid action, Private Westfall single-handedly eliminated an enemy strongpoint and enabled his platoon to renew its advance. Entered military service from Clerksburg, 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:

✓ CARL H. PENNINGTON, 01586014, First Lieutenant, 100th Quartermaster Company, 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 Hartsville, South Carolina.

✓ ERNEST H. TROUTMAN, 34436218, 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 Statesville, North Carolina.

✓ LESTER D. YOUNG, 32483552, Staff Sergeant, Military Police Platoon, 100th Infantry Division, 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 Riverside, New Jersey.

✓ SYMOUR H. EISENBERG, 32655185, Sergeant, 398th Infantry Regiment, 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.

✓ RICHARD H. MURPHY, 31273035, Sergeant, 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 Bridgeport, Connecticut.

✓ RICHARD PENL, 32651014, Sergeant, 398th Infantry Regiment, 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.

✓ GEORGE R. FRENDEVERVILLE, 32648104, Corporal, 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 Brooklyn, New York.

✓ BEN SPAISER, 32652777, Corporal, 373d Field Artillery Battalion, 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.

✓ SALVATORE GUASLIANO, 32651864, Technician Fifth Grade, 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 New York, New York.

✓ NICHOLAS POLACK, 32652878, Technician Fifth Grade, 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 New York, New York.

✓ ABRAHAM SCHITSKY, 31256173, Technician Fifth Grade, 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 Revere, Massachusetts.

✓ CLEMENT VAN DENA, 32666622, Technician Fifth Grade, 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 Mechanville, New York.

✓ CLIFFORD DAVIS, 38560944, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 6 November 1944 to 18 December 1944, in Eastern France. Entered military service from Houston, Texas.

✓ RONALD L. JOLES, 33908960, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 21 January 1945 to 14 March 1945, in Eastern France. Entered military service from Baltimore, Maryland.

✓ WILLIE MOSELEY, 35639738, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, 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 Mosley Bend, Kentucky.

✓ GEORGE J. PIPIN, JR., 31200663, Private First Class, 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 Winooski, Vermont.

✓ GARLAND W. TAYLOR, 33823115, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 21 January 1945 to 14 March 1945, in Eastern France. Entered military service from Raven, Virginia.

✓ FRED WADE, 38700752, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 3 November 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Bartlesville, Oklahoma.

### 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 the following named individual for wounds received as a result of enemy action:

✓ BENNETT D. TAYLOR, 01062907, First Lieutenant, 399th Infantry Regiment, 18 April 1945. Entered military service from Kentucky.

### 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:

✓ RAYMOND KORZEC, 13096419, Staff Sergeant, 399th Infantry Regiment, 5 November 1944. Entered military service from Bigg, Pennsylvania.

✓ THOMAS S. IRAGO, 32820426, Sergeant, 374th Field Artillery Battalion, 12 December 1944. Entered military service from New York, New York.

### SECTION V -- RESCISSION OF AWARD OF PURPLE HEART

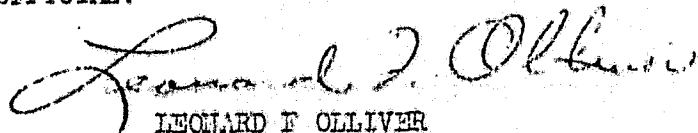
So much of Section IV, General Orders Number 284, this headquarters, current series, as awards the Purple Heart to BENNETT D. TAYLOR, 01062907, First Lieutenant, 399th Infantry Regiment, is rescinded.

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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:

HENRY G. JACKSON, JR., 0532770, First Lieutenant, 374th Field Artillery Battalion, for heroic achievement in action on 3 January 1945, in the vicinity of Rimling, France. While serving as an artillery forward observer during a severe enemy counterattack, Lieutenant Jackson voluntarily moved his post to a hill two hundred and fifty yards to the left and front of our lines. In this advantageous position he began to adjust effective fire on the enemy but in time became surrounded on three sides by hostile elements. Although forced to defend himself with a rifle, Lieutenant Jackson heroically remained in place, alternately firing his rifle and calling fire missions. Before withdrawing under direct orders, he neutralized one tank and caused heavy casualties among the German troops. As a result of his courageous efforts he aided immeasurably in repulsing the determined counterattack. Entered military service from Birmingham, Alabama.

GORDEN E. STILES, 6291518, Staff Sergeant, 374th Field Artillery Battalion, for heroic achievement in action on 3 January 1945, in the vicinity of Rimling, France. While serving as an assistant to an artillery forward observer during a severe enemy counterattack, Sergeant Stiles and his companion voluntarily moved their post to a hill two hundred and fifty yards to the left and front of our lines. In this exposed position he began to adjust effective fire on the enemy but in time became surrounded on three sides by hostile elements. Although forced to defend himself with a rifle, Sergeant Stiles heroically remained in place, alternately firing his rifle and calling fire missions. Before withdrawing under direct orders, he was instrumental in the neutralization of one tank and caused a heavy toll of casualties among the foe. By his courageous efforts he aided immeasurably in repulsing the determined counterattack. Entered military service from Spiro, 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:

HENRY C. BAUCOM, 34266024, Staff Sergeant, 399th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 8 January 1945, in the vicinity of Meyersviller, France. Sergeant Baucum, a section sergeant of a mortar platoon, was manning an observation post when a sudden concentration of enemy shell fire seriously wounded a friendly soldier in a outpost three hundred yards to the front. Although it was necessary to cross an open field subjected to enemy observation and fire, Sergeant Baucum miraculously reached the stricken man safely. Then, after administering first aid he decided that additional medical treatment was needed immediately and with a repeated display of courage, he successfully transported the casualty back across the perilous route where he was quickly evacuated to an aid station. Sergeant Baucum's heroic action is in keeping with the finest military traditions. Entered military service from Athens, Alabama.

JOHN J. SMALDONE, 32651105, Staff Sergeant (then Corporal), 325th Engineer Combat Battalion, for heroic achievement in action during the period 16 to 22 February 1945, in the vicinity of Lomborg, France. In preparing defensive positions, Sergeant Smaldone took two assistants and proceeded to lay a mine field between friendly and hostile troops. Despite frequent mortar and sniper fire from the entrenched foe, the possibility of ambush, and the ever-dangerous nature of his mission, Sergeant Smaldone, working under the cover of darkness, succeeded in

planting the mines in an open field only several hundred yards from enemy positions. Then, in order to safeguard our own troops, he observed and accurately recorded the fields in daylight and in full view of the enemy. By his courage and unwavering devotion to duty, Sergeant Saldone contributed greatly to the effectiveness of our mid-winter defensive mission. Entered military service from Brooklyn, New York.

KENNETH F. RUZKA, 32597419, Sergeant (then Corporal), 325th Engineer Combat Battalion, for heroic achievement in action on 10 December 1944, in the vicinity of Moutonhouse, France. During the advance on the town, Sergeant Ruzka was given the task of removing a number of mines which held up the advance of our infantry. Despite heavy enemy artillery and small arms fire, he made his way through the mine field. Although he was hit and wounded by mortar fire, he refused to be evacuated until he succeeded in clearing a path through the hazardous area, allowing infantry elements to proceed. His determination, courage and unselfish devotion to duty were a source of inspiration to others of the working party, and contributed greatly to the success of the operation. Entered military service from Lyndhurst, New Jersey.

ANTHONY J. NOTO, 32566576, Technician Fifth Grad. (then Private First Class), 325th Engineer Combat Battalion, for heroic achievement in action on 15 March 1945, in the vicinity of Schornbach, France. While in support of an infantry battalion during an attack, Corporal Noto and his engineer squad were informed that a mine field was holding up the advance of motorized elements. When intense enemy artillery and mortar fire forced the squad to scatter, Corporal Noto, alone and on his own initiative, moved forward and proceeded to remove the mines. Helped by another man who later joined him, Corporal Noto succeeded in clearing the road, thus allowing mechanized troops to advance and take the objective. The courage, aggressiveness and initiative displayed by Corporal Noto were instrumental in the success of the operation, and reflect great credit upon himself and the Army of the United States. Entered military service from Newark, New Jersey.

EDWARD W. JACOBUS, 32596371, Technician Fifth Grade, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 7 April 1945, in the vicinity of Heuthlingen, Germany. Corporal Jacobus, an anti-tank truck driver, volunteered to lead a squad of twelve men from the anti-tank platoon acting as riflemen along with four tanks attached to his unit, into a German held town, to divert a stubborn position which had pinned down one of the rifle companies. Entering the town on the back of the lead tank, despite intense enemy small arms fire, Corporal Jacobus spotted a enemy machine gun and immediately silenced it with rifle fire and a well placed hand grenade. His rapidity of movement, daring action in the face of greatly superior numbers, and insistence upon the successful completion of his mission resulted in the capture of forty-six prisoners and numerous casualties among the enemy ranks. One of the tanks received a direct hit by artillery and Corporal Jacobus personally evacuated two dazed tank crew members and put them in a safe position until the town was cleared. Entered military service from Bloomfield, New Jersey.

RANDALL KELLY, 01296146, Captain, 399th Infantry Regiment, 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 Youngstown, Ohio.

REGINALD C. BURROUGHS, 01321098, First Lieutenant, 398th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations during the period 18 February 1945, to 12 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Trenton, New Jersey.

WILLIAM A. SULLIVAN, 01325944, First Lieutenant, 399th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 6 February 1945 to 15 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from San Francisco, California.

RICHARD C. PARKES, 32269117, Master Sergeant, 399th Infantry Regiment, 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 Bordentown, New Jersey.

LOUIS R. PRYOR, JR., 34574322, Master Sergeant, 399th Infantry Regiment, 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 Columbus, Georgia.

LAURENCE B. HUDGINS, 38115753, Technical Sergeant, 925th Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations during the period 1 February 1945 to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Perth Worth, Texas.