

JOHN J. KROOK, 36250072, Technical Sergeant, 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 Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

EDWARD A. RADWIN, 31252449, Technical 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 Hartford, Connecticut.

MILTON DUNAY, 31239201, Staff 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 Boston, Massachusetts.

JOE V. HILL, 34492611, Staff Sergeant, 325th Engineer Combat Battalion, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 1 November 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from White Pine, Tennessee.

CLARENCE E. RICHLEY, 12134189, Staff Sergeant, Headquarters Special Troops, 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 Harrington, Delaware.

HARRY W. SZABLESKI, 36351011, Staff Sergeant, 800th Ordnance Company, for meritorious service in support of combat operations during the period 5 April to 15 April 1945, in Western Germany. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

HENRY R. BEITLER, 33031343, Technician Third Grade, 800th Ordnance Company, for meritorious service in support of combat operations during the period 1 November 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Zionsville, Pennsylvania.

WILLIAM G. HENSON, 34580754, Sergeant, 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 McIntosh, Alabama.

ANTHONY J. ZONGARO, 33001370, Sergeant, 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 Baltimore, Maryland.

ALPH E. BURGESS, 31243559, Technician Fourth Grade, 375th Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in support of combat operations during the period 10 November 1944 to 25 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Hartford, Connecticut.

MAURICE R. MESSERLI, 37543543, Technician Fourth Grade (then Corporal), 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 Mitchell, South Dakota.

KENNETH D. WHITKER, 32597243, Technician Fourth Grade, 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 Newark, New Jersey.

RUDOLPH W. SCHENBLER, 33669477, Corporal, 399th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations during the period 5 November 1944 to 20 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Ellwood City, Pennsylvania.

EDWARD R. BEERE, 17156454, Technician Fifth Grade, 100th Signal Company, for meritorious service in support of combat operations during the period 9 November 1944 to 5 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Ipswich, South Dakota.

JOSEPH V. CALI, JR., 32598016, Technician Fifth Grade, 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 Newark, New Jersey.

WILLIAM J. GOUGH, JR., 11103624, Technician Fifth Grade, 100th Signal Company, for meritorious service in support of combat operations during the period 9 November 1944 to 5 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Rockville, Connecticut.

NICHOLAS S. SCIOTTI, 31245105, Technician Fifth Grade, 325th Engineer Combat Battalion, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 1 November 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from West Barrington Rhode Island.

VINCENT J. CANDURRA, 32643858, Private First Class, 325th Engineer Combat Battalion, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 1 November 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Bronx, New York.

ALVIN J. COHEN, 42082334, Private, 398th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 1 November 1944 to 5 December 1944, in Eastern France. Entered military service from Trenton, New Jersey.

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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:

MORRIS GOLDMAN, 32656474, Technical Sergeant, 397th Infantry Regiment, 3 January 1945. Entered military service from Brooklyn, New York.

CHRISTOPHER CLARENZANO, 32650982, Technician Third Grade, 397th Infantry Regiment, 5 April 1945. Entered military service from Brooklyn, New York.

RUSSELL L. CUMMINGS, 35224415, Technician Fourth Grade, 397th Infantry Regiment, 15 April 1945. Entered military service from Salesville, Ohio.

SAMUEL I. WOOD, 33420291, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, 10 December 1944. Entered military service from McKeesport, Pennsylvania.

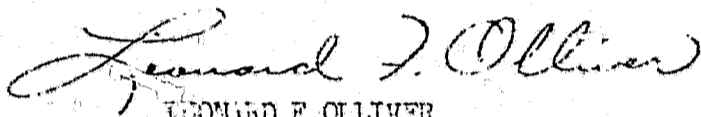
SECTION IV -- RESCISSION OF AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

So much of Section III, General Orders Number 161, this headquarters, current series, as awards a Bronze Star Medal to DOMENICO W. HURLEY, 32348636, First Sergeant, 398th 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, a Oak Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to each of the following named individuals:

Award of Second Oak Leaf Cluster

SMUEL J. TYLER, JR., C534732, Chaplain (Captain), 398th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in support of combat operations during the period 6 November 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Wellesley, Massachusetts.

Award of First Oak Leaf Cluster

GURNEE M. BARNETT, JR., O382788, Major, 375th Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in support of combat operations during the period 5 November 1944 to 17 March 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Chapnaqua, New York.

SEYMOUR B. LOSICKY, 32680068, Staff Sergeant, Medical Detachment, 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 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:

EILEY M. ZEHNER, O20220, Lieutenant Colonel, 398th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 7 April to 12 April 1945 in Germany. Entered United States Military Academy from Indiana.

ALFRED H. WEILER, O1309999, Captain, 397th Infantry Regiment, for exceptionally 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 Connersville, Indiana.

EMMETT A. THOMSON, O1821651, First Lieutenant, 397th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in support of combat operations during the period 20 December 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Odessa, Texas.

JOHN A. ANDERSON, 32596747, Technician Fourth Grade, 399th Infantry Regiment, for exceptionally 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 Newark, New Jersey.

JOHN C. EICHENBERG, JR., 39357749, Technician Fourth Grade, 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 Phoenix, Arizona.

SECTION III -- AWARD OF PURPLE HEART

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

EDWARD R. FRYER, O544678, First Lieutenant, 397th Infantry Regiment, 1 April 1945. Entered military service from Clarksharr, West Virginia.

VASILY V. MELNICHY, 39214417, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, 3 January 1945. Entered military service from Seattle, Washington.

JAMES A. CLAYTON, 34445711, Private First Class, 800th Ordnance Company, 19 November 1944. Entered military service from Charlestown, South Carolina.

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FRANCIS V. FRACCIO, 42028643, Private First Class, 374th Field Artillery Battalion, 27 July 1944. Entered military service from Syracuse, New York.  
RONALD L. TAYLOR, 37357764, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, 3 January 1945. Entered military service from Lusk, Wyoming.

SECTION IV -- AWARD OF COMBAT MEDICAL BADGE

Under the provisions of War Department Circular Number 66, 1 March 1945, a Combat Medical Badge is awarded to the following named individual effective 1 May 1945:

STEPHEN F. RUDASSI, 31369121, Staff Sergeant, 325th Medical Battalion (then 363rd Medical Battalion).

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SECTION I -- 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:

ELESY M ZEHNER, 020820, Lieutenant Colonel, 399th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 16 November 1944, in the vicinity of Raon L'Etape, France. While Lieutenant Colonel Zehner, battalion commander, was directing the bitter close range fighting of his men loud shouts were heard coming from a nearby hill. Investigation determined that a large group of Germans had trapped a few American soldiers in a surprise attack. Instituting a swift plan of action, Lieutenant Colonel Zehner led a group of men to the scene of action, instructing them not to fire until at close range. However, a premature shot initiated a fierce fire fight in which he courageously participated with a submachine gun until his ammunition ran out. Then, seizing a rifle and hand grenades, he went forward and called for the enemy to surrender. When a volley of shots answered his request he hurled several hand grenades into the enemy's positions and 33 Germans, startled by this audacious action, surrendered and all resistance ceased. Entered United States Military Academy from Indiana.

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:

EMIL J. GENETTI, 026965, Lieutenant Colonel, Headquarters 100th Infantry Division, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations during the period 1 January 1945 to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Bessemer, Michigan.

BERNARD V. LENTZ, 0311093, Lieutenant Colonel, 399th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations during the period 12 January 1945 to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

LOUIS L. MORSE, 0174546, Lieutenant Colonel, Inspector General's Department, Headquarters 100th Infantry Division, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations during the period 18 December 1944 to 9 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Waban, Massachusetts.

*Revised by G.O. 88, 28 Mar 45*  
ROBERT M. STEGMAYER, 020725, Lieutenant Colonel, Quartermaster Corps, United States Army (then General Staff Corps, Headquarters 100th Infantry Division) for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations during the period 18 December 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered United States Military Academy from Maryland.

FELIX B. THARPE, 0392701, Lieutenant Colonel, 397th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in support of combat operations during the period 16 November 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Macon, Georgia.

ELESY M. ZEHNER, 020820, Lieutenant Colonel, 399th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations during the period 1 November 1944 to 9 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered United States Military Academy from Indiana.

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KARYL M. VAN BENTHUYSEN, 01310179, Major, Headquarters 100th Infantry Division, for meritorious service in support of combat operations during the period 31 December 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Des Moines, Iowa.

SECTION III -- AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

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

SAMUEL A. DI MARTINO, 13188877, 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 Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER GENERAL TYCHSEN:

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SECTION I -- AWARD OF SILVER STAR

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 300-45, as amended, the Silver Star is awarded to the following named individual for gallantry in action:

THOMAS L. JAMES, 0326916, Lieutenant Colonel (then Major), 398th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 15 December 1944, in the vicinity of Belfort, France. When his battalion was assigned the mission of securing the line of departure on hill 412 overlooking Forts Schiesssek and Freudenberg, Lieutenant Colonel James voluntarily assumed a position well advanced of forward elements from where he was best able to direct accurate artillery and mortar fire on gun positions in the forts. A group of enemy snipers approximately 75 yards to his front, commenced direct fire upon him and concentrated a deadly volume of fire on "I" Company temporarily halting their advance. With complete disregard for his own safety, Lieutenant Colonel James remained at his hazardous position adjusting his own mortars on these snipers eliminating them as a hazard. When "I" Company resumed their advance they were subjected to punishing artillery, mortar and 20 millimeter flak fire which again immobilized the company. Again, disregarding the intensity of the fire, Lieutenant Colonel James maneuvered himself to the line position and personally guided his men into their positions. These displays of personal gallantry by Lieutenant Colonel James were a great inspiration to the troops of his battalion then locked in a crucial engagement with the enemy and contributed materially to the aggressive esprit de corps demonstrated by his battalion during this highly successful operation which ultimately resulted in the subjugation of Forts Freudenberg and Schiesssek with commendable dispatch and a minimum of losses to our forces. Entered military service from Sharpsburg, Kentucky.

SECTION II -- AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 300-45, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following named individual:

THOMAS L. JAMES, 0326916, 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, Lieutenant 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 Neckarguila and culminated in the assault and capture of Unterurtach. Lieutenant 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.

SECTION III -- RESCISSION OF AWARD OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO BRONZE STAR MEDAL

As much of Section I, General Orders 293, as awards the oak leaf cluster to the following named individual, is hereby rescinded:

0326916, Lieutenant Colonel,

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So much of Section IV, General Orders Number 1, 1917, series, as awards the Bronze Star Medal to *[Name]*, Major, 8th Infantry Regiment, is rescinded.

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:

EDWARD GRZELECKI, 31178881, Sergeant, 399th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 4 November 1944, in the vicinity of St. Remy, France. With five other enlisted men, Sergeant Grzelecki volunteered to install a roadblock under enemy artillery, mortar and sniper fire. Although pinned down by hostile action on four occasions, the party courageously proceeded with its mission and succeeded in establishing the roadblock, then manned the position without relief for fifteen hours, returning the fire of the enemy and providing security for troops in a nearby village. In this action, Sergeant Grzelecki was mortally wounded. Next of kin: Frances Grzelecki (Mother), Ashuelot, New Hampshire.

DAVID H. SMITH, 35611940, Sergeant, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 11 December 1944, in the vicinity of Lemberg, France. When his company's communication line was severed as a result of enemy artillery bombardment, Sergeant Smith was assigned the difficult and dangerous mission of repairing the wire. Subjected to concentrated mortar and artillery fire, Sergeant Smith was wounded while courageously performing his duties, and died shortly thereafter. Sergeant Smith's complete devotion to duty and his fearlessness in the face of danger won the praise and admiration of all officers and men of his organization. Next of kin: Betty E. Smith (Wife), Mammoth Yellowstone Park, Wyoming.

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:

DAVID M. BALLIE, JR., 01311279, First Lieutenant, 399th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 16 November 1944, in the vicinity of Baccarat, France. While his platoon was deployed on the forward slope of an adjacent hill, preceding an attack by the remainder of the company upon enemy positions, Lieutenant Ballie, by skillful maneuvering of his men, succeeded in drawing the fire of the enemy forces and disclosing their disposition. Repeatedly exposing himself to enemy fire to uncover targets for his riflemen and harassing the enemy with flank patrols, he diverted the hostile fire to his sector and greatly facilitated the successful frontal attack of our forces. Entered military service from Honolulu, Hawaii.

JOHN P. OWENS, 33000774, First Sergeant (then Technical Sergeant), 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 10 November 1944, in the vicinity of Etival, France. When his section of heavy machine guns was assigned the task of supporting an advancing rifle company, Sergeant Owens was forced to lead his men over open terrain under intense enemy mortar and artillery fire. Despite a shrapnel wound in the foot, he refused to be evacuated and continued leading his men in the face of withering hostile fire. As a result of his outstanding courage, initiative and leadership, his section was able to accomplish its mission and effectively support the rifle company. Entered military service from Baltimore, Maryland.

JOHN H. SLADE, 34573797, Technical Sergeant, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 8 December 1944, in the vicinity of Mouterhouse, France. Assuming complete command in the absence of his platoon leader, Sergeant

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Slade was given the difficult and dangerous mission of clearing enemy rear guards and hostile snipers from the western section of a town. Moving forward under heavy small arms fire, he so skillfully deployed his men that all enemy resistance in the sector was destroyed. Entered military service from Hawkinsville, Georgia.

CHARLES S. ADAMCEK, 31251922, Staff Sergeant, 399th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from Glastonbury, Connecticut.

GEORGE W. DAWE, 6863423, Staff Sergeant, 399th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from Kansas City, Missouri.

JACK D. PETRO, 33713569, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from Pitcairn, Pennsylvania.

JAMES M. WRIGHT, 6883740, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from Clarksburg, West Virginia.

WALTER F. SMYTHE, 37567472, Private, 399th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from Saint Paul, Minnesota.

For heroic achievement in action on 4 November 1944, in the vicinity of St. Remy, France. These men, members of a rifle squad, volunteered to install a roadblock under enemy artillery, mortar and sniper fire. Although pinned down by hostile action on four occasions, the party courageously proceeded with its mission and succeeded in establishing the roadblock, then manned the position without relief for fifteen hours, returning the fire of the enemy and providing security for troops in a nearby village.

HUGH J. BYRNE, 32597134, Staff Sergeant, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 9 December 1944, in the vicinity of St. Louis, France. Assigned the mission of establishing contact with a unit on his company's right flank, Sergeant Byrne courageously led a patrol through intense artillery fire and across a thickly-planted mine field. Successfully accomplishing his mission without casualties to his squad, Sergeant Byrne enabled his company to continue its advance with confidence that the flank was protected. Entered military service from Hackensack, New Jersey.

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~~ERANK H. CRITTENDON, 34572376, Staff Sergeant, 397th Infantry Regiment, for~~ heroic achievement in action during the period 10 December 1944 to 14 December 1944 in the vicinity of Mouterhouse, France. Sergeant Crittendon was entrusted with full leadership of his platoon on 10 December, when both his platoon leader and platoon sergeant fell victims to enemy fire. His platoon was given the difficult assignment of occupying a hill and organizing its defense without the assistance of and acting independently of the remainder of the company. Sergeant Crittendon conducted his mission with such skill that the hill was secured and completely denied to counter-attacking hostile forces, greatly enabling the company and battalion in accomplishing their own missions. Entered military service from Hartwell, Georgia.

CHARLES F. FILEY, 35551536, Staff Sergeant, 398th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from Mishawaka, Indiana.

JAMES V. SABIA, 32094757, Staff Sergeant, 398th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from North Bellmore, New York.

DURWOOD H. CONROY, 34738257, Sergeant, 398th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from Memphis, Tennessee.

JACK B. ROBERTS, 37518795, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from Parsons, Kansas.

For heroic achievement in action on 14 December 1944, in the vicinity of Reyer-viller, France. After their platoon had withdrawn from an area subjected to heavy hostile artillery, mortar and small arms fire, these men with disregard for their personal safety, remained behind to administer first aid to a seriously wounded comrade. While waiting to evacuate the casualty under cover of darkness, and although unarmed except for knives, they captured eight German prisoners. At nightfall, they successfully evacuated their wounded fellow-soldier with the aid of an improvised stretcher.

EDMOND J. LOOBY, 32655348, Staff Sergeant, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 13 November 1944, in the vicinity of Raon L'Étape, France. While leading a five-man patrol to reconnoiter enemy installations and strength, Sergeant Looby and his comrades were all wounded by a concentration of heavy mortar shelling. With great devotion to duty, and although wounded himself, Sergeant Looby removed the other members of his patrol to safety, made his way back to our aid sta-

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tion and then guided the aid men to the casualties. His heroic action undoubtedly saved the lives of the four members of his patrol. Entered military service from Bronx, New York.

ALBERT A. MAVRINAC, 13095612, Staff Sergeant, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 4 December 1944, in the vicinity of Soucht, France. While directing the fire of his eighty-one millimeter mortar platoon from an advanced observation post, Sergeant Mavrinac, who was also in communication with a chemical mortar platoon and a sixty millimeter mortar section, observed an enemy outpost group to the front and by accurate fire from his own platoon dispersed the hostile force. When a machine gun emplacement engaged our infantry, Sergeant Mavrinac switched his fire to the enemy weapon and then, seeing one group of enemy riflemen to the left front and another to the front, he directed the fire of the chemical platoon and the sixty millimeter mortar section, respectively, upon these two targets. By his feat of simultaneously directing and adjusting the fire of three different mortar units upon three targets, he dispersed the enemy forces, silenced the automatic weapon and rendered efficient support to our troops. Entered military service from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

WARREN L. MILLER, 6809132, Staff Sergeant (then Private), 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 2 December 1944, in the vicinity of Ingwiller, France. When his platoon sergeant was killed and one machine gun was put out of action during a bitterly contested engagement, Sergeant Miller promptly assumed command of the platoon and succeeded in returning the disabled weapon to action. Subsequently subjected to an intense mortar barrage which inflicted a number of casualties upon the platoon, Sergeant Miller himself received three wounds but, disregarding his injury, crawled to a nearby unit and returned with an aid man, refusing medical attention for himself until all other casualties were treated. Entered military service from Reading, Pennsylvania.

LEWIS SANFACON, 31282093, Staff Sergeant, 399th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 9 December 1944, in the vicinity of Lemberg, France. When fire from an enemy machine gun halted his company's advance, pinning the right flank to the ground, Sergeant Sanfacon volunteered to lead a party of three enlisted men in an attempt to put the enemy weapon out of action. Moving over mined terrain in pitch-black darkness, the group succeeded in circling the enemy position and opened fire from the rear. Immediately wounded by fire from the enemy, Sergeant Sanfacon nevertheless continued to engage the hostile force and, sending the other men to attack from the flank, diverted fire to himself in order to cover their advance. As a result of his personal bravery and tactical skill, the party succeeded in silencing the enemy weapon, killing four members of the crew, and made it possible for our forces to continue their advance. Entered military service from Caribou, Maine.

JOHN L. AUGHEY, 35564488, Sergeant, 399th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from Hobart, Indiana.

HENRY F. BENTON, 36079069, Sergeant (then Private First Class), 399th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from Valmeyer, Illinois.

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~~HUBERT E. GREASER, 35584377, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from Evington, Virginia.~~

DON K. SHAFFER, 35246813, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from Tippecanoe, Indiana.

For heroic achievement in action on 8 December 1944 and 9 December 1944, in the vicinity of Lemberg, France. Assigned to support a rifle company in its advance upon an enemy-held town, these members of a machine gun squad completed their mission despite enemy mortar and artillery fire of extreme intensity which put the remainder of their platoon out of action, then moved into the town bearing not only their own weapon but the gun and ammunition of the squad which had been evacuated. By their devotion to duty, they contributed materially to the attainment of the objective and salvaged valuable equipment.

PHILIP D. BROOKS, 15402179, Sergeant (then Private First Class), 39th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 9 December 1944, in the vicinity of Le Vittersch, France. While entrenching for the night, Sergeant Brooks' company received heavy enemy artillery fire which inflicted numerous casualties. Discovering that all assigned company aid men had been wounded by the barrage, Sergeant Brooks courageously left his sheltered position in order to administer aid to the

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casualties. Although he himself was eventually wounded by the continuing enemy artillery fire, he persisted in his self-imposed task, and by his courageous and skillful efforts contributed greatly to the welfare of his wounded comrades. Entered military service from Ironton, Ohio.

WILLIAM C. KNIGHT, 35770807, Sergeant, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 4 December 1944, in the vicinity of Slicht, France. When both his squad leader and assistant squad leader were killed by hostile artillery fire during an attack on enemy positions, Sergeant Knight, unhesitatingly and on his own initiative, assumed command of the squad. He immediately reorganized his forces and led them in repelling an enemy counter-attack, and then, while still subjected to intense artillery and mortar fire, made his way back to his platoon leader to report the action. As a result of his quick thinking, initiative and skillful leadership, the enemy front was maintained intact. Entered military service from Montgomery, West Virginia.

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45* STALEY H. PAPE, 32650244, Sergeant, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 8 December 1944, in the vicinity of Mouterhouse, France. While his ~~battalion~~ was engaged in an assault upon strongly-defended enemy positions heavy concentrations of ~~artillery fire~~ disrupted communications with forward elements, and Sergeant Pape twice led a wire crew under intense enemy shelling to repair breaks in the wire line. Although wounded on the second occasion, he staunchly refused evacuation and directed his crew in the completion of their assigned task. Entered military service from Honesdale, Pennsylvania.

RICHARD R. POLHEMUS, 11138414, Sergeant, 397th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from Old Greenwich, Connecticut.

EDWARD F. CROFTS, 12238682, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from Lockport, New York.

JULIUS D. MORRISON, 12239191, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from Brooklyn, New York.

HORACE T. SPRADLEY, 5283368, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from Mansfield, Louisiana.

MARIANO CORREIA, JR., 31426113, Private, 397th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from New Bedford, Massachusetts.

For heroic achievement in action during the period 6 December 1944 to 8 December 1944, in the vicinity of Mouterhouse, France. On the night prior to a battalion attack upon an enemy-held town, these enlisted men were assigned to act as security for a forward mortar observer. Advancing into enemy territory, the group entered a building located on high ground overlooking the town, and spent the night there despite hostile soldiers who entered and left the structure from time to time. As a result of the courageous action of this group, extremely accurate mortar fire was directed upon the town from this vantage point during the following day, and our forces were successful in securing their objective.

STUART L. SUSSMAN, 13122491, Sergeant, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 19 November 1944, in the vicinity of Ranc I'Etane, France. When the leading rifle platoons of his battalion were halted in their advance on an enemy-occupied hill, and pinned down by a heavy concentration of hostile small arms fire, Sergeant Sussman surveyed the situation, and seeing no adequate position for placement of his machine gun on or to the rear of his front lines, fearlessly moved his weapon well forward of the line of infantry from where he could deliver accurate and effective fire. As a result of this courageous action, his company was able to continue its advance. Entered military service from New Gardens, New York.

MARSHALL G. DAHLEN, 37162403, Technician Fourth Grade, Medical Detachment, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 9 December 1944, in the vicinity of Mouterhouse, France. When the company to which he was attached as aid man was subjected to an enemy barrage, Sergeant Dahlen was himself wounded while administering aid to a casualty, but he calmly dressed his own wound and continued with his duties. Throughout the ensuing night he cared for the casualties, striving untiringly to relieve the pain of his wounded comrades until evacuation was made possible on the following day. Entered military service from Duluth, Minnesota.

JOSEPH D. McCORMICK, 34842546, Corporal, 399th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 7 December 1944, in the vicinity of Lemberg, France. After advancing with his platoon during the day's fighting, Corporal McCormick returned to

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his vehicle at night and, traveling over almost impassable roads under black-out conditions and subjected to heavy enemy mortar and artillery fire, brought vital supplies of food, water and ammunition to his unit. On this occasion and at many other times, Corporal McCormick braved enemy mortar, artillery and small arms fire to remain in contact with his platoon and make possible the prompt and uninterrupted supply of his unit. Entered military service from North, South Carolina.

**JEFFERSON V. OLIVER**, 34497177, Corporal, Headquarters Battery, 100th Division Artillery, for heroic achievement in action on 2 December 1944, in the vicinity of Petersbock, France. When intense enemy shelling disrupted communications between artillery and forward units, Corporal Oliver voluntarily led his crew to an area under heavy enemy bombardment to repair the severed lines. By crawling from the shelter of one foxhole or shellhole to another, he succeeded in locating and splicing the breaks in the line, thereby restoring communications and permitting the continued support of infantry forces by his artillery unit. Entered military service from Knoxville, Tennessee.

**DONALD C. UHLER**, 15399592, Corporal, 397th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from Globe, Arizona.

**JOHN J. OLSZEFSKI**, 31455207, Technician Fifth Grade, 397th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from Waterbury, Connecticut.

For heroic achievement in action on 13 December 1944, in the vicinity of Nouterhouse, France. When their company had secured its objective, these men were assigned the dangerous and difficult mission of laying wire to establish communications with the battalion command post over a route that was being heavily bombarded by enemy artillery and mortars. Although the hostile shelling continued over a period of fourteen hours, these men courageously and steadfastly remained at their posts, laying seven different lines during the night to successfully maintain communication.

**EDWARD A. HUBER**, 32648475, Technician Fifth Grade, Headquarters Battery, 100th Infantry Division Artillery. Entered military service from Long Island, New York.

**DONALD L. STEWART**, 32649033, Private First Class, Headquarters Battery, 100th Infantry Division Artillery. Entered military service from Long Island, New York.

For heroic achievement in action on 2 December 1944, in the vicinity of Struth, France. Assigned the mission of installing and operating a forward switching central in a town from which the enemy had been driven but a few hours previously, Corporal Huber and Private Stewart courageously and efficiently discharged their duties despite intense enemy artillery shelling of their position. As a result of their untiring efforts, accurate reports of artillery action were transmitted and our forces were able to deliver effective counter-battery fire.

**NILS A. JOHNSON**, 31255441, Technician Fifth Grade, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 11 December 1944, in the vicinity of Jemberg, France. While laying a company communication line, Corporal Johnson and two other linemen were subjected to a heavy artillery and mortar barrage which wounded his two comrades and severed the wire in a number of places. Without regard for his personal safety, he immediately rendered first aid to his stricken comrades, carried them back to an aid station, and then, on his own initiative, fearlessly made his way back through the continuing enemy barrage and successfully restored the company communication line. Entered military service from Worcester, Massachusetts.

**JOSE S. TUMIDAJSKI**, 31244968, Technician Fifth Grade, 925th Field Artillery Battalion, for heroic achievement in action on 20 December 1944, in the vicinity of Bitche, France. When communication with the company forward observer had been severed as a result of a hostile barrage, Corporal Tumidajski was assigned the difficult and hazardous mission of repairing the break. Although subjected to intense enemy mortar bombardment, he repaired the line, and then, on his own initiative, testing and finding that other important company and communication wires had also been severed, repaired these in turn, despite the continuing enemy shelling. As a result of Corporal Tumidajski's courage and devotion to duty, vital communications were restored. Entered military service from Pawtucket, Rhode Island.

**JAMES W. DIMMICK**, 34911339, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 23 November 1944, in the vicinity of Le Saulcy, France. Assigned the mission of establishing a roadblock, Private Dimmick's pla-

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toon while en route was pinned down by heavy and unexpected fire from hostile automatic weapons. Disregarding his own safety, Private Timmick traversed three hundred yards of open terrain under intense small arms fire in order to transmit orders from his commanding officer to the leader of a weapons platoon in the rear. As a result of his action, the hostile position was put out of action by friendly mortars and the platoon proceeded to the successful accomplishment of its mission. Entered military service from Gulfport, Florida.

MONTE E. FUGATE, 37533505, Private First Class (then Private), Medical Detachment, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 23 November 1944, in the vicinity of La Trouche, France. When the platoon to which Private Fugate was attached as aid man was subjected to enemy artillery fire, a machine gunner was seriously wounded by shrapnel. Disregarding his personal safety, Private Fugate advanced through the continuing hostile barrage and effectively applied a tourniquet to the leg of the injured man, who otherwise would have quickly succumbed to loss of blood from his wound. Entered military service from Labette, Kansas.

DAVID G. HOWARD, 17197283, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from Omaha, Nebraska.

JOSEPH H. HAWKEY, 36466175, Private, 397th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from Owosso, Michigan.

For heroic achievement in action on 4 December 1944, in the vicinity of Rothbach, France. When the platoon of which Privates Hawkey and Howard were members was pinned down by intense enemy machine gun and mortar fire, the platoon scout was wounded and fell in an exposed position well in advance of our forces. On receipt of orders to withdraw in order that an artillery barrage might be laid on the area, Privates Hawkey and Howard, with full knowledge of four previous unsuccessful attempts by the members of the platoon, volunteered to evacuate the wounded men. Despite enemy fire they succeeded in reaching the casualties but were wounded by the explosion of an enemy mine while carrying an injured soldier to safety.

HARLAN A. KNEFELE, 35802150, Private First Class, Medical Detachment, 399th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from Fort Thomas, Kentucky.

ANTHONY F. LA CORCIA, 35316253, Private First Class, Medical Detachment, 399th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

For heroic achievement in action on 9 December 1944, in the vicinity of Lemberg, France. When our positions were attacked by enemy flick-wagons, two platoons were forced to withdraw, leaving wounded men behind in their foxholes. With utter disregard for their own safety, these aid men voluntarily advanced into the evacuated area and, despite bursts of small arms fire which repeatedly halted their progress, succeeded in reaching a soldier who had received a severe head and brain injury and led him to safety through the only available evacuation route.

HAROLD J. LANIUS, 42107671, Private First Class (then Private), 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 19 November 1944, in the vicinity of La Trouche, France. When his company was isolated by enemy action, Private Lanius was assigned the mission of establishing contact with the remainder of the battalion. While cautiously proceeding across an open field, intense enemy fire partially halted his movement and forced him to take the best available cover. Coming upon several wounded soldiers, he administered aid to them; then, making his way through continued mortar and sniper fire, succeeded in establishing contact with friendly forces. Entered military service from Tarrytown, New York.

EUGENE T. LEAVY, 12228196, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 5 December 1944, in the vicinity of Moderfeld, France. Although aware that the road which he was to traverse was subjected to heavy enemy bombardment, Private Leavy without hesitation drove from the regimental command post to a battalion command post and returned, obtaining and delivering information vital to the successful operation of our forces. A few minutes later he again braved enemy fire to obtain similar information from another battalion, being forced to stop and seek cover on the way by the intensity of the enemy shelling. Entered military service from New York, New York.

ORVILLE I. RICHOLSON, JR., 35892953, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 9 December 1944, in the vicinity of Lemberg, France. When his company found itself out of communication with other units

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and surrounded on three sides by enemy forces, Private Richolson volunteered to establish contact with the battalion command post, the location of which was unknown. Private Richolson crawled for three hundred yards through a hostile barrage and, when discovered by the crew of a hostile machine gun, evaded their fire by crawling along a ditch until he eventually located the battalion. Upon returning to his unit, he was wounded in the chest by enemy machine gun fire, but succeeded in notifying his commanding officer of the completion of his mission. Entered military service from Lafayette, Indiana.

GERALD C. WEBER, 35705011, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 15 December 1944, in the vicinity of Bitche, France. After a wireman from his section had spent eight day-light hours in attempting to establish a wire line under intense hostile artillery and mortar fire, Private Weber was assigned to relieve him. Although subjected to enemy observation and constant shelling, he continued to establish the line throughout the night. His courage and complete devotion to duty in the face of danger won the praise and admiration of all officers and men of his organization. Entered military service from Louisville, Kentucky.

SECTION III -- AWARD OF AIR MEDAL

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

LLOYD C. BORGER, 01168179, First Lieutenant, 374th Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights against the enemy in France during the period 17 November 1944 to 21 December 1944. Entered military service from Brooklyn, New York.

THOMAS J. JARZAKOWSKI, 01174330, Second Lieutenant, 250th Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights against the enemy in France during the period 13 August 1944 to 25 December 1944. Entered military service from Saginaw, Michigan.

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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:

FRANCIS SCHILBERGER, 32549874, Staff Sergeant, 399th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 9 December 1944, in the vicinity of Lemberg, France. While Sergeant Schilberger's squad was occupying entrenched positions it was subjected to attack by an enemy force led by three flak-wagons which, advancing to each position and delivering point-blank fire directly into the foxhole, threatened to wipe out the entire unit within a space of a few moments. Alert to the deadly peril of the situation, Sergeant Schilberger unhesitatingly exposed himself to the enemy in order to organize and direct the full fire power of his squad upon the nearest enemy vehicle. As a result of his courageous action, the attack was repelled, and Sergeant Schilberger was attempting to withdraw his squad to safety when he was mortally wounded. By his cool and determined leadership in the face of devastating enemy fire, he won the admiration of all members of his organization and reflected high credit upon himself. Next of kin: Beatrice Schilberger (Mother), 78 West Third Street, Corning, New York.

HOWARD P. SMITH, 12238717, Staff Sergeant, 397th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 12 December 1944, in the vicinity of Mouterhouse, France. While leading the company advance, Sergeant Smith's squad encountered a strong force of hostile infantry. Alert and aggressive, Sergeant Smith at once realized that the enemy had been surprised and, seizing this temporary advantage, personally led his squad in a determined charge which carried through the enemy position and forced the opposing troops to withdraw. Immediately organizing his platoon along the crest of a hill, he succeeded in repelling an enemy counter-attack, inflicting heavy casualties upon a force twice as large as his own. During the action Sergeant Smith received wounds which proved fatal. By his personal courage and gallant leadership, he succeeded in capturing the company objective with but a single squad of men, and in so doing reflected great credit upon himself and the service. Next of kin: Alice K. Smith (Mother), 16 Evans Street, Lockport, New York.

FRANCIS J. WAYTE, 32309359, Staff Sergeant, 397th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 16 December 1944, in the vicinity of Bache, France. While taking up defensive positions on the company flank, a rifle squad was pinned down by sudden and unexpected machine gun and sniper fire. Sergeant Wayte, leader of a machine gun section in support of the rifle unit, immediately ordered his gunners to the safety of a sheltered draw, then advanced alone to one of his exposed machine gun positions and answered the fire of the enemy. Under cover of his courageous action, several members of the rifle squad were able to withdraw to safety, but, exposed to the enemy and the target of concentrated fire, Sergeant Wayte was himself killed soon after manning the weapon. By his bravery and gallantry in deliberately risking his life against great odds in order to relieve his comrades, Sergeant Wayte reflected great credit upon himself and the military service. Next of kin: Helen Wayte (Wife), 95 West Fifty-Fourth Street, Bayonne, New Jersey.

PAUL K. SPURGEON, 16191300, Sergeant, 397th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 13 December 1944, in the vicinity of Mouterhouse, France. Having secured its first objective in an advance on stubbornly defended enemy positions, Sergeant Spurgeon's company suddenly found itself facing a determined enemy counter attack from three sides. His squad's ammunition was running low and its position was severely menaced by the heavy concentration of hostile mortar, artillery and small arms fire. Having just received a replenishment of ammunition for his squad,

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Sergeant Spurgeon, dauntlessly exposed himself to withering hostile fire, and without regard for his own safety, went from foxhole to foxhole passing out bandoleers of ammunition and grenades to his entrenched comrades. With his mission nearly completed, Sergeant Spurgeon was mortally wounded by enemy rifle fire. As a consequence of his courageous action his company was able to repel the enemy counter-attack at a most critical moment. The personal courage and gallantry displayed in thus sacrificing his life, lived up to the highest ideals of the military service. Next of kin: Samuel M. Spurgeon (Father), Box 46, Patoka, Illinois.

CLARENCE L. SUTTON, 37155586, Sergeant, 399th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 7 November 1944, in the vicinity of Baccarat, France. When the right flank of our attacking force was pinned down by enemy small arms fire, Sergeant Sutton, acting upon his own initiative, led his squad forward and forced the enemy to change the direction of fire, thereby relieving our troops and enabling them to deliver concentrated fire upon the hostile positions. In the face of continuing fire, Sergeant Sutton then maneuvered his squad to the flank and subjected the enemy to a withering crossfire. At his command, our forces advanced together upon the objective, killing at least ten of the enemy who were armed with automatic weapons. By his personal bravery, quick thinking and gallant leadership, Sergeant Sutton was responsible for the entrapment of the enemy force and made possible the further advance of his company. In the action he received wounds which proved fatal. Next of kin: George E. Sutton (Father), Route Number Two, Concordia, Kansas.

LESTER FRALEY, 34984146, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 7 December 1944, in the vicinity of St. Louis, France. While acting as advance scout for his platoon in preparation for an attack on an enemy-occupied hill, Private Fraley encountered trip wires strung across his path and halted the platoon. Cognizant of the danger to himself, but realizing that the platoon had to reach its position before darkness set in, he volunteered to clear the path of all wires. By tracing wires to their source, he was able to neutralize two mines, and continuing up the trail checking for wires, he discovered a taut wire about six feet from the ground, and while tracing it to its source tripped over a concealed wire, setting off a mine which mortally wounded him. Private Fraley's gallantry in action permitted the remainder of the platoon to advance without further loss of life, and was in keeping with the highest tradition of the service. Next of kin: Lena G. Fraley (Mother), Route Number 1, Hornspeak, Tennessee.

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:

HARRY G. FLANAGAN, 01296506, First Lieutenant, 399th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 7 December 1944, in the vicinity of Lemberg, France. While advancing across an open ridge behind a rolling artillery barrage, Lieutenant Flanagan's platoon was pinned down by enemy fire from the rear flank, but he and a part of the platoon succeeded in advancing to the forward slope of the ridge where, meeting heavy fire from the front, they were forced to halt and entrench. Unable to advance or withdraw, the forward group was subjected to such intense bombardment throughout the day that Lieutenant Flanagan and one severely wounded man were the only remaining survivors. When darkness came and the order to retire was received, Lieutenant Flanagan, dragging the injured man behind him, laboriously crawled five hundred yards to the road. Calling for a litter team, he then led the way back to the position and directed the evacuation of the remaining casualties. By his personal bravery and devotion to his men, Lieutenant Flanagan proved himself well worthy of the leadership reposed in him. Entered military service from Manhasset, New York.

JOHN A. CROWLEY, 32483876, Staff Sergeant, 398th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 5 December 1944, in the vicinity of Soucht, France. When an enemy counter-attack seemed imminent, Sergeant Crowley was advised to abandon his advanced observation post as there were insufficient forces available for its protection. Realizing that he would be able to inflict heavy casualties upon the attacking enemy by the direction of mortar fire from his position, Sergeant Crowley did not withdraw. Calling for fire from his mortar platoon, he directed an intense fire upon the opposing infantry and, although at one time the enemy approached within thirty-five yards of his post, they were eventually forced to withdraw by

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the accurate and devastating shelling from weapons under Sergeant Crowley's direction. By his personal bravery and technical skill, Sergeant Crowley was responsible for killing twenty of the enemy and repelling the hostile attack, thereby reflecting great credit upon himself. Entered military service from Millville, New Jersey.

CHARLES P. BOYCE, 15304453, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 9 December 1944, in the vicinity of Lemberg, France. While our forces were advancing upon an enemy-held hill, intensive time-fire shelling at close range from three hostile flak-wagons pinned down the entire company. In the face of almost certain death, Private Boyce upon his own initiative advanced alone and, assuming a position forward of his squad, fired a rifle grenade at the leading enemy vehicle. The well-aimed projectile put the enemy vehicle out of action and members of the hostile crew were killed or wounded when attempting to escape. Inspired by Private Boyce's unhesitating action, other members of the squad advanced upon the remainder of the enemy force, causing the other vehicles to cease their fire and withdraw. By his courageous and gallant act, Private Boyce lived up to the highest traditions of the service. Entered military service from Bloomington, Indiana.

SECTION III -- AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

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

\* THOMAS G. KEITHLY, 0244118, Lieutenant Colonel, 373d Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service during the period 10 December 1944 to 20 December 1944, in the vicinity of Lemberg, France. Entered military service from Springfield, Missouri.

\* CLAUDE M. LILES, 0246135, Lieutenant Colonel, 374th Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service during the period 1 December 1944 to 15 December 1944, in Eastern France. Entered military service from Beaumont, Texas.

\* RAYMOND REIOLA, 022971, Lieutenant Colonel, 375th Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service during the period 10 December 1944 to 15 December 1944, in Eastern France. Entered military service from Providence, Rhode Island.

\* TED H. COPRY, 0280166, Major, 925th Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service during the period 1 December 1944 to 15 December 1944, in Eastern France. Entered military service from Davenport, Iowa.

\* JOE J. ROBBETT, JR., 01166595, Captain, 375th Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service during the period 4 November 1944 to 20 December 1944, in Eastern France. Entered military service from Durham, North Carolina.

\* ROBERT E. SHARON, 0326422, Captain, Headquarters Battery, 100th Infantry Division Artillery, for meritorious service during the period 9 November 1944 to 20 December 1944, in Eastern France. Entered military service from Fort Wayne, Indiana.

\* JAMES S. CHAKOARIS, 025819, First Lieutenant, 397th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service during the period 10 November 1944 to 20 December 1944, in Eastern France. Entered military service from Durham, North Carolina.

\* JAMES E. DESMOSLERS, 01321163, First Lieutenant, 397th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service during the period 10 November 1944 to 20 December 1944, in Eastern France. Entered military service from Manchester, New Hampshire.

\* LEO HABINOWITZ, 01296742, First Lieutenant, 397th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service during the period 12 November 1944 to 17 December 1944, in Eastern France. Entered military service from Bronx, New York.

\* TULLIO L. BARBLERI, 32597921, Master Sergeant, 397th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service during the period 10 November 1944 to 19 December 1944, in Eastern France. Entered military service from Norwich, New York.

\* JOEY BODLOVICK, 6755804, Technical Sergeant, 397th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service during the period 13 November 1944 to 20 December 1944, in Eastern France. Entered military service from St. Louis, Missouri.

\* CHARLES F. CAREY, JR., 6253699, Technical Sergeant, 397th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service during the period 12 November 1944 to 16 December 1944, in Eastern France. Entered military service from Cheyenne, Wyoming.

\* HERMAN F. ZINN, 32658062, Technical Sergeant, 397th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service during the period 10 November 1944 to 16 December 1944, in Eastern France. Entered military service from Bronx, New York.

\* ROBERT E. ANDERSON, 18194930, Staff Sergeant, 397th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service during the period 14 November 1944 to 18 December 1944, in Eastern France. Entered military service from Dallas, Texas.

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\* CLARENCE B. BEARD, JR., 34764653, Staff Sergeant, 397th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service during the period 12 November 1944 to 17 December 1944, in Eastern France. Entered military service from Broxton, Georgia.

\* STALLEY L. DOWNS, 11113695, Staff Sergeant, 397th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service during the period 12 November 1944 to 18 December 1944, in Eastern France. Entered military service from Dover-Foxcroft, Maine.

\* WILLIAM P. KILLION, 31255595, Staff Sergeant (then Sergeant), 397th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service during the period 10 November 1944 to 20 December 1944, in Eastern France. Entered military service from Worcester, Massachusetts.

\* JOSEPH F. SCHOMARTH, JR., 31235150, Staff Sergeant, 397th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service during the period 14 November 1944 to 18 December 1944, in Eastern France. Entered military service from Dorchester, Massachusetts.

\* JOSEPH M. ZAVATSKY, 33345821, Staff Sergeant, Medical Detachment, 399th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service during the period 2 November 1944 to 9 December 1944, in Eastern France. Entered military service from Edwardsville, Pennsylvania.

\* STANLEY R. BULLYEA, 31235409, Sergeant, 397th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service during the period 12 November 1944 to 20 December 1944, in Eastern France. Entered military service from Saugus, Massachusetts.

\* SAMUEL H. RHODES, 34771963, Sergeant (then Corporal), 397th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service during the period 10 November 1944 to 20 December 1944, in Eastern France. Entered military service from Reidsville, North Carolina.

\* WILLIAM W. SHIRLEY, 38352548, Sergeant, 397th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service during the period 14 November 1944 to 18 December 1944, in Eastern France. Entered military service from Lake Charles, Louisiana.

\* ELLIOTT S. WEED, 31256240, Sergeant, 399th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service during the period 12 November 1944 to 18 December 1944, in Eastern France. Entered military service from Methuen, Massachusetts.

\* HARVEY MOLLER, 32648028, Corporal, 397th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service during the period 10 November 1944 to 20 December 1944, in Eastern France. Entered military service from New York, New York.

\* ROBERT R. KELSO, 31256430, Technician Fifth Grade, 397th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service during the period 10 November 1944 to 20 December 1944, in Eastern France. Entered military service from Haverhill, Massachusetts.

\* FRANK J. LAWRENCE, 11013370, Technician Fifth Grade, Medical Detachment, 399th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service during the period 8 November 1944 to 9 December 1944, in Eastern France. Entered military service from Bath, Maine.

\* ALBERT T. KLETT, 37503509, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service during the period 14 November 1944 to 18 December 1944, in Eastern France. Entered military service from Jamestown, North Dakota.

\* JEAN E. HEDLSTROM, 37723343, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service during the period 14 November 1944 to 18 December 1944, in Eastern France. Entered military service from Oxford, Kansas.

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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:

GEORGE B. EUBANK, 38458581, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 7 December 1944 and 8 December 1944, in the vicinity of Lemberg, France. When Private Eubank's machine gun platoon was in support of a rifle company in an attack upon an enemy-held town, direct enemy observation resulted in continuous and devastating hostile artillery fire upon the position, and during the two days of the engagement fourteen casualties were received by the platoon. Although wounded by enemy action, Private Eubank and other members of his unit continued to man their weapon, and as a result of their support and efficient delivery of fire, the rifle company was able to secure the town. Entered military service from Houston, 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:

WALTER E. DeLANGE, 015096, Colonel, 100th Infantry Division Artillery, for heroic achievement in action on 18 December 1944, in the vicinity of Bitché, France. When one of our new artillery weapons was put in operation for the first time to blast hostile Maginot Line fortifications, Colonel DeLange, on his own initiative, personally went forward to supervise its placing and firing. In preparation for this, and although subjected to hostile flak, he flew in a cub plane to get accurate data for placement of the weapon, and as a result enabled the gun to be operated with deadly effect, neutralizing two forts and enabling their seizure by the advancing infantry. As a result of Colonel DeLange's personal supervision and courageous initiative, information was obtained of great value to the artillery for future operations. Entered military service from San Antonio, Texas.

JAMES B. MacFAY, 02000672, Second Lieutenant (then Technical Sergeant), 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 14 December 1944, in the vicinity of Reysersviller, France. In the absence of his platoon leader, Lieutenant MacFay led his platoon in the hazardous mission of securing enemy-held Maginot Line fortifications. Advancing behind medium tanks which drew intense mortar and artillery fire from the enemy, Lieutenant MacFay by his personal courage and leadership inspired his men to secure the stubbornly-defended objective and destroy enemy automatic weapons. Entered military service from Watertown, New York.

STANLEY E. YOUNGER, JR., 3941711, Technical Sergeant, 397th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from Pathalie, Virginia.

JOHN J. McCANN, 33052083, Corporal, 397th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

ANTHONY S. MAURIELLO, 32662694, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from Schenectady, New York.

FRED P. HOPPMANN, 32698383, Private, 397th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from Brooklyn, New York.

HAROLD C. SCHEFFLER, 42085139, Private, 397th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from Jersey City, New Jersey.

For heroic achievement in action on 4 December 1944, in the vicinity of Ingwiller, France. When members of adjacent rifle units were subjected to heavy artillery, mortar and small arms fire and received more casualties than could be efficiently treated by available medical personnel, Sergeant Younger, Corporal McCann and Privates Hoppmann, Mauriello and Scheffler, who had been engaged in preparing

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defensive entrenchments with other members of their antitank company, voluntarily left the protection of their positions and went to the assistance of the wounded. Crawling forward under intense enemy fire, these five men assisted in the evacuation of many seriously wounded riflemen who otherwise would have undoubtedly succumbed to their injuries.

MARTIN HALE, 6142789, Staff Sergeant, 925th Field Artillery Battalion, for heroic achievement in action on 8 December 1944, in the vicinity of Lemberg, France. While acting as a forward artillery observer with a rifle company, Sergeant Hale on his own initiative advanced to a dangerous point at the top of a hill and directed effective fire on enemy positions. Sergeant Hale was subjected to much small arms and automatic fire but maintained his post until the fire mission was completed. He then further exposed himself to enemy fire in assisting with the evacuation of the wounded. His courageous action made possible close and effective artillery support during the entire attack and assisted greatly in the removal of the wounded. Entered the military service from Boston, Massachusetts.

HARRY K. WHITAKER, 32093597, Sergeant, 399th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from New York, New York.

SAHUEL C. DOYLE, 33903117, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from Bethesda, Maryland.

HARRY E. DWERT, 35247162, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from Gary, Indiana.

MARK A. PIACENTI, 32634414, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from Utica, New York.

DIMIE L. WEATHERSPOON, 34670409, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from Raleigh, North Carolina.

BENJAMIN F. ROSS, 34962831, Private, 399th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from Mount Holly, North Carolina.

RALPH E. STRIMMATTER, 35553310, Private, 399th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from Fort Wayne, Indiana.

For heroic achievement in action on 7 December 1944 and 8 December 1944, in the vicinity of Lemberg, France. When the machine gun platoon of which these men were members was in support of a rifle company in an attack upon an enemy-held town, direct enemy observation resulted in continuous and devastating hostile artillery fire upon the position, and during the two days of the engagement fourteen casualties were received by the platoon. Although wounded by enemy action, these men continued to man their weapon, and as a result of their support and efficient delivery of fire, the rifle company was able to secure the town.

FRANK A. ZAWISZA, 35068807, Technician Fourth Grade (then Technician Fifth Grade), Medical Detachment, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 14 December 1944, in the vicinity of Reyersviller, France. During day-long operations against Maginot Line fortifications, the company to which Sergeant Zawisza was attached as aid man suffered heavy casualties from enemy action. Despite the intensity of hostile artillery, mortar and machine gun fire, Sergeant Zawisza worked tirelessly and without regard for his personal safety in administering aid to wounded men and organizing litter parties for their evacuation. Upon one occasion, when the company withdrew from a position to reorganize for a subsequent assault, Sergeant Zawisza remained behind to care for a casualty who could not be moved to safety. Entered military service from Cleveland, Ohio.

EDGAR R. BELL, 12134191, Corporal, Medical Detachment, 399th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 9 December 1944, in the vicinity of Lemberg, France. When the battalion to which he was attached suffered numerous casualties in conflict with the enemy, Corporal Bell was assigned the difficult task of leading three squads of litter bearers to an isolated company in order to evacuate seriously wounded casualties. Displaying great skill in the selection of the safest routes, Corporal Bell led his squads through the difficult terrain, located the company, and assisted in the evacuation of the many casualties. Entered military service from Wyoming, Delaware.

MAYNARD POHL, 35008903, Corporal, 374th Field Artillery Battalion. Entered military service from Cambridge, Maryland.

RICHARD J. SULLIVAN, 32463468, Corporal, 374th Field Artillery Battalion. Entered military service from Burlington, New Jersey.

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DAVID L. MERRITT, 34409338, Private First Class, 374th Field Artillery Battalion. Entered military service from Center Hill, Florida.

RAYMOND G. SMITH, 32666415, Private First Class, 374th Field Artillery Battalion. Entered military service from Pine Hill, New York.

CLYDE C. SCRUGGS, 14005006, Private, 374th Field Artillery Battalion. Entered military service from Cliffside, North Carolina.

For heroic achievement in action on 16 November 1944, in the vicinity of Bertrichamps, France. When their battery's communication with its forward observation post was broken as a result of shell blasts from a burning hostile mortar ammunition dump in a house adjacent to the line, these men were assigned the hazardous mission of restoring communications. Despite continuing shell bursts from the burning dump, and the consequent danger to themselves, the men re-laid the wire past the house on four different occasions when it was blasted out by exploding shells, and, as a result of their complete devotion to duty, restored communications which materially helped the battery carry out its assigned mission.

PAUL C. CATION, 16120866, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 7 December 1944, in the vicinity of Lemberg, France. In an encounter with the enemy, Private Cation voluntarily took charge of his squad when the leader was killed. With utter disregard for his personal safety, he skillfully maneuvered the squad to more advantageous positions, then, repeatedly exposing himself to intense enemy fire, he ultimately supervised the movement to new positions without further casualties. In his rapid response to an emergency he displayed great initiative, courage and skill. Entered military service from Peoria, Illinois.

SHERRILL CLELAND, 35926529, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from Cleveland, Ohio.

JOE L. MARCUM, 35684610, Private First Class (then Sergeant), 398th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from Louisville, Kentucky.

ALFRED C. SASS, 38508915, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from Little Rock, Arkansas.

For heroic achievement in action on 12 November 1944, in the vicinity of Raon L'Etape, France. Upon learning that two members of another unit had been seriously wounded while crossing an enemy mine field, Privates Marcum, Cleland and Sass in company with another enlisted man volunteered to go to the assistance of the casualties. Improvising a stretcher, the group entered the mine field, but before reaching the wounded detonated a mine which killed the fourth member of the party and wounded Marcum, Cleland and Sass. Despite their injuries, the three survivors persevered in their self-imposed task and succeeded in bearing the original casualties to safety.

ERIC J. CHELIFF, 35769616, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from Lewisburg, West Virginia.

MORACE W. STONER, 35148036, Private, 398th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from Noblesville, Indiana.

For heroic achievement in action on 14 December 1944, in the vicinity of Meyersviller, France. During day-long operations against Maginot Line fortifications, enemy artillery repeatedly severed wire communication between forward elements of our forces. Time after time Privates Cutlipp and Stoner advanced under almost continuous fire to locate and repair breaks in the wire lines, and by their untiring efforts and disregard for personal safety succeeded in maintaining vital communications between observation and command posts.

SAUEL J. TYREE, 39196475, Private First Class (then Private), Medical Detachment, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 14 December 1944, in the vicinity of Meyersviller, France. During day-long operations against Maginot Line fortifications, the company to which Private Tyree was attached as aid man suffered heavy casualties from enemy action. Despite the intensity of hostile artillery, mortar and machine gun fire, Private Tyree worked tirelessly and without regard for his own safety in administering aid to the wounded. Upon one occasion he crawled for seventy-five yards under withering small arms and mortar fire to reach a casualty, and by his efforts throughout the engagement contributed materially to the saving of life and easing of pain among his wounded comrades. Entered military service from Fort Orchard, Washington.

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MARK S. KUGLER, 13158463, Private, 899th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 7 December 1944, in the vicinity of Lemberg, France. During a large scale attack, Private Kugler on his own initiative advanced well ahead of his own men through intense enemy fire, to an exposed point. There he established a position from which he covered the advance of our forces with accurate fire from his automatic rifle. Increased enemy counter-fire revealed additional positions, ultimately resulting in their destruction by our artillery. Private Kugler by his spontaneous and daring action and disregard for personal safety, played a major role in the gains attained by his squad. Entered military service from Waynesboro, Pennsylvania.

ROBERT G. DE HEER, 37630023, Private, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 11 December 1944, in the vicinity of Mouterhouse, France. While manning his post at a roadblock, machine gunner DeHeer challenged a group of men approaching in the darkness and was answered by bursts of small arms fire. Immediately countering with accurate searching fire from his own weapon, Private DeHeer inflicted casualties upon the enemy force and caused it to disperse in confusion, leaving behind abandoned weapons and equipment. Entered military service from Macon, Missouri.

HARRY M. WEIGIN, 0328175, Lieutenant Colonel, 100th Infantry Division Artillery, for meritorious service during the period 1 December 1944 to 15 December 1944, in the vicinity of Eastern France. Entered military service from Florida.

CHARLES F. MASON, 0397547, Major, 898th Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion, for meritorious service during the period 25 July 1944 to 12 August 1944, in the vicinity of Veltriano, Italy. Entered military service from Rochester, New York.

RAYMOND E. MURPHY, 01166338, Captain, 100th Infantry Division Artillery, for meritorious service during the period 9 November 1944 to 20 December 1944, in Eastern France. Entered military service from Hartford, Connecticut.

JACK F. ORELD, 01585988, First Lieutenant, 100th Quartermaster Company, for meritorious service during the period 21 October 1944 to 25 December 1944, in Eastern France. Entered military service from Jacksonville, Florida.

WILLIAM COGGER, JR., 33130599, Technical Sergeant, 898th Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion, for meritorious service during the period 25 July 1944 to 12 August 1944, in the vicinity of Veltriano, Italy. Entered military service from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

ANTHONY G. GRINAVICH, 33024639, Technical Sergeant (then Staff Sergeant), 398th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service during the period 10 November 1944 to 21 December 1944, in Eastern France. Entered military service from Luzerne, Pennsylvania.

MALCOLM F. GRIFFITH, 31271962, Sergeant, 399th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service during the period 2 November 1944 to 18 December 1944, in Eastern France. Entered military service from Kensington, Connecticut.

EDWARD M. PETERSON, 17084382, Corporal, 397th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service during the period 10 November 1944 to 20 December 1944, in Eastern France. Entered military service from Grand Forks, North Dakota.

MICHAEL A. TATKA, 33145776, Technician Fifth Grade, 898th Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion, for meritorious service during the period 27 July 1944 to 12 August 1944, in the vicinity of San Giorgia, Italy. Entered military service from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

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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:

JOHN H. ALBRIGHT, 0467835, First Lieutenant, 398th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 18 December 1944, in the vicinity of Bitche, France. In the tremendous struggle for a heavily fortified section of the Maginot Line near Bitche, Lieutenant Albright was assigned the mission of securing a vital objective. Combining outstanding characteristics of leadership, courage, and skill he personally led his company to the capture of three fortified positions, despite repeated enemy artillery and automatic weapon fire. Lieutenant Albright was mortally wounded in a valiant attack on a fourth fort and by his inspiring action was instrumental in its ultimate capture by his men. His heroic behavior more than illustrated the high ideals of the military service and proved him worthy of the leadership entrusted to him. Next of kin: J. Mack Albright (Mother), 2005 Battleground Avenue, Greensboro, North Carolina.

JOHN McCARTHY, 11030901, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 6 November 1944, in the vicinity of St. Remy, France. When his squad leader was killed in action and his platoon, which was leading the company across open ground in an attack on a stubbornly defended enemy position, was pinned down by fire from four hostile machine guns to the front and flanks, Private McCarthy unhesitatingly assumed command of the squad. He immediately deployed his men, directing them to seek any available cover in the open ground, and then, when the enemy machine gun fire had shifted away from his area, led his squad in a direct frontal assault upon the hostile positions. Although they met a hail of hostile fire, Private McCarthy and his squad by their daring were able to return it with such effectiveness that the enemy was routed leaving behind eight dead. In this action, Private McCarthy was mortally wounded. As a result of his outstanding courage and brilliant leadership, the flank was restored and the company advance continued. Next of kin: Caroline McCarthy (Mother), 20 Dix Street, Waltham, Massachusetts.

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:

ROBERT E. BRINKERHOFF, 0413709, Captain, 398th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 18 December 1944, in the vicinity of Bitche, France. In carrying out his assigned mission of storming and capturing four stubbornly defended enemy-held fortresses of the Maginot Line, Captain Brinkerhoff displayed magnificent courage and superior leadership. Although subjected to a ferocious concentration of hostile artillery, mortar, automatic weapon and small arms fire, he disregarded his own safety and personally led his men in overpowering all enemy resistance and capturing the four fortified units. His exemplary valor and gallantry in action is worthy of the highest traditions of the American soldier and reflected great credit on himself and the Army of the United States. Entered military service from Knoxville, Tennessee.

DONALD CRATE, 01015492, First Lieutenant, 781st Tank Battalion, for gallantry in action on 9 December 1944, in the vicinity of Lemberg, France. Operating with infantry forces in the assigned mission of clearing an enemy-held town of hostile

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troops, the four tanks under Lieutenant Crane's command, by point-blank fire into houses and buildings, demoralized the hostile delaying forces and caused their retreat, enabling our rifle companies to secure the objective. Although his mission was thus successfully accomplished, Lieutenant Crane upon his own volition led his platoon forward in pursuit of the enemy, advancing over unfamiliar terrain without infantry support and despite danger of mines. Soon subjected to thirty-seven millimeter and machine gun fire, the platoon continued its progress and encountered enemy troops reinforced by three flak-wagons. By accurate fire from machine guns and seventy-six millimeter weapons, Lieutenant Crane and his forces demolished the enemy vehicles and brought about the retreat of the foot troops in wild confusion. As a result of his daring initiative and tactical skill, the enemy suffered severe casualties and the loss of three flak-wagons, two seventy-five millimeter field pieces, two howitzers and other weapons and equipment. Entered military service from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

WILLIAM J. KAISER, 01015732, First Lieutenant, 781st Tank Battalion, for gallantry in action on 8 December 1944, in the vicinity of Lemberg, France. When Lieutenant Kaiser's tank platoon was assigned the mission of spearheading an advance across a strongly-defended slope and into an enemy-held town, intense fire from enemy machine guns, mortars and artillery was received by our forces at the hour of departure. Without regard for the enemy action, Lieutenant Kaiser, occupying the leading vehicle, ordered his forces forward, and although two of the four tanks under his command were disabled by hostile mines he continued with his mission. Firing continuously as they moved forward, the tanks demolished enemy twenty-millimeter gun emplacements and by constant bursts of fire kept opposing riflemen pinned to the ground while our infantry crossed the open terrain. Entering the town itself, the tanks attacked building after building, sending direct muzzle fire through doorways and windows with a devastating effectiveness which caused the capitulation of fourteen of the enemy in one structure and eleven in another. By his bravery and aggressiveness in closing with the enemy despite stubborn resistance, Lieutenant Kaiser made possible the successful attainment of the objective with a minimum of losses. Entered military service from Flushing, Long Island, New York.

WILBERT C. GRIMM, 36548723, Staff Sergeant (then Sergeant), 398th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 20 December 1944, in the vicinity of Shorbach, France. While Sergeant Grimm was carrying out his assigned duties of leading a patrol to reconnoiter a village from which the enemy had supposedly withdrawn, his patrol was suddenly pinned down by a concentration of hostile artillery and small arms fire of such intensity that the patrol was neither able to move forward nor to the rear. Tanks sent forward to effect a rescue were forced to withdraw because of the terrific bombardment, and Sergeant Grimm ordered his men to dig in and wait for dusk, at which time he ordered them to infiltrate back to our lines while he remained to cover the withdrawal. Sergeant Grimm courageously continued to ward off the foe, and only when a hostile hand grenade burst directly in front of him, did he slowly withdraw, firing steadily as he retreated. As a result of Sergeant Grimm's gallantry in action all but one member of his patrol reached safety, his mission was accomplished, and he was able to give his commander a complete description of hostile fortifications in the town. His action reflected great credit on himself and the Army of the United States. Entered military service from Plymouth, Michigan.

JOHN W. HAMBRIC, 34581156, Sergeant, 399th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 16 November 1944, in the vicinity of Baccarat, France. When his platoon encountered a superior enemy force and withdrew to notify the main body of our troops, Sergeant Hambric remained behind to observe and delay the enemy. Harassing one hostile force with accurate rifle fire and hand grenades, Sergeant Hambric was the target of concentrated enemy fire and was wounded, but continued to engage the enemy until our augmented forces returned to the area. When the strength of the opposing troops again forced the temporary withdrawal of our units, Sergeant Hambric refused to retire and with ammunition secured from his wounded comrades continued to pour accurate and steady fire upon the enemy. His continuous and determined delivery of fire during the action was responsible for disorganizing the enemy and contributed materially to the eventual attainment of the objective, reflecting great credit upon himself. Entered military service from Tennessee.

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RUSSELL M. O'BRIEN, 19187618, Sergeant (then Private First Class), 398th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 14 December 1944, in the vicinity of Reyersviller, France. Throughout this day in which his company was in the attack against stubbornly defended Maginot Line fortresses rifleman O'Brien displayed outstanding courage and devotion to duty. Constantly exposing himself under intense enemy artillery and mortar fire, to locate the source of small arms fire, he helped direct his platoon's fire to hostile positions with great destructive effect. Later in the day, his commanding officer entrusted him with the hazardous mission of carrying and operating a radio, which he did in an exemplary manner although completely new to the task. Continuing to operate the radio until it was shot from his back, he was then assigned the equally dangerous mission of carrying messages between platoons, which task he again performed with similar bravery and competence, despite the continuing fire. Private O'Brien's extraordinary and deliberate courage in carrying out his duties, and his gallantry in action are worthy of the highest traditions of the American soldier. Entered military service from San Francisco, California.

FRANK CHARAK, 31237019, Technician Fourth Grade, Medical Detachment, 397th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 2 December 1944, in the vicinity of Ingwiller, France. Upon securing its objective, the company to which Sergeant Charak was attached as aid man was subjected to a heavy concentration of enemy mortar and artillery fire and numerous casualties were received. While engaged in his duties of administering aid to the wounded, Sergeant Charak himself received shrapnel wounds which severely lacerated one leg and caused a fracture of the other. Despite the extreme pain of his injuries, he refused to relinquish his responsibilities and, unable to advance in any other way, crawled on his back from one casualty to another and treated their wounds. When litter bearers arrived, he refused evacuation for himself in order that others might be borne to the rear, and painfully dragged himself for almost a thousand yards to the battalion aid station. Sergeant Charak's gallantry and unselfish devotion to his fellow soldiers reflected great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Chelsea, Massachusetts.

HOWARD W. CHRISTENSEN, 31251764, Corporal, 325th Engineer Combat Battalion, for gallantry in action on 4 December 1944, in the vicinity of Rothbach, France. While Corporal Christensen was engaged in his assigned duties of clearing anti-personnel mines and booby traps in the path of an infantry platoon, sudden enemy light machine gun fire pinned down the entire group. On his own initiative, Corporal Christensen rose up and fearlessly dashed across open space to the protection afforded by a tree, thus exposing himself and drawing fire, but making it possible to locate the source of enemy fire. Maneuvering skillfully into a suitable position, he fired four accurate rounds from his M1 rifle killing the enemy machine gunner. Corporal Christensen's heroic actions resulted in the continued advance of the platoon and eventual attainment of its objective, and reflected the greatest credit upon himself and the Army of the United States. Entered military service from Manchester, Connecticut.

JOHN W. JOHNSON, 34463683, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 8 December 1944, in the vicinity of Lemberg, France. While his squad was acting as flank guard during a night attack, unexpected sniper fire from the rear wounded three men, and Private Johnson, who was nearest the source of the enemy fire, immediately assumed command of the group. Ordering the remainder of the squad to withdraw, he diverted the fire of the enemy by moving forward and thus made possible the evacuation of the wounded. This accomplished, Private Johnson crept alone toward the flank of the suspected enemy position, succeeded in approaching the hostile riflemen from the rear, and with two well-placed grenades killed all three of the enemy snipers. As a result of his courageous action, high ground to the flank was secured by the squad, enabling our forces to later repel an enemy counter-attack from this direction and capture fourteen prisoners. Entered military service from Sanford, North Carolina.

ALFRED L. KICKEY, 32599018, Private First Class, 325th Engineer Combat Battalion, for gallantry in action on 18 December 1944, in the vicinity of Reyersviller, France. A member of an assault demolition squad assigned the mission of neutralizing enemy-held Maginot Line fortifications, Private Kickey and other members of his party were pinned down by intense artillery, mortar and small arms fire while advancing upon a hostile pillbox. Acting upon his own volition, Private Kickey left

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the security of a shellhole in which he had found shelter and, dashing forward under enemy fire, succeeded in reaching the fortification. Although wounded by the explosion of an enemy booby trap, he continued with his mission and installed a demolition charge which, when detonated, partially wrecked the pillbox and stunned its occupants, enabling our infantry to advance and secure the objective. While proceeding to an attack upon a subsequent fortification, Private Kickey was again wounded and finally evacuated. His gallant actions were in keeping with the highest traditions of the service. Entered military service from Hoboken, New Jersey.

WALTER LESTER, 35073826, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action during the period 10 December 1944 to 15 December 1944, in the vicinity of Lemberg, France. While engaged in laying a wire line to forward elements on 10 December, the wire crew of which Private Lester was a member was subjected to rifle fire from an enemy force of undetermined size. Volunteering to cover the escape of the others, Private Lester diverted the fire of the enemy to himself while his comrades withdrew. Eventually accomplishing his own withdrawal and unable to locate the other members of his crew, he courageously decided to complete the mission alone, and by carrying a seventy pound reel of wire over a mountainous route succeeded in establishing sorely-needed communications. Two days later he voluntarily braved enemy fire to locate and splice a break in a wire line, and on 15 December, when with other wiremen he encountered an enemy patrol, he reconnoitered and located a safe route back to the command post, then led the others to safety. By his initiative, personal bravery and devotion to duty, Private Lester has reflected credit upon himself and served as a source of inspiration to his comrades. Entered military service from Faynesville, West Virginia.

CHARLES R. KING; 37597863, Private, 398th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 14 December 1944, in the vicinity of Meyersviller, France. Twice in this day when his company was in the attack against the enemy-held Maginot Line fortresses, Private King volunteered to perform hazardous and difficult missions. When two of his comrades left the shelter of their foxholes under orders to reconnoiter a gun emplacement, he accompanied them on his own initiative, although subjected to heavy artillery, mortar and small arms fire. Carrying out their mission with exemplary bravery, the three men, although unable to locate the enemy position, secured information which was instrumental in silencing another enemy machine gun. On another occasion, when wire communication between the company and battalion command posts was broken and it was essential to reestablish contact for continued direction of the battalion attack, Private King, again on his own volition, offered to carry messages despite the ferocity of the enemy bombardment. In fulfilling these missions successfully and valorously, with no thought of personal danger, Private King demonstrated a gallantry in action which reflected great credit on himself and on the Army of the United States. Entered military service from Des Moines, Iowa.

SECTION III -- AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

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

WARLEY L. OUTLAND, 0376847, Major (then Captain), 100th Infantry Division Artillery, for meritorious service during the period 9 November 1944 to 20 December 1944, in Eastern France. Entered military service from Wewoka, Oklahoma.

WILLIAM L. RICE, 01641724, First Lieutenant, 100th Signal Company, for meritorious service during the period 9 November 1944 to 15 December 1944, in Eastern France. Entered military service from Macon, Missouri.

JOSEPH L. MAGEOTTE, 01300691, Second Lieutenant, 399th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service during the period 10 November 1944 to 13 December 1944, in the vicinity of Bitche, France. Entered military service from State College, Pennsylvania.

JOSEPH A. AUGELLO, 12192588, Staff Sergeant, 398th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service during the period 10 November 1944 to 21 December 1944, in Eastern France. Entered military service from New York, New York.

GLENN M. CRISWELL, 33017372, Staff Sergeant, 398th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service during the period 10 November 1944 to 21 December 1944, in Eastern France. Entered military service from Yaegerstown, Pennsylvania.

JOHN J. KOVALSKY, 32595679, Staff Sergeant, 398th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service during the period 10 November 1944 to 21 December 1944, in Eastern France. Entered military service from Phillipsburg, New Jersey.

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JAMES R. LOTHAN, 32597383, Staff Sergeant, 399th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service during the period 6 November 1944 to 20 December 1944, in Eastern France. Entered military service from Lyndhurst, New Jersey.

DANIEL J. BRANDANO, 31237203, Sergeant, 399th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service during the period 10 November 1944 to 10 December 1944, in the vicinity of Lemberg, France. Entered military service from Malden, Massachusetts.

ALTON W. JOHNSTON, 31252857, Sergeant, 398th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service during the period 10 November 1944 to 21 December 1944, in Eastern France. Entered military service from Milldale, Connecticut.

LEONARD K. MALEN, 33269000, Sergeant, 375th Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service during the period 7 November 1944 to 24 December 1944, in Eastern France. Entered military service from Millvale, Pennsylvania.

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 in France:

HAROLD T. BECRAFT, 32987237, Technician Fourth Grade, Medical Detachment, 399th Infantry Regiment, 7 December 1944. Entered military service from Suffern, New York.

RICHARD E. GRIMMIE, 32483801, Private, 399th Infantry Regiment, 24 November 1944. Entered military service from West Berlin, 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 in France:

GEORGE W. EVERETT, 01302286, First Lieutenant, 395th Infantry Regiment, 25 November 1944. Entered military service from Alexandria, Virginia.

RAYMOND O. MARSTON, 6150018, Technical Sergeant, 374th Field Artillery Battalion, 30 December 1944. Entered military service from Glastonbury, Connecticut.

ALFRED W. COURSEY, 20342969, Technical Sergeant, 399th Infantry Regiment, 13 December 1944. Entered military service from Chester, Maryland.

KLINE PARHAM, 14005279, Technical Sergeant, 399th Infantry Regiment, 21 December 1944. Entered military service from Luverne, Alabama.

GEORGE J. ODETTE, 31200532, Technical Sergeant, 399th Infantry Regiment, 20 December 1944. Entered military service from Caramont, New Hampshire.

ROBERT L. W. MADREN, 34211962, Sergeant, 397th Infantry Regiment, 26 December 1944. Entered military service from Graham, North Carolina.

HARRY S. O'NEILL, 33902698, Sergeant, 399th Infantry Regiment, 9 December 1944. Entered military service from Bel Air, Maryland.

RUDOLPH E. KRAMER, 37298484, Sergeant, 399th Infantry Regiment, 9 December 1944. Entered military service from Herrold, South Dakota.

JOHN CHESTNUT, 5649824, Sergeant, 374th Field Artillery Battalion, 1 January 1945. Entered military service from Fayetteville, West Virginia.

JOE F. PROSSER, 14161809, Technician Fourth Grade, Medical Detachment, 399th Infantry Regiment, 7 December 1944. Entered military service from Lewisburg, Tennessee.

HAROLD T. BECRAFT, 32987237, Technician Fourth Grade, Medical Detachment, 399th Infantry Regiment, 19 November 1944. Entered military service from Suffern, New York.

DOMINICK J. GIANNINI, 32681320, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment, 20 December 1944. Entered military service from Brooklyn, New York.

ZACHARIAH E. LINDSEY, 33534413, Private First Class, 374th Field Artillery Battalion, 1 January 1945. Entered military service from Lynchburg, Virginia.

CHARLES LESTUCK, 12211678, Private First Class, 374th Field Artillery Battalion, 1 January 1945. Entered military service from Perth Amboy, New Jersey.

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

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

STANLEY H. PAPE, 32650244, Sergeant, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 8 December 1944, in the vicinity of Mouterhouse, France. While his battalion was engaged in an assault upon strongly-defended enemy positions, heavy concentrations of artillery fire disrupted communications with forward elements, and Sergeant Pape twice led a wire crew under intense enemy shelling to repair breaks in the wire line. Although wounded on the second occasion, he staunchly refused evacuation and directed his crew in the completion of their assigned task. Entered military service from Honesdale, 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:

DAVID J. HENDERSON, 0365134, Captain, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 14 November 1944, in the vicinity of Clairrupt, France. When the leading companies of his battalion were pinned down while advancing on an enemy-occupied hill by an intense concentration of enemy artillery and mortar fire, Captain Henderson, with exemplary courage moved from position to position, despite the ferocity of the barrage, coordinating and adjusting the fire of his heavy machine guns. Mortally wounded in this action, Captain Henderson's complete devotion to duty and fearlessness in the face of enemy fire, served as a source of inspiration to his men on their first day of combat. Next of kin: Mary M. Henderson (Wife), 421 Sanford Avenue, Auburn, Alabama.

LAWRENCE J. SKIDDY, JR., 01296149, First Lieutenant, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 14 November 1944, in the vicinity of Clairrupt, France. When his platoon was pinned down by an intense concentration of hostile artillery, mortar, and automatic weapons fire in its advance on a stubbornly defended hill, Lieutenant Skiddy, with exemplary courage and calmness, despite the ferocity of the barrage, moved continually among his men directing the platoon's fire against the enemy. Mortally wounded in this action, Lieutenant Skiddy's fearlessness in the face of hostile fire, served as a source of inspiration to his men on their first day of combat. Next of kin: Mary L. Skiddy (Wife), 100 Garfield Place, Syracuse, New York.

ROGER S. ASHTON, 17153083, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 12 November 1944, in the vicinity of Raon L'Etape, France. Upon learning that two members of another unit had been seriously wounded while crossing an enemy mine-field, Private Ashton and three other enlisted men volunteered to go to the assistance of the casualties. Improvising a stretcher, the members of the group entered the field, probing for mines as they proceeded. While so engaged, the inadvertent detonation of a mine mortally wounded Private Ashton. Next of kin: Agnes A. Ashton (Mother), 2727 Des Moines Street, Des Moines, Iowa.

SECTION III -- 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:

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ALFRED GARFIELD, 32178064, Staff Sergeant, 325th Engineer Combat Battalion, for heroic achievement in action on 16 December 1944, in the vicinity of Bitche, France. Encountering a roadblock holding up the progress of our tanks, Sergeant Garfield and other members of his platoon were assigned the hazardous mission of clearing the road. Operating at night under difficult circumstances, with the absolute necessity of preventing detection by the enemy, they skillfully and silently removed from the vicinity of the roadblock eleven Holz mines and sixteen S-mines and then placed their own charges so that the block was eventually destroyed and the tanks continued their advance. Next of kin: Ida Garfield (Mother), 1659 52d Street, Brooklyn, New York.

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:

JOHN C. BELL, 025937, First Lieutenant, 325th Engineer Combat Battalion. Entered military service from Petersburg, Virginia.

JOSEPH DOOLEY, 31245599, Staff Sergeant (then Sergeant), 325th Engineer Combat Battalion. Entered military service from Providence, Rhode Island.

WADE E. TAMMER, 34514553, Corporal, 325th Engineer Combat Battalion. Entered military service from Henry, South Carolina.

THOMAS C. MOORE, 34573536, Technician Fifth Grade, 325th Engineer Combat Battalion. Entered military service from Colquitt, Georgia.

LAWRENCE G. WESTERLUND, 32013116, Technician Fifth Grade, 325th Engineer Combat Battalion. Entered military service from North Belmore, Long Island, New York.

NELSON A. HOLDEN, 31200646, Private First Class, 325th Engineer Combat Battalion. Entered military service from Fair Haven, Vermont.

RUDOLPH G. KROSTING, 39307601, Private First Class, 325th Engineer Combat Battalion. Entered military service from Pendleton, Oregon.

ZEB V. MC TIGER, 34591331, Private First Class, 325th Engineer Combat Battalion. Entered military service from Murphy, North Carolina.

OSCAR C. SIDDEN, 34591149, Private First Class (then Private), 325th Engineer Combat Battalion. Entered military service from Sparta, North Carolina.

MARSHALL D. BAILEY, 14126235, Private, 325th Engineer Combat Battalion. Entered military service from St. Charles, South Carolina.

DENDELL R. BENNETT, 34572253, Private, 325th Engineer Combat Battalion. Entered military service from Oakwood, Georgia.

WILLIAM J. MOEHLERBROCK, 37561912, Private, 325th Engineer Combat Battalion. Entered military service from Virginia, Minnesota.

MARCEL J. PETER, 42019228, Private, 325th Engineer Combat Battalion. Entered military service from Garfield, New Jersey.

ALGER P. SOULARD, 36880172, Private, 325th Engineer Combat Battalion. Entered military service from Detroit, Michigan.

ANTONIO VASQUEZ, 32653919, Private, 325th Engineer Combat Battalion. Entered military service from New York, New York.

For heroic achievement in action on 16 December 1944, in the vicinity of Bitche, France. Encountering a roadblock holding up the progress of our tanks, these men were assigned the hazardous mission of clearing the road. Operating at night under difficult circumstances, with the absolute necessity of preventing detection by the enemy, these men skillfully and silently removed from the vicinity of the roadblock eleven Holz mines and sixteen S-mines and then placed their own charges so that the block was eventually destroyed and the tanks continued their advance.

WILLIAM E. NELSON, 01296565, First Lieutenant, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 18 December 1944, in the vicinity of Bitche, France. Having been assigned the mission of taking a strongly fortified sector of the Maginot Line, Lieutenant Nelson led his company forward despite repeated counterattacks ultimately driving the enemy from three key forts with minimum casualties. By his outstanding action and leadership Lieutenant Nelson enabled his battalion to take its objective and completely remove all enemy resistance in the area. Entered military service from Birmingham, Alabama.

THOMAS R. RYDER, 31245601, Technical Sergeant (then Staff Sergeant), 399th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 7 December 1944, in the vicinity of Lemberg, France. When the advance of forward elements of his company was halted and pinned down by heavy hostile machine gun fire, Sergeant Ryder, leader of

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a mortar section, on his own volition took up a forward position as observer to determine the exact location of enemy fire. Lying in a position exposed to cross fire from enemy weapons, he heroically directed the fire of his mortar section with such accuracy and deadly effect that the enemy positions were wiped out and his company was able to continue its advance. Entered military service from Providence, Rhode Island.

LAWRENCE E. ADDRESS, 33075464, Sergeant, 398th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from West Chester, Pennsylvania.

CLARENCE J. MC CRELESS, 14182291, Technician Fifth Grade, 398th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from Campbell, Alabama.

HARRY W. BURD, JR., 20711256, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from Valley City, North Dakota.

CARL J. SCHMIDT, 32598079, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from Guttenberg, New Jersey.

For heroic achievement in action on 19 December 1944, in the vicinity of Reysersviller, France. When their company had secured its position prior to an enemy counter-attack, these men were given the dangerous and difficult mission of locating and repairing a break in communications between the battalion command post and the artillery observation post. Despite constant hostile artillery and mortar shelling, these men courageously remained at their post completing their mission in record time, and, as a result of their devotion to duty, materially aided in repelling the enemy counter-attack which followed soon thereafter.

THOMAS F. CAREY, 13107811, Sergeant (then Private First Class), 399th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from New Castle, Pennsylvania.

FLOYD R. HAMMOND, 42108307, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from Meridale, New York.

For heroic achievement in action on 7 December 1944, in the vicinity of Lemberg, France. At a critical point in an attack on dug-in positions with all communications between their company and battalion severed, these two linemen volunteered without hesitation to repair the important wire line. Realizing the importance of their success to their unit and with utter disregard for close enemy observation and fire, Privates Carey and Hammond courageously completed the difficult task in an outstanding manner, and by their efforts, supporting fire was returned and the possibility of their unit being isolated was removed.

JAMES C. DeCOURLEY, JR., 34496506, Sergeant, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action during the period 3 December 1944 to 6 December 1944, in the vicinity of Soucht, France. During this period Sergeant DeCourley has performed his duties as lineman with great courage and skill. Working over difficult terrain, constantly subjected to intense hostile bombardment, he has steadfastly remained at this post even though comrades about him were wounded and others sought shelter to escape the terrific enemy fire. His fearlessness and splendid achievement has served as a source of great inspiration to all members of his organization. Entered military service from Memphis, Tennessee.

ROBERT R. HUFFMAN, 35880681, Sergeant, 398th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from Dayton, Ohio.

GEORGE A. DAVIDSON, 36955245, Private, 398th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from Casey, Illinois.

For heroic achievement in action on 14 December 1944, in the vicinity of Reysersviller, France. During a battalion attack on a Maginot Line fortress, these men left the shelter of their foxholes and crawled forward under orders to reconnoiter a hostile twenty-millimeter gun position. Subjected to intense hostile fire, they nevertheless carried out their mission with exemplary courage and devotion to duty, and although unable to locate the enemy position, secured information which was instrumental in silencing an enemy machine gun.

CHARLES S. WEBSTER, 38447638, Sergeant (then Private First Class), 399th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from Little Rock, Arkansas.

JACOB F. BELONGIA, 36813886, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from Watersmeet, Michigan.

GEORGE G. MC ANENEY, 20104729, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from Lowell, Massachusetts.

For heroic achievement in action on 7 December 1944, in the vicinity of Lemberg,



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France. When the rifle platoon to which they, as a machine gun section, were assigned, was forced to take cover from an intense barrage of hostile mortar and machine gun fire, and faced the necessity of withdrawing to avoid heavy casualties, Private McAnaney, acting squad leader, and his two men, unhesitatingly and courageously moved forward to bring machine gun fire to cover the withdrawal. Firing their weapons with accurate and destructive effect, they remained at their posts until the platoon reached safety, and only then did he and his men slowly withdraw along a road and up a steep hill, exposed to withering hostile fire.

BURTON B. LOGAN, 18195347, Private First Class, Medical Detachment, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 14 December 1944, in the vicinity of Reysersviller, France. During day-long operations against Maginot Line fortifications, the company to which Private Logan was attached as aid man suffered heavy casualties from enemy action. Despite the intensity of hostile artillery, mortar and machine gun fire, Private Logan worked tirelessly and without regard for his own safety in administering aid to the wounded and organizing litter parties for their evacuation. Upon one occasion, when his company had withdrawn from the slope of a hill, Private Logan returned to the area under fire in order to evacuate a wounded soldier. Entered military service from Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

MATHEW C. SIECZKOWSKI, 31416577, Private First Class (then Private), 398th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from Adams, Massachusetts.

SAMUEL SPALTER, 31382427, Private First Class (then Private), 398th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from New Britain, Connecticut.

For heroic achievement in action on 14 December 1944, in the vicinity of Reysersviller, France. Throughout day-long operations in attack against stubbornly defended enemy positions on the Maginot Line, when their battalion was constantly subjected to intense barrages of artillery, mortar, automatic weapon and small arms fire, and its communication system was repeatedly severed, these men, courageously and in complete disregard of personal danger, worked steadfastly at their mission of repairing all breaks in the lines. Their unremitting devotion to duty in maintaining communications facilitated control of the battalion in its successful attack on the hostile positions.

EDWIN D. SMITH, 31347283, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 17 November 1944, in the vicinity of La Trouche, France. When his company suffered several casualties as a result of a heavy concentration of hostile mortar and artillery bombardment, and all who were able took shelter in nearby buildings, Private Smith and two others braved the intense enemy fire by leaving cover to go to the assistance of a casualty. Crossing an open field, they succeeded in carrying their wounded comrade to the comparative safety of a building where first aid was immediately administered. This heroic action, performed entirely on their own initiative, undoubtedly saved the life of this soldier. Entered military service from Turners Falls, Massachusetts.

SECTION V -- 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 STANLEY H. PAPE, 32650244, Sergeant, 397th Infantry Regiment, is rescinded. (See Section I, this order.)

SECTION VI -- AWARD OF AIR MEDAL

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

ELGAR POWELL, 01165935, First Lieutenant, 373d Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights against the enemy in France during the period 9 November 1944 to 30 December 1944. Entered military service from Midland Park, New Jersey.

EUGENE THOMAS, 01182281, First Lieutenant, 373d Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights against the enemy in France during the period 9 November 1944 to 30 December 1944. Entered military service from Peoria, Illinois.

ROBERT W. WIEHE, 01174953, First Lieutenant, Headquarters Battery, 100th Infantry Division Artillery, for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights against the enemy in France during the period 9 November 1944 to 1 January 1945. Entered military service from Fort Wayne, Indiana.

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CORNELIUS F. AHEARN, 32654722, Corporal, 373d Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights against the enemy in France during the period 9 November 1944 to 1 January 1945. Entered military service from New York, New York.

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

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

BUFFETT D. TAYLOR, JR., 01062907, First Lieutenant (then Second Lieutenant), 399th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 9 December 1944, in the vicinity of Lemberg, France. When the platoon under his command was assigned the mission of seizing and holding a strongly defended enemy position, Lieutenant Taylor led his men across an open field affording little or no cover from the withering fire of enemy small arms, automatic weapons and twenty millimeter cannon. Under his skillful and inspiring leadership the platoon unfalteringly advanced and secured its objective, and, despite heavy concentrations of hostile artillery and sniper fire, successfully repulsed a determined enemy counter-attack. Entered military service from Paris, Kentucky.

EDWIN D. SMITH, 31347283, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 14 December 1944, in the vicinity of Reversviller, France. Throughout this day while his company was attacking stubbornly-defended Maginot Line fortifications, Private Smith carried out his duties as a runner with great courage and initiative. Although subjected to constant artillery, mortar and small arms fire, he tirelessly transmitted messages between platoons and the company command post until wounded by hostile shrapnel. Entered military service from Turners Falls, Massachusetts.

SECTION II -- POSTHUMOUS AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

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

CARROLL C. STRATMANN, 37531572, Private, 399th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 9 December 1944, in the vicinity of Lemberg, France. Engaged in the mission of obtaining and holding a strongly defended enemy position based upon an overhead railway bridge, Private Stratmann and all members of the third platoon of Company L, advanced across an open field in the face of withering fire from enemy small arms, automatic weapons and twenty millimeter cannon. With each individual member of the combat team moving forward to his assigned task, the platoon unfalteringly swept across the open terrain, secured the objective and, despite intense sniper and heavy artillery fire, repulsed a determined enemy counter-attack. Next of kin: Christopher W. Stratmann (Father), 1642 South Spruce Street, Wichita, Kansas.

SECTION III -- 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 each of the following named individuals, missing in action:

STANLEY DOUDA, 32000153, Corporal, 399th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 9 December 1944, in the vicinity of Lemberg, France. Engaged in the mission of obtaining and holding a strongly defended enemy position based upon an overhead railway bridge, Corporal Douda and all members of the third platoon of Company L, advanced across an open field in the face of withering fire from enemy small arms, automatic weapons and twenty millimeter cannon. With each individual

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member of the combat team moving forward to his assigned task, the platoon unflinchingly swept across the open terrain, secured the objective and, despite intense sniper and heavy artillery fire, repulsed a determined enemy counter-attack. Next of kin: Frances Doude (Mother), Colchester Avenue, East Hampton, Connecticut.

\*JOHN I. BATE, 32483850, Sergeant (then Private First Class), 397th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service during the period 14 November 1944 to 18 December 1944, in Eastern France. Next of kin: Charlotte Bate (Mother), Hadden Avenue, Berlin, New Jersey.

\*VINCENT J. OLIVA, 42063667, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service during the period 4 November 1944 to 22 December 1944, in Eastern France. Next of kin: Catherine Oliva (Mother), 23-17 Astoria Boulevard, Long Island City, New York.

SECTION IV -- AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-4, as amended, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded to each of the following named individuals:

RANDOLPH L. JONES, 0402364, Captain, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 3 December 1944, in the vicinity of Rosteig, France. Leading his men in the assigned mission of taking an enemy-held town, Captain Jones demonstrated great courage in accomplishing his task. Under continuous enemy fire and although seriously wounded in the left arm, he personally directed the attack until the enemy had been driven from the town. His tactical skill and bravery were an inspiration to his men and resulted in achieving an important objective. Entered military service from Hephzibah, Georgia.

WILLIAM E. PERRY, JR., 01177574, First Lieutenant, 374th Field Artillery Battalion, for heroic achievement in action on 23 December 1944, in the vicinity of Hottviller, France. When the infantry battalion to which he was attached as artillery liaison officer was relieved by a relatively small force, Lieutenant Perry volunteered to stay behind to supervise the direction of artillery fire for the relieving unit. During a strong enemy counter-attack which followed, although his wire line had been severed and radio reception was very poor, he courageously remained at his post throughout the night directing our fire with such accuracy and destructiveness that the counter-attack was repelled. Entered military service from Warrenton, North Carolina.

FRED W. MILLS, JR., 01290284, Second Lieutenant, 399th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 9 December 1944, in the vicinity of Lemberg, France. When the platoon under his command was assigned the mission of securing a strongly defended enemy position at the crest of a hill, Lieutenant Mills led his men up a steep slope which afforded little or no cover from the intense enemy machine gun and small arms fire. After advancing for seventy-five yards, one squad was pinned down by enemy action, but, as a result of the capable direction of Lieutenant Mills, was able to extricate itself and join the remainder of the platoon in the successful assault upon the enemy emplacements, which were secured and held despite heavy enemy fire. Entered military service from Cumberland, Maryland.

ALFRED W. COURSEY, 20342989, Technical Sergeant (then Staff Sergeant), 399th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from Chester, Maryland.

BERNARD H. JOHNSON, 37470672, Staff Sergeant (then Sergeant), 399th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from Colome, South Dakota.

WARREN F. KURTZ, 32916613, Staff Sergeant, 399th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from South Amboy, New Jersey.

STANLEY T. CARDOZO, 39004228, Staff Sergeant (then Corporal), 399th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from Riverbank, California.

GEORGE J. HAVENS, 33790730, Sergeant (then Private First Class), 399th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

RICHARD C. RUSCHE, 35796024, Sergeant, 399th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from St. Bernard, Ohio.

WILLIAM N. ALEXANDER, 34897726, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from Canton, North Carolina.

ROBERT E. BINKLEY, 15201319, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from Toledo, Ohio.

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WILLIAM W. BOGGS, 34581709, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from Birmingham, Alabama.

LEE S. BOHANNON, 39576096, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from Glendale, California.

FERNANDO ERQUIAGA, 39016010, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from Mission Beach, California.

CHARLES B. GOLDMAN, 12225786, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from Brooklyn, New York.

JOHN M. HICKEY, 32651406, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from New York, New York.

JOHN M. KHOURY, 12157783, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from Brooklyn, New York.

ALEXANDER J. LAPA, 31347904, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from Chicopee, Massachusetts.

ROLF E. NIELSEN, 32828911, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from New York, New York.

JUNIOR P. OGLE, 33846064, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from Max Meadows, Wythe County, Virginia.

HARVEY E. ROHDE, 39468724, Private First Class (then Private), 399th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from Vale, Oregon.

ROY D. SEES, 35796063, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from Lebanon, Ohio.

MERRIAM L. SODLE, 33902779, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from Baltimore, Maryland.

KENNETH W. WILKINSON, 14182334, Private First Class (then Private), 399th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from Bessemer, Alabama.

THOMPSON G. SCHNEIDER, 33806280, Private, 399th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

For heroic achievement in action on 9 December 1944, in the vicinity of Lemberg, France. Engaged in the mission of obtaining and holding a strongly defended enemy position based upon an overhead railway bridge, these men, all members of the third platoon of Company L, advanced across an open field in the face of withering fire from enemy small arms, automatic weapons and twenty millimeter cannon. With each individual member of the combat team moving forward to his assigned task, the platoon unflinchingly swept across the open terrain, secured the objective and, despite intense sniper and heavy artillery fire, repulsed a determined enemy counter-attack.

BRUNO V. DORIGUZZI, 2665267, Technical Sergeant, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 14 December 1944, in the vicinity of Reyersviller, France. While engaged in the mission of neutralizing enemy pillboxes, Sergeant Doriguzzi's platoon was pinned down by withering fire from enemy automatic weapons. Realizing the impossibility of advancing or withdrawing from the position during daylight hours, Sergeant Doriguzzi moved from soldier to soldier throughout the day, encouraging his men and keeping them in position. When darkness came he skillfully directed the retirement of the group, and by his efficient leadership and control of the platoon prevented the infliction of major casualties. Entered military service from Ballston Lake, New York.

WILLIAM E. GREAVES, 33001941, Technical Sergeant, 399th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 9 December 1944, in the vicinity of Lemberg, France. When his platoon was assigned the mission of seizing a strongly defended enemy position at the crest of a hill, Sergeant Greaves as platoon sergeant advanced with forward elements up a steep slope which afforded little or no cover from enemy machine gun and small arms fire. Skillfully assisting the platoon leader in the direction and maneuver of the force, Sergeant Greaves contributed materially to the successful assault upon the objective and helped to repel a subsequent counter-attack supported by heavy concentrations of hostile mortar and artillery fire. Entered military service from Queenstown, Maryland.

VICTOR KONDRA, 6676818, Technical Sergeant, 399th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 9 December 1944, in the vicinity of Lemberg, France. When his company's advance on an enemy-occupied hill was halted by heavy automatic weapon, small arms and artillery fire, Sergeant Kondra, acting platoon leader, immediately moved his mortars forward into position, and courageously exposing himself to enemy fire to act as forward observer, skillfully and accurately directed the fire of his men with such telling effect that the entrenched enemy positions and sniper infested houses were wiped out and the company advance continued. Entered military service from Winthrop, New York.

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HERBERT SHUSTER, 33051959, Technical Sergeant (then Staff Sergeant), 399th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 18 December 1944, in the vicinity of Bitché, France. When his company was attacking an enemy-held town, Sergeant Shuster, squad leader, was given the difficult and dangerous mission of leading a patrol into the town to determine the location of a hostile pill box. Encountering resistance, the patrol fought heroically from house to house and under his skillful and expert leadership, an entire block was cleared of the enemy. The patrol returned with four civilian prisoners and information which was of great value to the battalion in accomplishing its mission. Entered military service from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

ROY W. McVICAR, 31238274, Staff Sergeant, 399th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action during the period 8 November 1944 to 21 December 1944, in Eastern France. In the performance of his duties as observer for a mortar squad, Sergeant McVicar has displayed exemplary qualities of courage and devotion to duty. During the action near Lemberg, France, while advancing with a rifle company, Sergeant McVicar succeeded in establishing a wire line as he moved forward, and, when the rifle unit was pinned down by enemy action, he fell back and directed accurate mortar fire upon the hostile forces. Although he was himself under fire so intense that on one occasion his helmet was knocked from his head, he remained at his position and rendered efficient and effective support to our foot troops. Entered military service from Brockton, Massachusetts.

ELMER J. TERWILLIGER, 31273116, Staff Sergeant, 399th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from Bridgeport, Connecticut.

GEORGE C. KISSAMIS, 35958735, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

RUSSELL K. SEFING, 33828045, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from Bethlehem, Pennsylvania.

RAYMOND B. WADE, 34738756, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from Walland, Tennessee.

WILLIAM E. WALL, 16175170, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from Springfield, Illinois.

For heroic achievement in action on 17 December 1944, in the vicinity of Bitché, France. As members of a reconnaissance patrol, these men advanced into enemy territory under cover of night. While proceeding with their mission, they found themselves surrounded by hostile troops and, taking advantage of all available cover, courageously remained in position for several hours, then skillfully infiltrated back to friendly lines with valuable information of enemy strength, movement and weapon emplacements.

EUGENE C. KEIL, 36226234, Sergeant (then Private First Class), 398th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from Fort Sheridan, Illinois.

BENJAMIN KORCHMAR, 15302020, Sergeant (then Private First Class), 398th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from Cincinnati, Ohio.

DARRELL E. JONES, 35147920, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from Indianapolis, Indiana.

ALAN D. SWAIN, 11122872, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from Portland, Maine.

SAMUEL JOHNSON, 31454640, Private, 398th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from Windsor Locks, Connecticut.

For heroic achievement in action on 9 November 1944, in the vicinity of Laon L'Etape, France. When the advance of their battalion was halted by a hostile road block, which also served as an observation point from which the enemy directed punishing artillery fire upon our troops, Sergeants Keil and Korchmar, and Privates Johnson, Jones and Swain, in company with three other men, were assigned the mission of destroying the emplacement. Advancing upon their objective by a concealed route, the members of the patrol nevertheless encountered heavy hostile fire and persisted in their attack, and succeeded in killing seven of the enemy and forcing the remainder to withdraw. By their courageous and skillful action, these men enabled the battalion to continue its advance and halted the enemy artillery fire.

THOMAS J. MURTAGH, JR., 32109302, Sergeant (then Corporal), 375th Field Artillery Battalion. Entered military service from Southold, Long Island, New York.

CHARLES J. SEELIG, 32357382, Technician Fourth Grade, 375th Field Artillery Battalion. Entered military service from Brooklyn, New York.

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For heroic achievement in action on 15 December 1944, in the vicinity of the Maginot Line, France. When the infantry battalion to which they were attached was pinned down on both sides of a road leading to an enemy-occupied hill under attack by our forces, and wire communications had not as yet been established, these radio men, heedless of personal danger, unhesitatingly went forward to set up their radio by a route exposed to enemy observation and subjected to heavy hostile machine gun and small arms fire. As a result of their courageous action, accurate and destructive fire was placed on enemy positions, permitting the continued advance of the battalion.

GEORGE W. DUNLAP, 12190667, Private First Class (then Private), 325th Engineer Combat Battalion, for heroic achievement in action on 21 December 1944, in the vicinity of Bitchy, France. Assigned the mission of destroying the blocks in the heavily constructed Fort Schiessick, Private Dunlap and his demolition squad were unable to advance due to heavy enemy artillery and small arms fire. Private Dunlap then unhesitatingly volunteered to drive a jeep loaded with explosives through the same concentrated enemy fire. In the course of this heroic mission the jeep was disabled by accurate enemy fire but Private Dunlap continued on foot with the vitally needed explosives until the fort was reduced and further occupation of it denied the enemy. Entered military service from New York, New York.

\* ROBERT J. KOJW, 01309754, First Lieutenant, 399th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service during the period 8 November 1944 to 21 December 1944, in Eastern France. Entered military service from Holland, Michigan.

\* JOHN W. MURPHY, 01310864, First Lieutenant, 397th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service during the period 14 November 1944 to 18 December 1944, in Eastern France. Entered military service from Canton, Ohio.

\* ROGER S. THORNTON, 01296607, First Lieutenant, 399th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service during the period 4 November 1944 to 1 December 1944, in Eastern France. Entered military service from Buffalo, New York.

\* ROBERT A. HARRIS, 02000642, Second Lieutenant (then Technical Sergeant), 397th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service during the period 14 November 1944 to 18 December 1944, in Eastern France. Entered military service from Watertown, Massachusetts.

\* JOHN H. YEAMANS, 0547355, Second Lieutenant, 399th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service during the period 8 November 1944 to 21 December 1944, in Eastern France. Entered military service from Meriden, Connecticut.

\* EDWARD WITKOWSKI, 6138314, Master Sergeant, 397th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service during the period 6 November 1944 to 22 December 1944, in Eastern France. Entered military service from Worcester, Massachusetts.

\* ROLAND BIRMINGHAM, 12081938, First Sergeant (then Technical Sergeant), 397th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service during the period 14 November 1944 to 18 December 1944, in Eastern France. Entered military service from Johnson City, New York.

\* ROBERT L. HARRIS, 6954777, First Sergeant, 397th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service during the period 14 November 1944 to 18 December 1944, in Eastern France. Entered military service from Dallas, Texas.

\* AIDEN T. METCALFE, 32599577, Technical Sergeant (then Staff Sergeant), 397th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service during the period 14 November 1944 to 18 December 1944, in Eastern France. Entered military service from Jersey City, New Jersey.

\* NORMAN R. ADOLPH, 12227653, Staff Sergeant (then Private), 397th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service during the period 14 November 1944 to 18 December 1944, in Eastern France. Entered military service from New York, New York.

\* JOSE C. GUERRY, 34516595, Staff Sergeant, 398th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service during the period 10 November 1944 to 21 December 1944, in Eastern France. Entered military service from Jamestown, South Carolina.

\* KENNETH JOINER, 33000828, Staff Sergeant, 397th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service during the period 14 November 1944 to 18 December 1944, in Eastern France. Entered military service from Concord, Tennessee.

\* ROY H. LEE, 31236236, Staff Sergeant, 397th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service during the period 14 November 1944 to 18 December 1944, in Eastern France. Entered military service from Walpole, Massachusetts.

\* CHARLIE E. LOVE, 34591374, Staff Sergeant, 397th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service during the period 14 November 1944 to 18 December 1944, in Eastern France. Entered military service from Mount Airy, North Carolina.

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\* EDGAR R. MILLER, 31178492, Staff Sergeant (then Sergeant), 397th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service during the period 14 November 1944 to 18 December 1944 in Eastern France. Entered military service from South Portland, Maine.

\* ALBERT J. O. NEUMAIER, 12003259, Staff Sergeant, 397th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service during the period 14 November 1944 to 18 December 1944, in Eastern France. Entered military service from Weehawken, New Jersey.

\* RICHARD W. FACE, 32385803, Staff Sergeant (then Technician Fourth Grade), 374th Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service during the period 23 November 1944 to 4 December 1944, in Eastern France. Entered military service from Cranford, New Jersey.

\* LUTHER C. FERRY, 20603034, Staff Sergeant, 398th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service during the period 8 November 1944 to 21 December 1944, in Eastern France. Entered military service from Artich, Illinois.

\* ISRAEL SACKS, 32656679, Staff Sergeant, 397th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service during the period 14 November 1944 to 18 December 1944, in Eastern France. Entered military service from Brooklyn, New York.

\* CHARLES R. STONE, 31187795, Staff Sergeant, 399th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service during the period 8 November 1944 to 21 December 1944, in Eastern France. Entered military service from Athol, Massachusetts.

\* FRANK ELELSKI, 35590665, Sergeant, 397th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service during the period 14 November 1944 to 18 December 1944, in Eastern France. Entered military service from Hialeah, Ohio.

\* WILLIAM E. BOWER, 18185059, Sergeant (then Private First Class), 397th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service during the period 8 November 1944 to 21 December 1944, in Eastern France. Entered military service from Otton, Texas.

\* NIELS HANSSON, 32684407, Sergeant (then Private First Class), 397th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service during the period 14 November 1944 to 18 December 1944, in Eastern France. Entered military service from Brooklyn, New York.

\* MATTHEW H. HORN, 13106930, Sergeant (then Private First Class), 397th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service during the period 14 November 1944 to 18 December 1944, in Eastern France. Entered military service from Greensburg, Pennsylvania.

\* HOMER E. HALL, 13102325, Sergeant, 398th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service during the period 8 November 1944 to 21 December 1944, in Eastern France. Entered military service from Colfax, Iowa.

\* HAROLD I. KOVARSKY, 32923972, Sergeant, 397th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service during the period 14 November 1944 to 18 December 1944, in Eastern France. Entered military service from Passaic, New Jersey.

\* CHARLES E. LAKE, JR., 15402195, Sergeant (then Private First Class), 397th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service during the period 14 November 1944 to 18 December 1944, in Eastern France. Entered military service from Burgin, Kentucky.

\* CURTIS L. LEWIS, 15305772, Sergeant, 397th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service during the period 14 November 1944 to 18 December 1944, in Eastern France. Entered military service from Bardonia, Kentucky.

\* ROBERT L. W. MAYER, 34911962, Sergeant (then Private First Class), 397th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service during the period 14 November 1944 to 18 December 1944, in Eastern France. Entered military service from Graham, North Carolina.

\* JOHN J. HIZAR, 36726874, Sergeant (then Private First Class), 399th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service during the period 8 November 1944 to 21 December 1944, in Eastern France. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

\* ELMER L. PERKINS, 12239325, Sergeant (then Private First Class), 397th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service during the period 14 November 1944 to 18 December 1944, in Eastern France. Entered military service from Chenango Forks, New York.

\* JOHN R. SULLIVAN, JR., 13157431, Sergeant (then Private First Class), 398th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service during the period 8 November 1944 to 21 December 1944, in Eastern France. Entered military service from Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

\* OTIS M. TODD, 33001911, Sergeant, 398th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service during the period 12 November 1944 to 8 December 1944, in Eastern France. Entered military service from Crocherson, Maryland.

\* LEWIS C. BIERSON, 14193854, Technician Fourth Grade (then Technician Fifth Grade), 397th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service during the period 3 December 1944 to 18 December 1944, in Eastern France. Entered military service from Columbia, South Carolina.

\* IRVIN C. AUSTIN, 3480297, Corporal, 398th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service during the period 8 November 1944 to 20 December 1944, in Eastern France. Entered military service from Canton, Pennsylvania.



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- \* ALBERT K. ARNDT, 31102591, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service during the period 10 November 1944 to 7 December 1944, in Eastern France. Entered military service from Bridgeport, Connecticut.
- \* WILLIAM L. BEDIATION, JR., 15140623, Private First Class (then Private), 397th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service during the period 14 November 1944 to 18 December 1944, in Eastern France. Entered military service from Cleveland, Ohio.
- \* ROBERT J. BISS, 42055716, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service during the period 14 November 1944 to 18 December 1944, in Eastern France. Entered military service from Bellerose, New York.
- \* GERALD V. BRITT, 37365809, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service during the period 14 November 1944 to 18 December 1944, in Eastern France. Entered military service from Lawler, Iowa.
- \* ARTHUR C. DE GARMO, 37939951, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service from 4 November 1944 to 12 December 1944, in Eastern France. Entered military service from Schuylerville, New York.
- \* WILLIAM L. ELLIOTT, 37477029, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service during the period 10 November 1944 to 7 December 1944, in Eastern France. Entered military service from Crawford, Nebraska.
- \* CHESTER H. FETTEROLF, 32939410, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service during the period 8 November 1944 to 21 December 1944, in Eastern France. Entered military service from Geneva, New York.
- \* JOHN F. HAYHURST, 32975747, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service during the period 14 November 1944 to 18 December 1944, in Eastern France. Entered military service from Brooklyn, New York.
- \* WILLIAM E. LIMAN, 35892948, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service during the period 10 November 1944 to 7 December 1944, in Eastern France. Entered military service from La Fayette, Indiana.
- \* JOHN A. MAHER, 12100821, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service during the period 14 November 1944 to 18 December 1944, in Eastern France. Entered military service from East Orange, New Jersey.
- \* CHARLES R. MC GOUGH, 17140691, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service during the period 14 November 1944 to 18 December 1944, in Eastern France. Entered military service from Trenton, New Jersey.
- \* RICHARD W. SCHIRR, 35558451, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service during the period 14 November 1944 to 18 December 1944, in Eastern France. Entered military service from Toledo, Ohio.
- \* LOY L. SMITH, 34572259, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service from 8 November 1944 to 20 December 1944, in Eastern France. Entered military service from Gainesville, Georgia.
- \* EDWARD D. TIMONEY, 32882051, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service during the period 14 November 1944 to 18 December 1944, in Eastern France. Entered military service from Long Island City, New York.
- \* KENNETH V. ZENT, 35243819, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service during the period 10 November 1944 to 7 December 1944, in Eastern France. Entered military service from Huntington, Indiana.
- \* ROBERT R. HOLIC, 42121373, Private, 397th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service during the period 14 November 1944 to 18 December 1944, in Eastern France. Entered military service from Finghamton, New York.

SECTION V -- AWARD OF PURPLE HEART

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

- FLOYD E. FERGUSON, 7041017, Technical Sergeant, 374th Field Artillery Battalion, 2 January 1945. Entered military service from Mitchell, Indiana.
- SALVATORE P. DIINA, 32637345, Staff Sergeant, 398th Infantry Regiment, 3 January 1945. Entered military service from Bronx, New York.
- LILWOOD B. DAWSON, 611602, Staff Sergeant, 374th Field Artillery Battalion, 2 January 1945. Entered military service from Fall River, Massachusetts.
- JOHN M. BAYER, 32657250, Technician Fourth Grade, 397th Infantry Regiment, 30 December 1944. Entered military service from Brooklyn, New York.
- CHARLES W. BROWN, 18098617, Technician Fifth Grade, 374th Field Artillery Battalion, 2 January 1945. Entered military service from Troop, Texas.
- MAX COLLIER, 32658271, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, 30 December 1944. Entered military service from Brooklyn, New York.

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ALFRED MURRAY, 32650264, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, 3 January 1945. Entered military service from Brooklyn, New York.  
WALLACE CLARK, 31282091, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, 3 January 1945. Entered military service from Ashland, Maine.  
ROBERT P. MOORE, 17163257, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, 3 January 1945. Entered military service from St. Louis, Missouri.  
ANDREW S. TAMAYO, 18060809, Private First Class, 374th Field Artillery Battalion, 2 January 1945. Entered military service from Houston, Texas.  
WILLIAM A. McGRADE, 32655770, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, 29 December 1944. Entered military service from Long Island City, New York.  
GEORGE R. LOCKER, 35925189, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, 26 December 1944. Entered military service from Wooster, Ohio.  
RICHARD L. VAN DEUSEN, 34921233, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, 26 December 1944. Entered military service from Allentown, Pennsylvania.  
ALLEN BARTH, 15399585, Private, 397th Infantry Regiment, 30 December 1944. Entered military service from Lakewood, Ohio.  
HENRY R. BUDZ, 31097414, Private, 397th Infantry Regiment, 30 December 1944. Entered military service from Housatonic, Massachusetts.  
MICHAEL L. CARROLL, 33611768, Private, 397th Infantry Regiment, 30 December 1944. Entered military service from Scranton, Pennsylvania.  
JOHN P. DECKER, 18249192, Private, 397th Infantry Regiment, 30 December 1944. Entered military service from M., Arkansas.  
RICHARD L. HOLBROOK, 39926904, Private, 397th Infantry Regiment, 30 December 1944. Entered military service from Salt Lake City, Utah.  
ROY E. LINKOUS, 35734989, Private, 397th Infantry Regiment, 30 December 1944. Entered military service from Bluefield, West Virginia.  
THOMAS K. QUINLAN, 12173864, Private, 398th Infantry Regiment, 20 December 1944. Entered military service from Glens Fall, New York.  
TULIO A. MONTIFI, 31214533, Private, 374th Field Artillery Battalion, 2 January 1945. Entered military service from Lee, Massachusetts.  
PETER J. KORSON, 36959716, Private, 397th Infantry Regiment, 22 December 1944. Entered military service from Suttons Bay, Michigan.

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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:

✓ JOSEPH C. MARONEY, 0531872, Second Lieutenant, 375th Field Artillery Battalion, for gallantry in action on 4 December 1944, in the vicinity of Soucht, France. While acting as forward artillery observer with an Infantry company, Lieutenant Maroney and another officer were attacked by infiltrating snipers. Misregarding his own safety, Lieutenant Maroney left the protection of a shell hole and, circling the enemy riflemen, crept so within close range and succeeded in killing both with his pistol. On the following day, when the infantry unit was subjected to a determined enemy counter-attack, Lieutenant Maroney participated in a bitter engagement at close quarters and, although armed only with his forty-five caliber pistol, killed one of the attackers at a distance of fifteen yards. By his personal bravery and devotion to duty throughout the time his organization was in combat, Lieutenant Maroney won the admiration of officers and men and reflected great credit upon himself. Next of kin: Josephine M. Maroney (Mother), 228 Hathaway Street, Houston, Texas.

✓ JOHN P. BUTLER, 34059990, Staff Sergeant, 399th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 8 December 1944, in the vicinity of Lemberg, France. When his squad was assigned the hazardous mission of securing the high open ground on the left side of a stubbornly defended enemy-occupied hill, Sergeant Butler led his squad in the assault with exemplary bravery and skill. Ascending the hill, which afforded no cover or concealment, under a ferocious concentration of hostile small arms, automatic weapon, and burp gun fire, in utter disregard of danger to himself, he stayed in the forefront heroically directing his men in storming the enemy positions. The first to reach a point just below the objective, Sergeant Butler was mortally wounded. His outstanding leadership eventually resulted in complete occupation of the hill by our forces and his marked gallantry in action reflected great credit on himself and the Army of the United States. Next of kin: Carolyn E. Butler (Wife), 2715 Nebraska Avenue, Tampa, Florida.

✓ WOODROW W. GILBERT, 33180835, Corporal, 399th Infantry Regiment. Next of kin: Francis W. Gilbert, Sr. (Father), Green Lane, Pennsylvania.

✓ EUGENE E. SWARTZ, 35558534, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment. Next of kin: Elizabeth Swartz (Mother), 2209 Croghan Street, Fremont, Ohio.

For gallantry in action on 7 December 1944, in the vicinity of St. Louis, France. After a concealed enemy twenty-millimeter weapon had inflicted five casualties upon their platoon during the day's action, Corporal Gilbert and Private Swartz volunteered to seek out the enemy emplacement under cover of night. Tracing the fire to a haystack in an open field, Private Swartz opened fire upon the position from a nearby building. The enemy weapon returned Private Swartz' fire, mortally wounding him, but under cover of the action Corporal Gilbert charged the emplacement from the rear and with two accurately placed grenades succeeded in killing two of the enemy and putting the weapon out of action. Fire from another hostile position on the flank killed Corporal Gilbert as he withdrew. By the cool courage and calculated daring of their action, Corporal Gilbert and Private Swartz lived up to the highest traditions of gallantry in the service of their country.

✓ EDWARD A. WARTER, 19211132, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 7 December 1944, in the vicinity of Bitché, France. As pla-

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toon runner, Private Warner always executed his missions with speed and accuracy, affording excellent coordination in the stress of battle within his unit. In a hotly contested engagement while subjected to deadly enemy fire, Private Warner carried several messages to and from members of his company ever aware of the overwhelming odds against him. In one final attempt to reach his platoon sergeant, who at the time was pinned down by intense enemy fire, Private Warner was mortally wounded. By his gallant deeds which personified the highest ideals of the military service, his unit was able to advantageously utilize information which he delivered time and again. Next of kin: Elina A. Varner (Mother), Winnett, Montana.

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:

*Rec. by HQ 200-16 July 1945*  
~~RICHARD GLASS, 32935046, Private First Class (then Private), 398th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 11 November, 1944, in the vicinity of Raon L'Etape, France. Members of a combat patrol which had succeeded in demolishing a roadblock and killing seven of the enemy, Private Glass and his comrades unknowingly entered an enemy mine field while returning to their unit. When one member of the party was killed and two others were seriously wounded by the detonation of mines, Private Glass courageously volunteered to stay behind, caring for the wounded and acting as protection against enemy patrols, while the remainder of the group went for assistance. He remained on guard throughout the ensuing night, firing his carbine to attract the attention of any friendly troops in the area and administering aid to his comrades. Toward morning, while attempting to comfort one of the casualties, Private Glass himself detonated a mine and was seriously wounded. Next of kin Joseph Glass (Father), 14 Elizabeth Street, Baldwinsville, New York.~~

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:

ALFRED H. WEILER, 01309999, First Lieutenant, 397th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 4 December 1944, in the vicinity of Rothbach, France. Lieutenant Weiler's company was assigned the mission of securing an entrenched and strongly defended enemy position at the crest of a hill; but when intense artillery, mortar and automatic weapons fire was encountered the company withdrew under orders and an artillery barrage was laid on the position. A second assault was initiated, and when our forces were again halted by the intensity of the enemy fire; Lieutenant Weiler, disregarding his own safety, advanced ahead of his forward line of infantry, leading each group into position for the assault and then preceded his men in the attack up the hill. He personally put an enemy emplacement out of action with a hand grenade, and by his inspiring leadership in the face of intense enemy fire was responsible for the capture of a vitally important objective. Entered military service from Connersville, Indiana.

ELWOOD H. SHERWELL, 0554359, Second Lieutenant, 399th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 7 December 1944, in the vicinity of Lemberg, France. When two of our rifle platoons were engaged in the mission of reducing entrenched enemy twenty-millimeter gun positions upon high ground, the enemy was able to sweep the open terrain to the front with intensive air-burst shrapnel fire, and succeeded in stalling our attack. Lieutenant Sherwell, present as observer for a weapons platoon upon his own initiative crawled through the hostile fire to a position well forward of our troops and, exhorting the men behind him, advanced toward the enemy by alternately creeping and rushing. Inspired by his leadership, the platoons surged forward to within grenade range of the objective, and the enemy gun crews, demoralized by the success of the movement, surrendered with all equipment. By his personal daring and gallant leadership, Lieutenant Sherwell reflected great credit upon himself and was responsible for the reduction of a strategic enemy strong-point. Entered military service from Walla Walla, Washington.

ROBERT S. WILSON, 3268362, Sergeant (then Private), 397th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 9 December 1944, in the vicinity of Mouterhouse, France. While standing guard, Sergeant Wilson heard an unidentified movement and was pre-

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paring to investigate when he was ordered to surrender by an enemy soldier who had succeeded in moving up behind him. Instead of complying, Sergeant Wilson wheeled and opened fire with his carbine, then manned a close-by machine gun and, by accurate fire directed upon the area where he had previously heard movement, he succeeded in wounding three of the enemy and caused the capture of four more. By his alertness and his disregard of personal safety in refusing to surrender, he protected his comrades from enemy action and reflected great credit upon himself. Entered military service from Meechums River, Virginia.

ROBERT D. BARRINGER, 37758345, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 15 November 1944, in the vicinity of Baccarat, France. During an advance against the enemy, four men preceding Private Barringer across a road were fired upon and pinned down by enemy small arms and automatic weapons. Exposing himself to the enemy in order to return the fire, Private Barringer moved to an upright position behind a tree, and by his accurate marksmanship was responsible for killing four of the hostile force. Private Barringer himself received three wounds during the engagement, and by his daring and tactical skill was instrumental in bringing about the withdrawal of the enemy force and the continued advance of our troops. Entered military service from Eostoria, Ohio.

MARVIN J. SAMPLAWSKI, 33841177, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 16 November 1944, in the vicinity of Baccarat, France. While his company was engaged in an advance, the enemy instituted a counter-attack and Private Samplawski, automatic rifleman in the leading platoon, found his field of fire narrowly limited. Moving forward to an advanced position, he was wounded but nevertheless succeeded in delivering accurate and rapid fire upon the enemy. Although suffering a second wound during the action, Private Samplawski was responsible for killing five of the enemy, and the company, using his forward position as a point for maneuvering, was able to break the hostile attack and continue its advance. By his alert and courageous action, Private Samplawski contributed to a marked degree to the success of the company's mission and reflected high credit upon himself. Entered military service from Stanley, Wisconsin.

#### SECTION IV -- 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 G. DANNER, 01057400, Second Lieutenant, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 9 November 1944, in the vicinity of Raon L'Etape, France. When the advance of his battalion was halted by a hostile roadblock, which also served as an observation point from which the enemy directed punishing fire upon our troops, Lieutenant Danner led a combat patrol in the mission of destroying the emplacement. Encountering heavy fire while approaching the objective, the patrol under Lieutenant Danner's capable direction nevertheless succeeded in killing seven of the enemy and forcing the remainder to withdraw, after which the patrol demolished the roadblock. While returning to his unit Lieutenant Danner was mortally wounded by the explosion of a hostile mine. Next of kin: Madelyn M. Danner (Wife), 133 Margaret Street, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

JOHN W. HOWE, JR., 12214485, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 9 December 1944, in the vicinity of Lemberg, France. Engaged in the mission of securing a strongly defended enemy position based upon railway trestle extending across the crest of a hill, Private Howe with other members of the second platoon of Company L, moved to the attack up an exposed slope which offered little or no cover from the heavy enemy machine gun and small arms fire. After advancing seventy-five yards, one squad was pinned down by enemy action, but by means of excellent covering fire from the remainder of the platoon was able to extricate itself and continue the assault. Attaining their objective through the unflinching teamwork of each individual, the men of the platoon then consolidated and held their position despite heavy concentrations of hostile artillery, mortar and small arms fire. Next of kin: John W. Howe, Sr. (Father), 57 Bonn Place, Weehawken, New Jersey.

GARLAND E. TURNER, 38602194, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service during the period 6 November 1944 to 26 November 1944, in Eastern France. Next of kin: Lenora Turner (Mother), Box 38, Fouke, Arkansas.

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SECTION V -- 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:

MIKE J. MINNION, 33037912, Staff Sergeant, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 9 December 1944, in the vicinity of Raon l'Etape, France. Members of a combat patrol which had succeeded in destroying a hostile roadblock and killing seven of the enemy, Sergeant Minnon and his comrades unknowingly entered an enemy mine field while returning to their unit. When the officer leading the patrol was severely wounded by the explosion of a mine, Sergeant Minnon at once assumed command and courageously proceeded ahead of the remainder of the group in an attempt to find a safe path out of the field. While so engaged, Sergeant Minnon detonated a second mine and was severely wounded. Next of kin: Nancy L. Minnon (Wife), 503 South West Avenue, Greensburg, Pennsylvania.

SECTION VI -- 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 W. NEALOUS, 0109136, Lieutenant Colonel, 250th Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service during the period 1 December 1944 to 20 December 1944. Entered military service from Fair Lawn, New Jersey.

KENNETH J. S. JONES, 01295888, First Lieutenant, 398th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service during the period 5 November 1944 to 25 December 1944, in Eastern France. Entered military service from Bethlehem, Pennsylvania.

MICHAEL J. YURCHO, 32482117, Sergeant, 399th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service, during the period 17 November 1944 to 25 December 1944, in Eastern France. Entered military service from Trenton, New Jersey.

VINCENT A. NUCCINI, 32353413, Technician Fourth Grade, 399th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service during the period 1 November 1944 to 16 December 1944, in the vicinity of Eastern France. Entered military service from Bronx, New York.

TOMMY JEFFRETT, 34496934, Technician Fifth Grade, Medical Detachment, 398th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service during the period 1 November 1944 to 10 December 1944, in the vicinity of Eastern France. Entered military service from Franklin, Tennessee.

FRANCISCO HINCOSA, 38072714, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service during the period 10 November 1944 to 10 December 1944, in Eastern France. Entered military service from Snyder, Texas.

EUGENE J. SKIRA, 16175372, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service during the period 8 November 1944 to 21 December 1944, in Eastern France. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

ISIDORE A. TRULL, 34738849, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service during the period 8 November 1944 to 21 December 1944, in Eastern France. Entered military service from Linden, Tennessee.

JAMES E. PITCH, 42092061, Private First Class (then Private), 398th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service during the period 4 November 1944 to 17 December 1944, in the vicinity of Eastern France. Entered military service from East Syracuse, New York.

ROY F. SASSIONS, 38692821, Private First Class (then Private), 398th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service during the period 10 November 1944 to 10 December 1944, in Eastern France. Entered military service from Spearman, Texas.

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SECTION I -- 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:

✓ VERTON A. LONG, 42109917, Private First Class, 359th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 18 December 1944, in the vicinity of Bitche, France. As a member of a night patrol whose mission was to reconnoiter enemy installations and strength on high and open terrain near a road junction, Private Long performed his duties with magnificent courage and complete devotion to duty. Making its way forward, the patrol had reached the road junction when it was suddenly fired upon by hostile automatic weapons. While the others immediately took cover, Private Long courageously and unhesitatingly delivered answering fire from his sub-machine gun. He continued this covering fire until all members of his patrol were able to retire to the safety of our lines bringing with them valuable information about enemy movements and emplacements. Private Long did not return from this action. By his gallantry in action, in utter disregard of personal hazard to himself, Private Long performed in the highest traditions of the American soldier and reflected great credit on himself and the Army of the United States. Next of kin: Florence E. Long (Wife), 347 Auburn Avenue, Buffalo, New York.

SECTION II -- AWARD OF SILVER STAR

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

✓ JOHN A. GARRITY, 01171156, Captain, 375th Field Artillery Battalion, for gallantry in action on 17 December 1944, in the vicinity of Bitche, France. While manning an observation post under intense hostile mortar and sniper fire, Captain Garrity voluntarily left the comparative safety of his position and advanced over open terrain to an exposed vantage point from which he was able to direct accurate artillery fire upon the hostile mortar emplacement. A few days later, Captain Garrity exposed himself to enemy action for a period of hours while laying and repairing wire lines across open, fire-swept terrain to newly-secured Maginot Line fortifications, and by his action was responsible for the excellent communications afforded our troops during an enemy counter-attack later in the same day. It was largely due to Captain Garrity's efforts that the enemy attack was repulsed and heavy casualties were inflicted upon the opposing infantry. Entered military service from New York, New York.

✓ JOHN A. HINE, JR., 025617, Captain (then First Lieutenant), 397th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 22 November 1944, in the vicinity of Senones, France. When a mined roadblock halted the advance of our forces, Captain Hine courageously and without regard for his own safety advanced under enemy sniper and machine gun fire and engaged in the hazardous task of neutralizing the hostile mines. Despite the continuing enemy fire and the ever present danger of inadvertently detonating the explosives, he persisted in his efforts and succeeded in removing a total of eight mines, thereby enabling our troops, which included forward elements of a task force, to proceed with their mission. Entered military service from New York, New York.

✓ FABIAN S. HECHTLOFF, 01295208, First Lieutenant, 399th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 7 December 1944, in the vicinity of Lemberg, France. When

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himself many was attacking strongly defended enemy positions, Lieutenant Hechtkopf performed his duties as leader of the advance platoon with magnificent courage and superior skill. Subjected to a heavy barrage of automatic weapon, small arms and machine gun fire, he slowly infiltrated to a point of safety beyond the enemy's final protective line of fire, when he discovered that the remainder of his platoon had been pinned down on a hill one hundred yards to the rear. Leaving his sheltered position, he skillfully worked his way back to the hill through intense sniper fire, from where he directed the delivery of accurate and destructive mortar fire upon enemy emplacements, and then personally led his platoon down the hill and across a road to a flanking position, thus allowing another platoon to work through to his original position and permitting the final successful assault on the enemy positions with only one casualty. Lieutenant Hechtkopf's outstanding leadership and gallantry in action is worthy of the highest traditions of the American soldier. Entered military service from Fort Chester, New York.

✓ HENRY KIWIOR, 32597705, Staff Sergeant, 399th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 9 December 1944, in the vicinity of Lemberg, France. When elements of his platoon became separated from the main body of troops and were in danger of being captured during an attack on an enemy-held town, Sergeant Kiwior, platoon guide, volunteered to locate the missing group. Despite the fact that the area was subjected to enemy mortar and artillery fire, he was able to find the group and successfully lead them back to the company, thereby saving eighteen of his comrades from possible capture and helping to restore the left flank of the battalion. Later in the day, when wire communications were severed four times between the company and battalion command posts, he unhesitatingly volunteered each time to locate and repair the breaks despite heavy enemy shelling of the area, and on his fourth successful effort, he was wounded. As a result of his outstanding devotion to duty and dauntless courage, his actions have served as an inspiration and invaluable aid to his company and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the service. Entered military service from Caldwell, New Jersey.

ROBERT A. WHITE, 16147080, Staff Sergeant (then Sergeant), 399th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 9 December 1944, in the vicinity of Lemberg, France. While Sergeant White's squad was occupying entrenched positions it was subjected to attack by an enemy force led by three flak wagons which, advancing to each position and delivering point-blank fire directly into the foxholes, killed or wounded the platoon leader, platoon sergeant, squad leader, and a number of riflemen. Alert to the deadly peril of the situation, Sergeant White immediately assumed command of the scattered troops, reorganized his force, and directed a steady stream of accurate fire upon the hostile vehicles, driving them back and repelling four subsequent attempts to over-run our positions. Unarmed himself, he then led the surviving members of the platoon to safety. Entered military service from Moline, Illinois.

BERNIE PEARLMAN, 31252086, Technician Fourth Grade, Medical Detachment, 325th Engineer Combat Battalion, for gallantry in action during the period 17 December 1944 to 22 December 1944, in the vicinity of Bitche, France. During the period in which the company to which he was attached as aid man was engaged in numerous hazardous engagements with the enemy entrenched in strongly fortified Maginot Line emplacements, Sergeant Pearlman performed his duties as aid man with magnificent courage and exemplary devotion to duty which served as a great source of inspiration to the members of his platoon. Repeatedly and voluntarily rendering first aid to our wounded when others refrained from venturing forth into areas intensely bombarded by hostile mortar, artillery and small arms fire, on several occasions, of his own volition, he accompanied details assigned the hazardous mission of demolishing enemy pill boxes, and again on his own initiative, he bravely drove a vehicle into a hostile fortress area under barrage of enemy fire in order to evacuate our casualties. Sergeant Pearlman's outstanding courage under fire, with complete disregard for his own safety, helped save the lives of many of his comrades and immeasurably boosted the morale of all officers and men of his organization. His gallantry in action is worthy of the highest traditions of the American soldier. Entered military service from Hartford, Connecticut.

CHARLES E. WORLEY, 34409019, Technician Fourth Grade, 399th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 16 November 1944 in the vicinity of Camp de Vacances, France. While directing wire installations on a battalion observation post, Sar-

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Sergeant Worley observed a group of enemy soldiers advancing over a nearby hill. Acting quickly and with decided skill, he organized all available men to the defense of the position and succeeded in repelling the attack in which at least two of the enemy were killed. In the midst of the fight Sergeant Worley placed his second in command in charge and unhesitatingly rushed through concentrated enemy fire to apply first aid to a badly wounded officer. Entered military service from Bradenton, Florida.

MARVIN M. GRAHAM, 34572056, Technician Fifth Grade, 375th Field Artillery Battalion, for gallantry in action on 15 December 1944, in the vicinity of Bitché, France. When the infantry battalion to which he was attached was pinned down on both sides of a road leading to an enemy-occupied hill under attack by our forces, and the communication line leading to the forward observation post was severed, Corporal Graham unhesitatingly went forward alone under intense hostile machine gun fire and repaired the line. Again when the infantry reached the top of the hill and the forward observer set up his post well in advance of the infantry, Private Graham courageously and without a moment's deliberation, went forward to lay the line despite the open terrain and heavy enemy fire, which now included mortars and artillery. When this line was blasted out by a hostile eighty-eight shell burst, he returned once more to restore the line. His marked heroism in thus maintaining communications facilitated the success of a combined infantry, tank and artillery attack on the enemy positions, and his gallantry in action reflected great credit on himself and the Army of the United States. Entered military service from Rome, Georgia.

KIRG D. ELLEDGE, 34738847, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 11 December 1944, in the vicinity of Lemberg, France. While engaged in the hazardous mission of repairing breaks in the company's wire line under intense mortar and artillery fire, Private Elledge and his communications sergeant were wounded by a hostile shell-burst. Despite his own wound, Private Elledge rendered first aid to his wounded comrade, completed repairing the breaks in the line to restore communications, and then courageously evacuated his wounded sergeant to the rear. His courage and gallantry reflected great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Smithville, Tennessee.

WILLIAM F. MAC DONALD, 16175462, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 14 December 1944 in the vicinity of Reversviller, France. While his company was engaged in an attack on the forts of Schiessick and Friedenberg, in the Maginot Line, strong enemy resistance forced a regrouping of the company. Private MacDonald however manned his original forward position and with his automatic rifle maintained concentrated and continuous fire on enemy positions. In the face of heavy enemy small arms and mortar fire he was ultimately wounded. By his deliberate and outstanding bravery his company was able to reorganize and launch another attack. His great courage and coolness in the face of overwhelming odds was of high inspiration to all. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

LLOYD B. MARSHALL, 11085690, Private First Class (then Private); 398th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 14 December 1944, in the vicinity of Reversviller, France. Throughout day-long operations in an attack against well-entrenched enemy positions on the Maginot Line, during which his battalion was constantly subjected to intense hostile bombardment and its communication repeatedly severed, Private Marshall, courageously and in complete disregard of personal danger, worked steadily at his mission of repairing breaks. On one occasion, during a particularly heavy concentration of hostile fire, when his co-worker was wounded, he completed repairing the break, and then in complete devotion to duty, evacuated his comrade to an aid station. On his own volition and despite the continuing ferocity of hostile fire, he again went forward to continue with his assigned mission. This unremitting devotion to duty in maintaining communications, facilitated control of the battalion in its attack on enemy positions and his gallantry in action reflected great credit on himself and the Army of the United States. Entered military service from Rutland, Vermont.

ROBERT A. MASTERS, 18233159, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 4 December 1944, in the vicinity of Bitché, France. When Private Masters' company was assigned the task of securing a road on the high ground north of Bitché, it encountered enemy automatic weapons fire from concealed positions which forced two of the leading platoons to take cover. Private Masters left

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his own sheltered position and dashed forward to a point of vantage near the enemy emplacements, where he inflicted great losses on the enemy with his automatic rifle, allowing his men to ultimately advance and clear the enemy from the area. This fearless and aggressive action by which Private Masters enabled his company to achieve a major gain with minimum casualties, reflects great credit upon himself. Entered military service from Eagle Pass, Texas.

SECTION III -- 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:

MARK A. MEGNA, 16177675, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service during the period 4 November 1944 to 25 November 1944, in Eastern France. Entered military service from Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

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:

ALFRED G. PEIFFER, 6065946, Technical Sergeant, 397th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service during the period 6 November 1944 to 22 December 1944, in Eastern France. Entered military service from Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

GEORGE J. CHESTNUT, 34581324, Staff Sergeant, 399th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service during the period 8 November 1944 to 21 December 1944, in Eastern France. Entered military service from Gaylesville, Alabama.

PETER C. MOYNIHAN, 31237469, Staff Sergeant, 374th Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service during the period 12 November 1944 to 23 November 1944, in Eastern France. Entered military service from Brockton, Massachusetts.

PAUL G. BOSCH, 35368338, Sergeant, 399th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service during the period 8 November 1944 to 21 December 1944, in Eastern France. Entered military service from Terre Haute, Indiana.

FRANKLIN C. BOWERS, JR., 33000357, Sergeant, 399th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service during the period 8 November 1944 to 21 December 1944, in Eastern France. Entered military service from Baltimore, Maryland.

JOSEPH CACACE, 32483629, Sergeant, 399th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service during the period 5 November 1944 to 21 December 1944, in Eastern France. Entered military service from Trenton, New Jersey.

PAUL T. FERRIS, 36894638, Sergeant, 399th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service during the period 5 November 1944 to 21 December 1944, in Eastern France. Entered military service from Owosso, Michigan.

VICTOR E. GROSSETTI, 31271950, Sergeant, 399th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service during the period 5 November 1944 to 21 December 1944, in Eastern France. Entered military service from Torrington, Connecticut.

WILLIS HUDSON, 33001734, Sergeant, 399th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service during the period 5 November 1944 to 21 December 1944, in Eastern France. Entered military service from Ocean City, Maryland.

JAMES L. ZITTERMAN, JR., 33051906, Sergeant, 399th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service during the period 5 November 1944 to 21 December 1944, in Eastern France. Entered military service from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

EDWARD F. WIOYKOWSKI, 31252084, Corporal, 399th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service during the period 8 November 1944 to 21 December 1944, in Eastern France. Entered military service from Rockville, Connecticut.

CHARLES L. GLABAU, 32597205, Technician Fifth Grade, 374th Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service during the period 5 November 1944 to 18 December 1944, in Eastern France. Entered military service from Hasbrouck Heights, New Jersey.

JAY L. BASHORE, 33511440, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service during the period 8 November 1944 to 21 December 1944, in Eastern France. Entered military service from Palmyra, Pennsylvania.

DOMINICK J. GIANNINI, 32681520, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service during the period 5 November 1944 to 21 December 1944, in Eastern France. Entered military service from Brooklyn, New York.

RALPH E. MC KAY, 39621020, Private First Class (then Private), 399th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service during the period 5 November 1944 to 21 December 1944, in Eastern France. Entered military service from Gardiner, Montana.

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NORTON F. MILNE, 32666182, Private First Class, 374th Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service during the period 5 November 1944 to 18 December 1944, in Eastern France. Entered military service from Troy, New York.

DANIEL S. PETTEE, 42007205, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service during the period 5 November 1944 to 21 December 1944, in Eastern France. Entered military service from Summit, New Jersey.


SECTION V -- DESIGNATION OF COMBAT INFANTRY REGIMENT

Under the provisions of War Department Circular Number 408, 17 October 1944, the 398th Infantry Regiment is designated a Combat Infantry Regiment.

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SECTION I -- AWARD OF SOLDIERS MEDAL

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

✓ MICHAEL P. TIRPAK, 32595331, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from Boundbrook, New Jersey.

ROBERT M. GRIBBIN, JR., 32594766, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from Union, New Jersey.

✓ For heroism not involving actual conflict with the enemy on 27 December 1944, in the vicinity of Goetzenbruck, France. While Privates Tirpak, Gribbin and Pearson were cleaning a new fifty caliber machine gun near a fire, Private Pearson went after gasoline. Upon returning he stumbled and fell, dashing the gasoline into the fire. In the explosion that followed Private Pearson was caught in the blast and engulfed in flames. Panic stricken, he rushed blindly down a hill in a trail of smoke and flame. Immediately Privates Tirpak and Gribbin followed in rapid pursuit. In short order they tackled Private Pearson and beat out the flames with their bare hands, suffering minor burns. This instantaneous action and utter disregard for their own personal safety, though they suffered minor body burns and badly burned hands, saved the life of their comrade and reflected great credit upon themselves.

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

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

✓ HUBERT H. CREASEY, 33534377, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 8 December 1944 and 9 December 1944, in the vicinity of Lemberg, France. Assigned to support a rifle company in its advance upon an enemy-held town, Private Creasey and three other members of a machine gun squad completed their mission despite enemy mortar and artillery fire of extreme intensity which put the remainder of their platoon out of action, then moved into the town bearing not only their own weapon but the gun and ammunition of the squad which had been evacuated. By their devotion to duty, they contributed materially to the attainment of the objective and salvaged valuable equipment. Entered military service from Irvington, Virginia.

SECTION III -- POSTHUMOUS AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

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

✓ ROBERT VENDER, 32011491, Staff Sergeant, 399th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action, on 7 December 1944, in the vicinity of Lemberg, France. Having received the order to advance, Staff Sergeant Vender, acting as platoon leader, led his men forward with great determination and skill. Under deadly and concentrated enemy fire of mortar, artillery and small arms he never faltered in the advance to achieve the mission. Mortally wounded, he was an inspiration to his men and by his steadfastness and devotion to duty his unit was able to obtain its objective. Next of kin: Dawn Vender (Wife), 240-09 Weller Avenue, Rosedale, Long Island, New York.

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SECTION IV -- 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 each of the following individuals, missing in action:

CLARENCE R. CONROY, 20119649, Technical Sergeant (then Staff Sergeant), 399th Infantry Regiment. Next of kin: Ellen K. Conroy (Wife), 817 Indiana Avenue, Coeur D'Alene, Idaho.

THRELDDEL M. DAVIS, 19144315, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment. Next of kin: Esther T. Davis (Mother), 1517 East 18th Street, Spokane, Washington.

LEVOR S. SHONT, 42050540, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment. Next of kin: Lillian E. Shont (Mother), 501 West 187th Street, New York, New York.

For heroic achievement in action on 9 December 1944, in the vicinity of Lemberg France. Engaged in the mission of securing a strongly defended enemy position based upon railway trackage extending across the crest of a hill, these men, members of the second platoon of Company L, moved to the attack up an exposed slope which offered little or no cover from the heavy enemy machine gun and small arms fire. After advancing seventy-five yards, one squad was pinned down by enemy action, but by means of excellent covering fire from the remainder of the platoon was able to extricate itself and continue the assault. Attaining their objective through the unfaltering teamwork of each individual, the men of the platoon then consolidated and held their position despite heavy concentrations of hostile artillery, mortar and sniper fire.

SECTION V -- AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

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

DOUGLAS F. KRAFT, 01165412, Captain, 925th Field Artillery Battalion, for heroic achievement in action on 5 December 1944 in the vicinity of Puberg, France. While on reconnaissance with his battalion commander near Puberg, Captain Kraft acted as relay to an installed telephone and aided in sensing of rounds fired. On getting information of an enemy tank attack, Captain Kraft went on further reconnaissance for the best positions from which to direct fire on the enemy. When wire had been established to the command car, Captain Kraft acted as voice relay and helped in observing the target under heavy fire and in a limited sector, bringing fire on the enemy vehicles until they were destroyed. Entered military service from Minneapolis, Minnesota.

DWIGHT K. EDDY, 0548582, First Lieutenant, 399th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 18 December 1944, in the vicinity of Bitche, France. When one of the companies of his battalion was occupying an isolated position under direct observation and fire of the enemy and was in desperate need of food and ammunition, Lieutenant Eddy courageously led his platoon, laden with supplies to the relief of the beleaguered unit. Unknowingly entering a mine field en route, Lieutenant Eddy and another man were wounded by the detonation of a hostile mine. Despite his injury, Lieutenant Eddy continued with his mission, succeeded in delivering the sorely-needed supplies, then personally guided a litter party through the mined area and to the other wounded man. Entered military service from Heinsburg, Vermont.

NORMAN T. HARPER, 09000691, Second Lieutenant (then Technical Sergeant), 399th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 7 December 1944, in the vicinity of Lemberg, France. When his company had been pinned down by heavy concentrations of artillery and small arms fire, and it was necessary to effect a withdrawal to prevent casualties, Lieutenant Harper courageously brought his machine gun and mortar section forward despite the continued ferocity of enemy fire, and so skillfully directed the fire of his weapons that the company was able to make an organized withdrawal with a minimum of casualties. Later, he expertly placed his mortars in position to knock out an enemy tank that was firing point blank on his company's positions. Entered military service from Cullman, Alabama.

PASQUALE V. MIELE, 32649365, Technical Sergeant, 397th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from Bronx, New York.

JAMES A. GRUBB, 34591545, Staff Sergeant, 397th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from Salisbury, North Carolina.

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✓ GEORGE F. ANDERSON, 35163669, Sergeant, 397th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from Fort Wayne, Indiana.

✓ PAUL E. KANZ, 35085807, Sergeant, 397th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from Lakewood, Ohio.

For heroic achievement in action on 8 December 1944, in the vicinity of Mouterhouse, France. When their company was in the attack against a town stubbornly defended by the enemy, and it became necessary to the success of the operation that effective machine gun fire be delivered in direct support of the advancing infantry, these men, all members of a machine gun squad, unhesitatingly moved their weapons to the only available position, even though this was on open ground and subject to hostile observation and intense enemy artillery and mortar fire. Heroically, and in complete devotion to duty, they maintained supporting fire of such accuracy and deadliness that the advancing infantry was materially aided in accomplishing its objective.

✓ DONALD V. KRAMER, 36129659, Staff Sergeant (then Sergeant), 399th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from Flint, Michigan.

✓ JAMES F. HUGGINS, 34789106, Sergeant (then Private), 399th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from Laurel Hill, Florida.

✓ JAMES C. SNIPE, 6968655, Sergeant (then Private), 399th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from Coe, North Carolina.

✓ JOHN P. ENGLISH, JR., 11133236, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from Stoneham, Massachusetts.

✓ WALTER A. GLOYNA, 18185060, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from Lockney, Texas.

✓ ROLAND U. GREEN, 38662994, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from Magazine, Arkansas.

✓ SAMUEL HASS, 32354271, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from Bronx, New York.

✓ BERTRAM C. LATHROP, 36958673, Private First Class (then Private), 399th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

✓ PAUL B. LINCOLN, 31084507, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from Worcester, Massachusetts.

✓ EUGENE C. MERKLE, 16122558, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from Peoria, Illinois.

✓ WILLIAM A. PRESTRIDGE, 18243025, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from Dallas, Texas.

✓ JOSEPH STEIN, 32712852, Private First Class (then Private), 399th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from Bronx, New York.

✓ DANIEL R. SWOSIYSKI, 36836894, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

✓ ERNEST F. WEINBERGER, 12225934, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from New York, New York.

✓ FRED M. WILSON, 39621333, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from Billings, Montana.

✓ SAMUEL D. WILLIAMS, 38627123, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from Comanche, Texas.

✓ JAMES E. MINNIS, 39342905, Private, 399th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from Pendleton, Oregon.

For heroic achievement in action on 9 December 1944, in the vicinity of Lemberg France. Engaged in the mission of securing a strongly defended enemy position based upon railway trackage extending across the crest of a hill, these men, all members of the second platoon of Company L, moved to the attack up an exposed slope which offered little or no cover from the heavy enemy machine gun and small arms fire. After advancing seventy-five yards, one squad was pinned down by enemy action, but by means of excellent covering fire from the remainder of the platoon was able to extricate itself and continue the assault. Attaining their objective through the unfaltering teamwork of each individual, the men of the platoon then consolidated and held their position despite heavy concentrations of hostile artillery, mortar and sniper fire.

✓ STANLEY A. MANOWIECKI, 6901512, Staff Sergeant, 375th Field Artillery Battalion. Entered military service from Passaic, New Jersey.

✓ KENNETH J. LEBER, 12192048, Technician Fifth Grade, 375th Field Artillery Battalion. Entered military service from Union City, New Jersey.

✓ JAMES E. BAIRD, 42082040, Private, 375th Field Artillery Battalion. Entered military service from Liftwood, Wilmington, Delaware.

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PAUL H. HUTCHERSON, 34515711, Private, 375th Field Artillery Battalion. Entered military service from Landrum, South Carolina.

For heroic achievement in action on 20 December 1944, in the vicinity of Bitch France. Throughout this day, while their forward observation team accompanied several infantry companies in an attack on a ridge bitterly defended by the enemy, Sergeant Manowiecki, acting forward observation sergeant, Corporal Leber, lineman, Private Baird, radio operator, and Private Hutcherson, driver, performed their duties with outstanding valor and efficiency. Subjected to intense hostile artillery, mortar, automatic weapons and small arms fire, they demonstrated exemplary devotion to duty in facilitating effective artillery support which materially aided the infantry in making penetrations into the strongly fortified Maginot Line.

ALEXANDER A. MC FAULL, 34029364, Staff Sergeant, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 11 November 1944, in the vicinity of Raon L'Etape, France. Assigned the mission of leading a patrol to investigate repeated rifle fire near the company area, Sergeant McFaull discovered four soldiers who had become trapped in a hostile minefield. Two of the men had been killed by action of the mines but the other two, although seriously wounded, were still alive. Courageously advancing alone and carefully probing for mines as he moved forward, Sergeant McFaull succeeded in reaching the wounded men and dragging them to safety over the same route by which he had entered the minefield. Entered military service from New Orleans, Louisiana.

ORVIS G. SMOOK, 33017795, Staff Sergeant, 399th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from Mapleton Depot, Pennsylvania.

STEPHEN DILLENDICK, 31256283, Corporal, 399th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from Lawrence, Massachusetts.

WILLIAM A. BURROWS, 33651986, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from Roanoke, Virginia.

ALBERT J. DURANT, 31237107, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from Malden, Massachusetts.

JAMES E. EIKE, 35752165, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from Bruceton Mills, West Virginia.

CLEWOOD F. FISCHER, 33723922, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from Shenandoah, Virginia.

FRANK E. HOSPOD, 32652728, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from New York, New York.

RALPH E. HUMMEL, 33509921, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from Shamokin, Pennsylvania.

CHARLES J. SEITMAN, JR., 35853053, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from Detroit, Michigan.

For heroic achievement in action on 11 December 1944, in the vicinity of Lemberg, France. When an enemy machine gun emplacement halted the advance of a rifle company, these men, members of a supporting antitank squad, were assigned the mission of destroying the hostile position. Advancing in full view of the enemy, the squad encountered heavy counter-fire from mortars and twenty millimeter cannon as well as the automatic weapon, but continuing to pour round after round into the building which sheltered the enemy, they succeeded in killing many of the hostile force and demolishing the emplacement.

JOHN C. LANGLEY, 18233180, Sergeant, 399th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 6 December 1944, in the vicinity of Lemberg, France. When exposed to direct enemy observation and subjected to intense artillery, mortar and small arms fire, the company to which Sergeant Langley's platoon was attached was forced to withdraw to a more favorable position from which to continue its attack. Although the target of heavy enemy fire himself, Sergeant Langley courageously remained at his post and by rapid and accurately directed fire from his machine gun, covered the movement of the rifle unit. As a result of his action, the maneuver was successfully accomplished and the ultimate mission achieved. Entered military service from Riviera, Texas.

CHARLES P. MATHEWS, 33267777, Staff Sergeant (then Private First Class), 399th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from Rochester, Pennsylvania.

GORDON ERUZOVSKY, 37170993, Sergeant (then Corporal), 399th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from Duluth, Minnesota.

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ROBERT H. FINN, 32831604, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from Niagara Falls, New York.

EARL D. ELY, 38578356, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from Odessa, Texas.

DONALD J. NEWHOUSE, 35076313, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from Nowyrstown, Ohio.

FLOYD C. FOLING, 37363044, Private First Class (then Private), 399th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from Norcatur, Kansas.

(For heroic achievement in action on 8 December 1944, in the vicinity of Lemberg, France. While their squad was occupying entrenched positions, it was subjected to attack by an enemy force led by three hostile flak-wagons which, advancing to each position and delivering deadly fire directly into the foxhole, threatened to wipe out the entire unit. Instantly alert to the extreme perilousness of the situation, these men left their entrenchments and advanced against the enemy vehicles, delivering accurate fire of such intensity that the enemy was forced to withdraw. Remaining in their exposed positions, these riflemen continued to engage the hostile force, repelling four subsequent attempts by flak-wagons and foot troops to over-run our positions.)

JOHN J. EGERESSY, JR., 31252609, Technician Fifth Grade, 925th Field Artillery Battalion, for heroic achievement in action on 5 December 1944, in the vicinity of Puberg, France. While driving his battalion commander on a reconnaissance mission, Corporal Egeressy encountered and was fired upon by an enemy half track. Acting on orders Corporal Egeressy ran a wire from his command car for three hundred yards under fire and established a circuit to relay fire on the enemy vehicle. With the line installed Corporal Egeressy remained at his post under fire and relayed all messages enabling the firing officer to effectively destroy the enemy half track. Entered military service from Hartford, Connecticut.

ADOLF S. KOWALSKI, 32664464, Technician Fifth Grade, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 7 December 1944, in the vicinity of Mouterhouse, France. While his battalion was engaged in an assault upon strongly defended enemy positions, and he was discharging his duties with a wire crew, Corporal Kowalski quickly observed that the wire system was insufficient for the demands of the operation. He immediately obtained and successfully installed a field switchboard while subjected to constant fire and relieved the pressure on the battalion communication system. By his courage, initiative and technical skill, he contributed materially to the capture of the objective. Entered military service from Utica, New York.

RAY M. PRESTWOOD, 14000541, Technician Fifth Grade, 375th Field Artillery Battalion, for heroic achievement in action on 20 December 1944, in the vicinity of Fort Friedenberg, France. As wireman in a liaison section, Corporal Prestwood has consistently performed his duties in a superior manner, many times to the point of exhaustion. On 20 December 1944, when the presence of tanks shortened the life of communication lines, he climbed atop two telephone poles in full view of the enemy with mortar shells falling around him and successfully installed an overhead wire. Later the same day, he ascended the parapet of Fort Friedenberg and with tracer and eighty-eight millimeter shells passing only a few feet above him, brought fire on enemy guns and silenced them. His courageous and indefatigable efforts have maintained vital communications under the most hazardous conditions. Entered military service from Hickory, North Carolina.

WILLIAM A. SCHWENCK, 32681056, Technician Fifth Grade, Medical Detachment, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 4 December 1944, in the vicinity of Rosteig, France. When the unit to which he was attached as aid man was subjected to intense artillery bombardment by the enemy, Corporal Schwack without hesitation or regard for his own safety braved heavy mortar and artillery fire to administer aid to the large number of casualties. Within a space of thirty minutes he succeeded in applying aid to and directing the evacuation of twelve injured soldiers, and by his prompt and efficient efforts contributed to the relief from pain and saving of life among his wounded comrades. Entered military service from New York, New York.

JEFFERSON W. GIBSON, 34581443, Technician Fifth Grade, 399th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from Riverview, Alabama.

OSCAR J. BOATWRIGHT, 34515885, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from Fort Mill, South Carolina.



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WARREN C. BOWER, 31237001, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from Brighton, Massachusetts.

GERALD R. HENDERSON, 38662990, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from Scranton, Arkansas.

WILLIAM M. WOOD, 35924488, Private First Class (then Private), 399th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from Warren, Ohio.

For heroic achievement in action on 9 December 1944, in the vicinity of Lemberg France. During the bitterly-fought engagement for the town of Lemberg, these men served as members of the wire crew which installed and patrolled vital communication line leading to forward command posts. Constantly exposed to heavy mortar and artillery fire from the heights above the town, they worked unceasingly and without regard for their own safety in repairing the repeated breaks in the wire lines which resulted from the enemy bombardment, and by their devotion to duty maintained communication between units of the combat team throughout the day-long engagement.

WILLIAM D. GAIN, 34572268, Technician Fifth Grade (then Private First Class), 375th Field Artillery Battalion, for heroic achievement in action on 15 December 1944, in the vicinity of the Maginot Line, France. When the infantry company to which he had been attached was pinned down by intense hostile fire and no communications had as yet been established with the forward observation post, Corporal Cair courageously helped lay wire along a road under direct enemy observation and fire, and then, though he had become ill, made several trips up and down the road to bring badly needed food and water to his section, until ordered to retire by his commanding officer. His complete devotion to duty resulted in materially aiding the company carry out its assigned mission. Entered military service from Flowery Branch, Georgia.

JAMES R. DUNPHY, 6986765, Private First Class (then Private), 375th Field Artillery Battalion. Entered military service from Cincinnati, Ohio.

HUGHES C. SHARP, 32484058, Private, 375th Field Artillery Battalion. Entered military service from Camden, New Jersey.

DONALD G. HEYLIGER, 32597077, Private, 375th Field Artillery Battalion. Entered military service from Ridgefield Park, New Jersey.

For heroic achievement in action during the period 18 December 1944 to 21 December 1944, in the vicinity of Bitcho, France. During this period, the company to which they were attached was in the attack against strongly defended hostile fortifications of the Maginot Line and the company's communications with its forward observation post were repeatedly severed. These men courageously and skillfully performed their duties as linemen, and, despite incessant hostile artillery, mortar and small arms fire, and at great personal risk, they remained at their posts for three days and nights maintaining the company's communication system thereby facilitating achievement of the company's objectives.

PAUL L. LESLIE, 17116750, Private, 375th Field Artillery Battalion. Entered military service from Superior, Nebraska.

ROBERT D. STANGE, 35223639, Private, 375th Field Artillery Battalion. Entered military service from Columbus, Ohio.

For heroic achievement in action on 18 December 1944, in the vicinity of Bitcho France. While Privates Leslie and Stange and one other soldier were laying a communication line under intense hostile machine gun and high velocity weapon fire during a battalion attack on a hill stubbornly defended by the enemy, the latter soldier was killed and the wire drum shattered. Returning for a new drum through the continued hail of enemy fire, Privates Leslie and Stange courageously started forward again, and handicapped by darkness, were forced to spend the entire night searching for their original line. Upon finding it, they continued at their mission for a total of twenty-nine hours to successfully establish communications with forward elements.

DANIEL MELILLO, 17091056, Private, Medical Detachment, 399th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action. When the platoon to which he was attached as aid man was engaged in the mission of securing a strongly defended enemy position, Private Melillo advanced with forward elements of the unit under heavy machine gun and small arms fire. Present throughout the engagement and constantly exposed to enemy action, Private Melillo courageously and efficiently fulfilled his duties as aid man and contributed to the morale and welfare of his comrades. Entered military service from Denver, Colorado.

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FRANK T. FOCER, 01299869, Captain, 397th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service during the period 6 November 1944 to 20 December 1944, in Eastern France. Entered military service from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

JOHN D. JONES, 0532771, First Lieutenant, 375th Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service during the period 6 November 1944 to 18 December 1944, in Eastern France. Entered military service from Haleyville, Alabama.

JACK REID, 01325930, First Lieutenant, 399th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service during the period 4 November 1944 to 22 December 1944, in Eastern France. Entered military service from Charlotte, North Carolina.

SAM L. JAMES, 20405458, Technical Sergeant (then Staff Sergeant), 399th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service during the period 4 November 1944 to 8 December 1944, in Eastern France. Entered military service from Union, South Carolina.

BERLYN G. CALDWELL, 33048702, Technical Sergeant, 398th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service during the period 10 November 1944 to 21 December 1944, in Eastern France. Entered military service from Lynchburg, Virginia.

CARL W. SMITHSON, 34496945, Technical Sergeant, 398th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service during the period 10 November 1944 to 21 December 1944, in Eastern France. Entered military service from Franklin, Tennessee.

WINSTON G. COBURN, 31020170, Staff Sergeant, 399th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service during the period 4 November 1944 to 19 December 1944, in Eastern France. Entered military service from Stafford, Vermont.

JAMES L. DETRICK, 33109497, Staff Sergeant, 374th Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service during the period 23 November 1944 to 4 December 1944, in Eastern France. Entered military service from Laporte, Pennsylvania.

HAROLD A. PRICE, 32572870, Staff Sergeant, 398th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service during the period 10 November 1944 to 21 December 1944, in Eastern France. Entered military service from West New York, New Jersey.

ROBERT R. FAIR, 18219819, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service during the period 8 November 1944 to 21 December 1944, in Eastern France. Entered military service from Little Rock, Arkansas.

IRVIN L. PRESSMAN, 19187561, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service during the period 10 November 1944 to 21 December 1944, in Eastern France. Entered military service from San Francisco, California.

SECTION VI -- 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 HUBERT H. GREASEY, 33534377, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment, is rescinded. (See Section II, this order.)

SECTION VII -- 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 in France:

ELBA W. BOWEN, 0384272, Captain, 398th Infantry Regiment, 31 December 1944. Entered military service from Elizabethton, Tennessee.

RAYMOND H. SNELL, 01314560, First Lieutenant, 398th Infantry Regiment, 6 January 1945. Entered military service from Duluth, Minnesota.

ALBERT R. BAHNER, 01998115, Second Lieutenant, 397th Infantry Regiment, 2 January 1945. Entered military service from Shamokin, Pennsylvania.

FREDERICK L. HUCK, 32307272, First Sergeant, 397th Infantry Regiment, 5 January 1945. Entered military service from Newark, New Jersey.

JOHN KOPKO, 32207457, Sergeant, 325th Engineer Combat Battalion, 8 December 1944. Entered military service from Uncasville, Connecticut.

CHRISTOPHER A. MUSKE, 32649184, Technician Fourth Grade, 397th Infantry Regiment, 30 December 1944. Entered military service from Brooklyn, New York.

MICHAEL POPIK, 32599413, Corporal, 397th Infantry Regiment, 5 January 1945. Entered military service from Newark, New Jersey.

HENRY COOPERMAN, 32628726, Technician Fifth Grade, 398th Infantry Regiment, 30 December 1944. Entered military service from Brooklyn, New York.

ARTHUR A. LOMBARDI, 32941059, Technician Fifth Grade, Medical Detachment, 397th Infantry Regiment, 4 January 1945. Entered military service from Little Falls, New York.

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WILLIAM R. HEBENSTREET, 12174694, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, 4 January 1945. Entered military service from Schnectady, New York.

JOHN A. ALBRECHT, 12211899, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, 15 December 1944. Entered military service from Camden, New Jersey.

ARCHIBALD R. MAYMS, 33132154, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, 2 January 1945. Entered military service from Petersburg, Virginia.

GEORGE W. DONLAP, 12190667, Private First Class, 325th Engineer Combat Battalion, 21 December 1944. Entered military service from Broad Channel, New York.

ROBERT B. HELLER, 31252099, Private First Class, 325th Engineer Combat Battalion, 5 January 1945. Entered military service from Hartford, Connecticut.

JOHN De SILVA, JR., 30101634, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, 1 January 1945. Entered military service from Honolulu, Hawaii.

ALFRED MARINO, 32680641, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, 2 January 1945. Entered military service from North Bergen, New Jersey.

LOUIS K. STEVENS, 33850273, Private First Class, 255th Infantry Regiment, 3 January 1945. Entered military service from Salisbury, Maryland.

LAWRENCE V. BROPHY, 32597227, Private First Class, 375th Field Artillery Battalion, 8 November 1944. Entered military service from East Orange, New Jersey.

ROBERT L. LANGDON, 35769574, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, 4 January 1945. Entered military service from Point Pleasant, West Virginia.

DALE T. MORRIS, 36723854, Private, 255th Infantry Regiment, 4 January 1945. Entered military service from Georgetown, Illinois.

WILLIAM S. PROCTOR, JR., 33854851, Private, 399th Infantry Regiment, 18 December 1944. Entered military service from Kilmarnock, Virginia.

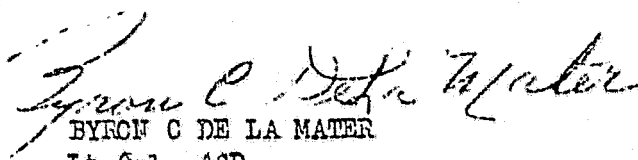
ROBERT H. LINCOLN, 42144319, Private, 397th Infantry Regiment, 3 January 1945. Entered military service from Rochester, New York.

ROBERT W. HIGHSMITH, 35833262, Private, 255th Infantry Regiment, 7 January 1945. Entered military service from Elberfeld, Indiana.

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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:

RONAN W. CAMPION, 01296482, Captain, 399th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 16 November 1944, in the vicinity of Camp de Vacances, France. When, during an advance against hostile forces, an enemy machine gun opened fire upon the company under his command, Captain Campion halted his forces rather than risk men in a frontal assault. Moving forward with another officer, he succeeded in outflanking the hostile position and with accurately placed hand grenades killed seven of the enemy including two riflemen who were acting as security. As a result of Captain Campion's gallant act, the company was able to pass the hostile strong point without casualties and continue to the successful completion of the assigned mission. Entered military service from Albany, New York.

SAMUEL V. FOSTER, 0449932, First Lieutenant, 399th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 15 November 1944, in the vicinity of Raon L'Etrape, France. Commanding the leading platoon in an assault against an entrenched and strongly defended enemy position on high ground, Lieutenant Foster led his men forward across an open saddle under observed mortar and machine gun fire. Without regard for his personal safety, he openly directed the cutting of hostile barbed wire, then aggressively advanced at the head of his force in the final assault upon the entrenched enemy, quickly overwhelming the hostile troops and over-running their position. As a result of the gallant and courageous leadership of Lieutenant Foster, the objective was secured, enemy pockets of resistance were wiped out with a minimum of casualties, and the battalion was enabled to continue its drive into enemy territory. Entered military service from Gaffney, South Carolina.

JERRE K. GRIFFITH, 01295870, First Lieutenant, 399th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 7 December 1944, in the vicinity of Lemberg, France. In an attack upon strong enemy positions, Lieutenant Griffith accompanied forward waves of infantry in order to establish an observation point on high ground overlooking the hostile emplacements. When machine gun and twenty millimeter cannon fire pinned down our assaulting troops midway in the attack, Lieutenant Griffith courageously rose to his feet in full view and range of the enemy and indicated the location of the hostile weapons to a mortar squad to his rear, and the ensuing fire from our mortars silenced many of the enemy positions. Seizing a rifle, Lieutenant Griffith then opened fire himself upon a hostile machine gun, drawing counter-fire from opposing mortars and automatic weapons but remaining in his exposed position and engaging the enemy for two hours. At the end of that time, he made his way under fire to the battalion command post to report the exact location of the hostile emplacements he had observed. Entered military service from Vicksburg, Mississippi.

IGNATIUS J. DOMBLEWSKI, 32044920, Technical Sergeant (then Staff Sergeant), 399th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 17 December 1944, in the vicinity of Bitche, France. When volunteers were requested to reconnoiter enemy emplacements and personnel in a town to their company's front, Sergeant Doblewski unhesitatingly volunteered to lead a three man patrol in performing this difficult and dangerous mission. Under his skillful leadership, the patrol succeeded in locating three enemy machine gun nests and other hostile concentrations, and were returning when they suddenly encountered an enemy patrol of four men returning to their own lines. Ordering his men to deploy on either side of a narrow path, Sergeant Doblewski crept forward to within fifty yards of the enemy, and opened fire to include the hostile force into thinking he was alone. After killing one of the enemy

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with a well-aimed shot, and the remaining three, armed with machine pistols, charged directly upon him, he ordered his men from their cover, and they, shouting and firing as they converged on the now startled enemy, succeeded in diverting fire from their patrol leader and killing the remaining members of the hostile patrol. By his great courage and skillful leadership, Sergeant Doblewski deprived the foe of vital information and returned with knowledge of enemy disposition, which led to the destruction of three hostile machine gun nests, and his gallantry in action reflected great credit on himself and the Army of the United States. Entered military service from Schenectady, New York.

LESTER V. WAGNON, 38583565, Sergeant, 399th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 18 November 1944, in the vicinity of Neufamaisons, France. While his platoon was waiting for our supporting artillery to lift its barrage on enemy positions. Sergeant Wagon observed two wounded soldiers in the area to the front. Leaving the security of his own position, he went to the assistance of the casualties despite hostile fire and shrapnel from the friendly artillery action, but finding it impossible to evacuate the wounded men without assistance he returned to his platoon and reported their condition and location. As the barrage lifted and his platoon charged forward to the attack, Sergeant Wagon was with the most advanced elements and was the first man in his squad to reach the enemy barbed wire barrier. When fire from a hostile automatic weapon halted one flank of the platoon, he charged alone, straight toward the emplacement, firing as he proceeded and killed both members of the crew. As a result of Sergeant Wagon's courageous action, two wounded soldiers who had lain exposed to cold and rain throughout the previous night were promptly evacuated, and an enemy weapon delaying the advance of our forces was destroyed. Entered military service from Cordell, 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:

JULIUS N. CURTIS, 01319263, First Lieutenant, 399th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service during the period 1 November 1944 to 12 December 1944, in Eastern France. Entered military service from St. Louis, Missouri.

DONALD T. GILBERT, 01289720, First Lieutenant, 399th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service during the period 1 November 1944 to 12 December 1944, in Eastern France. Entered military service from Pecatonica, Illinois.

PHILIP D. PHILLIPS, 01172599, First Lieutenant, 374th Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service from 5 November 1944 to 18 December 1944, in Eastern France. Entered military service from Borger, Texas.

HERB D. PRATHER, 01286353, First Lieutenant, 399th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service during the period 1 November 1944 to 28 December 1944, in Eastern France. Entered military service from Brighton, Colorado.

JAMES P. SHIELDS, 01318835, First Lieutenant, 399th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service during the period 4 November 1944 to 25 December 1944, in Eastern France. Entered military service from St. Paul, Minnesota.

DOUGLAS H. HYSLOP, 01692631, Second Lieutenant (then Staff Sergeant), 375th Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service during the period 15 November 1944 to 15 December 1944, in Eastern France. Entered military service from Glen Rock, New Jersey.

WILLIAM H. O'HARA, 33037906, First Sergeant, 399th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in action from 1 November 1944 to 25 December 1944. Entered military service from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

WILLIAM O. HOOD, 33001894, Technical Sergeant, 398th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service during the period 9 November 1944 to 31 December 1944, in Eastern France. Entered military service from Westminster, Maryland.

WILLIAM G. GILLINGHAM, 33000418, Staff Sergeant, 398th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service during the period 9 November 1944 to 31 December 1944, in Eastern France. Entered military service from Ellicott City, Maryland.

ANTHONY W. PASQUALE, 31252881, Staff Sergeant, 399th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service during the period 1 November 1944 to 10 December 1944, in Eastern France. Entered military service from Southington, Connecticut.

GEORGE J. BASLER, 31237017, Technician Third Grade, Medical Detachment, 399th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service during the period 1 November 1944 to 10 December 1944, in Eastern France. Entered military service from Chelsea, Massachusetts.

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ANTHONY J. SZELAGOWSKI, 32598951, Corporal, 375th Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service during the period 18 November 1944 to 21 December 1944, in Eastern France. Entered military service from Jersey City, New Jersey.

JOHN H. JEFFERSON, 34581363, Technician Fifth Grade, 375th Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service during the period 18 November 1944 to 21 December 1944, in Eastern France. Entered military service from Mobile, Alabama.

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 in France:

LOUIS B. ROLLINS, 01314192, Second Lieutenant, 398th Infantry Regiment, 11 December 1944. Entered military service from Portland, Maine.

HENRY J. JENNEN, 32353894, Corporal, 374th Field Artillery Battalion, 8 January 1945. Entered military service from New York, New York.

RODNEY E. JEFFERSON, 31245269, Technician Fifth Grade, 100th Quartermaster Company, 6 January 1945. Entered military service from Providence, Rhode Island.

JOHN T. YOUNG, 33807930, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, 7 January 1945. Entered military service from Narberth, Pennsylvania.

VERNAL G. CHARLES, 31460280, Private First Class, 255th Infantry Regiment, 27 December 1944. Entered military service from Hallowell, Maine.

EDWARD J. SELIGA, 35603182, Private First Class, 255th Infantry Regiment, 3 January 1945. Entered military service from Akron, Ohio.

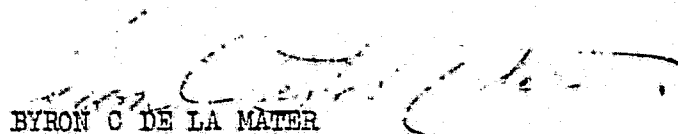
LOYD M. HENSON, 38608310, Private, 255th Infantry Regiment, 3 January 1945. Entered military service from Memphis, Texas.

JOHN H. STERN, 38567204, Private, 397th Infantry Regiment, 7 January 1945. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

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SECTION I -- AWARD OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO BRONZE STAR MEDAL, MISSING IN ACTION

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, missing in action:

ALFRED GARFIELD, 32178064, Staff Sergeant, 325th Engineer Combat Battalion, for meritorious service during the period 15 November 1944 to 26 December 1944, in Eastern France. Next of kin: Ida Garfield (Mother), 1659 Fifty-Second Street, Brooklyn, New York.

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:

JULIUS R. GLUCK, 32683489, Staff Sergeant, 399th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action during the period 27 November to 21 December 1944, in Eastern France. Fighting through the many hazardous engagements in which his organization has participated during this period, Sergeant Gluck has discharged his assigned duties with courage and dispatch. During the bitter conflict for the town of Bitche, Sergeant Gluck without regard for his own personal safety volunteered to establish an outpost within the town itself. Advancing with other volunteers across an open field covered by hostile machine gun fire, he and his comrades succeeded in accomplishing their mission and contributed materially to the ultimate achievement of the objective. 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 the following named individual:

HENRY L. BADER, JR., 42107785, Staff Sergeant, 399th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 7 December 1944, in the vicinity of Lenberg, France. In a bitterly contested encounter with the enemy at Lenberg, France, squad leader Sergeant Bader executed his appointed tasks in the highest traditions of the military service. Leading his squad in an attack which had advanced a hundred yards, he pressed forward until he was mortally wounded. Through his leadership and courage in the face of intense enemy fire he was of great inspiration to his men. Next of kin: Grace E. Bader (Mother), 85 Marquand Avenue, Yonkers, New York.

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:

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\* ERNEST L. JAMES, 0326916, Major, 398th Infantry Regiment, for Heroic achievement in action during the period 15 December 1944 to 18 December 1944, in the vicinity of Bitche, France. When his battalion was assigned the mission of capturing Fort Freudenberg and eleven strongly fortified units of Fort Schliesseck of the Maginat Line, Major James and his unit commanders spent two days in making a thorough reconnaissance and preparing detailed plans for the attack on the fortified area. Launching the attack on 17 December, preceded by a forty-five minute artillery bombardment and then a rolling barrage in front of our advancing infantry, Major James was in complete control of the situation at all times. Skillfully maneuvering his

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reserve company to assist in the reduction of the most strongly held positions, constantly inspiring his officers and men by his aggressiveness and courage, Major Jane's superior leadership in directing all phases of the attack resulted in subjugation of the enemy fortresses with commendable dispatch and a minimum of losses to our side. Entered military service from Sharpsburg, Kentucky.

SAMUEL TYLER, JR., 0534762, Chaplain (Captain), 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 12 December 1944, in the vicinity of Reysersviller, France. When his regiment was engaged in a series of operations against the strongly defended steel and concrete fortifications of Fort Freudenberg and Fort Schisseck of the Maginot Line, Chaplain Tyler voluntarily and without regard for his own safety devoted himself to evacuating wounded men from forward areas. Upon one occasion he was instrumental in saving the life of a wounded officer, whom he succeeded in bearing to the rear over routes subjected to hostile mortar and artillery fire. Entered military service from Wellesley, Massachusetts.

FREDERICK I. SKINNER 01825714, First Lieutenant, 399th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action from 1 November 1944 to 29 December 1944, in Eastern France. In this long and tedious combat period Lieutenant Skinner has performed outstandingly in his capacity as Anti-Tank platoon leader. Under his skillful leadership his platoon has functioned in a superior manner by destroying enemy positions in direct support of rifle companies. On frequent occasions he has made reconnaissance under enemy fire and his selection of gun positions has afforded his unit excellent support and defense throughout. Displaying both courage and initiative he has repeatedly inspired his men to greater action and reflected much credit upon himself. Entered military service from Downs, Kansas.

HARRY G. FLANAGAN, 01296506, First Lieutenant, 399th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action during the period 4 November 1944 to 7 December 1944, in Eastern France. Since his entry in combat on 4 November 1944, Lieutenant Flanagan has consistently displayed qualities of courage and initiative in leading his platoon in action. In his unit's first engagement at St. Remy, France, while under heavy hostile artillery fire, he personally placed each man in position and during the advance on Raon L'Etape from the north and in the attack on Hill 538, he moved forward at the head of his platoon without regard for personal safety. Throughout this period, Lieutenant Flanagan by his conduct has inspired his men with a confidence in his leadership which has resulted in the success of each assigned mission. Entered military service from Manhasset, New York.

DUNCAN M. EMERY, 01300300, First Lieutenant, 399th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 8 December 1944, in the vicinity of Lemberg, France. Assigned the mission of taking an important hill in the vicinity of Lemberg, Lieutenant Emery displayed outstanding leadership in the accomplishment of his mission. After his platoon had crossed the line of departure, Lieutenant Emery acted as scout in the leading squad. Aggressively leading his men, the objective was finally taken in a bitterly contested struggle wherein ten of the enemy were killed and fourteen captured. With initiative and utter disregard for his own personal safety, Lieutenant Emery was an inspiration to his men throughout the entire engagement. Entered military service from Macon, Georgia.

RALPH P. FERGUSON, 01998074, Second Lieutenant (then Sergeant), 399th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 11 November 1944, in the vicinity of Baccarat, France. When the six-man reconnaissance patrol under his command was sighted and fired upon by a hostile force, Lieutenant Ferguson expertly deployed his men into effective position to return the enemy fire. Although the opposing force was of twice the strength of his own, Lieutenant Ferguson by his effective control of his men and alert tactical skill was instrumental in the swift and successful conclusion of the engagement, in which his patrol destroyed all of the enemy troops while suffering a single casualty. Entered military service from Memphis, Tennessee.

RAFFAELLE A. ZICHELLA, 32696459, Sergeant, 824th Tank Destroyer Battalion, for heroic achievement in action on 22 December 1944, in the vicinity of Bitché, France. When his three-inch gun had been hit by a hostile artillery shell and it became necessary to move the weapon to a safer position, Sergeant Zichella and another enlisted man so skillfully performed the task of moving and camouflaging the gun, that although the new position was under direct enemy observation and fire, its operation



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remained concealed from the enemy for a total of thirty-six hours. And then later, when it became necessary to withdraw the gun, this maneuver was so silently and well executed that no enemy fire was drawn to the area. Entered military service from New York, New York.

SIDNEY S. RUDIN, 15361185, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 18 December 1944, in the vicinity of Bitche, France. When his company had become isolated and its communications with the battalion command post severed as a result of intense enemy shelling, Private Rudin and two others unhesitatingly went forward over terrain exposed to enemy observation and bombardment to locate and repair the break. Seriously wounded while performing this dangerous mission, Private Rudin's complete devotion to duty in the face of enemy fire with no thought of personal hazard, helped restore communications with the beleaguered company. Entered military service from Cincinnati, Ohio.

JACK I. GLASSER, 12227841, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action during the period 9 December 1944 to 31 December 1944, in Eastern France. Throughout the bitter fighting in the vicinity of Bitche and Reysersviller, France, Private Glasser as a member of Company A courageously and gallantly carried out his assigned missions. On 14 December 1944, when his unit was assaulting Forts Freudenberg and Schisseck of the Maginot Line, Private Glasser participated in day-long attacks against steel and concrete fortifications under the most intense artillery, mortar, automatic weapon and small arms fire, and by his brave and aggressive action contributed to the regiment's initial penetration of strong enemy defenses. Entered military service from New York, New York.

WILLIAM O. WEAVER, 38661845, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action during the period 11 December 1944 to 31 December 1944, in Eastern France. As a member of Company C, Private Weaver participated in the series of operations against Maginot Line fortifications in which his regiment was engaged during the month of December. On 20 December 1944, when Company C as assault company launched its attack against strongly defended enemy positions on Hill 370 near Reysersviller, Private Weaver with his companions advanced in the face of intense artillery, mortar and automatic weapons fire and, although subjected to two successive and determined enemy counter-attacks, achieved partial occupation of the objective and repulsed the hostile assaults. Entered military service from Pine Bluff, Arkansas.

JOSEPH C. WILLIAMS, JR., 33927902, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 7 December 1944, in the vicinity of Lemberg, France. In the midst of the hotly contested struggle for Lemberg, Private Williams on his own initiative moved to the head of his squad. He then skillfully led and deployed his men so that their advance was not interrupted by the intensity of enemy fire. On the following day, he was wounded by sniper fire when he was again out in front of his men leading them in the attack. Entered military service from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

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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:

WILLIAM F. KENNEY, 01165885, Captain, 375th Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service during the period 4 November 1944 to 30 December 1944, in Eastern France. Entered military service from Dorchester, Massachusetts.

CONDEE C. NASON, 0413164, Captain, 399th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service during the period 1 November 1944 to 27 December 1944, in Eastern France. Entered military service from Sturgis, Mississippi.

JOHN H. POTTER, 12193784, Technical Sergeant, 399th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in action during the period 1 November 1944 to 26 December 1944, in Eastern France. Entered military service from Port Ewen, Ulster, New York.

RICHARD T. CONNORS, 32654975, Staff Sergeant, 398th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service during the period 9 November 1944 to 31 December 1944, in Eastern France. Entered military service from New York, New York.

FRANK COSTARELLA, 32657888, Staff Sergeant, 397th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 12 November 1944 to 17 December 1944, in Eastern France. Entered military service from Elmont, New York.

TRAVIS D. HALL, 14182352, Staff Sergeant, 397th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 12 November 1944 to 17 December 1944, in Eastern France. Entered military service from Hamilton, Alabama.

JOHN F. HARRIS, 33202610, Staff Sergeant, 398th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations during the period 9 November 1944 to 31 December 1944, in Eastern France. Entered military service from Westminster, Maryland.

HARRY W. CROSS, 33038149, Sergeant, 399th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in action during the period 1 November 1944 to 26 December 1944, in Eastern France. Entered military service from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

ALBERT N. EDELBACH, 32727258, Sergeant, 399th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in action during the period 1 November 1944 to 26 December 1944, in Eastern France. Entered military service from Bellerose, New York.

JAMES C. HIGGINS, 12201319, Sergeant, 399th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in action during the period 1 November 1944 to 26 December 1944, in Eastern France. Entered military service from Canisteo, New York.

HARVEY R. WOOD, 19187207, Technician Fifth Grade, 397th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 12 November 1944 to 17 December 1944, in Eastern France. Entered military service from Campbell, California.

WILLIAM J. BERG, 42033815, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in action during the period 1 November 1944 to 26 December 1944, in Eastern France. Entered military service from Bronx, New York.

SAMUEL L. BRILEY, 38553624, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in action during the period 1 November 1944 to 26 December 1944, in Eastern France. Entered military service from Austin, Texas.

HAROLD W. BUZZVALL, 31217021, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in action during the period 1 November 1944 to 26 December 1944, in Eastern France. Entered military service from Biddeford, Maine.

HOWARD N. ELLIS, 35895024, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations during the period 20 November 1944 to 31 December 1944, in Eastern France. Entered military service from Indianapolis, Indiana.

BERNARD A. GALLAGHER, 31235413, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in action during the period 1 November 1944 to 26 December 1944, in Eastern France. Entered military service from Jamaica Plain, Massachusetts.

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ARTHUR H. GEMMER, 15303748, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations during the period 9 November 1944 to 31 December 1944, in Eastern France. Entered military service from Bloomington, Indiana.

WILLIAM C. HALE, 39286616, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in action during the period 1 November 1944 to 26 December 1944, in Eastern France. Entered military service from Glendale, California.

WILLIAM T. HANIFIN, 15315568, Private First Class (then Private), 399th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in action during the period 1 November 1944 to 26 December 1944, in Eastern France. Entered military service from Binghamton, New York.

HOWARD L. LIVELY, 35656638, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in action during the period 1 November 1944 to 26 December 1944, in Eastern France. Entered military service from Alderson, West Virginia.

HOMER S. LONG, JR., 37526326, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in action during the period 1 November 1944 to 26 December 1944, in Eastern France. Entered military service from Gallatin, Missouri.

EVERETTE W. OVITT, 31200590, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in action during the period 1 November 1944 to 26 December 1944, in Eastern France. Entered military service from Island Pond, Vermont.

HENRY G. PACION, 33806669, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in action during the period 1 November 1944 to 26 December 1944, in Eastern France. Entered military service from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

RAY J. PEPLINSKI, 36800990, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in action during the period 1 November 1944 to 26 December 1944, in Eastern France. Entered military service from Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

CLIFFORD F. REYNOLDS, JR., 31214251, Private First Class (then Private), 399th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in action during the period 1 November 1944 to 26 December 1944, in Eastern France. Entered military service from Pittsfield, Massachusetts.

JOHN C. SEBASTIAO, 31428065, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in action during the period 1 November 1944 to 26 December 1944, in Eastern France. Entered military service from Fall River, Massachusetts.

KENDALL D. TAYLOR, 36971660, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations during the period 20 November to 31 December 1944, in Eastern France. Entered military service from Pontiac, Michigan.

MILAN VACLAVIK, 12026392, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in action during the period 1 November 1944 to 26 December 1944, in Eastern France. Entered military service from Nesquehoning, Pennsylvania.

CECIL P. WHITE, 35223476, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations during the period 20 November to 31 December 1944, in Eastern France. Entered military service from Columbus, Ohio.

JACK C. WILLI, 17054666, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations during the period 9 November 1944 to 31 December 1944, in Eastern France. Entered military service from Torrington, Wyoming.

BURL C. WILSON, 34572490, Private First Class (then Private), 399th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in action during the period 1 November 1944 to 26 December 1944, in Eastern France. Entered military service from Buchanan, Georgia.

ALTON W. BENNETT, 37635111, Private, 399th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in action during the period 1 November 1944 to 26 December 1944, in Eastern France. Entered military service from Williamsville, Missouri.

SECTION II -- 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 in France:

ARGEL W. TALKINGTON, 35233433, Technician Fourth Grade, Medical Detachment, 397th Infantry Regiment, 9 January 1945. Entered military service from Akron, Ohio.

JOHN M. BYRNE, 31236216, Technician Fifth Grade, 397th Infantry Regiment, 9 January 1945. Entered military service from Somerville, Massachusetts.

CLIFFORD J. NAQUIN, JR., 38652504, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, 8 January 1945. Entered military service from Gray, Louisiana.

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LEON F. STRAUSS, 36900824, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, 8 January 1945. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

WILLIAM M. McKEGNEY, 42108046, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, 9 January 1945. Entered military service from Blackwood Terrace, New Jersey.

HOYLE E. MYERS, 34738777, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, 9 January 1945. Entered military service from Maryville, Tennessee.

CLAUDE A. MORRIS, JR., 39041773, Private, 397th Infantry Regiment, 9 January 1945. Entered military service from Oakland, California.

MAURICE R. MESSELI, 37583543, Private, 325th Engineer Combat Battalion, 19 December 1944. Entered military service from Mitchell, South Dakota.

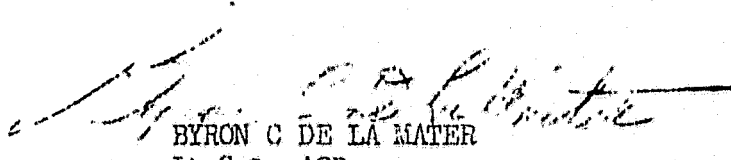
SECTION III - - AWARD OF MERITORIOUS SERVICE UNIT PLAQUE

By direction of the President, and under the provisions of Section I, Circular Number 345, War Department, dated 23 August 1944, The Meritorious Service Unit Plaque is awarded to the 325th Medical Battalion for superior performance of duty and the achievement and maintenance of a high standard of discipline during the period from 1 October 1944 to 31 December 1944.

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SECTION I -- POSTHUMOUS AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

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

ROBERT E. SCHMIDT, 19204182, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 13 November 1944, in the vicinity of Bertrichamps, France. When his company was attacking a strongly fortified enemy town, Private Schmidt, a member of a machine gun squad, displayed marked devotion to duty and courage in performing his mission of delivering effective machine gun fire in support of advancing infantry. At one point in the attack, when it became necessary to move his weapon to a point from which even more effective fire support could be delivered despite the terrific bombardment by enemy mortars and artillery and the open nature of the terrain that had to be crossed, he unhesitatingly set out to perform the task and in the process, was mortally wounded by shrapnel from hostile artillery. Next of kin: William H. Schmidt (Father), 124 West Valencia, Burbank, California.

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 F. NUGENT, 01297238, First Lieutenant, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 30 December 1944, in the vicinity of Bettwiller, France. Leading a task force of tanks and infantrymen Lieutenant Nugent attacked a newly formed enemy position. Displaying marked aggressiveness and courageous leadership twelve of the enemy force were killed and nineteen taken prisoner. In addition Lieutenant Nugent obtained valuable information of enemy movements and strength and through his personal fearlessness and devotion to duty a strong enemy position was removed. Entered military service from Albany, New York.

MORRIS O. ALEXANDER, 6580749, Staff Sergeant, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 16 December 1944, in the vicinity of Bitche, France. When faced with a sudden and fierce hostile counter-attack during his company's advance on its objective, Sergeant Alexander displayed great courage by remaining at his post manning his machine gun although subjected to terrific enemy machine gun fire from three sides. When his machine gun jammed, he seized his rifle and from an exposed position directly in front of his machine gun, delivered accurate and destructive rifle fire, and by this complete devotion to duty, without regard for his personal safety, materially aided the company in warding off the enemy counter-attack. Entered military service from Los Angeles, California.

LAAGE L. ARNVIG, 32654047, Staff Sergeant, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 11 December 1944, in the vicinity of Mouterhouse, France. On this day, when his organization was in attack against strongly fortified hostile positions of the Maginot Line, Sergeant Arnvig, mess sergeant, learning that the entire antitank platoon was without rations or water, unhesitatingly set out to bring them the necessary food. In order to reach the platoon, which was deployed along the company's final protective line of fire, he was forced to cross a draw subjected to heavy enemy mortar fire, and through his complete devotion to duty without regard for his own safety, the entire platoon was supplied with food and water. Entered military service from East Rockaway, New York.

PAUL V. KILFOYLE, 31235318, Staff Sergeant, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 17 December 1944, in the vicinity of Bitche, France. Momentarily expecting an enemy counter-attack and skillfully anticipating the exact position from which the enemy would launch its assault, Sergeant Kilfoyle carefully de-

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ployed his machine gun section so that its lines of fire would converge on a draw through which the enemy might advance to flank his company's positions. As a result, when the hostile attack started and enemy riflemen attempted to infiltrate through the draw, Sergeant Kilfoyle and his men were able to bring such effective and deadly fire to bear upon the enemy that the entire hostile force was annihilated and the company's flank secured. Entered military service from Cambridge, Massachusetts.

WALTER S. KOONS, JR., 32484035, Staff Sergeant, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 23 November 1944, in the vicinity of Raon L'Etape, France. When the mortar section to which he and his men were assigned was subjected to a heavy concentration of hostile mortar and artillery fire and four men were wounded, Sergeant Koons, in the absence of a medical aid man unhesitatingly exposed himself to enemy observation and fire and administered first aid to all of the casualties until the arrival of an aid man. This complete devotion to duty undoubtedly saved the lives of the four wounded men. Entered military service from Wildwood, New Jersey.

JOHN L. TIDWELL, 34497423, Staff Sergeant, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 5 December 1944, in the vicinity of Ingwiller, France. While Sergeant Tidwell was directing the fire of his eighty-one millimeter squad they were fired upon by a sniper. In order to continue the fire mission, Sergeant Tidwell placed another man in charge and then crawled up through open terrain, advanced upon the enemy and disposed of him. By this courageous action his squad was able to afford effective support to friendly troops as they advanced on their objective. Entered military service from Ashland City, Tennessee.

JOE F. BORDERS, 34591469, Sergeant (then Corporal), 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 12 November 1944, in the vicinity of Bertrichamps, France. When assigned as a forward observer during a company attack on a town stubbornly defended by the enemy, Sergeant Borders directed his platoon's fire with exceptional skill and valor. Exposed to enemy observation and subjected to terrific hostile artillery, mortar and small arms fire, he directed our fire with such accuracy and destructiveness that enemy positions were reduced and the company was enabled to advance and take its initial objective. Entered military service from Shelby, North Carolina.

HENRY R. DICKEY, 35142656, Sergeant, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 12 November 1944, in the vicinity of Bertrichamps, France. When his section leader and squad leader were both wounded during a company attack on a bitterly defended enemy position, Sergeant Dickey, on his own initiative, quickly assumed leadership of the section, reorganized his men and capably directed them in the ensuing actions. After rallying his men, Sergeant Dickey courageously crawled forward to the company observation post under intense bombardment of hostile fire of all types to successfully direct the placement of our fire on enemy positions. His extreme resourcefulness and bravery under enemy fire materially contributed to the attainment of his company's objective. Entered military service from Columbus, Indiana.

WILFRED R. HACKERT, 36632414, Sergeant, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 23 November 1944, in the vicinity of Senones, France. After two previous communications sergeants had been wounded, Sergeant Hackert took over the post and performed his duties with outstanding valor and skill. On this night, when Company "B" was pinned down and its wires with battalion were repeatedly severed as a result of the constant bombardment by hostile artillery and mortars, Sergeant Hackert, with no thought of personal hazard and despite the continued enemy shelling, went out time after time to locate and repair breaks in the wire, and his complete devotion to duty resulted in maintenance of almost uninterrupted communications. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

HARRY YOUNG, 32733890, Sergeant, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 16 December 1944, in the vicinity of Bitchy, France. When Sergeant Young was leading his machine gun squad in an advance they encountered an enemy flak wagon. Under enemy fire and observation, he maneuvered his men up a hill to an advantageous position and skillfully directed fire against the enemy vehicle ultimately eliminating it as a threat to our troops. By his unhesitating action and courage his company was able to advance and take its objective. Entered military service from Rochester, New York.

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DONALD R. HUNGERFORD, 31200470, Corporal, 325th Engineer Combat Battalion, for heroic achievement in action on 17 December 1944, in the vicinity of Bitche, France. Assigned the mission of accompanying an infantry company in an assault against an enemy pillbox, Corporal Hungerford advanced with the leading elements of infantry and assisted in buttoning up the entrances of the pillbox. He then went to the rear and returned leading his engineer squad which, aided and directed by him, demolished the enemy fort. On the same date he again led his squad to the destruction of a strong enemy fortification. Throughout he was under heavy enemy fire nevertheless he efficiently completed his hazardous tasks displaying exceptional bravery. Entered military service from Bethel, Vermont.

STANLEY A. SANFILIPPO, 32597528, Corporal, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 16 December 1944, in the vicinity of Bitche, France. When the enemy launched a sudden and fierce counter-attack in his sector during his company's advance on its objective, Corporal Sanfilippo courageously remained at his post manning his machine gun throughout the entire engagement, although subjected to heavy hostile concentrations of artillery, mortar and small arms fire. Delivering answering fire with great effectiveness and deadliness, his complete devotion to duty, materially aided in repulsing the enemy counter-attack and assisted his company in taking its objective. Entered military service from North Arlington, New Jersey.

JOHN F. SEARWAY, JR., 31217511, Corporal, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 12 November 1944, in the vicinity of Bertrichamps, France. When his organization was attacking strongly fortified hostile positions of the Maginot Line, and its supplies of ammunitions were near the dwindling point menacing the continued success of the attack, Corporal Searway, with utter disregard for his own safety and despite a ferocious concentration of hostile artillery and mortar fire on the roads leading to his company's positions, courageously drove a jeep and trailer loaded with ammunition through the curtain of enemy fire to deliver the badly needed supplies in time for his company's attack to continue with undiminished fury. Entered military service from Ashland, Maine.

ABRAHAM H. HALBERG, 32658339, Technician Fifth Grade, Medical Detachment, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 14 December 1944, in the vicinity of Bitche, France. In a day-long assault against steel and concrete fortifications of the Maginot Line, Corporal Halberg executed his duties with courage and determination under the most hazardous conditions. Evacuating wounded with skill, Corporal Halberg labored continuously under intense and constant enemy fire until he was wounded. Entered military service from New York, New York.

EUGENE W. HERR, 17081711, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 16 December 1944, in the vicinity of Bitche, France. When the first gunner and assistant machine gunner of his squad were both wounded during a strong enemy counter-attack, Private Herr, on his own initiative, bravely ran across an open clearing subjected to intense hostile fire, to man the idle weapon. Laying down a withering stream of fire throughout the remainder of the engagement, Private Herr fired the machine gun with such skill and effectiveness that the enemy counter-attack was repulsed and the company was able to continue its advance on its objective. Entered military service from St. Louis, Missouri.

EINO R. LATVALA, 37568547, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 16 November 1944, in the vicinity of Clairrupt, France. During an attack by his company on stubbornly defended hostile positions, Private Latvala displayed outstanding courage and devotion to duty in steadfastly remaining at his post delivering effective machine gun fire in support of advancing infantrymen. Although suffering from a wound inflicted by the heavy bombardment of hostile mortars and artillery, he manned his machine gun until ordered by his platoon leader to retire to the rear for first aid treatment. His commendable action enabled his platoon to advance and take its objective. Entered military service from Aitkin, Minnesota.

JEROME A. ROSENBAUM, 12143270, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 20 November 1944, in the vicinity of Raon L'Etape, France. Assigned the mission of guiding vitally needed supplies to front line troops Private Rosenbaum made thorough reconnaissance under heavy mortar and artillery fire

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for a new route after enemy artillery had made the roads impassable. With utter disregard for his own safety and displaying exemplary courage he successfully completed his assigned task enabling the food and ammunition to reach the men. Entered military service from Far Rockaway, Long Island, New York.

RICHARD R. SAINZ, 38579662, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 14 December 1944, in the vicinity of Bitché, France. When the platoon of which he was a member found it necessary to move forward to new and better positions from which to launch an attack against the enemy, Private Sainz performed his duties as platoon guide with great skill and courage. Exposed to enemy observation and heavy bombardment by hostile artillery and mortars throughout the maneuver, he capably and calmly directed each group to its assigned post, and as a result of his complete devotion to duty, the entire platoon was guided safely to its new positions. Entered military service from Deming, New Mexico.

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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:

JORDAN D. COHEN, 12107895, Corporal, 375th Field Artillery Battalion. Entered military service from Holyoke, Massachusetts.

NELSON N. WEISMAN, 32704476, Private, 375th Field Artillery Battalion. Entered military service from Brooklyn, New York.

For gallantry in action on 17 December 1944 and 18 December 1944, in the vicinity of Sterthal, France. When it became necessary just before dark to lay a communication line a distance of six hundred yards from the edge of a woods to the advanced battalion observation post, Corporal Cohen and Private Weisman, wiremen, unhesitatingly set out to accomplish the dangerous mission, even though the entire terrain was under direct fire of enemy eighty-eights and machine guns. Twice during the night, when the line was shot cut, they bravely went out despite the almost incessant hostile fire to successfully restore communications. Beginning at daybreak, enemy fire rose to a terrific crescendo and the line was again severed on two occasions and again repaired by these intrepid wiremen. When conductivity in the line became poor as a result of the many splices, they courageously crawled from crater to crater through the exposed and shell-bombarded area laying a new line to the forward post. Twice more, when this line in turn was severed, despite the terrific strain they had been through, they again ventured out to repair the breaks. Their unremitting devotion to duty in the face of heavy enemy fire helped maintain communications of great value to their organization in achieving its objectives, and their gallantry in action is a tribute to the traditions of the American soldier.

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:

JOHN L. LUERR, 31272108, Technician Fourth Grade, 398th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations during the period 9 November 1944 to 31 December 1944, in Eastern France. Entered military service from Mystic, Connecticut.

SECTION III -- AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

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

JOSEPH F. PRISCO, 32268754, Staff Sergeant, 398th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations during the period 14 December 1944 to 22 December 1944, in the vicinity of Bitche and Reysviller, France. Entered military service from Palmyra, New Jersey.

RAYMOND L. ANDRZEJAK, 32482116, Technician Fourth Grade, 398th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations during the period 9 November 1944 to 31 December 1944, in Eastern France. Entered military service from Trenton, New Jersey.

FRIED F. BAMESBERGER, 36001077, Technician Fourth Grade, 398th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations during the period 14 December 1944 to 22 December 1944, in the vicinity of Bitche and Reysviller, France. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

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\* ANTHONY D. ESALDO, 32593802, Technician Fourth Grade, 398th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations during the period 14 December 1944 to 22 December 1944, in the vicinity of Bitche and Royersviller, France. Entered military service from Plainfield, New Jersey.

\* JOHN F. CONN, 31214603, Technician Fifth Grade, 398th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations during the period 9 November 1944 to 31 December 1944, in Eastern France. Entered military service from Ware, Massachusetts.

\* LOWELL G. HAGEE, 37123083, Technician Fifth Grade, 398th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations during the period 14 December 1944 to 22 December 1944, in the vicinity of Bitche and Royersviller, France. Entered military service from York, Nebraska.

\* ELBERT B. NEWSOME, 34267870, Technician Fifth Grade, 398th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations during the period 14 December 1944 to 22 December 1944, in the vicinity of Bitche and Royersviller, France. Entered military service from Grovetown, Georgia.

\* DEWAYNE C. SOLIE, 16132692, Technician Fifth Grade, 398th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations during the period 9 November 1944 to 31 December 1944, in Eastern France. Entered military service from Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

\* BOCHISLAW S. CHRZAN, 31416316, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations during the period 9 November 1944 to 31 December 1944, in Eastern France. Entered military service from Palmer, Massachusetts.

\* JOHN T. DORICH, 20229480, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations during the period 14 December 1944 to 22 December 1944, in the vicinity of Bitche and Royersviller, France. Entered military service from Jackson Heights, Long Island, New York.

\* MARCEL J. GOSSMILIN, 31217232, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations during the period 14 December 1944 to 22 December 1944, in the vicinity of Bitche and Royersviller, France. Entered military service from Sanford, Maine.

\* ROBERT H. GROVE, 33561414, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations during the period 9 November 1944 to 31 December 1944, in Eastern France. Entered military service from Hagerstown, Maryland.

\* JAMES R. KASCHALK, 12193074, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations during the period 9 November 1944 to 31 December 1944, in Eastern France. Entered military service from Brooklyn, New York.

\* CHARLES F. THOMAS, 36147548, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations during the period 9 November 1944 to 31 December 1944, in Eastern France. Entered military service from Fort Huron, Michigan.

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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:

ERVING L. DU FRENE, 39718937, Sergeant, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 14 December 1944, in the vicinity of Reysersviller, France. During a day-long attack by our forces against strongly fortified enemy positions in the Maginot Line, Sergeant DuFrene performed heroically in maintaining excellent communications. Despite intense mortar, artillery and small arms fire, he constantly serviced vital wire lines which were repeatedly severed in the operation. As a result of his devotion to duty at great personal risk, continuous contact between our units was attained. Entered military service from Santa Monica, California.

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:

FELIX B. THARPE, 0392701, Major, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 8 December 1944, in the vicinity of Mouterhouse, France. Attacking in a bitterly contested sector, Company B ultimately reached its objective, by nightfall sustaining a great number of casualties. When it became apparent that the evacuation of the wounded would be delayed, Major Tharpe, battalion commander, on his own initiative, and with utter disregard for his safety, drove a jeep and trailer over a road reported to be mined, removing all of the wounded in two such trips over the dangerous route. By his unselfish action and devotion to duty many lives were saved reflecting great credit upon himself. Entered military service from Macon, Georgia.

JAMES L. RIMLINGER, 01305833, First Lieutenant, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 20 December 1944, in the vicinity of Bitche, France. With great skill and courage Lieutenant Rimlinger led his company in a successful attack rapidly obtaining an important objective on high ground. Shortly afterwards the enemy launched a strong counter-attack leaving Lieutenant Rimlinger no time to effectively reorganize his company. Displaying initiative and with utter disregard for his own safety Lieutenant Rimlinger moved from platoon to platoon and swiftly regained control of his unit in the midst of enemy fire. Maintaining complete control and directing accurate fire, he repulsed the attack and removed the serious enemy threat to the battalion position. Entered military service from Newton, Iowa.

ALBERT J. SIMOFSKY, 01306898, First Lieutenant, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 20 December 1944, in the vicinity of Bitche, France. After holding strategic high ground for five days under heavy enemy shelling, the enemy launched a counterattack. Lieutenant Simofsky while exposing himself to continuous fire moved from position to position within his company deploying his units with skill and directing accurate and effective fire against the advance. By his inspiring and constant action throughout the engagement a strong enemy threat to vitally important positions was removed. Entered military service from Foxbury, Massachusetts.

FRANCIS MC CULLOUGH, 20251133, First Sergeant, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 20 December 1944, in the vicinity of Bitche, France. During a battalion attack on a stubbornly defended enemy-occupied hill part of a series of operations directed against enemy positions along the Maginot Line, Sergeant McCullough, acting in the absence of the company executive officer displayed great courage and aggressiveness. When the enemy launched a determined

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counter-attack under cover of a fierce bombardment by hostile mortars and artillery, he skillfully organized all headquarters men into an effective fighting force and heroically led them in repelling the counter-attack, thereby securing the company right flank. Entered military service from New York, New York.

ROLAND G. FECTEAU, 31251634, Technical Sergeant, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 16 December 1944, in the vicinity of Bitche, France. When the position of our advancing troops was threatened as a result of heavy and destructive fire from a hostile flak-wagon, Sergeant Fecteau unhesitatingly and courageously crawled forward to the top of a hill exposed to enemy observation and fire to locate the source of enemy shelling. After spotting the flak-wagon, he crawled back to our lines through the heavy curtain of fire and directed the delivery of our fire on the flak-wagon with such accuracy that the hostile vehicle was destroyed and the threat to our troops dissipated. Entered military service from Bristol, Connecticut.

JOHN M. RODDEN, 20257745, Technical Sergeant, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 8 December 1944, in the vicinity of Mouterhouse, France. When his company was halted in its advance on its objective and pinned down by a terrific barrage from hostile artillery and mortars, whose fire seemed to be directed from an enemy occupied hill directly to the front of his platoon, Sergeant Rodden immediately organized his men for a direct assault on the hill, and under his gallant leadership the platoon succeeded in driving all hostile forces from the hill, including the enemy forward observer, and as a result of his great courage and aggressiveness, the hostile fire on his company's positions diminished and its advance continued. Entered military service from New York, New York.

ALFRED SATKO, 31214735, Technical Sergeant, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 22 December 1944, in the vicinity of Bitche, France. The third platoon of his company had just completed digging in for the night when the enemy opened up with a terrific barrage of artillery and mortar fire which severed the telephone line connecting the platoon command post with the company command post. Realizing the importance of reestablishing connections in view of an expected enemy counter-attack. Sergeant Satko crawled from the safety of his dugout and despite the continued hail of enemy fire succeeded in locating and repairing the break in the line. His courage and complete devotion to duty resulted in restoring vitally needed communications. Entered military service from Adams, Massachusetts.

CLAYTON L. HOLLIDAY, 35453757, Staff Sergeant, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 14 December 1944, in the vicinity of Bitche, France. When his organization was attacking the strategic area north of Reyersviller, Sergeant Holliday displayed great courage and leadership in directing his men. Subjected to heavy bombardment by hostile artillery, mortar and small arms fire, he bravely led his men in attacking many enemy strongpoints and gallantly defending positions that had already been taken, and as a result of his complete devotion to duty, helped make possible the initial penetrations of the Maginot Line by his regiment. Entered military service from Covington, Kentucky.

GORDON O. JACOBSEN, 37545740, Staff Sergeant, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 5 December 1944, in the vicinity of Ingwiller, France. While acting as a forward observer for his mortar platoon, Sergeant Jacobsen sighted a hostile patrol scarcely forty yards to his front. Completely disregarding the danger of falling victim to our own fire, he unhesitatingly called back for placement of mortar fire on the hostile patrol, and continued directing our fire from his exposed position until every member of the hostile force was killed. This complete devotion to duty is worthy of the highest praise. Entered military service from Starkweather, North Dakota.

ROBERT L. KADRI, 35598692, Staff Sergeant, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 16 December 1944, in the vicinity of Bitche, France. In the midst of a strong enemy attack when his platoon leader and platoon sergeant were wounded Sergeant Kadri displayed outstanding initiative and leadership in taking command of the platoon. Rallying his men to repulse the attack he inspired them to greater action as he manned a machine gun with effective fire and forwardness. Through his courageous and skillful action a bold enemy advance was halted ultimately enabling his company to advance and secure its objective. Entered military service from Gadenhutton, Ohio.

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REMEDIOS S. MENDOZA, 39565193, Staff Sergeant, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action during the period 9 November 1944 to 31 December 1944, in Eastern France. As a member of Company C, Sergeant Mendoza participated in the engagements culminating in the capture of Ron L'Etape, as well as the series of operations against Maginot Line fortifications in which his regiment was engaged during December. In the action on 20 December, when Company C as assault company launched its attack against strongly defended enemy positions on Hill 370, Sergeant Mendoza led the men of his section forward in the face of intense artillery, mortar and automatic weapons fire and, despite two successive and determined counter-attacks supported by grenades and automatic weapon fire, contributed materially to the partial occupation of the objective and the repulse of the enemy's assault. Entered military service from Van Nuys, California.

IRVING POZNER, 32597996, Staff Sergeant, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 13 December 1944, in the vicinity of Piche, France. When assigned the hazardous mission of leading a patrol into an enemy held town to reconnoiter hostile gun emplacements and disposition of strength Sergeant Pozner led his men to the outskirts of the town, and then realizing that it would be impossible for so large a force to escape detection, instructed his men to remain behind to cover him while he went on alone. Skillfully and silently making his way past the hostile sentries and into the main sections of the city, he obtained the desired information, rejoined his men and returned to our lines without the loss of a single member of his patrol. Entered military service from West New York, New Jersey.

HARRY L. SMITH, 35587287, Staff Sergeant, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 4 December 1944, in the vicinity of Soucht, France. When the enemy had succeeded in surrounding his company on three sides threatening to isolate it completely, and artillery support could not be called for because communications had not yet been established, Sergeant Smith, on his own initiative, courageously started back, subjected to heavy hostile shelling, laying a communication line as he went, and succeeded in completing installation of the line to his battalion command post. His initiative and heroic devotion to duty resulted in placement of our artillery fire on hostile positions causing the enemy to withdraw and ending the threat of encirclement to his company. Entered military service from Steubenville, Ohio.

JAMES L. SMITH, 14117481, Staff Sergeant (then Private First Class), 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 4 December 1944, in the vicinity of Weinburg, France. After both his squad leaders had been wounded in a bitterly contested engagement with the enemy at Weinburg, Sergeant Smith, on his own initiative, took over command, led his squad and successfully repulsed an enemy attack. In the same encounter Sergeant Smith, exposing himself to great danger, crawled to the aid of a wounded comrade and returned him to a position of safety. Dedicating himself to duty, Sergeant Smith was an inspiration to his men throughout. Entered military service from Spindale, North Carolina.

ROBERT E. ROBERTSON, 34572873, Sergeant, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 10 December 1944, in the vicinity of Mouterhouse, France. While Sergeant Robertson and his men were in the process of digging a gun position overlooking a town occupied by the enemy, the work was suddenly disrupted by small arms fire from hostile snipers. Sergeant Robertson quickly organized a patrol, and despite intermittent barrages of enemy mortar and artillery fire, skillfully led his men to dispose of the snipers and permit the digging to continue without further interruption. As a result of his courageous devotion to duty, a gun position was constructed which was of material aid in repelling a hostile counter-attack which followed soon thereafter. Entered military service from Kennesaw, Georgia.

GRIFFITH V. ROWE, 170817-2, Sergeant, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 21 December 1944, in the vicinity of Reversviller, France. When Sergeant Rowe was assigned the mission of establishing an observation post on high ground he promptly completed this task accompanied by two comrades. That his position afforded him minimum observation he advanced alone under heavy artillery and small arms fire an additional six hundred yards to vantage. Displaying great courage and disregard for his personal safety he maintained this post under continuous hostile fire and transmitted the source of the enemy concentration. Entered military service from St. Louis, Missouri.

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EARL S. SMITH, 15307502, Sergeant, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 18 December 1944, in the vicinity of Bitchy, France. Artillery barrage had inflicted serious wounds on three of his comrades. Lines of communication had been disrupted, Sergeant Smith realizing the situation would have to be evacuated as soon as possible, left the safety of his position and crawled an estimated fifty yards under heavy enemy fire until he found and fully repaired the line. Upon locating a broken artillery line he also repaired it at the same time. Through his initiative, skill and courage the casualties were quickly evacuated and counter-battery fire delivered against the enemy. Entered military service from Columbus, Ohio.

HENRY A. SMITH, 35214139, Sergeant, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 16 November 1944, in the vicinity of Raon L'Etape, France. When his company was in attack against strongly entrenched enemy positions, Sergeant Smith displayed outstanding leadership ability and bravery in deploying his light machine gun section forward to cover the advance of the infantry. On one occasion, when the company's advance was held up by enemy machine gun fire placed down a draw through which our men had to move for the entire attack to progress, Sergeant Smith skillfully directed his men into positions from which they could knock out the hostile machine gun emplacement, and as a result of his ready grasp of the situation and quick thinking, the entire company was able to continue its successful advance on the objective. Entered military service from Sunlight, West Virginia.

RICHARD T. WOODWORTH, 32833614, Sergeant, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 7 December 1944, in the vicinity of Mouterhouse, France. When his platoon was pinned down by intense fire from enemy snipers to the front and flanks, Sergeant Woodworth heroically led a patrol forward to wipe out the enemy resistance. Skillfully deploying his men throughout the area, subjected to the continued hostile small arms and automatic weapon fire, Sergeant Woodworth capably directed his men in driving all enemy snipers from the area, and as a result of his courage and great devotion to duty, his platoon was able to continue the advance and take its objective. Entered military service from Arcade, New York.

BERTRAM O. BLESS, 12110490, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 18 December 1944, in the vicinity of Bitchy, France. When his company was pinned down by enemy artillery and automatic weapons fire, and its telephone lines had been blown out by the severe hostile shelling, Private Bless, radio operator, unhesitatingly left the company command post and crawling with the radio on his back succeeded in finding the company commander. As a result of his courageous performance, artillery support was received, of such accuracy and destructiveness that the enemy positions were decimated and the advance of his company continued. Entered military service from New York, New York.

LOUIS J. COMEDY, 35247341, Private First Class (then Private), 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 12 November 1944, in the vicinity of Bertrichamps, France. In the midst of a hotly contested engagement Private Comedy observed that a machine gunner was wounded. Unhesitating he rushed across an open clearing in full view of the enemy and under hostile fire, to the inactive gun position and took over with marked effectiveness adding additional fire power to the attack, and enabling his unit to obtain its objective. Entered military service from Akron, Ohio.

HERBERT C. DAVIS, JR., 34678527, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 23 November 1944, in the vicinity of St. Prayel, France. When his squad was pinned down by fire from an enemy machine gun, Private Davis, with no thought of personal danger and on his own volition, heroically continued on towards the enemy, and skillfully maneuvered into a position just a few yards from the enemy emplacement from where he could throw a grenade, effectively silencing the machine gun, killing one of the enemy and forcing the others to flee. As a result of his courageous performance, the squad was able to continue on its mission. Entered military service from Wilmington, North Carolina.

MARVIN E. VERNER, 34829183, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 14 December 1944, in the vicinity of Reysersviller, France. During a day-long attack by our forces against strongly fortified enemy positions in the Maginot Line, Private Verner performed heroically in maintaining

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excellent communications. Despite intense mortar, artillery and small arms fire, he constantly serviced vital wire lines which were repeatedly severed in the operation. As a result of his devotion to duty at great personal risk, continuous contact between our units was attained. Entered military service from Savannah, Georgia

CHESTER O. WALLER, 36289205; Private First Class (then Private), 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 16 December 1944, in the vicinity of Bitche, France. While manning a machine gun in support of his platoon in an attack near Bitche, France, Private Waller was wounded. Realizing the importance of his assisting fire in the critical stage of battle, he remained and continued to fire the machine gun with effectiveness, enabling his men to advance and take their objective. By his unselfish action and great courage he was of immeasurable aid to his men and reflected great credit upon himself. Entered military service from Madison, Wisconsin.

RODNEY T. RISER, 35769526, Private First Class (then Private), 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 20 December 1944, in the vicinity of Bitche, France. Assigned as forward scout of a five-man patrol whose mission it was to capture an enemy-occupied pill box, Private Riser and his four comrades had advanced to within a few yards of their objective when they were suddenly fired upon by enemy machine gun fire and pinned down. Completely disregarding the danger to himself, he courageously continued on and skillfully maneuvered into a position from which he was able to throw grenades into the enemy position. As a result of his heroic action, the enemy pill box was silenced and three members of its crew captured. Entered military service from Fayetteville, West Virginia.

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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:

PAUL G. DALY, 0148189, Colonel, Infantry, Army of the United States, for gallantry in action during the period 10 December 1944 to 17 December 1944, in Eastern France. As commanding officer of the 398th Infantry Regiment during this period, Colonel Daly demonstrated unusual devotion to duty and disregard for personal safety in preparing and directing the preliminary attacks upon the strongly defended Fort Freudenberg and Fort Schisseck of the Maginot Line. On 14 December, Colonel Daly personally visited the 3rd Battalion observation post under hostile artillery, mortar, automatic weapon and small arms fire in order to observe the battalion's assault against enemy positions. On the three following days, he again visited forward positions to observe air and ground attacks, and it was on the last of these occasions, on 17 December, that he was wounded by an enemy mortar burst. His example of personal courage and coolness under fire was an inspiration to his regiment which overran strong resistance to capture Fort Schisseck, one of the most formidable forts of the Maginot Line. Entered military service from Southport, Connecticut.

WILLIAM R. BIRCHALL, 15121792, Staff Sergeant (then Private First Class), 398th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 23 December 1944 in the vicinity of Schorbach, France. As part of a patrol which had been dispatched to reconnoiter enemy positions, Sergeant Birchall on his own initiative elected to remain in his advanced position after his patrol had been forced back by a strong enemy force. When the fighting ceased he crawled out of his position and made his way behind the enemy lines. Here he remained for seven hours moving from one position to another gaining a complete knowledge of the enemy's disposition and strength. Approaching several times within hearing distance of enemy conversation he obtained additional valuable information concerning enemy plans. When night fell he returned to his own lines and with skill and accuracy gave a detailed account of his findings. Through his initiative, courage and devotion to duty displayed in this daring maneuver our forces were able to effectively destroy the enemy in this sector with speed, assurance and minimum casualties reflecting great credit upon Sergeant Birchall for actions commensurate with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Columbus, Ohio.

STANLEY D. LA BRAKE, 12004358, Staff Sergeant, 399th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 18 December 1944, in the vicinity of Bitché, France. Assistant squad leader Sergeant LaBrake volunteered to lead a six man patrol into an enemy-held town to ascertain enemy strength and disposition. Entering the town they encountered fire from enemy machine gun nests and one of the patrol members was wounded. Sergeant LaBrake took up a firing position and covered the evacuation of the wounded man enabling the patrol to withdraw. Covering his men with skillful and accurate fire which killed one and wounded two of the enemy, he safely directed his men from point to point and ultimately to the edge of a woods. Here at a last enemy outpost, they again were fired upon from a hostile foxhole. Unhesitatingly and with an outstanding display of courage, Sergeant LaBrake charged the foxhole and forced two of the enemy to surrender, allowing his patrol to withdraw to safety. By his unselfish action and gallantry he successfully completed his mission. Entered military service from Fort Covington, New York.

EDWARD BUSTLE, 35076024, Private First Class (then Private), 397th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 24 November 1944, in the vicinity of St. Blaise, France. At 1900 hours on this night, while his company was making a night march to a nearby town, the eighty-one millimeter mortar platoon of which Private Bustle was a



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member, was suddenly attacked from the rear by an enemy patrol firing burp guns and rifles. As the mortar men were organizing to meet this attack, a German officer armed with a burp gun loomed out of the darkness towards Private Bustle and demanded that he surrender. With great presence of mind, Private Bustle simultaneously dropped the mortar tube he was carrying and seized the burp gun diverting its muzzle towards the ground, with the result that the weapon was fired harmlessly into the ground. The startled enemy officer thereupon dropped his burp gun and started to flee but was immediately killed by well-aimed rifle fire from other mortar men. The enemy patrol then retreated in disorder. By his quick thinking and exemplary courage in close contact with the enemy Private Bustle was responsible for single-handedly breaking up the enemy attack, and his gallantry in action reflected great credit on himself and the Army of the United States. Entered military service from Covington, Kentucky.

SECTION II -- AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

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

ROBERT J. BAXTER, 01106580, Captain, 325th Engineer Combat Battalion, for meritorious service during the period 12 November 1944 to 30 December 1944, in Eastern France. Entered military service from Cleveland, Ohio.

GEORGE E. BISKUP, 01694302, Captain, Medical Detachment, 399th Infantry Regiment for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 1 November 1944 to 7 December 1944, in Eastern France. Entered military service from Mount Pleasant, Pennsylvania.

JOHN J. UPCHURCH III, 025435, Captain, 325th Engineer Combat Battalion, for meritorious service during the period 6 November 1944 to 30 December 1944, in Eastern France. Entered United States Military Academy from Williston, Florida.

BERNARD BOSTON, 01296643, Captain (then First Lieutenant), 398th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in action from 1 November 1944 to 24 December 1944, in the vicinity of Bitche, France. Entered military service from West New York, New Jersey.

ROBERT F. BRIEL, 01295822, First Lieutenant, 399th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service during the period from 1 November 1944 to 30 December 1944, in the vicinity of Eastern France. Entered military service from Bellaire, New York.

EDWARD G. CASAZZA, 0462267, First Lieutenant, 399th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service during the period 7 November 1944 to 26 December 1944, in Eastern France. Entered military service from Brooklyn, New York.

WILLIAM J. GOSTKOWSKI, 32681028, Technical Sergeant, 397th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service during the period 16 November 1944 to 19 December 1944, in Eastern France. Entered military service from Northport, New York.

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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:

LEWISTON J. BAGLEY, 01104477, Captain, 325th Engineer Combat Battalion, for meritorious service during the period 6 November 1944 to 30 December 1944, in Eastern France. Entered military service from Astoria, Oregon.

BENJAMIN F. KUMP, 0389808, Captain, 375th Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service during the period 5 November 1944 to 25 December 1944, in Eastern France. Entered military service from Charlottesville, Virginia.

HENRY F. ROEMMELE, JR., 01179595, First Lieutenant, 373rd Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service during the period 3 November 1944 to 30 December 1944, in Eastern France. Entered military service from Asbury Park, New Jersey.

ARTHUR J. SCHAEFER, 01309847, First Lieutenant, 398th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations during the period 20 October 1944 to 25 December 1944, in Southern and Eastern France. Entered military service from Grand Rapids, Michigan.

ROBERT J. KARCH, 32597508, Staff Sergeant, 398th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service during the period 6 November 1944 to 27 December 1944, in Eastern France. Entered military service from Maywood, New Jersey.

EDWARD R. ABERT, 31214493, Technician Fourth Grade, 398th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service during the period 10 November 1944 to 28 December 1944, in Eastern France. Entered military service from Lee, Massachusetts.

DONALD W. BRUNER, 35303937, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service during the period 1 November 1944 to 30 December 1944, in Eastern France. Entered military service from Portland, Oregon.

SECTION II -- 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 100th Signal Company for superior performance of duty and the achievement of a high standard of discipline during the period from 6 October 1944 to 13 January 1945.

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 in France:

RAPHAEL H. MILLER, JR., 0556485, Chaplain (First Lieutenant), 255th Infantry Regiment, 3 January 1945. Entered military service from Indianapolis, Indiana.

EDWARD J. GUGA, 01296519, First Lieutenant, 398th Infantry Regiment, 14 January 1945. Entered military service from Glencove, New York.

HENRY E. BAHL, 36831251, Technical Sergeant, 255th Infantry Regiment, 9 January 1945. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

ORANGE F. APPLE, JR., 16120262, Technician Third Grade, Medical Detachment, 398th Infantry Regiment, 1 January 1945. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

ROBERT G. COURTNEY, 34497158, Sergeant, 398th Infantry Regiment, 21 November 1944. Entered military service from Knoxville, Tennessee.

STUART L. SUSSMAN, 13122491, Sergeant, 397th Infantry Regiment, 11 January 1945. Entered military service from Kow Gardens, New York.

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CHARLES I. CADDELL, 34590895, Sergeant, 398th Infantry Regiment, 13 January 1945. Entered military service from Spencer, North Carolina.

FRANK L. GRAY, 36698286, Technician Fifth Grade, Medical Detachment, 255th Infantry Regiment, 11 January 1945. Entered military service from Kansas City, Missouri.

WAYNE M. BATY, 37639808, Private First Class, 255th Infantry Regiment, 11 January 1945. Entered military service from Bendavis, Missouri.

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~~EMMER W. ROBINSON, 35769097, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment, 4 December 1944. Entered military service from Teays, West Virginia.~~

ALLEN E. TADLOCK, 34669840, Private First Class, 255th Infantry Regiment, 7 January 1945. Entered military service from Elizabeth City, North Carolina.

JOHN A. MAHER, 12100621, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, 11 January 1945. Entered military service from East Orange, New Jersey.

WILLIS J. DENTON, 34967005, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, 13 January 1945. Entered military service from Hemlock Station, South Carolina.

ROBERT N. FLOHRE, 35074334, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, 13 January 1945. Entered military service from Dayton, Ohio.

CARSON COWAN, 36984323, Private, 397th Infantry Regiment, 11 January 1945. Entered military service from Detroit, Michigan.

EARL A. LAMBERT, 34963533, Private, 397th Infantry Regiment, 10 January 1945. Entered military service from Morganton, North Carolina.

CLARENCE I. MC COMB, 36897460, Private, 399th Infantry Regiment, 10 December 1944. Entered military service from Roseville, Michigan.

EDWARD H. TRUTTER, 36901045, Private, 398th Infantry Regiment, 13 January 1945. Entered military service from Springfield, Illinois.

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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:

HYMAN COHEN, 32647355, Sergeant, 398th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 19 December 1944, in the vicinity of Bitche, France. While his company was engaged in bitter conflict with the enemy for possession of a strategic area near Fort Schiessack of the Maginot Line, radio communication with the battalion command post was disrupted. In order to reestablish communication, Sergeant Cohen moved his set to an exposed position on higher ground and succeeded in making contact with the battalion, but while so engaged was wounded by fire from a hostile sniper. Despite intense pain and loss of blood, Sergeant Cohen remained quiet and pointed out the location of the sniper to his comrades. Fearing that his evacuation would endanger the lives of others, he refused to be carried to the aid station until after dark. He later died of the wound received in this action. The courage and gallantry he displayed in refusing to endanger his companions exemplified the highest traditions of the military service. Next of kin: Rose Cohen (Mother), 1996 Strauss Street, Brooklyn, New York.

SECTION II -- AWARD OF SILVER STAR

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

LUDWIG LESCH, 35000394, Staff Sergeant, 397th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 18 November 1944, in the vicinity of Raon l'Etape, France. When, during an engagement with the enemy, his entire platoon was pinned down by intense rifle and automatic weapons fire, Sergeant Lesch, upon his own initiative and without regard for his personal safety, crawled forward under heavy fire and succeeded in reaching a well concealed hostile machine gun emplacement without detection by its occupants. Forcing the four members of the enemy crew to surrender, he thus immeasurably relieved the pressure upon his platoon and by his daring and tactical skill reflected great credit upon himself. Entered military service from Akron, 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:

EDWARD S. JOHNSON, 0383951, Captain, 398th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service during the period 7 November 1944 to 30 December 1944, in Eastern France. Entered military service from Kannapolis, North Carolina.

JOSEPH T. COLLINS, JR., 01310579, First Lieutenant, 399th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service during the period 1 November 1944 to 29 December 1944, in Eastern France. Entered military service from Garden City, Long Island, New York.

WILLIAM R. LEDBETTER, 0531863, First Lieutenant, 375th Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service during the period 3 November 1944 to 17 December 1944, in Eastern France. Entered military service from Beaumont, Texas.

WILLIAM E. BEHLEN, 32650232, Staff Sergeant, 373rd Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service during the period 3 November 1944 to 31 December 1944, in Eastern France. Entered military service from New York, New York.

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JOHN E. GIANNETTO, 31237601, Staff Sergeant, 100th Signal Company, for meritorious service during the period 7 November 1944 to 14 December 1944, in Eastern France. Entered military service from Everett, Massachusetts.

ROBERT J. DESROSIERS, 31256739, Sergeant, 397th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service during the period 1 November 1944 to 30 December 1944, in Eastern France. Entered military service from Fitchburg, Massachusetts.

HORACE J. HASLAM, 31214679, Sergeant, 399th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service during the period 1 November 1944 to 29 December 1944, in Eastern France. Entered military service from Adams, Massachusetts.

SWAINSON C. BERRY, 34003728, Technician Fifth Grade, 100th Signal Company, for meritorious service during the period 7 November 1944 to 14 December 1944, in Eastern France. Entered military service from Tellico Plain, Tennessee.

WILLIAM L. SOUTHARD, 34581783, Technician Fifth Grade, 575th Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service during the period 6 November 1944 to 27 December 1944, in Eastern France. Entered military service from Athens, Alabama.

TONALD C. COTE, 31252713, Private First Class, 100th Signal Company, for meritorious service during the period 7 November 1944 to 14 December 1944, in Eastern France. Entered military service from Hartford, Connecticut.

CLIFTON R. KERR, 34464308, Private First Class, 100th Signal Company for meritorious service during the period 7 November 1944 to 14 December 1944, in Eastern France. Entered military service from Durham, North Carolina.

RICHARD W. MONTGOMERY, JR., 37706496, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service during the period 1 November 1944 to 30 December 1944, in the vicinity of Eastern France. Entered military service from Denver, Colorado.

WILLIAM PREYE, JR., 32597367, Private First Class, 100th Signal Company, for meritorious service during the period 7 November 1944 to 14 December 1944, in Eastern France. Entered military service from Lynnhurst, New Jersey.

VINCENT E. PLONSKI, 12192824, Private First Class (then Private), 100th Signal Company, for meritorious service during the period 7 November 1944 to 14 December 1944, in Eastern France. Entered military service from Long Island City, New York.

IRVING S. COOPER, 39141219, Private, 397th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service during the period 12 November 1944 to 18 December 1944, in Eastern France. Entered military service from San Francisco, California.

DONALD K. HORLACHER, 12106224, Private, 100th Signal Company, for meritorious service during the period 7 November 1944 to 14 December 1944, in Eastern France. Entered military service from Poughkeepsie, New York.

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

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

Award of First Oak Leaf Cluster

DAVID A. JACOBSON, 12227404, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, 9 January 1945. Entered military service from Jersey City, New Jersey.

Award of Second Oak Leaf Cluster

CLEMENT E. MEDLEY, 34591127, Technical Sergeant, 397th Infantry Regiment, 11 January 1945. Entered military service from Greensboro, 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 in France:

JAMES E. GARRISON, JR., 34011321, Staff Sergeant, Medical Detachment, 925th Field Artillery Battalion, 1 January 1945. Entered military service from Florence, South Carolina.

CHARLES E. LANE, JR., 15402195, Staff Sergeant, 397th Infantry Regiment, 13 January 1945. Entered military service from Burgin, Kentucky.

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DAVID R. MC COMB, 32593616, Technician Fifth Grade, 325th Engineer Combat Battalion, 7 January 1945. Entered military service from Hillside, New Jersey.

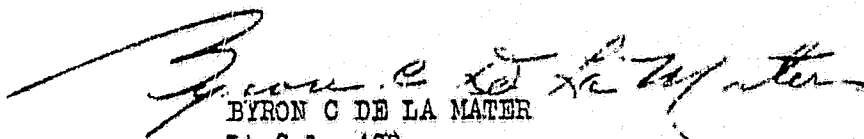
JAMES W. FELL, 37526350, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, 13 January 1945. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

DAVID HARKIS, 32680415, Private First Class, 374th Field Artillery Battalion, 12 January 1945. Entered military service from New Rochelle, New York.

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

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

✓ MARSHALL D. BAILEY, 14126235, Private First Class (then Private), 325th Engineer Combat Battalion, for heroic achievement in action on 26 December 1944, in the vicinity of Echenberg, France. When his squad was engaged in clearing a hostile mine field, a member of the squad touched off a mine which killed one man, seriously injured another, and wounded Private Bailey in the leg. Despite his own wound, Private Bailey dragged himself over to his seriously wounded comrade to render first aid while the company aid-man was busily engaged elsewhere. Administering his own wound tablets to the stricken soldier, he succeeded in cutting away the wounded man's clothing so that aid could be promptly administered and refused medical attention for himself until the company aid-man had treated his comrade. Private Bailey's unselfish devotion to duty is worthy of great praise. Entered military service from St. Charles, South Carolina.

SECTION II -- POSTHUMOUS AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

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

✓ FRANK W. KNOBLOCH, 33066049, Staff Sergeant, 373d Field Artillery Battalion, for heroic achievement in action on 11 November 1944, in the vicinity of Neuf Etang, France. While his battery was in action in support of a division attack, Sergeant Knobloch, mess sergeant, received a call to pick up and deliver rations to his fighting comrades. En route to accomplish this mission, his truck was halted numerous times by heavy hostile mortar and artillery shelling of the area, but realizing the importance to the morale of his men of getting the food through to them, he gallantly persisted in his efforts to reach the supplies, and while thus engaged was mortally wounded by an enemy artillery burst. Next of kin: E. Marie Knobloch (Wife), 24 Aldyth Avenue, Reistertown, Maryland.

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:

✓ EDGAR R. FENSTEMACHER, 0390519, Captain, 399th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 1 January 1945, in the vicinity of Lemberg, France. When enemy pressure forced back our line of infantry and one platoon of his antitank company was exposed to imminent danger of capture, Captain Fenstemacher immediately went forward in his vehicle under heavy hostile mortar and small arms fire. Rallying his men, Captain Fenstemacher personally aided in withdrawing the unit's antitank weapons to friendly lines, and by his daring and inspiring action prevented possible capture of men and equipment by the enemy. Entered military service from Hudson, Michigan.

✓ KENNETH C. PRINCE, 0476490, Captain, Medical Detachment, 373d Field Artillery Battalion, for heroic achievement in action on 11 November 1944, in the vicinity of Neuf Etang, France. When enemy artillery consistently found the range of our batteries and inflicted numerous casualties, Captain Prince repeatedly advanced into exposed areas of enemy fire and with utter disregard for his own personal safety rendered aid to and evacuated wounded men. Continually enemy shell fragments narrowly missed Captain Prince, nevertheless he calmly and deliberately continued his work and completed the evacuation of all the wounded. Entered military service from Shreveport, Louisiana.

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✓ JOHN P. LONSBURG, 01310610, First Lieutenant, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 11 November 1944, in the vicinity of Raon L'Etape, France. Upon learning that rescue parties had been unable to reach a group of six wounded men in a mine field, Lieutenant Lonsberg voluntarily and without regard for his personal safety went to the assistance of the casualties. Probing his way cautiously through the mined area, he succeeded in reaching the casualties and administering first aid, then carried them out of the field and to a place of safety. By his prompt action, he was instrumental in saving the lives of comrades who might otherwise have succumbed to their wounds. Entered military service from St. Louis, Missouri.

✓ JOHN W. PITTMAN, 01692627, Second Lieutenant, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 26 December 1944, in the vicinity of Bitche, France. Assigned command of a patrol with the mission of clearing the enemy from a wooded area, Lieutenant Pittman was leading his men into the woods when he was informed by a forward scout of the presence of two hostile fortifications. Realizing that destruction of these fortifications with infantry weapons was impossible, and reluctant to risk the lives of his men in a frontal assault, Lieutenant Pittman had telephone lines laid to the command post in the rear. He then called for and adjusted artillery fire upon the hostile positions, destroying the fortifications and forcing withdrawal of the enemy without suffering a single casualty to his own forces. Entered military service from Kershaw, South Carolina.

✓ CARROLL E. TARBERT, 33000761, Technical Sergeant, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 20 December 1944, in the vicinity of Bitche, France. When his entire platoon received orders to withdraw in the face of an enemy counter-attack, Sergeant Tarbert held his squad in position to cover the retirement of the unit. Increasing the intensity of his own fire to divert the enemy, he covered the withdrawal of the platoon and then remained in position and manned his weapon until his own squad had reached safety before he himself retired. Entered military service from Baltimore, Maryland.

✓ EDWARD J. BORBOA, 39158022, Staff Sergeant (then Sergeant), 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 10 December 1944, in the vicinity of Mouterhouse, France. Upon reaching their assigned position, Sergeant Borboa and his men who were to constitute an outpost in protection of a newly-won road junction were fired upon by the enemy. Although one man was killed and the entire group was pinned down by the hostile fire, Sergeant Borboa managed to make his way to his platoon in the rear and obtained reinforcements. He then led these additional men around the flank of the hostile position to a point from which they were able to kill one of the enemy, wound another and put the automatic weapon out of action, thereby relieving the original outpost troops and enabling them to prepare entrenchments. Entered military service from Firebaugh, California.

✓ PHIL HINTON, 38401598, Staff Sergeant, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 16 December 1944, in the vicinity of Bitche, France. When the enemy launched a fierce counter-attack to prevent his company from making any further progress toward its objective, Sergeant Hinton fearlessly took up a position well forward of his two machine guns to direct their fire against the oncoming enemy. Subjected to a terrific barrage of hostile artillery, mortar, and small arms fire, he courageously remained at his post directing our fire with such great skill and deadliness that the enemy counter-attack was repelled and the company advance continued. Entered military service from Mannford, Oklahoma.

✓ DOMINICK R. MONCHINO, 32598059, Staff Sergeant, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 23 December 1944, in the vicinity of Schorbach, France. Assigned to command a reconnaissance patrol in the mission of determining hostile gun positions, Sergeant Monchino obtained the desired information and was leading his men back to their unit when the patrol encountered an enemy ambush. Fire from eight hostile machine guns wounded four members of the group, including Sergeant Monchino, but he disregarded his injury and ordered his companions to withdraw to friendly lines by an alternate route. He then engaged the enemy and by accurate delivery of covering fire for a period of a quarter of an hour enabled the other members of the patrol to return to safety before he himself withdrew. Entered military service from Newark, New Jersey.



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✓ GEORGE S. SHANEBERGER, 12204242, Staff Sergeant, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 15 December 1944, in the vicinity of Mouterhouse, France. Assigned command of a patrol with the mission of determining hostile mortar positions, Sergeant Shaneberger led his men forward under enemy artillery and mortar fire. Skillfully guiding his party past groups of enemy riflemen, Sergeant Shaneberger located the opposing emplacements and obtained important additional information, then directed the return of the patrol and reported the hostile dispositions with an accuracy which enabled our forces to put the enemy mortars out of action. Entered military service from Easton, Pennsylvania.

✓ CHARLES F. TRAINOR, 36040125, Staff Sergeant (then Sergeant), 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 7 December 1944, in the vicinity of Mouterhouse, France. When his company had the mission of occupying and securing a road junction just north of a town, Sergeant Trainor skillfully led his squad in setting up an observation post twelve hundred yards forward of the company command post. Operating under a steady enemy artillery and mortar barrage, he adjusted our artillery fire so that several hostile mortar positions were destroyed, then moving forward alone, he crawled to a more distant position under direct enemy sniper fire and again successfully directed our fire on additional enemy installations. His heroic performance facilitated the taking of its objective by his company. Entered military service from Woodstock, Illinois.

✓ MICHAEL W. MULDERRIG, 32672982, Sergeant (then Private First Class), 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 4 December 1944, in the vicinity of Rosteig, France. While Sergeant Mulderrig's company was fighting for possession of the high ground southeast of Rosteig, heavy hostile artillery and small arms fire inflicted severe casualties upon exposed riflemen. With complete disregard for the intensity of the enemy action, Sergeant Mulderrig made his way forward from the comparative safety of his position at the rear of the attacking force and, although repeatedly fired upon by snipers and forced to take cover from artillery bursts, succeeded in reaching the wounded men in the forefront of the attacking force. Administering aid to numerous casualties, Sergeant Mulderrig was responsible for saving the lives of at least two of his comrades, and during the subsequent action contributed materially to the achievement of the mission. Entered military service from New York, New York.

✓ FRANK M. REINHART, 12078482, Sergeant, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 20 December 1944, in the vicinity of Bitcho, France. Ordered to move his mortar squad to a position within seventy-five yards of the enemy during a determined counter-attack by hostile forces, Sergeant Reinhart proceeded to execute the mission despite the fact that casualties had incapacitated all other members of his squad. Carrying the weapon and ten rounds of ammunition for a distance of three hundred yards; he single-handedly put the gun in action and by accurate delivery of fire was instrumental in repulsing the attack, although he himself was the target of enemy small arms fire throughout the action. Entered military service from Newark, New Jersey.

✓ WILLIAM R. McWHORTER, JR., 34515492, Corporal, Medical Detachment, 325th Engineer Combat Battalion, for heroic achievement in action on 26 December 1944, in the vicinity of Lemberg, France. While in the process of clearing a dangerous mine field, Corporal McWhorter was wounded by an exploding mine which killed one and wounded two of his comrades. Disregarding his own wounds and completely ignoring the danger of additional mines, he traversed the mined area and administered first aid to each of the wounded men and then summoned help. By his unselfish and courageous action he minimized the effects of serious wounds, saving the lives of his comrades. Entered military service from Greenville, South Carolina.

✓ LEONARD B. BLOWERS, 32666594, Technician Fifth Grade, 373d Field Artillery Battalion, for heroic achievement in action on 18 November 1944, in the vicinity of Neuville les Raon, France. When an enlisted man was severely wounded by a hostile mine, his cries for help brought a number of rescuers who proceeded to probe their way through the mine-infested area to the assistance of the wounded man. Seeing that the soldier was rapidly losing blood and might succumb to his wounds before the rescue party cleared a safe path, Sergeant Blowers courageously entered the mine field and without regard for the thickly planted mines advanced to the injured man, picked him up and carried him to safety. Entered military service from Mechanicville, New York.

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✓ RAY O. CRABTREE, 37634990, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 13 December 1944, in the vicinity of Mouterhouse, France. When an enemy counter-attack was launched directly at the position he occupied on the flank of the squad, Private Crabtree calmly held his fire until the enemy was within fifty yards, then with accurate and rapid bursts from his automatic rifle killed two of the enemy and halted the remainder of the force. Despite automatic weapon fire directed at him from close range, Private Crabtree continued to engage the opposing infantry and single-handedly succeeded in preventing further advance until assistance eventually arrived. His alert and aggressive action was instrumental in the final repulse of the hostile assault. Entered military service from Hartshorn, Missouri.

✓ GEORGE F. LIPPART, 13145444, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 11 December 1944, in the vicinity of Soucht, France. When Company F was returning from the front lines an attached artillery officer stepped on an enemy mine and suffered serious wounds. Although the officer was a considerable distance ahead of the company at the time, Private Lippart unhesitatingly advanced to the area and probed his way through the mine field until he reached the wounded man. He then administered first aid and carried the Lieutenant to safety. Entered military service from Clearfield, Pennsylvania.

✓ LEO R. E. ROUSH, 35769562, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 17 December 1944, in the vicinity of Bluche, France. When his company was in position awaiting the order to jump off against the strongly entrenched enemy, a heavy barrage of hostile artillery and mortar fire severed his company's communication with the battalion command post and seriously wounded two men near him. Realizing the utter importance of quickly restoring communications, Private Roush courageously set out despite the continued shelling, located and repaired the break in the wire, and then still under heavy enemy fire, helped evacuate his two wounded comrades. His complete devotion to duty in utter disregard of his own safety was an inspiration to his comrades. Entered military service from Point Pleasant, West Virginia.

✓ ROBERT J. FINDLEY, 39579381, Private, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 20 November 1944, in the vicinity of St. Blaise, France. A member of a combat patrol, Private Findley was instructed to cross an open area and prevent the withdrawal of an enemy force occupying buildings along an important supply road. Moving across the open terrain despite hostile fire from the enemy emplacement, Private Findley assumed an exposed position and opened fire. Discovered by the opposing troops, he was charged upon by four hostile soldiers armed with automatic weapons, but courageously held his ground, killing one of the enemy, wounding another, and causing the others to flee. Entered military service from Burbank, California.

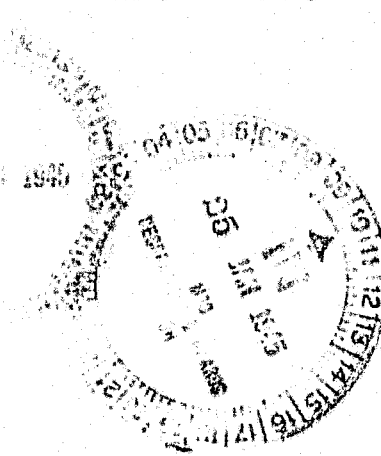
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SECTION I -- AWARD OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO BRONZE STAR MEDAL

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:

JOSEPH DOOLEY, 31245599, Staff Sergeant, 325th Engineer Combat Battalion, for heroic achievement in action on 29 December 1944, in the vicinity of Bitche, France. Sergeant Dooley and his lieutenant were reconnoitering a hostile road block when the lieutenant inadvertently detonated an enemy mine, seriously wounding both of them. After attempting to secure help by shouting and firing their weapons in the air, Sergeant Dooley despite a broken left leg and an incapacitated left hand, dragged himself about one hundred and fifty yards before encountering friendly troops who helped evacuate both casualties. Sergeant Dooley's great courage and fortitude was an inspiration to his comrades. Entered military service from Providence, Rhode Island.

SECTION II -- POSTHUMOUS AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

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

JOHN D. FERGUSON, 14118998, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 10 November 1944, in the vicinity of Etival, France. In an attack at Etival, Private Ferguson advanced across an open field under intense enemy fire with his machine gun, establishing a new position and rendering effective fire. Later while pressing forward in an attempt to attain a more advantageous gun site, he was mortally wounded by enemy fire. By his unswerving devotion to duty and courageous action he contributed largely to his unit's ultimate successful advance. Next of kin: James B. Ferguson (Father), 15 Duke Power Hill, Great Falls, South 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:

JOHN F. SKIVINGTON, 0409307, Captain, 398th Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion, for heroic achievement in action during the period 25 July 1944 to 13 August 1944, in the vicinity of Santa Frediano, Italy. Throughout this period, in which his battalion was committed as provisional infantry on the Arno River line, Captain Skivington, as commanding officer of a rifle company, distinguished himself by his personal courage and unremitting devotion to duty. He personally reconnoitered the entire sector which his unit was to occupy, executed commendable plans for the deployment of his men, and even conducted several elements to their assigned positions. On repeated occasions Captain Skivington himself led reconnaissance and combat patrols through territory subjected to constant small arms and mortar fire, and by his conduct excited the admiration of his entire command. Entered military service from Caledonia, New York.

JAMES M. SPEER, 01171373, Captain, 373rd Field Artillery Battalion, for heroic achievement in action on 11 November 1944, in the vicinity of Neuf Etang, France. When two of his men were seriously wounded by a heavy concentration of hostile artillery and mortar fire, Captain Speer, battery commander, fearlessly went to their assistance. Upon ascertaining the severity of their wounds, he realized that a surgeon was needed immediately. Unable to make contact with the aid station by phone, he ran back some two hundred yards through the continuing hostile barrage to the aid station returned with the battalion surgeon and assisted him in treating the two casualties.

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Although the wounds proved fatal to one of the men, the prompt medical attention has ensured the recovery of the other. Captain Speer's heroism under fire was a source of great inspiration to all members of his organization. Entered military service from Booneville, North Carolina.

DANIEL J. STANTON, O376173, Captain, 898th Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion, for heroic achievement in action during the period 25 July 1944 to 13 August 1944, in the vicinity of Santa Frediano, Italy. Throughout this period, in which his battalion was committed as provisional infantry on the Arno River line, Captain Stanton, as commanding officer of a rifle company, distinguished himself by his personal courage and unremitting devotion to duty. He personally reconnoitered the entire sector which his unit was to occupy, executed commendable plans for the deployment of his men, and even conducted several elements to their assigned positions. On repeated occasions Captain Stanton himself led reconnaissance and combat patrols through territory subjected to constant small arms and mortar fire, and by his conduct excited the admiration of his entire command. Entered military service from Wilton, New Hampshire.

HARTLEY G. WHITE, O401311, Captain, 898th Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion, for heroic achievement in action during the period 25 July 1944 to 13 August 1944, in the vicinity of Marciannella, Italy. Throughout this period, in which his battalion was committed as provisional infantry on the Arno River line, Captain White as commanding officer of a heavy weapons company distinguished himself by his courage and devotion to duty. On repeated occasions, Captain White personally led reconnaissance patrols and mortar squads in performance of their assigned missions, moving over level terrain under brilliant moonlight in full and unobstructed view of enemy positions, and through areas known to be infested by hostile combat patrols. The extremely light casualties incurred by personnel under his command during this period give ample evidence of Captain White's efficient leadership. Entered military service from Fredonia, New York.

MILTON R. BEYCHOK, O531821, First Lieutenant, 925th Field Artillery Battalion, for heroic achievement in action during the period 1 November 1944 to 3 January 1945, in Eastern France. As battalion survey officer and assistant S-2, Lieutenant Beychok has displayed unusual ability and initiative. Efficiently manning the battalion observation post during the bitter struggles for Beccarat, Shorbach and Bitche, often subjected to enemy observation and hostile shelling, he has accurately registered targets for our artillery fire, setting up short and long bases with equal success, and in the Lemberg campaign his capacity for detail resulted in his ability to register fire for seven battalions in one morning. His superior performance has greatly aided the battalion in accomplishing its missions. Entered military service from Shreveport, Louisiana.

CHARLES F. MC LALLEN, O1295920, First Lieutenant, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action during the period 1 November 1944 to 25 December 1944, in Eastern France. Under Lieutenant McLallen's skillful and courageous leadership, his mortar and machine gun sections accomplished each assigned mission throughout this period of combat operations. On 21 December 1944, in the attack against a strongly defended hill, he displayed great presence of mind under fire, deploying his squad in effective support of our advancing units. Through his prompt organization and displacement of supporting fire, he made possible numerous valuable penetrations into enemy sectors. Entered military service from Meadville, Pennsylvania.

BURNUS L. PAYNE, O1325107, First Lieutenant, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action during the period 1 November 1944 to 24 December 1944, in the vicinity of Eastern France. As battalion S-2, Lieutenant Payne has continuously rendered valuable service to the units dependent on him. Throughout this period of combat operations, his work has figured prominently in effecting successful action against the enemy. During the complete operation of attacking the forts of Freudenberg and Schisseck from 14 December 1944 to 21 December 1944, Lieutenant Payne maintained an advance observation post reporting valuable information under continuous heavy artillery and mortar fire. His constant devotion to duty and skill resulted in effective counter fire by our artillery. Entered military service from Jonesboro, Arkansas.

SAMUEL W. MAC BRIDE, 33232252, Technical Sergeant, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 17 December 1944, in the vicinity of Mouterhouse,

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France. Having made his way back to the company command post with the primary intention of obtaining rations for his machine gunners who were deployed in a strategic draw, Sergeant MacBride, with a case of rations on his shoulder, was setting out on the return trip when he was subjected to an intense hostile artillery barrage and advised by the commanding officer of a rifle company to remain at the company command post for the night. Disregarding the warning and the continuing enemy fire, Sergeant MacBride proceeded with his mission, located the platoon and distributed the rations, thereby contributing markedly to the welfare and morale of the unit. Entered military service from York, Pennsylvania.

DANIEL J. SKOTARSKI, 33001866, Technical Sergeant, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action during the period 9 November 1944 to 21 December 1944, in Eastern France. Throughout his period of combat service in which his organization participated in many hazardous engagements with the enemy, Sergeant SkotarSKI has displayed great bravery and skill in performing his duties as acting platoon sergeant. On one occasion during a two day assault by his company on the strongly fortified enemy fortresses of Treudenberg and Schiesseck, he courageously remained at his post and refused to be evacuated although he had been severely shaken up by the almost steady pounding of hostile eighty-eights and seventy-fives, and by his complete devotion to duty was a source of great inspiration to the men around him. Entered military service from Baltimore, Maryland.

WILLIAM M. ENGLISH, 31132628, Staff Sergeant, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action during the period 1 November 1944 to 13 January 1945, in Eastern France. During this period, in numerous engagements with the enemy, Sergeant English has discharged his duties as platoon guide with constant efficiency and outstanding leadership. On 8 December 1944, in the Mouterhouse sector when his company was pinned down by enemy fire, he was directly responsible for the acquisition and deliverance of vitally needed supplies to his men. Throughout, he has unselfishly supported his men with total disregard for his own personal safety. Entered military service from Georgetown, Massachusetts.

MILTON C. BUSSEY, 32269283, Sergeant, 373rd Field Artillery Battalion, for heroic achievement in action during the period 3 November 1944 to 28 December 1944, in Eastern France. As chief of the battery ammunition section, Sergeant Bussey has demonstrated superior leadership and ingenuity in maintaining a steady flow of ammunition for his organization. Skillfully organizing his section into a smooth-functioning team, his initiative has overcome the handicaps of blackout, treacherous roads and constant hostile shelling, but despite the extremely heavy expenditures of ammunition during the Vosges campaign and the attack on Maginot Line fortresses, no gun of his battery was ever silent for lack of ammunition. Entered military service from Camden, New Jersey.

LEROY P. CUNNINGHAM, 13158413, Sergeant (then Private First Class), 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action during the period 6 November 1944 to 31 December 1944, in Eastern France. Participating in the bitterly fought actions in which his unit engaged at Raon L'Etape, Bertrichamps and Mouterhouse, Sergeant Cunningham discharged his duties as member of a machine gun squad with courage and initiative. On 16 December, when he and his comrades were preparing entrenched positions and were unexpectedly fired upon by a hostile machine gun, Sergeant Cunningham immediately manned an idle weapon in an exposed position, neutralized the enemy fire and enabled his unit to complete the entrenchments. Entered military service from Middletown, Pennsylvania.

GEORGE F. JOHNSON, 31256049, Technician Fifth Grade, 399th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action during the period 1 November 1944 to 30 December 1944, in Eastern France. Throughout this period Corporal Johnson has faithfully performed his duties servicing his rifle company with supplies and ammunition. On many occasions, he has also aided in the evacuation of the wounded and driven his commanding officer on hazardous reconnaissance missions. Courageously driving his vehicle over roads that were frequently heavily mined by the enemy, often under intense hostile shelling, many times proceeding on foot to bring ammunition and supplies to his fighting comrades, his untiring energy and complete regard for the welfare of his men have won him the admiration of all members of his organization. Entered military service from Worcester, Massachusetts.

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ERNEST W. MONTGOMERY, 34573808, Technician Fifth Grade, 398th Infantry Regiment for heroic achievement in action during the period 10 November 1944 to 28 December 1944, in Eastern France. During this period in which the organization to which he has been attached as aid man fought through the bitterly contested battles for Etiva La Trouche, Wington and Reysaviller, Corporal Montgomery had displayed great courage and efficiency in administering to the wounds and minor ailments of his men. Often subjected to heavy enemy artillery and mortar fire, he has always acted promptly in caring for his men, and his consistently meritorious performance has helped maintain the morale of his fighting comrades at a high level. Entered military service from Cedartown, Georgia.

HARRY SCHLOSSBERG, 32681692, Technician Fifth Grade (then Private), Medical Detachment, 373rd Field Artillery Battalion, for heroic achievement in action during the period 3 November 1944 to 31 December 1944, in Eastern France. Corporal Schlossberg has performed his duties as aid man with great courage and without regard for his personal safety. On 11 November, he left the protection of his position to render first aid to two men wounded as a result of a heavy concentration of hostile artillery and mortars. and continued to give medical aid until they were evacuated. Later that day, he again exposed himself to heavy enemy fire to treat numerous casualties, and his complete devotion to duty at all times has immeasurably bolstered the morale of his fighting comrades. Entered military service from New York, New York.

WILLIAM J. LEWIS, 37524871, Private First Class (then Private), 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action during the period 6 November 1944 to 31 December 1944, in Eastern France. Throughout this period Private Lewis discharged his duties as driver of an intelligence and reconnaissance platoon with exemplary courage and initiative, repeatedly demonstrating his willingness to drive his vehicle over the most dangerous routes and to patrol on foot with other members of his squad. On 29 December, when enemy planes bombed and strafed the vicinity of the regimental command post, Private Lewis voluntarily braved the fire of the strafing aircraft to go to the aid of his wounded comrades. Entered military service from Reece, Kansas.

ALLAN SCHIFF, 32961942, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action during the period 10 November 1944 to 28 December 1944, in Eastern France. Throughout this period of combat operations, Private Schiff has completed each assigned mission in an exemplary and efficient manner. As company runner he has performed hazardous missions, displaying great courage and determination under enemy fire promptly delivering messages to and from the battalion command post and his own front line unit. Entered military service from Brooklyn, New York.

DAVID D. WAID, 33774798, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action during the period 10 November 1944 to 28 December 1944, in Eastern France. Throughout this period Private Waid performed his duties of maintaining constant messenger service between Battalion Headquarters and his front line company with efficiency and initiative. Through all types of terrain and weather he has been repeatedly subjected to artillery, mortar and small arms fire but has steadfastly and conscientiously completed each mission. His continuous superior efforts have contributed to a marked degree to the success of his company in several engagements. Entered military service from Lancaster, Pennsylvania.

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SECTION I -- 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:

THOMAS R. STREIFF, JR., 35224159, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 20 December 1944, in the vicinity of Bitche, France. While Private Streiff's squad was fighting to repel a determined enemy counterattack, hostile grenades hurled from a concealed position harassed our forces and threatened to inflict severe casualties. Voluntarily leaving the security of his entrenched position, Private Streiff crawled forward, succeeded in locating the enemy's place of concealment and killed the hostile soldier. While making his way back to his foxhole Private Streiff was lost in the heavy enemy fire. Private Streiff's gallantry, which probably cost him his life, was in keeping with the finest traditions of the service. Next of kin: Anna Streiff (Wife), 36 Constantia Street, Dayton, 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:

VERNON C. HINES, 01174594, Captain, 375th Field Artillery Battalion. Entered military service from Kansas City, Missouri.

JAMES M. HAGMAN, 36828189, Corporal, 375th Field Artillery Battalion. Entered military service from Eau Claire, Wisconsin.

For gallantry in action during the period 15 December 1944 to 18 December 1944, in the vicinity of Bitche, France. When the infantry battalion to which they were attached was attacking stubbornly defended enemy fortresses of the Maginot Line, these men displayed magnificent courage, skill, and aggressiveness in acting as forward observers. On one occasion, subjected to fierce enemy bombardment, the captain and his radio operator heroically climbed to the top of a fortress to successfully direct our fire on hostile targets. On another, an enemy patrol of 12 men was engaged, and aided by one of our machine gun sections, they succeeded in killing five and capturing the remainder. On still a third occasion, when the enemy laid down a terrific barrage of artillery and mortar fire in counterattacking a hill occupied by our forces, they bravely ascended the hill to an exposed position forward of our advance elements, and for approximately twenty-four hours during which their position was under almost incessant enemy fire, remained steadfastly at their post directing the fire of our artillery with accurate and destructive effect. During this period, after their radio had been hit and its batteries weakened, Captain Hines crawled through the curtain of fire to our lines, secured new batteries and then returned to the exposed position. The marked gallantry of these men is a tribute to the tradition of the American soldier.

JAMES E. BYRD, 02006101, Second Lieutenant (then Technical Sergeant), 398th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 23 November 1944, in the vicinity of St. Prayel, France. When his platoon was pinned down in its advance by fire from enemy automatic weapons concealed in a farmhouse, Lieutenant Byrd, on his own volition, courageously made his way across an open field subjected to direct enemy fire until he reached a spot from which he was able to deliver accurate and deadly fire from his submachine gun into the windows and doors of the building, forcing the enemy to take refuge in the rear and permitting his comrades to advance and occupy the structure. As a result of Lieutenant Byrd's gallant and aggressive action, the hostile gun position was silenced, its crew captured and the advance of his platoon continued, reflecting great credit upon himself and the Army of the United States. Entered military service from Poplarville, Massachusetts.

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JOSEPH M. SURMANEK, 33349821, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 4 December 1944, in the vicinity of Soucht, France. When forward elements of his company were halted in their attack and pinned down by fire from hostile machine guns, Private Surmanek discovered a vantage point from which our own automatic weapons could deliver fire upon the enemy positions. Acting upon his own initiative, he made his way to the rear, led a machine gun section to the vantage point, then returned to his own platoon to obtain riflemen to act as security. While en route he was wounded by shrapnel but courageously refused medical attention and proceeded with his mission. As a result of his efforts, devastating fire from our weapons forced the enemy to withdraw and permitted the company to advance. Private Surmanek's actions under fire reflected great credit upon himself and the Army of the United States. Entered military service from Wilkes Barre, 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:

EMIL J. GENETTI, 026965, Lieutenant Colonel, 325th Medical Battalion, for meritorious service during the period 9 November 1944 to 31 December 1944, in Eastern France. Entered military service from Bessemer, Michigan.

IRWIN R. WALKER, JR., 0321632, Lieutenant Colonel, 100th Quartermaster Company, for meritorious service in support of combat operations during the period 1 October 1944 to 1 January 1945 in France. Entered military service from Wilson, North Carolina.

ROBERT M. WILLIAMS, 022206, Lieutenant Colonel, 398th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in action during the period 1 November 1944 to 31 December 1944, in Eastern France. Entered military service from Austin, Texas.

HARRY V. DRINKARD, 01633817, First Lieutenant, 100th Signal Company, for meritorious service in support of combat operations during the period 25 November 1944 to 13 January 1945, in Eastern France. Entered military service from Mobile, Alabama.

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 in France:

FREDERICK W. SIMMONS, 33046439, Corporal, 925th Field Artillery Battalion, 16 January 1945. Entered military service from Salem, Virginia.

LEE R. UNDERWOOD, 34496540, Corporal, 397th Infantry Regiment, 10 December 1944. Entered military service from Cunningham, Tennessee.

IRA A. SALLEY, 31398382, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, 13 January 1945. Entered military service from Waterville, Maine.

CLYDE J. SIMMONS, 33010102, Private First Class, 325th Engineer Combat Battalion, 12 January 1945. Entered military service from Camp Hill, Pennsylvania.

WILLIAM L. BEDILLION, JR., 15140623, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, 16 January 1945. Entered military service from Cleveland, Ohio.

LANCE D. MOSHER, 36688324, Private First Class, 255th Infantry Regiment, 6 January 1945. Entered military service from Rock Island, Illinois.

THEODORE LONG, 36778471, Private, 255th Infantry Regiment, 4 January 1945. Entered military service from New Berlin, Illinois.

JOHN C. COLETTI, 31468523, Private, 397th Infantry Regiment, 16 January 1945. Entered military service from Quincy, Massachusetts.

JAMES DELUCA, 36984516, Private, 397th Infantry Regiment, 15 January 1945. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

JOHNNY L. SHEETS, 35075733, Private, 397th Infantry Regiment, 15 January 1945. Entered military service from Folladotte, Ohio.

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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:

WILLIAM P. FRASER, 0541830, Chaplain, (Captain), 399th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action during the period 6 November 1944 to 29 December 1944, in Eastern France. Throughout this period Chaplain Fraser has tirelessly devoted himself to the completion of his appointed tasks, performing in many instances beyond the call of his duties. On several occasions he has subjected himself to enemy artillery and small arms fire in assisting with the evacuation of the wounded from the front lines. Displaying initiative and great resourcefulness, he has rendered valuable aid to numerous casualties at the aid station, minimizing pain of wounds and boosting the morale of the men under most trying circumstances. Entered military service from Many, Louisiana.

LEON GALPERIN, 01171153, Captain, 373rd Field Artillery Battalion, for heroic achievement in action during the period 3 November 1944 to 30 December 1944, in Eastern France. As commanding officer of headquarters battery, Captain Galperin has performed his duties courageously and with great regard for the welfare of his men. On 11 November, when his battery was subjected to heavy shelling by hostile artillery and three men were wounded, he unhesitatingly left his shelter, proceeded one hundred yards through the enemy fire, rendered first aid, and then remained in his exposed position to assist the battalion surgeon in giving more extensive medical attention. This outstanding demonstration of devotion to the welfare of his men has inspired the entire battery to a superior level of morale and efficiency. Entered military service from Brooklyn, New York.

HERBERT CHURCH, JR., 0536928, First Lieutenant, 373rd Field Artillery Battalion (then Second Lieutenant, 374th Field Artillery Battalion), for heroic achievement in action on 13 November 1944, in the vicinity of Fertrichamps, France. While Lieutenant Church's forward observer party was engaged in directing artillery fire upon enemy emplacements, intense hostile small arms and mortar fire forced back our line of infantry and left Lieutenant Church and his men without protection from enemy action. With complete disregard for their own safety, Lieutenant Church and other members of the group continued to man their exposed observation post, and by accurate and effective adjustment of artillery fire silenced the enemy small arms and mortars, permitting our troops to advance. Entered military service from Villa Nova, Pennsylvania.

NICHOLAS V. DE FALCO, 32306759, Staff Sergeant, Medical Detachment, 373rd Field Artillery Battalion, for heroic achievement in action on 11 November 1944, in the vicinity of Feuf Etang, France. When the first shell of a hostile artillery barrage fell in the headquarters battery motor park and wounded three enlisted men, two of whom suffered severe injuries, Sergeant DeFalco, section leader of the medical detachment, immediately ran to the aid of the casualties. Although enemy artillery fire continued to fall about him and one shell landed within twenty yards, Sergeant DeFalco proceeded to render medical assistance to the wounded and directed their evacuation, by his unhesitating efforts contributing greatly to their hopes of recovery. Entered military service from Newark, New Jersey.

EDWIN C. HEBERT, 7000627, Staff Sergeant, 373rd Field Artillery Battalion, for heroic achievement in action during the period 7 November 1944 to 2 January 1945, in Eastern France. Throughout this period, Sergeant Hebert as wire chief has preceded his battalion in each displacement forward, reconnoitering routes through heavily shelled and mined areas, organizing and directing wire crews and frequently laying wire himself under enemy fire. At Feuf Etang, Neuville les Raon, Althorn and Guisberg, Sergeant Hebert's technical knowledge and capable leadership were instrumental in the establishment and maintenance of excellent communication facilities which in turn contributed to the effective artillery support rendered the division. Entered military service from New Orleans, Louisiana.

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JAMES W. NOBLE, 33700069, Staff Sergeant (then Private First Class), 397th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

LELAND E. MYRE, 37488516, Sergeant, 397th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from St. Edward, Nebraska.

JEROME J. SZAFRANSKI, 32933328, Sergeant, 397th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from Lancaster, New York.

RONALD D. SHAVER, 36955814, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from Ulare, Michigan.

CHARLES H. SMALE, 15312862, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from Indianapolis, Indiana.

CHARLES J. THOMAS, 35170006, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from Miles, Ohio.

For heroic achievement in action on 19 November 1944, in the vicinity of Raon L'Etape, France. When almost the entire personnel of their company was pinned down by intense hostile mortar and small arms fire during a company attack on a strongly fortified enemy position, these men, members of a light machine gun section, performed a skillful and hazardous maneuver to relieve the left platoon. Courageously crossing open terrain subjected to enemy observation and shelling, Sergeant Noble and his men set up their weapons in an exposed position and delivered fire of such intensity and destructiveness that the enemy positions were decimated, the left platoon was able to move forward several hundred yards capturing sixteen German prisoners, and the company continued its advance.

NELLO A. TREVISAN, 31271926, Staff Sergeant, 399th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action during the period 1 November 1944 to 13 January 1945, in Eastern France. Throughout this period in which his company has participated in many hotly contested engagements with the enemy, Sergeant Trevisan has set a high example of courage and efficiency in leading his machine gun section in support of our advancing riflemen. In the fight for Lemberg, when elements of Company "A" were pinned down by hostile automatic and small arms fire, he skillfully maneuvered his men into positions from which they were able to deliver such accurate and deadly fire that the enemy concentrations were broken up and the company enabled to advance to take its objective. Entered military service from Plainville, Connecticut.

LEONARD J. DELANEY, 31256207, Technician Third Grade, Medical Detachment, 373rd Field Artillery Battalion, for heroic achievement in action on 11 November 1944, in the vicinity of Neuf Etang, France. When his battalion was subjected to intense hostile artillery fire in the absence of both the battalion surgeon and the chief of section of the medical detachment, Sergeant Delaney immediately assumed command of the aid station and efficiently and courageously directed the evacuation and treatment of numerous casualties without regard for enemy shells falling in the immediate vicinity. Later on the same day, Sergeant Delaney braved heavy artillery fire to render aid to seriously wounded men, and despite continuing enemy barrages courageously refused to seek shelter. Entered military service from Salem, Massachusetts.

LESLIE C. ANTOWER, 35386596, Sergeant, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action during the period 6 November 1944 to 23 December 1944, in Eastern France. Throughout this period in which his organization participated in many bitterly contested engagements with the enemy, Sergeant Antower displayed great courage and skill in performing his duties as wireman. During a three-day attack on hostile fortifications of the Maginot Line, although subjected to enemy artillery and mortar fire which repeatedly severed communications, Sergeant Antower remained steadfastly at his post laying and repairing all lines, and by his complete devotion to duty under fire, succeeded in maintaining almost uninterrupted communications. Entered military service from Keyser, West Virginia.

SIDNEY M. GLASS, 32650080, Corporal, 373rd Field Artillery Battalion, for heroic achievement in action during the period 7 November 1944 to 2 January 1945, in Eastern France. On numerous occasions throughout this period Corporal Glass has led his wire crew in installing and servicing communication lines through dangerous enemy mine fields and under hostile mortar and artillery fire. At Neuf Etang, Neuville les Raon, La Petite Pierre and Guisberg, he repeatedly braved enemy fire and traversed mined areas in establishing and policing wire lines, and by his technical knowledge and fearless leadership enabled his organization to provide faster, more accurate artillery support to the division. Entered military service from New York, New York.

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EDWARD W. JENNRICH, 35520175, Corporal, Medical Detachment, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action during the period 6 November 1944 to 30 December 1944, in Eastern France. In executing his duties of treating and evacuating casualties and carrying supplies to company aid men, Corporal Jennrich has performed in an outstanding manner. During the time in which his assigned organization was attacking the stubbornly defended enemy fortresses of Freudenberg and Schiesseck, although subjected to almost continuous hostile observation and shelling, he heroically remained at his post for forty-eight hours rendering first aid to the wounded and helping in their evacuation, and as a result of his tireless efforts under fire, many lives were saved. Entered military service from Cleveland, Ohio.

HARVEY A. LA PORTE, 31252301, Corporal, 373rd Field Artillery Battalion, for heroic achievement in action during the period 7 November 1944 to 2 January 1945, in Eastern France. On frequent occasions throughout this period Corporal LaPorte has led his wire crew in installing and servicing communication lines through dangerous mine fields and under hostile mortar and artillery fire. At Neuf Etang, Neuville les Raon and Althorn, he repeatedly disregarded enemy artillery fire while policing and splicing wire lines to division artillery and forward observation posts, and by his initiative and aggressive leadership was instrumental in maintaining vital communications with higher headquarters and advanced observation points, thereby enabling his organization to provide faster, more accurate artillery support to the division. Entered military service from Hartford, Connecticut.

CLYDE H. WASH, 31217319, Corporal, 373rd Field Artillery Battalion, for heroic achievement in action during the period 7 November 1944 to 2 January 1945, in Eastern France. On numerous occasions throughout this period Corporal Wash has led his wire crew in installing and servicing communication lines through dangerous enemy mine fields and under hostile mortar and artillery fire. At Neuf Etang, La Petite Pierre, Althorn and Lemberg, Corporal Wash repeatedly exposed himself to enemy action in order to establish and maintain communication between his battalion and supported infantry units, and by his technical knowledge and fearless leadership has enabled his organization to provide faster, more accurate artillery support to the division. Entered military service from Portland, Maine.

HAROLD T. ROUSS, 12014868, Corporal, 100th Infantry Division Artillery, for heroic achievement in action on 2 December 1944, in the vicinity of Struth, France. When his wire crew was assigned the mission of maintaining vital wire circuits in a town subjected to intense hostile artillery fire, Corporal Rouss led his men to a forward switching central in the basement of a building. Although constant enemy shelling repeatedly severed wire lines, Corporal Rouss never hesitated to brave the heavy fire laid on the town and its vicinity in order to splice the broken circuits. As a result of his efforts, effective artillery support was rendered infantry units throughout the action. Entered military service from New York, New York.

ANTHONY J. SILKONIS, 31256500, Corporal, 373rd Field Artillery Battalion, for heroic achievement in action during the period 7 November 1944 to 2 January 1945, in Eastern France. On numerous occasions throughout this period, Corporal Silkonis has led his wire crew in installing and servicing communication lines through dangerous mine fields and under hostile mortar and artillery fire. At Neuf Etang, Neuville les Raon, Althorn and Lemberg, he repeatedly braved intense enemy mortar fire and mined areas while establishing and policing wire lines, and by his technical knowledge and aggressive leadership was instrumental in maintaining communications with forward observation posts, thereby enabling the battalion to deliver a deadly rain of artillery fire upon enemy positions. Entered military service from Maynard, Massachusetts.

CARLTON L. TULL, 33008627, Corporal, 100th Infantry Division Artillery, for heroic achievement in action on 4 January 1945, in the vicinity of Schmittzweiler, France. Instructed to extend wire communications to a forward area, Corporal Tull courageously led his wire crew on the dangerous mission and, despite intense enemy mortar fire which on one occasion demolished a vehicle but fifty yards away and which inflicted numerous casualties upon troops in the immediate vicinity, succeeded in establishing the vitally needed circuit, thereby making possible the immediate commitment of three artillery battalions in support of infantry units fighting to repulse an enemy attack in force. Entered military service from Baltimore, Maryland.

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ROLAND P. BERNSTEIN, 37569752, Private First Class, Medical Detachment, 373rd Field Artillery Battalion, for heroic achievement in action on 11 November 1944, in the vicinity of Neuf Etang, France. When the first shell of an enemy barrage wounded a member of the battery to which he was attached as aid man, Private Bernstein ran at once through the continuing hostile fire and administered aid to the wounded man, then carried him to a nearby house. Later in the same day, the preliminary shell burst of a barrage again inflicted casualties upon personnel, and again Private Bernstein was the first to reach the wounded, although they were not members of his own battery, and he promptly and efficiently administered aid and prepared the injured soldiers for evacuation while shells continued to fall in the area. Entered military service from Duluth, Minnesota.

JOHN J. BUB, 32659187, Private First Class, Medical Detachment, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action during the period 6 November 1944 to 31 December 1944, in Eastern France. As medical technician Private Bub discharged his assigned duties in an exemplary manner throughout this period. In the actions at Raon L'Etape, Meyersviller, Lemberg and many others he repeatedly displayed outstanding courage and devotion to duty, and during his battalion's attack upon the stubbornly defended forts of Freudenberg and Schiessack, Private Bub disregarded direct enemy observation and almost continuous hostile artillery fire in order to evacuate wounded to the forward dressing station. Entered military service from Bronx, New York.

DONALD R. CHANNING, 35558400, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from Toledo, Ohio.

EUGENE CONDREY, 34195165, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from McKenzie, Tennessee.

TALMAGE H. HUNT, 36716533, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from Mount Carmel, Illinois.

For heroic achievement in action on 23 December 1944, in the vicinity of Bitche, France. Assigned the mission of protecting the flank of another company during an advance, Privates Channing, Condrey and Hunt were en route to their positions when the detonation of a hostile mine wounded all three members of the group. Realizing that in their absence the flank of the attacking company would be dangerously exposed, the three enlisted men administered first aid to each other, then assumed their assigned positions and participated in the entire action despite intense pain from their wounds.

EDWARD J. GAUTHIER, 31214774, Private First Class, Medical Detachment, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action during the period 6 November 1944 to 31 December 1944, in Eastern France. In the actions in which his battalion engaged during this period, including those in the vicinity of Raon L'Etape and later the battle for the fortified town of Lemberg, Private Gauthier discharged his duties as medical technician in a courageous and exemplary manner. In the attack on Forts Freudenberg and Schiessack of the Maginot Line, he again distinguished himself by the devotion to duty displayed in evacuating casualties under direct enemy observation and almost continuous artillery fire. Entered military service from Southbridge, Massachusetts.

MARCUS L. HARRIS, 14148351, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action during the period 10 November 1944 to 28 December 1944, in Eastern France. Throughout this period despite his exposure to heavy artillery and small arms fire in the battles of Wingen, La Trouche, Meyersviller and Bitche, Private Harris has performed his duties as company runner with courage and efficiency. His repeated and determined efforts have contributed greatly to the success of his unit in combat. Entered military service from Charlotte, North Carolina.

LLOYD S. MYERS, 33502945, Private First Class, Medical Detachment, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action during the period 27 November 1944 to 31 December 1944, in Eastern France. During the period in which his regiment was engaged in the stubbornly resisted assaults upon fortified Maginot Line positions, Private Myers discharged his duties as medical technician in an exemplary manner. As driver of a medical vehicle during the attack upon Forts Freudenberg and Schiessack, Private Myers repeatedly placed the welfare of his wounded comrades above his own personal safety in exposing himself to intense hostile mortar and artillery fire while evacuating casualties from forward areas to the battalion aid station. Entered military service from Carlisle, Pennsylvania.

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EDGAR P. DE GRANGE, 33659430, Private, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action during the period 9 November 1944 to 21 December 1944, in Eastern France. Throughout his period of combat service in which his organization participated in many hazardous engagements with the enemy, Private DeGrange has displayed great bravery and skill in performing his duties as rifleman. On one occasion during a two day assault by his company on the strongly fortified enemy fortresses of Freudenberg and Schiesseck, he courageously remained at his post and refused to be evacuated although he had been severely shaken up by the almost steady pounding of hostile eighty-eights and seventy-fives, and by his complete devotion to duty was a source of great inspiration to the men around him. Entered military service from Warrenton, Virginia.

MAX E. JORDAN, 35247400, Private, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action during the period 6 November 1944 to 28 December 1944, in Eastern France. Throughout this period in which his organization participated in many bitterly contested engagements with the enemy, Private Jordan displayed great courage and skill in performing his duties as wireman. During a three-day attack on hostile fortifications of the Maginot Line, although subjected to enemy artillery and mortar fire which repeatedly severed communications, Private Jordan remained steadfastly at his post laying and repairing all lines, and by his complete devotion to duty under fire, succeeded in maintaining almost uninterrupted communications. Entered military service from Barberton, Ohio.

GREGORY E. MAXWELL, 33017870, Private (then Staff Sergeant), 399th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action during the period 1 November 1944 to 1 January 1945, in the vicinity of Eastern France. In several major engagements with the enemy during this period Private Maxwell led his mortar section with skill and efficiency. On 17 December 1944 and 18 December 1944, in the attack against St. Remy, Private Maxwell despite his continuous exposure to artillery and machine gun fire, maintained his mortar position assisting and directing his squad in rendering excellent support to advancing rifle companies. Entered military service from Lewistown, Pennsylvania.

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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:

ANDREW J. SERVAS, JR., 32593169, Corporal, 374th Field Artillery Battalion, for gallantry in action during the period 15 December 1944 to 21 December 1944, in the vicinity of Camp de Bitche, France. As liaison corporal attached to an infantry battalion, Corporal Servas' duties included the maintenance of communications between forward observers and the artillery liaison officer. Concentrated enemy shelling throughout this period resulted in repeated severance of wire lines, and on each such occasion Corporal Servas without regard for his own safety and without waiting for orders from his superior officer made the necessary repairs. Corporal Servas gallantly and fearlessly discharged his assigned duties and while so engaged was mortally wounded on 21 December. Next of kin: Catherine Servas (Mother), 138 Lake Avenue, Clifton, 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:

ROBERT W. BARR, 6883519, Sergeant (then Private First Class), 399th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from Keyser, West Virginia.  
PAUL E. PORTER, 31310338, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from Jamaica Plains, Massachusetts.  
For gallantry in action on 13 November 1944, in the vicinity of Neufmaisons, France. While the machine gun section of which Privates Barr and Porter were members was supporting an infantry company in an attack, heavy hostile small arms and mortar fire inflicted severe casualties and pinned down forward elements of our forces. Crawling forward through the rifle company's position in the face of intense fire, Privates Barr and Porter reached an advanced vantage point, put their weapon into action, and swept the enemy troops with effective and demoralizing fire, thereby enabling the infantry to reorganize and evacuate casualties. Maintaining their forward position and aggressive delivery of fire until the reorganization was completed, Privates Barr and Porter by their gallantry and disregard of personal safety made possible the continuance of the attack and prevented the infliction of heavy casualties upon supported troops.

RAYMOND J. FETHERSTON, 31214157, Private, 325th Engineer Combat Battalion, for gallantry in action on 19 December 1944, in the vicinity of Bitche, France. When members of another squad were pinned down by hostile machine gun fire during an attack upon enemy-held fortifications of the Maginot Line, Private Fetherston immediately went to the assistance of the group. Calling out instructions to the individual members of the squad, he skillfully directed their withdrawal to covered positions, and was undoubtedly responsible for saving the lives of these men. Later on the same day, Private Fetherston, without regard for exploding small arms ammunition which had wounded an officer but a moment previously, moved forward under fire to place a demolition charge against the side of an enemy pillbox. Still later, when hostile fire pinned down his squad leader and he himself was wounded, Private Fetherston assumed command and led the squad to safety. Entered military service from Pittsfield, Massachusetts.

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SECTION III -- AWARD OF AIR MEDAL

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

HARVEY A. GERLACH, 32597423, Corporal, 374th Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights against the enemy in France during the period 11 November 1944 to 4 January 1945. Entered military service from Lyndhurst, New Jersey.

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 in France:

JOE F. PROSSER, 14161809, Technician Fourth Grade, Medical Detachment, 399th Infantry Regiment, 5 January 1945. Entered military service from Lewisburg, Tennessee.

JACK RADIN, 42057435, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment, 3 January 1945. Entered military service from Brooklyn, New York.

ELMER W. ROBINSON, 35769097, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment, 7 December 1944. Entered military service from Teays, West Virginia.

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 in France:

WILLIAM P. SMITH, 0331067, Captain, 399th Infantry Regiment, 14 November 1944. Entered military service from Newington, Connecticut.

WALTER J. STOIBER, 01296763, First Lieutenant, 399th Infantry Regiment, 3 January 1945. Entered military service from Altoona, Pennsylvania.

ROY E. SIMMONS, 01692604, Second Lieutenant, 399th Infantry Regiment, 8 December 1944. Entered military service from Lonoke, Arkansas.

BERNARD M. JOHNSON, 37470672, Staff Sergeant, 399th Infantry Regiment, 8 December 1944. Entered military service from Colome, South Dakota.

GEORGE F. TYSON, JR., 34464547, Staff Sergeant, 399th Infantry Regiment, 7 January 1945. Entered military service from Fayetteville, North Carolina.

HARMON S. SHUFRO, 31227749, Technician Third Grade, Medical Detachment, 399th Infantry Regiment, 22 December 1944. Entered military service from Dorchester, Massachusetts.

GEORGE DEMOPOULOS, 32655329, Technician Fourth Grade, Medical Detachment, 399th Infantry Regiment, 8 December 1944. Entered military service from Bronx, New York.

HILLIARD T. ROSS, 34590990, Sergeant, 399th Infantry Regiment, 8 January 1945. Entered military service from Concord, North Carolina.

FREDERICK B. HEITKAMP, JR., 32966279, Corporal, 397th Infantry Regiment, 19 January 1945. Entered military service from New York, New York.

THEODORE R. SCANLON, 16156572, Technician Fifth Grade, Medical Detachment, 399th Infantry Regiment, 3 January 1945. Entered military service from Superior, Wisconsin.

NICHOLAS RUSSO, 31255573, Technician Fifth Grade, Medical Detachment, 399th Infantry Regiment, 13 January 1945. Entered military service from Webster, Massachusetts.

JOSEPH URKEVICH, 32665071, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, 17 January 1945. Entered military service from Stillwater, New York.

HARVEY F. ROHDE, 39468724, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment, 8 January 1945. Entered military service from Vale, Oregon.

JUNIOR P. OGLE, 33846064, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment, 8 December 1944. Entered military service from Max Meadows, Virginia.

HARRY L. SUGGS, 34670644, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment, 13 January 1945. Entered military service from La Grange, North Carolina.

JOHN M. HICKEY, 32651406, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment, 8 December 1944. Entered military service from New York, New York.

FREDERICK KENNEY, 31238229, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment, 10 January 1945. Entered military service from Charlestown, Massachusetts.

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WILLIAM BAZILEVICH, 35068766, Private First Class, Medical Detachment, 399th Infantry Regiment, 23 December 1944. Entered military service from Cleveland, Ohio.

WALTER A. GLOYNA, 18185060, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment, 8 January 1945. Entered military service from Lockney, Texas.

LESTER T. BROCKHOFF, 32658194, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment, 20 November 1944. Entered military service from Brooklyn, New York.

LAWRENCE G. CONEY, 36983181, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment, 8 January 1945. Entered military service from Holland, Michigan.

GEORGE F. WANDLER, 39128048, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment, 5 January 1945. Entered military service from San Francisco, California.

J. D. DAVIS, 34591445, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, 16 November 1944. Entered military service from Shelby, North Carolina.

NEIL R. FOGLIA, 32652948, Private, 325th Engineer Combat Battalion, 10 January 1945. Entered military service from Long Island City, New York.

RICHARD E. FOLEY, 35779312, Private, 399th Infantry Regiment, 8 January 1945. Entered military service from Amigo, West Virginia.

SECTION VI -- RESCISSION OF AWARD OF PURPLE HEART

OK  
So much of Section III, General Orders Number 18, this headquarters, current series, as awards a Purple Heart to ELMER W. ROBINSON, 35769097, Private First Class 399th Infantry Regiment is rescinded.

SECTION VII -- AWARD OF MERITORIOUS SERVICE UNIT PLAQUE

By direction of the President, and under the provisions of Section I, Circular Number 345, War Department, 23 August 1944, The Meritorious Service Unit Plaque is awarded to the Service Company, 399th Infantry Regiment, for superior performance of duty and the achievement of a high standard of discipline during the period from 1 November 1944 to 17 January 1945.

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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:

GEORGE F. SPIEGEL, 0359055, Lieutenant Colonel, 329th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action during the period 1 November 1944 to 15 January 1945, in Eastern France. As battalion commander, Colonel Spiegel has, by his outstanding leadership and resourcefulness, contributed immeasurably to the success of the troops under his command. Constantly devoting himself to duty and personally supervising all missions, he has led his units to numerous objectives with rapid success despite hazardous terrain and continuous adverse weather conditions. Throughout, his untiring efforts have inspired his officers and men to greater achievement. Entered military service from Baltimore, Maryland.

~~ELERY M. ZEHNER, 020820, Lieutenant Colonel, 329th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action during the period 1 November 1944 to 12 January 1945, in Eastern France. Throughout this period, both as battalion commander and the acting regimental commander, Colonel Zehner's inspiring leadership was a primary factor in beating back an enemy stubbornly defending strongly fortified positions. Expertly utilizing his knowledge of combat tactics and strategy, he has skillfully maneuvered and directed all forces under his command to defeat the enemy in each of the fiercely contested actions in which his men engaged. Entered the United States Military Academy from Indiana.~~ <sup>RESC BY GO# 173 29 Oct 45</sup>

WALTER A. KIMBALL, JR., 01295899, First Lieutenant, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 20 November 1944, in the vicinity of Raon L'Etape, France. When hostile fire from a machine gun emplacement halted the advance of our troops, Lieutenant Kimball, although acting in the capacity of battalion S-3, volunteered to silence the weapon. Crawling forward to a house overlooking the machine gun position, he made his way to the top floor of the building and, despite direct observation and concentrated fire by the enemy, succeeded by accurate direction of mortar fire in accomplishing the destruction of the hostile weapon and its crew, thereby permitting the continued advance of our forces. Entered military service from Grand Rapids, Michigan.

CHARLES E. SCHREYER, JR., 0552115, First Lieutenant (then Second Lieutenant), 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 18 November 1944, in the vicinity of Raon L'Etape, France. When the platoon under his command had been forced to withdraw from an exposed position by an intense enemy mortar concentration, Lieutenant Schreyer discovered that two of his men had been wounded by hostile fire. Courageously leaving the protection of his position, he went forward through almost continuous mortar fire to administer aid to and evacuate the casualties, thereby saving the lives of two of his men who might otherwise have succumbed to their wounds. Entered military service from Mamaroneck, New York.

WORTH C. WILSON, 01183219, First Lieutenant, 100th Infantry Division Artillery, for heroic achievement in action during the period 9 November 1944 to 25 December 1944, in Eastern France. Being constantly cognizant of the need for conservation of critical signal equipment, Lieutenant Wilson has demonstrated superior skill and initiative in directing the installation of wire systems for speedy control of artillery support for combat elements. Operating in front line areas under enemy fire, on one occasion he located and utilized twenty-four miles of wire previously laid, thus hastening by many hours the establishment of communications. During the recent defensive operations, his great technical knowledge of radio nets resulted in utilization of the fire power of artillery units that otherwise might have been lost, and his outstanding leadership has at all times facilitated direction of our artillery fire vital to the success of missions of the division. Entered military service from St. Louis, Missouri.

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BASIL P. ZANONI, 32080254, First Sergeant, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action during the period 17 December 1944 to 24 December 1944, in the vicinity of Bitche, France. During this week in which his company was in the attack against stubbornly defended hostile fortresses of the Maginot Line, Sergeant Zanoni repeatedly volunteered to carry hot food, rations and water forward to the company's lines. Almost incessant enemy artillery and mortar fire made the task of getting the precious food and water through to the company seemingly impossible, but Sergeant Zanoni courageously volunteered each time and performed the hazardous mission, and his unselfish regard for the welfare of his comrades resulted in buoying up the morale of all officers and men of his organization. Entered military service from Brooklyn, New York.

KALMAI J. CHANY, 32681275, Sergeant, 374th Field Artillery Battalion, for heroic achievement in action during the period 15 December 1944 to 21 December 1944, in the vicinity of Camp de Bitche, France. When he was assigned the mission of maintaining continuous communications between forward observers and the battalion command post, Sergeant Chany displayed great initiative and courage during this week of fierce engagements with the enemy. Venturing forth under intense hostile fire which severed our wire lines repeatedly, often on his own initiative, he swiftly and efficiently repaired all breaks, and as a result of his outstanding performance in restoring communications, effective artillery support of our advancing infantrymen was achieved. Entered military service from New York, New York.

JOHN T. HAYES, JR., 33157141, Sergeant, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action during the period 6 November 1944 to 1 January 1945, in Eastern France. In each mission throughout this period of combat, Sergeant Hayes led his machine gun squad in close support of rifle companies. In the attack against Fort Freudenberg, Sergeant Hayes aggressively advanced with his men to new positions of vantage despite continuous mortar, artillery and small arms fire and rendered valuable aid to rifle elements through the long four day battle, displaying great courage and tactical skill. Entered military service from Baltimore, Maryland.

LESTER J. KELLY, JR., 33037103, Sergeant, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action during the period 6 November 1944 to 1 January 1945, in Eastern France. Throughout this period in numerous encounters with the enemy Sergeant Kelly successfully led his machine gun squad to the completion of its every mission. From 10 December 1944 to 14 December 1944 in the attack against the heavily fortified position of Fort Freudenberg, Sergeant Kelly skillfully deployed and led his squad under heavy artillery and intense small arms fire to repeated points of vantage and effectively supported the units of his battalion. Entered military service from Greensburg, Pennsylvania.

WILLIAM C. KNIGHT, 35770807, Sergeant, 398th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from Montgomery, West Virginia.

ROBERT J. SABO, 35869736, Sergeant (then Private First Class), 398th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from Shaker Heights, Ohio.

FRANCIS J. KRAHE, 13133302, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

ROBERT H. ROCKWELL, 15328257, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from Indianapolis, Indiana.

SAMUEL S. SPONDER, 42068882, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from Bronx, New York.

JOHN A. REYNOLDS, 34817569, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from Luverne, Alabama.

CHRIST VULLMAHN, 35147985, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from Gary, Indiana.

For heroic achievement in action on 29 December 1944, in the vicinity of Nousseviller, France. As members of a reconnaissance patrol entrusted with the mission of obtaining exact knowledge of hostile fortifications in a nearby village, these men while en route were engaged by a superior enemy force armed with two machine guns. Returning the enemy fire with accuracy and aggressiveness, Patrol Leader Knight and his men by their courage and tactical skill succeeded in routing the hostile troops, killing three of the enemy and taking a fourth prisoner, then proceeded with their mission and returned to their unit with the desired information.

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WILLIAM J. MEYER, 32646741, Sergeant, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action during the period 6 November 1944 to 1 January 1945, in Eastern France. In several bitterly contested engagements with the enemy at Raon L'Etape, Rosteig, Lemberg, Meisenthal, and Reyersviller, Sergeant Meyer has led his machine gun squad with efficiency and skill. Participating in the attack against the strongly defended fort of Freudenberg, Sergeant Meyer and his machine gun squad rendered continuous and excellent support through the four day battle despite constant heavy enemy fire, and desperate enemy resistance, displaying determination and great courage in maintaining vitally important gun positions. Entered military service from Richmond Hills, Queens, New York.

FLOYD R. SHERBINO, 11105897, Technician Fourth Grade, Medical Detachment, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 18 November 1944, in the vicinity of Raon L'Etape, France. When hostile fire inflicted wounds upon two members of the mortar platoon to which he was attached as aid man, Sergeant Sherbino promptly rendered medical assistance to the casualties. While he was so engaged, the enemy subjected the immediate vicinity to an intense mortar barrage but Sergeant Sherbino, without thought for his own safety, remained by the side of the wounded men, administering aid and easing their pain, then later assisted in the evacuation of the two injured soldiers. Entered military service from Hardwick, Vermont.

BERNARD B. STAWIECKI, 31255579, Technician Fourth Grade, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action during the period 17 December 1944 to 24 December 1944, in the vicinity of Bitche, France. When his company engaged in a fierce seven-day battle with the enemy for occupation of Hill 419 and the strongly fortified hostile fortress of Schiesseck, Sergeant Stawiecki displayed exemplary valor under heavy enemy fire in bearing hot food, rations and water forward to his embattled comrades. Company M was subjected to almost continuous artillery, mortar and small arms fire throughout this period, and Sergeant Stawiecki's route was often under direct enemy surveillance and fire, but despite these hazards, he bravely volunteered each time and successfully delivered the needed food. His outstanding performance under enemy fire in utter disregard of his own safety won the admiration of all members of his organization. Entered military service from Webster, Massachusetts.

MORGAN WEAVER, 32597868, Technician Fourth Grade, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action during the period 17 December 1944 to 24 December 1944, in the vicinity of Bitche, France. During the bitter battle for reduction of the hostile Fort Schiesseck, Sergeant Weaver executed his duties with great bravery and regard for the welfare of his fighting comrades. For seven days Company M experienced intense enemy shelling, yet Sergeant Weaver, on his own volition and with no thought of personal hazard, constantly offered to deliver hot food, rations and water to the company front lines, and succeeded each time, though his path was under enemy observation and artillery and mortar fire. His voluntary action under fire kept the morale of his men at a high level and permitted many to remain in the fight for the company's objectives who otherwise might have had to be evacuated. Entered military service from Bloomfield, New Jersey.

MACK B. WORTHINGTON, 33231513, Technician Fourth Grade, 325th Engineer Combat Battalion, for heroic achievement in action on 1 January 1945, in the vicinity of Montbronn, France. When a low-flying aircraft suddenly appeared strafing the occupants of the town of Montbronn, Sergeant Worthington swiftly manned his fifty caliber machine gun, and with complete disregard for his own safety and the deadly stream of hostile machine gun bullets spraying the area, heroically and effectively delivered answering fire of such nature that the plane left the area burning profusely and was observed to be falling to the earth in the vicinity of Bitche, a few kilometers away. This courageous performance reflects great credit upon himself and was an inspiration to those who observed the action. Entered military service from Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

ROBERT J. CHENEY, 31236901, Corporal, 374th Field Artillery Battalion, for heroic achievement in action on 13 November 1944, in the vicinity of Bertrichamps, France. While directing fire upon a hostile position, the forward observer party of which Corporal Cheney was a member was exposed to enemy action by the withdrawal of our line of infantry. Without regard for intense enemy small arms and mortar fire, Corporal Cheney continued to man his forward observation post without protection of friendly troops, and his furnishing able assistance to the forward observer made

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possible the silencing of hostile weapons and permitted our troops to continue their advance. Entered military service from West Roxbury, Massachusetts.

CHARLES HERMAN, 32597451, Corporal, 374th Field Artillery Battalion, for heroic achievement in action on 2 January 1945, in the vicinity of Bining, France. While our troops were advancing, determined enemy artillery fire halted their attack, disrupted communication wires and prevented our returning effective battery fire. Realizing the gravity of the situation, Corporal Herman proceeded through the hostile fire to the vicinity of the breaks and made the necessary repairs from beneath the cover of a jeep, which he was forced to employ because of the intensity of enemy fire. Displaying initiative and great courage, Corporal Herman restored the vital battery and battalion wire lines enabling important fire missions to continue. Entered military service from Fairlawn, New Jersey.

HAROLD C. HILL, 35803624, Technician Fifth Grade, 374th Field Artillery Battalion, for heroic achievement in action on 13 November 1944, in the vicinity of Bertrichamps, France. While Corporal Hill was acting as radio operator of a forward observer party, hostile mortar and small arms fire forced back our line of infantry and left the observation group without protection of friendly troops. Without thought for his personal safety, Corporal Hill continued to man his radio under enemy fire, and by accurate transmission of fire directions from his exposed position was instrumental in silencing enemy weapons and permitting our infantry to advance. Entered military service from St. Louis, Missouri.

VINCENT A. O'ROURKE, 12057004, Technician Fifth Grade, 374th Field Artillery Battalion, for heroic achievement in action during the period 15 December 1944 to 21 December 1944, in the vicinity of Camp de Bitche, France. During this period in which continuous wire communications were essential for direct artillery support of our troops assaulting strong enemy installations, Corporal O'Rourke performed his duties as wireman with exceptional bravery and efficiency. When heavy hostile artillery and mortar fire constantly shattered wires linking our forward outposts with the battalion command post, he unhesitatingly proceeded through the curtain of enemy fire, often under hostile observation, to locate and repair all breaks. His complete devotion to duty, without regard for his personal safety, immeasurably aided his battalion in destroying many enemy entrenchments impeding the progress of our riflemen. Entered military service from Bronx, New York.

NORWOOD K. AUSTIN, 16091093, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action during the period 6 November 1944 to 1 January 1945, in Eastern France. As ammunition bearer in a machine gun squad Private Austin has ably supported his section through several major encounters with the enemy in this period. In the four day struggle for Fort Freudenberg, Private Austin while constantly exposed to intense artillery and small arms fire, maintained an ample supply of ammunition for his squad and aided immeasurably in the accomplishment of its mission. Entered military service from Kalamazoo, Michigan.

LEWIS R. COOPER, 32653872, Private First Class, 374th Field Artillery Battalion, for heroic achievement in action on 13 November 1944, in the vicinity of Bertrichamps, France. While the forward observer party of which Private Cooper was a member was directing fire upon enemy positions, hostile mortar and small arms fire forced back our line of infantry and left the forward observation group without protection of friendly troops. With complete disregard for his own safety, Private Cooper remained in the exposed position and despite enemy fire efficiently and ably discharged his assigned duties, thereby enabling his party to adjust artillery fire upon the hostile emplacements, silence the enemy weapons, and permit our infantry to continue its advance. Entered military service from Brooklyn, New York.

ROBERT P. MOORE, 17163257, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action during the period 6 November 1944 to 1 January 1945, in Eastern France. During the operations at Hon L'Etape, Rosteig and Lemberg, Private Moore has tirelessly supported his machine gun squad in successfully completing his every assignment as ammunition bearer. During the attack against the fort of Freudenberg, his devoted and continuous efforts enabled his machine gun squad to render close and effective support to advancing infantry elements. Throughout this heated encounter Private Moore displayed exemplary courage and determination while constantly exposed to intense enemy artillery and small arms fire. Entered military service from St. Louis, Missouri.

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WILLIAM E. RENEAU, 38478649, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action during the period 6 November 1944 to 1 January 1945, in Eastern France. During this period of combat operations Private Reneau has devoted himself to the completion of his assigned tasks as ammunition bearer. In the hotly contested engagement for the fort of Freudenberg, from 17 December 1944 to 24 December 1944, Private Reneau constantly maintained the supply of ammunition within his machine gun squad as they repeatedly advanced under heavy enemy fire and close observation. Through his determination and courage, concentrated fire against the enemy was made possible, enabling our troops to advance and obtain their objective. Entered military service from Linden, Texas.

JACK E. SPRINGGAY, 39332845, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from Astoria, Oregon.

RICHARD H. KOHLER, 16157733, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

THOMAS M. BEAMON, 33645716, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from Norfolk, Virginia.

For heroic achievement in action on 15 December 1944, in the vicinity of Mouterhouse, France. While engaged in a closely contested artillery duel with the enemy in support of an important operation near Mouterhouse, Private Springgay, Kohler, and Beamon, members of a gun crew, found the range of enemy mortars which in turn had located their position. Despite the consistent accuracy of enemy fire, they manned their gun with shells falling all around them and ultimately outshot the enemy and forced him to withdraw. This outstanding display of skill, courage, and devotion to duty at a critical point turned the tide against the enemy.

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3265869, Private, 325th Engineer Combat Battalion, for heroic achievement in action on 17 December 1944, in the vicinity of Bitche, France. A member of a demolition squad supporting infantry forces in an attack upon enemy-held fortifications of the Maginot Line, Private Mead went forward under heavy artillery and mortar fire to place a demolition charge against the steel door of a hostile pillbox. Having ignited the ten second fuse, Private Mead slipped and fell into a moat as he turned to dash for safety, and was barely able to pull himself out of the obstacle when the charge exploded, demolishing the door and setting fire to the pillbox. Private Mead's action resulted in driving enemy soldiers away from firing positions in the fortification and enabled our troops to secure the objective. Entered military service from Albany, 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:

PASCAL T. RIDDLE, 01016780, First Lieutenant (then Second Lieutenant), 781st Tank Battalion. Entered military service from Penville, Virginia.

ROBERT R. BROWN, 32479065, Technical Sergeant, 781st Tank Battalion. Entered military service from Grand Island, New York.

GEORGE N. RICE, 37308306, Technician Fourth Grade, 781st Tank Battalion. Entered military service from Berg, North Dakota.

WILLIAM E. TURNER, 38179662, Technician Fourth Grade, 781st Tank Battalion. Entered military service from Carryville, Arkansas.

JOHN A. BRADISH, 37311581, Technician Fifth Grade, 781st Tank Battalion. Entered military service from Eveleth, Minnesota.

HAROLD W. ALEXANDER, 38041068, Private First Class, 781st Tank Battalion. Entered military service from Roanoke, Texas.

For heroic achievement in action on 9 December 1944, in the vicinity of Lemberg, France. When two of our tanks were disabled by hostile mines, these men, under the direction of Lieutenant Riddle proceeded to retrieve the immobilized vehicles. Advancing under cover of darkness and despite heavy enemy fire, the party succeeded in reaching the tanks, rescuing the crews, and recovering both vehicles without any loss of equipment. As a result of the courageous and efficient efforts of this group, both armored vehicles were in action against the enemy on the following day.

JOHN BRENNAN, 20200725, Staff Sergeant, 781st Tank Battalion. Entered military service from New York, New York.

ROBERT J. JOHNSON, 33027191, Sergeant, 781st Tank Battalion. Entered military service from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

JAMES R. SUBLETTE, 38167958, Sergeant, 781st Tank Battalion. Entered military service from Elida, New Mexico.

RAYMOND B. CARTER, 6996944, Sergeant, 781st Tank Battalion. Entered military service from Lynchburg, Virginia.

JOSEPH E. MARZUCCO, 13124393, Technician Fourth Grade, 781st Tank Battalion. Entered military service from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

FRANK D. MILLER, 38213930, Technician Fourth Grade, 781st Tank Battalion. Entered military service from El Paso, Texas.

HIRSCHL L. ROGERS, 33306452, Technician Fourth Grade, 781st Tank Battalion. Entered military service from Eighty-Four, Pennsylvania.

L. T. BEAUCHAMP, 38213972, Corporal, 781st Tank Battalion. Entered military service from Rochester, Texas.

GERALD R. MERCIER, 31286762, Corporal, 781st Tank Battalion. Entered military service from Willmansett, Massachusetts.

CHARLES G. WOLFF, 36609223, Corporal, 781st Tank Battalion. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

DONALD BLEA, 17091595, Technician Fifth Grade, 781st Tank Battalion. Entered military service from Trinidad, Colorado.

BERNARD I. JOHNSON, 31193559, Technician Fifth Grade, 781st Tank Battalion. Entered military service from Norwich, Connecticut.

R. MIRO AGUILAR, 38454580, Private First Class, 781st Tank Battalion. Entered military service from San Antonio, Texas.

JAMES W. GRANTLAND, 34897450, Private First Class (then Private), 781st Tank Battalion. Entered military service from Monroe, North Carolina.

WARREN H. PARRISH, 34771735, Private First Class, 781st Tank Battalion. Entered military service from Thomasville, North Carolina.

SIDNEY S. SCHREIBER, 32194077, Private First Class, 781st Tank Battalion. Entered military service from Bronx, New York.

JAMES SIRGINNIS, 35775276, Private First Class (then Private), 781st Tank Battalion. Entered military service from Pikeville, Kentucky.

MARVIN C. SPITZER, 36164834, Private First Class (then Private), 781st Tank Battalion. Entered military service from Bridgman, Michigan.

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BERNARD J. DONNELLY, 13023616, Private, 781st Tank Battalion. Entered military service from Cresaptown, Maryland.

For heroic achievement in action on 10 December 1944, in the vicinity of Lemberg, France. When determined enemy resistance in one section of this fortified town halted further advance of our infantry, these members of a tank force moved to the attack. Destroying three hostile flak wagons, two seventy-five millimeter guns, and killing approximately fifteen of the enemy, the tanks manned by these men disrupted enemy resistance and permitted rifle units to occupy strategic high ground north of the town.

DANIEL A. DALEY, 6897824, Sergeant, 781st Tank Battalion. Entered military service from West Wyoming, Pennsylvania.

WILLIAM E. LINDSEY, 37387696, Corporal, 781st Tank Battalion. Entered military service from Campbell, Missouri.

BOYD E. BROADHEAD, 39835338, Technician Fifth Grade, 781st Tank Battalion. Entered military service from Heber City, Utah.

SANTIAGO M. GOMEZ, 38454471, Private, 781st Tank Battalion. Entered military service from San Antonio, Texas.

For heroic achievement in action on 9 December 1944, in the vicinity of Lemberg, France. Ordered to advance into the strongly fortified town of Lemberg, these crew members drove their tank through two hostile road blocks and mine fields, entered the southern outskirts of the town and disorganized enemy resistance. As a result of their action, the strategic town was secured by our infantry forces.

JOSEPH L. POLIZZANO, 33071010, Sergeant, 781st Tank Battalion. Entered military service from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

GEORGE R. RINALDI, 12162302, Technician Fourth Grade, 781st Tank Battalion. Entered military service from Newark, New Jersey.

MORTON S. HOCH, 12155313, Corporal (then Private), 781st Tank Battalion. Entered military service from New York, New York.

For heroic achievement in action on 11 December 1944, in the vicinity of Lemberg, France. After successfully reducing an enemy road block, the command tank of a platoon detonated a hostile mine. The force of the explosion disabled the tank and hurled the platoon commander from his position in the turret to the rear upper deck of the vehicle, and crew members Hoch, Polizzano, and Rinaldi, believing the officer to have been killed, took cover from mortar fire in a nearby ditch. When a slight movement on the part of the commander disclosed that he was still alive, the three enlisted men unhesitatingly left their sheltered position and carried the officer through the intense enemy mortar shelling to a place of safety.

JOHN A. ANDERSON, 38229533, Technician Fourth Grade, 781st Tank Battalion. Entered military service from Vernon, Texas.

JOHN J. SZYWALSKI, 37388775, Corporal, 781st Tank Battalion. Entered military service from St. Louis, Missouri.

ROBERT J. WHITE, 12153922, Private First Class (then Private), 781st Tank Battalion. Entered military service from Brooklyn, New York.

For heroic achievement in action on 9 December 1944, in the vicinity of Lemberg, France. While supporting infantry forces in an attack, the tank of which these three men were crew members moved forward across an open field to cover the advance of foot troops. The mission was successfully executed, but the vehicle became mired in the field and was unable to withdraw. Despite continuous artillery, mortar and small arms fire directed from an enemy hill-top position but four hundred yards away, they remained with their immobilized tank for a period of twenty hours before relief arrived, and by their alert and courageous action prevented enemy capture of the vehicle.

MARIO SLAVICH, 12144304, Private First Class, 781st Tank Battalion, for heroic achievement in action on 10 December 1944, in the vicinity of Lemberg, France. In company with four infantrymen, Private Slavich attempted to reach one of our tanks which had been mired in an open field dominated by an enemy position on high ground, but was forced to retire by the intensity of hostile mortar and sniper fire. Returning to the battalion command post with the riflemen, he waited for a few hours and then instituted a second attempt, and despite heavy mortar and small arms fire from the enemy vantage point succeeded in reaching the beleaguered vehicle and relieving its crew, then remained with the tank until it was recovered by friendly forces later the day. Entered military service from New York, New York.

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ALFRED G. BLANCHETTE, 31033429, Private, 781st Tank Battalion, for heroic achievement in action on 14 December 1944, in the vicinity of Meyersviller, France. When the tank of which he was a crew member became mired in a field during an engagement with the enemy, Private Blanchette voluntarily left the protection of his armored vehicle under heavy artillery fire to make a cable hook with a second tank. As a result of his courageous action, his tank was extricated from its position and the vehicle and crew were able to render vital support to infantry units in the subsequent action. Entered military service from Brockton, Massachusetts.

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SECTION I -- 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:

DONALD L. HILDENBRAND, 33560621, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 8 January 1945, in the vicinity of Rimling, France. On the night of 8 January, after a twenty minute preparatory artillery and mortar barrage which severed all wire connections, the enemy attacked with tanks and infantry resulting in the isolation of Private Hildenbrand's platoon. When his platoon leader called for a volunteer to infiltrate to the company command post for orders, Private Hildenbrand unhesitatingly offered to perform the dangerous mission. Although he is missing as a result of this action, his great daring and unselfish gallantry served as an inspiration to his comrades. Next of kin: Lillian K. Hildenbrand (Mother), 2708 Rueckert 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 the following named individual for gallantry in action:

MARVEN L. LARSON, 02000794, Second Lieutenant (then First Sergeant), 398th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 18 December 1944, in the vicinity of Bitche, France. While his company was engaged in its bitterly contested assault against Fort Schiesseck of the Maginot Line, the commanding officer was killed and Lieutenant Larson was himself severely wounded. Disregarding his injury, Lieutenant Larson immediately assumed command of the company and led his men forward in the face of intense hostile artillery, mortar, and small arms fire, seizing three enemy-held fortifications and achieving the company's assigned mission. Continuing to ignore the severity of his own wound, Lieutenant Larson then personally established contact with an adjacent unit, treated the other wounded and helped to evacuate one man, and reported his company's position and situation to the battalion command post before submitting to medical treatment. Entered military service from New York, New York.

SECTION III -- AWARD OF AIR MEDAL

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

JOHN J. WALTERS, 01174735, Captain, 100th Infantry Division Artillery, for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights against the enemy in France during the period 9 November 1944 to 13 January 1945. Entered military service from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

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 in France:

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PAUL A. KERR, 12211371, Private, 397th Infantry Regiment, 1 January 1945. Entered military service from Camden, New Jersey.

ROBERT W. HANSON, 36590737, Private, 397th Infantry Regiment, 5 December 1944. Entered military service from Coopersville, Michigan.

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 in France:

WARREN F. KURTZ, 32916613, Staff Sergeant, 399th Infantry Regiment, 7 December 1944. Entered military service from South Amboy, New Jersey.

FRANK M. ANNUNZIATO, 32597927, Sergeant, 398th Infantry Regiment, 8 January 1945. Entered military service from Hoboken, New Jersey.

KAYMOND R. ARROYO, 32650733, Sergeant, 398th Infantry Regiment, 10 January 1945. Entered military service from Brooklyn, New York.

FRANCIS R. CONEYS, 31429169, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, 9 January 1945. Entered military service from Weymouth, Massachusetts.

ARNEL J. PENNINGTON, 35769001, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment, 6 January 1945. Entered military service from Leon, Kentucky.

WILBY J. EVERETT, 34624880, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, 9 January 1945. Entered military service from Meridian, Mississippi.

EDWARD H. GUSTAFSON, 39146939, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, 9 January 1945. Entered military service from Berkeley, California.

GRADY H. MUSE, 34536843, Private, 325th Engineer Combat Battalion, 17 December 1944. Entered military service from Jacksonville, Florida.

CHARLES E. ABBOTT, JR., 35249189, Private, 397th Infantry Regiment, 16 November 1944. Entered military service from Portland, Indiana.

SECTION VI -- 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 Service Battery, 374th Field Artillery Battalion, for superior performance of duty and the achievement of a high standard of discipline during the period from 1 November 1944 to 17 January 1945.

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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:

✓ WILLIAM O. KNIGHT, 35770807, Sergeant, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 29 December 1944, in the vicinity of Nousseviller, France. As a member of a reconnaissance patrol entrusted with the mission of obtaining exact knowledge of hostile fortifications in a nearby village, Sergeant Knight and the men of his patrol while en route were engaged by a superior enemy force armed with two machine guns. Returning the enemy fire with accuracy and aggressiveness, Patrol Leader Knight and his men by their courage and tactical skill succeeded in routing the hostile troops, killing three of the enemy and taking a fourth prisoner, then proceeded with their mission and returned to their unit with the desired information. Entered military service from Montgomery, West Virginia.

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:

MICHAEL J. MIGLINO, 32652266, Sergeant, 399th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action during the period 5 November 1944 to 1 January 1945, in Eastern France. Throughout his period of combat service as squad leader in which he participated in many hazardous engagements with the enemy, Sergeant Miglino performed his duties with great courage and skill. On 1 January when his squad was pinned down by a hostile counterattack, he bravely held his position, firing rapidly and effectively at the enemy, covering the withdrawal of his men until everyone had safely retired. He himself was unable to fall back and is missing in action. His unselfish devotion to duty reflected great credit upon himself. Next of kin: Josephine Miglino (Wife), 1659 East Forty-Eighth 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:

FREDERICK S. CONLEY, JR., 01295555, Captain, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 18 November 1944, in the vicinity of Raon L'Etape, France. When sudden enemy small arms and automatic weapon fire, delivered from well concealed positions, pinned down his company while they were crossing a wide and open marsh, Captain Conley moved well forward, and although drawing heavy hostile fire upon himself, crawled from one group of his men to another and skillfully directed them in a safe withdrawal. Then, after a rapid reorganization, he heroically led his men forward again to destroy several enemy positions and reach the company objective. Entered military service from Cranston, Rhode Island.

SAM F. DUNLAP, 01296501, Captain, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 12 November 1944, in the vicinity of Baccarat, France. In preparation for an advance by supported rifle units, Captain Dunlap made a personal reconnaissance for advantageous positions for the weapons of his command. Although subjected to heavy concentrations of enemy artillery and mortar fire, he proceeded with his mission without regard for his personal safety, and after determining the most suitable positions for support of the advance, pointed out sectors of fire to his men and thereby enabled them to deliver immediate and effective fire which contributed greatly to the success of the mission. Entered military service from Monroe, Louisiana.

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FRANK W. GRIGSBY, 0312552, Captain, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action during the period 5 November 1944 to 4 January 1945, in Eastern France. Throughout this period, Captain Grigsby's able and aggressive leadership of his weapons company has resulted in excellent support of artillery units. In the actions at Pezaille, Etival and La Trouche, the mortars of his command inflicted numerous casualties upon the enemy and contributed to the achievement of objectives. In the attacks upon the strongly defended fortifications of Fort Freudenberg and Fort Schliesseck of the Maginot Line, his company's close support was instrumental in the advance of the battalion, and at Petit Rederching the accurate fire of his mortar men accounted for eleven enemy dead. Entered military service from Shreveport, Louisiana.

ALVIN L. MISSELDINE, 01321465, First Lieutenant, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action during the period 12 November 1944 to 7 January 1945, in Eastern France. During his entire period of combat duty as communications officer Lieutenant Misseldine has been instrumental in keeping open the vital lines of communication linking the regimental and battalion command posts. On 14 November, when repeated enemy artillery and mortar barrages constantly severed our wires, he displayed great courage by venturing forth many times during the day in the face of heavy hostile shelling to successfully repair the breaks, thereby contributing materially to the achievement of the battalion's mission. Entered military service from Teton City, Idaho.

KARL F. NEALAND, 01300207, First Lieutenant, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 1 November 1944, in the vicinity of Bertrichamps, France. When the enemy launched a determined counterattack under cover of a rolling artillery barrage, Lieutenant Nealand, mortar platoon leader, bravely went forward under the heavy enemy fire to observe the direction of the hostile attack. Returning to his mortar platoon with the necessary information, he directed the delivery of such accurate and deadly mortar fire that the enemy suffered many casualties and the counter attack was repulsed. Entered military service from Cohoes, New York.

KENNETH K. GRAVES, 0554315, Second Lieutenant, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 15 November 1944, in the vicinity of Bertrichamps, France. When the leader of an adjoining machine gun platoon was wounded by enemy fire during an attack on hostile positions, Lieutenant Graves unhesitatingly assumed command, and giving no thought to his personal safety and the intensity of the hostile fire, moved from position to position rallying his men, and skillfully directed their fire on the enemy. As a result of his courageous leadership, our troops continued to move forward until their objective was secured. Entered military service from Williston, North Dakota.

BENJAMIN J. KRAMKOWSKI, JR., 01318187, Second Lieutenant, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 14 November 1944, in the vicinity of Bertrichamps, France. While organizing his platoon for an attack upon an enemy-held town, Lieutenant Kramkowski was severely wounded by shrapnel during an enemy barrage. Staunchly refusing evacuation, Lieutenant Kramkowski remained with his men and continued to develop the reorganization throughout the ensuing night without regard for the pain of his injury. His whole-hearted devotion to duty contributed to the successful attack which drove enemy forces from the town on the following day. Entered military service from Derby, Connecticut.

ARTHUR B. LARSON, 37284260, Staff Sergeant (then Sergeant), 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action during the period 6 November 1944 to 1 January 1945, in Eastern France. During the numerous encounters with the enemy in this period Sergeant Larson has performed his every mission in a devoted and efficient manner, successfully leading his machine gun squad in direct support of infantry elements. In the large scale assault against Fort Freudenberg, Sergeant Larson advanced repeatedly with his squad under heavy artillery and small arms fire to new positions where he maintained and directed effective fire against the enemy in a courageous and determined manner. Entered military service from Thief River Falls, Minnesota.

WILLIS M. LOTT, 38209147, Staff Sergeant, 250th Field Artillery Battalion, for heroic achievement in action on 2 January 1945, in the vicinity of Rimling, France. During a determined attack by hostile forces, intense enemy artillery fire and the action of friendly tanks severed wire communications to the advanced observation post manned by Sergeant Lott and other members of his forward observer's party. Assisted

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by another enlisted man, Sergeant Lott repaired the wire lines under continuing enemy fire, then with telephone and wire in his hand voluntarily crawled along a fence line to the crest of an open hill in order to establish an alternate observation post, from which he assisted in directing accurate and effective fire upon opposing troops until ordered to retire. Entered military service from Goome Creek, Texas.

WILLIAM M. MARSHALL, 35594281, Staff Sergeant, 397th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from Newton Falls, Ohio.

DANIEL G. SCHEUERMANN, 16169108, Staff Sergeant, 397th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from Jamestown, North Dakota.

CARL T. DOJAI, 31388988, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from Fitchburgh, Massachusetts.

EDMUND L. L'HEUREUX, 36861121, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from Detroit, Michigan.

WALTER E. SCRIBNER, JR., 13101748, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from Baltimore, Maryland.

For heroic achievement in action on 30 December 1944, in the vicinity of Bettwiller, France. Participating in a raid on enemy positions, these five men executed their assigned tasks in an outstanding manner, contributing largely to the success of the surprise attack. Entering a wooded area under hostile fire they searched out and routed the enemy from well concealed fox holes, killing twelve of the enemy and capturing nineteen. Due to their bravery the enemy was completely driven from his positions and the prisoners returned to our lines over open terrain and under enemy artillery fire without a single casualty to our troops.

ROWE V. GRIFFITH, 17081742, Sergeant, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 21 December 1944, in the vicinity of Reversviller, France. When Sergeant Griffith was assigned the mission of establishing an observation post on high ground he promptly completed this task accompanied by two comrades. Realizing that his position afforded him minimum observation he advanced alone under enemy artillery and small arms fire an additional six hundred yards to a point of greater vantage. Displaying great courage and disregard for his personal safety he maintained this post under continuous hostile fire and transmitted by phone to his unit the source of the enemy concentration. Entered military service from St. Louis, Missouri.

JOHN W. MULLER, 32655641, Sergeant (then Corporal), 925th Field Artillery Battalion, for heroic achievement in action on 19 November 1944, in the vicinity of Bertrichamps, France. In the absence of his superior officer, Sergeant Muller upon his own initiative established wire communications and at the same time transported a radio to a forward vantage point despite the difficulties imposed by the mountainous terrain. His foresight was instrumental in the achievement of our objective, for during the subsequent action the forward observer directed accurate artillery fire over the vital wire line, and when that was severed by artillery shelling, continued to direct artillery action by radio. Entered military service from Bronx, New York.

FRANK LECH, 32666532, Corporal, 925th Field Artillery Battalion, for heroic achievement in action on 17 November 1944, in the vicinity of Bertrichamps, France. When the infantry battalion to which his forward observer party was attached succeeded in occupying a strategic hill, Corporal Lech volunteered to establish wire communications under extremely heavy hostile mortar shelling, thereby enabling the forward observer to direct accurate and effective artillery fire against the enemy. This artillery action, made possible by Corporal Lech's voluntary act, proved to be the deciding factor in the battalion's subsequent struggle to hold the newly-won ground. Entered military service from Amsterdam, New York.

THEODORE A. WOODRUFF, 38394343, Corporal, 250th Field Artillery Battalion, for heroic achievement in action on 2 January 1945, in the vicinity of Rinling, France. When, during a determined enemy attack, hostile artillery shelling and the action of friendly tanks disrupted communications to a forward observation post, Corporal Woodruff and another enlisted man spliced the broken wires under continuing enemy artillery shelling. They then moved to an alternate observation post which lacked both cover and concealment, relieving a telephone operator who was suffering from intense cold, and from this exposed vantage point on an open hill they transmitted fire directions which resulted in breaking up the enemy attack and inflicting heavy casualties upon opposing troops. Entered military service from Tonkawa, Oklahoma.

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WILLIAM T. HOLLIS, JR., 37742954, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 9 January 1945, in the vicinity of Bettwiller, France. Three wire lines linking the battalion and company command posts having been severed by hostile shelling, Private Hollis and one other wireman were assigned the mission of repairing the breaks. When his companion was wounded by a hostile mortar burst, he quickly went back for an aid man who helped evacuate the casualty. This accomplished, he unhesitatingly proceeded through the intense enemy mortar and artillery fire and located and repaired each of the three breaks. His heroism under fire made possible the prompt evacuation of his wounded comrade and restored vital communications. Entered military service from Galena, Kansas.

NUNZIO J. INCATASCIATO, 32683329, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 10 November 1944, in the vicinity of Etival, France. When a series of barbed wire entanglements obstructed the path of his weapons platoon during an advance upon an enemy held town, Private Incatasciato, without regard for intense hostile mortar and artillery fire falling in the area, courageously assisted other members of the platoon to quickly negotiate the obstacle, holding the wire while men slipped underneath it and lifting heavy weapons over the obstruction. His action enabled his comrades to continue their advance with minimum delay and exposure to enemy shelling. Entered military service from New York, New York.

DONALD J. SQUIRES, 11133112, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 10 November 1944, in the vicinity of Etival, France. During an attack upon an enemy held town, a series of barbed wire entanglements obstructed the path of the weapons platoon of which Private Squires was a member. Without thought for his own safety, Private Squires exposed himself to intense hostile mortar and artillery fire in order to assist other members of his platoon through the obstruction, holding the wire while men slipped under the entanglements and lifting weapons over the obstacle. His action enabled the platoon to continue its advance with a minimum of delay and exposure to enemy fire. Entered military service from Boston, Massachusetts.

CAROLL E. THOMAS, 36662791, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 16 December 1944, in the vicinity of Bitche, France. While acting as ammunition bearer for his machine gun squad during an enemy counter-attack, Private Thomas observed that one of our machine guns was put out of action when hostile fire inflicted wounds on the gunner and his assistant. Completely disregarding his own safety and the intense artillery and mortar fire falling around him, on his own initiative, he bravely raced across open terrain, manned the idle weapon and delivered accurate and destructive fire with such effect that the enemy was driven from the hill and the counterattack repelled. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

WILLIAM TITKO, 42048123, Private First Class, 925th Field Artillery Battalion, for heroic achievement in action on 18 November 1944, in the vicinity of Raon L'Etape France. When a supported infantry battalion was subjected to intense hostile mortar shelling, Private Titko volunteered to establish and maintain wire communications to his forward observer party. His action, performed under hazardous fire and over the most difficult terrain, made possible the delivery of effective artillery fire which in turn was instrumental in the success of the operation. Entered military service from Spring Valley, New York.

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THOMAS K. UNNOLD, 31217299, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 8 January 1945, in the vicinity of Rimling, France. While acting as security at the battalion command post during an enemy night attack in which the lead hostile tank closely followed by supporting riflemen penetrated our lines, Private Unnold observed the tank gunner training his weapon on the building. Holding his position despite the heavy enemy machine gun and small arms fire directed at him, he calmly fired two rounds of HE from his grenade launcher with one hitting the top of the tank and the other landing amongst the riflemen, killing four of the enemy and wounding six others, thus forcing the tank to retreat and effectively removing the threat to the battalion command post. Entered military service from Bridgton, Maine.

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GERALD B. WESTLUND, 17083772, Private First Class (then Private), 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 1 January 1945, in the vicinity of Urbach, France. While engaged in repulsing a determined enemy counterattack, Private Westlund, member of a machine gun section, noticed that the supply of ammunition for one of the weapons was running low. Swiftly, he made two trips over open, hilly terrain in the face of strong enemy rifle and machine gun fire, carrying ammunition to replenish the almost exhausted supply, and thereby helped repel the enemy counterattack. Entered military service from St. Paul, Minnesota.

WALLACE ZIEGELLE, 32651308, Private First Class, 925th Field Artillery Battalion for heroic achievement in action on 17 November 1944, in the vicinity of Bertrichamps, France. When the infantry battalion to which his forward observer party was attached was subjected to intense hostile mortar shelling, Private Ziegele volunteered to establish and service a wire line to the forward observer. Laying the wire line over difficult terrain under continuous mortar fire, Private Ziegele accomplished his self-imposed task and thereby enabled his superior officer to register fire which contributed directly to the success of the operation. Entered military service from Bronx, New York.

RICHARD J. ZINK, 35539455, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 18 December 1944, in the vicinity of Mouterhouse, France. While Private Zink and another man were engaged in loading their platoon's bed rolls onto a trailer, the enemy lay down a heavy mortar and artillery barrage. Both dove for cover under the trailer, but his comrade received a serious shrapnel wound. Reacting instantly, Private Zink, without regard for the continued shelling, left his shelter, swiftly unhooked the trailer from the jeep, placed his wounded companion in the vehicle and safely evacuated him to the aid station, thereby hastening medical attention and possibly saving his life. Entered military service from Miller City, Ohio.

MAXWELL E. GREGORY, 33017870, Private (then Staff Sergeant), 399th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action during the period 1 November 1944 to 1 January 1945, in the vicinity of Eastern France. In several major engagements with the enemy during this period Private Gregory led his mortar section with skill and efficiency. On 17 December 1944 and 18 December 1944 in the attack against St. Remy Private Gregory despite his continuous exposure to artillery and machine gun fire, maintained his mortar position assisting and directing his squad in rendering excellent support to advancing rifle companies. Entered military service from Lewistown, Pennsylvania.

LOUIE W. HART, JR., 34731980, Private, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 1 January 1945, in the vicinity of Urbach, France. When a determined enemy counterattack was launched against his platoon, Private Hart manned his machine gun in the face of intense hostile small arms fire, and by his accurate marksmanship personally put out of action two enemy machine guns and one machine pistol. When his sector was cleared of the enemy, Private Hart voluntarily reconnoitered hostile positions in adjacent sectors and directed mortar fire which inflicted numerous casualties upon the enemy. Entered military service from Memphis, Tennessee.

SECTION IV -- RESCISSION OF AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

So much of Section II, General Orders Number 16, this headquarters, current series, as awards a Bronze Star Medal to GRIFFITH V. ROWE, 17081742, Sergeant, 398th Infantry Regiment, is rescinded.

So much of General Orders Number 23, this headquarters, current series, as awards a Bronze Star Medal to GREGORY E. MAXWELL, 33017870, Private (then Staff Sergeant), 399th Infantry Regiment, is rescinded.

So much of General Orders Number 25, this headquarters, current series, as awards a Bronze Star Medal to WILLIAM C. KNIGHT, 35770807, Sergeant, 398th Regiment, is rescinded.

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SECTION I -- AWARD OF SOLDIERS MEDAL

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

WALTER A. HENSON, O1171186, Captain, 374th Field Artillery Battalion, for heroism not involving actual conflict with the enemy on 13 January 1945, in the vicinity of Bining, France. In making a reconnaissance of the battery command post area for purposes of security, Captain Henson discovered a number of fragmentation grenades in a pillbox formerly occupied by enemy troops. While removing the missiles, the pin fell out of one grenade as he was picking it up. Seeing many members of his own battery and a supported infantry battalion in the immediate vicinity, Captain Henson courageously held the grenade in his own hand until it was activated, thereby preventing serious injury to other personnel. The explosion of the grenade amputated four fingers of Captain Henson's hand. Entered military service from Bracketville, Texas.

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:

NORMAN F. JOYCE, 31282013, Private First Class, 325th Engineer Combat Battalion, for heroic achievement in action on 22 November 1944, in the vicinity of Senones, France. When an enemy roadblock halted the advance of our task force, Private Joyce and five other men were assigned the mission of removing hostile mines from the roadbed in order that a tankdozer might clear the log obstruction. Advancing under automatic weapon fire and artillery bursts which on one occasion landed within twenty yards of them, the members of the detail fastened ropes to each individual mine and thus succeeded in removing the hostile installations. As a result of their action, the task force was able to continue its advance. Next of kin: Viva F. Joyce (Mother Oceanville, Maine).

SECTION III -- AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

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

JAMES E. CRAFT, 31256075, Staff Sergeant, 397th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from Worcester, Massachusetts.

LOUIS WEISSING, JR., 14189065, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from Tampa, Florida.

ALBERT A. CREE, JR., 31253747, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from Rutland, Vermont.

For heroic achievement in action on 19 November 1944, in the vicinity of Raon L'Etape, France. When their company was in the attack against strongly entrenched enemy positions, these men, members of a heavy machine gun section, displayed marked devotion to duty and courage in performing their mission of delivering effective machine gun fire to support advancing infantry. At one point in the attack, when it became necessary to move their weapon to a point from which even more effective fire support could be delivered, despite the terrific bombardment by enemy artillery and mortars, and the open nature of the terrain that had to be crossed, these men unhesitatingly left the safety of their fox holes to perform this task, and in the process, each man suffered serious shrapnel wounds from hostile artillery.

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NORMAN D. GRIFFIN, 31236316, Staff Sergeant (then Sergeant), 925th Field Artillery Battalion, for heroic achievement in action on 15 November 1944, in the vicinity of Raon L'Etape, France. When an assault company of infantry was halted in its advance by fire from entrenched enemy machine guns and snipers, Sergeant Griffin, in the absence of the forward observer officer and upon his own initiative, established communications to forward areas under constant enemy fire. The wire line he installed later made possible the direction of accurate artillery fire upon hostile positions and the continued advance of our forces. Entered military service from Mansfield, Massachusetts.

JOHN P. B. PARIS, 33346118, Staff Sergeant, 399th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action during the period 5 November 1944 to 5 January 1945, in Eastern France. Throughout this period, which encompasses the division's swift and successful drive through the Vosges Mountains sector and the bitter fighting in the vicinity of Bitche, Sergeant Paris participated in many hazardous engagements and discharged his assigned duties with courage and determination. Upon one occasion, when he observed an enemy patrol of eight men advancing up a draw, he upon his own initiative set up his mortars and succeeded in destroying the entire hostile group. Entered military service from Bethlehem, Pennsylvania.

CHARLES L. THOMAS, 20381294, Staff Sergeant, 325th Engineer Combat Battalion, for heroic achievement in action during the period 6 November 1944 to 16 January 1945, in Eastern France. As sergeant of an engineer platoon operating in direct support of combat infantry, Sergeant Thomas frequently led his platoon in the temporary absence of his platoon leader, and upon all occasions discharged his assigned duties in an exemplary manner. On 15 December, when his men were fired upon by hostile snipers, the unit immediately engaged the enemy and under Sergeant Thomas' skillful leadership succeeded in putting an enemy machine gun out of action, killing one and wounding three of the opposing troops without casualty to the platoon. During the period 24 December to 26 December, Sergeant Thomas and his men prepared seventeen road blocks, several of which were within five hundred yards of the enemy. Entered military service from Washington, District of Columbia.

JACK L. BLAND, 14192349, Sergeant (then Private First Class), 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action during the period 20 December 1944 to 23 December 1944, in the vicinity of Bitche, France. On 20 December, Sergeant Bland, squad leader in a heavy machine gun platoon, heroically directed his men, in open terrain under enemy observation and bombardment, in delivering fire on hostile positions of such intensity that our troops were enabled to secure their objective. And then for three days and nights, while subjected to frequent hostile shelling and small arms fire, he participated in the defensive action which successfully repelled all enemy attempts to dislodge our troops. Entered military service from Clinton, South Carolina.

WARREN F. MATTESON, 31245631, Sergeant, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action during the period 20 December 1944 to 23 December 1944, in the vicinity of Bitche, France. In the initial attack against the high ground north of Bitche, Sergeant Matteson led his squad and directed effective machine gun fire in support of infantry elements as they advanced under intense enemy fire and secured their objective. For three days in the face of heavy artillery and mortar fire, Sergeant Matteson maintained his gun position and rendered skillful fire against the enemy which greatly aided our riflemen in their defense of the newly won ground. Entered military service from Apponaug, Rhode Island.

WILLIAM H. RYAN, 34084858, Sergeant, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action during the period 20 December 1944 to 23 December 1944, in the vicinity of Bitche, France. Advancing repeatedly across open terrain in the face of heavy hostile artillery, mortar and small arms fire, Sergeant Ryan, squad leader, courageously directed his machine gunners in the delivery of supporting fire for our rifle men whose mission it was to establish and hold a position near a vital trail junction. After aiding in securing this objective, he participated in its successful defense despite three days of intense enemy bombardment of the area. Entered military service from Wildwood, Georgia.

WILLIAM C. CALLOW, 19118462, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action during the period 20 December 1944 to 23 December 1944,

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in the vicinity of Bitché, France. When Company C attacked strongly fortified hostile positions on high ground near Bitché, Private Callow, a machine gunner of Company D, fearlessly moved forward from position to position delivering destructive supporting fire although subjected to intense enemy shelling and small arms fire and thereby materially aided our troops in attaining their objective. Then skillfully manning his weapon during the next three days in which his position was under constant bombardment, he participated in the successful defensive action which denied the enemy access to the high ground. Entered military service from Corvallis, Oregon.

WILBERT L. DAVIS, 32269101, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action during the period 5 November 1944 to 5 January 1945, in Eastern France. During the division's swift and successful drive through the Vosges Mountains sector and in the series of actions against Maginot Line fortifications in the vicinity of Bitché and Reyersviller, Private Davis displayed courage and initiative in the discharge of his assigned duties. On numerous occasions he has transported ammunition to front lines under severe artillery and mortar fire, and when, during the engagement at Reyersviller, his vehicle was completely surrounded by the enemy, he drove across country and through enemy lines to reach the safety of our position. Entered military service from Trenton, New Jersey.

FRANK DISTEL, 39864697, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action during the period 13 November 1944 to 5 January 1945, in Eastern France. On numerous occasions, during the division's November drive through the Vosges Mountain sector and in the engagements against enemy-held fortifications in the Bitché and Reyersviller area, Private Distel courageously exposed himself to hostile artillery and small arms fire in order to repair broken communication lines. In the action at Lemberg, it was the unremitting efforts of Private Distel which made possible continuous communication between his company and the battalion command post. Entered military service from Phoenix, Arizona.

DONALD R. GILMAN, 42089989, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action during the period 17 December 1944 to 24 December 1944, in the vicinity of Bitché, France. During his company's week-long attack against the strongly defended concrete emplacements of Freudenberg and Schiesseck, Private Gilman completed his every assignment, braving direct and incessant fire from eighty-eights, heavy artillery and small arms. Advancing continuously through barbed wire entanglements and under close enemy observation he reached and maintained his every objective despite numerous and heavy enemy counterattacks, displaying magnificent courage throughout this long and closely contested engagement. Entered military service from Montrose, New York.

HAROLD C. GORMSEN, 12226610, Private First Class (then Private), 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 17 December 1944, in the vicinity of Mouterhouse, France. While his platoon was engaged in a reconnaissance patrol, it suddenly encountered heavy enemy small arms and machine gun fire which forced the platoon to retire. Before withdrawing, Private Gormsen, on his own volition, courageously crawled forward despite the intensity of the hostile fire, and succeeded in safely evacuating a casualty, thereby saving his life. Entered military service from Scarsdale, New York.

ROBERT R. HEFLIN, 35249102, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action during the period 20 December 1944 to 23 December 1944, in the vicinity of Bitché, France. As a gunner in a machine gun platoon, Private Heflin advanced across open terrain under heavy artillery, mortar and small arms fire and successfully assisted Company C in its advance to new positions. The company having secured a new line, Private Heflin maintained his new position for four days under intense enemy fire and rendered effective and extremely valuable support. Entered military service from Mayfield, Kentucky.

WILLIAM MORGAN, 32481856, Private First Class (then Private), 325th Engineer Combat Battalion, for heroic achievement in action on 17 December 1944, in the vicinity of Bitché, France. As a member of a demolition squad Private Morgan advanced under heavy artillery, mortar and small arms fire and assisted in making an enemy pill box untenable. With this mission completed the squad was unable to move because of intense enemy fire and lack of contact with its rear elements. Replying to his squad

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leader's request for a volunteer, Private Morgan braved the enemy fire and made his way back to his platoon leader giving him the position and plan of his squad and making possible additional security in the future movements of his squad. Entered military service from Bridgeton, New Jersey.

JOE L. NANCE, 38661755, Private First Class (then Private), 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action during the period 20 December 1944 to 23 December 1944, in the vicinity of Bitche, France. Assigned the task of supporting Company C in taking and holding the high ground north of Bitche, Private Nance, machine gunner in the first platoon of Company D, performed his duties in an outstanding manner during the initial attack on 20 December and the defensive action which followed in the next three days. Under constant artillery, mortar and small arms fire, his courageous devotion to duty helped bring effective fire support to Company C and enabled it to accomplish its mission. Entered military service from Berryville, Arkansas.

ERIC C. OESTERLE, 12102652, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 19 November 1944, in the vicinity of La Trouche, France. Throughout the bitterly contested battles for Wingen, Fort Freudenberg and Petit-Rederching, Private Oesterle displayed great skill and efficiency in performing his duties as radio operator and wireman. During the fight for La Trouche, in which his forward outpost was subjected to heavy hostile fire, he ably transmitted fire directions which resulted in our artillery fire destroying a building housing enemy snipers who were impeding the advance of our riflemen, and thus permitted the continued advance of our troops. Entered military service from Ithaca, New York.

RICHARD M. ROWE, 35246951, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action during the period 20 December 1944 to 23 December 1944, in the vicinity of Bitche, France. In the attack to acquire high ground just north of Bitche, Private Rowe, a machine gunner, effectively supported Company C as he advanced with them under intense enemy fire to obtain the objective. Subjected to constant heavy artillery and small arms fire, Private Rowe maintained effective fire for four days, rendering valuable aid to the rifle elements defending the newly gained positions, with an exemplary display of courage and determination. Entered military service from Angola, Indiana.

ROBERT L. SCHICK, 32649397, Private First Class, 925th Field Artillery Battalion, for heroic achievement in action on 1 January 1945, in the vicinity of Bitche, France. When the enemy made initial penetrations of our forward lines during a determined night attack and communications to an artillery observer were severed, Private Schick despite all warnings advanced through an area which the enemy had over-run, and succeeded in repairing the breaks in the wire line. As a direct result of his action, artillery support directed by communications which he had reestablished enabled thirty-five men of an infantry company to withdraw to defensive positions during a subsequent attack. Entered military service from Bronx, New York.

WALTER C. STALLARD, 33607593, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 9 January 1945, in the vicinity of Bettwiller, France. When the wire line between the battalion command post and Company A was broken by a hostile shell burst, Private Stallard and another wireman were assigned the dangerous mission of locating and repairing the break. Although forced to traverse open terrain subject to enemy observation and shelling, he and his companion courageously moved forward through the hostile barrage, following the wire line searching for the break. They were within a few yards of the break in the line when they were caught in a mortar barrage which seriously wounded Private Stallard, necessitating his evacuation. Entered military service from Bloomsburg, Pennsylvania.

FREDERICK E. LYMAN, 37697824, Private, 399th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action during the period 25 November 1944 to 5 January 1945, in Eastern France. In the many hazardous engagements in which his regiment participated during this period, Private Lyman has repeatedly displayed outstanding courage and initiative in discharging his assigned duties. On one occasion, when a vital communication line to a forward observer was severed and the repairmen sent to splice the wire was wounded before accomplishing his mission, Private Lyman, without regard for intense enemy

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small arms fire, proceeded to locate the break and successfully reestablish communications. Entered military service from Humeston, Iowa.

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

SAMUEL FLEISCHER, 32654377, Private First Class, 100th Signal Company, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations during the period 6 November 1944 to 29 November 1944, in Eastern France. Next of kin: Minnie Fleischer (Mother), 625 East Fifth Street, 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:

ARTHUR G. DREW, 0451589, Captain, 375th Field Artillery Battalion. Entered military service from Casper, Wyoming.

AUGUSTUS J. SITTON, 0461047, First Lieutenant, 781st Tank Battalion. Entered military service from South Carolina.

FRED W. SPIEGELBERG, 0528964, Captain (then First Lieutenant), 398th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from Prescott, Washington.

WILLIAM C. HENSON, 01301485, First Lieutenant, 398th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from Syracuse, New York.

For heroic achievement in action on 14 December 1944, in the vicinity of Bl'che, France. Assigned the difficult mission of securing a strongly defended enemy fortress of the Maginot Line, when two rifle companies were pinned down by intense hostile fire, these men skillfully planned and executed a combined infantry, tank and artillery attack on the enemy position. With Lieutenant Sitton courageously leading his medium tank platoon down a road subject to intense hostile shelling, and previously unrecognoitered, with Captain Drew expertly directing an artillery rolling barrage, and with Captain Spiegelberg and Lieutenant Henson heroically leading their companies in the assault, the combined attack was successful in permitting an immediate advance of two hundred yards and eventual occupation of the hostile fortress.

WILLIAM C. DINEEN, 01172839, First Lieutenant, 925th Field Artillery Battalion, for heroic achievement in action during the period 1 November 1944 to 10 January 1945, in Eastern France. Throughout this period as battery executive officer, Lieutenant Dineen has displayed great courage and skill in successfully performing his numerous duties. On one occasion, while his battery was in firing position southwest of Lemberg, and an enemy shell landed in the gun position, although wounded himself, he bravely exposed himself to the continuing enemy action by first attending to the wounds of others and rallying his men, before submitting to medical attention for his own wound. His tireless devotion to duty at all times has greatly aided the battalion accomplish its assigned missions. Entered military service from Syracuse, New York.

ROBERT C. HOTH, 0540113, First Lieutenant, 399th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 1 January 1945, in the vicinity of Hottviller, France. When the enemy launched an attack in strength against our positions, the platoon led by Lieutenant Hoth bore the brunt of the assault. Skillfully employing the firepower at his disposal, Lieutenant Hoth directed his men in repulsing the attack and driving some forty enemy troops into a small wooded area. Aware that this hostile force afforded a constant threat to his unit, Lieutenant Hoth first directed mortar fire upon the area and, when that failed to dislodge the enemy, personally led two squads of his men in an advance of two hundred yards over open terrain under hostile

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fire. Entering the woods, Lieutenant Hoth and his men succeeded in capturing fourteen of the enemy, killing several more, and forcing the remainder to withdraw. Entered military service from Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

RAYMOND A. MILLER, O1172552, First Lieutenant, 373d Field Artillery Battalion, for heroic achievement in action on 9 January 1945, in the vicinity of Guisberg, France. When the enemy laid down heavy and extremely accurate artillery fire upon his battery's position, Lieutenant Miller willingly and unhesitatingly endangered his own life in order to obtain the technical information required to direct counter-battery fire at the hostile weapons. During the continuing barrage he stood in the open to determine the azimuth followed by the falling shells, and examined fragments of the shells themselves in order to estimate their caliber. The data he thus obtained was of great value to division and corps in initiating measures to silence the enemy guns. Entered military service from Constableville, New York.

TERRENCE A. QUINN, O1172610, First Lieutenant, 925th Field Artillery Battalion, for heroic achievement in action during the period 1 November 1944 to 10 January 1945, in Eastern France. Throughout this period in which the division engaged in the hazardous Vosges Mountains campaign and the storming of hostile fortifications of the Maginot Line, Lieutenant Quinn, in command of a firing battery has skillfully supervised the delivery of accurate and rapid artillery fire on enemy installations, though often subjected to enemy observation and counterbattery fire. His capable leadership has provided excellent supporting fire for our advancing infantrymen. Entered military service from Pawtucket, Rhode Island.

JOHN F. ROBERTS, O1170170, First Lieutenant, 250th Field Artillery Battalion, for heroic achievement in action on 2 January 1945, in the vicinity of Rimling, France. Despite intense hostile artillery fire, Lieutenant Roberts courageously manned his position at a forward observation post and directed effective fire upon opposing infantry during an enemy attack. When enemy shelling and the action of friendly tanks severed communications, Lieutenant Roberts moved to an alternate observation post on an open hill which afforded neither cover nor concealment and was exposed to direct enemy surveillance, and from this second vantage point, despite extreme cold and continued enemy shelling, continued to direct artillery fire which inflicted many casualties upon hostile troops. Entered military service from Kentwood, Louisiana.

ALFRED G. VANDERBECK, O1171402, First Lieutenant, 373d Field Artillery Battalion, for heroic achievement in action during the period 6 November 1944 to 15 January 1945, in Eastern France. Performing duties far in excess of his assigned missions as reconnaissance officer, Lieutenant Vanderbeck has at various times also acted as a forward observer directing our artillery fire and as a liaison agent with front line elements, performing his tasks with great courage and ability, often under intense enemy shelling and small arms fire. His initiative and aggressiveness has materially assisted his battery in achieving excellent supporting fire and in keeping his unit well supplied with information on enemy movements and strength. Entered military service from Bala-Cynwyd, Pennsylvania.

DANIEL P. AYOTTE, O1998110, Second Lieutenant, 925th Field Artillery Battalion, for heroic achievement in action during the period 3 November 1944 to 10 January 1945, in Eastern France. Frequently exposed to intense hostile shelling and direct automatic weapon and small arms fire, Lieutenant Ayotte, forward observer attached to an infantry combat team, has courageously remained at his forward outpost adjusting supporting fire with such marked effect that repeated enemy counterattacks have been broken up and supported infantry troops have been able to achieve their objectives. Entered military service from Houlton, Maine.

FRED TAYLOR, O1998111, Second Lieutenant, 925th Field Artillery Battalion, for heroic achievement in action on 19 December 1944, in the vicinity of Bitché, France. While manning an exposed observation post near the Collège de Bitché, Lieutenant Taylor was subjected to an intense concentration of hostile heavy artillery and mortar fire. Disregarding enemy shells which fell close to his position, Lieutenant Taylor continued to direct artillery fire upon the enemy, and by his accurate adjustment was responsible for the destruction of a hostile self-propelled weapon. Entered military service from New York, New York.

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EUGENE J. WEGG, 32308595, Staff Sergeant, 925th Field Artillery Battalion, for heroic achievement in action during the period 1 November 1944 to 12 January 1945, in Eastern France. During this period in which he served as forward observer and has been responsible for maintaining vital communications, Sergeant Wegg has displayed great courage and initiative in facilitating close artillery support. On numerous occasions, although faced with direct hostile small arms and artillery action, he has reconnoitered forward areas and recommended strategic sites for establishment of our forward observation posts, and his consistently meritorious performance of duty has enabled effective battalion supporting action. Entered military service from Jersey City, New Jersey.

GEORGE T. GARVEY, 32652155, Sergeant, 399th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action during the period 1 November 1944 to 31 December 1944, in Eastern France. Throughout this period as communications sergeant responsible for maintaining continuous wire and radio communications, Sergeant Garvey has displayed great skill and efficiency in successfully performing all his assigned missions. From 29 December to 31 December, he and three assistants laid fifteen miles of wire line during the bitter struggle for Bitche, and despite all handicaps of terrain and enemy action succeeded in repairing all breaks caused by hostile fire, and thereby facilitated effective supporting fire for our infantrymen. Entered military service from Brooklyn, New York.

HERBERT S. LUTZ, 32483362, Sergeant, 374th Field Artillery Battalion, for heroic achievement in action during the period 5 January 1945 to 9 January 1945, in the vicinity of Rimling, France. Throughout this period, in which our troops were engaged in the defense of Rimling against determined enemy attacks in strength, Sergeant Lutz manned an observation post in the most prominent building in the town itself. Although the target of constant hostile mortar and artillery shelling, Sergeant Lutz remained at his position and continued to adjust artillery fire upon the enemy with devastating effect. As a result of his keen observation, two strong enemy attacks were broken up before reaching our positions, and infantry forces were able to repulse repeated assaults by opposing troops. Entered military service from Pennsauken, New Jersey.

JUEL D. CASTELLAW, 6299626, Technician Fourth Grade, 373d Field Artillery Battalion, for heroic achievement in action on 8 January 1945, in the vicinity of Guisberg, France. When hostile artillery shelling severed several communications with other units, Sergeant Castellaw upon his own initiative led two wiremen through the continuing fire to speedily repair the breaks in the wire lines. On the following day, when the first salvo of an enemy barrage disrupted all fire direction and battery communications, Sergeant Castellaw again braved the hostile fire to splice the severed lines, accomplishing his task so promptly and efficiently that at no time was his battery completely lacking essential communications. Entered military service from Houston, Texas.

JAMES R. BAILLY, 38591233, Corporal, 374th Field Artillery Battalion, for heroic achievement in action during the period 5 January 1945 to 9 January 1945, in the vicinity of Rimling, France. During determined and repeated attacks in strength by enemy forces over this four-day period, Corporal Bailey courageously maintained his position at an exposed position in an observation post located in a prominent building in the town of Rimling. Despite almost continuous mortar and artillery shelling of great intensity, he continued to direct our artillery fire upon opposing troops with deadly effect, breaking up two hostile attacks before they reached our positions and enabling our infantry to repulse numerous enemy assaults. Entered military service from Bartlesville, Oklahoma.

PETER LIKANCHUK, 32483883, Technician Fifth Grade, 925th Field Artillery Battalion, for heroic achievement in action on 8 January 1945, in the vicinity of Bitche, France. While assigned to a forward observer wire party during the battle for Bitche, Corporal Likanchuk, on his own initiative, left his shelter to locate and repair a break in our wire line at a time when the entire area was subjected to concentrated mortar, artillery and rocket fire. As a result of his courageous voluntary action, communications were reestablished enabling his observer to transmit vital fire missions and relay important information on front line developments to higher headquarters. Entered military service from Millville, New Jersey.



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WILLARD J. MILLER, 32653897, Technician Fifth Grade, 925th Field Artillery Battalion, for heroic achievement in action on 7 December 1944, in the vicinity of Lemberg, France. From his first day of combat duty as a radio operator, Corporal Miller has efficiently and bravely performed his every assigned mission. On 7 December, when the rifle company, to which his forward observer party had been attached, assaulted strongly defended hostile positions and was subjected to heavy small arms, artillery and mortar fire, he steadfastly remained at his post laying a communication line despite the intensity of the enemy action, until he was seriously wounded by shrapnel. His unremitting devotion to duty at all times has been a source of great inspiration to his comrades. Entered military service from Brooklyn, New York.

PETER J. CALLAGHAN, 32654613, Private First Class, 325th Engineer Combat Battalion, for heroic achievement in action on 20 December 1944, in the vicinity of Bitche, France. While advancing to destroy an enemy-held pillbox of the Maginot Line, the demolition squad of which Private Callaghan was a member was pinned down by direct eighty-eight millimeter fire. Private Callaghan and another enlisted man volunteered to carry explosives and sandbags for a distance of one hundred yards across open terrain and, this accomplished, made their way under heavy small arms fire to reconnoiter for weak spots in the fortification. Discovering a doorway in a moat, the two enlisted men entered and occupied the pillbox. Entered military service from New York, New York.

FRANK J. CERBONE, 32648045, Private First Class, 374th Field Artillery Battalion, for heroic achievement in action on 1 January 1945, in the vicinity of Rimling, France. During the defense of Rimling an enemy patrol of approximately thirty-five men armed with machine guns, rockets and small arms succeeded in infiltrating into the town under cover of darkness and presented an acute threat to our forward observation post in a prominent building. Private Cerbone and other members of the forward observation party occupying the post, advanced under constant artillery, mortar and small arms fire to a position covering the approach to our vantage point, and, at a signal from the forward observer, they emptied their carbines into the opposing troops with demoralizing effect, dispersing the attack and eliminating the threat to our position. Entered military service from Brooklyn, New York.

RALPH W. FAHR, 31271925, Private First Class, 374th Field Artillery Battalion, for heroic achievement in action on 2 January 1945, in the vicinity of Bining, France. When his battalion's wire line had been severed by enemy action, Private Fahr, communications jeep driver, accompanied by another man, drove his vehicle through an intense enemy barrage to locate the break, and with hostile shells falling all about and using the jeep as cover, succeeded in splicing the wire and restoring communications, thereby permitting continued transmission of important supporting fire missions which enabled our infantry to achieve its objective. Entered military service from Collinsville, Connecticut.

JOHN F. QUINN, 31251280, Private First Class, 325th Engineer Combat Battalion, for heroic achievement in action on 20 December 1944, in the vicinity of Bitche, France. When hostile eighty-eight millimeter fire pinned down the demolition squad of which he was a member, Private Quinn and another enlisted man volunteered to carry explosives and sandbags for a distance of one hundred yards across open terrain approaching an enemy-held pillbox. Later in the same action, Private Quinn and his companion voluntarily made a reconnaissance for weak spots in the defenses of the pillbox under heavy hostile small arms fire and, discovering a doorway in a moat, entered and occupied the fortification. Entered military service from Seymour, Connecticut.

LEWIS N. WHITCRAFT, JR., 12203773, Private First Class, 374th Field Artillery Battalion, for heroic achievement in action on 1 January 1945, in the vicinity of Rimling, France. A member of a forward observer party directing artillery fire upon enemy forces from an observation post in the town of Rimling, Private Whitcraft was posted in a building covering the approach to our vantage point when a patrol of approximately thirty-five enemy armed with machine guns, rockets and small arms infiltrated into the town during the night. At a signal from the forward observer, Private Whitcraft and the other members of the party opened fire upon the hostile patrol with demoralizing effect, dispersing the opposing troops and dissipating the threat to our observation point. Entered military service from New York, New York.

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WILLIAM J. GRECI, 11103810, Private, 374th Field Artillery Battalion, for heroic achievement in action during the period 6 November 1944 to 10 January 1945, in Eastern France. As driver for a forward observer party during our successful Vosges Mountains campaign and the severely contested battles for enemy strong points along the Maginot Line, Private Greci has faithfully performed his duties in servicing his group with all essential supplies. Surmounting all obstacles of difficult terrain and intense enemy action, his complete devotion to duty under fire, has facilitated accurate and destructive adjustment of our supporting artillery fire. Entered military service from Bloomfield, Connecticut.

HOMER W. SLAVEY, 20535975, Private, 374th Field Artillery Battalion, for heroic achievement in action on 1 January 1945 in the vicinity of Rimling, France. A member of a forward observer party, Private Slavey with his comrades was manning an exposed observation post in the town of Rimling under heavy hostile artillery and mortar fire when a force of approximately thirty-five enemy, armed with machine guns, rockets and small arms, infiltrated into the town under cover of darkness. At a signal from the forward observer, Private Slavey emptied his carbine into the opposing troops and helped in the dispersion of the attack, then with an empty weapon stood guard over the two prisoners secured in the action and at the same time transmitted messages by radio in direction of artillery fire upon the enemy. Entered military service from Louisville, Kentucky.

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 in France:

KENNETH JOINER, 33000828, Staff Sergeant, 397th Infantry Regiment, 24 January 1945. Entered military service from Concord, Tennessee.

ANTHONY S. LEO, 32080304, Sergeant, 399th Infantry Regiment, 13 January 1945. Entered military service from Brooklyn, New York.

LOUIS KRENTZMAN, 31338840, Sergeant, 399th Infantry Regiment, 17 January 1945. Entered military service from Milford, Connecticut.

WILLIAM L. ELLIOTT, 37477029, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment, 16 January 1945. Entered military service from Crawford, Nebraska.

ALBY J. KAPSNER, 39578719, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment, 14 January 1945. Entered military service from Anaheim, California.

JOHN H. YOUNGBLOOD, 34495584, Private First Class, 375d Field Artillery Battalion, 21 January 1945. Entered military service from Greeneville, Tennessee.

~~JAMES S. WHITE, 35834266, Private, 397th Infantry Regiment, 24 January 1945. Entered military service from Amlin, Ohio.~~

EDWIN H. ESLER, 37580984, Private, 399th Infantry Regiment, 19 January 1945. Entered military service from Wayzata, Minnesota.

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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:

WILTRID F. GANEAU, 01295864, Captain, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action during the period 5 November 1944 to 6 January 1945, in Eastern France. Throughout this period as commander of a heavy weapons company, Captain Ganeau has utilized his superior knowledge of tactical disposition of his weapons with such effect that the battalion has always received effective fire support. During the bitter battles for Forts Freudenberg and Schiessick, anchor defenses of the Maginot Line, Captain Ganeau's aggressiveness and leadership under heavy enemy fire was a source of great inspiration to his men and greatly contributed to the delivery of accurate and destructive supporting fire for our advancing infantrymen. Entered military service from Dexter, Maine.

LESLIE ZIEVE, 0436401, Captain (then First Lieutenant), Medical Detachment, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 22 November 1944, in the vicinity of Senones, France. Upon hearing that enemy action had caused many casualties to a battalion other than his own, Captain Zieve, medical officer, proceeded to the scene despite heavy hostile shelling of the area. The first to pass through a road block demolished by our forces, and although subjected to concentrated small arms and mortar fire, he courageously supervised and aided in the treatment and evacuation of the wounded, and as a result, earned the admiration and gratitude of all members of the battalion. Entered military service from Minneapolis, Minnesota.

NICHOLAS E. DEVEREUX, III, 0460415, First Lieutenant, 374th Field Artillery Battalion, for heroic achievement in action during the period 5 January 1945 to 9 January 1945, in the vicinity of Rimling, France. Assigned as a forward observer, Lieutenant Devereux skillfully and intelligently performed his duties during the hazardous battle for Rimling. His accurate direction of supporting fire missions at a time when his forward outpost was heavily bombarded by enemy artillery and mortars, resulted in completely breaking up three strong enemy attacks against our positions, thereby enabling our infantry to achieve its objective. Entered military service from Utica, New York.

MYLES H. GEER, 01172869, First Lieutenant, 925th Field Artillery Battalion, for heroic achievement in action on 8 December 1944, in the vicinity of Lemberg, France. While acting as forward observer with infantry units during the attack upon Lemberg, Lieutenant Geer and his party were subjected to intense hostile artillery and small arms fire which wounded both an enlisted man and Lieutenant Geer himself. Disregarding his own injury, Lieutenant Geer courageously exposed himself to further artillery shelling in order to obtain medical assistance for the seriously wounded soldier, after which he efficiently proceeded with his mission of directing effective artillery fire in support of our infantry. Entered military service from Hilltown, New Jersey.

RONALD A. LAWSON, 02006113, Second Lieutenant (then Technical Sergeant), 399th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 17 December 1944, in the vicinity of Bitche, France. During the bitter and protracted fighting for the fortified town of Bitche in the Maginot Line sector, Lieutenant Lawson with three companions volunteered for the extremely hazardous task of establishing an outpost within the confines of the town itself. In order to accomplish their objective, it was necessary for the members of the party to cross an open clearing swept by heavy fire from hostile machine guns, and without thought for their own safety the four enlisted men made their way across the dangerous area, entered the town and secured an advantageous position for the important outpost. Entered military service from Stoneham, Massachusetts.

ERNEST J. RAITHEL, 02006129, Second Lieutenant (then Technical Sergeant), 399th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 1 January 1945, in the vicinity

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ty of Meyersviller, France. When two squads of antitank gunners faced enemy fire from both flanks and the front and were in danger of being completely cut off from friendly troops, Lieutenant Raithel, platoon leader, on his own initiative, braved the hostile fire to personally reconnoiter and select safe routes of withdrawal. He then skillfully directed our men in retiring to the protection of our lines, thereby saving both men and equipment from possible capture by the enemy. Entered military service from Chelsea, Massachusetts.

ALPHONSE W. SIEMASKO, 01998108, Second Lieutenant, 399th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 1 January 1945, in the vicinity of Hottviller, France. During an enemy attack in strength, eight hostile soldiers succeeded in capturing a pillbox where they installed two automatic weapons and delivered intense fire upon Lieutenant Siemasko's platoon. When one squad of the platoon attempted to advance, and was pinned down by the enemy weapons, Lieutenant Siemasko courageously moved forward in the face of concentrated hostile fire, personally directed the withdrawal of the squad, then reorganized the platoon and led his men in an attack upon the pillbox. Constantly exposing himself to enemy action, he skillfully directed the entire firepower of his unit upon the fortification and forced the opposing troops to withdraw, thus dissipating the hostile threat to our positions. Entered military service from Shamokin, Pennsylvania.

WILLIAM F. BURKE, 31237597, Technical Sergeant (then Staff Sergeant), 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 13 December 1944, in the vicinity of Mouterhouse, France. While his company was occupying entrenched positions during a severe hostile mortar and artillery barrage, Sergeant Burke discovered that two men of his unit had been wounded. Voluntarily and without regard for his own safety, he left the protection of his fox hole and went to the assistance of the casualties, administered first aid and then made two successive trips through the continuing barrage in order to carry the wounded soldiers to safety. Entered military service from Brockton, Massachusetts.

RUDOLPH P. KESERICH, 36302692, Technical Sergeant, 399th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 17 December 1944, in the vicinity of Bitche, France. When, during the bitter fighting for possession of the fortified town of Bitche, it became desirable to establish an outpost within the town itself, Sergeant Keserich with three companions volunteered for the dangerous mission. Advancing across the open field approaching the town under heavy hostile machine gun fire, the party succeeded in reaching an advantageous position within the confines of the village, and thus achieved their important mission. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

GILBERT SHEPHERD, 35128728, Technical Sergeant, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 19 November 1944, in the vicinity of Raon L'Etape, France. When our advancing forces were pinned down by intense hostile small arms and mortar action, Sergeant Shepherd led his platoon forward across open ground and under enemy fire to the only available position from which he could deliver fire upon the hostile forces. Manning his weapon, he directed rapid and accurate fire upon the opposing troops and enabled our infantry to move forward. Adjusting his fire in front of the advancing elements, he covered their attack, which resulted in the capture of sixteen prisoners and the dispersal of the hostile group. Entered military service from Withers, Kentucky.

SAMUEL B. ARMSTRONG, 38016854, Staff Sergeant, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 12 November 1944, in the vicinity of Bertrichamps, France. When evacuation of casualties was at a standstill because roads were impassable, Sergeant Armstrong, who had voluntarily assumed supervision of the work, courageously drove his vehicle over a road unswept of mines and through three small road blocks, thereby opening a safe route for the speedy evacuation of the wounded, and as a result of his unselfish devotion to duty, the lives of many of the injured were saved. Entered military service from DeLeon, Texas.

TOVIA S. GRYNEWICZ, 31237259, Staff Sergeant, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 19 November 1944, in the vicinity of Raon L'Etape, France. When accurate and intense fire from hostile mortars and small arms pinned down our attacking rifle units, Sergeant Grynewicz led his machine gun section across open terrain to the only available position from which supporting fire could be di-

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rected. From this vantage point he delivered rapid fire in advance of forward elements, neutralizing the enemy action and permitting our forces to move forward. Adjusting his fire as the riflemen advanced, Sergeant Grynewicz enabled our infantry to proceed for several hundred yards and assault the hostile position, capturing sixteen enemy and killing others. Sergeant Grynewicz was wounded by enemy fire during this engagement. Entered military service from North Abington, Massachusetts.

WILLIAM L. HACKWORTH, 34735566, Staff Sergeant (then Sergeant), 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 13 December 1944, in the vicinity of Mouterhouse, France. When an intense concentration of hostile mortar and artillery fire fell upon the defensive entrenchments occupied by his company and inflicted severe casualties upon personnel, Sergeant Hackworth voluntarily left the protection of his own fox hole to go to the assistance of his wounded comrades. Advancing under continuing fire, he reached the side of two wounded soldiers, administered first aid, then made two successive trips through the hostile barrage to bear the casualties to a place of safety. Entered military service from Alcoa, Tennessee.

FRANCIS PAIKA, 31255607, Staff Sergeant (then Corporal), 375th Field Artillery Battalion, for heroic achievement in action during the period 1 December 1944 to 13 January 1945, in Eastern France. During the fiercely contested battle for Meyersviller, although exposed to intense small arms, mortar and artillery fire, Sergeant Paika, chief of a wire section attached to an infantry battalion, personally laid three lines during a twenty-four hour period and repaired every break despite constant hostile fire. His efficient and courageous performance of duty under enemy fire in maintaining continuous communications has contributed to the achievement of the battalion's objectives. Entered military service from Worcester, Massachusetts.

JOHN B. ROGERS, 14172217, Staff Sergeant (then Sergeant), 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 13 December 1944, in the vicinity of Mouterhouse, France. When two members of his unit were wounded by the first salvo of an intense enemy mortar and artillery barrage, Sergeant Rogers courageously and voluntarily left the security of his entrenched position to administer aid to the casualties, then made two trips through the continuing hostile fire to bear the injured soldiers to a place of safety. By his unhesitating action, Sergeant Rogers contributed greatly to the eventual recovery of his wounded comrades and was perhaps responsible for the saving of their lives. Entered military service from McComb, Mississippi.

RUSSELL W. SOLOVEY, 13080784, Staff Sergeant, 399th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 17 December 1944, in the vicinity of Bitche, France. Despite the fact that the only available approach to the fortified town of Bitche was by way of an open field swept by machine gun fire from enemy positions, Sergeant Solovey and three other enlisted men volunteered to establish an outpost within the town itself during the course of the bitter fighting in that vicinity. Advancing across the dangerous open area without regard for their personal safety, the members of the group succeeded in reaching and entering the town, securing an advantageous position, and thus accomplishing their hazardous mission. Entered military service from Kulpmont, Pennsylvania.

JOHN M. WALSH, 33023814, Staff Sergeant, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 4 December 1944, in the vicinity of Rosteig, France. When, during an advance against determined enemy resistance, intense hostile small arms and artillery fire inflicted severe casualties upon exposed riflemen, Sergeant Walsh, leader of a mortar platoon, left the comparative safety of his position in the rear and went forward through sniper fire and the continuing artillery barrage to administer aid to the casualties, and by his courageous action was instrumental in saving the lives of wounded men. Returning to his original position, Sergeant Walsh then played an important part in the subsequent achievement of the objective. Entered military service from Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania.

JOE J. WESLEY, 37107798, Staff Sergeant, 399th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 31 December 1944, in the vicinity of Bitche France. As a forward observer for a mortar section, Sergeant Wesley was in an advanced position with rifle elements when the enemy attacked in force near Bitche. Rather than withdraw he remained until almost surrounded by the enemy's approach and directed deadly mortar fire on the incoming enemy. In his unswerving devotion to duty and by his

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courageous action he effectively stalled the enemy and permitted our forces to regroup. Entered military service from Dardenelle, Arkansas.

LAURENT L. CARON, 31235685, Sergeant (then Private First Class), 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 4 December 1944, in the vicinity of Rostsig, France. While Sergeant Caron's company was fighting for possession of high ground near Rostsig, intense hostile small arms and artillery fire inflicted severe casualties upon forward elements of the attacking force. Without regard for the numerous enemy snipers who infested the area and fired upon each man who exposed himself, Sergeant Caron voluntarily left his position and went to the assistance of the wounded. After administering first aid to numerous casualties, he participated in the bitterly fought action which secured the objective, and later in the same day volunteered to evacuate casualties over open and dangerous terrain to a distant aid station. Entered military service from New Bedford, Massachusetts.

MALCOLM T. COLLISON, 33847453, Sergeant (then Private First Class), 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action during the period 17 December 1944 to 21 December 1944, in the vicinity of Bitche, France. During these five days in which he and other members of his platoon were assigned the hazardous mission of capturing and holding numerous strongly fortified hostile emplacements, Sergeant Collison heroically advanced many times across open and fire swept terrain, subjected to intense enemy small arms, mortar and artillery fire, to storm four enemy pillboxes and hold these positions despite continuing enemy action, and by his courageous performance aided his company in fulfilling its assigned mission. Entered military service from Annapolis, Maryland.

EDMUND T. FUDLO, 31214911, Sergeant, 399th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 31 December 1944, in the vicinity of Bitche, France. As a machine gun squad leader Sergeant Fudlo took over the firing of his gun during a strong and determined enemy night attack near Bitche. Displaying great courage and determination he remained at his gun despite heavy small arms and automatic weapons fire and skillfully placed deadly fire on the advancing enemy causing heavy casualties. By his initiative and aggressive action Sergeant Fudlo enabled his unit to reorganize and halt the enemy attack. Entered military service from Holyoke, Massachusetts.

ROBERT G. BRUNTON, 37503916, Corporal, 374th Field Artillery Battalion, for heroic achievement in action during the period 5 January 1945 to 9 January 1945, in the vicinity of Rimling, France. During the defense of Rimling against repeated and determined attacks by strong enemy forces, the forward observer party of which Corporal Brunton was a member occupied an exposed observation post in a prominent building in the town itself. Despite constant hostile mortar and artillery shelling, Corporal Brunton efficiently assisted in the operation of a radio and computed necessary data for important fire missions. His efforts were instrumental in the delivery of accurate artillery fire and the repulse of numerous enemy attacks in strength. Entered military service from Topeka, Kansas.

WILLIAM H. BAKER, JR., 32683528, Technician Fifth Grade, 375th Field Artillery Battalion, for heroic achievement in action during the period 9 November 1944 to 1 January 1945, in Eastern France. During an attack on enemy positions north of St. Fravel, Corporal Baker, assistant radio operator and wireman, displayed great bravery and fortitude in performing his duties, although near physical exhaustion as a result of previous action. Carrying his radio to a point of observation on high ground, he manned it for ten hours under concentrated hostile artillery, mortar and small arms fire, relaying fire missions which resulted in destruction of enemy mortars holding up the battalion's advance. Entered military service from New York, New York.

MIGUEL A. ESCALERA, 32654163, Technician Fifth Grade, 399th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 17 December 1944, in the vicinity of Bitche, France. While his company was engaged in a bitter conflict for the fortified town of Bitche, Corporal Escalera volunteered to establish an outpost within the town itself. Making his way in company with three other volunteers across an open field covered by heavy hostile machine gun fire, Corporal Escalera succeeded in reaching his objective and achieving the mission assigned to him, then on numerous subsequent occasions returned to the company command post by the same hazardous route in order to obtain rations for the personnel manning the outpost. Entered military service from Bronx, New York.

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GASTON W. PENNINGTON, 38693080, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 13 December 1944, in the vicinity of Mouterhouse France. When constant enemy shelling repeatedly severed communications between company and battalion command posts, Private Pennington repeatedly endangered his own life in locating and splicing breaks in the wire lines under intense enemy fire. On three successive occasions during the night of 13 December, he left the security of his fox hole during hostile barrages in order to reestablish vital communications, and by his efforts made possible the transmission of vital information and directives during a critical period. Entered military service from Vernon, Texas.

RICHARD K. RUSSELL, 35246099, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 4 December 1944, in the vicinity of Rosteig, France. During an advance against determined enemy resistance, hostile artillery and small arms fire inflicted severe casualties upon forward elements of our troops. Although he was himself wounded in the initial barrage, Private Russell courageously exposed himself to the continuing enemy shelling in order to administer aid to the large number of casualties and, when he had done all that was possible for the relief of the other wounded, staunchly refused to be evacuated until the company objective had been secured. Entered military service from Lisbon, Ohio.

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

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

JAMES E. HAMPTON, 36569158, Sergeant, 374th Field Artillery Battalion, for heroic achievement in action on 1 January 1945, in the vicinity of Rimling, France. When an enemy patrol of approximately thirty-five men, armed with machine guns, rocket weapons and small arms, infiltrated into the town of Rimling during the night, Sergeant Hampton and two other enlisted men took up positions covering the approach to a vital artillery observer's post. At a signal from the observer, Sergeant Hampton and his comrades emptied their carbines into the opposing troops, dispersing the hostile force and dissipating the threat to our observation post. Entered military service from Detroit, Michigan.

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:

JOSEPH GALIAZZI, 32484099, Staff Sergeant, 399th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 17 December 1944, in the vicinity of Bitche, France. A member of a reconnaissance patrol which had succeeded in scouting an enemy-held town, locating three hostile machine gun emplacements and several troop concentrations, Sergeant Galiazzi and his patrol leader were returning to their unit when they encountered four hostile soldiers. After the patrol leader had opened fire from an advanced position and killed two of the enemy, Sergeant Galiazzi charged forward, shouting and firing as he ran, and by his action diverted fire from the patrol leader and killed the remaining enemy. As a result of his alertness and aggressiveness, the enemy was deprived of vital information and our artillery was able to destroy the hostile machine gun emplacements and kill the occupants. Next of kin: Jean Galiazzi (Wife), 16 South 33rd Street, Camden, New Jersey.

SECTION III -- AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

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

ANTHONY S. LEO, 32080304, Technical Sergeant, 399th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 17 December 1944, in the vicinity of Bitche, France. A member of a reconnaissance patrol which had succeeded in scouting an enemy-held town, locating three hostile machine gun emplacements and several troop concentrations, Sergeant Leo and his patrol leader were returning to their unit when they encountered four hostile soldiers. After the patrol leader had opened fire from an advanced position and killed two of the enemy, Sergeant Leo charged forward, shouting and firing as he ran, and by his action diverted fire from the patrol leader and killed the remaining enemy. As a result of his alertness and aggressiveness, the enemy was deprived of vital information and our artillery was able to destroy the hostile machine gun emplacements and kill the occupants. Entered military service from Brooklyn, New York.

ROBERT H. TERSS, 36778579, Sergeant, 399th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 1 January 1945, in the vicinity of Bitche, France. When the enemy launched an attack upon the rifle company supported by his machine gun section, Sergeant Terss coolly directed his men to hold their fire until the opposing infantry



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was within close range, then gave the order to engage the enemy. The devastating bursts from his sections's weapons dispersed the attack and forced the attacking troops to withdraw with heavy losses. When this action was immediately followed by an intense hostile mortar barrage which disrupted wire communications with the supported rifle units, Sergeant Terss without regard for his own safety braved the continuing enemy fire to splice the broken wire and restore vital communication facilities. Entered military service from East St. Louis, Illinois.

ROMMIE O. WHITE, JR., 35695836, Sergeant (then Private First Class), 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 4 December 1944, in the vicinity of Rosteig, France. While his company was fighting its way forward against determined enemy resistance, advance elements were subjected to intense artillery, mortar and small arms fire and numerous casualties were sustained. Voluntarily and unhesitatingly leaving the comparative safety of his position in the rear of the attacking force, Sergeant White moved forward under sniper and artillery fire in order to administer aid to wounded riflemen, then returned to his unit and played an important role in the ensuing action. Entered military service from Louisville, Kentucky.

RICHARD E. GRIBBIN, 33685663, Corporal (then Private First Class), 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 19 December 1944, in the vicinity of Bitches, France. Prior to a large scale attack against enemy-held steel and concrete fortifications of the Maginot Line, Corporal Gribbin was assigned the mission of establishing an observation post from which it would be possible to obtain definite information of enemy strength and disposition. Crawling across an open field under constant and intense hostile artillery and small arms fire, Corporal Gribbin succeeded in reaching a vantage point overlooking enemy positions, and thus secured knowledge of hostile activity and movements which proved of great value in the ensuing attack. Entered military service from Forest Hills, Pennsylvania.

WILLIAM C. BELLOWS, 13188938, Technician Fifth Grade, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action during the period 1 January 1945 to 5 January 1945, in the vicinity of Rirling, France. During the defense of Rirling, incessant enemy artillery and rocket barrages repeatedly disrupted communications between battalion and the command post of the infantry company bearing the brunt of the hostile attack and Corporal Bellows was entrusted with the responsibility of reestablishing this vital communication line. Each time the wire was severed, Corporal Bellows installed a new line in the battalion switchboard and ran through streets swept by hostile sniper fire to establish connection with the company telephone, and by his untiring efforts was responsible for the prompt and efficient transmission of important fire directions and tactical information. Entered military service from Cheswick, Pennsylvania.

HOWARD W. GRIFFIN, 34573760, Technician Fifth Grade, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action during the period 9 November 1944 to 12 January 1945, in Eastern France. As leader of a regimental wire team, Corporal Griffin has repeatedly demonstrated his technical ability and excellent judgement in executing the missions assigned to him. On frequent occasions he has willingly exposed himself to enemy fire in discharging his duties, and during the actions in the vicinity of Guising and Rirling he volunteered to repair severed communication lines under intense artillery and mortar shelling. Crawling forward through the continuing barrage, Corporal Griffin succeeded in locating the breaks in the line and thus restored vital communication facilities. Entered military service from Dallas, Georgia.

CLARENCE F. HOUSER, 34212236, Technician Fifth Grade, Medical Detachment, 373rd Field Artillery Battalion, for heroic achievement in action on 11 November 1944, in the vicinity of Neuf Etang, France. During an intense enemy barrage directed upon the battery to which he was attached as aid man, Corporal Houser without regard for his own safety braved continuing hostile fire in order to evacuate a battery member who had been wounded. While he was thus engaged, two members of an adjacent battery were wounded by shell bursts, and upon delivering the original casualty to the aid station Corporal Houser immediately returned to the area with a medical vehicle. One of the two artillerymen succumbed to his wounds, but Corporal Houser and another aid man succeeded in evacuating the other injured soldier and refused to seek shelter from the unremitting barrage until ordered to do so. Entered military service from Charlotte, North Carolina.

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FRANK M. MANISCALCO, 32598557, Technician Fifth Grade, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 8 January 1945, in the vicinity of Gare de Rohrbach, France. Following a twenty minute artillery and mortar barrage, an enemy infantry-tank attack was launched against the area in which our company command post was located. When a number of hostile infantrymen succeeded in infiltrating into the immediate vicinity, Corporal Maniscalco calmly manned available weapons and by his accurate and effective delivery of fire killed several hostile riflemen and contributed materially to the dispersal of the enemy attack. On a previous occasion Corporal Maniscalco ran to a company vehicle, turned it around and drove it to a place of safety under direct small arms fire from a hostile force. Entered military service from North Bergen, New Jersey.

JOHN H. PAULING, 31272149, Technician Fifth Grade, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action from 1 January 1945 to 5 January 1945, in the vicinity of Riwling, France. During these five days and nights in which he was constantly exposed to enemy artillery and mortar barrages, and at times to small arms and automatic fire, Corporal Pauling bravely drove his medical jeep over hazardous roads covered with snow and ice helping in the evacuation of the wounded to the battalion aid station. His prompt and efficient removal of casualties unquestionably resulted in the saving of many lives. Entered military service from Greenwich, Connecticut.

JOSEPH H. TEREBAIZA, 32647404, Technician Fifth Grade, 374th Field Artillery Battalion, for heroic achievement in action during the period 5 January 1945 to 9 January 1945, in the vicinity of Riwling, France. As a member of a forward observer party, Corporal Terebaiza occupied an exposed observation post in the town of Riwling throughout this period, and despite almost continuous hostile mortar and artillery shelling efficiently aided in the operation of a radio and computed necessary data for important fire missions. Corporal Terebaiza's conscientious efforts were of great assistance to the forward observer and contributed materially to the repulse of repeated enemy attacks in strength. Entered military service from Brooklyn, New York.

HARRY F. BOMAR, JR., 38531066, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action from 17 December 1944 to 21 December 1944, in the vicinity of Bitche, France. Participating as a rifleman in the bitterly contested battles for Raon L'Etape, Hosteig, and Lemberg, Private Bomar has performed his duties with marked aggressiveness and bravery. During the five day battle for reduction of hostile fortresses northwest of Bitche, although constantly subjected to strong enemy small arms and automatic weapons fire, he courageously charged across open ground to assault and help capture four enemy pillboxes. Entered military service from Dallas, Texas.

JAMES L. CONNELLY, JR., 37604743, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 19 December 1944, in the vicinity of Bitche, France. When accurate knowledge of enemy activity and preparations was vital to the success of an ensuing attack, Private Connelly was instructed to establish an observation post on a hill overlooking enemy territory. With complete lack of regard for his own safety, Private Connelly crawled across an open field under constant hostile artillery and small arms fire and reached a vantage point near an enemy-held fortification of the Magnot Line. From this hazardous position he obtained information of enemy dispositions and strength which proved of great value in the subsequent assault. Entered military service from Ironton, Missouri.

CLARENCE DRUCKER, 36958743, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 13 December 1944, in the vicinity of Mouterhouse, France. When vital communications between battalion and company command posts were repeatedly disrupted by intense concentrations of hostile artillery fire falling in the area, Private Drucker unhesitatingly braved the almost continual enemy barrages to repair severed wire lines. On three separate occasions during the night of 13 December, he left the protection of his fox hole in order to reestablish communications, and was directly responsible for the transmission of important orders during a period in which his company occupied a precarious position. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

JOHN W. GUNN, 33886204, Private First Class (then Private), 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action from 1 January 1945 to 5 January 1945, in the vicinity of Riwling, France. When frequent hostile barrages severed our wire lines, Private Gunn repeatedly left his shelter to locate and repair all breaks. At one

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time, when the need for signal supplies became acute at the forward outpost, he quickly brought the material forward in his jeep, and although driven back by enemy machine gun and mortar fire in his first attempt to deliver the equipment, courageously tried again and succeeded in breaking through, thereby enabling fulfillment of the battalion's supporting mission. Entered military service from Clayville, Virginia.

KENNETH C. HARTHUN, 16123805, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action during the period 17 December 1944 to 21 December 1944, in the vicinity of Bitche, France. When his platoon was assigned the dangerous task of taking several well-entrenched enemy positions impeding the advance of our troops, Private Harthun, rifleman, displayed outstanding courage in advancing repeatedly across open ground in complete disregard of his own safety and the intensity of hostile small arms and automatic fire, to assault the opposing installations and completely rout their stubborn defenders, thereby permitting the continued advance of our infantrymen. Entered military service from Madison, Wisconsin.

RAYMOND E. HUCK, 37737968, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 13 December 1944, in the vicinity of Mouterhouse, France. While his company was occupying a precarious position and constant communication with higher headquarters was consequently of vital necessity, Private Huck repeatedly risked his life in repairing breaks in wire lines which were effected by continual enemy shelling of the area. During the night of 13 December he left the security of his fox hole on three separate occasions to locate and splice severed wires between company and battalion command posts, and by his efforts was responsible for the maintenance of communications during a critical period. Entered military service from Collinsville, Oklahoma.

WALTER W. JOHNSON, 36897626, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 4 December 1944, in the vicinity of Rosteig, France. While Private Johnson's company was fighting for the high ground southeast of Rosteig, intense hostile small arms and artillery fire inflicted severe casualties upon exposed riflemen. Although he was himself wounded in the first barrage, Private Johnson disdained to seek cover, and without regard for his own safety went to the assistance of other wounded men, administering aid to the casualties under continuing enemy fire. Despite the pain of his own injury he staunchly refused evacuation until the objective had been achieved and secured. Entered military service from Grand Rapids, Michigan.

BENJAMIN C. LEWIS, 34976041, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 4 December 1944, in the vicinity of Rosteig, France. When Private Lewis' company was subjected to intense small arms and artillery fire during an advance, severe casualties were sustained by exposed riflemen leading the attack. Although hostile snipers infested the area and fired upon each man who moved, Private Lewis courageously left his covered position and went forward to administer aid to the casualties. Later in the same day, after he had taken part in the action which secured the objective, Private Lewis volunteered to evacuate the wounded over dangerous terrain to a distant aid station, and by his unremitting efforts contributed markedly to the eventual recovery of many of the casualties. Entered military service from Jacksonville, Florida.

ROBERT A. OURADA, 16174536, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action during the period 9 November 1944 to 12 January 1945, in Eastern France. Throughout this period Private Ourada has courageously and efficiently discharged the duties of both wireman and driver of the regimental wire team. On frequent occasions he has exposed himself to enemy fire in performing his assigned missions, and during the actions in the vicinity of Guising and Riwling he volunteered to repair severed communication lines under intense artillery and mortar shelling. Crawling forward through the continuing barrage, Private Ourada succeeded in locating and splicing the breaks in the line and thus restored vital communication facilities. Entered military service from Riverside, Illinois.

MORRIS RABINOWITZ, 33789705, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 4 December 1944, in the vicinity of Rosteig, France. During the bitterly-contested engagement for possession of the heights southeast of

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Rosteig, intense small arms and artillery fire inflicted severe casualties upon exposed riflemen. Without regard for hostile sniper fire which swept the area, Private Rabinowitz unhesitatingly left his cover and moved into the open in order to administer aid to the many wounded. Participating in the successful action which secured the objective, Private Rabinowitz then volunteered to evacuate wounded over dangerous terrain to a distant aid station, and by his untiring efforts contributed to the eventual recovery of his injured comrades. Entered military service from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

EUGENE SKLAR, 33781599, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 2 January 1945, in the vicinity of Friedenbergs Farms, France. While he and his machine gun squad were under sniper and artillery fire, Private Sklar left the security of his pillbox to evacuate a wounded comrade. Later the same day, while under heavy enemy fire, he again left the safety of protective cover to repair communications which had been blown out by enemy artillery. This initiative and aggressive action so courageously displayed by Private Sklar, enabled his squad to maintain contact with adjacent units and assisted in repelling an enemy counterattack. Entered military service from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

ROBERT O. SLEIGH, 17099617, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 28 December 1944, in the vicinity of Bitche, France. When intelligence of the enemy's disposition and movements was vitally needed, Private Sleigh volunteered to lead a two-man patrol in the establishment of listening posts on the outskirts of the fortified town of Bitche. Moving across open terrain under enemy observation, Private Sleigh and his companions were temporarily pinned down by ten rounds of artillery directed at them by the enemy, but succeeded in reaching their objective, repulsing a hostile motor patrol on two occasions, obtaining pin-point designation of an enemy machine gun emplacement which resulted in the subsequent destruction of the weapon by mortar fire, and securing information of great value. Entered military service from Tribune, Kansas.

LEROY A. LEMON, 39329817, Private, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action during the period 1 January 1945 to 5 January 1945, in the vicinity of Rimling, France. During the bitter defense of Rimling, Private Lemon was assigned the vital mission of maintaining communications between the battalion command post and the rifle company which bore the brunt of the enemy attack. Unrelenting artillery, rocket and mortar barrages repeatedly severed the wire, and upon each such occasion Private Lemon installed a new line in the battalion switchboard and ran through streets swept by sniper fire to extend it to the company telephone. As a direct result of Private Lemon's courageous discharge of his difficult task, communication was maintained during a critical period and important artillery fire orders and tactical directives were transmitted without delay. Entered military service from Vancouver, Washington.

By command of Major General BURRESS:

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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:

ALLEN L. MOON, 33566280, Sergeant, 398th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 4 December 1944, in the vicinity of Soucht, France. Sergeant Moon's machine gun platoon was advancing with a rifle company when automatic weapon fire from a hostile ambush pinned down the unit. With utter disregard for his own safety, Sergeant Moon made his way forward in the face of the withering enemy fire and, although wounded in the leg, succeeded in reaching an advantageous position for his weapon. Calling up his men, he directed rapid and accurate fire upon the hostile emplacement, expending three belts of ammunition in five bursts and beating back the enemy troops, thereby permitting our forces to continue their advance. During the engagement Sergeant Moon suffered a second and mortal wound. Next of kin: Ruthanna C. Moon (Mother), 3346 Gilman Terrace, Baltimore, Maryland.

PETER A. MEDAGLIA, 35247074, Private, 398th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 4 December 1944, in the vicinity of Soucht, France. An ammunition bearer, Private Medaglia was advancing with other members of his machine gun squad when automatic weapon fire from a hostile ambush pinned down the group. With utter disregard for his own safety, Private Medaglia crawled forward in the face of intense hostile fire and, reaching a point from which he could engage the enemy, opened fire with his carbine and succeeded in temporarily neutralizing the enemy action, thus permitting his comrades to set up their machine gun and put it into operation. As a direct result of his courageous act, enemy resistance was broken and our troops were enabled to continue their advance. Private Medaglia lost his life in this action. Next of kin: Carmella Medaglia (Mother), 205 East Twenty-third Street, Lorain, 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:

GEORGE E. CALEY, 36633180, Staff Sergeant, 399th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 1 January 1945, in the vicinity of Bitche, France. Leading a volunteer combat patrol into enemy territory, Sergeant Caley directed the formation of a skirmish line and advanced for some two hundred yards when he observed three hostile soldiers to the front. Meanwhile the rifleman on the extreme flank of the line had discovered an enemy dugout, and with an accurately-placed grenade destroyed the position. With the explosion of the grenade the opposing infantrymen opened fire, and Sergeant Caley, controlling his squad with cool precision, led an assault which quickly over-ran the enemy force. During the action a prisoner was secured by the patrol, and one rifleman was severely wounded by hostile fire. Although aware of the acute risk of a counterattack, Sergeant Caley ordered his men to take cover and went to the assistance of the casualty, but despite his prompt administration of aid the injured soldier succumbed to his wound, and Sergeant Caley then skillfully led his squad and the prisoner back to friendly lines. As a result of his courageous leadership and tactical skill, the patrol successfully accomplished all objectives, obtaining a prisoner for interrogation, destroying hostile positions and obtaining valuable information of enemy dispositions. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

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WARREN W. SCHWARTZ, 22658232, Technician Fifth Grade, 925th Field Artillery Battalion, for gallantry in action on 1 January 1945, in the vicinity of Bitchy, France. While driving his quarter-ton vehicle enroute to his forward outpost party with vital instructions, Corporal Schwartz met friendly engineers who informed him that the enemy had cut the road and that it would be unsafe to proceed any further. Heedless of their warning, he continued on his assigned task when he suddenly encountered six enemy riflemen who blocked his progress and immediately opened fire. Unhesitatingly, he accelerated his speed, over-ran their positions and passed safely through the enemy fire. Upon reaching the forward outpost, and discovering that the enemy had over-run the hill and his party had withdrawn, he returned to his vehicle, where he met a comrade attempting to evacuate casualties. Although subjected to heavy hostile fire, he placed one of the wounded in his vehicle and carefully proceeded along a trail, until he approached a road block which, although in friendly hands, blocked the trail and forced the abandonment of his vehicle. Assisting his wounded comrade to another vehicle beyond the road block, he completed the evacuation despite the closely pursuing enemy. Entered military service from 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:

CYRIL G. KRESS, 0255190, Lieutenant Colonel, 898th Antiaircraft Automatic Weapons Battalion, for meritorious service in action during the period 28 November 1944 to 15 January 1945, in Eastern France. Entered military service from Rochester, New York.

ANGELO J. PUNARO, 0366357, Major, 399th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in connection with military operations during the period 1 November 1944 to 15 January 1945, in Eastern France. Entered military service from Macon, Georgia.

GLENN LIVINGSTON, 01175212, First Lieutenant, 925th Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations during the period 1 November 1944 to 15 January 1945, in Eastern France. Entered military service from Landis, North Carolina.

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

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

JOSEPH S. KUNTZ, 37252415, Corporal, 399th Infantry Regiment, 8 January 1945. Entered military service from Moffit, North Dakota.

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 in France:

JOHN D. JONES, 0532771, First Lieutenant, 575th Field Artillery Battalion, 10 January 1945. Entered military service from Haleyville, Alabama.

BASIL P. ZANONI, 32080254, First Sergeant, 398th Infantry Regiment, 13 January 1945. Entered military service from New York, New York.

CLIFFORD F. PARKER, 31332177, Staff Sergeant, 399th Infantry Regiment, 24 January 1945. Entered military service from Bridgeport, Connecticut.

FRANK OUTSLAY, 32597785, Staff Sergeant, 397th Infantry Regiment, 6 January 1945. Entered military service from Midland Park, New Jersey.

JAMES L. ZIMMERMAN, JR., 33051906, Sergeant, 399th Infantry Regiment, 16 January 1945. Entered military service from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

JOSEPH M. REIDY, 31235466, Technician Fifth Grade, 375th Field Artillery Battalion, 22 January 1945. Entered military service from Dorchester, Massachusetts.

RICHARD L. QUIST, 36680692, Technician Fifth Grade, 375th Field Artillery Battalion, 24 January 1945. Entered military service from Milan, Illinois.

WILLIAM P. PATTERSON, 3044896, Technician Fifth Grade, 399th Infantry Regiment, 2 January 1945. Entered military service from Winston-Salem, North Carolina.

RALPH T. YEARWOOD, 34836093, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment, 20 January 1945. Entered military service from Austell, Georgia.

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ROBERT P. COOK, 32999173, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, 12 December 1944. Entered military service from Yonkers, New York.

RICHARD C. ACOSTA, 39587427, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, 22 January 1945. Entered military service from Maywood, California.

MARLIN J. SKINNER, 37681638, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment, 22 January 1945. Entered military service from Keokuk, Iowa.

PAUL A. COX, 42120463, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment, 22 January 1945. Entered military service from Poughkeepsie, New York.

WILLIAM E. WALL, 16175170, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment, 8 January 1945. Entered military service from Springfield, Illinois.

SIDNEY G. LOWE, 34789277, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment, 8 January 1945. Entered military service from Okechohee, Florida.

THURSTON E. COX, 34897242, Private, 399th Infantry Regiment, 8 January 1945.

Entered military service from Durham, North Carolina.

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Feb. 7, 1945* FRANCIS E. MORAN, 35147955, Private, 398th Infantry Regiment, 30 December 1944. Entered military service from Huntington, Indiana.

BERNARD C. HUMPHREYS, 20347081, Private, 374th Field Artillery Battalion, 9 January 1945. Entered military service from Baltimore, Maryland.


SECTION VI -- DESIGNATION OF COMBAT INFANTRY REGIMENT

Under the provisions of War Department Circular Number 408, 17 October 1944, the 397th Infantry Regiment is designated a Combat Infantry Regiment.

By command of Major General BURRESS:

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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 each of the following named individuals:

Award of Second Oak Leaf Cluster

JULIUS R. GLUCK, 32683489, Staff Sergeant, 399th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 30 December 1944, in the vicinity of Bitché, France. Volunteering for participation in a combat patrol with the mission of making contact with the enemy, obtaining prisoners for interrogation and destroying hostile outposts, Sergeant Gluck and other members of the group advanced into enemy territory. When three hostile soldiers were observed, Sergeant Gluck moved forward without regard for his own safety, delivering accurate and effective fire upon the enemy until all answering fire ceased, then maintained a guard against possible counterattack. His courageous action contributed markedly to the success of the patrol in capturing one prisoner, destroying a hostile position and gaining valuable knowledge of enemy dispositions. Entered military service from Bronx, New York.

Award of First Oak Leaf Cluster

ALLEN B. BROWN, JR., 34835664, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 7 January 1945 and 8 January 1945, in the vicinity of Rimling, France. When enemy mortar and artillery shelling of great intensity repeatedly disrupted communications during the bitter fighting in the defense of Rimling, Private Brown and other members of an emergency wire team time after time exposed themselves to hostile artillery and small arms fire in repairing severed wire lines. On several occasions Private Brown crawled for a distance of five hundred yards over open terrain exposed to sniper fire in order to reestablish communications with an isolated platoon, and by his efforts made possible the transmission of vital information and the direction of artillery fire in support of our infantry. Entered military service from Alameda, California.

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:

FRANCIS PEXTON, 32663956, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 8 January 1945, in the vicinity of Rimling, France. In the struggle for Rimling wire communications were continually harassed and broken due to intense enemy artillery and mortar fire. As wireman Private Pexton labored constantly for two days and nights repeatedly repairing the vital lines in a superior manner and with utter disregard for his own personal safety until he became a casualty while continuing his efforts in the midst of a heavy artillery and rocket barrage. His complete devotion to duty reflected great credit upon himself and the military service. Next of kin: Fannie Pexton (Mother), 6 Railroad Street, Camden, 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:

CYRIL J. DERRICK, 01184644, First Lieutenant, 374th Field Artillery Battalion, for heroic achievement in action during the period 7 November 1944 to 17 January 1945



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in Eastern France. Throughout this period in several major engagements with the enemy, Lieutenant Derrick has performed his assigned missions as a forward observer in a superior manner. Frequently, although subjected to intense enemy artillery, mortar and small arms fire, he has repeatedly adjusted field artillery fire on enemy targets with excellent effect. On one occasion he successfully directed fire on an enemy road block which was seventy-five yards distant from his own position. With complete disregard for his own safety he has continuously devoted himself to duty and aided immeasurably the infantry units in gaining their objectives. Entered military service from Binghamton, New York.

JACK C. GRAHAM, 01314131, First Lieutenant, 399th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action during the period 30 December 1944 to 3 January 1945, in the vicinity of Freedomberg Farms, France. Momentarily expecting an enemy counterattack, Lieutenant Graham, leader of a mortar platoon, on his own volition, personally reconnoitered the battalion front under heavy hostile small arms and mortar fire to gain an intimate knowledge of the terrain. He then skillfully deployed our weapons to cover possible enemy approach routes to our lines, and as a result of his keen foresight, when the enemy later attacked in force, our mortars were able to deliver accurate and destructive fire with such effect that the counterattack was repelled enabling the battalion to hold its positions. Entered military service from Syracuse New York.

RICHARD C. NESS, 01322071, First Lieutenant, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 8 December 1944, in the vicinity of Soucht, France. When Lieutenant Ness' company secured strategic heights overlooking the town of Soucht, the enemy launched a determined counterattack before our troops had an opportunity to prepare defensive entrenchments. Realizing the acute danger of losing the ground so newly won, Lieutenant Ness courageously made his way to a vantage point forward of the company's positions, and in the face of intense small arms action, adjusted mortar fire upon the advancing enemy, thereby inflicting heavy casualties upon the opposing troops and so disorganizing the attack that it was easily repelled. Entered military service from Aberdeen, Washington.

GEORGE MYLONAS, 32644589, Sergeant, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action during the period 14 November 1944 to 12 January 1945, in Eastern France. During the hazardous engagements for Rimling, Guising and other strongly fortified areas of the Maginot Line, Sergeant Mylonas, wire chief, personally led his men under heavy hostile fire in repairing all wires severed by enemy action. At one time, while engaged in splicing a wire by himself, a mission he had voluntarily assumed rather than send one of his men forward under the intense enemy small arms and artillery fire, a hostile sniper interrupted his work. Seizing his rifle, he delivered effective answering fire, forcing the sniper to withdraw, and then successfully completed his mission. Entered military service from Brooklyn, New York.

JAMES R. NANCE, 34897669, Sergeant, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 7 January 1945 and 8 January 1945, in the vicinity of Rimling, France. During the bitter fighting in defense of Rimling, constant enemy artillery and mortar shelling repeatedly severed communications, and Sergeant Nance was assigned the command of an emergency wire crew with the mission of maintaining vital communication lines. For two days and nights Sergeant Nance and his men time after time exposed themselves to intense sniper and artillery fire in order to splice breaks in the wire, and on several occasions crawled for a distance of five hundred yards across open terrain exposed to hostile sniper fire in order to reestablish communications with an isolated platoon. Sergeant Nance's courageous and unremitting efforts were directly responsible for the transmission of urgent messages and the direction of supporting artillery fire. Entered military service from Asheboro, North Carolina.

MORRIS M. SIER, 32652052, Technician Fourth Grade, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action during the period 9 November 1944 to 12 January 1945, in Eastern France. Engaged in duties as chief code clerk, Sergeant Sier has performed his assigned tasks in a most conscientious and industrious manner, frequently laboring under enemy fire. Acting as messenger in the particularly open terrain in the actions in and around Guising and Bunting, he delivered vital operational instructions and messages despite intense and observed enemy artillery and mortar shelling, successfully completing each mission and greatly assisting his unit at a critical time. Entered military service from New York, New York.

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VAN H. ELROD, 34189751, Corporal, Medical Detachment, 373rd Field Artillery Battalion, for heroic achievement in action on 11 November 1944, in the vicinity of Neuf Etang, France. When the first shell of a hostile artillery barrage wounded an enlisted man, Corporal Elrod and another aid man proceeded to evacuate the casualty to the aid station despite continuing enemy shelling. While they were enroute, hostile artillery fire inflicted severe wounds upon two members of an adjacent battery, and Corporal Elrod went to their assistance while his companion conducted the original casualty to the station. One of the two artillerymen succumbed to his wounds, but Corporal Elrod and his comrade succeeded in evacuating the other injured soldier and refused to seek shelter from the unremitting barrage until ordered to do so. Entered military service from Sparta, Tennessee.

MARTIN ROSENBERG, 36732021, Technician Fifth Grade (then Private First Class), 375th Field Artillery Battalion, for heroic achievement in action during the period 9 November 1944 to 1 January 1945, in Eastern France. During this period in the Vosges Mountains and the Bitche campaigns, Corporal Rosenberg performed his duties as wireman and assistant radio operator most effectively. In the attack on the high ground north of St. Prayel, Corporal Rosenberg laboring to the point of physical exhaustion brought his radio to a point of observation atop a high hill and manned it for ten hours under concentrated artillery and mortar fire. As a result of his courage and determination and his skillful relaying of fire missions, enemy mortar sections were completely knocked out enabling our troops to advance. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

JOHN M. BRANNICK, 36335596, Private First Class (then Private), 374th Field Artillery Battalion, for heroic achievement in action on 11 January 1945, in the vicinity of Rimling, France. A member of an artillery forward observer party attached to infantry forces engaged in a bitter struggle for possession of heights west of Rimling, Private Brannick maintained his precarious forward position despite hostile artillery and mortar shelling of such deadly intensity that both the forward observer and the radio operator became casualties early in the action. When infantry units withdrew under cover of darkness at the end of the day-long engagement, Private Brannick carried the party's radio set and the equipment of all three members of the group for a distance of four miles to prevent its loss to the enemy. Entered military service from Minooka, Illinois.

NICHOLAS A. HERRES, 39577406, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 7 January 1945 and 8 January 1945, in the vicinity of Rimling, France. A member of an emergency wire crew entrusted with the vital mission of maintaining communications during the bitterly-fought defense of Rimling, Private Herres repeatedly exposed himself to intense enemy fire while repairing the breaks in communication lines caused by concentrated hostile mortar and artillery shelling. Working heroically over a period of two days and two nights, and on several occasions crawling for a distance of five hundred yards over open terrain under savage sniper fire in order to reestablish communications with an isolated platoon, Private Herres was directly responsible for the transmission of important orders and the direction of artillery fire in support of infantry forces. Entered military service from North Hollywood, California.

ORVILLE K. HILLIARD, 37588310, Private First Class (then Private), 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action during the period 24 December 1944 to 3 January 1945, in the vicinity of Rimling, France. While his battalion was engaged in the defense of Rimling against concentrated enemy attacks, Private Hilliard incessantly policed and repaired vital communication lines between the battalion command post and rifle companies under intense and practically continuous enemy artillery, mortar and small arms fire. Despite repeated severance of wire lines by the unremitting hostile shelling, he succeeded at great risk to his own life in maintaining communications, and was directly responsible for the prompt transmission of fire directives and other important tactical information. Entered military service from Lengby, Minnesota.

THOMAS E. JOYNER, 38511267, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 7 January 1945 and 8 January 1945, in the vicinity of Rimling, France. While his battalion was defending Rimling against an attacking enemy force which surrounded the town on three sides, Private Joyner was assigned to an emergency wire crew with the mission of repairing the repeated breaks in communications caused by hostile artillery and mortar shelling. Exposing himself to enemy

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action almost constantly over a period of two days and nights, and on several occasions crawling for a distance of five hundred yards over open terrain under hostile sniper fire to reestablish communications with an isolated platoon, Private Joyner discharged his duties with courage and determination, and was instrumental in the transmission of vital information and fire directions. Entered military service from Bee Branch, Arkansas.

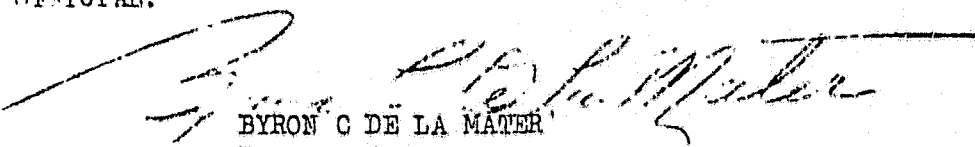
PAUL B. MIZIKOWSKI, 33295272, Private First Class, 375th Field Artillery Battalion, for heroic achievement in action during the period 7 November 1944 to 17 January 1945, in Eastern France. During the fiercely contested battles for Ron L'Etape and Lemberg, Private Mizikowski, wireman, worked tirelessly and bravely at his mission of maintaining vital communications. Although exposed to heavy enemy bombardment, he laid wire linking the fire direction center to forward outposts, and repeatedly ventured forth under fire to repair all breaks. His courageous performance facilitated the delivery of artillery support for the attacking infantry. Entered military service from Erie, Pennsylvania.

ORLA E. SMITH, 35835048, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 7 January 1945 and 8 January 1945, in the vicinity of Rimling, France. For a period of two days and nights, while our troops were defending Rimling against determined attacks by strong enemy forces, Private Smith as a member of an emergency wire crew repeatedly exposed himself to intense enemy fire in order to repair the breaks in vital communication lines which were caused by concentrated artillery and mortar shelling of the town. Working tirelessly and efficiently, and on several occasions crawling for a distance of five hundred yards over open terrain under hostile sniper fire, Private Smith's unremitting efforts were instrumental in the transmission of vital orders and fire directions which made possible the repulse of the enemy. Entered military service from Salemonia, Indiana.

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

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

JOHN R. HOLMES, 01296524, Captain, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action during the period 5 November 1944 to 4 January 1945, in Eastern France. Captain Holmes has consistently demonstrated outstanding leadership ability in guiding his men through the hazardous campaigns for Etival, La Trouche, Wingen, and Lemberg. His courage and aggressiveness under fire have been a source of inspiration to all officers and men under his command, and his complete devotion to duty has contributed greatly to the excellent combat record of his company. Next of kin: Eleanore S. Holmes (Wife), RFD #1, Saco, Maine.

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:

ORVILLE H. OPHAUG, 01300519, First Lieutenant, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action during the period 6 November 1944 to 8 January 1945, in Eastern France. As forward observer for a cannon company, Lieutenant Ophaug discharged his duties with courage and distinction during the engagements in the vicinity of La Trouche, Wingen, Fort Froudenberg, and Petit Redorching. When enemy snipers in buildings upon the outskirts of the town halted our infantry in its advance upon La Trouche, Lieutenant Ophaug went forward in the face of hostile artillery, mortar and small arms action, adjusted his company's fire upon the enemy positions and thus enabled our troops to continue their advance. Entered military service from Albert Lea, Minnesota.

FREDERIC C. BROWN, 02048857, Second Lieutenant, 325th Medical Battalion, for heroic achievement in action on 19 November 1944, in the vicinity of La Trouche, France. When pre-registered hostile mortar and artillery fire upon all available roads made the evacuation of twenty-six wounded men in forward areas so extremely hazardous as to be considered impossible, Lieutenant Brown led litter squads into the casualty area by cross-country routes under cover of darkness. Disregarding hostile sniper and mortar fire, he continued with his mission until all the casualties, some of whom had been wounded for more than thirty hours, were rendered medical aid and transported to the rear. As a result of Lieutenant Brown's action, the lives of men who might otherwise have succumbed to their wounds were saved. Entered military service from Mansfield, Massachusetts.

GEORGE WILKENS, 0549622, Second Lieutenant, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action during the period 5 November 1944 to 8 January 1945, in Eastern France. As battalion antitank officer, Lieutenant Wilkens has conscientiously performed his duties throughout this entire period. On one occasion while reconnoitering for new gun positions in a town reported clear of enemy troops, he encountered a cleverly concealed enemy half-track. Investigating with courage and determination, he captured it and two of the enemy who were preparing to use the vehicle against our advancing troops. Through his initiative and devotion to duty our troops were able to enter the town without casualties. Entered military service from Kingston, Pennsylvania.

KENNETH J. DOYLE, 31250370, Technical Sergeant, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action during the period 6 November 1944 to 7 January 1945, in

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Eastern France. Throughout this period Sergeant Doyle has discharged his duties as regimental wire chief with exemplary courage and initiative. During the bitterly contested attack upon Fort Freudenberg of the Maginot Line, Sergeant Doyle and two companions were engaged in extending a wire line to a projected observation point when they were subjected to intense hostile artillery, mortar and automatic rifle fire. Disregarding the enemy action, Sergeant Doyle continued to advance the wire line, crawling the final two hundred yards to a point well forward of our infantry. Entered military service from West Haven, Connecticut.

ABRAHAM MAURER, 32651590, Staff Sergeant, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 20 December 1944, in the vicinity of Bitche, France. When his assault company attacked hostile positions on high ground near Bitche, Sergeant Maurer heroically led his men forward several hundred yards in the face of concentrated enemy small arms and automatic weapons fire, and then aggressively directed his men in repulsing two strong successive counterattacks. Entered military service from Brooklyn, New York.

WILLIAM M. JANATER, 32381351, Technician Fourth Grade, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action during the period 6 November 1944 to 7 January 1945, in Eastern France. As a member of the regimental wire team, Sergeant Janater has exhibited courage and initiative in the performance of his assigned duties. When his organization was engaged in its attack upon Fort Freudenberg of the Maginot Line, Sergeant Janater and two companions were subjected to intense hostile artillery, mortar and automatic rifle fire while laying a wire line to a projected observation post. Disregarding the enemy action, Sergeant Janater courageously proceeded with his mission, crawling forward two hundred yards to reach a point well in advance of our line of infantry. Entered military service from Brooklyn, New York.

GERARD A. LAROCHE, 31217315, Technician Fourth Grade, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action during the period 7 November 1944 to 7 January 1945, in Eastern France. Participating in numerous engagements against stubborn enemy resistance during this period, Sergeant Laroche has consistently performed his duties as radio operator in an exemplary manner. On 20 December, while his organization was attacking Fort Freudenberg of the Maginot Line, Sergeant Laroche and two other communications men were subjected to intense hostile artillery, mortar and automatic rifle fire while extending a wire line to a projected observation post. Disregarding the enemy action, Sergeant Laroche proceeded with his task, crawling the final two hundred yards and establishing communications with a point well forward of our line of infantry. Entered military service from Lewiston, Maine.

RICHARD K. LAURIN, 13133019, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 17 December 1944 and 18 December 1944, in the vicinity of Bitche, France. During the attack on hostile fortifications of the Maginot Line in the vicinity of Bitche, Private Laurin, a radio-telephone operator for a cannon company forward observer, was assigned the hazardous mission of patrolling the line leading back to the fire direction center. For two days during which he was subjected to intense enemy artillery, mortar and small arms fire, he steadfastly remained at his post swiftly and efficiently repairing every break in the wire caused by enemy action, and succeeded in maintaining almost uninterrupted communications, and by his courageous performance under fire made it possible for his company to render excellent supporting fire for the attacking infantry. Entered military service from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

JOHN F. MARLEY, 6669385, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 17 December 1944 and 18 December 1944, in the vicinity of Bitche, France. On these two days when frequent enemy bombardments repeatedly severed the wire line linking our forward observer with the battalion switchboard, Private Marley, a driver-messenger, courageously and efficiently spliced all breaks in the wire although he was constantly exposed to heavy shelling by hostile artillery, mortars, and at times, small arms. His outstanding performance in maintaining continuous communications under fire contributed to the delivery of effective supporting action and materially aided in repelling numerous strong enemy counterattacks. Entered military service from Fort Wayne, Indiana.

LEON N. RAHN, 33012792, Private First Class (then Staff Sergeant), 399th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 8 December 1944 and 9 December 1944,

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in the vicinity of Lemberg, France. Although subjected to deadly enemy fire which killed or wounded all but five of his platoon, Private Rahn courageously completed his mission as a member of a machine gun squad assigned to deliver covering fire in support of rifle units attacking an enemy-held town. When the objective was secured, Private Rahn and his comrades moved into the town carrying not only their own gun and ammunition but that of another squad which had been evacuated, thereby preventing possible loss of valuable equipment. Entered military service from Reading, Pennsylvania.

MARCO ZAGHA, 32974621, Private First Class, Medical Detachment, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 20 December 1944, in the vicinity of Bitche, France. After repeated unsuccessful attempts by medical personnel to reach a casualty lying in an open field under direct enemy fire, Private Zagha, a litter bearer, on his own initiative, and heedless of his own safety, commandeered a quarter-ton vehicle, drove out in the face of the continuing heavy action, located the wounded man, rendered immediate first aid, and then safely evacuated him to our lines. By his outstanding valor under enemy fire, Private Zagha undoubtedly saved the life of this soldier. Entered military service from Brooklyn, New York.

SECTION III -- AWARD OF PURPLE HEART

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

GROVER C. WALLER, 34590851, Corporal, 100th Cavalry Reconnaissance Troop, 1 January 1945. Entered military service from Salisbury, North Carolina.

SOTIRIOS PERUTSAKOS, 31178627, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, 29 January 1945. Entered military service from Dover, New Hampshire.

CHARLES GURGIOLO, 6299925, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, 5 December 1944. Entered military service from San Antonio, Texas.

DONALD D. WAGNER, 37692716, Private, 397th Infantry Regiment, 25 January 1945. Entered military service from Tipton, Iowa.

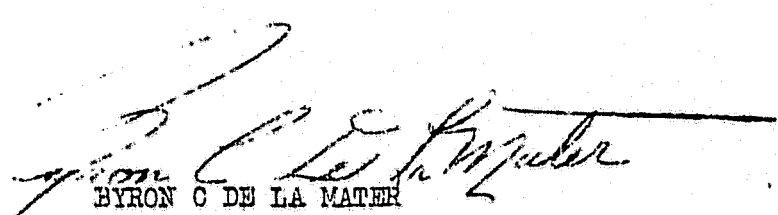
SECTION IV -- RESCISSION OF AWARD OF PURPLE HEART

OK So much of Section V, General Orders Number 33, this headquarters, current series, as awards a Purple Heart to FRANCIS E. MORAN, 35147955, Private, 398th 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 the following named individual for gallantry in action:

JOSEPH P. VRANISKY, 32003228, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 4 December 1944, in the vicinity of Soucht, France. When automatic weapon fire from a hostile ambush pinned down the members of his machine gun squad, Private Vranisky, an ammunition bearer, crawled forward in the face of intense enemy fire until he reached a position from which he could engage the opposing force. Opening fire with his carbine, he disorganized an enemy attempt to encircle his squad and enabled his comrades to put their machine gun in action. Although in this engagement he received wounds which proved mortal, Private Vranisky continued to deliver devastating fire upon the hostile troops until he was evacuated, and by his voluntary and unhesitating heroism made possible the repulse of the enemy attack and the infliction of heavy casualties upon the attacking forces. Next of kin: Katherine Vranisky (Mother), 7 Pratt Street, Haverstraw, New York.

SECTION II -- AWARD OF SILVER STAR

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

JOHN P. LONSBURG, 01310610, First Lieutenant, 398th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 10 January 1945, in the vicinity of Reyersviller, France. While Lieutenant Lonsberg was leading his platoon through a wooded area, they were met by intense hostile automatic fire from numerous and well dug-in enemy positions. Taking cover in a small ditch with nine other men, they returned the hostile fire hoping to hold the enemy off until other units of the company arrived. Although the remainder of the company was forced to withdraw, Lieutenant Lonsberg remained with his small group and maintained their position for seven hours, during which period one man had been seriously wounded and was unable to walk. Realizing as darkness fell that he could not hold out much longer, Lieutenant Lonsberg covered the withdrawal of his men, placed the wounded man on his back and crawled three hundred yards to the nearest position of friendly troops. By his skillful and courageous action Lieutenant Lonsberg saved the wounded soldier's life and was responsible for the rescue of his men, reflecting great credit upon himself and exemplifying the high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from St. Louis, Missouri.

ALBERT J. SINOFSKY, 01306898, First Lieutenant, 398th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 9 January 1945, in the vicinity of Rimling, France. During the attack against enemy-held heights south of Rimling, stubborn enemy resistance and repeated counterattacks by hostile tanks and infantry were encountered, and Lieutenant Sinofsky's company commander was killed. Immediately assuming command of the company, Lieutenant Sinofsky crawled forward for a distance of three hundred yards to an advanced observation post from where he directed punishing artillery and mortar fire upon the enemy infantry and armored vehicles. He again exposed himself to the intense hostile fire in crawling forward to direct the deployment of machine guns to cover the movement of men in an open area, thereby enabling members of an exposed platoon to withdraw to covered positions, and was subsequently wounded and evacuated. Lieutenant Sinofsky's personal courage and gallant leadership contributed greatly to the achievements of his organization in this action and reflected credit upon himself. Entered military service from Roxbury, Massachusetts.

PETER P. PETRACCO, 02006096, Second Lieutenant (then Technical Sergeant), 397th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 9 January 1945, in the vicinity of

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Rimling, France. During the savage defensive action southwest of Rimling, determined tank-infantry assaults were hurled at our positions at 0300 by the enemy, and Lieutenant Petracco's platoon found itself attacked by hostile tanks on flank and rear and lacking communication with the company command post. By his own inspiring example and inflexible strength of will, Lieutenant Petracco held his platoon in position to protect the flank of the adjacent unit, halting men drifting back from forward elements and utilizing them to strengthen his own platoon and to provide security to the rear. Not until thirty minutes before dawn, and then only upon orders received via radio from the battalion commander, did Lieutenant Petracco withdraw his platoon practically intact and in good order. Moving through enemy tanks and infantry which had fanned out around his position, he directed his men to a new defensive line which was maintained until the battalion retired. By his inspiring leadership, personal courage and skillful control of his men, Lieutenant Petracco not only preserved his platoon through precarious circumstances but also prevented encirclement of the battalion by attacking forces. Entered military service from Wayne, New Jersey.

CHARLES R. JOHNSON, 38537740, Staff Sergeant, 398th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 9 January 1945, in the vicinity of Reysersviller, France. When Sergeant Johnson was advancing with his platoon they encountered a strong enemy force which pinned them down with intense mortar and machine gun fire. Realizing it would be impracticable to advance or withdraw without suffering heavy casualties, Sergeant Johnson borrowed an automatic weapon from a member of his squad and on his own initiative crawled atop a nearby hill and located the enemy machine gun position. Despite the fact that he was closely observed and subjected to concentrated heavy mortar fire, he courageously remained in his position firing at the enemy with deadly and accurate effect forcing them to leave their positions and take cover. This courageous action rectified an unfavorable situation and was an inspiration to his men. Entered military service from Fort Worth, Texas.

JOSEPH R. STRICKLAND, JR., 33509710, Staff Sergeant (then Private First Class), 398th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 2 January 1945, in the vicinity of Siersthal, France. Having received orders to withdraw to a more favorable line of defense, the necessity of notifying the component units was absolutely essential. These units could be reached only by crossing a one hundred and fifty yard open stretch of terrain which was covered by enemy automatic weapons. The first and second runners were wounded in their attempt but Sergeant Strickland twice braving the enemy fire recovered each man. He then volunteered to take the message through and although initially forced back by intense enemy fire, ultimately delivered the vital information to the beleaguered groups. As a result of Sergeant Strickland's outstanding courage and determination two of his comrades were saved and the isolated platoons were able to withdraw. Entered military service from Shamokin, Pennsylvania.

TOM H. BLOCK, 17153041, Private, Medical Detachment, 397th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 5 January 1945, in the vicinity of Guising, France. When two companies were occupying defensive positions on the hills northeast of Guising, dangerously close to enemy lines, they were shelled by hostile artillery and a platoon of one company suffered several casualties. Private Block, upon hearing calls for medical attention and aware that there were no other aid men immediately available, ran approximately two hundred yards across a ridge from his own position to the vicinity of the wounded men. Disregarding his own safety, he administered aid to several of the wounded men in full view of the enemy, continuing his aid until he was seriously wounded by sniper fire. His devotion to duty and gallant action undoubtedly saved the lives of three men. Entered military service from Davenport, Iowa.

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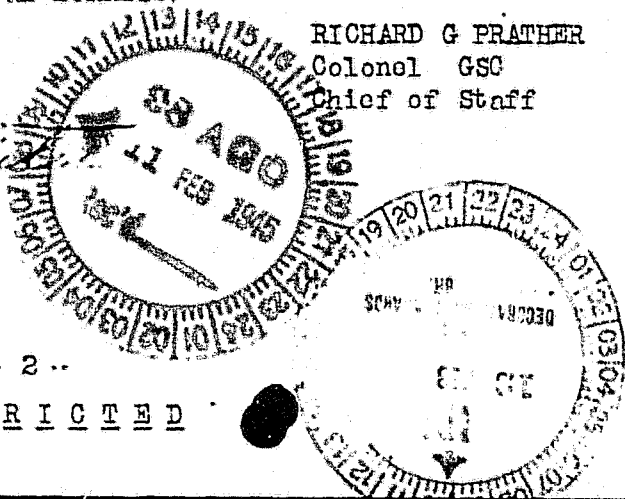
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SECTION I -- AWARD OF SILVER STAR

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

JAMES T. WILLIS, 020264, Lieutenant Colonel, 274th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 4 January 1945, in the vicinity of Phillipsbourg, France. When the battalion under his command was assigned the mission of driving an entrenched enemy from commanding positions near the town of Phillipsbourg, Lieutenant Colonel Willis assumed a position with leading elements of his organization in order to more closely observe the progress of the attack, and in the face of extremely heavy hostile machine gun fire personally led the assault company in its advance across an open valley devoid of cover. Inspired by his personal valor and disregard for his own safety, the units of the battalion drove rapidly forward, expelled the enemy from the town, secured the surrounding terrain and held it against repeated hostile counterattacks in strength. As a result of Lieutenant Colonel Willis' outstanding courage and leadership, an important objective was secured with a minimum of casualties, and great credit was reflected upon himself. Entered military service from Rome, Georgia.

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:

OLIVER T. TRAMEL, 34497339, Staff Sergeant, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action during the period 17 December 1944 to 24 December 1944, in the vicinity of Bitché, France. During this week in which he was assigned the mission of assaulting and securing heavily fortified hostile positions near Forts Freudenberg and Schiessick, Sergeant Tramel displayed magnificent courage and disregard for his own safety by leading his squad forward under heavy artillery and mortar shelling and through barbed wire entanglements on which the enemy placed direct small arms fire. After capturing several hostile entrenchments, he heroically directed his men in repelling all opposing attempts to infiltrate and regain the lost ground. Entered military service from Lebanon, Tennessee.

HERBERT FARBSTEIN, 32654902, Technician Fifth Grade (then Private First Class), 375th Field Artillery Battalion, for heroic achievement in action on 22 December 1944 in the vicinity of Bitché, France. Assigned the mission of maintaining a wire line during the attack against Fort Freudenberg, Corporal Farbstein tirelessly devoted himself to duty in retaining communications between his battalion and its forward observers. Making several trips across an open field seven hundred yards in length which afforded no protection against heavy enemy artillery, mortar and machine gun fire and under constant enemy observation, Corporal Farbstein repeatedly repaired ruptured wire lines which were knocked out during the long drawn out assault. Despite the intensity of enemy fire, Corporal Farbstein maintained contact at an effective level resulting in excellent artillery support for our troops. Entered military service from Brooklyn, New York.

WILLIAM R. GALLOWAY, 34514488, Technician Fifth Grade, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action during the period 17 December 1944 to 24 December 1944, in the vicinity of Bitché, France. Corporal Galloway unhesitatingly volunteered to deliver ammunition for our machine guns and mortars during these seven days in which his unit attacked stubbornly defended hostile positions of the Maginot Line. Completely disregarding the intensity of opposing small arms, automatic weapon and artillery fire, he courageously went about his self-imposed mission of maintaining a plentiful supply of ammunition, and by his outstanding performance aided in accomplishment of his unit's supporting task. Entered military service from Union, South Carolina.

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VIRGIL COUCH, 39290572, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action during the period 17 December 1944 to 24 December 1944, in the vicinity of Bitche, France. During this week in which his heavy weapons company participated in the fierce battle for strongly fortified hostile positions northwest of Bitche, Private Couch, ammunition bearer, without regard for his personal safety, bravely exposed himself to enemy observation and small arms, artillery and mortar action to insure a steady flow of ammunition to his firing mortars and machine guns, and thus enabled his unit to deliver effective supporting fire for our advancing infantry. Entered military service from Wilmington, California.

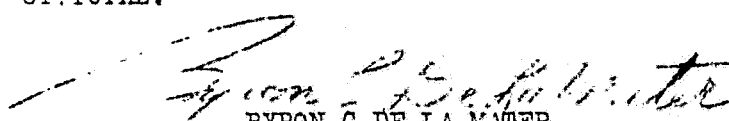
CLAUDE B. HARGADINE, 37741475, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 20 December 1944, in the vicinity of Bitche, France. Private Hargadine, a rifleman, participated in the attack on high ground to the north of Bitche, advancing in the face of heavy artillery, mortar and small arms fire. After progressing several hundred yards the enemy launched two successive counterattacks in which Private Hargadine performed his duties with determination and courage, maintaining his ground and greatly assisting his platoon in repulsing the enemy counterattacks. Entered military service from Hutchinson, Kansas.

CARL H. UIHELHOER, 39161982, Private, 375th Field Artillery Battalion, for heroic achievement in action on 17 December 1944 and 18 December 1944, in the vicinity of Fort Schiessick, France. On 17 December, Private Uibelhoer voluntarily braved heavy enemy shelling to render first aid to a seriously wounded comrade and then safely evacuated him to the aid station despite continuing enemy action, thereby saving his life. On 18 December, when his forward observer wire party was driven back by intense machine gun and mortar fire while laying a line, he courageously went forward and completed the mission unaided, thus reestablishing communications with the fire direction center. Entered military service from Pasadena, California.

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SECTION I -- POSTHUMOUS AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

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

FRANK J. WISNIEWSKI, 36955899, Private, 399th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 8 January 1945, in the vicinity of Bitché, France. When our advancing forces were halted and pinned down by fire from an enemy machine gun and automatic weapon position upon the flank, Private Wisniewski and several other members of his rifle platoon immediately and courageously moved to the attacked flank under intense small arms and mortar fire. Reaching a vantage point from which they might engage the enemy position, Private Wisniewski and his comrades opened fire with a determination and accuracy which resulted in the neutralization of the hostile emplacement, thereby enabling our forces to continue the advance and secure the assigned objective. Private Wisniewski was mortally wounded in this action. Next of kin: Lucy Wisniewski (Mother), Route Number Two, Bay City, Michigan.

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 each of the following named individuals, missing in action:

THEODORE D. JENNINGS, 33711355, Sergeant, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action during the period 6 January 1945 to 9 January 1945, in the vicinity of Rimling, France. During these four days in which his company occupied defensive positions, Sergeant Jennings displayed outstanding courage in maintaining continuous contact between the platoons and the company command post. Moving out repeatedly under intense hostile barrages which constantly severed our lines, he located and repaired every break. Sergeant Jennings was last seen bravely traversing terrain subjected to hostile observation and direct small arms fire searching for the spot at which a wire had been cut. His valorous performance enabled the company to retain its positions and was a source of great inspiration to his comrades. Next of kin: Beatrice S. Jennings (Mother), 209 West Spruce Street, Titusville, Pennsylvania.

LELAND R. HUTCHINS, 36971389, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action during the period 6 January 1945 to 9 January 1945, in the vicinity of Rimling, France. When the enemy attempted to dislodge his unit from its defensive positions, Private Hutchins demonstrated great heroism by repeatedly moving out under intense hostile fire to swiftly and efficiently repair all breaks in lines severed by enemy action. On one occasion, though our wire line ran in full view of the hostile forces and he was exposed to sniper fire, he unhesitatingly proceeded forward searching for the break and was last seen determinedly at work splicing the line. His courageous performance under fire helped maintain constant communications with the platoons and facilitated in repelling enemy counterattacks. Next of kin: Vivian L. Hutchins (Wife), Route Number One, Allen, Michigan.

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:

EMIL F. HAWTHORNE, 01106805, First Lieutenant, 325th Engineer Combat Battalion, for heroic achievement in action during the period 15 November 1944 to 11 December 1944, in Eastern France. Throughout this period, although subjected to repeated enemy barrages by artillery and mortars, and often small arms fire, Lieutenant Hawthorne

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has bravely and efficiently directed his engineers in clearing all types of hostile antipersonnel mines from the path of our advancing infantry. On December 11, although wounded by hostile fire while supervising his men in clearing a road north of Lemberg, he courageously refused evacuation until he had successfully completed his mission. Entered military service from Leroy, New York.

SAMUEL W. PINNELL, 025880, First Lieutenant, 325th Engineer Combat Battalion, for heroic achievement in action during the period 7 November 1944 to 28 December 1944, in Eastern France. During this period, Lieutenant Pinnell, leader of an engineer platoon, displayed outstanding skill and heroism in leading his men in the successful performance of all assigned missions. On 22 November at Senones, under heavy hostile fire, he supervised the removal of a hostile mine field and two log road blocks impeding the advance of our troops. During the nights of 26 December and 27 December, despite harassing action from enemy patrols and hostile troops whose lines were scarcely four hundred yards away, Lieutenant Pinnell courageously and expertly guided his men in laying six hundred and twenty-five mines between the opposing front lines. Entered United States Military Academy from Warrenton, North Carolina.

PATRICK F. REIDY, 01107065, First Lieutenant, 325th Engineer Combat Battalion, for heroic achievement in action on 2 January 1945 and 3 January 1945, in the vicinity of Urbach, France. As leader of a patrol instructed to destroy the bridge which afforded the only avenue of approach for hostile tanks, Lieutenant Reidy successfully accomplished his mission only to see the structure rebuilt by the enemy at a cost of ten killed and one captured. On the ensuing night Lieutenant Reidy again led a patrol against the objective, and under his skillful direction his men implanted three hundred pounds of explosives and completely destroyed the bridge before opposing troops were aware of the patrol's activity. He then led his party back to friendly lines without casualty. Entered military service from Amsterdam, New York.

CLEMENT E. MEDLEY, 02006087, Second Lieutenant (then Technical Sergeant), 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action during the period 12 November 1944 to 14 January 1945, in Eastern France. Throughout this period Lieutenant Medley discharged his responsibilities as platoon sergeant with a courage and distinction which well warranted his appointment as a commissioned officer. On 19 November, when our troops were attempting to advance against strong enemy opposition in the attack on Hill 538, Lieutenant Medley's platoon on the flank of our attacking force was subjected to a savage counterattack by the enemy. Skillfully directing the defensive action of the unit and making full use of the firepower at his disposal, he succeeded in inflicting severe casualties upon the opposing troops and maintaining the position until relief was available. Entered military service from Greensboro, North Carolina.

RICHARD TRAPANI, 32641506, Staff Sergeant, 399th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 1 January 1945, in the vicinity of Freedenberg Farms, France. Sergeant Trapani attached to a rifle company as forward observer for a mortar platoon courageously remained at his open and exposed position which was under heavy mortar and artillery fire, and directed our mortar and artillery fire during an enemy attack. As a result of Sergeant Trapani's determination, accuracy and skill, a strong enemy attack was repulsed with considerable casualties. Entered military service from Brooklyn, New York.

ERIC LEVI, 32644223, Technician Third Grade, Medical Detachment, 399th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action during the period 1 November 1944 to 11 January 1945, in Eastern France. On 7 November when two men were seriously wounded by enemy action, Sergeant Levi, attached to a heavy weapons company as aid man, courageously crawled forward to them under intense hostile artillery and mortar fire, rendered immediate medical attention and then evacuated them to the safety of our lines. Throughout this period of combat duty, he has displayed similar bravery and high regard for the welfare of his comrades in administering to their needs. Entered military service from New York, New York.

THOMAS J. CORRIDAN, 12173974, Sergeant, 325th Engineer Combat Battalion, for heroic achievement in action on 2 January 1945 and 3 January 1945, in the vicinity of Urbach, France. In company with three other men, Sergeant Corridan destroyed a strategic bridge only to see it rebuilt by the enemy at great cost on the following night. Assigned the mission of destroying the structure for a second time, Sergeant Corridan

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and eight companions moved through our lines under cover of darkness, carried three hundred pounds of TNT to the site, implanted the explosives and detonated the charges before the enemy became aware of their activity, thus making impossible an attack upon our positions by hostile armor. Entered military service from St. Johnsville, New York.

ROBERT F. GUTHRIE, 36893728, Sergeant, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action during the period 12 November 1944 to 14 January 1945, in Eastern France. Participating in the numerous actions in which his organization engaged during this period, Sergeant Guthrie distinguished himself by the resolution and resourcefulness with which he discharged his duties as a squad leader. In the stubbornly-resisted attack upon Hill 538 on 19 November, Sergeant Guthrie's squad on the flank of our advancing troops found itself subjected to a savagely-prosecuted hostile counterattack. Skillfully directing the defensive action of his unit, Sergeant Guthrie made full use of the firepower at his disposal to inflict severe casualties upon the opposing troops and maintained the position until relief was available. Entered military service from Detroit, Michigan.

JOHN P. HENDERSON, 32597050, Sergeant (then Corporal), 325th Engineer Combat Battalion, for heroic achievement in action on 18 December 1944, in the vicinity of Bitche, France. When our litter bearers were pinned down by intense hostile fire and were unable to proceed with evacuation of casualties, Sergeant Henderson, on his own initiative and without regard for his own safety, drove his quarter-ton vehicle forward under the continuing shelling to place two seriously wounded soldiers and one prisoner in his vehicle, and then safely evacuated them to our aid station along a road heavily bombed by the enemy. By his valorous and voluntary performance, he helped save the lives of two of his comrades. Entered military service from Glen Ridge, New Jersey.

KENNETH J. HOWE, 32835474, Sergeant, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action during the period 12 November 1944 to 14 January 1945, in Eastern France. In the bitter winter fighting in which his division engaged in the Vosges and Hardt Mountains, Sergeant Howe consistently conducted himself with resolution and resourcefulness. When his squad was deployed on the flank of our advancing troops during the 19 November attack upon Hill 538, the enemy hurled a savage counter-attack against this flank and Sergeant Howe exhibited exceptional bravery in moving forward under hostile fire to a position from which he could observe and report the enemy action to his squad leader. In the ensuing engagement Sergeant Howe's accurate fire from his advanced position was responsible for a great number of enemy killed and contributed materially to the successful stemming of the hostile attack until relief arrived. Entered military service from Rochester, New York.

WILLIAM S. JOYNER, 34890565, Sergeant, 399th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action during the period 7 December 1944 to 5 January 1945, in Eastern France. As communication chief during this period in which his company attacked the enemy in the heavily wooded terrain east of Lemberg and other formidable defensive positions, Sergeant Joyner has bravely and energetically helped maintain continuous contact with battalion headquarters. Overcoming all handicaps of terrain and strong enemy action, he has skillfully directed the installation and repair of all wire lines, often exposing himself to intense hostile fire, and as a result of his leadership, his wire team has enabled the delivery of effective supporting fire for his rifle company. Entered military service from Kernersville, North Carolina.

JOSEPH T. RUSSELL, 32651663, Sergeant, 325th Engineer Combat Battalion, for heroic achievement in action on 17 December 1944, in the vicinity of Bitche, France. When his engineer squad was assigned the hazardous mission of destroying a hostile pillbox, Sergeant Russell led his men across open ground in the face of withering enemy small arms and automatic weapon fire which caused a number of casualties to his squad, successfully directed his men in placing their charges against the sides of the fortress, thus effectively neutralizing the pillbox and permitting the riflemen to continue their advance. Entered military service from Long Island City, New York.

PETER J. ZOLDOS, JR., 36206370, Sergeant, 325th Engineer Combat Battalion, for heroic achievement in action on 8 December 1944, in the vicinity of Lemberg, France. When our forward observer and machine gunners were unable to take up positions on the forward slope of a thickly wooded hill, because the enemy had heavily mined the area,

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Sergeant Zoldos bravely led four men forward to clear the area. Although subjected to frequent hostile artillery and mortar shelling, he successfully directed his men in tracing numerous trip wires to their source and unearthing eleven hostile S-mines, thus clearing the area. Entered military service from Ashland, Wisconsin.

JAMES M. CRIPPS, 31232632, Corporal (then Technician Fifth Grade), 325th Engineer Combat Battalion, for heroic achievement in action on 3 January 1945, in the vicinity of Urbach, France. In order to prevent an attack by enemy armored forces, Corporal Cripps and eight companions were instructed to destroy a bridge which constituted the only available approach to our positions. Despite the fact the enemy had suffered losses of ten killed and one captured in rebuilding the structure on the previous night, Corporal Cripps and the other members of his detail succeeded in reaching their objective, implanting three hundred pounds of explosives and completely demolishing the bridge before opposing troops became aware of their activity. Entered military service from Holderness, New Hampshire.

MARVIN E. AUTIO, 37488705, Technician Fifth Grade (then Private First Class), 325th Engineer Combat Battalion, for heroic achievement in action on 3 January 1945, in the vicinity of Urbach, France. When a strategic bridge, affording the only approach to our position for hostile tanks, was rebuilt by the enemy, Corporal Autio and eight companions were assigned the mission of destroying the structure. Leaving our lines under cover of darkness and bearing three hundred pounds of TNT, the nine men succeeded in reaching their objective, placing charges and demolishing the bridge so skillfully that the enemy was unaware of their activity until the mission was accomplished and the threat to our position thereby eliminated. Entered military service from Lead, South Dakota.

HARRY C. WOOD, 32659306, Technician Fifth Grade, Medical Detachment, 399th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 20 November 1944, in the vicinity of Raon L'Etape, France. On 20 November during a fierce engagement with the enemy, Corporal Wood, attached to Company B as an aid man, displayed outstanding heroism by moving forward far in advance of our troops to within fifteen yards of the enemy, in the face of small arms and automatic fire, to assist two seriously wounded men to cover behind a boulder. Despite the continuing intensity of hostile fire and grenades thrown at his position, he remained with these men throughout the day administering to their wounds and easing their pain, and after dusk, safely evacuated them to our lines. Entered military service from Brooklyn, New York.

GAETANO ARMONE, 33051453, Private First Class (then Private), 325th Engineer Combat Battalion, for heroic achievement in action on 3 January 1945, in the vicinity of Urbach, France. Assigned the mission of destroying a bridge which had been rebuilt by the enemy on the previous night at a cost of ten dead and one captured, Private Armone and eight companions roved out to their objective under cover of darkness. Carrying three hundred pounds of TNT to the bridge site, they installed explosive charges and demolished the structure so skillfully that the enemy was unaware of their activity until the explosion occurred. As a result of the courageous action of Private Armone and his companions, the threat of an armored attack upon our positions was eliminated. Entered military service from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

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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:

ANTHONY J. MAIALE, 0347087, Captain, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action during the period 6 November 1944 to 15 January 1945, in Eastern France. In the bitterly-contested engagement for Rimling, Company H, commanded by Captain Maiale, covered a main and vital road junction in the north west section of town. Here for four days under Captain Maiale's vigilant leadership, he and his men repulsed repeated tank and other armored attacks while subjected to continuous sniper and automatic weapon fire. In this instance as in so many others, Captain Maiale's efficiency and inspiration in combat have enabled his unit to successfully achieve its every mission and consistently contributed in a large degree to the battalion's effort. Entered military service from Bridgeport, Pennsylvania.

TOM R. MC FEE, 0548863, Second Lieutenant, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action during the period 14 November 1944 to 20 January 1945, in Eastern France. Throughout the hotly-contested actions for Bertrichamps, Raon L'Etape, Senones and Rimling, Lieutenant McFee displayed superior skill and bravery in directing his mortar men in the delivery of effective supporting fire. On one occasion, in the vicinity of Rimling, while under intense heavy bombardment, he went from one mortar to another expertly adjusting HE fire for placement on hostile positions only twenty-five yards forward of friendly lines, and thereby materially aided the supported rifle company achieve its objective. Entered military service from Concord, Tennessee.

MICHAEL P. SENIUK, 01047772, Second Lieutenant, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action during the period 14 November 1944 to 20 January 1945, in Eastern France. As a mortar platoon leader, Lieutenant Seniuk demonstrated consistent skill and bravery in supervising the delivery of accurate and devastating supporting fire. During the bitterly-fought battle for Rimling, although subjected to heavy hostile bombardment, his mortar section and one other fired two thousand rounds of HE, and this outstanding support was materially beneficial to the supported rifle company. Entered military service from New York, New York.

BUDDY G. THOMAS, 38534622, Staff Sergeant, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 5 January 1945, in the vicinity of Rimling, France. When his company took up defensive positions on a hill and its single line of communications with the battalion command post was continually severed by hostile artillery and mortar fire, Sergeant Thomas steadfastly remained at his post despite harassing small arms fire, to quickly and efficiently splice every break. His courageous performance under fire helped maintain almost uninterrupted communications, thereby enabling his company to receive vital orders essential to a proper defense of its positions. Entered military service from Henrietta, Texas.

ROBERT M. KADISON, 36957561, Sergeant (then Private First Class), 399th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 8 January 1945, in the vicinity of Bitche, France. When hostile fire from a machine gun emplacement pinned down our attacking forces, Sergeant Kadison and other members of his rifle platoon advanced under heavy mortar and small arms fire to the flank of the company. Reaching an exposed position from which they could engage the enemy, Sergeant Kadison and his comrades opened fire with a determination and accuracy which resulted in the neutralization of the hostile emplacement and permitted our forces to continue their advance. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

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JOSEPH D. TYRE, 34546876, Sergeant, 399th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 8 January 1945, in the vicinity of Bitché, France. When enemy machine guns and automatic weapons opened fire upon the flank of our advancing troops and effectively pinned down his company, Sergeant Tyre and several other members of his rifle platoon courageously left their positions and advanced under hostile mortar and small arms fire to the exposed flank. Reaching a vantage point, Sergeant Tyre and his comrades swept the opposing positions with accurate and deadly rifle fire which neutralized the enemy emplacements and permitted our troops to proceed to the achievement of the assigned objective. Sergeant Tyre was wounded in this action. Entered military service from Lake City, Florida.

ROY D. JOHNSON, 32482867, Technician Fourth Grade, 325th Engineer Combat Battalion, for heroic achievement in action on 22 November 1944, in the vicinity of Senones, France. When hostile mines prevented the clearance of a log road block which obstructed the advance of our task force, Sergeant Johnson and five other enlisted men were entrusted with the hazardous mission of removing the treacherous explosives under enemy artillery and small arms fire. Although hostile shell bursts struck within twenty yards of their position, Sergeant Johnson and his comrades courageously advanced to the road block, fastened ropes to each individual mine and thus removed the hostile installations, thereby permitting tankdozers to clear the obstruction and enabling our troops to proceed. Entered military service from Manasquan, New Jersey.

JAMES D. BLACKWELL, 37727468, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action during the period 14 November 1944 to 5 January 1945, in Eastern France. During this period Private Blackwell discharged his duties as wireman in an exemplary manner, participating in the march on St. Blaise and the battle for Hill 375 in the vicinity of Rorbach as well as the many other sections in which his battalion engaged. In the defense of Rimling, when hostile artillery barrages repeatedly severed communication facilities, Private Blackwell performed his assigned tasks of establishing and maintaining vital wire lines between platoons and the company command post with great courage and initiative, and during the New Year Eve attack by the enemy he promptly repaired broken lines under heavy hostile fire, thereby enabling friendly mortar and artillery shelling to be directed upon the attacking forces. Entered military service from Kansas City, Missouri.

SECTION II -- AWARD OF COMBAT INFANTRYMAN BADGE

Under the provisions of War Department Circular Number 408, dated 17 October 1944, a Combat Infantryman Badge is awarded to the following named individual effective 1 December 1944:

NELSON I. FOOKS, 016919, Colonel, 398th Infantry Regiment.

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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:

RALPH I. ALLEN, 12211912, Private First Class (then Private), 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 5 January 1945, in the vicinity of Rimling, France. Charged with the hazardous mission of keeping intact his company's single line of communication with battalion headquarters, Private Allen displayed great bravery in moving out repeatedly under intense fire from small arms and automatic weapons to locate and repair all breaks caused by hostile shelling. His outstanding performance, without regard for his own safety, permitted uninterrupted transmission of vital orders which enabled his unit to make a successful defensive stand and repel all enemy attempts to dislodge our troops. Entered military service from Atlantic City, New Jersey.

WILLIAM E. BECHTOLD, 13138578, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 8 January 1945, in the vicinity of Bitché, France. While Private Bechtold's company was advancing upon its objective, concentrated fire from a hostile machine gun emplacement halted the progress of our troops and pinned down the entire personnel of the company. Leaving their position, Private Bechtold and several other members of his platoon moved to the flank from which the hostile fire emanated and reached a position from which they were able to engage the enemy. Delivering rapid and accurate rifle fire upon the opposing forces, they succeeded in neutralizing the hostile position and thus permitted our troops to continue the attack and secure the assigned objective. Entered military service from Baltimore, Maryland.

ROBERT C. BENTON, 20824365, Private First Class, Medical Detachment, 399th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 9 December 1944, in the vicinity of Lemberg, France. During the attack against Lemberg, Private Benton displayed unswerving devotion to duty as an aid man. Leading his litter squad, he established a protected collecting area and directed numerous casualties from two companies to this point from which he notified an aid station to pick the men up, and then immediately rejoined his fast moving company by following a wire line under heavily mortared and sniper infested terrain and continued to administer to wounded comrades. On the following day, he again made the precarious trip over the fire swept route bringing up vitally needed supplies for the casualties. Entered military service from Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

HAROLD P. COATES, 16177198, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action during the period 12 November 1944 to 14 January 1945, in Eastern France. Participating in the numerous actions in which his regiment engaged during this period, Private Coates acquitted himself with courage and resolution. Acting as scout for his squad during the attack on Hill 538, on 19 November, Private Coates narrowly escaped capture when a savagely-prosecuted enemy counterattack was directed against his unit's flank position. Eluding the enemy, he reported the situation to his squad leader, then from his advanced vantage point delivered accurate rifle fire which was responsible for a great number of enemy killed and contributed materially to the stopping of the hostile attack. Entered military service from West Allenhurst, New Jersey.

HOWARD S. DONALDSON, 31250325, Private First Class, 325th Engineer Combat Battalion, for heroic achievement in action on 3 January 1945, in the vicinity of Urbach, France. Moving forward under cover of darkness, Private Donaldson and eight companions skillfully made their way to a strategic bridge between our lines and those of the enemy, implanted three hundred pounds of explosives and completely demolished the structure without suffering casualties, despite the fact that in rebuilding the bridge on a previous night the enemy had lost ten killed and one captured. As a result of

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the courageous action of Private Donaldson and his comrades, the only available approach to our positions by enemy armor was eliminated, and the threat of a hostile tank attack was dissipated. Entered military service from New Haven, Connecticut.

ROBERT M. DUPREY, 31214709, Private First Class, 325th Engineer Combat Battalion for heroic achievement in action on 22 November 1944, in the vicinity of Senones, France. While our task force was advancing under concentrated artillery and small arms fire, a mined road block halted progress, and Private Duprey and five other enlisted men were instructed to remove the hostile mines in order that a tankdozer might clear the log obstruction. Moving forward despite fire from automatic weapons and artillery bursts which struck within twenty yards of them, Private Duprey and his comrades succeeded in fastoring ropes to the individual mines and thus removed the hostile explosives, thereby enabling the task force to proceed with its mission. Entered military service from Adams, Massachusetts.

ALFRED S. HARRIS, JR., 12219774, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 3 January 1945 and 4 January 1945, in the vicinity of St. Remy, France. Serving with a mine platoon since his unit's entrance into combat, Private Harris has demonstrated efficiency and zeal in performing all his assigned missions. On the night of 3 January he voluntarily led a group in clearing a section of road between opposing and friendly lines during a fire fight. Under Private Harris' leadership and dauntless courage the mission was successfully completed. Entered military service from Freeport, Long Island, New York.

JAVIS HELSLEY, 33499225, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 8 January 1945, in the vicinity of Bitche, France. Private Helsley was advancing with other members of his company in the face of heavy mortar and small arms fire when hostile weapons from a concealed emplacement upon the flank effectively pinned down our attacking forces. Courageously leaving their positions, Private Helsley and several other members of his rifle platoon moved to the company flank, and by their delivery of rapid and accurate rifle fire succeeded in neutralizing the hostile weapons and thus permitted our forces to achieve the assigned objective. Private Helsley was wounded in this action. Entered military service from Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

PAUL E. HUBER, 37701977, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 3 January 1945, in the vicinity of Halbach, France. As a member of a fifty-seven millimeter gun squad, Private Huber was assigned the mission of maintaining his position to offset the possible approach of enemy tanks during an attack against our positions. During the enemy advance Private Huber, while subjected to heavy hostile artillery and machine gun fire from approaching enemy infantrymen, vigilantly and courageously maintained his post ready for immediate action until the enemy attack was driven off. His steadfastness was of great inspiration to the men of his company. Entered military service from Palisade, Colorado.

ANTHONY R. JURCEC, 35057920, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 14 December 1944, in the vicinity of Lemberg, France. Throughout this period of combat operations Private Jurcec has demonstrated exemplary courage and fortitude as a cannoneer in a fifty-seven millimeter squad. On 14 December he was continually subjected to enemy artillery and sniper fire directed at his gun position on high ground, but nevertheless maintained his post and devoted himself to duty during the entire attack. His display of courage was of great inspiration to his comrades. Entered military service from Cleveland, Ohio.

WILLIAM E. MC GINNIS, 34494804, Private First Class, 325th Engineer Combat Battalion, for heroic achievement in action during the period 5 November 1944 to 25 December 1944, in Eastern France. Throughout this period, Private McGinnis displayed marked skill and bravery in successfully performing his varied duties, and particularly in demonstrating a superior proficiency in detection and removal of hostile anti-personnel mines. On one occasion, in the vicinity of La Trouche, when he was subjected to heavy hostile machine gun and small arms fire during an attack on our positions, he heroically manned a heavy machine gun and returned accurate and destructive fire on opposing troops, thereby aiding in repulsing the enemy. Entered military service from Big Rock, Tennessee.

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ROY W. MOORE, 34824352, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action during the period 14 November 1944 to 5 January 1945, in Eastern France. Participating in the capture of St. Blaise and the fight for Hill 375 as well as numerous other engagements, Private Moore discharged his duties as wireman with courage and initiative during this period. In the defense of Rimling, when hostile barrages repeatedly severed communication facilities, Private Moore performed his assigned tasks of establishing and maintaining vital wire lines between platoons and company command post with great courage and determination, and during the New Year's Eve attack by the enemy, he promptly repaired broken lines under heavy hostile fire, thereby enabling friendly mortar and artillery shelling to be directed upon the attacking forces. Entered military service from Eastport, Georgia.

ERNEST SPINKS, 39560377, Private First Class, 325th Engineer Combat Battalion, for heroic achievement in action on 2 January 1945 and 3 January 1945, in the vicinity of Urbach, France. In order to forestall a surprise armored attack by the enemy, Private Spinks and three companions were assigned the mission of destroying a bridge which offered the only available route of approach for hostile tanks, and succeeded in their efforts only to see the structure rebuilt by the enemy on the ensuing night. Participating in a second patrol with the same mission, Private Spinks with eight comrades moved through our lines under cover of darkness, reached the objective and installed three hundred pounds of explosives without detection by opposing troops. The detonation of the charges completely demolished the bridge and eliminated the danger of tank attack. Entered military service from Los Angeles, California.

CLYDE C. TENCH, 34572111, Private First Class, 325th Engineer Combat Battalion, for heroic achievement in action on 22 November 1944, in the vicinity of Senones, France. When tankdozers were unable to clear a log road block because of hostile mine installations in the roadbed, Private Tench and five other men were assigned the hazardous mission of removing the enemy mines under fire. Moving forward without regard for sporadic small arms and automatic weapons action and concentrated artillery barrages during which enemy shells on occasion struck within twenty yards of them, Private Tench and the other members of his detail fastened ropes to each individual mine and thus succeeded in removing the hostile explosives, thereby permitting a task force to proceed with its important mission. Entered military service from Clarkesville, Georgia.

ARTHUR ULLMAN, 32982068, Private First Class, Medical Detachment, 399th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 8 January 1945, in the vicinity of Bitché, France. When the platoon to which he was attached as aid man was assigned the hazardous mission of executing a flanking maneuver and was subjected to hostile small arms and machine gun fire, Private Ullman swiftly and efficiently cared for the wounds of all casualties, and despite the continuing enemy fire, capably supervised their safe evacuation, and by his courageous devotion to duty saved the lives of several of his comrades. Entered military service from Brooklyn, New York.

LEWIS B. WEBSTER, 31281997, Private First Class, 325th Engineer Combat Battalion, for heroic achievement in action on 2 January 1945 and 3 January 1945, in the vicinity of Urbach, France. Assigned the mission of demolishing a bridge between our lines and those of the enemy, Private Webster and three companions successfully accomplished the destruction of the structure only to see it rebuilt at great cost by the enemy on the ensuing night. Participating in a second patrol with an identical mission, Private Webster and eight comrades moved through our lines under cover of darkness, reached their objective and implanted three hundred pounds of explosives without detection by opposing troops. The detonation of the charges completely demolished the bridge, which had provided the only avenue of approach for a hostile tank attack. Entered military service from Penobscot, Maine.

JOHN R. WEDDLE, 39096969, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 9 December 1944, in the vicinity of Lemberg, France. As a truck driver in a mine platoon Private Weddle has served with his unit since its initiation into combat performing each assigned mission in an efficient manner. In the midst of an assignment on 14 December, his vehicle was hit and put out of action by enemy mortar fire. Unhesitatingly Private Weddle made emergency repairs under enemy observation and with shells continually falling in the area. Displaying courage and initiative he rapidly and skillfully returned the truck to use enabling his platoon to complete their vital mission. Entered military service from Napa, California.

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DARREL E. ZILL, 39049157, Private First Class (then Private), 325th Engineer Combat Battalion, for heroic achievement in action on 22 November 1944, in the vicinity of Senones, France. Assigned the mission of removing hostile mines from the roadbed abutting a log road block, Private Zill and five other enlisted men advanced to the obstacle under sporadic small arms and automatic weapons fire and artillery shelling. Cautiously removing the hostile explosives with ropes attached to each individual mine, Private Zill and his comrades completed their mission despite heavy enemy barrages during which shells on occasion landed within twenty yards of their position. As a direct result of the action of Private Zill and other members of the detail, our task force was able to advance and achieve an important objective. Entered military service from Fort Bragg, California.

SAM CHADAKOFF, 32652347, Private, 325th Engineer Combat Battalion, for heroic achievement in action on 22 November 1944, in the vicinity of Senones, France. When an enemy road block halted the advance of our task force, Private Chadakoff and five other enlisted men were assigned the mission of removing hostile mines from the roadbed in order that a tankdozer might clear the obstruction. Advancing under automatic weapon fire and artillery bursts which on occasion landed within twenty yards of them, Private Chadakoff and his comrades fastened ropes to each individual mine and thus succeeded in removing the hostile installations. As a result of this courageous action, the task force was able to continue its advance. Entered military service from Brooklyn, New York.

ROY H. WATSON, 34731551, Private, 325th Engineer Combat Battalion, for heroic achievement in action on 3 January 1945, in the vicinity of Urbach, France. Located between our lines and those of the enemy, a strategic bridge afforded an avenue of approach to armored attack and, although once destroyed, was promptly rebuilt by opposing troops. Assigned to a patrol which had been given the mission of destroying the structure for a second time, Private Watson and eight companions succeeded in reaching their objective, implanting three hundred pounds of explosives and detonating the charge before the enemy became aware of their activity, and thus eliminated a serious threat to our positions. Entered military service from Pikeville, Tennessee.

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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:

RICHARD P. LENSKI, 36296251, Sergeant (then Private First Class), 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 8 January 1945, in the vicinity of Rimling, France. While Sergeant Lenski was manning his machine gun position in an isolated building in the town of Rimling, enemy troops succeeded in infiltrating into the town in strength. When the leader of one such hostile patrol threw open the door of the building and demanded the surrender of the machine gunner and the riflemen who were acting as his security, Sergeant Lenski, with complete disregard for his own safety, seized a carbine, shot the leader and with accurate fire dispersed the remainder of the enemy patrol. By his courageous action he thus prevented the capture and possible death of his comrades, and lived up to the highest traditions of gallantry of the armed forces. Entered military service from Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

ROBERT J. CHENEY, 31236901, Corporal, 374th Field Artillery Battalion, for heroic achievement in action during the period 5 January 1945 to 9 January 1945, in the vicinity of Rimling, France. Throughout this period Corporal Cheney remained at his position in an artillery forward observation post within the town of Rimling, and despite direct artillery and mortar fire efficiently transmitted fire mission communications to the artillery battalion command post. The excellent radio communications maintained by Corporal Cheney under the most hazardous conditions contributed to the delivery of accurate and effective artillery fire and the repulse of repeated hostile attack in strength. Entered military service from West Roxbury, 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:

ROBERT P. ROBINSON, 01171333, Second Lieutenant, 374th Field Artillery Battalion, for heroic achievement in action during the period 30 December 1944 to 5 January 1945, in the vicinity of Rimling, France. As a forward observer Lieutenant Robinson occupied a building in the town of Rimling for seven days, maintaining excellent observation and efficiently reporting fire missions. Despite the fact that the enemy knew the building was being used as an observation post and continually shelled it with artillery and mortars, Lieutenant Robinson nevertheless manned his post and was able to direct accurate and timely fire by our artillery which contributed greatly to the efforts of our infantry to break up repeated attacks by the enemy. In his devotion to duty Lieutenant Robinson displayed outstanding courage and initiative throughout. Entered military service from Smackover, Arkansas.

ROY L. HAYNES, JR., 34580836, Corporal, 925th Field Artillery Battalion, for heroic achievement in action on 7 December 1944, in the vicinity of Lemberg, France. In the hotly contested action for Lemberg, Corporal Haynes skillfully directed his wire crew in maintaining vital wire communications and personally laid and repaired a line to a forward switching center. Despite continuous and intense enemy artillery and mortar fire which repeatedly disrupted the contact, Corporal Haynes time and again repaired the breaks which made possible close artillery support for the infantry. In his devotion to duty and by his courageous action Corporal Haynes led and inspired his crew to greater action and efficiency. Entered military service from Talladega, Alabama.

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GORDEN E. STILES, 6291518, Corporal, 374th Field Artillery Battalion, for heroic achievement in action during the period 30 December 1944 to 5 January 1945, in the vicinity of Rimling, France. A radio operator assigned to an artillery forward observer party, Corporal Stiles manned an observation post under direct enemy fire, and by his efficient transmission of fire adjustments contributed markedly to the repulse of repeated hostile attacks in strength. Although subjected to intense small arms fire and artillery barrages during which flying shrapnel twice pierced his radio, he refused to leave his post and maintained effective communications during a critical period in the protracted defense of Rimling. Entered military service from Spiro, Oklahoma.

JOHN R. GOLDSBERRY, 35635493, Technician Fifth Grade, 374th Field Artillery Battalion, for heroic achievement in action during the period 30 December 1944 to 5 January 1945, in the vicinity of Rimling, France. Despite determined attempts by the enemy to render his position untenable by direct small arms, artillery and tank fire, Corporal Goldsberry, a member of an artillery forward observer party, staunchly remained at his radio in an advanced observation post and transmitted artillery fire adjustments upon hostile infantry forces engaged in savagely-prosecuted attacks upon our positions. By his courageous and efficient discharge of his duties, Corporal Goldsberry contributed materially to the accurate and effective direction of artillery fire which was in turn instrumental in repulsing repeated enemy attacks in strength. Entered military service from Unionville Center, Ohio.

WILLIAM E. JOHNSON, 34591154, Technician Fifth Grade, 925th Field Artillery Battalion, for heroic achievement in action on 7 December 1944, in the vicinity of Lemberg, France. During a decisive period in the attack against Lemberg when enemy fire completely disrupted vital communication wires, Corporal Johnson repeatedly repaired and maintained severely battered wire lines despite his continuous exposure to heavy enemy artillery and mortar fire. Devoting himself to duty in an outstanding manner he enabled our artillery to render necessary and effective support to our advancing infantry. Entered military service from Laurel Springs, North Carolina.

JOHN M. MC GRILL, 31255478, Technician Fifth Grade, 925th Field Artillery Battalion, for heroic achievement in action on 7 December 1944, in the vicinity of Lemberg, France. While driving his truck in the process of laying wire to forward observers, heavy enemy artillery and mortar fire and close enemy observation prevented Corporal McGrill from advancing further with his vehicle. Conscious only of completing his mission he assisted in carrying a heavy reel of wire forward despite enemy shelling. When enemy artillery severed the lines, Corporal McGrill volunteered to reestablish and maintain the important communications. Entered military service from Worcester, Massachusetts.

ROBERT A. MILLS, 31108934, Technician Fifth Grade, 925th Field Artillery Battalion, for heroic achievement in action on 7 December 1944, in the vicinity of Lemberg, France. During a critical period in the bitterly contested action for Lemberg, Corporal Mills continuously laid and repaired vital wire lines despite his constant exposure to heavy enemy artillery and mortar fire which repeatedly severed communications. Completely devoting himself to duty he courageously maintained contact between forward observers and fire direction centers providing closer artillery support for the infantry. Entered military service from Lynn, Massachusetts.

EDWARD J. RENEHAN, 32655863, Technician Fifth Grade, 399th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 19 November 1944, in the vicinity of Raon l'Etape, France. While Corporal Renehan and another man were searching for a break in a communication line heavy enemy shelling forced them to take cover several times. Fearless of the danger of a surprise ambush by hostile patrols that might be lurking in the vicinity, they swiftly and efficiently repaired the line, and by their brave performance restored communications with the battalion. Entered military service from New York, New York.

JOHN B. SMALL, 32680867, Technician Fifth Grade, 374th Field Artillery Battalion, for heroic achievement in action during the period 30 December 1944 to 5 January 1945, in the vicinity of Rimling, France. During this week in which the enemy repeatedly bombarded the building housing his forward observer party, often with direct tank fire, Corporal Small, radio operator, courageously remained at his post

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transmitting fire orders. When the intensity of hostile attacks heightened, he ably assisted the forward observer by personally adjusting our fire on enemy targets, and as a result of his initiative and outstanding performance under fire, contributed to the successful repulse of all opposing counterattacks. Entered military service from New York, New York.

WILLIAM M. CLARY, 35901842, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 13 November 1944, in the vicinity of Bertrichamps, France. Private Clary as a member of a machine gun squad was assigned the mission of directly supporting an assaulting infantry company in an attack against strongly fortified enemy positions. At the start of the attack the enemy launched a heavy and concentrated artillery barrage directly in the path of Private Clary and his squad. Nevertheless Private Clary disregarded the shelling and moved on with his squad, displacing the gun to a point from which supporting fire was rendered our troops. Although wounded seriously in this action Private Clary enabled his squad to complete their mission by his courageous action and devotion to duty. Entered military service from Montezuma, Indiana.

WALTER J. NOWOCIN, 35956887, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 19 November 1944, in the vicinity of Raon L'Etape, France. While engaged in the mission of locating and repairing a severed communication line, Private Nowocin and one other man were repeatedly forced to take cover by hostile mortar fire. When it was discovered that the line had been cut by an enemy patrol, the two wiremen courageously proceeded with their task of splicing the wire despite the acute danger of a hostile ambush, and by their devotion to duty and disregard of their own safety succeeded in reestablishing communications. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

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

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

PAUL A. KERR, 12211871, Private, 397th Infantry Regiment, 3 February 1945. Entered military service from Camden, New Jersey.

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 in France:

JAMES S. HOWARD, 01998062, Second Lieutenant, 374th Field Artillery Battalion, 4 February 1945. Entered military service from Baliston Lake, New York.

HARRY J. WEISS, 33420531, Staff Sergeant, 397th Infantry Regiment, 29 January 1945. Entered military service from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

PAUL PALMFA, 36862490, Sergeant, 397th Infantry Regiment, 1 February 1945. Entered military service from Port Huron, Michigan.

ERVIN J. COMBS, 33046812, Corporal, 325th Engineer Combat Battalion, 10 January 1945. Entered military service from Vienna, Virginia.

RICHARD D. AHLERS, 32971803, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, 2 February 1945. Entered military service from Brooklyn, New York.

ARTHUR E. NASH, 12138919, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment, 8 November 1944. Entered military service from Oswego, New York.

LYNN T. SCHLICHER, 36454271, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment, 20 November 1944. Entered military service from Lansing, Michigan.

RALPH C. SEGER, 31273191, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment, 29 January 1945. Entered military service from Canton, Connecticut.

HARVEST YORK, 34572015, Private, 374th Field Artillery Battalion, 29 January 1945. Entered military service from Whiteside, Tennessee.

MILTON J. SANDERS, 36984897, Private, 397th Infantry Regiment, 3 February 1945. Entered military service from Laurium, Michigan.

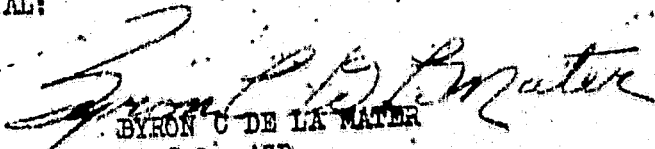
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SECTION I --- POSTHUMOUS AWARD OF SILVER STAR

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:

✓ GEORGE A. BOE, 17143757, Private First Class, Medical Detachment, 399th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 8 January 1945, in the vicinity of Lambach, France. While the company to which Private Boe was attached as aid man was pressing forward its attack against enemy forces, it was subjected to severe mortar and artillery shelling which inflicted a number of casualties and forced our troops to withdraw, leaving their wounded. With complete disregard for his own safety, Private Boe unhesitatingly left the protection of his own sheltered position and went forward to administer aid to the casualties in the area still subjected to intense artillery fire. While so engaged, he was killed by a direct hit from an enemy shell, but his courageous action so inspired his comrades that other men ventured into the danger area and succeeded in evacuating the wounded. Next of kin: Alma Boe (Mother) Sunburg, Minnesota.

✓ HENRY F. HOICHEVAR, 33720688, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 4 December 1944, in the vicinity of Soucht, France. While Private Hochevar's company was reorganizing for the defense of newly-won heights, a strong counterattack was hurled against our positions by the enemy. Without thought for his own safety, Private Hochevar made his way to the flank of the attacking forces and opened fire upon the advancing foe. His accurate marksmanship and rapid delivery of fire temporarily halted the opposing troops and afforded his unit an opportunity to organize a defensive position and ultimately repulse the enemy attack although Private Hochevar was himself killed in the action. By his gallant and courageous action, Private Hochevar was undoubtedly responsible for saving the lives of many of his comrades who might have been killed or captured had the enemy assault succeeded. Next of kin: Caroline Hochevar (Mother), 121 Maplewood Avenue, Ambridge Pennsylvania.

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

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

✓ FRANK J. ROSSE, 02000673, Second Lieutenant, 397th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action during the period 5 January 1945 to 8 January 1945, in the vicinity of Rimling, France. Having relieved another unit in defensive positions near Rimling, Lieutenant Rosse and his platoon were shortly hemmed in by the enemy on three sides. Pinned to their fox holes for two days by hostile fire, Lieutenant Rosse skillfully controlled his men in defending their position and reported fire missions for our artillery. On the morning of the third day the enemy launched a coordinated infantry-tank attack following a heavy mortar and artillery barrage. Courageously repulsing the initial enemy penetrations until tanks overran a portion of his line, Lieutenant Rosse led his troops in a masterful withdrawal under concentrated enemy fire in which he was seriously wounded. By his heroic action and determination in leading his men to safety, Lieutenant Rosse reflected great credit upon himself and the military service. Next of kin: Suzanne Rosse (Wife), 629 West 135th Street, New York, New York.

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SECTION III -- AWARD OF SILVER STAR

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

NICHOLAS PONDO, 33037969, Technical Sergeant, 398th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 10 January 1945, in the vicinity of Reysersviller, France. When the platoon advancing directly in front of his own was pinned down by an intense concentration of enemy artillery and machine gun fire, and his platoon leader was wounded. Sergeant Pondo unhesitatingly assumed command of the platoon. Moving forward in the face of withering fire, he succeeded in locating the enemy positions, then returned to his unit and skillfully led his men to the crest of a nearby hill from which they were able to engage the enemy. Although soon observed by the hostile forces and subjected to a heavy barrage of mortar and artillery, Sergeant Pondo and his men laid down fire of such accuracy and intensity that the enemy machine gun crews quickly abandoned their weapons and took cover, thus affording troops which had been pinned down an opportunity to withdraw to a more advantageous position. Once this movement was accomplished, Sergeant Pondo and his group rejoined the company and organized for a second assault upon the hostile emplacements. By his gallantry and tactical skill, Sergeant Pondo enabled his comrades to extricate themselves from a precarious position and was undoubtedly responsible for saving the lives of many men. Entered military service from Erie, Pennsylvania.

CLAY R. HAYS, 33000207, Staff Sergeant, 397th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 1 January 1945, in the vicinity of Rimling, France. During a hostile attack in strength upon Rimling, Sergeant Hays directed mortar fire upon enemy forces from an observation post within the town itself, and by his initial adjustment of fire inflicted severe casualties and forced the attacking troops to withdraw in confusion. Reorganizing and launching a second attack, the enemy dispatched a patrol of twenty infantrymen which succeeded in infiltrating into the town and surrounding the observation post, but Sergeant Hays and his radio operator staunchly proceeded with their mission, continuing to direct effective mortar fire upon the main body of the enemy forces and simultaneously engaging the patrol with carbines and hand grenades. So successfully did Sergeant Hays and his assistant defend their position that the infiltrating enemy was forced to seek cover in nearby buildings where they were captured on the ensuing morning by friendly troops. Despite intense mortar, rocket and artillery shelling, as well as direct fire from eighty-eight millimeter guns which were attempting to destroy his vantage point, Sergeant Hays remained at his post for four days and nights, and by his courageous conduct contributed greatly to the defense of Rimling and reflected credit upon himself. Entered military service from Smithburg, Maryland.

CHARLES L. BOONEN, JR., 42010705, Sergeant (then Private First Class), 399th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 1 January 1945, in the vicinity of Schwangerbach, France. Sergeant Boonen (a truck driver) and his antitank squad were flanked on three sides by a strong enemy surprise attack which pinned them down with concentrated small arms fire. With the enemy steadily closing in and the situation becoming desperate, Sergeant Boonen on his own initiative and with complete disregard for his own safety, stood off alone, several yards from the rest of his group, in full view of the enemy and delivered effective fire with a submachine gun on the most threatening elements of the hostile force. Drawing the enemy fire upon himself in an outstanding display of courage, he enabled his comrades to withdraw in safety with valuable equipment. He then continued to hold off the enemy and, aided by another man, proceeded to wind up one hundred and fifty feet of winch cable on his truck rather than leave it behind when he ultimately withdrew. In his exemplary action and devotion to duty Sergeant Boonen reflected great credit upon himself and was an inspiration to his entire company. Entered military service from Blawenbergl, New Jersey.

ROBERT PFEIFFER, 32591374, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 12 January 1945, in the vicinity of Lemberg, France. When one of our fifty-seven millimeter guns was captured by the enemy, Private Pfeiffer volunteered to retrieve the sight and firing case from the weapon so as to render it useless to the enemy. Realizing the precariousness of his task, since the gun was in enemy territory, Private Pfeiffer courageously crawled and inched his way to the position of the weapon where, after carefully checking for booby traps he removed

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the firing case. Not having time to extract the sight because of enemy observation and fire upon him, he smashed and destroyed it in its place and skillfully withdrew under the hostile fire successfully completing his mission. Displaying keen presence of mind and exemplary courage throughout this action, Private Pfeiffer reflected great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Jersey City, New Jersey.

JOHN M. QUALLS, 38682921, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 1 January 1945, in the vicinity of Rimling, France. During a hostile attack upon Rimling, Private Qualls, a radio operator, transmitted vital mortar fire directions from an advanced observation post within the town itself, thereby contributing to the delivery of an accurate mortar barrage which inflicted severe casualties and dispersed the initial enemy attack in confusion. Reorganizing and launching a second assault, the enemy dispatched a patrol of twenty infantrymen who succeeded in infiltrating into the town and surrounding the observation post, but Private Qualls staunchly remained at his radio and continued to transmit fire adjustments upon the main body of hostile troops while simultaneously engaging the hostile patrol with carbine and hand grenades. So successfully did Private Qualls and the forward observer defend their position that the infiltrating riflemen were forced to seek cover in nearby buildings, where they were captured on the ensuing morning by friendly troops. Despite intense mortar, rocket and artillery shelling, as well as direct fire from eighty-eight millimeter guns which were attempting to destroy his vantage point, Private Qualls remained at his post for four days and nights, and by his courageous conduct contributed greatly to the defense of Rimling and reflected credit upon himself. Entered military service from Fort Worth, Texas.

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 in France:

LE ROY H. STAHL, 01298149, First Lieutenant, 398th Infantry Regiment, 24 January 1945. Entered military service from Cherokee, Iowa.

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 in France:

- DURWOOD H. CONROY, 34738257, Sergeant, 398th Infantry Regiment, 31 January 1945. Entered military service from Memphis, Tennessee.
- ROSCOE R. BASINGER, 34591512, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, 18 January 1945. Entered military service from Salisbury, North Carolina.
- ROBERT C. KOCHER, 42001110, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, 1 February 1945. Entered military service from Belvidere, New Jersey.
- FRANK A. PENNELL, 42013562, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, 4 February 1945. Entered military service from Canton, Ohio.
- GLENN H. SCHNADT, 16175541, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, 20 November 1944. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.
- WALTER E. GARBIE, 42135707, Private, 398th Infantry Regiment, 12 December 1944. Entered military service from New York, New York.
- FLOYD A. DINIUS, 35900421, Private, 398th Infantry Regiment, 19 November 1944. Entered military service from Plymouth, Indiana.
- HUBERT E. KELLISON, 42143939, Private, 398th Infantry Regiment, 30 January 1945. Entered military service from Massena, New York.

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

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

HAROLD C. HILL, 35803624, Technician Fifth Grade, 374th Field Artillery Battalion, for heroic achievement in action during the period 5 January to 9 January 1945, in the vicinity of Rimling, France. Assigned as radio operator to an artillery forward observer party, Corporal Hill manned an observation post within the town during the bitter defense of Rimling, and despite direct enemy artillery and mortar shelling efficiently transmitted vital fire directions to the artillery battalion command post. Corporal Hill's courageous conduct under the most hazardous conditions contributed to the prompt and accurate delivery of artillery fire upon the attacking enemy, and helped to make possible the repulse of repeated hostile assaults in strength. Entered military service from St. Louis, Missouri.

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:

HARVEY C. WEISEL, JR., 0295336, Lieutenant Colonel, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action during the period 8 November 1944 to 15 January 1945, in Eastern France. As commanding officer of the 2nd Battalion, Colonel Weisel demonstrated outstanding ability in leading his men to successfully complete all assigned missions with a minimum loss of personnel. During the stubborn battle for Raon L'Etape, he courageously directed his men from a forward outpost under heavy enemy fire, and in the advance from Puberg to Soucht, his men took every objective despite stubborn hostile resistance. During the attack on well-fortified positions of the Maginot Line, his skillful coordination of tank and artillery action with infantry movement enabled seizure of many enemy strongholds, and at all times, his leadership has materially aided the battalion in accomplishing its assignments. Entered military service from Allentown, Pennsylvania.

LELAND D. SCARBOROUGH, 01309845, Captain, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 19 December 1944, in the vicinity of Bitché, France. At 1700 hours on 19 December, one hundred and twenty enemy riflemen attacked Captain Scarborough's cannon company under cover of a heavy barrage. Within three minutes of the start of this action, under his skillful and efficient direction, his men were organized to return the enemy's fire and succeeded in completely breacking up the attack and inflicting numerous casualties amongst opposing troops. The swiftness with which his men reacted to this sudden attack is a great testimonial to Captain Scarborough's consistently outstanding leadership. Entered military service from Minneapolis, Minnesota.

LLOYD O. MICHAELS, JR., 01326307, First Lieutenant (then Second Lieutenant), 399th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 20 November 1944, in the vicinity of Raon L'Etape, France. Lieutenant Michaels and his platoon were assigned the mission of taking a vital hill and road network held by two enemy machine gun emplacements and several riflemen, some of whom were armed with machine pistols. In a frontal assault, which was necessitated by enemy location and terrain features, Lieutenant Michaels skillfully deployed his men and aggressively led them forward until halted by intense enemy fire. At this point, accompanied by a few men, Lieutenant Michaels courageously crawled forward to within several yards of the enemy where he personally led and directed an exchange of grenade and small arms fire with the hostile force and ultimately cleared them from the area killing five and captur-

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ing seven. By his heroic action, Lieutenant Michaels secured the important position and closed an exposed flank in the line. Entered military service from Tyrone, Pennsylvania.

ROBERT F. BENKE, 12002961, Technical Sergeant, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 4 December 1944, in the vicinity of Soucht, France. While advancing on an enemy-held village, Sergeant Benke's company was halted by a strong enemy force and, although engaging him with all available firepower, was unable to displace the opposing troops. Upon his own initiative Sergeant Benke assumed command of one squad of his platoon and led the men in an assault upon the left flank of the enemy. His skillfully-executed maneuver took the hostile force by surprise and forced its withdrawal, whereupon our troops quickly overran the positions and continued their advance. Entered military service from Buffalo, New York.

STEPHEN H. HADEN, 34572668, Sergeant, 375th Field Artillery Battalion, for heroic achievement in action during the period 9 November 1944 to 14 January 1945, in Eastern France. Throughout this period Sergeant Haden's capable and aggressive leadership of his wire section has resulted in maintenance of continuous contact between forward observers, liaison sections and the battalion fire direction center, thus enabling the swift and accurate adjustment of artillery fire in support of advancing infantry. During the attack on Fort Schliesseck, he and his wire crew successfully installed a line to the forward observer over terrain exposed to enemy observation and small arms and artillery fire, thereby facilitating eventual seizure of the enemy installation. Entered military service from Atlanta, Georgia.

THOMAS J. HAYES, 32654811, Sergeant (then Corporal), 399th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 2 January 1945, in the vicinity of Glassenberg, France. When members of his machine gun platoon became disorganized during a withdrawal, Sergeant Hayes upon his own initiative assumed the responsibilities of squad leader, and with men of his own unit and reinforcements from company headquarters established a new position in support of infantry forces. As a result of his aggressive action, hostile troops attempting to advance on the battalion were pinned to the ground and the company flank was secured. Entered military service from New York, New York.

GEORGE H. LUTHER, 31245355, Sergeant, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 26 December 1944, in the vicinity of Urbach, France. When the steering mechanism of a quarter-ton truck broke during a night reconnaissance mission, the vehicle was abandoned in an area between our lines and those of the enemy. Sergeant Luther upon his own initiative attempted to retrieve the vehicle. In company with another enlisted man, he succeeded in reaching the truck and towing it to safety despite continual harassing artillery fire from the enemy, thus salvaging an important piece of equipment. Entered military service from Eyster Center, Rhode Island.

ANDREW A. BRAFA, 33008824, Technician Fourth Grade, 374th Field Artillery Battalion, for heroic achievement in action during the period 4 January 1945 to 9 January 1945, in the vicinity of Rilling, France. During the critical days in which our forces staunchly defended Rilling against determined enemy counterattacks, Sergeant Brafa, radio operator, steadfastly remained at his forward outpost in a tower transmitting fire orders although exposed to constant heavy hostile shelling, and at times small arms fire. When the intensity of the fierce battle heightened, he ably assisted the forward observer by personally directing fire missions on hostile targets, and by his outstanding performance under fire contributed materially to the successful defense of our positions. Entered military service from Baltimore, Maryland.

JOSEPH F. SALERNO, 12204198, Technician Fourth Grade, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 26 December 1944, in the vicinity of Urbach, France. When the steering mechanism on a quarter-ton truck broke during a night reconnaissance, the vehicle was abandoned in an area between our lines and those of the enemy. Acting upon their own initiative, Sergeant Salerno and another soldier ventured into the hazardous area in the face of heavy hostile artillery fire and, although continually harassed by the enemy shelling, succeeded in towing the abandoned truck to the safety of friendly lines, thus salvaging valuable equipment which would otherwise have been lost. Entered military service from Passaic, New Jersey.

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**JOHN J. UHRIN, JR.**, 32593587, Corporal, 374th Field Artillery Battalion, for heroic achievement in action during the period 4 January to 9 January 1945, in the vicinity of Rimling, France. During the bitter and protracted defense of Rimling, Corporal Uhrin served as radio operator of an artillery forward observer party and, despite intense enemy small arms and artillery fire directed upon his position, courageously remained at his post and accurately transmitted vital fire adjustments upon attacking enemy troops. His efficient discharge of his duties under the most hazardous conditions contributed markedly to the delivery of demoralizing artillery fire, which was instrumental in the repulse of repeated enemy attacks in strength. Entered military service from Elizabeth, New Jersey.

**JOSEPH J. BALSAM**, 32654951, Technician Fifth Grade, 375th Field Artillery Battalion, for heroic achievement in action during the period 6 November 1944 to 18 January 1945, in Eastern France. Throughout this period as a radio operator for a forward observer, and later for a liaison section, Corporal Balsam displayed courage and aggressiveness under enemy fire in maintaining radio communications when wire contact failed. On many occasions he carried his radio forward over terrain exposed to enemy observation, shelling and small arms fire, and during the battle for Fort Schiosseck his excellent work in transmitting fire missions enabled the delivery of accurate supporting fire on hostile targets. Entered military service from New York, New York.

**GEORGE J. BRUNO**, 32652835, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action during the period 1 November 1944 to 16 January 1945 in Eastern France. As a platoon messenger Private Bruno has courageously and efficiently discharged his duties in numerous encounters with the enemy repeatedly exposing himself to hostile fire to complete his tasks. On one occasion when a fifty-seven millimeter gun was subjected to heavy enemy mortar fire and faced with possible destruction because the prime mover was not available, Private Bruno using his quarter-ton truck moved the exposed gun to a position of safety. By his initiative and aggressive action a valuable piece of property was saved. Entered military service from Bronx, New York.

**BENNIE R. COOK**, 36953953, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 30 December 1944, in the vicinity of Bitcho, France. When volunteers were called for to participate in a night patrol to attack enemy positions and bring back prisoners, Private Cook unhesitatingly offered to take part in this hazardous mission. When contact with the enemy was made, a furious fire fight ensued, during which he effectively guarded the patrol's flank against possible counterattack, firing his rifle with great accuracy and inflicting numerous casualties. His courageous performance aided in wiping out the hostile position and in the capture of one German prisoner. Entered military service from Byron Center, Michigan.

**RAYMOND B. DIX**, 39926942, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 8 January 1945, in the vicinity of Bitcho, France. When Private Dix's company was preparing defensive entrenchments after securing its objective, enemy shelling disrupted communications between his platoon and the company commander. Leaving his partially completed foxhole, Private Dix unhesitatingly braved hostile mortar fire which had killed two other members of his platoon in order to locate and splice the break in the wire line. As a direct result of his action, the platoon was informed of the need to shift position to meet an enemy counterattack and the hostile assault was repulsed. Entered military service from Centerville, Utah.

**PETER J. ELSBURY**, 33085834, Private First Class, 374th Field Artillery Battalion, for heroic achievement in action during the period 30 December 1944 to 5 January 1945, in the vicinity of Rimling, France. Despite repeated attempts by the enemy to drive him from his position by direct artillery, tank and small arms fire, Private Elsbury courageously remained at his post as radio operator for an artillery forward observer party, and by his accurate transmission of fire directions was instrumental in the delivery of effective artillery fire in support of our defending troops. By his efficient discharge of his duties under the most hazardous conditions, Private Elsbury contributed materially to the defense of Rimling against savage and determined enemy attacks in strength. Entered military service from Marietta, Pennsylvania.

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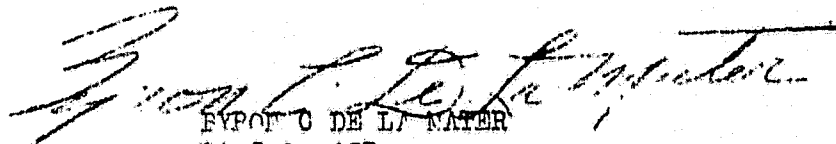
ROBERT HOGAN, 31068905, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 18 December 1944, in the vicinity of Bitché, France. When hostile action severed C Company's wire line to the battalion command post threatening its position, Private Hogan and two other men were assigned the hazardous mission of restoring communications. Traversing open ground subjected to enemy observation and sniper fire, they quickly found the break and spliced the wire, and by their courageous performance under enemy fire facilitated the successful defense of the company's positions. Entered military service from Farmington, New Hampshire.

CHARLES F. HUMMEL, 19172332, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action during the period 17 December 1944 to 21 December 1944, in the vicinity of Bitché, France. During the bitterly contested attack against Maginot Line defenses, Private Hummel participated as a rifleman in the capture and holding of Fort Schiesseck. Through intense artillery, mortar and small arms fire from fortified enemy positions, he completed his every mission through the long encounter, displaying magnificent courage and determinedly discharging his duties until he was seriously wounded. Entered military service from Boise, Idaho.

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SECTION I -- AWARD OF SOLDIERS MEDAL

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

MARTIN O. ANDERSON, 36418022, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroism not involving actual conflict with the enemy on 21 December 1944, in the vicinity of Bitché, France. Private Anderson and his two comrades were, on this occasion, occupying a "standing type, three-man fox hole", partially covered by logs, the exit from which was by means of a narrow sloped opening. When Private Anderson was removing grenades from a carton which had been issued to him, one of the grenades fell from the carton, the pin came out, and the safety handle became unlocked. Realizing the imminent danger to both him and his comrades, Private Anderson picked up the grenade to throw it out of the fox hole, but suddenly recalled that there were other men of his company in the immediate vicinity. With the grenade still in his hand and the explosion imminent, he was attempting to place it in a harmless position among the logs through a small opening in the log covering, when the grenade exploded, amputating his hand at the wrist. As a result of this magnificent display of courage, not only were the lives of his comrades saved, but they were spared the slightest wounds. Entered military service from Grand Rapids, Michigan.

SECTION II -- AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

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

FRANCIS W. BRADBURY, 0475658, Captain, Medical Detachment, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 9 January 1945, in the vicinity of Guising, France. When our forces attacked positions fourteen hundred yards northwest of Guising, Captain Bradbury, in order to provide immediate medical attention for casualties, established the battalion aid station within the town itself despite the danger of enemy shelling. As our attack was launched, fire from mortars, rockets and eighty-eight millimeter guns inflicted fifteen casualties inside the town. Captain Bradbury remained at his post and treated the wounded under enemy fire. When a shell struck the roof of the aid station itself, he ordered all walking wounded to the basement of the building but continued to treat the more seriously injured casualties above stairs. As a result of Captain Bradbury's courageous devotion to duty, prompt evacuation of wounded was made possible and the lives of men who might otherwise have succumbed to their wounds were saved. Entered military service from Brewer, Maine.

HENRY G. JACKSON, JR., 0532770, First Lieutenant, 374th Field Artillery, for heroic achievement in action during the period 30 December 1944 to 5 January 1945, in the vicinity of Rimling, France. As artillery forward observer, Lieutenant Jackson with other members of his party occupied an observation post within the town during the defense of Rimling against powerful and concentrated enemy attacks. Despite direct artillery and mortar fire delivered against his position, which was under enemy observation, Lieutenant Jackson resolutely remained at his post and by his efficient adjustment of fire enabled our artillery to render vital support to infantry units which succeeded in repulsing repeated hostile assaults. Entered military service from Birmingham, Alabama.



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ANTHONY SCARPITTA, 01533908, First Lieutenant, Medical Detachment, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 11 January 1945, in the vicinity of Lambach, France. When the village in which the battalion aid station was located was subjected to intense artillery fire, several soldiers were wounded and transported to the station for medical attention by Lieutenant Scarpitta. Before treatment and evacuation of the casualties could be completed, enemy artillery again fell on the village and one shell struck the building which housed the aid station itself, killing three civilians and wounding a soldier on an upper floor. Despite the continuing fire, Lieutenant Scarpitta remained at his post and courageously proceeded with his treatment of the wounded, then removed the casualties to the comparative safety of the basement. His devotion to duty was unquestionably responsible for saving the lives of men who might otherwise have succumbed to wounds. Entered military service from Baltimore, Maryland.

HARRIS J. MARTIN, JR., 02000707, Second Lieutenant (then Sergeant), 375th Field Artillery Battalion, for heroic achievement in action during the period 6 November 1944 to 23 December 1944, in Eastern France. During this period as assistant to the forward observer officer, Lieutenant Martin displayed great skill under enemy fire in directing fire missions on enemy targets and personnel with great destructive effect. On 3 December when his assigned infantry unit was isolated by enemy action and he was unable to adjust artillery fire due to the closeness of the opposing forces, he bravely assisted in repulsing the enemy with small arms fire. His outstanding performance at all times has materially contributed to the success of the infantry's missions. Entered military service from East Orange, New Jersey.

JOHN H. EASTBURN, 37632607, Staff Sergeant, 399th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 30 December 1944, in the vicinity of Urbach, France. While leading his reconnaissance patrol into a town, Sergeant Eastburn and his men encountered heavy enemy sniper fire. Sergeant Eastburn skillfully maneuvered his men to new and effective positions from which they engaged the enemy in a fire fight, ultimately clearing them from the town and capturing sixteen prisoners. He then led and directed his men in demolishing an important bridge which afforded the enemy a direct route into the town. By his initiative and courageous action Sergeant Eastburn obtained vital information concerning the enemy and denied him the only direct route into the town. Entered military service from Springfield, Missouri.

ROBERT W. BARR, 6883519, Sergeant (then Private First Class), 399th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from Keyser, West Virginia.

DOMINIC A. MARCO, 36354895, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

PAUL HOUSLER, 36186338, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from Vermontville, Michigan.

FICK W. WOUJARIS, 35073935, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from Weirton, West Virginia.

For heroic achievement in action on 2 January 1945, in the vicinity of Freudenberg Farms, France. These men, all members of a heavy machine gun squad, had set up their position in a barn. During a strong enemy attack which was preceded by a heavy enemy rocket barrage, the barn was set afire by a direct hit. Displaying initiative and devoting themselves to duty, these men immediately established another position although it was exposed to enemy artillery and small arms fire, and operated their machine gun with devastating effect in the face of a direct enemy advance. By their outstanding courage and skill, they caused heavy enemy casualties and successfully repulsed the attack.

RAYMOND C. THORSTED, 19209666, Sergeant (then Private First Class), 399th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 30 December 1944, in the vicinity of Bitch, France. On four different occasions, Sergeant Thorsted volunteered to engage in hazardous reconnaissance and combat patrols, and on each occasion he distinguished himself with marked bravery and skill. On the night of 30 December, while engaged in a patrol with the mission of attacking an enemy position and taking prisoners for interrogation, he effectively participated in the fire fight which ensued, protecting the patrol's rear from hostile ambush, and at the same time, single-handedly captured a German prisoner, whom he brought back to our lines. His aggressive performance helped eliminate an enemy position and enabled his unit to obtain valuable information on opposing installations. Entered military service from Ogden, Utah.

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DANTE E. CASSIANI, 31087569, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 1 January 1945, in the vicinity of Bitché, France. Voluntarily remaining behind to participate in a defensive action to facilitate the safe withdrawal of our troops, when attacking forces threatened the battalion right flank and rear, Private Cassiani and others fought a skillful delaying action. Warding off the enemy with deadly rifle fire, they held their positions in sufficient time for our forward observer, located at the command post, to direct accurate artillery fire on the advancing hostile troops, thus slowing their progress and thereby enabled our forces to withdraw to new defensive positions. Entered military service from Newton Centre, Massachusetts.

LOYD J. SMITH, 34983921, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 1 January 1945, in the vicinity of Bitché, France. When his combined company command post and forward observer station was threatened by a strong enemy counterattack, Private Smith along with other men volunteered to stay behind to protect the position and enable observed artillery fire to be placed on the advancing enemy. Engaging in a fierce fire fight, these riflemen delivered accurate and destructive fire causing many casualties amongst the opposing troops, effectively delaying their progress. Holding their positions until completely outflanked by the enemy, they then fought their way back to new defense lines, and by their courageous action enabled the withdrawal of our forces with a minimum of casualties. Entered military service from Tullahoma, Tennessee.

ROBERT E. WIKMAN, 31314462, Private First Class, 374th Field Artillery Battalion, for heroic achievement in action during the period 30 December 1944 to 5 January 1945, in the vicinity of Rimling, France. Throughout this week in which the enemy stubbornly attempted to drive his forward observer party from a building in Rimling, and subjected it to repeated bombardment by artillery and mortars, Private Wikman displayed great courage in remaining at his post and successfully performing his duties as wireman and radio operator. On many occasions, he ventured forth in the face of concentrated enemy small arms fire to swiftly and efficiently repair severed lines, and by his tireless devotion to duty succeeded in maintaining continuous wire and radio communications, thereby enabling the delivery of effective artillery support. Entered military service from Bridgeport, Connecticut.

JOHN F. HEMINGBROUGH, 32912025, Private, 374th Field Artillery Battalion, for heroic achievement in action during the period 30 December 1944 to 5 January 1945, in the vicinity of Rimling, France. As a wireman and radio operator assigned to an artillery forward observer party, Private Hemingbrough manned an observation post under direct enemy fire and by his efficient maintenance of communications contributed to the effective transmission of artillery fire directions during repeated enemy attacks in strength. On numerous occasions Private Hemingbrough courageously exposed himself to enemy action in repairing breaks in vital wire lines, and staunchly remained at his post despite determined efforts by the enemy to make his position untenable by direct small arms, artillery and tank fire. Entered military service from Asbury Park, New Jersey.

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 in France:

TONY J. ZUVELLA, 35593676, Sergeant, 399th Infantry Regiment, 5 February 1945. Entered military service from Bellaire, Ohio.

JAMES S. WHITE, 35834266, Private, 397th Infantry Regiment, 24 January 1945. Entered military service from Amlin, 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 in France:

JAMES M. WRIGHT, 6883740, Staff Sergeant, 39th Infantry Regiment, 19 November 1944. Entered military service from Clarksburg, West Virginia.

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JOHN J. MIZAR, 36726874, Sergeant, 399th Infantry Regiment, 6 February 1945. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

LESTER J. MC BANE, 35398302, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment, 6 February 1945. Entered military service from Barberton, Ohio.

HUGH P. PRICE, 38402628, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment, 3 February 1945. Entered military service from Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

HENRY J. FERLIN, 36785431, Private First Class, Medical Detachment, 397th Infantry Regiment, 12 November 1944. Entered military service from Joliet, Illinois.

LYNN T. JOHNSON, 33758985, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, 14 November 1944. Entered military service from Grassflat, Pennsylvania.

MACK W. OLSEN, 20840096, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, 13 November 1944. Entered military service from Fort Collins, Colorado.

JOHN H. MASTRACCO, 42107948, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, 14 November 1944. Entered military service from Rome, New York.

SECTION V -- RESCISSION OF AWARD OF PURPLE HEART

*FK* So much of Section III, General Orders Number 30, this headquarters, current series, as awards a Purple Heart to JAMES S. WHITE, 35834266, Private, 397th Infantry Regiment, is rescinded. (See Section III of this order)

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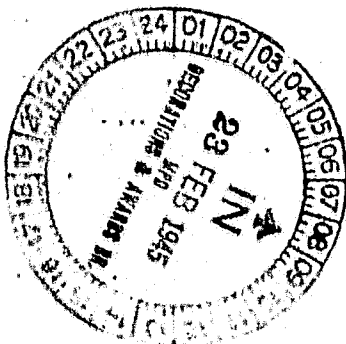
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SECTION I -- AWARD OF SOLDIERS MEDAL

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

FREDERICK D. LAUTH, 33280162, Technical Sergeant, 100th Quartermaster Company. Entered military service from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

AUGUST L. WELLS, 33002011, Sergeant, 100th Quartermaster Company. Entered military service from Cumberland, Maryland.

For heroism not involving actual conflict with the enemy on 31 December 1944, in the vicinity of Baccarat, France. While returning from a quartermaster supply dump, Sergeants Lauth and Wells saw an oncoming truck skid on the icy road, crash into a tree, careen back onto the highway and burst into flames. Sergeant Wells immediately halted his own vehicle, seized a fire extinguisher, and with Sergeant Lauth raced to the flaming truck. Without thought for their own safety, Sergeant Wells heroically battled the flames which threatened momentarily to explode the gasoline tank, while Sergeant Lauth forced his way into the blazing cab and removed the unconscious driver. After extinguishing the flames, the two enlisted men removed the wrecked vehicle from the highway by means of the winch on their truck, then administered aid to and transported the casualty to an evacuation hospital. The courageous and unhesitating action of Sergeants Lauth and Wells were without doubt instrumental in saving the life of the injured soldier.

SECTION II -- AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

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

JOSEPH R. RICH, 0511151, Captain, Medical Detachment, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action during the period 8 November 1944 to 17 January 1945, in Eastern France. Throughout this period as battalion surgeon, Captain Rich demonstrated great bravery and skill in treating the wounds of all casualties despite repeated exposure to hostile artillery and mortar shelling. On 17 January, Lambach, the building housing the battalion aid station, was shelled frequently although there was one direct hit, Captain Rich remained at his post, swiftly and efficiently rendering medical attention to the wounded, and by his courageous duty saved the lives of several wounded men. Entered military service at Columbus, Ohio.

... cover and repair several breaks until contact was restored. By his courage and perseverance, Sergeant Morris made possible effective coordination between his and adjacent units. Entered military service from Jonesboro, Carolina.

JAMES W. PRICE, JR., 6054802, Staff Sergeant, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action during the period 18 December 1944 to 21 December 1944, in the vicinity of Bitch, France. During the long and bitterly contested engagement against forts in the Maginot Line, Sergeant Price as company supply sergeant displayed unflinching courage and exemplary initiative in maintaining his unit's supply of vitally needed items. Over roads that were constantly under artillery, mortar and small arms fire, he repeatedly brought up food, ammunition and equipment which greatly aided his company in completing their mission. On his return trips to the rear he personally assisted and evacuated numerous casualties and in addition transported enemy prisoners, completely devoting himself to duty with perseverance and resourcefulness. Entered military service from Dallas, Texas.

LOUIS E. BRADLEY, 3890636, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 1 January 1945, in the vicinity of Bitch, France. When the enemy launched a strong attack on his company's command post which was also being used as an artillery observation outpost, Private Bradley and several others volunteered to remain behind to protect the position and cover the withdrawal of Company B. Throughout the fierce fire fight which ensued, he and his comrades poured accurate and destructive fire upon the advancing hostile troops inflicting many casualties, and effectively delaying the enemy's progress. The position was abandoned only after they had been hopelessly out-flanked, but by their heroic performance the withdrawal of their unit was made possible. Entered military service from Baltimore, Maryland.

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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:

ANTHONY C. BRUNO, 12204276, Staff Sergeant, 398th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 7 December 1944, in the vicinity of Enchenberg, France. Assigned the mission of securing high ground, Sergeant Bruno led his squad acting as point for his company's advance. Reaching a vital road junction and sensing the area as being dangerous and possibly mined, Sergeant Bruno withdrew his scouts and advanced and reconnoitered the area alone. He stepped on an S-mine and suffered wounds which later proved fatal, but disregarding his injuries, he summoned a member of his squad and pointed out a safe path through the mined locality, enabling his company to proceed with no casualties and complete its mission. By his courageous action, Sergeant Bruno exemplified the high traditions of the military service and reflected great credit upon himself. Next of kin: Laurel I. Bruno (Wife), 22 Charles Street, East Orange, New Jersey.

HOWARD F. DOLPHIN, 17170453, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 4 December 1944, in the vicinity of Soucht, France. Successfully achieving its objective, Private Dolphin's company was engaged in preparing defensive positions when it was subjected to a strong counterattack by the enemy. Acting upon his own initiative, Private Dolphin courageously moved forward to a position upon the flank of the attacking force, and, by accurate and effective fire directed at the advancing troops, succeeded in temporarily halting the enemy assault. His comrades, thus provided with an opportunity to organize their defenses, were able to subsequently repulse the counterattack. Private Dolphin, who was killed by enemy rifle fire in this engagement, was undoubtedly responsible for saving the lives of many of the members of his company who might have been killed or captured had the hostile assault succeeded. Next of kin: James J. Dolphin (Father), 140 West Union Street, Manchester, Iowa.

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:

HOMER H. HALL, 16102325, Sergeant, 399th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 1 January 1945, in the vicinity of Bitché, France. When infiltrating enemy infantry threatened to surround our artillery observation post during a night attack, Sergeant Hall, acting upon his own initiative, loaded a machine gun and ammunition on his quarter-ton truck and drove to the observation post under intense enemy sniper fire. The weapon which he thus delivered at great risk to his own life, made it possible for the personnel of the observation post to drive off the attacking troops and continue the accurate direction of artillery fire which was covering the withdrawal of our forces. Sergeant Hall was later reported as missing in action in this engagement. Next of kin: Fred Y. Hall (Father), 416 East Howard Street, Colfax, Iowa.

SECTION III -- AWARD OF SILVER STAR

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

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EDWARD D. SMITH, O7295954, Captain, 398th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 10 January 1945, in the vicinity of Meyersviller, France. When the company under his command was assigned the mission of driving the enemy from a wooded area, Captain Smith skillfully directed the advance into the woods and the silencing of a hostile machine gun emplacement. The company was aggressively moving forward when it was subjected to a sudden concentration of artillery, mortar, automatic weapons and small arms fire. Captain Smith, who had been directing the operation from a position immediately behind the leading platoon, at once made his way forward in the face of the fire to reorganize his men for an assault on the hostile emplacements. Before he could accomplish his purpose, he was severely wounded, but he refused evacuation until his second in command came forward and had been acquainted with the situation. The personal courage and devotion to duty thus displayed by Captain Smith won for him the deserved admiration of all members of his organization. Entered military service from Sheffield, Pennsylvania.

MARLAND E. BENNER, 13203834, Corporal (then Private First Class), 397th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 9 January 1945, in the vicinity of Rimling, France. When the enemy launched a determined attack upon our positions, they approached to within twenty yards before being forced back and pinned down. Two weapons of his mortar platoon opened fire and Corporal Benner, an ammunition bearer, although in an exposed position remained upright in full view of the enemy, and adjusted fire upon the enemy so effectively that the opposing troops were unable to put any of their three light machine guns into action. Despite shells from our own mortars which occasionally struck within thirty-five yards of him and the constant enemy small arms fire, Corporal Benner succeeded in inflicting severe casualties upon the hostile force. His bravery and aggressiveness under fire were in the highest tradition of the American soldier. Entered military service from Springfield, Massachusetts.

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 in France:

STEPHEN CHAIAGA, 33807588, Private, 399th Infantry Regiment, 7 December 1944. Entered military service from Chester, Pennsylvania.

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 in France:

ELROY L. PERKINS, 12239325, Staff Sergeant, 397th Infantry Regiment, 10 February 1945. Entered military service from Chenango Forks, New York.

JAMES L. HASSELSCHMERT, 35558509, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment, 6 November 1944. Entered military service from Defiance, Ohio.

VESTAL J. DILLINGHAM, JR., 34867342, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, 8 February 1945. Entered military service from Barnardsville, North Carolina.

RAYMOND A. OREN, JR., 33748919, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, 10 February 1945. Entered military service from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

MILLE J. BOSSIE, 31178683, Private First Class, 374th Field Artillery Battalion, 13 February 1945. Entered military service from Lowell, Massachusetts.

EARL D. GROFF, 35737131, Private, 399th Infantry Regiment, 28 January 1945. Entered military service from New Philadelphia, Ohio.

CLAUDE O. JONES, 34914359, Private, 399th Infantry Regiment, 2 February 1945. Entered military service from Escatawpa, Mississippi.

WALTER J. BOWSER, 33700643, Private, 399th Infantry Regiment, 2 February 1945. Entered military service from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

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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:

WILLIAM R. GILMOUR, 32592522, Sergeant, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action during the period 17 December 1944 to 19 December 1944, in Eastern France. In an attack against the strongly defended concrete fortifications of Forts Freudenberg and Schiesseck of the Maginot Line, Sergeant Gilmour led his squad in its assault with outstanding bravery and tactical skill. Braving direct and unremitting fire from hostile small arms, eighty-eight millimeter guns and heavier artillery, and advancing through barbed wire upon which the enemy laid direct and observed fire, Sergeant Gilmour displayed magnificent courage in leading and directing the storming of the hostile emplacements, and subsequently defended the newly-won positions with great gallantry in the face of repeated counterattacks until he was mortally wounded. Next of kin: Elizabeth Gilmour (Mother), 122 Windsor Street, Kearny, New Jersey.

JAMES C. COFFEY, 35705812, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action during the period 17 December 1944 to 19 December 1944, in the vicinity of Bitche, France. Participating in the attacks against the strongly fortified enemy emplacements in the Maginot Line, Private Coffey, a rifleman, repeatedly braved incessant artillery, mortar and close small arms fire, as he continually advanced through barbed wire entanglements. After reaching his objective, he courageously and determinedly assisted in holding the newly-won ground despite heavy enemy counterattacks and numerous attempts to infiltrate our lines. Suffering mortal wounds in this action, Private Coffey contributed greatly to the successful capture of these forts by his unit. Next of kin: Dicie Coffey (Mother), Route Number One, Box 196, Monticello, Kentucky.

JOHN J. LEVEREAUX, 13154970, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 17 December 1944 and 18 December 1944, in the vicinity of Bitche, France. When his company attacked strongly fortified positions of the Maginot Line, Private Devereaux displayed magnificent courage in performing his duties as rifleman. Advancing in the face of concentrated bombardment and direct small arms fire, he participated in the final assault on a hostile pillbox, and then, despite frequent desperate attempts of the enemy to recapture the position, held his ground warding off every counterattack until mortally wounded by enemy fire. His valorous action in complete devotion to duty served as a great inspiration to his fighting comrades. Next of kin: Elizabeth Devereaux (Mother), 124 Reinhart Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

VERNON L. IGO, 38407167, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action during the period 17 December 1944 to 24 December 1944, in the vicinity of Bitche, France. During this week in which his company assaulted hostile strongpoints of the Maginot Line, Private Igo displayed great bravery and skill, in complete disregard of his personal safety, by advancing repeatedly in the face of concentrated shelling and automatic weapons fire. Often forced to pass through barbed wire entanglements on which the enemy placed direct small arms fire, he and his fellow riflemen stormed and captured several enemy positions, and then despite many desperate counterattacks, successfully and heroically aided his company to hold the newly-won ground although mortally wounded in the action. Next of kin: Nora Igo (Mother), Biolo, California.

RICHARD J. LLOYD, 35921195, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 17 December 1944 and 18 December 1944, in the vicinity of Bitche, France. Throughout the two day battle for enemy-occupied ground



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northwest of Bitche, Private Lloyd valorously performed every mission assigned to him. Although subjected to small arms and automatic weapons fire, he moved forward with his fellow riflemen to capture several enemy emplacements, and then held them in the face of fierce opposing counterattacks, and by his courageous performance under fire enabled achievement of the objective. During the intense fighting subsequent to this engagement, he was fatally wounded. Next of kin: Edna F. Lloyd (Mother), Route Number One, Wellsville, Ohio.

CHARLES BORJON, 19098293, Private, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action during the period 17 December 1944 to 19 December 1944, in the vicinity of Bitche, France. When his company was given the mission of storming and securing stubbornly-defended concrete fortifications of the enemy-held Maginot Line, Private Borjon carried out his assignments as a member of a rifle squad with outstanding courage and aggressiveness. Braving direct and unremitting fire from eighty-eight millimeter and heavier artillery, and advancing through barbed wire entanglements upon which the enemy laid direct and observed fire, Private Borjon contributed greatly to the attainment of the objective, and subsequently defended his position with great gallantry in the face of repeated hostile counterattacks until he was mortally wounded. Next of kin: Rose Olivares (Sister), 3739 S Street, Andrews Place, Los Angeles, California.

MARVIN L. STEPHENS, 34737366, Private, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action during the period 17 December 1944 to 19 December 1944, in the vicinity of Bitche, France. When our forces stormed strongly entrenched hostile positions in the vicinity of Fort Schiesseck, Private Stephens was in the vanguard of riflemen who advanced in the face of intense bombardment, passing through barbed wire entanglements on which the enemy placed direct small arms fire, to assault and capture several bitterly defended installations. Then participating in the defensive action which denied this newly-won ground to the enemy, he was fatally wounded, but his heroic action in which he so nobly gave his life was an inspiration to his comrades. Next of kin: Eula B. Stephens (Mother), Route Number One, Franklin, Tennessee.

SECTION II -- AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

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

PAUL W. GOODMAN, 01696618, Captain, 325th Medical Battalion, for heroic achievement in action on 19 November 1944, in the vicinity of La Trouthe, France. When he was informed of the presence of twenty-six casualties in forward areas, all of whom had been wounded for a period of twenty-four hours or more and whose evacuation was considered impossible because of enemy fire pre-registered on evacuation routes, Captain Goodman immediately and voluntarily took steps to effect the rescue of the casualties. Although exposed to continuous enemy artillery and mortar fire, Captain Goodman personally reconnoitered all possible cross-country routes. Selecting the most feasible routes he led litter squads into the casualty area after nightfall. As a result of his efforts all wounded were rendered medical attention and borne to the rear and many men who might otherwise have succumbed to their wounds were saved. Entered military service from Memphis, Tennessee.

NATHAN H. FRANKLIN, 0547341, First Lieutenant, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action during the period 14 November 1944 to 22 January 1945, in Eastern France. Lieutenant Franklin has led his rifle platoon in an outstanding manner through the Vosges and Bitche campaigns. In the defense of Rimling, Lieutenant Franklin maintained an observation post on the second floor of a house continuously subjected to intense enemy artillery fire. When a strong enemy attack forced two battalions from his regiment to withdraw from the town, Lieutenant Franklin led his platoon in the covering action for the entire group, and not a single casualty was suffered by his platoon or any of the withdrawing troops. Entered military service from Modus, Connecticut.

HERBERT E. GUY, 01320233, First Lieutenant, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action during the period 24 December 1944 to 5 January 1945, in the vicinity of Rimling, France. When his platoon was ordered to take up defensive positions, Lieutenant Gunn carefully and skillfully supervised his men in the stra-

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tegic selection of positions and the construction of substantial log-covered fox holes commanding excellent fields of observation and fire. As a result of this foresight and his outstanding leadership, when the enemy repeatedly attacked in force during a five day period, every assault was repulsed with severe casualties inflicted on opposing troops, and although his men were subjected to the most concentrated artillery, mortar and small arms fire the enemy could muster, not a single inch of ground was lost and not a single casualty was suffered by his men. Entered military service from Waco, Texas.

SAMUEL TEITELBAUM, 01310651, First Lieutenant, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action during the period 17 December 1944 to 24 December 1944, in the vicinity of Bitche, France. Displaying outstanding leadership and marked coolness in action, platoon leader Lieutenant Teitelbaum courageously led his men in a successful frontal assault on several hostile pillboxes in the face of intense enemy shelling and small arms fire. After securing these objectives, he skillfully directed his men in the ensuing defensive action which repelled every hostile attempt to dislodge his men, and despite the continuing intensity of enemy action, his platoon held its ground until relieved by another unit. Entered military service from Brooklyn, New York.

JOSEPH SHOVLOWSKY, 01692641, Second Lieutenant, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 29 December 1944 and 30 December 1944, in the vicinity of Erching, France. When Lieutenant Shovlowsky's thirteen man patrol encountered a hostile force of at least fifty men in Erching, despite the overwhelming superiority of the enemy, he ordered his men to engage the opposing troops and a fierce fire fight ensued. Aggressively directing the fire of his men, he simultaneously called for supporting mortar fire, which he at times adjusted to scarcely twenty-five yards forward of his position. As a result of his skillful and heroic leadership, his men completely routed the hostile force, inflicting many casualties, and captured three prisoners. Entered military service from Holden, Massachusetts.

CHARLES M. WHORTON, 6954805, Technical Sergeant, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 20 December 1944, in the vicinity of Bitche, France. Leading an assault group against Fort Freudenberg in the Maginot Line, Sergeant Whorton encountered a large enemy force and a heavy fire fight ensued. Displaying courage and skill, Sergeant Whorton led his comrades in forcing the enemy to retire with heavy casualties. Undeterred by a concentration of eighty-eight's which followed the unsuccessful enemy attack, Sergeant Whorton reorganized his men and continued on to lead them in the capture of the fortress. Entered military service from Dallas, Texas.

JOSEPH OLSOFSKY, 31273041, Staff Sergeant, 399th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 20 November 1944, in the vicinity of Raon L'Etape, France. Assigned the mission of taking a vitally important enemy held hill and road network, Sergeant Olsosky aggressively led his men forward in a frontal assault which was necessitated by the enemy's location and the nature of the terrain. When, within the proximity of the enemy's well camouflaged positions, they were temporarily halted by machine gun and other automatic fire, Sergeant Olsosky crawled with four other comrades to within several yards of the enemy and, after an exchange of grenade and small arms fire, they succeeded in clearing the area of hostile forces capturing seven and killing five. Entered military service from Bridgeport, Connecticut.

MARSHALL E. WILLIAMS, 7007897, Staff Sergeant (then Sergeant), 399th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 20 November 1944, in the vicinity of Raon L'Etape, France. When ordered to wipe out two enemy machine gun emplacements covering a road intersection, squad leader Sergeant Williams heroically led his men forward in a frontal assault. When halted by intense fire, he delivered rapid and effective shots to cover the advance of his comrades who crawled to the enemy positions and demolished them with hand grenades. As a result of his skillful and brave leadership, his men succeeded in neutralizing the enemy position, killing five and capturing seven, thus closing a gap between adjacent friendly units. Entered military service from Morganton, North Carolina.

WILLIAM H. MACKLEM, 36129951, Corporal, 399th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action during the period 6 November 1944 to 19 January 1945, in Eastern France. On 2 January, when overwhelmingly superior forces closed in on his

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mortar platoon and threatened it with encirclement, Corporal Mac'lem insisted that he could swiftly transport both men and equipment to nearby high ground, despite the extremely rough and hilly nature of the terrain and the severity of enemy action. Given permission to make the attempt, he applied himself diligently, and displaying great initiative and bravery, successfully accomplished his hazardous mission, thereby saving six vehicles and the platoon's equipment and weapons from capture. Entered military service from Lexington, Michigan.

WILLIAM K. POWER, 32483781, Technician Fifth Grade, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action during the period 14 November 1944 to 12 January 1945, in Eastern France. Corporal Power valorously performed his duties as switchboard operator throughout all the hazardous engagements in which his unit has participated. During the battle for Rimling, he remained at his post for a period of sixty-two hours transmitting fire orders although the building from which he was operating was subjected to heavy shelling which succeeded in caving in one side of the structure. As a result of his tireless and courageous performance of duty, he has enormously contributed to the achievement of his unit's supporting missions. Entered military service from Morrisville, Pennsylvania.

ADOLPH J. DZIEGIEL, 31214658, Private First Class, 925th Field Artillery Battalion, for heroic achievement in action during the period 1 November 1944 to 22 January 1945 in Eastern France. Since his first day of combat duty, Private Dzielgael devotedly drove his vehicle, often under enemy observation and heavy fire, to supply his wire team with the necessary materiel for installation of communication lines, many times proceeding on foot and carrying reels to permit completion of lines. Frequently, when hostile artillery action severed our wires, he volunteered to assist in the repair of breaks, and as a result of his consistently efficient and brave performance has contributed to the maintenance of almost uninterrupted communications. Entered military service from Adams, Massachusetts.

LUTHER M. KUSTERER, 36896240, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action during the period 14 November 1944 to 12 January 1945, in Eastern France. Throughout a determined enemy attack on our positions in Rimling, Private Kusterer, switchboard operator, courageously transmitted urgent calls from the companies and forward observers requesting supporting fire. Although the building in which he was located was subjected to enemy fire which demolished one side of the structure, he steadfastly remained at his post for a period of sixty-two hours, efficiently performing his duties, thereby contributing materially to the successful defense of the town. Entered military service from Chelsea, Michigan.

OLIVER G. STUCKY, 37727265, Private First Class, Medical Detachment, 399th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 8 January 1945 and 9 January 1945, in the vicinity of Lemberg, France. Accompanying the unit to which he was attached as aid man during its attack on an enemy-occupied hill, Private Stucky, fearlessly braved heavy enemy fire to care for the wounds of casualties. When aid men attached to two neighboring platoons were themselves injured, on his own initiative, he crawled to each of six wounded soldiers, swiftly and efficiently administered first aid, and then helped in their evacuation. Entered military service from Moundridge, Kansas.

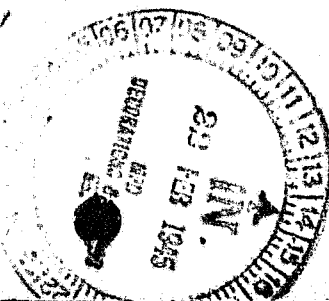
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SECTION I -- AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL, MISSING IN ACTION

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

CLIFFORD J. SIMONS, 38434326, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 20 November 1944, in the vicinity of Raon L'Etape, France. Accompanying his squad in an assault against an important enemy held hill, Private Simons advanced in a frontal attack until he was pinned down by enemy machine gun and automatic weapons fire from well camouflaged positions. Acting on his own volition, he then accompanied four comrades and crawled to within several yards of the enemy, engaging them in an exchange of hand grenades and small arms fire and succeeded in taking the position, capturing seven and killing five of the hostile force. Next of kin: Annie M. Rowton (Sister), 1206 North 17th Street, Waco, 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:

FLOYD B. STAYTON, 0225339, Lieutenant Colonel, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 19 November 1944, in the vicinity of Raon L'Etape, France. At 1130 hours, after his battalion had crossed the La Plaine River with their objective being two enemy occupied hills, the battalion mission was changed to seize and secure another hill south of the prior destination. By this time one of his companies had already engaged the enemy, and despite the fact that his battalion was one company short and had no previous reconnaissance of the new area, Colonel Stayton in a splendid tactical maneuver changed the direction of the attack, advanced through the heavily wooded area and despite snipers and constant heavy shelling, he led his men in seizure of the hill. Entered military service from Appleton City, Missouri.

WILLIAM C. CAMPBELL, 0548440, First Lieutenant (then Second Lieutenant), 100th Infantry Division Artillery, for heroic achievement in action on 17 December 1944, in the vicinity of Lemberg, France. Aware of the need for additional forward observers in an artillery battalion, Lieutenant Campbell unhesitatingly volunteered to function in this capacity. Moving forward to a position which provided perfect observation of hostile fortresses, and although subjected to enemy shelling by mortars and artillery, he directed the fire of our artillery with such marked accuracy and destructiveness, that two hostile fortifications were neutralized. Entered military service from Huntington, West Virginia.

THOMAS I. BUSBEE, 01998075, Second Lieutenant, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 4 January 1945, in the vicinity of Rimling, France. As platoon leader, Lieutenant Busbee was assigned the mission of leading a coordinated attack against the strongly fortified Hill 375. Under Lieutenant Busbee's leadership and determination, he and his men succeeded in driving most of the enemy from their position. Anticipating a counterattack, Lieutenant Busbee courageously moved among his men despite concentrations of enemy mortar fire and skillfully reorganized them into an effective defense which enabled them to hold off enemy infantry and tank attacks for four days and nights. By his heroic action, Lieutenant Busbee enabled his battalion to set up and maintain a strong defense in this area. Entered military service from Fort Valley, Georgia.

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ROBERT J. BOHIGIAN, 31255479, Staff Sergeant, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 2 December 1944, in the vicinity of Ingweiler, France. When enemy shelling inflicted many casualties and temporarily disorganized his mortar section, Sergeant Bohigian disregarding his personal safety, ventured out despite the continuing intensity of hostile fire to reorganize his men. Crawling to each of his men, he carefully directed the strategic placement of their weapons, and then, in the absence of medical personnel, dressed the wounds of casualties, carried the more seriously injured to sheltered positions, and supervised their evacuation. His inspiring leadership and regard for the welfare of his men earned him the admiration of all members of his unit. Entered military service from Worcester, Massachusetts.

CHESTER FRALEY, 34984195, Staff Sergeant (then Sergeant), 399th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action during the period 18 December 1944 to 25 December 1944, in the vicinity of Bitche, France. For seven days Sergeant Fraley and his comrades occupied a captured pillbox overlooking the fortified town of Bitche and, despite hostile mortar, artillery and small arms fire, successfully reported deployment and movement of enemy forces within the town and directed the fire of our artillery. During this period Sergeant Fraley and his companions contributed to the repulse of repeated counterattacks on our positions. Entered military service from Tiptonville, Tennessee.

DAVID B. HATCH, 20153552, Staff Sergeant, 375th Field Artillery Battalion, for heroic achievement in action during the period 5 December 1944 to 22 December 1944, in Eastern France. In the attack against Reyersviller and the Maginot Line, Sergeant Hatch was largely responsible for excellent wire communications in both these engagements as he supervised and personally assisted with wire repairs. Displaying a high degree of courage and skill in accomplishing his tasks, he also acted as forward observer in which his superior manner of performance and dependability under intense enemy fire insured effective supporting artillery fire for our infantry and was of decided importance to the successful accomplishment of each mission. Entered military service from Saylesville, Rhode Island.

GERARD COTTONE, 32655029, Technician Fifth Grade, Medical Detachment, 399th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 9 November 1944 to 4 January 1945, in Eastern France. Continuously through this period of combat operations Corporal Cottone has given expert aid to his wounded comrades. On numerous occasions he has volunteered to accompany combat patrols on hazardous missions and repeatedly when his unit was hard hit in an attack, he administered to casualties day and night with unswerving devotion to duty under fire. By his outstanding courage and resourcefulness, Corporal Cottone has materially boosted the morale of the men of his unit. Entered military service from Brooklyn, New York.

FRANCIS J. PAUL, 31273142, Technician Fifth Grade, 375th Field Artillery Battalion, for heroic achievement in action during the period 6 November 1944 to 22 December 1944, in Eastern France. Throughout this period of combat Corporal Paul discharged his duties as radio operator with efficiency. During the action in the vicinity of Hill 578 near Raon L'Etape, Corporal Paul carried his radio forward across an open field under hostile sniper fire, often forced by the enemy action to crawl or advance on hands and knees. When wire facilities were severed, he maintained the only available communications between forward artillery elements and the battalion for a period of twenty-four hours, and frequently exposed himself to enemy shelling in order to obtain efficient transmission and reception of vital messages. Again during the attacks upon Fort Schiesseck of the Maginot Line Corporal Paul repeatedly distinguished himself by his conduct under enemy fire. Entered military service from Bridgeport, Connecticut.

NICHOLAS RUSSO, 31255573, Technician Fifth Grade, Medical Detachment, 399th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 9 November 1944 to 9 January 1945. Attached to a machine gun platoon as an aid man, Corporal Russo has continuously and unselfishly administered to his men in this entire period under all types of fire, through difficult terrain and in adverse weather. During a rapid advance near Lemberg, one of the members of his section was wounded. Rather than leave the casualty behind in this rapid movement, Corporal Russo carried his wounded comrade with him and treated him. His unswerving devotion to duty enabled him to care for the wounded man and also be on hand to aid other members of his section if needed. Entered military service from Webster, Massachusetts.

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GEORGE J. BOBAN, 47108109, Private First Class (then Private), 399th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action during the period 18 December 1944 to 25 December 1944, in the vicinity of Bitche, France. Despite hostile mortar and artillery shelling and almost constant small arms fire, Private Boban and seven comrades occupied a captured pillbox on a hill overlooking the fortified town of Bitche for a period of seven days, reporting movement of enemy troops and directing our artillery fire upon the opposing forces and installations. During this time Private Boban and his companions contributed materially to the repulse of a number of hostile counterattacks. Entered military service from Peekskill, New York.

CLIFFORD CHAMPION, 34449894, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action during the period 5 November 1944 to 22 December 1944, in Eastern France. During this period Private Champion repeatedly distinguished himself by his conduct in the many actions in which his organization was engaged. When his company was making its attack upon Forts Freudenberg and Schiesseck of the Maginot Line, Private Champion advanced in the face of direct and unremitting fire from hostile small arms and artillery, and, making his way through barbed wire entanglements subjected to direct and observed enemy shelling, contributed markedly to the attainment of the objective and its subsequent defense against successive counterattacks in strength and hostile attempts at infiltration. Entered military service from Lafayette, Georgia.

GLYNN T. CHRISMAN, 38530456, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 13 November 1944, in the vicinity of Bertrichamps, France. While attacking a strongly fortified position, Private Chrisman, as a member of a machine gun squad, displayed marked devotion to duty and courage by delivering effective machine gun fire in supporting our advancing infantry. At a critical point in the attack, when it became necessary to move his gun to a point from which more effective fire support could be delivered, Private Chrisman unhesitatingly crossed an open terrain then under intense enemy mortar and artillery fire and successfully completed the displacement although suffering serious wounds from hostile artillery. Entered military service from Britton, Texas.

ROBERT W. COWAN, 31457419, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action during the period 17 December 1944 to 24 December 1944, in the vicinity of Bitche, France. In the attack on Forts Freudenberg and Schiesseck in the Maginot Line, Private Cowan, a rifleman, discharged his duties with courage and determination during the eight day assault. He repeatedly advanced through barbed wire entanglements closely observed by the enemy, in the face of incessant artillery, mortar and small arms fire. Displaying skill and fortitude, Private Cowan contributed immeasurably to the successful completion of his unit's mission. Entered military service from Newport, New Hampshire.

ROBERT E. DWYER, 15317411, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action during the period 1 January 1945 to 8 January 1945, in the vicinity of Rimling, France. In the defense of Rimling Private Dwyer volunteered beyond the call of his duties as driver and successfully performed many additional and hazardous tasks. Time and again he carried vital operational messages on foot when wire communications failed. In this same action, which lasted several days, he recovered a one quarter-ton truck and supplies from the town then occupied by the enemy and, later, used this same vehicle to assist in the evacuation of casualties exposing himself to various types of enemy fire to complete each task. Entered military service from River Forest, Illinois.

RAYMOND J. FIELDS, 12111037, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action from 17 December 1944 to 25 December 1944, in the vicinity of Bitche, France. Occupying a forward outpost four hundred and fifty yards in advance of our lines and exposed to enemy observation and fire, Private Fields and other riflemen held their position for seven days transmitting vital information on hostile movements and directing accurate fire missions on opposing troops and installations. Frequently repairing lines cut by enemy action, these men participated in repelling five enemy counterattacks. Entered military service from New York, New York.

DAVID GOLAND, 12225721, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action during the period 18 December 1944 to 25 December 1944, in the vicinity of Bitche, France. In order to report deployment and movement of hos-

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tile troops within the fortified town of Bitché and to direct our artillery fire upon the enemy, Private Goland and seven other enlisted men manned a captured pill-box on a hill overlooking the town for a period of seven days. Although subjected to mortar and artillery shelling as well as almost continuous small arms fire, Private Goland and his comrades remained at their posts and contributed to the repulse of several enemy counterattacks. Entered military service from New York, New York.

ALFRED C. HANSEN, 36951878, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action during the period 17 December 1944 to 24 December 1944, in the vicinity of Bitché, France. Displaying magnificent courage Private Hansen, a rifleman, participated in the attacks against Forts Freudenberg and Schiesseck in the Maginot Line. Braving continuous and intense enemy artillery, mortar and small arms fire he repeatedly advanced to each objective through the long assault. Despite constant enemy counterattacks, Private Hansen determinedly assisted in repulsing the enemy and holding the ground he had gained, contributing greatly to the success of his unit in these engagements. Entered military service from Stonington, Michigan.

NORBERT G. HONRATH, 16157693, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action during the period 5 November 1944 to 24 December 1944, in Eastern France. Throughout this period of combat service, Private Honrath a rifleman, has meritoriously discharged his duties as a member of a rifle squad. When his company was assigned the mission of assaulting enemy-held steel and concrete fortifications of the Maginot Line, Private Honrath advanced in the face of intense and unremitting fire from hostile small arms, mortars and artillery, successfully negotiated barbed wire entanglements upon which the enemy laid direct and observed fire, and, once the objective was secured, staunchly defended it against repeated counterattacks in strength. Entered military service from Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

JOHN F. JESKE, 16175439, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action during the period 18 December 1944 to 25 December 1944, in the vicinity of Bitché, France. During this period Private Jeske and seven riflemen occupied a forward outpost far in advance of our lines relaying information on enemy movements and dispositions and directing our artillery fire on hostile targets. Subjected to enemy fire which repeatedly severed their wire line, they nevertheless repaired each break, keeping the wire open, and, as a result of their courageous performance, were instrumental in beating back five enemy counterattacks. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

SECTION III -- AWARD OF COMBAT INFANTRYMAN BADGE

Under the provisions of War Department Circular Number 408, dated 17 October 1944, a Combat Infantryman Badge is awarded to the following named individual:

EDWARD J. MALONEY, 07637, Colonel, 399th Infantry Regiment.

SECTION IV -- DESIGNATION OF COMBAT INFANTRY REGIMENT

Under the provisions of War Department Circular Number 408, 17 October 1944, the 399th Infantry Regiment is designated a Combat Infantry Regiment.

By command of Major General BURRESS:

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Award of Oak Leaf Cluster to Bronze Star Medal, Missing in Action..... I  
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SECTION I -- AWARD OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO BRONZE STAR MEDAL, MISSING IN ACTION

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, missing in action:

VINCENT J. OLIVA, 42063667, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 1 January 1945, in the vicinity of Bitché, France. When a strong enemy counterattack threatened to overrun his unit's command post which was at the same time being used as a forward outpost for direction of supporting artillery fire, Private Oliva and other riflemen volunteered to cover the withdrawal of our forces. During the bitter struggle which followed, he and his comrades staunchly held their positions firing with such destructive effect that the enemy's advance was delayed and the main body allowed to withdraw and take up new positions protecting the right flank and rear. Private Oliva was last seen heroically attempting to break through his encircled position. Next of kin: Catherine Oliva (Mother), 28-17 Astoria Boulevard, Long Island City, 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 each of the following named individuals, missing in action:

JAMES W. KIMM, 37683057, Sergeant, 399th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 1 January 1945, in the vicinity of Bitché, France. When vastly superior enemy forces attacked the crest of a hill and threatened his company with complete encirclement, Sergeant Kimm and others, on their own initiative, heroically remained behind to hold the position as long as was necessary to permit the company to take up new defensive positions. Staunchly holding their ground, he and his comrades placed rapid and accurate rifle fire on the advancing enemy troops, effectively delaying their progress, and then, although all avenues of escape were cut off, courageously attempted to make their way back to our lines. Sergeant Kimm's outstanding performance enabled the battalion's right flank and rear to be secured. Next of kin: Mary Kimm (Mother), Marengo, Iowa.

KENNETH PORTWOOD, 35704013, Sergeant, 399th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 1 January 1945, in the vicinity of Bitché, France. When enemy forces staged a concentrated attack on the exposed battalion right flank and rear, and his company was ordered to take up new defensive positions, Sergeant Portwood displayed outstanding courage and self-sacrifice by voluntarily remaining behind and fighting a determined rear guard action. Although eventually encircled by the advancing enemy, their stubborn defense of the company command post permitted the delivery of supporting artillery fire which slowed the advance of the hostile troops sufficiently to permit a successful withdrawal by his unit. Next of kin: Lida M. Portwood (Mother), Route Number One, Midway, Kentucky.

THOMAS J. CALLAHAN, 32597588, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 1 January 1945, in the vicinity of Bitché, France. When the enemy had almost encircled his company command post, Private Callahan and other riflemen, on their own volition, elected to remain behind with their commanding officer to cover the withdrawal of the remaining members of the unit. Firing their rifles with deadly accuracy they inflicted severe casualties on the advancing enemy, effectively delaying their progress in time to permit the main body to take up new defensive positions. Private Callahan was last seen bravely attempting to break out of the enemy encirclement. Next of kin: Anna Callahan (Mother), 103 Orange Road, Montclair, New Jersey.

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PAUL G. MATRAFAILLO, 32680812, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 1 January 1945, in the vicinity of Bitche, France. When superior enemy forces crossed a road above and below his company's command post and the battalion right flank and rear were threatened, Private Matrafaillo, on his own initiative, remained behind to cover the withdrawal of his unit. After heroically slowing the progress of the advancing enemy with deadly rifle fire which inflicted many casualties on opposing troops, he vainly attempted to break through the circle of enemy fire and riflemen and was last seen with his company commander courageously assaulting enemy riflemen who blocked his escape route. Next of kin: Dorothy Matrafaillo (Mother), Route Number Fifty-Nine, West Nyack, New York.

VINCENT J. SHEA, 32648079, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 1 January 1945, in the vicinity of Bitche, France. On the morning of 1 January, strong enemy forces assaulted his company's combined command post and forward observer station endangering the battalion's positions. Headless of the danger to himself, Private Shea, along with others, volunteered to remain and fight a delaying action while the main body retired to new defensive positions. Displaying calmness and magnificent courage in the face of the determined enemy attack, he defended his position, denying the enemy access to the ground until his entire unit had withdrawn, and then, fighting stubbornly, attempted to break out of the enemy encirclement but was unable to reach our lines. Next of kin: Mary Shea (Mother), 1851 Greenport Road, Far Rockaway, New York.

GAETANO SQUILLANTE, JR., 32680557, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 1 January 1945, in the vicinity of Bitche, France. Voluntarily remaining behind to prevent an enemy break-through, Private Squillante and others fought a gallant delaying action which inflicted many casualties on the enemy. Their stubborn defense permitted the forward observer to direct destructive artillery fire and enabled the main body to withdraw to new defensive positions. Although Private Squillante could still have followed his platoon, he elected, instead, to join his company commander in covering the withdrawal from a neighboring hill and was last seen heroically repulsing violent hostile thrusts. Next of kin: Camella Squillante (Mother), 4404 Avenue J, Brooklyn, New York.

SOLOMON TABISEL, 32986911, Private, 399th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 1 January 1945, in the vicinity of Bitche, France. Assuming his mission with full knowledge of the certain hazards involved during an enemy attack, Private Tabisel selected to remain behind with others to fight a rear guard action that would permit his unit to assume new defensive positions. Placing accurate rifle fire on advancing enemy troops, and skillfully making use of every natural defensive cover, he warded off the enemy's assault in time for our forces to make a successful withdrawal. By his courageous performance under fire, he helped the battalion secure its right flank and rear. Next of kin: Sara W. Tabisel (Mother), 2309 Holland 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:

JAMES L. JOHNSON, 39722872, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 18 December 1944, in the vicinity of Bitche, France. When his company had become isolated and its communications with the battalion command post severed as a result of heavy hostile shelling, Private Johnson and two other enlisted men unhesitatingly went forward over terrain exposed to enemy observation and bombardment to locate and repair the break, and by their complete devotion to duty without thought of personal hazard helped restore communications with their company. Entered military service from Newberry, California.

GORDON R. LICHTWARDT, 36892222, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 13 November 1944, in the vicinity of Bertrichamps, France. When Private Lichtwardt's company was assigned the mission of attacking a strongly fortified enemy position, he displayed outstanding courage in supporting our advancing infantry with effective fire as a member of a machine gun squad. At a decisive point in the engagement when it became necessary to move his gun position to a more advantageous point, Private Lichtwardt advanced through an

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area heavily shelled by enemy artillery and mortars and displaced his machine gun with the members of his squad in a position from which they rendered effective supporting fire. Suffering serious wounds in this action, Private Lichtwardt devoted himself to duty and enabled his squad to successfully complete their mission. Entered military service from Grasse Pointe Park, Michigan.

KENNETH O. RULE, 36983275, Private First Class (then Private), 399th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action during the period 18 December 1944 to 25 December 1944, in the vicinity of Bitche, France. Despite repeated enemy counterattacks and shelling of their forward outpost, located in a captured pillbox overlooking the town of Bitche, Private Rule and seven comrades successfully performed their mission of holding this ground for one week, reporting all enemy movement in the area, and directing our artillery fire on enemy targets. Their brave performance enabled Company A to repulse five counterattacks and inflict many casualties on hostile troops. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

CLYDE O. SMITH, 34593600, Private First Class, 375th Field Artillery Battalion, for heroic achievement in action on 7 January 1945, in the vicinity of Bitche, France. When our ground wires were repeatedly severed by tank movement during the attack on Fort Schiesseck, Private Smith, a wireman in a forward observation party, attempted to establish an overhead line despite enemy observation and shelling of the area. Twice forced out of a tree by sniper fire, he re climbed it a third time and successfully completed installation of the communication line, and by his courageous performance in complete disregard of his own safety, enabled the delivery of effective supporting fire at a critical moment in the battle. Entered military service from Lincolnton, North Carolina.

EARL J. GUIDRY, 38265987, Private, 250th Field Artillery Battalion, for heroic achievement in action on 6 January 1945, in the vicinity of Enchenberg, France. At the height of a fierce battle for Enchenberg when heavy enemy fire repeatedly severed our communication lines, Private Guidry voluntarily went out on five different occasions to make repairs in the line, and despite the continuing intensity of hostile action, and efficiently repaired all breaks. His courageous action under fire re-established our communications at a crucial moment in the battle and facilitated the delivery of effective artillery fire in support of our infantry. Entered military service from Lafayette, Louisiana.

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Award of Silver Star..... I  
Award of Bronze Star Medal..... II

SECTION I -- AWARD OF SILVER STAR

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

ADAM OSUCH, 33134848, Private, 898th Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion, for gallantry in action on 12 August 1944, in the vicinity of Casciana, Italy. Manning an observation post during the battalion's commitment as provisional infantry, Private Osuch and his companions were subjected to intense hostile mortar fire. When it became obvious that the position was being bracketed by enemy fire, the officer in charge of the party led his men to a place of safety on a lower floor, but Private Osuch voluntarily remained at his post at great risk of his own life in an attempt to locate the origin of the hostile shelling. Four mortar rounds struck immediately forward of his position and three to the immediate rear, but Private Osuch staunchly refused to retire. The next round came through the roof of the building and inflicted severe shrapnel wounds which forced his evacuation, but by his steadfast courage and unswerving devotion to duty Private Osuch served as an inspiration to his comrades and reflected notable credit upon himself. Entered military service from Pittsburgh, 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:

WELDON B. SHOFFNER, 01683474, First Lieutenant, Medical Detachment, 898th Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion, for heroic achievement in action during the period 28 July 1944 to 13 August 1944, in the vicinity of Laiano, Italy. During the Arno River campaign in which his unit participated as provisional infantry, Lieutenant Shofner insisted on accompanying the driver of the medical vehicle to the scene of casualties in order to properly supervise their evacuation and administer to them in front line areas. On 12 August when three wounded men could not be evacuated by litter method from well-forward positions, Lieutenant Shofner, rode in the vehicle under direct enemy observation and through heavy mortar fire to the location of the casualties and successfully evacuated them. Lieutenant Shofner's actions contributed greatly to the saving of several lives and was of high inspiration to his fellow soldiers. Entered military service from Huntington, Texas.

ORVAL P. THEISEN, 01042726, First Lieutenant, 898th Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion, for heroic achievement in action during the period 28 July 1944 to 13 August 1944, in the vicinity of Fisa, Italy. While the battalion was serving as provisional infantry, Lieutenant Theisen commanded a platoon whose mission was to hold a flank where the enemy had established a bridgehead on our side of a river. Accompanied by two or three men, Lieutenant Theisen courageously and skillfully crossed enemy held territory twice each night to contact friendly troops and on numerous occasions led patrols in ambush to scout enemy activity. Continuously Lieutenant Theisen was subjected to enemy small arms and mortar fire, nevertheless his outstanding leadership and initiative inspired his men to successfully maintain his battalion's precarious flank. Entered military service from Erwin, South Dakota.

BERNARD W. KOTWAS, 20276005, First Sergeant, 898th Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion, for heroic achievement in action on 27 February 1944, in the vicinity of Cassino, Italy. When his unit was unable to move its guns in support of a river crossing because of a heavily mined road and a damaged bridge, Sergeant Kotwas volunteered to accompany four others and cleared a one thousand yard stretch of enemy mines while continuously under close enemy observation and intense artillery fire. Continuing on in their dual mission, Sergeant Kotwas led the group in com-

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pleting preliminary repairs on the bridge while still exposed to enemy fire. By his initiative and perseverance Sergeant Kotwas contributed greatly to the successful completion of his unit's mission. Entered military service from Irondequoit, New York.

JAY G. LONGFELLOW, 20275743, First Sergeant, 898th Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion, for heroic achievement in action on 30 July 1944, in the vicinity of San Frediano, Italy. While he was acting as platoon sergeant during the commitment of his organization as provisional infantry along the Arno River, Sergeant Longfellow's platoon was assigned an additional sector to that which they were then defending. Moving to the new positions in bright moonlight and within two hundred yards of the enemy, the unit was subjected to an unexpected attack by an enemy patrol and several men were wounded. Lacking previous infantry training and experience, the platoon became disorganized, and Sergeant Longfellow personally moved from one member of the group to another, encouraging his men, leading them to new positions, and directing the delivery of accurate counter fire which repulsed the hostile attack. His personal courage and leadership were an inspiration to his comrades, and enabled them to maintain their assigned line of defense. Entered military service from Honeoye Falls, New York.

DONALD R. RALF, 20275667, First Sergeant, 898th Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion, for heroic achievement in action during the period 26 July 1944 to 13 August 1944, in the vicinity of Fisa, Italy. During the eighteen days in which his battalion was committed as provisional infantry, Sergeant Ralf voluntarily assumed the task of personally delivering all supplies of rations, water and ammunition to the sections of his battery. Accompanied only by the driver of the vehicle, he nightly traveled through dangerous areas in bright moonlight which made the truck an outstanding target for the small arms and mortar fire to which he was often subjected. Although on several occasions Sergeant Ralf was forced to defend himself with grenades and his automatic weapon, he time and again ventured into hazardous territory to evacuate wounded and served as an inspiration to the men of his battery throughout this period. Entered military service from Buffalo, New York.

JOHN M. CHEESMAN, JR., 20276041, Staff Sergeant, 898th Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion, for heroic achievement in action on 27 February 1944, in the vicinity of Cassino, Italy. When it was found necessary to clear a road of mines and repair a bridge, which were to be used by his battery in moving its guns in support of the Rapido River crossing, Sergeant Cheesman unhesitatingly volunteered and rendered outstanding assistance in completing these two vitally important missions while continuously exposed to an intense enemy artillery barrage. Demonstrating exemplary courage in his devotion to duty Sergeant Cheesman inspired his comrades and enabled his unit to successfully complete its critical mission. Entered military service from Rochester, New York.

LUDWIG D. LITTLE, 33099144, Staff Sergeant, 898th Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion, for heroic achievement in action on 30 July 1944, in the vicinity of San Frediano, Italy. Although his normal capacity was that of motor maintenance chief, Sergeant Little distinguished himself by his conduct as platoon sergeant of a rifle platoon during his battalion's commitment as provisional infantry along the Arno River. When his unit was instructed to move to a new position, Sergeant Little courageously made a reconnaissance of the sector despite the presence of an infiltrating enemy patrol and small arms and mortar fire in the area. As a result of this action, Sergeant Little was able to lead his men to their new positions without casualty despite almost continuous small arms and mortar action. Entered military service from Coraopolis, Pennsylvania.

JOHN G. WEISE, 20275999, Staff Sergeant, 898th Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion, for heroic achievement in action on 27 February 1944, in the vicinity of Cassino, Italy. Although continuously observed by the enemy in open and flat terrain and subjected to an intense enemy artillery barrage, Sergeant Weise courageously assisted several comrades in clearing a vital road of enemy mines. After completing this hazardous mission, he accompanied his comrades in repairing an important bridge under enemy fire and made available a route over which his battery was able to move its guns and effectively support our troops in a river crossing. Entered military service from Geneva, New York.

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FRANCIS T. FRAWLEY, 20275352, Technician Third Grade, 898th Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion, for heroic achievement in action during the period 26 July 1944 to 13 August 1944, in the vicinity of San Casciana, Italy. During the period in which his organization was committed as provisional infantry, Sergeant Frawley as battery communications sergeant was called upon to install and maintain extensive wire communication facilities. When hostile mortar fire repeatedly severed vital wire lines, Sergeant Frawley time and again braved intense enemy shelling to locate and repair breaks in the wire, and during the hours of darkness he willingly and cheerfully policed his lines despite the constant danger of ambush from infiltrating enemy patrols. His untiring efforts made possible continuous communications with outposts and other positions, and contributed greatly to the efficiency of his unit. Entered military service from Buffalo, New York.

CHARLES J. CLARK, 32039075, Sergeant, 898th Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion, for heroic achievement in action during the period 26 July 1944 to 13 August 1944, in the vicinity of Pisa, Italy. When his unit was committed as provisional infantry along the Arno River, Sergeant Clark, with no knowledge of previous training in the duties of a platoon sergeant, courageously performed his tasks in that capacity with initiative and foresight. Throughout this period he skillfully coordinated the movements of his men while subjected to enemy small arms and mortar fire as he moved among them in defensive positions. On numerous patrols when the enemy was encountered he displayed outstanding leadership and tactical ability, and he successfully completed all missions without casualties. Entered military service from Skaneateles, New York.

EARL F. DORSEY, 31059338, Sergeant (then Corporal), 898th Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion, for heroic achievement in action on 11 August 1944, in the vicinity of Casciana, Italy. During his battalion's commitment as provisional infantry along the Arno River, Sergeant Dorsey's squad was assigned the defense of the most dangerous portion of the line. While moving into positions but two hundred yards from enemy entrenchments, Sergeant Dorsey and his men were subjected to intense hostile mortar fire. Rallying his men and skillfully directing their advance, Sergeant Dorsey accomplished the occupation without casualty to his unit and, during the ensuing three days, despite mortar, rifle and rifle-grenade fire from the enemy, maintained the position and thereby secured the exposed flank of the battalion. When subsequently relieved the squad was again subjected to mortar fire and again, under Sergeant Dorsey's excellent direction, suffered no casualties. Entered military service from Worcester, Massachusetts.

GEORGE E. HEARN, 11046894, Sergeant, 898th Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion, for heroic achievement in action during the period 27 July 1944 to 12 August 1944, in the vicinity of Casciana, Italy. Assigned the hazardous mission of operating a forward observer post at the time his battalion was committed as provisional infantry, Sergeant Hearn, a former antiaircraft ammunition sergeant, performed his new duties skillfully and courageously during this period. Operating from outposts constantly subjected to heavy hostile bombardment and small arms fire, he directed accurate and destructive fire missions on enemy targets, and, at the same time, by his superior instruction, inspired the men under him to greater effort, thereby enabling his battalion to successfully accomplish its missions. Entered military service from Somerville, Massachusetts.

WILFRED P. JOUBERT, 31060201, Sergeant, 898th Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion, for heroic achievement in action during the period 2 August 1944 to 13 August 1944, in the vicinity of Casciana, Italy. When his platoon leader and platoon sergeant were wounded by enemy action and the assistant platoon sergeant became ill and was evacuated, Sergeant Joubert, who had been acting as leader of a rifle squad during his organization's commitment as provisional infantry, was made platoon leader. Although his unit was depleted by casualties and the personnel, like himself, lacked infantry training, Sergeant Joubert directed his men in a highly commendable manner. Leading patrols by day and night in areas infested by hostile groups and snipers, establishing outposts and voluntarily visiting his men nightly to assure himself of their well-being; he contributed markedly to the successful accomplishment of a difficult mission. Entered military service from North Attleboro, Massachusetts.

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RAYMOND A. MILLER, 20275770, Sergeant, 898th Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion, for heroic achievement in action on 30 July 1944, in the vicinity of San Frediano, Italy. When a hostile patrol infiltrated to the rear of positions occupied by Sergeant Miller's squad, during the period in which his battalion was committed as provisional infantry on the Arno River line, fire from the enemy's machine guns critically wounded two men and disorganized the squad. Unhesitatingly and without regard for his own safety, Sergeant Miller made his way to the various positions occupied by his men, supervised the evacuation of the wounded, and re-organized his unit for a defensive action which dispersed the enemy and drove the patrol from the area. Entered military service from Rochester, New York.

GERALD G. MORSCH, 20275839, Sergeant (then Corporal), 898th Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion for heroic achievement in action on 3 August 1944 in the vicinity of San Frediano, Italy. On the south bank of the Arno river where his unit had been committed as provisional infantry, Sergeant Morsch manned an observation post in the upper floor of a house within enemy observation and machine gun range. When the enemy attempted to set up a heavy machine gun on the opposite side of the river, Sergeant Morsch and his comrades fired upon the position drawing enemy machine gun and mortar fire on the roof and through the windows of the house they occupied. Regardless, Sergeant Morsch remained at his post and directed our mortar fire against the enemy position and ultimately forced them to withdraw. Entered military service from Rochester, New York.

BILLY D. NOEL, 34102260, Sergeant, 898th Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion, for heroic achievement in action during the period 26 July 1944 to 13 August 1944, in the vicinity of Pisa, Italy. During the Arno River campaign in Italy, Sergeant Noel established an advance outpost which afforded him and a few men excellent observation of enemy positions and activities. Despite the fact that any sound or movement might have revealed his location, he remained practically in the presence of the enemy and skillfully directed mortar and artillery fire against the hostile forces and gave advance notice of enemy patrol crossings. Each night he returned to his unit for supplies and brought them back to his comrades over ground infested with enemy patrols enabling them to maintain their vantage point with him. By his courage, skill and efficiency Sergeant Noel greatly assisted his unit, serving as provisional infantry, to successfully complete its mission. Entered military service from Birmingham, Alabama.

FRANK A. WASACZ, 20275581, Sergeant, 898th Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion, for heroic achievement in action on 6 January 1945, in the vicinity of Petit Rederching, France. When severe shelling from large caliber artillery was directed at his section's gun position, and guard duty in the gun pit was rendered extremely hazardous by lack of protection from shell bursts, Sergeant Wasacz himself acted as guard rather than risk the lives of his men. Although the enemy barrage increased rather than lessened in intensity, Sergeant Wasacz courageously manned his post until a shell struck within yards of his position and shrapnel from the burst so seriously wounded his arm that amputation was necessary. On numerous previous occasions Sergeant Wasacz had repeatedly displayed similar courage and devotion to duty under almost identical circumstances. Entered military service from Buffalo, New York.

CLARENCE W. BURGESS, 20276384, Technician Fourth Grade, 898th Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion, for heroic achievement in action during the period 26 July 1944 to 13 August 1944, in the vicinity of Laisano, Italy. Although handicapped constantly by hazardous terrain and enemy action throughout this period, Sergeant Burgess courageously and skillfully evacuated front line casualties in his medical vehicle to the battalion aid station. On one occasion, upon learning that three wounded soldiers could not be evacuated by litter bearers from a house three-quarters of a mile from the platoon command post, he unhesitatingly drove his vehicle through the continuing enemy barrage to the building and safely evacuated the casualties, thereby saving their lives. Entered military service from Rochester, New York.

JAMES T. HAGGERTY, 32039044, Technician Fourth Grade, 898th Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion, for heroic achievement in action during the period 26 July 1944 to 13 August 1944, in the vicinity of Pisa, Italy. Serving as wireman when his unit was committed as provisional infantry, Sergeant Haggerty was called upon to lay and maintain wire communications which far exceeded the amount ordinary-