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ly serviced by an infantry wireman. Repairing lines that were disrupted by enemy mortar and artillery fire, Sergeant Haggerty exposed himself to sweeping enemy fire at night and, even in the presence of enemy patrols, kept contact at a high level. As a result of his splendid application, the efficiency of his unit in its unfamiliar assignments was greatly increased. Entered military service from Cortland, New York.

GEORGE R. SHULTZ, 20276063, Technician Fourth Grade, 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. A member of the communications section, Sergeant Shultz distinguished himself by his devotion to duty during the eighteen days his battery was committed as a provisional heavy weapons company on the Arno River line. Not content with establishing communications to forward observation posts and mortar positions, Sergeant Shultz worked unremittingly by night and day to improve the lines and better protect them from hostile shelling and tapping. He repeatedly ventured into areas infested with enemy patrols and ambushes, and on numerous occasions was subjected to hostile mortar concentrations. As a result of his efforts, almost uninterrupted communications were available throughout this period. Entered military service from Rochester, New York.

ENRICO A. GIANGREGORIO, 31060103, Corporal, 898th Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion, for heroic achievement in action during the period 3 August 1944 to 12 August 1944, in the vicinity of Casciana, Italy. While his unit was committed as provisional infantry in a thinly-held line along the Arno River, Corporal Giangregorio led a group of men on twenty-seven successive patrols to establish contact with a unit two thousand yards distant on the right flank. Though his men lacked both training and experience as infantrymen, and despite the ever-present danger from enemy patrols and ambushes, Corporal Giangregorio consistently accomplished his missions, often in the face of hostile small arms and mortar fire, and by his efficient discharge of his responsibilities prevented infiltration by the enemy through an otherwise vulnerable gap in our defenses. Entered military service from East Boston, Massachusetts.

CLAUDE E. BURTCHEARD, 37037297, Technician Fifth Grade, 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. When his battery was committed as a provisional heavy weapons company on the Arno River line, Corporal Burtcheard not only assisted in the establishment of initial communications from the command post to mortar positions and observation posts, but also worked unremittingly night and day to improve the lines and better protect them from hostile shell damage and tapping. He repeatedly ventured into areas infested by enemy patrols and ambushes and, on numerous occasions, was subjected to enemy mortar concentrations. As a result of his devotion to duty, almost uninterrupted communications were maintained throughout this period. Entered military service from Wote, Iowa.

WILFRED F. FLOYD, 36582091, Technician Fifth Grade, 898th Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion, for heroic achievement in action on 2 January 1945, in the vicinity of Bining, France. When a strong enemy attack disrupted wire communications and prevented one of his unit's batteries from withdrawing effectively, Corporal Floyd, of his own volition, left the security of shelter and proceeding across an open and flat terrain of three hundred yards which was subjected to concentrated enemy mortar fire and searched out and repaired vital wire lines. Before returning, Corporal Floyd checked the entire line so as to insure maximum contact and enabled the gun section to escape capture and successfully withdraw. Entered military service from Flint, Michigan.

DAVID W. MCFADDEN, 34099201, Technician Fifth Grade, 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 San Benedetto, Italy. During the time that this battalion was committed as provisional infantry along the Arno River, Corporal McFadden shared the responsibility for maintaining more than fifteen communication lines to installations well within small arms range of the enemy. Although brilliant moonlight made hostile observation easy, Corporal McFadden on eighteen consecutive nights braved enemy patrols and ambushes to splice broken wire

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lines. Frequently pinned down by small arms and mortar fire, and well aware that the enemy often cut lines to lure wiremen into ambushes, he nevertheless discharged his duties with courage and aggressiveness and made possible efficient and dependable communication throughout this period. Entered military service from Oatawba, South Carolina.

MAC G. McLAURIN, 14068478, Technician Fifth Grade, 898th Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion, for heroic achievement in action in the vicinity of San Casciana, Italy. On the night of 11 August 1944, during the period in which his organization was committed as provisional infantry along the Arno River, Corporal McLaurin observed the enemy assembling small boats on the opposite side of the river. He immediately crawled to the battery command post with the information, then led a patrol to the vicinity, passing within a hundred yards of hostile outposts, and crawled forward to an exposed position from which he could ascertain the exact location of the opposing troops. Bringing up the patrol, he skillfully deployed his men and then directed the delivery of accurate grenade and rifle fire which inflicted severe casualties, dispersed the hostile force, and frustrated all attempts by the enemy to cross the river in patrol strength. Entered military service from Fayetteville, North Carolina.

TREASON E. MEADOWS, 34100359, Technician Fifth Grade, 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 Fisa, Italy. During the time his organization was committed as provisional infantry on the Arno River line, Corporal Meadows drove his vehicle nightly through dangerous areas illuminated by bright moonlight and under enemy observation in order to deliver vital supplies to his unit and evacuate wounded men. Frequently subjected to hostile mortar shelling and on numerous occasions fired upon by enemy patrols which infested the area, his courageous and undeterred devotion to duty was an important factor in his unit's successful accomplishment of its mission. Entered military service from Fort Payne, Alabama.

GEORGE R. SINGER, 20276030, Technician Fifth Grade, 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. When his battery was committed as a provisional heavy weapons company during the Arno River campaign, Corporal Singer, a driver, volunteered to work with the communications section and performed his duties with courage and ability. Moving out repeatedly under heavy hostile bombardment which constantly severed our wire lines, he swiftly and efficiently repaired all breaks, and by his tireless devotion to duty, in helping maintain almost uninterrupted communications, enabled the placing of accurate fire on hostile targets. Entered military service from Rochester, New York.

LLOYD D. TREAT, 20276417, Technician Fifth Grade, Medical Detachment, 898th Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion, for heroic achievement in action on 1 August 1944, in the vicinity of Casciana, Italy. When informed that six members of a ten-man patrol had been wounded as a result of an enemy ambush, Corporal Treat immediately went to the assistance of the casualties despite rifle and machine gun fire which swept the area. He succeeded in finding and administering aid to five of the wounded men, but it was only after considerable search that he located the sixth injured soldier lying in a ditch approximately one hundred yards from his comrades. Although the wounded man warned him to escape immediately, as a hostile soldier behind a wall ten yards away was covering both men with a submachine gun, Corporal Treat courageously remained with the casualty, attended his wounds, then assisted him to the protection of a nearby building from which he was subsequently evacuated to an aid station. Entered military service from Rochester, New York.

HOWARD G. ATTRIDGE, 32039116, Private First Class, 898th Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion, for heroic achievement in action during the period 24 July 1944 to 13 August 1944, in the vicinity of Pisa, Italy. When his unit without previous training was committed as provisional infantry, Private Attridge frequently volunteered for missions that were above and beyond the call of his assignments as message center chief. Repeatedly throughout this period, Private Attridge braved enemy artillery, mortar and small arms fire to deliver vital operational messages and carry supplies of medicine, gas and ammunition under the most hazardous circumstances without regard for his personal well-being. His devoted actions have been an inspiration to his associates and a great asset to his organization. Entered military service from Rochester, New York.

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ERNEST F. BECKER, 36274587, Private First Class, 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 Marcianella, Italy. After establishing initial communications between command post and forward observation posts and mortar positions, Private Becker, and other members of his communications section worked unremittingly to improve their lines throughout the period in which their battalion was committed as a provisional heavy weapons company on the Arno River. Venturing into areas known to be infested by enemy combat patrols and ambushes, often subjected to hostile mortar concentrations, and on one occasion but a few yards from the scene of a clash between patrols, Private Becker repeatedly policed and repaired wire lines at great risk to his own life and contributed materially to the maintenance of dependable communications. Entered military service from Mukwonago, Wisconsin.

GLENN J. CORCORAN, 20276045, Private First Class, 898th Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion, for heroic achievement in action on 27 February 1944, in the vicinity of Cassino, Italy. When a mined road and a damaged bridge prevented his battery from moving its guns in support of a river crossing by our troops, Private Corcoran unhesitatingly assisted several comrades in probing approximately one thousand yards of road over flat terrain and subjected to intense enemy shelling. Not content with completing this arduous and dangerous task, Private Corcoran further exposed himself to enemy action in skillfully assisting in the repairing of the vital bridge and enabled his unit to successfully complete its mission. Entered military service from Ovid, New York.

JOSEPH J. OMASITS, 33134846, Private First Class (then Private), 898th Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion, for heroic achievement in action during the period 24 February 1944 to 8 March 1944, in the vicinity of Cassino, Italy. Although his superior officers regarded the task as so hazardous as to be impossible of accomplishment, Private Omasits volunteered to deliver hot rations to the men of his gun sections. Four times each morning, noon and night he drove his vehicle to a road junction subjected to preadjusted artillery fire and direct observation of the enemy and, waiting in a defile until a propitious moment, raced across the intersection in the interval between shell bursts in order to reach the four gun sections in their exposed positions. On no occasion throughout this period did Private Omasits fail to supply each section with hot food, and by his efforts he contributed greatly to the morale and welfare of his comrades. Entered military service from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

EDWIN G. PARDEE, 20276057, Private First Class, 898th Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion, for heroic achievement in action on 27 February 1944, in the vicinity of Cassino, Italy. When it became necessary to clear a road of mines and repair a bridge so as to successfully move guns and effectively support a river crossing, Private Pardee unhesitatingly volunteered to accompany a party in this arduous task. Although constantly observed by the enemy in open and flat terrain which was intensely subjected to artillery fire, Private Pardee courageously swept one thousand yards of road and then rendered outstanding assistance in repairing the vital bridge, enabling his battery to make a coordinated movement and advance to new positions of greater vantage. Entered military service from Rochester, New York.

KEITH A. WINDHAM, 34275506, Private First Class, 898th Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion, for heroic achievement in action on 30 July 1944, in the vicinity of Marcianella, Italy. While this battalion was committed as provisional infantry on the Arno River line, a runner brought word to the company command post that a patrol had suffered severe casualties in a clash with the enemy. Although lacking a map and unaware of the exact location of the casualties, Private Windham immediately volunteered to go to the aid of the wounded. After passing through areas infested with hostile patrols, he eventually came upon his wounded comrades and succeeded in administering aid which saved the life of at least one member of the patrol. Entered military service from Ellisville, Mississippi.

ROBERT L. HUDNALL, 35214132, Private, 898th Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion, for heroic achievement in action on 29 January 1945, in the vicinity of Eichenberg, France. Private Hudnall was manning his antiaircraft machine gun position when two enemy operated P-51's attempted to put it out of action. As he began to track them with his machine gun, one of the planes dove at the position.

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Private Hudnall opened fire and scored many hits before approximately thirty rounds from the planes struck his mount and damaged his ammunition chests, the exploding shells barely missing his legs. Despite this, he remained at his gun and attempted to repair it and get it back into action. One plane was destroyed in the action, and Private Hudnall's coolness and courage under fire was an inspiration to his comrades. Entered military service from Charleston, West Virginia.

FORD P. FULLER, JR., 023170, Major, 250th Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 1 August 1944 to 20 January 1945, in Western and Eastern France. As S-3 of an artillery battalion in the campaign from Normandy to the Rhine, Major Fuller has been responsible for the operations of the fire direction center. On numerous occasions, disregarding heavy enemy artillery fire, he conducted extensive reconnaissance with front line elements of several infantry and armored divisions. Under Major Fuller's personal supervision the battalion's fire power was massed with speed and precision earning high praise from the supported units. Entered the United States Military Academy from New York.

WILLARD S. SHEEDY, JR., 36364419, Corporal, 898th Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion, for meritorious achievement in direct support of combat operations during the period 25 March 1944 to 22 May 1944, in the vicinity of Castel Volturno, Italy. As a non-commissioned officer in the intelligence section of the battalion, he assumed the duties of the intelligence officer, a Captain, during that officer's prolonged hospitalization. His performance of these duties was so outstanding as to permit the vacancy to remain unfilled, and at the same time to invoke commendation for his section and battalion from higher authority. His disregard of his own welfare, his devotion to duty, and his voluntary assumption of the responsibilities of a much higher grade proved a very definite asset to his organization, have been a source of constant inspiration to his associates, and have contributed materially to the successful accomplishment of the mission of his organization. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

RAYMOND W. HAYDEN, JR., 0454270, Captain, 898th Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations during the period 18 March 1944 to 28 January 1945, in Italy, Corsica and France. Entered military service from Lake Charles, Louisiana.

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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:

CASPAR S. BRECKINRIDGE, 0442102, First Lieutenant, 399th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 9 December 1944, in the vicinity of Lemberg, France. While Lieutenant Breckinridge and his platoon were occupying entrenched positions upon the reverse slope, an enemy force of fifty preceded by three flak-wagons advanced over the crest of the hill. Delivering point-blank twenty millimeter fire into foxholes, the enemy weapons and troops threatened to inflict serious casualties when, disregarding the hail of enemy fire, Lieutenant Breckinridge rose to his feet and personally directed and coordinated the fire of his unit. The stubborn delaying action thus instituted inflicted severe casualties upon the enemy and prevented a serious break-through. Lieutenant Breckinridge was killed in this engagement. Next of kin: Alexander N. Breckinridge (Father), Summersville, West Virginia.

SECTION II - AWARD OF SILVER STAR, MISSING IN ACTION

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

JOHN R. HOLMES, 01296524, Captain, 398th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 9 January 1945, in the vicinity of Rimling, France. As commanding officer of the flank assault company in an attack, Captain Holmes personally led his men forward in the face of stubborn enemy resistance. When the company was subjected to small arms and artillery fire and attacked by five tanks which inflicted severe casualties by direct fire upon exposed personnel, Captain Holmes courageously moved forward, organized defenses and directed artillery fire which forced the withdrawal of the armor. While so engaged Captain Holmes was seriously wounded by a hostile mortar burst, but not before his gallantry, tactical skill and personal bravery had proven an inspiration to his command. Next of kin: Eleanore S. Holmes (Wife), Rural Route Number One, Saco, Maine.

JOHN S. OTRUBA, 33001661, Technical Sergeant, 397th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 8 January 1945, in the vicinity of Rimling, France. Following an intense hostile artillery and mortar barrage, an enemy tank and infantry force attacked our positions in the town of Rimling. As one tank moved up the street toward the company command post, firing into buildings with cannon and machine guns as it advanced, Sergeant Otruba stepped to the open doorway and in full view of the enemy aimed and fired a rocket shell at the approaching armored vehicle. While reloading his weapon in preparation to fire a second round, he was seriously wounded by hostile machine gun fire. His courageous and unhesitating action caused the tank to withdraw, enabling our forces to disperse the accompanying infantry and eliminate the threat to the command post. Next of kin: Irene F. Otruba (Wife), 8 Dornell Lane, Little Neck, New York.

THEODORE H. IHRIG, 39204550, Staff Sergeant, 398th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 10 January 1945, in the vicinity of Rimling, France. Although wounded while acting as platoon leader during his company's attack on hostile positions, Sergeant Ihrig refused to vacate his position of leadership and

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seek medical attention. Disregarding his own safety, he crawled into a heavily shelled area to move a wounded comrade to shelter, contacted the platoon on his right, returned to skillfully place each of his own men in effective firing positions, and while returning to the platoon command post was seriously wounded by artillery fire. His gallant performance enabled his unit to achieve its objective. Next of kin: Margaret C. Ihrig (Wife), 4033 Renton Avenue, Seattle, Washington.

GRIFFIN D. SMITH, 33180642, Staff Sergeant, 398th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 20 December 1944, in the vicinity of Bitche, France. After successfully leading his squad in taking an important hill, Sergeant Smith devoted himself to the task of reorganizing his group and to setting up defensive positions. When the enemy launched a strong counterattack with intensified machine gun and rifle fire, Sergeant Smith, accompanied by another man, crawled down the forward slope of the hill under concentrated enemy fire and advanced to within several yards of an enemy machine gun which he ultimately silenced with accurately placed hand grenades. Although seriously wounded in his attempt to return to his men, Sergeant Smith enabled his comrades to establish well dug-in defenses and repel the strong enemy counterattack. In this heroic and unselfish action Sergeant Smith inspired his men and reflected great credit upon himself and the military service. Next of kin: Anne C. Smith (Mother), 517 Madwin Street, Scranton, Pennsylvania.

TROY R. CARROLL, 34977961, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 30 December 1944, in the vicinity of Rimling, France. When the combat patrol of which he was a member was engaged by a hostile force four times its own strength, Private Carroll voluntarily advanced to a forward position and by his accurate and rapid delivery of covering fire afforded his comrades an opportunity to reorganize. Although his action brought concentrated answering fire from the enemy, Private Carroll maintained his position until, with support of friendly artillery, the patrol was eventually able to route the opposing infantry. Seriously wounded in this action, Private Carroll by his gallantry reflected great credit upon himself and was an inspiration to his comrades. Next of kin: Willie H. Carroll (Mother), Route One, Cordo, Alabama.

RICHARD L. HOLL, 35064223, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 30 December 1944, in the vicinity of Bitche, France. Volunteering for patrol duty for the fifth time in as many days, Private Holl moved out with his comrades in a skirmish line and had penetrated some two hundred yards into a woods when three hostile riflemen were sighted to the front. Simultaneously Private Holl observed a second group of enemy in an entrenchment and, realizing the critical danger of annihilation of the entire patrol, courageously ran from his position on the flank across the patrol front and hurled a grenade into the hostile emplacement. In the ensuing engagement Private Holl was seriously wounded, but by his gallant action saved the lives of his comrades. Next of kin: Mary T. Holl (Mother), 1558 Parkwood Road, Lakewood, Ohio.

JOE C. PATTERSON, 34965532, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 2 January 1945, in the vicinity of Enchenberg, France. While manning his foxhole, Private Patterson overheard some noise in a nearby woods. With his submachine gun, he moved forward to the suspected area and observed three of the enemy fifty yards away laying wire. Taking cover behind a few trees, he attempted to engage the enemy, but his weapon failed to operate. He then crawled back to his foxhole and procured a carbine. While returning to his former position, he was wounded in the leg, but nevertheless continued on against the enemy, firing as he advanced until seriously wounded. By his gallant and inspiring action, Private Patterson's squad was warned in sufficient time to kill one and wound another of the enemy. Next of kin: Cessie S. Patterson (Mother), Route #1, Fair Play, South Carolina.

MAX E. TOOLE, 36583086, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 30 December 1944, in the vicinity of Rimling, France. A member of a combat patrol which was attacked by a hostile force four times its own strength, Private Toole voluntarily took up a position well forward of his comrades and by his rapid and accurate delivery of covering fire enabled the other members of the group to organize defensive positions. Although his action brought concentrated answering fire from the enemy, Private Toole maintained his position until, with support of friendly artillery, the patrol was able to route the opposing infantry. Seriously wounded in this action, Private Toole by his gallantry reflected great credit upon himself and was an inspiration to his comrades. Next of kin: Marion Toole (Mother), Rural Route Number One, Yale, Michigan.

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RAYMOND W. COOK, 42019982, Private, 398th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 20 December 1944, in the vicinity of Biache, France. Participating in a bitterly contested attack Private Cook and his squad succeeded in taking a strategic hill. While in the process of digging in, the enemy launched a strong counterattack with intense machine gun and rifle fire, seriously threatening the squad in its exposed position atop the hill. Displaying a disdain for personal safety, Private Cook, accompanied by a comrade, crawled down the forward slope of the hill under enemy observation and fire and courageously made his way to the vicinity of the hostile machine gun which he skillfully silenced with accurately placed hand grenades. Seriously wounded by a sniper when returning to his squad, Private Cook's valiant action enabled his comrades to dig in and stem a determined enemy counterattack, reflecting great credit upon himself and exemplifying the high traditions of the Army of the United States. Next of kin: Clarissa Cook (Mother), 47 Wake-man Avenue, Newark, New Jersey.

SECTION III - AWARD OF SILVER STAR

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

JAMES S. LANGRIDGE, 6267758, Staff Sergeant, 399th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 9 December 1944, in the vicinity of Lemberg, France. During the attack against Lemberg, Sergeant Langridge and his platoon was subjected to enemy machine gun fire emanating from a house two hundred and fifty yards to their front. Sergeant Langridge advanced to the vicinity of the house, crawling most of the way under enemy fire. Reaching the house, he maneuvered to its front where he threw a branch against the door drawing enemy attention and fire on that point. Swiftly and speedily, he then moved to the side of the house, threw two hand grenades through a window and then entered firing his submachine gun, killing two of the enemy and capturing one. By his outstanding action, the enemy gun position was taken, and his platoon was able to advance and complete its mission. Entered military service from Corpus Christi, Texas.

WALTER G. SATHER, 19193562, Sergeant (then Private First Class), 398th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 28 November 1944, in the vicinity of St. Prayel, France. When his company's advance was halted by machine gun fire, Sergeant Sather went forward and located a firing position for his mortar about fifty yards away, but across an open field covered by enemy fire. He nevertheless picked up his mortar and ammunition and successfully ran to this spot, narrowly escaping several machine gun bursts. He then calmly set up his weapon, fired one shot, adjusted his sights, then fired again making a direct hit which destroyed the enemy gun, killed two and caused four others to flee, thereby enabling his company to continue its advance. Entered military service from Seattle, Washington.

EMIS D. THOMAS, 6668801, Sergeant, 397th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 1 January 1945 and 2 January 1945 in the vicinity of Rimling, France. When Sergeant Thomas' machine gun section was occupying a defensive position, the enemy launched a strong night attack in which his gunner became wounded. Sergeant Thomas took over the firing of the gun and by morning approximately thirty five German casualties lay in front of him. Through the day three enemy machine guns directed fire against his position and Sergeant Thomas acquiring a rocket launcher destroyed two of them with accurate fire, and then knocked out the third enemy weapon with effective fire from his own machine gun. By his initiative, skill and courage Sergeant Thomas contributed incalculable aid to the defense of the town. Entered military service Augusta, Georgia.

SECTION IV - AWARD OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER AND 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:

~~ARTHUR E. DE LUCA~~ ^{RESC. BY GOV 274-318045}
ARTHUR E. DE LUCA, 33850026, Private, 397th Infantry Regiment, 15 February 1945. Entered military service from Punksutawamy, Pennsylvania.

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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 N. ENGLISH, 31132628, Technical Sergeant, 397th Infantry Regiment, 8 December 1944. Entered military service from Kings Mountain, North Carolina.

JOSEPH S. MURRAY, 31217255, Staff Sergeant, 398th Infantry Regiment, 13 February 1945. Entered military service from Portland, Maine.

ALBERT J. O. FEUMAIER, 12206259, Staff Sergeant, 397th Infantry Regiment, 14 November 1944. Entered military service from Weehawken, New Jersey.

GEORGE A. NOBLE, 35528116, Staff Sergeant, 398th Infantry Regiment, 8 February 1945. Entered military service from Bedford, Ohio.

ALFRED F. DI FRINIO, 33430014, Sergeant, 397th Infantry Regiment, 15 December 1944. Entered military service from Greensburg, Pennsylvania.

DANIEL R. MARTIN, 32179082, Staff Sergeant, 397th Infantry Regiment, 14 November 1944. Entered military service from New York, New York.

JOHN A. FODESTA, 12106295, Sergeant, 397th Infantry Regiment, 13 February 1945. Entered military service from Far Rockaway, New York.

CARLYLE K. MORTON, 35776881, Technician Fifth Grade, 398th Infantry Regiment, 15 February 1945. Entered military service from Ashland, Kentucky.

SIGMUND J. SILKAITIS, 32655682, Technician Fifth Grade, 398th Infantry Regiment, 13 February 1945. Entered military service from Bronx, New York.

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~~LEE R. UNDERWOOD, 34496540, Corporal, 397th Infantry Regiment, 10 December 1944. Entered military service from Cunningham, Tennessee.~~

JAMES V. ACCIARDO, 36956775, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, 15 February 1945. Entered military service from Detroit, Michigan.

ERNEST T. ACCIRATO, 32653982, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, 15 February 1945. Entered military service from Kings City, New York.

JOEL G. BLEDSON, 38683199, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, 10 February 1945. Entered military service from Texarkana, Texas.

DEWIS C. BOYD, JR., 33889859, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, 18 February 1945. Entered military service from Norfolk, Virginia.

JOSEPH D. CARSELLE, 37570932, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, 14 February 1945. Entered military service from St. Paul, Minnesota.

CHARLES E. CHARLTON, 35869372, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, 13 February 1945. Entered military service from Cincinnati, Ohio.

EDWARD R. KATICH, 36955147, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, 21 November 1944. Entered military service from Waukegan, Illinois.

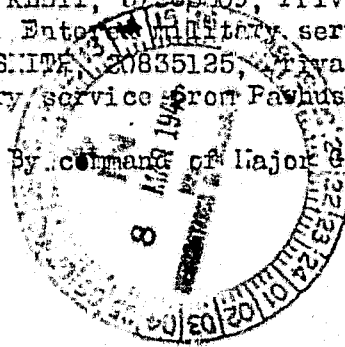
MILTON TRILINSKY, 37728896, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, 11 February 1945. Entered military service from St. Joseph, Missouri.

JOHN J. FULLEYLOVE, 42135586, Private, 397th Infantry Regiment, 13 February 1945. Entered military service from Port Washington, Long Island, New York.

ALBERT T. KLETT, 37533509, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, 14 November 1944. Entered military service from Jamestown, North Dakota.

HARRY J. SMITH, 30835125, Private, 398th Infantry Regiment, 8 February 1945. Entered military service from Pawhuska, Oklahoma.

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- Award of Silver Star..... I
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SECTION I -- AWARD OF SILVER STAR

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

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WARREN D. BEHRENS, 01692633, Second Lieutenant (then Technical Sergeant), 399th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 9 December 1944, in the vicinity of Lemberg, France. Assigned the mission of securing an enemy-held hill defended by two machine gun emplacements and a force of riflemen, Lieutenant Behrens led his platoon to the attack through hostile mortar bursts and small arms fire. Advancing upon the flank, he succeeded in reaching the military crest of the hill and there deployed his men in position to deliver accurate fire upon the enemy emplacement. This accomplished, he then personally charged forward across fifty yards of open terrain in full view and range of the enemy and hurled a hand grenade into the hostile position with deadly effect, killing two of the enemy and causing the withdrawal of the remainder. By his daring act, Lieutenant Behrens enabled his platoon to capture nine prisoners and achieve its objective without casualties. Entered military service from Jersey City, New Jersey.

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:

EDWARD MONTGOMERY, 34913816, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 29 December 1944, in the vicinity of Fousseviller, France. While engaged in a reconnaissance patrol to determine enemy installations and strength in the village of Fousseviller, Private Montgomery and four comrades suddenly encountered a superior hostile force and were subjected to heavy fire from small arms and two machine guns. A fierce fire fight ensued, in which Private Montgomery and the other members of the patrol displayed such outstanding heroism and combat skill that the enemy was completely routed, leaving behind three dead and one prisoner. The patrol then continued on its mission, acquired the desired information and returned safely to our lines. As a result of a later mission, Private Montgomery is missing in action. Next of kin: Verna Montgomery Gregory (Mother), Route 34, Athens, Tennessee.

SECTION III -- AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

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

PAUL W. JEDELE, 0328145, Captain, 398th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 9 November 1944 to 9 February 1945, in Eastern France. Throughout this period, as company commander, Antitank Company, Captain Jedele has been outstanding in his devotion to duty. During operations in the vicinity of Raon L'Etape from 19 November to 21 November 1944, Captain Jedele organized carrying parties to supply the attacking battalions of the regiment, when the terrain was too rough for supply vehicles. The terrain through which Captain Jedele and the carrying parties had to pass was heavily infested with snipers and mines, but he led the parties through with the needed supplies which were instrumental in the successful completion of the regimental mission. Entered military service from Ann Arbor, Michigan.

BENJAMIN J. MILLER, 34125368, Technical Sergeant (then Staff Sergeant), 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 9 January 1945, in the vicinity of Rimling, France. When the enemy launched a sudden assault on a hill occupied

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by his unit, Sergeant Miller swiftly manned his automatic weapon and delivered deadly fire on the advancing enemy. Accounting for the death of one officer and six enlisted men, his single courageous action was in large measure responsible for the complete rout of the enemy and saved his platoon leader who had been cut off while acting as a forward observer. Entered military service from Columbia, South Carolina.

ROBERT E. CRAMER, 12166444, Staff Sergeant (then Sergeant), 399th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 1 January 1945, in the vicinity of Bitche, France. After volunteering for the hazardous mission of warding off the attacking enemy until their company could assume new defensive positions, Sergeant Cramer and others courageously held their ground in the face of stubborn hostile attempts to dislodge them. Their determined defense permitted delivery of destructive artillery fire on enemy troops, slowed their progress, and enabled our forces to make a successful withdrawal. Entered military service from Elmira, New York.

CARL E. FLECK, 33830710, Sergeant (then Private), 399th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 1 January 1945, in the vicinity of Bitche, France. Voluntarily remaining behind to cover his company's withdrawal when a strong enemy attack threatened their positions, Sergeant Fleck and other riflemen fought a stubborn and gallant delaying action which inflicted many casualties on hostile troops and effectively slowed their advance, thereby securing the battalion right flank and rear. Entered military service from Wycmising, Pennsylvania.

RAYMOND J. MC INTIRE, JR., 33219043, Sergeant, 399th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action during the period 5 November 1944 to 10 January 1945, in Eastern France. On repeated occasions during this period Sergeant McIntire distinguished himself by his conduct under hostile fire. As a member of a wire crew during the time his company occupied positions at the edge of the woods near le Hochscheidt, Sergeant McIntire worked unremittingly to maintain efficient communications under adverse conditions, and on five occasions braved hostile mortar and rocket fire in company with his comrades in order to splice severed wire lines while exposed to direct enemy observation. Entered military service from Richmond, Virginia.

JEROLD ROTH, 42063697, Sergeant (then Private First Class), 399th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 31 December 1944, in the vicinity of Siersthal, France. When an enemy counterattack in strength was hurled against our lines, Sergeant Roth and another riflemen held their fire until the enemy approached to within fifty yards, then engaged the attackers with an accuracy and volume of fire which momentarily halted the assault. Adjusting a grenade adapter in order to use fragmentation grenades as time fire, Sergeant Roth left the protection of his foxhole under artillery and small arms fire and inflicted further casualties upon the enemy, succeeding with the help of his comrade in killing or wounding at least fifteen of the attacking troops. Entered military service from Brooklyn, New York.

ROBERT E. TANHOFF, 37569579, Sergeant (then Private First Class), 399th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 31 December 1944, in the vicinity of Siersthal, France. During a counterattack by an enemy force of one hundred infantrymen, Sergeant Tanhoff and another rifleman allowed the opposing troops to approach within fifty yards, then engaged the attackers with rapid and accurate fire which disconcerted and momentarily halted them. During the subsequent lull in the action, Sergeant Tanhoff, adjusting a grenade adapter in order to use fragmentation grenades as time fire, left the protection of his foxhole under artillery and small arms fire and inflicted further casualties upon the enemy. With his comrade, Sergeant Tanhoff succeeded in killing or wounding at least fifteen of the attacking troops. Entered military service from Wegdahl, Minnesota.

EMMERSON V. DEXTER, 36484430, Corporal, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 9 January 1945, in the vicinity of Rimling, France. At 0200 hours, when thirty Germans burst into the building housing his antitank crew Corporal Dexter, to avoid the threat of capture, led his three comrades to the attic, and exposing himself, searched for possible escape routes. When an enemy group mounted the stairs, he directed his men out of the rear of the building, and suddenly discovering five Germans blocking his path, threw a hand grenade into their midst, wounding three. After killing the other two with his pistol, he successfully led his men back to our lines. Entered military service from Champaign, Illinois.

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DAVID CHERNICK, 3118903, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 1 January 1945 and 2 January 1945, in the vicinity of Rimling, France. When his antitank squad was subjected to repeated sniper fire from the enemy who was barricaded in a nearby building, Private Chernick calmly approached the structure, called out in broken German for the inmates to surrender, and receiving no answer, fired his automatic weapon into the doorway, and forced the surrender of six Germans. On the following day, demonstrating similar aggressiveness and initiative, he again captured two prisoners whom he suddenly encountered while he was carrying food forward for two squads who were unable to leave their positions. His gallant performance earned him the tribute of his entire unit. Entered military service from Providence, Rhode Island.

WILLIAM F. DUGAN, 12099938, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 8 January 1945 and 9 January 1945, in the vicinity of Rimling, France. During these two days, Private Dugan voluntarily participated in five patrols far into enemy territory. Displaying marked courage, he assisted in knocking out one hostile tank with rocket fire and repelling others, killing two Germans and capturing sixteen, rescuing an antitank squad trapped in a building, and ferreting out hostile snipers harassing our forces, thereby materially contributing to the success of his unit's assigned missions. Entered military service from Ogdensburg, New York.

GEORGE D. GRANT, JR., 39578704, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action during the period 5 November 1944 to 10 January 1945, in Eastern France. Participating in the many actions in which his organization has engaged during this period, Private Grant has at all times discharged his assigned duties with courage and determination. As a volunteer member of a wire team immediately following the movement of his company from Meyersviller to the woods near le Hochscheidt, Private Grant worked day and night to maintain vital wire communications, and in company with his comrades braved hostile mortar and rocket fire on five separate occasions to repair broken wire lines while exposed to direct enemy observation. Entered military service from Chino, California.

JAMES L. HATTER, 35833392, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action during the period 5 November 1944 to 10 January 1945, in Eastern France. Private Hatter has distinguished himself by his conduct during the many engagements in which his organization has participated. As a member of a wire team during the period following the company's movement from Meyersviller to the woods near le Hochscheidt, Private Hatter worked indefatigably to establish and maintain communications under adverse conditions, and with his comrades braved hostile mortar and rocket fire on five occasions to repair severed wire lines while exposed to direct enemy observation. Entered military service from Martinsville, Indiana.

ALAN P. HOLMES, 36772200, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action during the period 5 November 1944 to 10 January 1945, in Eastern France. Throughout this period of combat operations Private Holmes has discharged his assigned duties with aggressiveness and determination. When his company moved from the vicinity of Meyersviller to the edge of the woods near le Hochscheidt, Private Holmes and other members of his wire crew established and maintained dependable communication facilities under difficult conditions, braving hostile mortar and rocket fire on five occasions in order to splice severed wire lines under direct enemy observation. Entered military service from Oak Park, Illinois.

JOHN C. MURPHY, 42144695, Private First Class (then Private), 399th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action during the period 25 December 1944 to 30 December 1944, in the vicinity of Bitch, France. Occupying a captured enemy pillbox which was four hundred and fifty yards in advance of our lines, Private Murphy, accompanied by seven comrades, assisted in holding the outpost during five enemy counterattacks in which it was subjected to heavy artillery, mortar and small arms fire. In addition, many times during this period, Private Murphy carried food and ammunition to the position and repaired wire lines, enabling it to be gainfully employed by our artillery in concentrating their fire against enemy personnel and positions. Entered military service from Union City, New Jersey.

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GORDON D. MURRAY, 36990622, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from Detroit, Michigan.

GEORGE PERRY, JR., 34913863, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from Bristol, Tennessee.

R. W. MC MAHAF, 34913467, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from Crossville, Tennessee.

WILLIAM E. GRIMES, 33885918, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment. Entered military service from Portsmouth, Virginia.

For heroic achievement in action on 27 December 1944, in the vicinity of Nousseviller, France. While engaged in a reconnaissance patrol to determine enemy installations and strength in the village of Nousseviller, these men suddenly encountered a superior hostile force and were subjected to heavy fire from small arms and two machine guns. A fierce fire fight ensued, in which our men displayed such outstanding heroism and combat skill that the enemy was completely routed, leaving behind three dead and one prisoner. The patrol then continued on its mission, acquired the desired information and returned safely to our lines.

WILLIAM C. NAILS, 34827787, Private First Class (then Private), 399th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action during the period 25 December 1944 to 30 December 1944, in the vicinity of Bitch, France. For five days, while carrying food and ammunition, repairing wire lines, and assisting in repulsing several enemy counterattacks, Private Nails, accompanied by seven comrades, held a captured enemy pillbox which was four hundred and fifty yards in advance of our lines. Maintaining the outpost throughout this period while subjected to heavy enemy artillery and small arms fire, Private Nails enabled our artillery to concentrate its fire against enemy positions and personnel with excellent effect. Entered military service from Dallas, Georgia.

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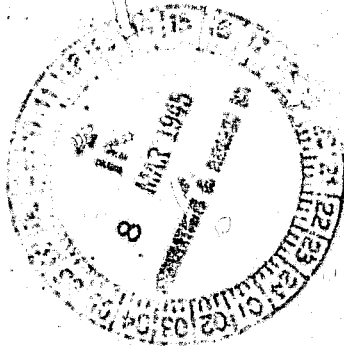
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SECTION I -- AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

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

ERNEST J. JAKLITSCH, 32650292, First Sergeant, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 10 December 1944, in the vicinity of Bitché, France. Informed that a group of Germans were infiltrating toward the company command post, Sergeant Jaklitsch placed his small headquarters group in defensive positions, hidden in a draw. On the approach of the opposing troops, heedless of his own safety, he rose and fired rapidly at them. The perfect timing of his action so startled the hostile force that all eight surrendered immediately. By his quick-thinking and courageous deed, he prevented capture of the command post and thwarted the enemy infiltration. Entered military service from Glendale, New York.

STANLEY J. LEACH, 32593772, First Sergeant (then Staff Sergeant), 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 20 November 1944, in the vicinity of Eaubon L'Etape, France. While maneuvering his squad into position to silence an enemy machine gun during a strong enemy counterattack, Sergeant Leach was severely wounded by artillery shrapnel. When it became apparent that he and other casualties could not be evacuated, he painfully dragged himself to the battalion aid station, told of the need of litter bearers at the front and then collapsed from his strenuous exertions. His courageous action resulted in saving the lives of several soldiers who otherwise might have succumbed to their injuries. Entered military service from Passaic, New Jersey.

OSCAR LEISTYNA, 32350536, First Sergeant (then Technical Sergeant), 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 2 January 1945, in the vicinity of Rimling, France. When a number of enemy troops infiltrated into the town of Rimling during the night and assumed positions from which they continuously harassed our forces by sniper fire, Sergeant Leistyna voluntarily formed and led a five-man patrol with the purpose of driving the enemy from the town. Although the opposing troops were heavily armed with automatic weapons, Sergeant Leistyna and his men succeeded in capturing a total of fifteen prisoners and clearing the town of all hostile forces, thus enabling our troops to distribute food and ammunition, repair wire lines and render medical assistance to the wounded. Entered military service from Fallsburg, New York.

DONALD W. ANDERSON, 3596283, Technical Sergeant (then Staff Sergeant), 399th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 1 November 1944 to 15 February 1945, in Eastern France. During this period, Sergeant Anderson displayed great skill and initiative in performing his duties as squad leader. On one occasion, near Hottviller, he led a patrol across open terrain onto high ground, and from this vantage point, utilizing the sound-power phone, directed accurate and destructive fire missions on several enemy installations, and also transmitted vital information on hostile dispositions and possible routes of approach to our lines, which proved invaluable in helping our forces break up a strong enemy counterattack which later developed. Entered military service from Greenfield.

WILLIAM J. FENWICK, 33080976, Staff Sergeant, 373rd Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 6 November 1944 to 15 February 1945, in Eastern France. In this period of combat operations Sergeant Fenwick

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as chief of a howitzer section, has discharged his duties in a superior and effective manner. Despite frequent movements and heavy firing necessitated by his battles during the Vosges and Bitche campaigns, Sergeant Fenwick has by his outstanding leadership directed his section in delivering rapid and accurate fire. Under his constant personal supervision he has afforded his unit excellent protection with the result that no casualties in personnel or material have occurred in spite of repeated and heavy enemy shelling. Entered military service from McDonald, Pennsylvania.

J. C. COLLINS, 37737125, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 8 January 1945, in the vicinity of Rimling, France. When the only tank destroyer available for operations was in urgent need of ammunition, Private Collins, a wireman, unhesitatingly volunteered to guide the crew of the vehicle to a second but disabled tank destroyer. Leaving the comparative safety of his position, Private Collins led the party for a distance of six hundred yards under particularly hazardous sniper fire to the disabled vehicle, where the ammunition was obtained, then continued with the group to the town of Guising before returning to his starting point. By his action Private Collins enabled the crew of the tank destroyer to disable at least one enemy tank in a subsequent action. Entered military service from Wichita, Kansas.

CARVEL C. COOPER, 34717682, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 20 December 1944, in the vicinity of Bitche, France. When enemy fire halted his company after an advance of several hundred yards, Private Cooper from his position on the extreme left flank noticed that the enemy was gathering for a counterattack. He immediately notified his squad leader, and then, on his own initiative, crawled forward about one hundred and fifty yards to a more advantageous position, and despite exposure to hostile observation and fire relayed information on enemy movements, and the enemy counterattack was repulsed without the loss of a single one of our men. Entered military service from Livingston, Tennessee.

HOWARD E. GORDON, 33890847, Private First Class (then Private), 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 hostile tank attacks repeatedly threatened our positions, Private Gordon volunteered time and again to repair severed company wire lines in order that the battalion might be warned of impending assault by enemy armor. Although on occasions accurate sniper fire heightened the danger of his already hazardous task, he continued to splice the lines each time they were severed by hostile shellbursts, and thus enabled supporting artillery to break up each assault before it reached our lines. Entered military service from Brooklyn, Maryland.

JOHN E. CARTER, 34591197, Private, 399th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 3 January 1945, in the vicinity of Freudenberg, France. When a hostile shellburst showered fragments into the truck of which Private Carter was driver, ammunition within the vehicle was set afire, three fifty-seven millimeter rounds exploded, and the blaze quickly spread to bedrolls and tarpaulins. Although at some distance from the burning truck, Private Carter and another soldier raced through continuing enemy shelling, climbed into the vehicle and, despite mounting danger of detonation of the forty remaining rounds, threw the ammunition to the ground. They then put out the blaze with a fire extinguisher and drove the truck to a place of safety. Entered military service from Harrisburg, North Carolina.

SECTION II -- AWARD OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO AIR MEDAL

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

Award of Second Oak Leaf Cluster

WILLIAM M. COZORT, 01177352, First Lieutenant, 260th Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights against the enemy in France during the period 18 November 1944 to 12 January 1945. Entered military service from Clarksville, Texas.

Award of First Oak Leaf Cluster

IRWIN L. TVEDT, 01171399, Captain, 373rd Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights against the enemy in France during the period 25 December 1944 to 9 February 1945. Entered military service from Newfolds, Minnesota.

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ROBERT V. BALES 01180801, First Lieutenant, 375th Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights against the enemy in France during the period 16 December 1944 to 24 January 1945. Entered military service from Fort Worth, Texas.

LLOYD O. BORGES 01168173, First Lieutenant, 374th Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights against the enemy in France during the period 21 December 1944 to 15 February 1945. Entered military service from Brooklyn, New York.

ROBERT W. SANDS, 0542096, First Lieutenant, 375th Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights against the enemy in France during the period 24 December 1944 to 9 February 1945. Entered military service from Russell, Kansas.

BASIL L. SEIGNEUR, 01176188, First Lieutenant, 375th Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights against the enemy in France during the period 22 December 1944 to 2 February 1945. Entered military service from Morenci, Michigan.

HORACE P. WILLIAMSON, JR.; 0523724, First Lieutenant, 925th Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights against the enemy in France during the period 23 December 1944 to 20 February 1945. Entered military service from Anniston, Alabama.

ROLAND E. MANN, 0532776, Second Lieutenant, 925th Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights against the enemy in France during the period 19 December 1944 to 14 February 1945. Entered military service from Tallassee, Alabama.

RICHARD E. FEMMERLY, 35035203, Staff Sergeant, 375th Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights against the enemy in France during the period 22 December 1944 to 29 January 1945. Entered military service from Columbus, Ohio.

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:

WENDELL L. ROBERTS, 0558125, First Lieutenant, 374th Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights against the enemy in France during the period 11 November 1944 to 21 February 1945. Entered military service from Lawton, Oklahoma.

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:

JOHN T. MULLINS, 01319080, First Lieutenant, 397th Infantry Regiment, 16 February 1945. Entered military service from New York, New York.

GEORGE F. TYSON, JR., 34464547, Technical Sergeant, 399th Infantry Regiment, 15 February 1945. Entered military service from Fayetteville, North Carolina.

CHARLES S. KIMBLER, 35806500, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment, 2 February 1945. Entered military service from Ashland, Kentucky.

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:

ROBERT C. HOTH, 0540113, First Lieutenant, 399th Infantry Regiment, 1945. Entered military service from Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

ROBERT E. YOWELL, 37411045, Technician Third Grade, Medical Detachment, Infantry Regiment, 3 January 1945. Entered military service from Moberly, Missouri.

ROBERT G. TESSMER, 36890212, Sergeant, 397th Infantry Regiment, 17 February 1945. Entered military service from Dearborn, Michigan.

WILLIAM E. MC KEOWN, 36896890, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, 14 February 1945. Entered military service from Grand Junction, Michigan.

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CHARLES S. ZIMBLER, 35806500, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment,
9 January 1945. Entered military service from Ashland, Kentucky.
RALPH W. SHEETS, 35246911, Private First Class, 399th Infantry Regiment, 19 Jan-
ary 1945. Entered military service from Crawfordsville, Indiana.
JAMES A. MAKEPEACE, 42094093, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment
29 December 1944. Entered military service from Buffalo, New York.
JAMES A. COLEMAN, 35832499, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment
February 1945. Entered military service from Wellsville, Ohio.
CALVIN W. SAUNDERS, 34839821, Private, 399th Infantry Regiment, 14 February
1945. Entered military service from Sale City, Georgia.

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 Company, 397th Infantry Regiment, for superior performance of duty and the achievement of a high standard of discipline during the period from 1 November 1944 to 25 January 1945.

SECTION VII -- AMENDMENT OF AWARD OF SILVER STAR

So much of Section I, General Orders Number 52, this headquarters, current series, which awards the Silver Star posthumously to "CASPAR S. BRECKINRIDGE, 0442102, First Lieutenant, 399th Infantry Regiment" is amended to read "CASPAR S. BRECKINRIDGE, 0442102, Second Lieutenant, 399th Infantry Regiment."

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

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

RICHARD R. POLHEMUS, 11138414, Staff Sergeant (then Sergeant), 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action during the period 7 January 1945 to 9 January 1945, in the vicinity of Rimling, France. During these three days, Sergeant Polhemus volunteered for at least six extremely hazardous missions. When the battalion command post was in need of ammunition, he delivered it despite knowledge that enemy snipers infested the area, and, when the company commander found it necessary to visit advanced units, Sergeant Polhemus served as his bodyguard. On another occasion Sergeant Polhemus volunteered for membership in a rifle grenade team acting as antitank protection for the command post, and throughout this period he not only contributed greatly to the successful defense of our positions but also personally accounted for the death of three of the enemy. Next of kin: Linda Koempel (Mother), 4 North Crossways, Lucas Point, Old Greenwich, Connecticut.

SECTION II -- POSTHUMOUS AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

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

LOUIS J. DE SANTIS, 32384390, Private First Class, 325th Engineer Combat Battalion, for heroic achievement in action on 26 December 1944, in the vicinity of Rimling, France. While proceeding with its mission of installing a road block of antitank mines, the platoon of engineers of which Private De Santis was a member was attacked by an enemy patrol of superior strength. Volunteering to deliver covering fire while his unarmed comrades withdrew to safety, Private De Santis engaged the hostile force and thereby enabled other members of the platoon to retire without casualty, but was himself mortally wounded by small arms fire during the action. The courage and devotion to his comrades thus displayed by Private De Santis was in keeping with the highest military traditions. Next of kin: Felix De Santis (Father), 208 Oak Street, Syracuse, New York.

HUBERT G. PARKER, 6710920, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 11 December 1944, in the vicinity of Bitche, France. When small arms and mortar fire from hostile strongpoints and infiltration by enemy infantry seriously threatened our positions, repeated attempts to obtain supporting fire from our artillery resulted only in the capture of five of our runners. Private Parker volunteered to carry a message to the company command post requesting artillery fire on the enemy strongpoints and, despite hostile fire, succeeded in reaching his objective. As a result of his action, accurate artillery fire enabled our force to hold and consolidate their positions, but Private Parker was mortally wounded by snipers while returning to his unit. Next of kin: Fred B. Parker (Father), Wintondale, New York.

RALPH L. ROBERTS, 36898699, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 14 December 1944, in the vicinity of Reyer, France. While Private Roberts' company was withdrawing from the vicinity of enemy-held strongpoints of the Maginot Line, two enlisted men were wounded by hostile fire. As no medical personnel were available, Private Roberts remained with the casualties to administer first aid, and while so engaged heard what he believed to be the cries

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of a wounded man in a nearby field. Although enemy shells were falling in the area, Private Roberts unhesitatingly advanced toward the open field, and had gone but a few steps when he was killed by a hostile mortar burst, thus sacrificing his own life in an attempt to rescue a comrade. Next of kin: Anna Roberts (Mother), 54 North East, Grand Rapids, Michigan.

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:

ALBERT C. GOODWIN, 31237396, Staff Sergeant, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 9 January 1945, in the vicinity of Rimling, France. Accompanying three men on a patrol Sergeant Goodwin encountered an enemy tank and after firing on it with his rocket launcher withdrew under enemy fire. While returning to his position he and his platoon leader investigated a barn believed to be the source of enemy sniper fire. Proceeding to inspect the loft a strong enemy patrol suddenly surprised and trapped them. In the ensuing action Sergeant Goodwin suffered serious wounds from a German grenade and although unable to move, he courageously and unselfishly covered the escape of his comrade with his rocket launcher. Next of kin: Evelyn E. Goodwin (Wife), 70 Cedar Street, Malden, Massachusetts.

CLARENCE B. THOMAS, 20403539, Staff Sergeant, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 8 January 1945, in the vicinity of Rimling, France. During the defense of Rimling, the mortars of Sergeant Thomas' section were in position to defend the town against attack from the north when the enemy launched a sudden and powerful assault from the west. Despite small arms fire and direct shelling from the hostile armor, Sergeant Thomas remained by his weapons and unassisted faced the mortars to the flank. He thus delivered accurate and rapid fire until the enemy penetrated to within seventy-five yards, and by his action contributed greatly to the eventual repulse of the attackers. He was subsequently reported as missing in action. Next of kin: Nettie M. Thomas (Wife), Route #1, Ficks, Georgia.

ORVIN H. BURKHOLDER, 33874155, Private, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 8 January 1945, in the vicinity of Rimling, France. During a period in which our positions in Rimling were seriously threatened by infiltrating enemy infantrymen, Private Burkholder volunteered to serve as a member of a patrol with the mission of eliminating snipers from the vicinity. Advancing ahead of his comrades under hostile fire from automatic weapons, he observed a large group of enemy entering a building. Reporting this information to other members of the patrol, he then covered his companions while they captured sixteen of the enemy. On a subsequent patrol Private Burkholder was reported as missing in action. Next of kin: Pauline A. Burkholder (Wife), 1715 West Orange Street, York, Pennsylvania.

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:

LOUIS J. HORNOR, JR., 0531853, First Lieutenant (then Second Lieutenant), 375th Field Artillery Battalion, for heroic achievement in action on 19 November 1944 and 21 December 1944, in the vicinity of La Trouche and Bitche, France. On 19 November, although subjected to enemy fire which inflicted many casualties during the advance on La Trouche, Lieutenant Horner remained with the first attacking wave and directed accurate supporting artillery fire which assisted the infantry in taking its objective. Again, on 21 December, he manned his forward outpost in the face of heavy automatic weapons fire to call for fire support which effectively dispersed an enemy patrol threatening the security of the infantry company to which he was assigned. Entered military service from San Antonio, Texas.

JULIUS A. MINTON, JR., 0530141, First Lieutenant, 375th Field Artillery Battalion, for heroic achievement in action on 10 December 1944, in the vicinity of Lemberg, France. In company with an infantry patrol, Lieutenant Minton moved forward to a hill overlooking an important highway in use by hostile forces, and there established his observation post despite almost continuous enemy fire. Observing a group

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of hostile troops, Lieutenant Minton exposed himself to artillery and mortar shellbursts falling so near to him that shrapnel struck his radio set, and by his skillful adjustment of our own artillery fire inflicted casualties upon the opposing infantry and hastened their retreat. Entered military service from Paterson, New Jersey.

WILLIAM M. COREY, 0548580, Second Lieutenant, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 26 January 1945, in the vicinity of Urbach, France. In company with another officer and two enlisted men, Lieutenant Corey was engaged in salvaging parts from a wrecked vehicle when three rounds of mortar fire fell in the midst of the group, wounding all members of the party. Although he was himself suffering from shrapnel wounds in the legs, Lieutenant Corey proceeded to carry the other three wounded men to a place of safety despite the mortar shells which continued to fall in the area, and was most probably responsible for saving the lives of his comrades who might otherwise have become victims of the hostile fire. Entered military service from West Rutland, Vermont.

EDWARD C. JONES, 36902495, Staff Sergeant, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 30 January 1945, in the vicinity of Urbach, France. While maintaining a forward outpost, Sergeant Jones observed enemy activity two hundred yards to his front. Advancing in a blinding snowstorm to investigate this action, Sergeant Jones was fired upon by an enemy sniper. Although seriously wounded, he made his way back to the outpost with information which aided immeasurably in clearing the enemy from the area. Entered military service from Granite City, Illinois.

RADE H. MULLINS, 38683360, Staff Sergeant, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 6 January 1945 and 7 January 1945, in the vicinity of Rimling, France. When his company was subjected to enemy pressure and no artillery personnel were present to direct critically-needed artillery support, Sergeant Mullins, although lacking previous experience, volunteered to man a forward observation post and transmit necessary information to the artillery fire direction center. Crawling forward through artillery, mortar and small arms fire, Sergeant Mullins reached his post and effectively adjusted supporting artillery. Maintaining his position without relief for two days and frequently leaving his fox hole to repair severed wire lines, his efforts enabled our forces to hold Hill 370 despite all attempts by the enemy to dislodge them. Entered military service from Marshall, Texas.

JOHN F. NOLAN, JR., 31357332, Staff Sergeant (then Private First Class), 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 these five days in which his platoon occupied defensive positions on the strategically important LeSchlietzen Hill near Rimling, Sergeant Nolan assisted in repelling all hostile attempts by direct assault and infiltration, to dislodge his unit. On 3 January, in the absence of his platoon leader and sergeant, when his men were subjected to particularly heavy enemy fire and many thought it advisable to withdraw, he persuaded his comrades to remain, and as a result of his inspiring leadership, the platoon continued to successfully defend its positions. Entered military service from Newton, Massachusetts.

FRED E. ROLLINS, 34515047, Staff Sergeant (then Corporal), 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 8 January 1945, in the vicinity of Rimling, France. Alarmed over the failure of a patrol to return, Sergeant Rollins, on his own initiative, led a relief unit forward and discovered the group trapped in a building and facing capture. After laying down heavy covering fire and skillfully supervising the escape of his comrades, he proceeded forward again to reconnoiter the area. Observing a strongly fortified building occupied by hostile troops, he quickly relayed this information to Company H whose guns soon neutralized the position. Entered military service from Jefferson, South Carolina.

MATTHEW P. ROSCH, 20381188, Staff Sergeant, 325th Engineer Combat Battalion, for heroic achievement in action on 18 November 1944, in the vicinity of Raon L'Etape, France. When the advance of our troops was halted by a road block covered by enemy sniper and machine gun fire, Sergeant Rosch organized an assault team to demolish the obstacle. Moving forward alone under hostile fire, Sergeant Rosch determined the amount of explosives necessary for the destruction of the block, then returned

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to his men and skillfully directed the emplacement and detonation of the charges. As a result of Sergeant Rosch's prompt and courageous action, the road was speedily cleared and our tanks and armored vehicles were able to advance to the assistance of infantry troops in contact with the enemy. Entered military service from Washington, District of Columbia.

STANLEY J. STETZ, 13055909, Staff Sergeant, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 8 January 1945, in the vicinity of Rimling, France. Despite knowledge that the five men who had previously attempted the mission had been wounded by hostile fire, Sergeant Stetz volunteered to accompany his commanding officer across an exposed ridge in daylight in an attempt to establish contact with a forward platoon which was under constant fire from snipers. The hazardous mission was successfully accomplished and enabled the company to put forth a concerted defense which repulsed a determined enemy counterattack. Entered military service from Kalamazoo, Michigan.

GRADY G. WOODY, 34495495, Staff Sergeant, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 12 November 1944, in the vicinity of Bertrichamps, France. When the continued success of his unit depended on immediate supply of additional ammunition, Sergeant Woody braved a heavy concentration of enemy artillery and mortar fire to drive a quarter-ton truck and trailer, loaded with ammunition, along the shelled road leading to our machine gun positions making the delivery in time to guarantee final achievement of his company's objective. Entered military service from Scotts Hill, Tennessee.

EDWARD J. TULLY, 33072084, Sergeant (then Corporal), 325th Engineer Combat Battalion, for heroic achievement in action on 18 November 1944, in the vicinity of Raon L'Etape, France. When a mined road block prevented the advance of our tanks and armored vehicles to the support of infantry troops, Sergeant Tully and another enlisted man volunteered to remove the hostile explosives. Moving forward under enemy sniper and machine gun fire, Sergeant Tully and his companion attached wires to the mines and thus withdrew them from their positions. The voluntary action of Sergeant Tully enabled our armor to advance and relieve the pressure on forward infantry elements which were being subjected to intense enemy small arms fire. Entered military service from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

ARGEL W. TALKINGTON, 35233433, Technician Fourth Grade, Medical Detachment, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action during the period 12 November 1944 to 9 January 1945, in Eastern France. Throughout this period Sergeant Talkington displayed courage and skill in discharging his duties. During the action at Bertrichamps, he rendered aid to wounded members of a patrol while subjected to hostile mortar fire, and later went to the assistance of a wounded soldier who had fallen in full view of an enemy machine gun crew, bandaged the man's wounds and withdrew with him to a place of safety. In the same engagement Sergeant Talkington cared for the wounds of a casualty while under fire from hostile automatic weapons, and at Rimling he administered aid to wounded comrades after he himself was wounded by shrapnel. Entered military service from Akron, Ohio.

SECTION V -- AWARD OF MERITORIOUS SERVICE UNIT PLAQUE

By direction of the President, and under the provisions of Section 1, Circular Number 345, War Department, 23 August 1944, The Meritorious Service Unit Plaque is awarded to the Service Battery, 373rd Field Artillery Battalion, for superior performance of duty and the achievement of a high standard of discipline during the period from 21 October 1944 to 29 January 1945.

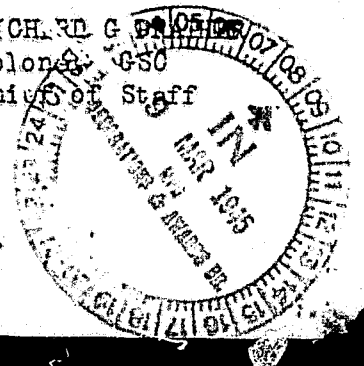
By direction of the President, and under the provisions of Section 1, Circular Number 345, War Department, 23 August 1944, The Meritorious Service Unit Plaque is awarded to the Service Battery, 375th Field Artillery Battalion, for superior performance of duty and the achievement of a high standard of discipline during the period 6 November 1944 to 15 January 1945.

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SECTION I -- POSTHUMOUS AWARD OF SILVER STAR

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

JOEL J. RILEY, 19193504, Sergeant, 397th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 2 December 1944, in the vicinity of Ingwiller, France. Assigned the hazardous mission of creating a diversion to screen the main attacking effort of his company, Sergeant Riley led a patrol into hostile territory and engaged the enemy. In the fire fight which ensued, he skillfully supervised his men in directing their fire on opposing troops, and the mission was successfully accomplished. Ordering his men to retire, he remained behind to deliver covering fire, and while thus engaged, was mortally wounded. His gallant leadership reflected great credit on himself and won the admiration of all members of his unit. Next of kin: Alice Riley (Mother), 1921 Crescent Drive, Seattle, Washington.

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 each of the following named individuals, missing in action, for gallantry in action:

ALFRED E. PRINCE, 025714, Captain, 399th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 7 December 1944, in the vicinity of Lemberg, France. Lacking any route of withdrawal from its exposed position and subjected to intense mortar, twenty millimeter cannon, machine gun and rifle fire, the company under Captain Prince's command remained for eight hours under direct surveillance of an enemy emplaced on heights to the front and flanks. Throughout this period Captain Prince, oblivious of the fire which inflicted many casualties upon exposed personnel, continually moved about the area maintaining contact with and control over all units and encouraging and inspiring his men. As a result of his personal fortitude and leadership, possible panic and disorganization were prevented and the company ultimately withdrew under cover of darkness. Next of kin: Jeremiah M. Enright (Mother), 2601 Parkway, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

STEPHEN J. DUTKO, 33037832, Technical Sergeant, 398th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 2 January 1945, in the vicinity of Siersthal, France. While the platoon under Sergeant Dutko's command was occupying a defensive line, an enemy counterattack in strength developed on the right flank shortly before dusk and seriously threatened our thinly-held positions. Aware that a break-through would endanger the entire battalion, Sergeant Dutko immediately relayed news of the assault to the company commander, then advanced to the attacked positions to assist his men in repulsing the opposing troops. As a result of his alertness and immediate action, the enemy assault was stopped, but not before the attacking infantry enveloped the area occupied by Sergeant Dutko's platoon, and he was subsequently reported as missing in action. Next of kin: Sarah A. Dutko (Wife), Box 93, Bessemer, Pennsylvania.

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:

MARCEL W. NOVOTNY, 01692632, Second Lieutenant, 399th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 9 January 1945, in the vicinity of Lembach, France. When his platoon was halted by intense mortar fire and simultaneously subjected to enemy small

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arms action, Lieutenant Novotny, realizing that his men would soon become casualties in their exposed positions, advanced alone and with a grenade neutralized the hostile mortar emplacement and killed three of the opposing troops. He then led his men through continuing fire in a charge which succeeded in overrunning the enemy entrenchments, killing ten and capturing fifteen of the defending infantry, and securing the objective against subsequent counterattack. The gallantry thus displayed by Lieutenant Novotny was in keeping with the highest military traditions. Entered military service from Yankton, South Dakota.

CECIL F. HUCKABY, 34514817, Staff Sergeant, 398th Infantry Regiment for gallantry in action on 4 December 1944, in the vicinity of Soucht, France. Although subjected to heavy fire during his battalion's advance on Soucht, Sergeant Huckaby continued to man his mortar inflicting many casualties on the enemy, and thus materially helped repel a strong counterattack. Later, he voluntarily accompanied his platoon sergeant through a mine-infested area and located a break in a severed wire line. After splicing the line and restoring communications, a tree-burst severely wounded both men, and, although suffering intense pain, Sergeant Huckaby rendered first aid to his stricken comrade, then carried him two hundred yards to the safety of a dugout, thereby saving his life. Entered military service from Spartanburg, South Carolina.

CLAUDE CURRIER, JR., 36581940, Sergeant (then Private), 399th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 15 November 1944, in the vicinity of Raon L'Etape, France, and on 8 December 1944, in the vicinity of Lemberg, France. When our forces were halted by machine gun fire on 15 November, Sergeant Currier led his squad in a frontal attack upon the enemy positions. Although all but three members of the group became casualties to hostile fire, Sergeant Currier continued his advance undeterred, firing a pistol with his left hand and hurling grenades with his right, and succeeded in killing three of the enemy and silencing the hostile weapons. Again on 8 December Sergeant Currier advanced against enemy machine gun emplacements and silenced two weapons with rocket fire, killing three enemy and securing two prisoners on this occasion. Entered military service from Flint, Michigan.

DONALD J. GEBHARDT, 33711687, Sergeant, 397th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 2 January 1945, in the vicinity of Rimling, France. When the first and second members of his squad were wounded by an artillery shellburst during a determined enemy attack, Sergeant Gebhardt left the position from which he had been directing fire and removed the less seriously wounded men to the rear, where medical attention was obtained. Returning with an aid man, Sergeant Gebhardt manned the machine gun from an exposed position while his companion entered the two-man entrenchment and administered aid to the severely wounded gunner. As he was delivering fire upon mobile forces from his unprotected position, Sergeant Gebhardt was himself wounded, but by his courageous action prevented enemy capture of the emplacement. Entered military service from East Warren, Pennsylvania.

BERNARD H. MOELLER, 35247302, Private First Class (then Private), 398th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 28 December 1944, in the vicinity of Hottviller, France. While installing communication lines to a forward observation post, Private Moeller and his two companions encountered enemy fire from positions to their front. Ordering his comrades to deliver covering fire, Private Moeller crept forward, outflanked a hostile entrenchment and approached it from the rear. Covering the occupants with his carbine, he ordered them to surrender and thus secured three prisoners whom he sent to the rear. Approaching, in a similar manner, a second entrenchment twenty-five yards distant, he captured three more prisoners, and by his aggressive action reduced strong enemy positions without casualty to our forces. Entered military service from Jasper, Indiana.

SECTION IV -- AWARD OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO AIR MEDAL

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

MARVIN P. FRAZER, 01169963, First Lieutenant, 250th Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights against the enemy in France during the period 19 November 1944 to 15 January 1945. Entered military service from Nashville, Tennessee.

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RICHARD W. TOOLAN, 01178012, First Lieutenant, 250th Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights against the enemy in France during the period 25 November 1944 to 14 February 1945. Entered military service from Houston, Texas.

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AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

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

JAMES V. ROE, 01300222, Captain, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 30 November 1944, in the vicinity of Willmenau, France. When his company was halted by hostile artillery fire, Captain Roe without regard for his own safety went forward to find advantageous positions for his men. So skillfully was this accomplished that the company was able to clear all enemy troops from the area and secure the objective sustaining extremely light casualties. During the ensuing night Captain Roe repeatedly dispatched raiding parties which harassed and disorganized the enemy to an extent that capture of an important enemy-held town was greatly facilitated. Entered military service from Anderson, Indiana.

CHARLES KARLOKS, R-106597, First Sergeant, 373rd Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 6 November 1944 to 15 February 1945, in Eastern France. Efficiently performing his administrative duties as first sergeant of his battery, Sergeant Karloks, at the same time, has been instrumental in steadying his men while under counterbattery fire and raising their combat morale. Frequently exposing himself while under heavy enemy shelling, he has moved from one position to another inspiring his men, often giving them practical suggestions for protective measures against enemy fire, and by his fine personal example under fire, has materially helped his battery achieve its supporting missions. Entered military service from Watertown, New York.

FRANK A. LEKICH, 32653998, Staff Sergeant, 397th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 9 November 1944 to 15 February 1945, in Eastern France. As regimental wire Chief Sergeant Lekich has performed his duties in an untiring and unselfish manner. In this entire period of combat operations in adverse weather, at night and under continuous and intense enemy fire, Sergeant Lekich has by his outstanding leadership supervised the maintenance of as many as forty vital wire lines at all times. In his devotion to duty, he has aided immeasurably to the success of his regiment in action. Entered military service from Astoria, Long Island, New York.

PHILIP L. STEINERT, 32108690, Sergeant, 373rd Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 12 November 1944 to 15 February 1945, in Eastern France. As a machine gunner and later as ammunition chief, Sergeant Steinert displayed great bravery and initiative in successfully performing all his assigned missions. Overcoming all handicaps of terrain, weather, and enemy action, he has promptly and efficiently delivered ammunition to his firing battery, often on foot and under intense hostile fire, and by his complete application to duty has enabled his battery to deliver effective supporting fire at all times. Entered military service from New York, New York.

WALTER S. DE WITT, 33037782, Corporal, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 25 December 1944, in the vicinity of Urbach, France. When, during a reconnaissance of forward areas, a quarter-ton truck was forced off the road and put out of action by hostile artillery fire, Corporal DeWitt returned to the area in an attempt to salvage the vehicle. Although he was within direct observation of enemy positions no more than one thousand yards away, and despite mortar and artillery fire which continued to fall in the vicinity, Corporal DeWitt worked on the vehicle for more than an hour and ultimately succeeded in retrieving this valuable equipment. Entered military service from Elgin, Pennsylvania.

ALBERT J. ARKENBOUT, 32829381, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 3 January 1945, in the vicinity of Rimling, France. When wire communications between company and platoon command posts required constant checking because of advancing armor and enemy mortar fire, Private Arke-

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volunteered to aid in the hazardous task of keeping the lines intact, and worked two days and nights under frequent enemy fire. While so engaged he was wounded by shrapnel, but completed repairing a break in the wire before seeking aid. Private Arkenbout's efficient efforts maintained essential contact in his unit during extreme enemy pressure. Entered military service from Highland Mills, New York.

LOUIS J. BRUSCA, 36983125, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 22 January 1945, in the vicinity of Urbach, France. While Private Brusca was manning his machine gun, his position was approached by a hostile patrol of nine men. In the darkness of the early morning hour the enemy group was nearly upon him before Private Brusca was able to distinguish their uniforms; nevertheless, he immediately opened fire with his weapon with the result that one member of the enemy patrol was killed, three others wounded and the remainder dispersed without achievement of the objective. Entered military service from Detroit, Michigan.

NORMAN C. CHAFFEE, 35922317, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 20 December 1944, in the vicinity of Bitché, France. When his company had secured its objective and was preparing defensive positions, it was subjected to hostile artillery shelling preparatory to an enemy counterattack and Private Chaffee, a machine gunner, was wounded. Private Chaffee staunchly refused evacuation and remained at his post, delivering accurate fire which was instrumental in the repulse of the enemy assault. Entered military service from Cleveland, Ohio.

GROVER M. COOKE, 34590988, Private First Class, 373rd Field Artillery Battalion, for heroic achievement in action on 21 January 1945, in the vicinity of Montbronn, France. When the battery to which he was attached as aid man was subjected to intense counterbattery fire and all personnel had taken cover, Private Cooke heard a cry for help from a wounded man. Although artillery shells were still crashing into trees throughout the area, Private Cooke unhesitatingly left the security of his entrenchment, went to the assistance of the wounded man and skillfully attended to his injuries. After seeing the casualty carried to a place of safety behind a gun parapet, Private Cooke moved to another section to care for a second artilleryman who had been wounded. Entered military service from Concord, North Carolina.

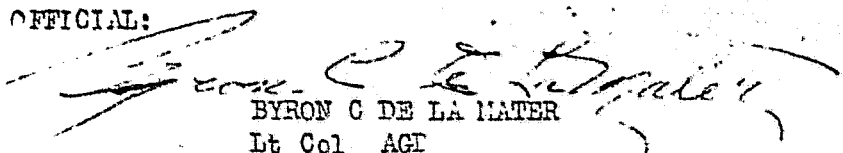
RUIY DE WAAL MALEFYT, 32597697, Private First Class, 374th Field Artillery Battalion, for heroic achievement in action on 20 November 1944, in the vicinity of Senones, France. When progress of our forces was obstructed by a mined road block covered by enemy fire, Private Malefyt, a driver of a quarter-ton truck, volunteered to assist in the removal of the hostile mines. Private Malefyt executed his dangerous and self-imposed mission, and succeeded in removing the majority of the explosives before a detail of engineers arrived to complete the task. By his action, Private Malefyt enabled our task force to proceed with a minimum of delay. Entered military service from Ridgewood, New Jersey.

JOSEPH TARANTINO, 12027039, Private First Class (then 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. Although hostile mortar, rocket and artillery shelling repeatedly severed wire lines and made their repair extremely hazardous, Private Tarantino time and again braved enemy action to splice breaks in the lines. On one occasion, when the enemy shelling was particularly severe, and the maintenance of wire communications to supporting artillery was of immediate importance, Private Tarantino ordered other members of his crew to take cover while he alone exposed himself to enemy fire in order to reestablish important communications. Entered military service from Brooklyn, New York.

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ORIGINAL ORDER

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 J. JARZABKOWSKI, O1174330, First Lieutenant (then Second Lieutenant), 250th Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 15 August 1944 to 1 December 1944, in France. Throughout the hazardous Vosges Mountains and Maginot Line campaigns, Lieutenant Jarzabkowski demonstrated unusual skill and initiative in successfully performing his duties as a forward observer for his battery. His accurate direction of supporting fire missions from his advanced outpost, frequently under heavy enemy shelling, resulted in destruction of great quantities of German materiel and personnel, and his high standard of performance at all times enormously contributed to achievement of the objectives of the various infantry divisions his artillery battalion supported. Entered military service from Saginaw, Michigan.

CHARLES E. LONGWELL, O1181348, First Lieutenant (then Second Lieutenant), 250th Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 1 August 1944 to 1 January 1945, in Western and Eastern France. As a forward observer Lieutenant Longwell has continuously advanced with front line elements of several Allied Divisions. On one occasion with his own artillery exploding around him, he directed fire by sound on enemy troops one hundred yards to his front and inflicted severe casualties. Entered military service from Bath, New York.

ANTHONY F. TRIUMPHO, O1174458, First Lieutenant, 250th Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 1 August 1944 to 1 January 1945, in France. During this period of combat operations Lieutenant Triumpho advanced with front line infantry elements of several divisions. Withstanding all types of enemy fire he continuously established forward observation posts and directed our artillery fire with constant and devastating effect enabling our troops to advance with minimum casualties. Prepared at all times to call on supporting fire, Lieutenant Triumpho has demonstrated courage and efficiency in an exemplary manner. Entered military service from Johnston, New York.

JAMES R. CANTER, 38410261, Corporal, 250th Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 1 August 1944 to 31 January 1945, in Eastern France. Throughout the Battle of France, Corporal Canter, as chief of detail, accompanied the forward observer party as it advanced with front line elements of several infantry divisions and during periods in which his organization was a part of an armored force, he moved forward with spearhead units. On numerous occasions Corporal Canter himself acted as forward observer, and time and again he was subjected to artillery, mortar and small arms fire while discharging his assigned duties. Entered military service from Liberty, Texas.

GEORGE R. DICKSON, 38385684, Corporal, 250th Field Artillery Battalion, for heroic achievement in action during the period 15 January 1945 to 20 January 1945, in the vicinity of Lemberg, France. Corporal Dickson was a member of a forward observer party during the defensive period around Lemberg. Although heavy artillery fire repeatedly severed our lines during these six days, he went out, time after time, despite the continuing enemy fire, and repaired each break in communications making possible the delivery of accurate supporting fire on hostile troops. Entered military service from Coushatta, Louisiana.

GILES C. HATFIELD, 38445848, Corporal, 250th Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 15 August 1944 to 17 January 1945, in France. As driver for a forward observer party, Corporal Hatfield discharged his assigned duties with efficiency and great determination throughout this period. On frequent occasions he acted as forward observer, and he has repeatedly

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been subjected to hostile fire of great intensity. While his organization was supporting a French armored division Corporal Hatfield and his party advanced near the head of the column, and when in support of infantry he drove his vehicle to the front lines time and again. Entered military service from El Dorado, Arkansas.

FRANK J. MC GAY, 32708241, Technician Fifth Grade, 250th Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 15 August 1944 to 17 January 1945. As radio operator of a forward observer party, Corporal McGay has performed his duties efficiently and courageously under hazardous conditions. On repeated occasions he has reconnoitered for advantageous positions for his radio while subjected to small arms, mortar and artillery fire, and by maintaining dependable communications under all circumstances has been an indispensable factor in the delivery of accurate and effective fire by his organization. Entered military service from New Hyde Park, New York.

SAMUEL W. ASHTON, 14032835, Staff Sergeant, 250th Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service during the period 24 July 1944 to 31 January 1945, in France. Entered military service from Hohenmald, Tennessee.

PETE P. TRUCCALE, 38410725, Technician Fifth Grade, 250th Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service during the period 24 July 1944 to 31 January 1945, in France. Entered military service from Port Arthur, Texas.

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

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

JOHN H. SLADE, 02006094, Second Lieutenant (then Technical Sergeant), 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 4 January 1945, in the vicinity of Rimling, France. While leading his platoon in an advance, Lieutenant Slade encountered a hostile force greatly superior in numbers and firepower. Although lacking communication with the company command post and not in contact with adjacent friendly units, the platoon under Lieutenant Slade's skillful direction carefully skirted enemy positions, frequently engaged in small arms action and inflicted losses on the enemy. Personally reconnoitering routes of withdrawal, Lieutenant Slade succeeded in eluding hostile infantry and armor, thus extricating his unit from a precarious situation without the loss of a man. Entered military service from Hawkinsville, Georgia.

SECTION II -- POSTHUMOUS AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

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

LEORNE W. ANDERSON, 39472096, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 3 January 1945, in the vicinity of Hottsviller, France. As a member of a reconnaissance patrol, Private Anderson advanced with his comrades under constant hostile mortar and artillery fire, achieved the mission of obtaining exact knowledge of enemy strength and fortifications, and was returning to our lines when fire from a number of machine guns halted the entire group. Courageously exposing himself, Private Anderson opened fire upon the opposing group with his rifle and succeeded in killing several of the enemy and wounding others. In the resulting confusion his comrades were able to withdraw to safety. Next of kin: Morne Anderson (Wife), 4518 South Yakima Street, Tacoma, Washington.

JOSEPH W. BONTPELL, 31214481, Private First Class, 375th Field Artillery Battalion, for heroic achievement in action on 19 December 1944, in the vicinity of Bitche, France. During an assault upon enemy-held fortifications of the Maginot Line, Private Bontpell with two other members of the forward observer section advanced with the first wave of our attacking infantry in order to establish wire communications with a projected observation post. When the enemy directed intense artillery and mortar fire upon our forces, Private Bontpell and his companions refused to seek shelter and courageously continued with their mission, thus enabling vital communications to be put into operation. Private Bontpell was killed by a mortar burst in this engagement. Next of kin: Louis Bontpell (Father), 111 Walker Street, Lenoxdale, Massachusetts.

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:

GARNETT D. TOLBERT, 34591467, Staff Sergeant, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 17 December 1944, in the vicinity of Bitche, France. In an attack upon strongly fortified elements of the Maginot Line, Sergeant Tolbert led his rifle squad across open ground under intense enemy fire and was among the first to

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reach the hostile fortification. After the enemy fortification had been reduced, Sergeant Tolbert directed the establishment of a defensive line; and with other members of his squad repulsed repeated attempts by the enemy to infiltrate our positions during the ensuing night. On the following day, Sergeant Tolbert was leading his men in an assault upon a second fortification when he was fatally wounded. Next of kin: Sussie S. Tolbert (Mother), Box 283, Shelby, North Carolina.

SECTION IV -- AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

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

GEORGE H. ADAMS, 01289849, First Lieutenant, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 10 January 1945, in the vicinity of Reversviller, France. When the leading platoon of his company was halted by enemy machine gun fire, Lieutenant Adams, executive officer, made his way to the top of a nearby hill and called for artillery fire which he accurately adjusted to destroy three hostile emplacements. Then sighting a large German force attempting to outflank his company, he quickly shifted the fire to this new target with such devastating effect that the entire force was routed. Entered military service from Kingston, North Carolina.

ALFRED J. RIZZO, 02000651, Second Lieutenant (then Technical Sergeant), 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action during the period 14 December 1944 to 24 December 1944, in the vicinity of Bitche, France. After his platoon had successfully protected a line of departure position for another unit, it passed through to capture Fort Freudenberg, Lieutenant Rizzo led his men forward in the face of heavy enemy artillery and small arms fire to storm and capture Fort #9, another strong point of the Maginot Line. Then skillfully deploying his men in strategic positions, he directed them in a determined defense of Forts #9, #10, and #11, which repelled every attempt of the enemy to retake the lost territory. Entered military service from Long Island City, New York.

GEORGE W. PREDIGER, 32681284, First Sergeant, 375th Field Artillery Battalion, for heroic achievement in action on 20 December 1944, in the vicinity of Bitche, France. While acting as forward observer for an infantry company assaulting Fort Schiesseck, Sergeant Prediger exposed himself to enemy observation and fire to adjust artillery fire on a counterattacking force. Crawling forward under heavy mortar, machine gun and small arms fire to a point of vantage, he placed our fire on the advancing hostile troops, with such accuracy and destructiveness, that their progress was slowed and the supported infantry company enabled to withdraw to more strategic positions. Entered military service from New York, New York.

BERNIE L. MIKA, 18096564, Staff Sergeant, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 14 February 1945, in the vicinity of Goetzenbruck, France. After several attempts to disperse a numerically superior enemy force that had attacked his combat patrol and it became apparent that our men would have to withdraw quickly or risk capture, Sergeant Mika volunteered to remain behind with others to cover the withdrawal. Firing their weapons at any object which moved, they succeeded in delaying the enemy for one hour and thus the patrol withdrew successfully. Then discovering all routes of escape blocked, Sergeant Mika and his companions fought their way through the enemy encirclement to friendly lines. Entered military service from Lubbock, Texas.

DONALD H. WERTZ, 33626448, Staff Sergeant, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 20 January 1945, in the vicinity of Guising, France. After a difficult trip over snow covered ground with bright moonlight making movement slow and dangerous, the patrol which Sergeant Wertz had voluntarily accompanied reached enemy outpost positions and captured two Germans. Upon questioning, the prisoners revealed the position of two others, and, as Sergeant Wertz and his patrol leader went forward to capture these two, the enemy opened fire. While the remaining patrol members delivered covering fire, the two courageously continued on, captured two other Germans, and then returned to our lines with their four prisoners who supplied valuable information on enemy dispositions. Entered military service from Allentown, Pennsylvania.

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ROBERT E. YOWELL, 37411045, Technician Third Grade, Medical Detachment, 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 these five days of fierce battles with the enemy, Sergeant Yowell repeatedly left the shelter of his fox hole in the face of heavy hostile shelling and small arms fire to speedily and efficiently render first aid to the wounded. On several occasions, he assisted in evacuating casualties by stretcher along paths bombarded by the enemy, and by his personal courage and devotion to duty helped save the lives of many who otherwise might have succumbed to their injuries. Entered military service from Moberly, Missouri.

JOSEPH H. COALE, 13158465, Sergeant, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 14 February 1945, in the vicinity of Goetzenbruck, France. Volunteering to remain behind with others to cover the withdrawal of his combat patrol when an overwhelmingly superior force attacked and threatened them with complete encirclement, Sergeant Coale occupied a vantage point behind a fallen tree and firing his submachine gun rapidly and accurately accounted for many enemy dead and wounded. Warning off the enemy for one hour until all members of the patrol reached safety, he then fought his way back to friendly lines although virtually surrounded by hostile troops. Entered military service from Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

SAMUEL W. BRACKETT, 11024466, Sergeant, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 20 December 1944, in the vicinity of Bitche, France. When the enemy launched a fierce counterattack after his company had achieved its objective, Sergeant Brackett directed his machine gun squad into a shell hole about one hundred yards from hostile lines, from which effective fire could be delivered but which offered poor observation of enemy movements. He then crawled forward to a position from which he could see both the enemy and his squad, and, although subjected to small arms fire, he remained there directing his squad's machine gun fire on hostile troops with such accurate and deadly effect that the enemy attack was repelled. Entered military service from Boston, Massachusetts.

GRANVILLE F. FREEMAN, 31235192, Sergeant, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 12 December 1944, in the vicinity of Alt Schmelz, France. As leader of an emergency wire team, Sergeant Freeman displayed outstanding courage and devotion to duty in maintaining wire communications in the engagement on this date. Although the single wire line between his unit and battalion was severed by enemy artillery and mortar shelling more than a score of times, Sergeant Freeman left the comparative safety of his position on each occasion to locate and repair the break, and once crawled for several hundred yards across an open field under direct fire from enemy artillery pieces in order to splice a broken line to a forward observation post. Entered military service from Cambridge, Massachusetts.

RICHARD E. SCHWARTZKOPF, 37457920, Sergeant, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 20 December 1944, in the vicinity of Bitche, France. After the attack on Hill 370, Company O was hit by two enemy counterattacks. Sergeant Schwartzkopf, mortar squad leader, led his squad across two hundred yards of open ground which was under enemy grenade and small arms fire to a position seventy-five yards from the enemy. From this position Sergeant Schwartzkopf continually exposed himself to enemy fire in order to get accurate fire corrections for his gun crews, and was therefore extremely instrumental in reaking up a determined enemy counterattack. Entered military service from Torrington, Wyoming.

JOHN A. WENNSTROM, 32105418, Sergeant, 325th Engineer Combat Battalion, for heroic achievement in action on 3 January 1945 and 4 January 1945, in the vicinity of Hottviller, France. When assigned the mission of laying an antitank mine field in front of his assigned company's defensive positions near Hottviller, Sergeant Wenstrom led his squad of engineers forward and successfully completed the task without detection, although close to enemy lines. Again, on 4 January, working at night, close to hostile positions, he and his men installed a series of trip-flares without interruption. On another occasion, near Glasenberg, under his skillful leadership, his men removed a large number of antipersonnel mines impeding the progress of his infantry company. Entered military service from Brooklyn, New York.

CLYDE S. WOLF, 13095615, Technician Fifth Grade, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 11 December 1944, in the vicinity of Mouterhouse, France. After taking its objective, but before it had an opportunity to dig in,

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Company L suffered many casualties as a result of hostile mortar bombardment. Corporal Wolf volunteered to evacuate the injured although the enemy had zeroed in on the road leading back to the aid station and fired on every vehicle. Despite the continuing enemy action, Corporal Wolf made several trips back and forth over this hazardous route, thereby insuring prompt medical attention for his wounded comrades. Entered military service from Wilkinsburg, Pennsylvania.

FRANK J. FRECCERO, 19188707, Private First Class, 398th Infant. Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 20 December 1944, in the vicinity of Bitche, France. During the attack on Hill 370 near Bitche, Private Freccero, a platoon runner, maintained steady contact between his platoon leader and the company commander despite continual enemy shelling of the terrain he had to traverse. On one occasion, while returning to the platoon command post, he was halted repeatedly by sniper fire, but skillfully maneuvered to a position from which he was able to silence the enemy with well-aimed shots, and then completed his mission. His courageous performance materially aided his company accomplish its mission. Entered military service from Sacramento, California.

JAMES B. HAZEN, JR., 16177014, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 14 February 1945, in the vicinity of Goetzenbruck, France. While the combat patrol of which Private Hazen was a member was operating behind enemy lines it was attacked by a numerically superior enemy force which threatened to encircle the entire group. Volunteering with two companions to cover the withdrawal of the patrol, Private Hazen took cover in a shell crater, and from this position killed three of the enemy with fire from his automatic weapon and held the remainder of the opposing troops at bay for more than an hour. Having enabled the other members of the patrol to retire, Private Hazen and his companions eventually fought their way back to friendly lines. Entered military service from Detroit, Michigan.

GEORGE HOBSON, 31430247, Private First Class, Medical Detachment, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 9 January 1945, in the vicinity of Guising, France. While heavy enemy shelling of a hill occupied by Company A caused many casualties, Private Hobson, litter bearer, although subjected to repeated mortar, rocket and tank fire proceeded to evacuate the injured. After successfully making two trips to the aid station, he was himself wounded in the leg by shell fragments, but disregarding his own injury and the continuing hostile action, he went to the aid of a wounded comrade and helped him back to the collecting station. Entered military service from New Bedford, Massachusetts.

SECTION V -- 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, 398th Infantry Regiment, for superior performance of duty and the achievement of a high standard of discipline during the period from 21 October 1944 to 12 February 1945.

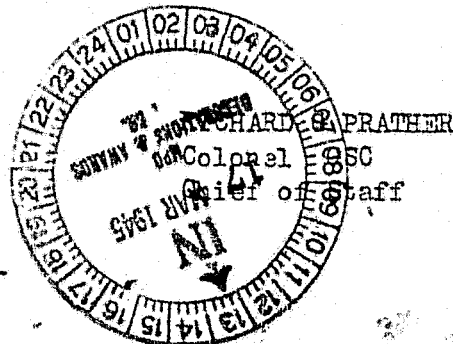
SECTION VI -- RESCISSION OF AWARD OF PURPLE HEART

So much of Section V, General Orders Number 52, this headquarters, current series, as awards a Purple Heart to LEE R. UNDERWOOD, 34496540, Corporal, 397th Infantry Regiment is rescinded.

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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:

STEWIS D. WAX, 02006099, Second Lieutenant (then Sergeant), 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 3 December 1944, in the vicinity of Wingen, France. When the patrol of which he was second in command was halted deep in enemy territory by heavy automatic fire, Lieutenant Wax immediately crawled forward in the face of machine gun fire and found that his platoon leader and others had been killed. Assuming command of the patrol, and under fire now from twenty millimeter guns as well, he displayed outstanding leadership in so organizing the withdrawal of the remaining members of the patrol that every man reached friendly lines. Entered military service from Starkville, Mississippi.

MELVIE H. JOHNSON, 6266200, First Sergeant, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 19 December 1944, in the vicinity of Bitche, France. Upon learning that five members of his company had been seriously wounded by hostile artillery and were in immediate need of medical attention, Sergeant Johnson borrowed a vehicle and drove forward under direct fire from eighty-eight millimeter guns, and succeeded in reaching the casualties. After administering first aid, Sergeant Johnson brought the wounded soldiers to the rear, thus saving the lives of four of his comrades who otherwise might have succumbed to their injuries. Entered military service from Dallas, Texas.

NOEL A. FELIX, 37092745, Staff Sergeant, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 19 November 1944, in the vicinity of La Trouche, France. When his company suffered numerous casualties in an early morning attack, Sergeant Felix was instructed to care for the wounded. Despite the heavy mortar fire, Sergeant Felix displayed outstanding devotion to duty in his efforts in collecting the casualties, establishing them in sheltered positions, bandaging their wounds and making them as comfortable as possible. Wounded by mortar fire during the course of the day, Sergeant Felix, nevertheless, continued to care for his comrades until the following day when all were evacuated. Entered military service from Prior Lake, Minnesota.

STEPHEN L. COMI, 17092105, Sergeant, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 1 January 1945, in the vicinity of Rimling, France. When the enemy attempted to drive his machine gun section from its position, Sergeant Comi permitted the hostile troops to approach within three hundred yards before ordering his men to open fire, thereby inflicting heavy casualties upon the attacking force and causing its withdrawal in confusion. After a preparatory shelling by artillery, mortars, rockets and tanks, the enemy hurled a second attack against the position and Sergeant Comi again allowed the attackers to advance, then, moving from weapon to weapon and personally directing the fire of his gunners, succeeded in routing the hostile troops in complete disorganization. Entered military service from Pueblo, Colorado.

RALEIGH S. COX, 34802550, Sergeant (then Private First Class), 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 8 December 1944, in the vicinity of Mouterhouse, France. When heavy hostile mortar and artillery shelling inflicted severe casualties upon personnel of a rifle company, Sergeant Cox relinquished his machine gun to the assistant gunner and unhesitatingly left the comparative safety of his fox hole to go to the assistance of the wounded. Moving from one injured rifleman to another, Sergeant Cox rendered first aid to a large number of casualties and then assisted in their evacuation to the battalion aid station, thus at risk of his own life contributing to the welfare of his comrades. Entered military service from Killen, Alabama.

RUGO M. DI LAURENZIO, 31252780, Sergeant, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 20 December 1944, in the vicinity of Bitche, France. When

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our infantry was subjected to two savage counterattacks, Sergeant DiLaurenzio led his mortar squad forward for two hundred yards across open ground and under small arm and grenade fire. By skillful control of the unit he was able to deploy his men within seventy-five yards of the enemy, and from these positions the squad delivered devastating fire upon the opposing troops and played a major role in the repulse of the attack. Throughout the engagement Sergeant DiLaurenzio repeatedly exposed himself to enemy fire in order to adjust the fire of his mortars. Entered military service from Torrington, Connecticut.

ROBERT W. ELLIOTT, 36786640, Corporal, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 13 February 1945, in the vicinity of Goetzenbruck, France. When the only communication line between his mortar squad and a forward observation post was severed by hostile artillery fire, Corporal Elliott voluntarily left his position in an attempt to locate and repair the break in the wire. Advancing across an open field, Corporal Elliott was wounded by shell fragments from an enemy shell-burst but, well aware of the importance of reestablishing communications, refused to abandon his mission and succeeded in finding and splicing the broken wires, thus enabling his platoon to render efficient support to rifle units. Entered military service from Oak Park, Illinois.

DONALD W. EMERY, 36886452, Corporal, 397th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 14 November 1944 to 15 February 1945, in Eastern France. Throughout the hotly contested battles for Bertrichamps, Raon L'Etape, Senones, St. Blaise and other enemy strongpoints, Corporal Emery, radio operator for a forward observer, bravely and efficiently transmitted fire missions which destroyed large numbers of enemy personnel and installations. During the bitter five day battle for Rimling, although under continuous enemy fire, he helped direct the firing of twenty-five hundred rounds of mortar ammunition, and at a crucial moment in the battle, when his radio was the only contact with regimental headquarters, he was able to call for artillery support which prevented enemy encirclement of a neighboring battalion; Entered military service from Breckenridge, Michigan.

LUCIAN G. WARGULA, 36802291, 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 Rimling, France. During these five days of repeated enemy attacks, Corporal Wargula's outstanding work in maintaining communication between forward and rear command posts contributed greatly to the defense of Rimling. In one twenty-four hour period, despite exposure to enemy shelling and fire from snipers who had infiltrated into the town, he succeeded in repairing wire lines that had been severed by enemy action fourteen times. Entered military service from Oshkosh, Wisconsin.

THEODORE H. BATES, 35922433, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 29 December 1944, in the vicinity of Bitche, France. While engaged in preparing an entrenchment, Private Bates heard an unidentified movement in the underbrush to the flank of his position. Proceeding to investigate, he stepped around a clump of bushes and was confronted by a hostile soldier at quarters too close to permit use of his rifle. Dropping his weapon, Private Bates succeeded in overpowering the enemy and taking him prisoner, thereby preventing possible infliction of casualties upon our forces by the infiltrating infantryman. Entered military service from Cleveland, Ohio.

FRANK R. CAPUANO, 32780504, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 8 February 1945, in the vicinity of Lemberg, France. When the combat patrol of which he was a member was subjected to cross fire from two hostile machine guns and thus threatened with severe casualties, Private Capuano and two companions advanced to within fifty yards of the enemy weapons. While his comrades furnished covering fire, Private Capuano then crawled forward alone to a position from which he was able to throw two grenades into the hostile emplacement inflicting casualties upon the opposing troops, putting the enemy gun out of action, and eliminating the threat to the patrol. Entered military service from Brooklyn, New York.

IVAN W. EVANS, 38700795, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 19 December 1944, in the vicinity of Bitche, France. Although the only available route was infested with snipers and subjected to artil-

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lery shelling, Private Evans volunteered to carry a message from his company command post to battalion. Successfully delivering the message, Private Evans was returning when, passing through a thickly-wooded area, he suddenly was confronted by an enemy sniper at quarters too close for either to use his weapon. Private Evans overpowered the hostile soldier and took him to the company command post. While subsequently returning to his unit he was shot through the arm by a second sniper and evacuated. Entered military service from Cordell, Oklahoma.

JACK H. HOLLOWAY, 38530827, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 20 January 1945, in the vicinity of Guising, France. Voluntarily accompanying a patrol into enemy territory, Private Holloway set up his automatic weapon to cover his patrol leader as he went forward to secure prisoners. After two Germans were captured, the enemy suddenly opened fire on detecting the patrol. Manning his gun and firing rapidly and accurately, Private Holloway succeeded in diverting the enemy's attention to enable his patrol leader to capture two more prisoners. He then courageously remained behind to cover the withdrawal of the patrol and its prisoners to our lines, thus contributing greatly to success of the mission. Entered military service from Corsicana, Texas.

MARVIN L. JERNIGAN, JR., 34926174, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 14 December 1944, in the vicinity of Bitche, France. After being subjected to an hour and a half of intense hostile artillery, mortar and machine gun fire, Private Jernigan, along with other members of his platoon, slowly withdrew, firing his rifle at the persistent enemy. Noticing a wounded comrade as he retreated, he unhesitatingly went to his assistance, and with the help of another man carried the man to safety despite the continued intensity of enemy fire. His heroic performance in disregard of his personal safety helped repel the hostile attack and saved the life of his wounded comrade. Entered military service from Raleigh, Mississippi.

ROBERT L. MINGS, 36066228, Private First Class, Medical Detachment, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 3 February 1945, in the vicinity of Böttviller, France. When a soldier was wounded and fell on the forward slope of a hill but fifty yards from an enemy observation post, Private Mings, a litter bearer, voluntarily went to the assistance of the casualty. Well aware that the area was under enemy observation, he nevertheless advanced under extremely heavy artillery, mortar and small arms fire, reached the wounded man and safely evacuated him. Entered military service from Raleigh, Illinois.

CLYDE M. OLIVER, 34870947, Private First Class (then Private), 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 14 December 1944, in the vicinity of Bitche, France. With the other members of his company Private Oliver advanced to secure an area from which another unit was to institute its attack upon heavily-fortified strongpoints of the enemy-held Maginot Line. Reaching the objective, Private Oliver and his comrades held the ground for two days and nights under constant hostile artillery and mortar fire until the designated unit succeeded in its mission. A few days later Private Oliver was a member of an assault team which captured another unit of the fortifications, and for four days held the position under almost continuous artillery shelling. Entered military service from Calhoun City, Mississippi.

JAMES A. POIRRIER, 38616018, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 11 December 1944, in the vicinity of Alt Schmelz, France. When a determined enemy counterattack against our newly won positions was imminent and the single communication line between the company and the battalion command post was severed by hostile artillery fire, Private Poirrier, a company runner, immediately left the comparative safety of his entrenchment in an attempt to locate and repair the break in the line. Moving across an open field under direct enemy observation and sniper fire, he found and spliced the break in the wire and thus made possible the transmission of vital orders which resulted in the repulse of the hostile attack. Entered military service from Litcher, Louisiana.

STANLEY SHAPIRO, 12229156, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 8 January 1945, in the vicinity of Rimling, France. On returning from one patrol into enemy territory and hearing that another was being formed, Private Shapiro, on his own volition, joined the group, taking along a

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rocket projector. When the patrol encountered a hostile tank, he exposed himself to enemy action and fired one rocket at the tank forcing it to withdraw. Later, while on another patrol, he fired at two advancing tanks, succeeding in disabling one and causing the other to flee, thus effectively halting enemy armored attempts to penetrate the town. Entered military service from New York, New York.

JULIUS SHOCKO, 36195091, Private First Class (then Private), Medical Detachment, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement on 3 January 1945, in the vicinity of Rimling, France. When heavy enemy fire inflicted many casualties, Private Shocko, aid man attached to a rifle company, went out in the face of continued mortar and small arms fire to render first aid to the wounded and bring them to a collecting point near the company command post. Then perceiving that it would be too hazardous to risk evacuating the casualties, he went back to the battalion aid station, secured medical supplies and returned to render the necessary medical care to his injured comrades until they could be safely evacuated under cover of darkness. Entered military service from Charlevoix, Michigan.

JOHN C. URBANSKI, 42107241, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 19 November 1944, in the vicinity of La Trouche, France. During an early morning attack, hostile mortar and small arms fire inflicted numerous casualties upon our forces, and Private Urbanski was instructed to collect, care for and protect the wounded. Together with other enlisted men, he worked for several hours to establish defenses with the few men available, and repeatedly distinguished himself by braving the intense fire in order to bring the wounded together and place them under cover. When ultimately ordered to rejoin their units, Private Urbanski and his comrades had rendered first aid to all casualties and had made them as safe and comfortable as possible under the difficult conditions. Entered military service from Salamanca, New York.

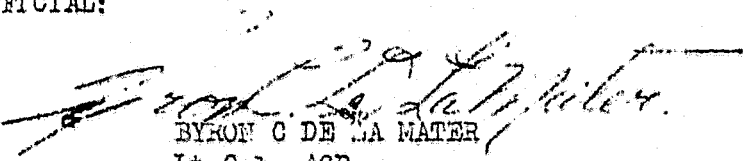
JOSEPH URKEVICH, 32665071, Private First Class, 397th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 9 December 1944, in the vicinity of Waterhouse, France. When his company, upon securing its objective, was subjected to intense shelling from hostile artillery and mortars and suffered numerous casualties, Private Urkevich volunteered to go for medical assistance. Traveling across country and through woods known to be mined by the enemy, he located medical personnel and guided them to the company's position, thereby making possible the evacuation of the most seriously wounded. While caring for the casualties, Private Urkevich was himself wounded by shrapnel but refused evacuation until all other injured had received medical attention. Entered military service from Stillwater, New York.

JACK C. VAN DUREN, 16177523, Private First Class, 398th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 10 January 1945, in the vicinity of Royersviller, France. The advance of his company was halted due to heavy enemy artillery and mortar shelling, and Private Van Duren, who was fired upon by machine guns directly to his front, took cover in a nearby shell crater, where he discovered two severely wounded men from another squad. Administering first aid, Private Van Duren then left the shelter of the crater and, exposing himself to the fire of the machine guns, crawled to the rear and returned with a litter team which evacuated the casualties. His action was undoubtedly responsible for saving the lives of his two wounded comrades. Entered military service from Detroit, Michigan.

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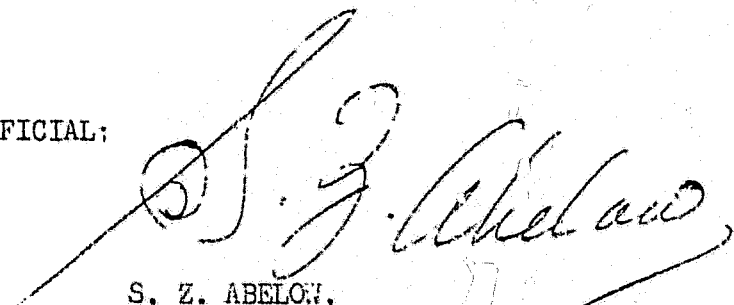
AWARD OF SOLDIER'S MEDAL

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Act of Congress, approved 2 July 1926, and paragraph 6, AR 600-45, as changed by Change Number 6, 28 October 1942, a Soldier's Medal is awarded to FIRST LIEUTENANT DON K SANDERS, 01287953, 407th Infantry, for heroism displayed on 22 May 1943, at Camp Maxey, Texas, when an airplane crashed and caught fire in the vicinity where he was leading his company on a tactical march. Displaying great presence of mind Lieutenant Sanders ordered his company to remain at a safe distance from the burning plane, then assisted by a Non-Commissioned Officer removed one of the occupants from the burning plane whose clothing and parachute harness were afire just before the gasoline tank exploded. This heroic act, in which Lieutenant Sanders sustained burns on his arms and wrists, was performed with utter disregard for his own safety and with the knowledge of imminent danger of momentary explosion of the gasoline tank of the burning airplane. Residence at appointment: University City, Missouri.

By command of Major General ANDERSON:

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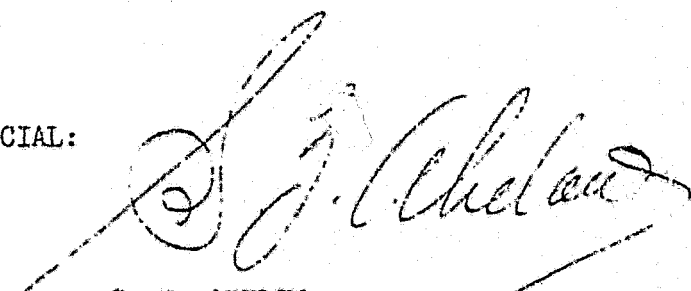
AWARD OF SOLDIER'S MEDAL

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Act of Congress, approved 2 July 1926, and paragraph 6, AR 600-45, as changed by Change Number 6, 28 October 1942, a Soldier's Medal is awarded to SERGEANT STEVEN J GALLAS, 35592118, Company "F", 407th Infantry, for heroism displayed on 22 May 1943, at Camp Maxey, Texas, when he ran to a burning airplane which had crashed in the vicinity of a marching column and assisted in removing one of the occupants, whose clothing and parachute harness were afire, before the gasoline tank exploded. This heroic act was performed with utter disregard for his own safety and with the knowledge of imminent danger of momentary explosion of the gasoline tank of the burning airplane. Residence at enlistment: Stuebenville, Ohio.

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Camp Maxey, Texas,
12 September 1943.

SECTION I - Awards of Soldier's Medal.
SECTION II - Commendation for Exceptionally Meritorious Conduct.

I. AWARD OF SOLDIER'S MEDAL.

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Act of Congress approved 2 July 1926 (Bull No. 8, WD 1926) and authority contained in paragraph 6, AR 600-45, as changed by Changes No. 6, 28 October 1942, a Soldier's Medal is awarded to the following named enlisted men:

HARRY H. McMINN, 36547782, Corporal, Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 407th Infantry, for heroism displayed in rescuing a soldier from drowning in Lake Lamar at Camp Maxey, Texas, on 2 September 1943. During regular scheduled training in the use of personnel and equipment rafts, a soldier swimming back to shore with a raft became exhausted, cried out for help and was in imminent danger of drowning when approximately 60 yards from shore. Corporal McMinin, with utter disregard of his personal safety, immediately plunged into the water and with great difficulty and with the assistance of another soldier succeeded in bringing the drowning soldier to shore, thereby saving his life. The heroism displayed by Corporal McMinin on this occasion reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Residence at induction: Highland Park, Michigan.

GEORGE OSBORNE, 35640922, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 407th Infantry, for heroism displayed in rescuing a soldier from drowning in Lake Lamar at Camp Maxey, Texas, on 2 September 1943. During regular scheduled training in the use of personnel and equipment rafts, a soldier swimming back to shore with a raft became exhausted, cried out for help and was in imminent danger of drowning when approximately 60 yards from shore. Private First Class Osborne, with utter disregard of his personal safety, immediately plunged into the water and with great difficulty and with the assistance of another soldier succeeded in bringing the drowning soldier to shore, thereby saving his life. The heroism displayed by Private First Class Osborne on this occasion reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Residence at induction: Wales, Kentucky.

II. COMMENDATION FOR EXCEPTIONALLY MERITORIOUS CONDUCT.

HUBERT W. HEMPHILL, 57444198, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 407th Infantry, is hereby commended for exceptionally meritorious conduct displayed on 2 September 1943, at Lake Lamar, Camp Maxey, Texas, when he, without regard of his personal safety, went to the rescue of a soldier participating in training in the use of personnel and equipment rafts, who became exhausted and was in imminent danger of drowning. Private First Class Hemphill stood by and assisted the rescuers in bringing the drowning soldier to shore.

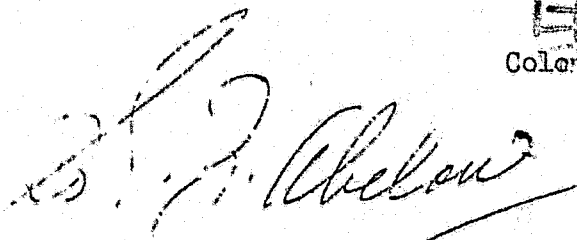
The exceptionally meritorious conduct by Private First Class Hemphill on this occasion reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Conduct such as this is worthy of emulation by all members of this command. (Par 4, AR 600-55).

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1. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45 and Memorandum Number 34, Headquarters Ninth United States Army, the SOLDIERS MEDAL is awarded for heroism to:

✓ Neal, Arthur W 6951003 Staff Sergeant
Medical Detachment, 407th Infantry, United States Army.

Staff Sergeant Neal, while a member of the Armed Forces of the United States, distinguished himself by heroism not involving actual conflict with an enemy. Staff Sergeant Neal did, on 10 October 1944, in Normandy, France, with utter disregard for his own personal safety, move rapidly through a mine field and administer first aid to an officer who had suffered a dismembered hand while performing an act of neutralizing mines.

2. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45 and Memorandum Number 34, Headquarters Ninth United States Army, the SOLDIERS MEDAL is awarded for heroism to:

DeAbila, Reyes P 39415220 Private First Class
Medical Detachment, 407th Infantry, United States Army.

Private First Class DeAbila, while a member of the Armed Forces of the United States, distinguished himself by heroism not involving actual conflict with an enemy. Private First Class DeAbila did, on 10 October 1944, in Normandy, France, with utter disregard for his own personal safety, move rapidly through a mine field and assist in administering first aid to an officer who had suffered a dismembered hand while performing an act of neutralizing mines.

By command of the DIVISION COMMANDER:

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- I. AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART MEDAL.
II. AWARD OF THE COMBAT INFANTRYMAN BADGE.

I. AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART MEDAL.

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, the PURPLE HEART MEDAL is awarded the following named officers and enlisted men for wounds received as a result of enemy action in Germany on the date indicated:

- ✓ BERGGREN, EARL H 01032668 SECOND LIEUTENANT Cavalry
102d Reconnaissance Troop Mechanized, United States Army, wounded 9 November 1944. Entered military service from Illinois.
- ✓ Saunter, Joseph 32592297 Sergeant Cavalry
102d Reconnaissance Troop Mechanized, United States Army, wounded in France on 18 October 1944. Entered military service from New Jersey.
- ✓ Borkowski, Edmond 33082649 Private First Class Cavalry
102d Reconnaissance Troop Mechanized, United States Army, wounded 9 November 1944. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.
- ✓ Tompkins, Robert W 13184496 Private Infantry
Antitank Company, 406th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 4 November 1944. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.
- ✓ Heilbronner, Walter L 36870483 Private First Class Infantry
Company A, 406th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 30 October 1944. Entered military service from Michigan.
- ✓ Clothier, Robert G Jr 36544783 Private Infantry
Company A, 406th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 30 October 1944. Entered military service from Michigan.
- ✓ Enebel, John F 37444715 Staff Sergeant Infantry
Company C, 406th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 30 October 1944. Entered military service from Iowa.
- ✓ David, Donald 33386602 Private First Class Medical Department
Medical Detachment, 406th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 17 November 1944. Entered military service from Maryland.
- ✓ Egan, John P 36623817 Private First Class Infantry
Company A, 406th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 17 November 1944. Entered military service from Illinois.

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✓ Barrett, Carl W 3862246 Private Infantry
Company E, 406th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 17 November 1944.
Entered military service from Texas.

✓ Spiockermann, Elvis E 38247828 Private First Class Infantry
Company K, 406th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 17 November 1944.
Entered military service from Texas.

✓ Mann, Clifford J 33259014 Sergeant Infantry
Company M, 406th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 17 November 1944.
Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

✓ Vincus, Richard 32637045 Private First Class Infantry
Company K, 406th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 9 November 1944.
Entered military service from New York.

✓ Johnson, Wilber H 3752649 Private First Class Infantry
Company D, 405th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 29 October 1944.
Entered military service from Minnesota.

✓ Pittman, Arthur V 32484493 Private First Class Infantry
Company E, 407th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 29 October 1944.
Entered military service from New Jersey.

✓ Urban, John A 12093875 Private Infantry
Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, 405th Infantry, United States Army,
wounded 29 October 1944. Entered military service from New Jersey.

✓ Borsvold, Ernest L 37325050 Technician Fifth Grade Infantry
Antitank Company, 405th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 29 October
1944. Entered military service from Minnesota.

✓ Barnett, Robert L 37443598 Private First Class Infantry
Company B, 405th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 30 October 1944.
Entered military service from Iowa.

✓ Eowell, Floyd B 32595010 Private First Class Infantry
Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, 405th Infantry, United States Army,
wounded 30 October 1944. Entered military service from New Jersey.

✓ Myers, Fredrick S 35599375 Private First Class Infantry
Company I, 405th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 4 November 1944.
Entered military service from Ohio.

✓ Wyzga, Joseph 31213643 Private First Class Infantry
Cannon Company, 405th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 6 November 1944.
Entered military service from Massachusetts.

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Frascella, Thomas A 12133885 Staff Sergeant Infantry
Company K, 405th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 14 November 1944.
Entered military service from New Jersey.

Weissbard, William 32637862 Private First Class Infantry
Company F, 405th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 14 November 1944.
Entered military service from New York.

Harrison, Robert W 34478194 Sergeant Infantry
Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, 405th Infantry, United States Army,
wounded 17 November 1944. Entered military service from South Carolina.

Hutchison, Joseph O 33445830 Private First Class Infantry
Company L, 405th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 19 November 1944.
Entered military service from Virginia.

Dewberry, John W 34570487 Private First Class Infantry
Company L, 405th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 19 November 1944.
Entered military service from Georgia.

Hougasian, Samie 31233195 Private First Class Infantry
Antitank Company, 405th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 14 November
1944. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

II. AWARD OF THE COMBAT INFANTRYMAN BADGE.

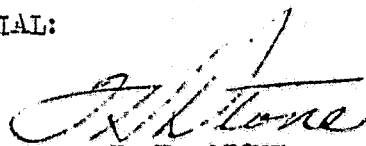
Under the provisions of paragraph 3b, Circular Number 126, War Department, 1944, the COMBAT INFANTRYMAN BADGE is awarded the following named officers for exemplary conduct in action against the enemy:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Army Serial Number</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>Organization</u>
WILLIAMS, LAURIN L	08425	COLONEL	405th Infantry
MURLESS, BERNARD F	07417	COLONEL	406th Infantry
REED, JAMES C	08337	COLONEL	407th Infantry

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 - IV. AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL.
 - V. AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART MEDAL.

I. AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR MEDAL. (POSTHUMOUS).

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, the SILVER STAR MEDAL is posthumously awarded the following officer:

CAPTAIN JOSEPH A. MANN, (Army Serial Number 01288086), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, distinguished himself by gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany. While it was still dark on the morning of 1 November 1944, the company of which CAPTAIN MANN was company commander was being subjected to an intense enemy artillery fire. The darkness made it difficult for proper control to be maintained, but CAPTAIN MANN went from place to place in a calm, cool manner, with no thought for his personal safety, checked all squads and platoons, gave words of cheer and advice to his men, and also helped administer to the wounded. This exhibition of the highest type of leadership raised the morale and served to steady a company of men in an hour of need. Entered military service from New York.

II. AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR MEDAL.

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, the SILVER STAR MEDAL is awarded the following officers and enlisted men:

COLONEL LAUREN L. WILLIAMS, (Army Serial Number 08425), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany. Throughout the period 26 October 1944 to 21 November 1944, while in command of an active defense sector, and again on 22 November 1944, during the attack of the regiment, COLONEL WILLIAMS continuously displayed outstanding leadership and gallantry. His calm judgment, sound tactical decisions, and exemplary leadership combined to inspire the officers and enlisted men under his command with the result that all assigned missions were quickly and successfully accomplished. COLONEL WILLIAMS' proved leadership qualifications, sound tactical judgment, and devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and to the military service. Entered military service from Washington.

SECOND LIEUTENANT ALBERTUS J. CONE, (Army Serial Number 0535458), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany on 31 October 1944. SECOND LIEUTENANT CONE formed a patrol of twenty-five men to enter the enemy lines and secure prisoners

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for identification purposes. He posted three of his squads in an advantageous position to cover them and struck out with the fourth. After going a short distance they located a fox hole with two men in it. These, SECOND LIEUTENANT CONE killed with his submachine gun after a phosphorous grenade was thrown at him. Farther on they encountered another fox hole with two men in it. These surrendered and were sent to the rear. The squad moved forward. With enemy fire coming from all directions, SECOND LIEUTENANT CONE silenced a machine pistol with a grenade and captured five men. With seven prisoners taken, they started back. The success of the venture was due to the courage and outstanding leadership of SECOND LIEUTENANT CONE. Entered military service from Florida.

Sergeant Danny Scarletto, (Army Serial Number 20915371), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany on 31 October 1944. Sergeant Scarletto was squad leader on a daylight patrol whose mission was to capture prisoners for identification purposes. The patrol advanced under enemy observation and secured a building from which a base of fire could be maintained. Three squads were left here and the fourth advanced toward the enemy. Intense small arms fire was directed against them and Sergeant Scarletto displayed superior aggressiveness and cool-headedness in assisting the patrol leader in the face of this fire. After seven prisoners had been taken and the squad was returning, an enemy machine gun opened fire on them from their right front. Sergeant Scarletto advanced on the machine gun alone and knocked it out with a grenade. The success of the mission was due largely to the fearlessness and ability of Sergeant Scarletto. Entered military service from California.

Staff Sergeant James W. Callahan, III, (Army Serial Number 19119849), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, distinguished himself by gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany on 7 November 1944. Sergeant Callahan, in charge of a patrol, was sent out to obtain enemy information and prisoners if possible. When his squad was fired on by a sniper and machine gun, he personally charged the position and wiped out the occupants. He further risked his life to crawl out into an open street and under fire brought back one of his men whom he thought was injured, only to learn he was dead. Under those extremely dangerous and hazardous conditions, Staff Sergeant Callahan's ability and great leadership gave courage to his men and enabled them to complete their mission. Entered military service from Oregon.

Technician Fifth Grade Henry Del Rossi, (Army Serial Number 31244092), Medical Department, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany on 31 October 1944. Technician Fifth Grade Del Rossi was the medical aid man for a daylight patrol whose mission was to capture prisoners for identification of enemy units in his sector. The terrain covered by the patrol was open and exposed to constant enemy fire. Soon after the patrol penetrated enemy territory, one man was wounded. It being necessary for the patrol to keep moving, Techni-

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Technician Fifth Grade Del Rossi stayed with the injured man and administered first aid to him under fire and enemy observation. Later, after Technician Fifth Grade Del Rossi had joined the patrol, he discovered that the man was not present when the patrol began its return trip. He immediately returned in the face of increasing enemy fire and assisted the wounded man in returning. Entered military service from Rhode Island.

Private First Class Harry H. Weiler, (Army Serial Number 32869753), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany on 31 October 1944. Private First Class Weiler was a member of a daylight patrol whose mission was to capture prisoners for identification of enemy units in their sector. Private First Class Weiler exposed himself to heavy enemy fire to call to the enemy and cause them to surrender. Later the patrol ran into another group of five Germans and again he exposed himself to the enemy and caused them to surrender. Private First Class Weiler's work was an important factor in the success of the patrol. Altogether, seven prisoners were taken. Entered military service from New York.

III. AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL. (POSTHUMOUS).

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, the BRONZE STAR MEDAL is posthumously awarded the following enlisted man:

Technician Fifth Grade Lee R. Fenton, (Army Serial Number 38348005), Medical Department, 406th Infantry, United States Army, distinguished himself by gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany. On the morning of 1 November 1944, Technician Fifth Grade Fenton's company was being subjected to intense enemy artillery fire. After first rendering aid to an injured man in his own platoon, he heeded a call for help from another about one-hundred fifty yards away. Rushing quickly over, he immediately set to work. Working at one time by flashlight under cover of a blanket and calmly administering aid where necessary, Technician Fifth Grade Fenton, with utter disregard for his own safety, undoubtedly saved the lives of men whom he treated by his prompt and efficient administration of first aid. Entered military service from New Mexico.

IV. AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL.

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, the BRONZE STAR MEDAL is awarded the following enlisted men:

Technical Sergeant James H. Holley, (Army Serial Number 33033183), Quartermaster Corps, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, distinguished himself by meritorious service during the period 5 July 1944 to 4 November 1944, in connection with military service against the enemy. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

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Technical Sergeant George Hartzler, (Army Serial Number 33394768), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, distinguished himself by heroic achievement in Germany in connection with military operations against the enemy on 3 November 1944. Sergeant Hartzler was a member of a three-man night patrol sent out with the mission of discovering the location of enemy tanks in front of the battalion zone. The patrol moved out at 1900. After being subjected to intense fire from small arms and artillery, a tank mounted .88 opened up on them and then when a building caught fire two Tiger six tanks were sighted in the light. This light also exposed the patrol to enemy fire and observation which caused them to seek shelter in a shell hole. Some time later they managed to escape and return to safety with the information. Sergeant Hartzler's courage and resourcefulness was largely responsible for the success of the mission. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Technician Fifth Grade Henry Del Rossi, (Army Serial Number 31244092) Medical Department, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 17 November 1944, in connection with military operations against the enemy. Technician Fifth Grade Del Rossi with complete disregard for his own personal safety evacuated wounded by himself from a company of infantry in attack and under heavy artillery, mortar, and machine gun fire from the enemy throughout all of one day. He gave care and aid to the wounded men saving the lives of at least seven seriously wounded. The courage, bravery, and devotion to duty of Technician Fifth Grade Del Rossi in the presence of great danger reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Rhode Island.

Technician Fourth Grade Howard J. Maxwell, (Army Serial Number 35756773), 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 7 November 1944 in connection with military operations against the enemy. Knowing full well the danger he faced and with complete disregard for his own personal safety, Technician Fourth Grade Maxwell left a position of comparative safety and ran a distance of approximately one-half mile through enemy mortar and shell fire to render Medical aid to a wounded companion and assisted in carrying him back to safety as the enemy continued to cover the sector with mortar fire. The heroism, courage, and coolness displayed by Technician Fourth Grade Maxwell reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from West Virginia.

Private First Class Theodore L. Weber, (Army Serial Number 14091656), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, distinguished himself by heroic achievement in Germany in connection with military operations against the enemy on 3 November 1944. Private First Class Weber was a member of a three man night patrol sent out with the mission of discovering the location of enemy tanks in front of the battalion zone. The patrol moved out at 1900. After being subjected to intense fire from small arms and artillery, a tank mounted .88 opened up on them and then when a building caught fire two Tiger six tanks were sighted in the light. This light also exposed the patrol to enemy fire and observation which caused them to seek shelter in a shell hole.

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Some time later they managed to escape and return to safety with the information. Private First Class Weber's courage and resourcefulness was largely responsible for the success of the mission. Entered military service from Tennessee.

Private First Class John Wojtkiewicz, (Army Serial Number 32918395), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 7 November 1944, in connection with military operations against the enemy. Private First Class Wojtkiewicz's squad came under enemy machine gun, mortar, and small arms fire while on a mission to capture prisoners and cover the operations of two other friendly patrols. Upon seeing the squad leader injured, Private First Class Wojtkiewicz was ordered by the assistant squad leader to cover his actions by delivering automatic rifle fire on the enemy while he carried the wounded squad leader to safety. Private First Class Wojtkiewicz with complete disregard for his own personal safety remained in the open under fire of the enemy and in clear view of the enemy while returning heavy fire with his automatic rifle. When wounded, he remained cool and kept up his steady volume of fire until his wounded squad leader was rescued, and then managed to crawl back to safety with his squad. Private First Class Wojtkiewicz's action as an automatic rifleman was superior and had he not jeopardized his life, his squad leader and assistant squad leader would never have reached safety. Entered military service from New Jersey.

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*Private Samuel J. Smith, (Army Serial Number 42005536), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 17 November 1944, in connection with military operations against the enemy. Private Smith was granted permission to remain with two wounded companions under intense machine gun, artillery, and mortar fire when his company was ordered to withdraw. He administered first aid to the two wounded men until dark when he was able to evacuate them to safety. The personal bravery, courage, and consideration by Private Smith for his wounded companions were instrumental in saving their lives and reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from New Jersey.

Private Harold S. Winer, (Army Serial Number 35912001), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 17 November 1944, in connection with military operations against the enemy. While his company was attacking the enemy, Private Winer left his cover where he had dug in and crawled to a wounded companion. After administering first aid he dragged the wounded man about one-hundred fifty yards under enemy fire to a place of safety. After bringing medical aid men to evacuate his wounded companion, Private Winer returned to his place in the attack. His courage and bravery reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Ohio.

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V. AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART MEDAL.

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, the PURPLE HEART MEDAL is awarded the following named officers and enlisted men for wounds received as a result of enemy action in Germany on the date indicated:

LIEUTENANT COLONEL GEORGE B. ROBINSON, (Army Serial Number 023428), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 21 November 1944. Entered military service from Washington, District of Columbia.

Sergeant Clifton Groves, (Army Serial Number 34490367), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 21 November 1944. Entered military service from Georgia.

Sergeant Wales A. Otis, (Army Serial Number 37510617), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 22 November 1944. Entered military service from Kansas.

Private Maynard N. Sallet, (Army Serial Number 31299123), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 22 November 1944. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

Technician Fourth Grade William T. Rivers, (Army Serial Number 34438212), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 22 November 1944. Entered military service from South Carolina.

Private First Class Edward A. Murn, (Army Serial Number 35518933), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 22 November 1944. Entered military service from Ohio.

Sergeant Harold B. Wermeling, (Army Serial Number 36299712), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 22 November 1944. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

Private First Class Howard T. Elliott, (Army Serial Number 16105011), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 22 November 1944. Entered military service from Michigan.

Private First Class John H. Robinson, (Army Serial Number 34580539), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 22 November 1944. Entered military service from Alabama.

Sergeant Peter Miterko, (Army Serial Number 32592521), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 23 November 1944. Entered military service from New Jersey.

CAPTAIN JAMES W. CORNER, (Army Serial Number 01288184), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 23 November 1944. Entered military service from California.

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Private First Class Robert E. Viertel, (Army Serial Number 42093299), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 23 November 1944. Entered military service from New York.

CAPTAIN WILLIAM C. PETERSON, (Army Serial Number 01288112), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 23 November 1944. Entered military service from California.

Private First Class Delton E. Cardwell, (Army Serial Number 37324802), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 23 November 1944. Entered military service from Minnesota.

Private First Class Harvey S. Hensley, (Army Serial Number 13121856), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 23 November 1944. Entered military service from West Virginia.

Private First Class Howard L. Stroupe, (Army Serial Number 39202385), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 23 November 1944. Entered military service from Washington.

Private First Class William G. Sauer, (Army Serial Number 35585914), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 23 November 1944. Entered military service from Ohio.

Master Sergeant Gregory L. Procopio, (Army Serial Number R-154062), Field Artillery, 380th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, wounded 23 November 1944. Entered military service from Texas.

Technician Fifth Grade George J. Stasky, (Army Serial Number 31249872), Field Artillery, 380th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, wounded 17 November 1944. Entered military service from Connecticut.

Technician Fifth Grade John F. Lynn, (Army Serial Number 33474331), Field Artillery, 380th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, wounded 24 November 1944. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Technician Fourth Grade Raymond W. Daum, (Army Serial Number 19164678), Signal Corps, 167th Signal Photo Company, United States Army, wounded 18 November 1944. Entered military service from California.

Technician Fifth Grade Charles J. Hascher, (Army Serial Number 33481200), Field Artillery, 927th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, wounded 25 November 1944. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Technical Sergeant John Paulow, (Army Serial Number 306027E), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 24 November 1944. Entered military service from New Jersey.

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Private First Class Charles W. Donaldson, (Army Serial Number 19179688), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 25 November 1944. Entered military service from California.

Technician Fifth Grade Marion M. Lewis, (Army Serial Number 35870080), Medical Department, 407th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 25 November 1944. Entered military service from Ohio.

Private Winston J. Deane, (Army Serial Number 17180988), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 2 November 1944. Entered military service from Missouri.

Private First Class Richard D. Alexander, (Army Serial Number 38472772), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 27 November 1944. Entered military service from Oklahoma.

Private Leo S. Halesh, (Army Serial Number 36820676), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 27 November 1944. Entered military service from Michigan.

Private Vincent J. Castor, (Army Serial Number 33772618), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 27 November 1944. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Sergeant Jackson H. Tipton, (Army Serial Number 17038915), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 27 November 1944. Entered military service from Missouri.

Private First Class Robert I. Slav, (Army Serial Number 16175257), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 27 November 1944. Entered military service from Illinois.

Private First Class Henry H. Elliott, Junior, (Army Serial Number 14138174), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 27 November 1944. Entered military service from Georgia.

Private First Class Henry J. Noyes, (Army Serial Number 12217714), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 27 November 1944. Entered military service from New York.

Private First Class Joseph J. Zuby, (Army Serial Number 33457736), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 26 November 1944. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

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I. AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR MEDAL. (MISSING IN ACTION).

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, the SILVER STAR MEDAL is awarded to the following enlisted man: *

Private First Class Clell Crane, (Army Serial Number 19134824), 406th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy on 17 November 1944, in Germany. When his platoon was held up by hostile fire and his platoon leader wounded, Private First Class Crane, with complete disregard for his personal safety, exposed himself to enemy machine gun fire while he dragged his platoon leader over open ground to the shelter of a fox-hole where he administered first aid. At dusk, he crawled back, dragging and carrying the wounded officer to a location where he could be evacuated to the Battalion Aid Station and returned to his position in the platoon. Private First Class Crane's courage, devotion to duty, and consideration in caring for his wounded platoon leader reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Oregon.

II. AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR MEDAL.

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, the SILVER STAR MEDAL is awarded to the following officer and enlisted men:

COLONEL JAMES C. REED, (Army Serial Number 08337), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany. From 30 October 1944 through 11 November 1944, while in command of an active defense sector, and from 25 November 1944 through 2 December 1944, during an attack, COLONEL REED repeatedly displayed outstanding leadership and personal gallantry. Without regard for his personal safety, he repeatedly exposed himself to heavy enemy fire. He displayed gallantry of a high order when, on 28 November 1944, he personally went to the aid of a member of his staff who had been seriously wounded by artillery fire and assisted in administering first aid measures in the midst of heavy artillery fire. This undoubtedly resulted in the saving of the life of the officer. COLONEL REED has demonstrated throughout these two periods that his leadership, sound tactical judgement, and devotion

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to duty have been a major factor in the successful accomplishment of the missions assigned to his regiment, and reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Arkansas.

Private First Class Joseph D. H. Watchorn, (Army Serial Number 33473465), 406th Infantry Regiment, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy on 17 November 1944, in Germany. Heavy night concentrations of enemy artillery destroyed communications that were vital to the continuation of an attack on an enemy strongpoint. Shortly after midnight, with complete disregard for his own safety, Private First Class Watchorn volunteered to lay new wire and make necessary repairs to the damaged communications regardless of enemy artillery and mortar shells falling all over the area. Although injured by shell fragments shortly after leaving, he continued to make repairs and install additional wire until communications were restored and then returned to his unit. Private First Class Watchorn's personal bravery, endurance, and disregard for his own safety reflect great credit on himself and the military service. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Private John F. Flynn, Jr., (Army Serial Number 31182641), 406th Infantry Regiment, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy on 17 November 1944, in Germany. Heavy night concentrations of enemy artillery destroyed communications that were vital to the continuation of an attack on an enemy strongpoint. Shortly after midnight, with complete disregard for his own safety, Private Flynn volunteered to lay new wire and make necessary repairs to the damaged communications regardless of enemy artillery and mortar shells falling all over the area. Private Flynn, although injured by shell fragments shortly after leaving, continued to make repairs and install additional wire until communications were restored and then returned to his unit. Private Flynn's personal bravery, endurance, and disregard for his own safety reflect great credit on himself and the military service. Entered military service from Rhode Island.

III. AWARD OF THE SOLDIER'S MEDAL.

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, the SOLDIER'S MEDAL is awarded to the following enlisted man:

Corporal George M. Lyons, (Army Serial Number 34475645), Signal Corps, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, while a member of the armed forces of the United States, distinguished himself by heroism not involving actual conflict with an enemy. On 24 October 1944, in Normandy, France, Corporal Lyons, with complete disregard for his personal safety, threw a flaming gasoline lantern, burning clothing and gasoline cans from a truck loaded with highly valued Signal Corps equipment. As a result of his heroic actions, valuable and critical military equipment was saved. Entered military service from Mississippi.

IV. AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL. (MISSING IN ACTION).

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Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, the BRONZE STAR MEDAL is awarded to the following enlisted man:

Private First Class Truman H. Loggins, Jr., (Army Serial Number 34398875), 406th Infantry, United States Army, distinguished himself by heroic achievement in Germany in connection with military operations against the enemy. On 17 November 1944 Private First Class Loggins worked continuously under intense enemy artillery, mortar, machine gun, and rifle fire administering first aid and evacuating many wounded men to places of safety where they could be evacuated to the Battalion Aid Station. Private First Class Loggins constantly exposed himself to great danger with complete disregard for his personal safety in taking care of his wounded companions. His courage and devotion to duty reflect the highest credit on himself and to the military service. Entered military service from Alabama. *

V. AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL.

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, the BRONZE STAR MEDAL is awarded to the following enlisted men:

Technician Fifth Grade Jacob F. Reis, (Army Serial Number 33400487), 406th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany in connection with military operations against the enemy. During the period of 16 November 1944 to 23 November 1944, Technician Fifth Grade Reis worked under extremely hazardous conditions in evacuating wounded personnel. Under heavy enemy fire, he went along the front line picking up wounded men with a one-fourth ton truck and on many occasions volunteered for extremely hazardous litter carries when it was impossible to evacuate by vehicle. The courage and devotion to duty of Technician Fifth Grade Reis in his care for and evacuation of the wounded reflect great credit upon himself and to the military service. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Private First Class Arrol L. Moore, (Army Serial Number 18232576), 405th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy. During the period of 28 October 1944 to 17 November 1944, Private First Class Moore distinguished himself by heroic achievement in the face of the enemy on different occasions. On 17 November 1944 while under enemy mortar and artillery fire and under enemy observation by flares dropped by the enemy, Private First Class Moore, with complete disregard for his own personal safety, left his position of cover to assist in carrying a wounded companion to a place of safety where he helped administer first aid to the wounded man. The courage, bravery, and devotion to duty of Private First Class Moore reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Texas.

Private First Class Roy E. Shukers, (Army Serial Number 18032427), 405th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy. During the period of 28 October 1944 to 17 November 1944, Private First Class Shukers distinguished himself by

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heroic achievement on different occasions. On 17 November 1944, under enemy mortar and artillery fire and under enemy observation by flares dropped by the enemy, Private First Class Shukers with complete disregard for his own personal safety left his position of cover to assist in carrying a wounded companion from open ground to a dugout where he helped administer first aid to the wounded man. The courage, bravery, and devotion to duty of Private First Class Shukers reflect great credit upon himself and to the military service. Entered military service from Oklahoma.

Private Kenneth J. King, (Army Serial Number 39620015), 406th Infantry, United States Army, distinguished himself by heroic achievement in Germany on 17 November 1944, in connection with military operations against the enemy. Working under intense enemy artillery, mortar, machine gun, and rifle fire, Private King assisted in administering first aid and evacuated many wounded men to places of safety where they could be evacuated to the Battalion Aid Station. Private King constantly exposed himself to great danger with complete disregard for his own personal safety while taking care of his wounded companions. His courage and devotion to duty reflect the highest credit on himself and to the military service. Entered military service from Utah.

VI. AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART MEDAL. (OAK LEAF CLUSTER).

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, the PURPLE HEART MEDAL (OAK LEAF CLUSTER) is awarded to the following enlisted man for wounds received as a result of enemy action in Germany on the date indicated:

Private John A. Urban, (Army Serial Number 12093875), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 17 November 1944. Entered military service from New Jersey.

VII. AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART MEDAL.

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, the PURPLE HEART MEDAL is awarded to the following officer and enlisted men:

Private First Class Stanley Blaustein, (Army Serial Number 32649420), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 30 November 1944. Entered military service from New Jersey.

Private First Class Harold E. Stoermer, (Army Serial Number 39286833), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 29 November 1944. Entered military service from Iowa.

Staff Sergeant Finis H. Sharp, (Army Serial Number 20831023), Field Artillery, 102d Division Artillery, United States Army, wounded 29 November 1944. Entered military service from Oklahoma.

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Technician Fourth Grade Ernest H. Coleman, (Army Serial Number 34129366), Field Artillery, 102d Division Artillery, United States Army, wounded 29 November 1944. Entered military service from South Carolina.

First Sergeant Jim Kinney, (Army Serial Number 37338334), Field Artillery, 102d Division Artillery, United States Army, wounded 29 November 1944. Entered military service from Colorado.

Private First Class Howard W. Cornelius, (Army Serial Number 37571303), 548th Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion (Mobile), United States Army, wounded 1 December 1944. Entered military service from Minnesota.

Technician Fourth Grade James J. Carey, Jr., (Army Serial Number 31197291), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 29 November 1944. Entered military service from Connecticut.

Private First Class John B. Povlock, (Army Serial Number 35090757), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 28 November 1944. Entered military service from Indiana.

FIRST LIEUTENANT GEORGE F. BEELE, (Army Serial Number 01322875), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 28 November 1944. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

Technical Sergeant Harvey W. Tonn, (Army Serial Number 20647507), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 1 December 1944. Entered military service from Louisiana.

Private Frank C. Chojnacki, (Army Serial Number 36244717), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 30 November 1944. Entered military service from Michigan.

Sergeant Kenneth O. Bookman, (Army Serial Number 39267323), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 1 December 1944. Entered military service from California.

Private John R. Halseth, (Army Serial Number 19118291), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 30 November 1944. Entered military service from Montana.

Sergeant Jack Edelman, (Army Serial Number 33469528), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 29 November 1944. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Private First Class Frank J. Boyle, (Army Serial Number 32638478), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 30 November 1944. Entered military service from New York.

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Private First Class J. B. Baker, (Army Serial Number 38562156), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 29 November 1944. Entered military service from Texas.

Private James L. Helfrich, (Army Serial Number 13158444), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 29 November 1944. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Technician Fifth Grade Frederick C. Bunker, (Army Serial Number 42002652), Medical Department, 407th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 29 November 1944. Entered military service from New Jersey.

Private Morris L. Curtis, (Army Serial Number 39918152), Medical Department, 407th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 2 December 1944. Entered military service from Utah.

Private First Class Donald E. Priser, (Army Serial Number 36263537), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 2 December 1944. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

Staff Sergeant Laudon L. Moore, (Army Serial Number 34398964), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 2 December 1944. Entered military service from Alabama.

Private First Class Paul C. Schmidt, (Army Serial Number 19169949), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 2 December 1944. Entered military service from Oregon.

Private First Class Roland H. Larson, (Army Serial Number 36622765), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 1 December 1944. Entered military service from Illinois.

Private First Class Gilbert J. Brunette, (Army Serial Number 36533361), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 22 November 1944. Entered military service from Michigan.

VIII. COMMENDATION FOR MERITORIOUS CONDUCT.

Private First Class James H. Henderson, (Army Serial Number 38297791), is hereby commended for exceptionally meritorious conduct displayed on 12 May 1944, at Camp Swift, Texas, when he without regard for his personal safety immediately went to the rescue of a soldier who was enveloped in flames from a gasoline stove. He assisted in extinguishing the flames and helped carry the soldier to the aid station, thereby saving his life.

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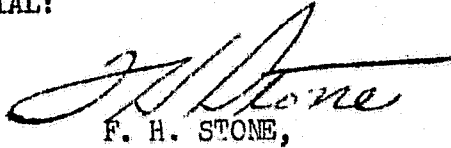
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I. AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR MEDAL.

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, the SILVER STAR MEDAL is awarded to the following officers:

FIRST LIEUTENANT IRVIN D. SMITH, JR., (Army Serial Number 0531600), Field Artillery, 102d Infantry Division Artillery, United States Army, distinguished himself by gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany on 23 November 1944. FIRST LIEUTENANT SMITH and his section were ordered to report to the Battalion Liaison Officer, to replace a forward observer who had been wounded in action. He led his section over open terrain in the face of intense hostile small arms, mortar, and artillery fire to a position with the front line assault company. While there, he adjusted artillery fire which was instrumental in checking a strong enemy counterattack, performing this duty with coolness and judgment while working from an exposed position under enemy fire. When his infantry company was ordered to withdraw, FIRST LIEUTENANT SMITH took his section back to the defensive position taken up by another company, and remained there without relief for over twelve hours to furnish artillery support against enemy action during the night. The courage, bravery, and devotion to duty of FIRST LIEUTENANT SMITH reflect great credit upon himself and to the military service. Entered military service from Texas.

FIRST LIEUTENANT COOLY S. JASPER, (Army Serial Number 01171614), Field Artillery, 102d Infantry Division Artillery, United States Army, distinguished himself by gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany on 23 November 1944. FIRST LIEUTENANT JASPER and his section were ordered to report to the Battalion Liaison Officer, to replace a forward observer who had been wounded in action. He led his section over open terrain in the face of intense hostile small arms, mortar, and artillery fire to a position with the front line assault company. When the company was ordered to withdraw from its objective which had become untenable due to a strong enemy counter attack supported by tanks and artillery fire, FIRST LIEUTENANT JASPER called for a smoke mission which effectively blanketed enemy observation and permitted withdrawal of the assault companies in an orderly manner. Without this fire, the withdrawal could not have been accomplished without heavy casualties. The coolness, judgment, and devotion to duty with which FIRST LIEUTENANT JASPER performed his duties while operating from an exposed position under heavy enemy fire reflect great credit upon himself and to the military service. Entered military service from Arkansas.

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COLONEL JAMES G. WATKINS, (Army Serial Number 07249), Field Artillery, 102d Infantry Division Artillery, United States Army, for meritorious service in France from 1 October 1944 through 30 October 1944, in connection with military operations against the enemy. Entered military service from Mississippi.

LIEUTENANT COLONEL JOHN C. DAMON, (Army Serial Number 021208), Field Artillery, 102d Infantry Division Artillery, United States Army, for meritorious service in France from 1 October 1944 to 30 October 1944, in connection with military operations against the enemy. Entered military service from Iowa.

LIEUTENANT COLONEL JAMES P. HANNIGAN, (Army Serial Number 017531), Field Artillery, 102d Infantry Division Artillery, United States Army, for meritorious service in France from 1 October 1944 to 30 October 1944, in connection with military operations against the enemy. Entered military service from California.

SECOND LIEUTENANT HAROLD D. SWAN, (Army Serial Number 0538226), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, distinguished himself by heroic achievement in Germany on 4 November 1944, in connection with military operations against the enemy. SECOND LIEUTENANT SWAN left the cover of his command post to report injuries of his men to his commanding officer. He then returned and organized the evacuation of the wounded men and saw that the rest of his men were taken care of. Several of his men were wounded seriously, and his capable direction and organization of the situation was superior and probably saved the lives of the wounded men. The courage and consideration for his men shown by SECOND LIEUTENANT SWAN reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Nebraska.

Staff Sergeant George M. Dunn, (Army Serial Number 37224541), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany in connection with military operations against the enemy. On 17 November 1944, Staff Sergeant Dunn exposed himself to great personal danger to evacuate a wounded man in his squad. With utter disregard for his own personal safety, Staff Sergeant Dunn carried the wounded man from the front line which was under heavy mortar, machine gun, and artillery fire. The courage, bravery, and devotion to duty of Staff Sergeant Dunn reflect great credit upon himself and to the military service. Entered military service from North Dakota.

Staff Sergeant Leo D. Newsom, (Army Serial Number 38336663), Medical Department, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany in connection with military operations against the enemy. During the period of 16 November 1944 to 23 November 1944, Staff Sergeant Newsom worked day and night in the treatment and evacuation of wounded men. The courage displayed by him under extremely difficult conditions inspired the other men of his section and was instrumental in adding to the efficiency of all in caring for

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and evacuating many wounded men. The courage and devotion to duty of Staff Sergeant Newsom in caring for the wounded under heavy enemy fire reflect great credit upon himself and to the military service. Entered military service from Louisiana.

Sergeant Leonard Cohen, (Army Serial Number 31232132), Field Artillery, 102d Infantry Division Artillery, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany in connection with military operations against the enemy on 22 November 1944. Sergeant Cohen, reconnaissance sergeant, with a forward observer section assisted by one other man and without regard for his own safety, carried a radio over open terrain during an attack and acted as a runner between the forward observer and the Liaison Officer. After the forward observer was wounded he reported to the Liaison Officer and assisted in maintaining the only communication with the supporting artillery until joined by another forward observer section. He assisted in combining the two radio sets to have one operating set and during the counter attack assisted in the evacuation of the second forward observer who had also been wounded, then returned to evacuate his radio while under enemy small arms fire. Sergeant Cohen's bravery, disregard for his own personal safety, and devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and to the military service. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

Sergeant John R. Polance, (Army Serial Number 36545090), Field Artillery, 102d Infantry Division Artillery, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany in connection with military operations against the enemy. On 21 November 1944, while attacking high ground with an infantry assault company, Sergeant Polance, reconnaissance noncommissioned officer with a forward observer section, assisted by one other man and without regard for his own safety, carried a radio over approximately two miles of open terrain while being subjected to intense small arms, mortar, and artillery fire. After reaching their initial objective, Sergeant Polance was wounded by artillery fire. The courage and bravery of Sergeant Polance reflect great credit upon himself and to the military service. Entered military service from Michigan.

Technician Fourth Grade Raymond W. Daum, (Army Serial Number 19164678), 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 16 November 1944 in connection with military operations against the enemy. While under heavy enemy artillery and mortar fire, Technician Fourth Grade Daum proceeded to take motion pictures of a combined armored-infantry attack against the enemy. Technician Fourth Grade Daum advanced with the infantry and tanks and procured an accurate pictorial account of the attack and the manner of resistance offered by the enemy. Even after being wounded by shrapnel in the head and forearm, Technician Fourth Grade Daum proceeded to complete his mission and succeeded in filming four-hundred feet of action pictures. The courage and devotion to duty by Technician Fourth Grade Daum in the performance of this duty reflect great credit upon himself and to the military service. Entered military service from California.

Technician Fifth Grade Joseph D. Karr, (Army Serial Number 36882045), Signal Corps, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 16 November 1944 in connection with military operations against the enemy. While under heavy enemy artillery and mortar fire, Technician

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Fifth Grade Karr proceeded to take still pictures of a combined armored-infantry attack against the enemy. Technician Fifth Grade Karr advanced with the infantry and tanks and procured an accurate pictorial account of the attack and the manner of resistance offered by the enemy. Technician Fifth Grade Karr remained under enemy fire for three hours in order to give complete pictorial coverage of the entire action. The courage and devotion to duty by Technician Fifth Grade Karr in the performance of this valuable service reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Michigan.

Technician Fifth Grade William J. Fuchs, (Army Serial Number 32591528), Field Artillery, 102d Infantry Division Artillery, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany in connection with military operations against the enemy on 22 November 1944. Technician Fifth Grade Fuchs, radio operator with forward observer section, assisted by one other man and without regard for his own safety, carried a radio over open terrain during an attack. After the forward observer was wounded he reported to the Liaison Officer and assisted in maintaining the only communication with the supporting artillery until joined by another forward observer section. He assisted in combining the two radio sets to have one operating set and during the counter-attack assisted in the evacuation of the second forward observer who had also been wounded. Technician Fifth Grade Fuchs' bravery, disregard for his own personal safety, and devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from New Jersey.

Technician Fifth Grade Albert J DeNapoli, (Army Serial Number 31233300), Field Artillery, 102d Infantry Division Artillery, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany in connection with military operations against the enemy. On 21 November 1944, while attacking high ground with an infantry assault company, Technician Fifth Grade DeNapoli, radio operator with a forward observer section, assisted by one other man, and without regard for his own safety, carried a radio over approximately two miles of open terrain while being subjected to intense small arms, mortar, and artillery fire. After reaching their initial objective the man assisting with the radio was wounded. With the forward observer, Technician Fifth Grade DeNapoli continued carrying the radio to the next objective. On 23 November 1944, his section was ordered to report to another infantry company, and he continued operating his radio during an artillery barrage. The courage, bravery, and devotion to duty of Technician Fifth Grade DeNapoli reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

Private First Class Joseph R. Vavra, (Army Serial Number 36661027), Infantry, 406th Infantry, while serving with the Army of the United States, distinguished himself by heroic achievement in Germany 17 November 1944, in connection with military operations against the enemy. Private First Class Vavra exposed himself to great danger and risked his life in treating and evacuating wounded men of his platoon while under enemy observation and fire. The duties performed by him in rendering aid to and evacuating his wounded companions to

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points of safety undoubtedly saved some of their lives. The courage, consideration for the wounded, and devotion to duty by Private First Class Vavra reflect great credit upon himself and to the military service. Entered military service from Illinois.

Private First Class John J. Hogan, (Army Serial Number 37495921), Infantry, 406th Infantry, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy. On 17 November 1944, Private First Class Hogan exposed himself to great danger and risked his life in treating and evacuating wounded men of his platoon while under enemy observation and fire. The duties performed by him in rendering aid to and evacuating his wounded companions to points of safety undoubtedly saved some of their lives. The courage, consideration for the wounded, and devotion to duty by Private First Class Hogan reflect great credit upon himself and to the military service. Entered military service from Missouri.

The following named enlisted men, Medical Department, 406th Infantry, United States Army, distinguished themselves by heroic achievement in Germany in connection with military operations against the enemy:

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>ASN</u>	<u>Entered military service from</u>
Technician			
Fourth Grade	Sidney L. Ammerman	33322642	Pennsylvania
Technician			
Fourth Grade	Leo F. DeVino	31232612	Massachusetts
Technician			
Fourth Grade	Karl H. Schroeder	32594873	New Jersey
Private			
First Class	Juan N. Castaneda	38215889	Texas
Private			
First Class	Donald David	33386602	Maryland
Private			
First Class	Ted C. Ford	38297960	Arkansas
Private			
First Class	Claude R. Phillips	31250414	Connecticut
Private	Lonzo Caudill	35769823	Kentucky
Private	Peter A. Fitanides	11084641	New Hampshire
Private	Charles G. Fultz	36747337	Illinois
Private	Francis F. Kelley	31188727	Massachusetts
Private	Malcolm S. Van de Water	13019289	Washington, District of Columbia

As members of a battalion aid section of a regiment of infantry, each of the above named men, with disregard for his own personal safety and great courage worked incessantly under intense enemy artillery, mortar, machine gun, and small arms fire in rendering aid to and evacuating wounded men in the midst of battle. Numerous trips into the intense battle were made by each, and on many occasions they were pinned down for long periods of time, but all con-

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tinued these valiant duties during the entire attack and worked to the point of exhaustion. The courage, loyalty, and devotion to duty by all the above named men reflect great credit upon themselves and to the military service.

III. AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART MEDAL.

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, the PURPLE HEART MEDAL is awarded to the following enlisted men:

Private First Class Mark Clipper, (Army Serial Number 33422829), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 10 November 1944. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Private Raymond C. Waymire, (Army Serial Number 35615244), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 18 November 1944. Entered military service from Ohio.

Private First Class Robert L. Sunde, (Army Serial Number 39198860), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 18 November 1944. Entered military service from Washington.

Private David M. Redstone, (Army Serial Number 42025575), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 2 December 1944. Entered military service from New York.

Private Jack Blumenkrantz, (Army Serial Number 42045239), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 4 December 1944. Entered military service from New York.

By command of the DIVISION COMMANDER:

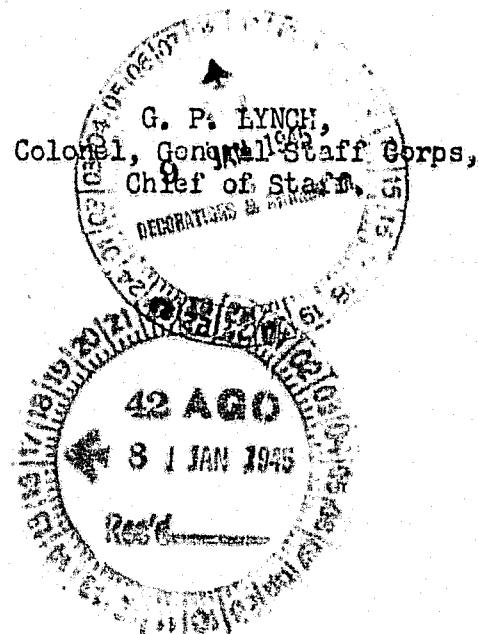
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I. AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR MEDAL. (MISSING IN ACTION).

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, the SILVER STAR MEDAL is awarded the following enlisted man:

Sergeant Charles W. Short, (Army Serial Number 15140654), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, distinguished himself by gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany on 8 November 1944, in connection with military operations against the enemy. As a member of a night reconnaissance patrol in enemy territory, Sergeant Short, then a Private First Class, displayed initiative and good judgment by taking command of and directing and assisting in the evacuation of nine wounded members of the patrol, including the lieutenant in charge and the only two noncommissioned officers of the group, when the patrol inadvertently exploded enemy anti-personnel mines. Sergeant Short remained behind to provide security for the patrol's withdrawal at the risk of his own personal safety and returned to his own lines after assuring himself that all members of the patrol had cleared the area and reached safety. The gallantry, courage, and devotion to duty of Sergeant Short with disregard for his own personal safety reflect great credit upon himself and to the military service. Entered military service from Ohio.

II. AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR MEDAL.

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, the SILVER STAR MEDAL is awarded the following officers and enlisted men:

CAPTAIN RAYMOND R. LATVAMAKI, (Army Serial Number 01011629), Infantry, 771st Tank Battalion, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany on 1 December 1944. In support of infantry in an attack on a German town, CAPTAIN LATVAMAKI, after leading his light tank company into the town to assist the infantry, quickly organized infantry-tank teams and assigned them missions to secure specified sections of the town. When it was discovered that one small street had not been covered, he personally directed his own tank into this street and cleared it of the enemy. In order to protect his own tank and members of his crew from enemy bazookas, CAPTAIN LATVAMAKI kept his hatch open and by use of his machine gun prevented a sniper from sneaking up close to his tank. The gallantry, bravery, and abilities of organizing and leading men under difficult conditions displayed by CAPTAIN LATVAMAKI reflect great credit upon himself and to the military service. Entered military service from Michigan.

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CAPTAIN WILLIAM A. MILLER, (Army Serial Number 01287926), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany. On 23 November 1944, when both his battalion commander and battalion executive officer became casualties, CAPTAIN MILLER unhesitatingly assumed command of his infantry battalion and directed the battalion in its mission of supporting a coordinated attack on strong enemy positions. When the battalion completed its mission in the attack, CAPTAIN MILLER actively directed the organization of the battalion for defense and was instrumental in reinforcing the troops already in position. Under his direction, the battalion successfully organized its objective under intense fire from enemy artillery, mortars, and small arms, and direct fire from four enemy tanks. When ordered to withdraw, he succeeded in moving his battalion to the rear over ground exposed to and under enemy fire without the loss of a single man and capturing or killing about thirty of the enemy during this movement. The gallantry, leadership, and bravery displayed by CAPTAIN MILLER reflect great credit upon himself and to the military service. Entered military service from California.

FIRST LIEUTENANT GEORGE F. BEELE, (Army Serial Number 01322575), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, distinguished himself by gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany on 26 November 1944. FIRST LIEUTENANT BEELE, with complete disregard for his own personal safety, with the assistance of an enlisted man, dashed into the courtyard of an adjoining building fired by enemy artillery to drive two one-quarter ton vehicles, one loaded with hand grenades and the other containing a radio set, both parked beside a burning one and one-half ton prime mover loaded with 57 mm ammunition of which the ammunition was exploding, to safety. After removing the two one-quarter ton vehicles to safety, he returned to the courtyard and drove the blazing prime mover to a safe area. The courage, bravery, coolness, and complete disregard for personal safety displayed by FIRST LIEUTENANT BEELE reflect great credit upon himself and to the military service. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

Staff Sergeant Thomas W. Iles, (Army Serial Number 16055402), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, distinguished himself by gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany. On 17 November 1944, during an enemy counter-attack, Staff Sergeant Iles, by remaining calm when his rifle jammed, used another discarded one to kill a second enemy machine gunner counter-attacking through his position. When the second rifle which Staff Sergeant Iles seized became unserviceable, he used his grenades until the enemy withdrew. The bravery, courage, and coolness displayed by Staff Sergeant Iles reflect great credit upon himself and to the military service. Entered military service from Illinois.

Sergeant Raymond J. Halfman, (Army Serial Number 36596147), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, distinguished himself by gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany on 26 November 1944. Sergeant Halfman, at the direction and with the assistance of a First Lieutenant and with complete disregard for his personal safety dashed into the courtyard of an adjoining building set afire by enemy artillery to drive two one-quarter ton

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vehicles, one loaded with hand grenades and the other containing a radio, both parked beside a burning one and one-half ton prime mover loaded with 57 mm ammunition which was exploding, to safety. After removing the two one-quarter ton vehicles to safety, he returned to the courtyard with the Lieutenant and assisted in driving the blazing prime mover to a safe area. The gallantry, bravery, coolness, and disregard for personal safety displayed by Sergeant Halfman reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Michigan.

Technician Fifth Grade Jay W. Cortright, (Army Serial Number 33359654), Corps of Engineers, 327th Engineer Combat Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany. On 17 November 1944, Technician Fifth Grade Cortright, accompanied by one other person, took his bulldozer after darkness over roads the enemy had covered with unusually heavy artillery fire to a position forward of friendly Infantry and within one-hundred fifty yards of enemy front line troops. Silhouetted by two burning haystacks and under enemy small arms fire he set to work at his mission of digging emplacements for twelve tank destroyers and completed his mission in sufficient time to return to safety with the bulldozer intact before daylight. This action of Technician Fifth Grade Cortright enabled all twelve tank destroyers to be in covered position for effective action against the enemy before daylight. The gallantry, bravery, and skill displayed by Technician Fifth Grade Cortright, in the presence of intense danger reflect great credit upon himself and to the military service. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Private First Class Thurman E. Nanomantube, (Army Serial Number 37241221), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany on 22 November 1944. Private First Class Nanomantube took over duties as section leader of his heavy machine gun section when his section leader became a casualty. While, under enemy observation from three-hundred to five-hundred yards and subjected to heavy enemy machine gun, artillery, and sniper fire, Private First Class Nanomantube, with complete disregard for his own personal safety, ran across fifty yards of open terrain to take over the firing of a machine gun when the gunner was experiencing difficulty in reducing a stoppage. Between fire missions, while his battalion was pinned down, he rendered first aid to two wounded men and carefully handled another in such a manner as to prevent his becoming a casualty of combat exhaustion. The initiative, bravery, and gallantry displayed by Private First Class Nanomantube reflect great credit upon himself and to the military service. Entered military service from Nebraska.

Private First Class Vester J. Childers, (Army Serial Number 34824407), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany. Since his entry into actual combat on 25 October 1944, Private First Class Childers has performed his duties as company aid man in a superior manner. On the afternoon of 22 November 1944, without regard for his personal safety he moved back and forth across several hundred yards of open terrain exposed to heavy enemy fire, treating and rendering first aid

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to a large number of casualties. At times, during this action he was at the foremost point of his company's advance, working under enemy observation. During the night he replenished his supplies and in spite of the fact that he was suffering from fatigue he refused to be evacuated. The next day he continued working until late in the afternoon when he collapsed from exhaustion. Private First Class Childers' courage, coolness and heroism in the sight of the enemy reflect high credit upon himself and to the military service. Entered military service from Georgia.

Private Fred Stern, (Army Serial Number 32645190), Corps of Engineers, 327th Engineer Combat Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany. On 17 November 1944, Private Stern guided a bulldozer and its operator after dark over approximately two miles of road the enemy had covered with unusually heavy artillery fire to a position forward of friendly infantry and within one-hundred fifty yards of enemy front line troops. As the bulldozer was set to work digging emplacements for twelve tank destroyers, Private Stern, under small arms fire from the enemy after dark, served as the only contact between the bulldozer and the tank destroyer unit, during which time he would go from the bulldozer about three-hundred yards to the rear and lead each tank destroyer to its emplacement as they were dug. At times during the operation enemy fire was so intense that a mine laying detail nearby was forced to take cover. His actions made it possible for the tank destroyers to occupy fixed firing positions which contributed greatly to the successful resistance of an enemy counter attack the following day. The gallantry, bravery, and devotion to duty displayed by Private Stern reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from New York.

III. AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL. (MISSING IN ACTION).

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, the BRONZE STAR MEDAL is awarded the following enlisted man:

Corporal Martin Schmitt, (Army Serial Number 32594212), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany in connection with military operations against the enemy. On 23 November 1944, while working with his wire section in laying wire for a battalion of infantry, Corporal Schmitt was subjected to severe and almost continuous enemy artillery and mortar fire which cut all communication wires between the battalion, regimental command post, and the battalion supporting units. Corporal Schmitt worked continuously for a period of thirty-six hours with his wire section under almost continuous heavy fire that kept the battalion of infantry under cover, in the installation of the damaged wires. The courage, devotion to duty, and disregard for personal safety by Corporal Schmitt reflect great credit upon himself and to the military service. Entered military service from New Jersey.

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IV. AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL.

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, the BRONZE STAR MEDAL is awarded the following officers and enlisted men:

CAPTAIN CHARLES L. JACOBSON, (Army Serial Number 01293058), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany in connection with military operations against the enemy. From 24 November 1944 to 27 November 1944, CAPTAIN JACOBSON greatly aided his organization by maintaining installations of wire communications to lower echelons under extremely difficult conditions and afterward risked his life in the performance of other duties while under enemy fire. Continuous operation of communications proved extremely valuable to his organization in its activities against the enemy. The courage and devotion to duty of CAPTAIN JACOBSON reflect great credit upon himself and to the military service. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

CAPTAIN WILLIAM R. BELCHER, (Army Serial Number 0408170), Quartermaster Corps, 102d Quartermaster Company, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, distinguished himself by meritorious service during the period 5 July 1944 to 4 November 1944, in connection with military operations against the enemy. Entered military service from Kentucky.

CAPTAIN LAIRD L. WALLACE, (Army Serial Number 01167685), Field Artillery, 381st Field Artillery Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, distinguished himself by meritorious service during the period 29 October 1944 to 3 November 1944, in connection with military service against the enemy. Entered military service from Illinois.

WARRANT OFFICER JUNIOR GRADE KENNETH C. McCULLOUGH, (Army Serial Number W2132152), United States Army, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany in connection with military operations against the enemy. From 24 November 1944 to 1 December 1944, WARRANT OFFICER JUNIOR GRADE McCULLOUGH performed duties under extremely difficult circumstances in keeping wire communications for his organization in smooth working order. With disregard for his own personal safety he personally directed the installation of wire communications to lower echelons on different occasions while under heavy enemy artillery fire. The courage, devotion to duty, and disregard for personal safety displayed by WARRANT OFFICER JUNIOR GRADE McCULLOUGH reflect great credit upon himself and to the military service. Entered military service from California.

Technical Sergeant Albert T. Eden, (Army Serial Number 36545094), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 22 November 1944 in connection with military operations against the enemy. Technical Sergeant Eden took command and led his platoon with skill, courage, and bravery in the face of almost innumerable enemy odds when both his platoon leader and platoon sergeant became casualties. He was under enemy observation from three-hundred to five-hundred yards while subjected

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to extremely heavy enemy artillery, mortar, and sniper fire. Technical Sergeant Eden moved fearlessly across open ground, organizing his platoon defenses and treating and directing the evacuation of casualties. His ability to lead was shown by the success of his platoon in obtaining their objective. The bravery, courage, and devotion to duty of Technical Sergeant Eden reflect great credit upon himself and to the military service. Entered military service from Michigan.

Citation & Grade Award by Lt #37 - Dec 28, 1944
~~Sergeant~~ ^{PVT} Charles J. Brown, (Army Serial Number 34570286), Corps of Engineers, 327th Engineer Combat Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 20 November 1944, in connection with military operations against the enemy. Acting as a mine detector operator without relief for a period of nearly two hours and under hostile enemy observation, artillery fire, and small arms fire, ~~Sergeant~~ ^{PVT} Brown assisted in clearing enemy mines from a road vital to the success of an attack in progress. The efficient and sustained operation displayed by ~~Sergeant~~ ^{PVT} Brown in the detection of mines and their subsequent removal made possible the advance of friendly armored elements. The courage, skill, and devotion to duty by ~~Sergeant~~ ^{PVT} Brown reflect great credit upon himself and to the military service. Entered military service from Georgia.

Sergeant James P. Leahy, (Army Serial Number 32466260), Corps of Engineers, 327th Engineer Combat Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 20 November 1944, in connection with military operations against the enemy. Sergeant Leahy led his squad on a mission of clearing mines from a road in the wake of an infantry attack preparatory to the advance of armored vehicles. Enemy artillery was registered on the road, and it was necessary for Sergeant Leahy to lead his squad forward through comparatively light but extremely accurate enemy fire. He was at all times forward of the squad and acted not only as squad leader but as advance security. On one occasion his squad was pinned down by enemy small arms fire. Sergeant Leahy maintained excellent control of his squad and accomplished his mission thoroughly and rapidly. The leadership, courage, and devotion to duty displayed by Sergeant Leahy reflect great credit upon himself and to the military service. Entered military service from New Jersey.

Sergeant John Luskoski, Jr., (Army Serial Number 13167967), Corps of Engineers, 327th Engineer Combat Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany in connection with military operations against the enemy. On 19 November 1944, Sergeant Luskoski was in charge of a detail to clear a road of debris, fill in craters, and level it in order to make the road passable for heavy important vehicular traffic. Being in an exposed position and under heavy enemy artillery fire, he continued the work even though being forced to take cover when the fire became too intense. Despite all hazards and difficulties the job was finished. Sergeant Luskoski's actions during this act demonstrated perseverance, personal courage, and a high degree of leadership without which the undertaking could not have been successfully accomplished. Entered military

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Sergeant John Luskoeki, Jr., (Army Serial Number 13167957), Corps of Engineers, 327th Engineer Combat Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany in connection with military operations against the enemy. On 19 November 1944, Sergeant Luskoeki was in charge of a detail to clear a road of debris, fill in craters, and level it in order to make the road passable for heavy important vehicular traffic. Being in an exposed position and under heavy enemy artillery fire, he continued the work even though being forced to take cover when the fire became too intense. Despite all hazards and difficulties the job was finished. Sergeant Luskoeki's actions during this act demonstrated perseverance, personal courage, and a high degree of leadership without which the ~~tasking~~ ^{tasking} could not have been successfully accomplished. Entered military

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service from Pennsylvania.

Corporal Thomas W. Mabry, (Army Serial Number 39735221), Corps of Engineers, 327th Engineer Combat Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, for heroic achievement on 20 November 1944 in Germany, in connection with military operations against the enemy. Corporal Mabry was detailed as advance security for a mine clearing squad operating on a road in the immediate rear of advancing infantry over flat, open terrain which was at all times subject to enemy observation and artillery fire. At times it was necessary that Corporal Mabry advance beyond forward infantry elements in order to properly secure his party and on one occasion was pinned down by enemy small arms fire. Throughout the operation he was alert, aggressive, and quick to understand and obey orders. The behavior, bravery, and attention to duty displayed by Corporal Mabry reflect great credit upon himself and to the military service. Entered military service from California.

Technician Fifth Grade Myles F. Kearney, (Army Serial Number 16151349), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 28 November 1944, in connection with military operations against the enemy. Technician Fifth Grade Kearney, under heavy enemy artillery fire, crawled to and assisted in administering first aid to a seriously wounded Major of his organization. The skillful and timely administering of first aid, in which he assisted in a most efficient manner, undoubtedly was responsible for saving the life of the wounded officer. The courage, disregard for personal safety, skill, and coolness displayed by Technician Fifth Grade Kearney under a barrage of intense enemy artillery fire reflect great credit upon himself and to the military service. Entered military service from Michigan.

Technician Fifth Grade John R. Wood, (Army Serial Number 3612727), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany in connection with military operations against the enemy. From 24 November 1944 to 1 December 1944, Technician Fifth Grade Wood has proved his skill and coolness in laying wire communications to lower echelons of his organization under extremely heavy enemy artillery fire. He performed duties of laying communication lines under difficult conditions with disregard for his own personal safety on different occasions during this period of time. The courage, skill, and devotion to duty displayed by Technician Fifth Grade Wood reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Illinois.

Private First Class Edward A. Marshall, (Army Serial Number 55702349), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 27 November 1944, in connection with military operations against the enemy. When the roof and walls of a building in which his platoon was sleeping collapsed from a direct hit by enemy artillery, Private First Class Marshall clawed his way through the debris and quickly summoned aid. Although suffering from a lacerated scalp, he firmly refused first aid until he had completed rendering his assistance in directing and

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helping in the evacuation of the rest of the men from the room in which they were sleeping. The courage and devotion to duty with disregard for his own personal safety of Private First Class Marshall reflect great credit upon himself and to the military service. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Private First Class John H. Lemmar, (Army Serial Number 18113366), Corps of Engineers, 327th Engineer Combat Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, for heroic achievement on 20 November 1944 in Germany, in connection with military operations against the enemy. Acting as a mine detector operator and working ahead of advanced friendly infantry elements under hostile observation and enemy artillery and small arms fire, Private First Class Lemmar assisted in the detection of enemy mines in a road for subsequent removal for a period of approximately two hours. Private First Class Lemmar's action in the clearing of a mined road enabled the advance of friendly tank elements vital to the success of an attack against the enemy that was in process. The courage, coolness, and skill displayed by Private First Class Lemmar reflect great credit upon himself and to the military service. Entered military service from Arkansas.

Private First Class Michael D. Chism, (Army Serial Number 35691246), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany in connection with military operations against the enemy. On the afternoon of 28 November 1944 when one of his battalion officers was seriously wounded as a result of enemy artillery fire, Private First Class Chism, in the face of this artillery fire and with complete disregard for his own personal safety, crawled to and assisted in administering first aid to the officer. The skillful and timely administering of first aid in which Private First Class Chism played an important part, was undoubtedly instrumental in saving the life of the officer concerned. This act of Private First Class Chism reflects great credit upon himself and to the military service. Entered military service from Kentucky.

The following named enlisted men, Corps of Engineers, 327th Engineer Combat Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany in connection with military operations against the enemy:

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Army Serial Number</u>	<u>Entered Military Service From</u>
Technician Fifth Grade	John F. Cornacchio	12192295	New York
Technician Fifth Grade	Russell E. Sweitzer	33366282	Pennsylvania
Technician Fifth Grade	Nickolas Zerr	37338245	Colorado
Private First Class	Allen B. Mason	33845648	Maryland
Private	Alan B. Goldman	15307995	Ohio

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The above named persons served as runners for this organization during attacks against the enemy from 17 November 1944 to 24 November 1944. On many occasions they willingly carried messages over open terrain under hostile observation and covered by enemy artillery fire when other means of communication between organizations failed. On other occasions during this period of time, these men assisted in carrying food and water to front line platoons. The courage, willingness to serve, and profound devotion to duty of the above named men reflect great credit upon themselves and to the military service.

The following named enlisted men, Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 27 November 1944, in connection with military operations against the enemy:

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Army Serial Number</u>	<u>Entered Military Service From</u>
Private	John R. Halseth	19118291	Montana
Private	James L. Litmer	35869994	Indiana
Private	J. D. Boyd	38392402	Louisiana
Private First Class	Forest B. Kightlinger	33406642	Pennsylvania

Through heavy enemy artillery blasts, flying shrapnel, and crumbling walls, the above named men made their way forward by jeep to pick up two seriously wounded men and return them to a Battalion Aid Station. While advancing through heavy enemy fire, these men ignored an order given them to leave the jeep and take immediate cover. Upon returning to the Battalion Aid Station with the wounded men, a piece of shrapnel punctured the ambulance gasoline supply tank while it stood in readiness. These men immediately plugged the hole while still under heavy enemy fire and saved a sufficient gasoline supply seriously needed for evacuation of the wounded men to the rear from the Battalion Aid Station. The coolness, courage, devotion to duty, and disregard for personal safety displayed by these men reflect great credit to themselves and upon the military service.

The following named enlisted men, Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany in connection with military operations against the enemy:

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Army Serial Number</u>	<u>Entered Military Service From</u>
Sergeant	John F. Smith	36623053	Illinois
Sergeant	Joe C. Weatherly	13121404	Virginia
Corporal	Thomas H. Cooley	35592156	Ohio
Technician Fifth Grade	Raymond R. Gottschalk	37444291	Iowa
Technician Fifth Grade	Nicholas F. Carroll	31250017	Connecticut

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<u>Grade</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Army Serial Number</u>	<u>Entered Military Service From</u>
Private First Class	J. B. Kays	39038023	California
Private First Class	Cecil E. Stephens	35779872	West Virginia
Private First Class	Ted G. Graff	39864765	Arizona
Private First Class	Paul E. Dunlap	33395611	Pennsylvania

On 23 November 1944, a battalion of infantry for which the above named men were laying wire was subjected to severe and almost continuous enemy artillery and mortar fire which cut all wires of communication between the battalion, regimental command post, and the battalion's supporting units. These men worked continuously for thirty-six hours to restore the damaged wires under almost continuous heavy enemy fire that kept the battalion of infantry under cover. The courage, devotion to duty, and disregard for personal safety by these men reflect great credit upon themselves and to the military service.

MAJOR HAROLD W. WEISS, (Army Serial Number 0288394), Cavalry, 771st Tank Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany in connection with military operations against the enemy. On 29 November 1944 while coordinating fire of weapons under battalion control, MAJOR WEISS had an assistant take over his duties and with disregard for his own personal safety made his way through intense enemy artillery fire to the assault gun position and directed them to switch to another channel on their radio in order to re-establish communications that had been cut by enemy fire. This enabled the battalion to communicate with the assault gun crews in making immediate adjustments of a smoke screen that was necessary to protect attacking tanks and their crews. The bravery and devotion to duty by MAJOR WEISS reflect great credit upon himself and to the military service. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

CAPTAIN BARBER C. MILLS, (Army Serial Number 0405108), Infantry, 771st Tank Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany, in connection with military operations against the enemy. When, on 24 November 1944, an enemy anti-tank gun brought direct fire to bear on the tanks of his company, CAPTAIN MILLS, in order to make his company's position tenable, advanced his tank into position for destroying a church steeple being used by the enemy as an observation post. He then ordered other tanks to take position and fire on the enemy observation post. CAPTAIN MILLS' decisive action under enemy fire gave confidence to his men who were badly shaken because of the heavy bombardment of enemy fire they had undergone. The courage and leadership displayed by CAPTAIN MILLS in this action reflect great credit upon himself and to the military service. Entered military service from Florida.

CAPTAIN LLOYD E. SNAPP, (Army Serial Number 0450478), Infantry, 771st Tank Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany in connection with military operations against the enemy. On 4 December 1944, a

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successful infantry-tank attack had been completed in a combat sector of Germany, and it was decided that additional tanks were needed to repel possible counter attacks. Because communications with the commanders of the tank companies had failed, CAPTAIN SNAPP, Battalion Communications Officer, delivered orders to the tank commanders in a one-quarter ton vehicle despite the fact that heavy enemy mortar and artillery fire was falling as a reaction to the attack. In the course of this mission CAPTAIN SNAPP was injured by the inadvertent detonation of enemy mines, but successfully completed his mission. CAPTAIN SNAPP'S courage and devotion to performance of duty reflect great credit upon himself and to the military service. Entered military service from Kentucky.

SECOND LIEUTENANT CHARLES H. WEBER, (Army Serial Number 01015172), Infantry, 771st Tank Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in action in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany. While supporting a battalion of infantry in an attack on an enemy position on 29 November 1944, SECOND LIEUTENANT WEBER was forced to protect the open flank of a platoon of tanks. Unable to withdraw to a better position without leaving this platoon of tanks open to withering anti-tank fire, he fought enemy Tiger Tanks from an open position. Fire from his gun finally drove back the two enemy tanks, but during the operation his own tank was hit and began to burn. Although wounded himself, SECOND LIEUTENANT WEBER evacuated his crew and gathered the crew of the other tank that was assisting him and brought them back to safety. SECOND LIEUTENANT WEBER'S courage and disregard for his personal safety while protecting a platoon of friendly tanks reflect great credit upon himself and to the military service. Entered military service from Indiana.

SECOND LIEUTENANT KEVIN J. MOYNAHAN, (Army Serial Number 01014237), Infantry, 771st Tank Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy. On 29 November 1944, SECOND LIEUTENANT MOYNAHAN, while commanding a mortar platoon, exposed himself to heavy enemy artillery fire all day from his position in an observation post. After being wounded by shell fragments in late afternoon and without concern for his own condition and safety, SECOND LIEUTENANT MOYNAHAN directed a safe evacuation of his entire platoon while still exposed to heavy artillery fire. His unselfish concern for his platoon earned him the sincere admiration of all his men. The bravery and devotion to duty displayed by SECOND LIEUTENANT MOYNAHAN reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from New York.

Staff Sergeant Wilber P. Ewing, (Army Serial Number 33052471), Infantry, 771st Tank Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany. Prior to and during an attack on 2 December 1944, Staff Sergeant Ewing took command of his platoon in the absence of the platoon leader, observed the nearby enemy, and gave fire orders to the platoon which resulted in the destruction of a number of the enemy, including a machine gun nest which had been a menace to a

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town that Staff Sergeant Ewing had assisted in taking and to the infantry holding the town. This action softened up the enemy and enabled our troops to gain their objective with considerably fewer losses than had been anticipated. During the actual attack, Staff Sergeant Ewing's tank was the first one to enter the town, the objective of an infantry battalion supported by a company of tanks. More than 100 prisoners were taken. Staff Sergeant Ewing's leadership, courage, and coolness under fire were inspirational to all of his men and reflect great credit upon himself and to the military service. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Staff Sergeant Albert A. Link, (Army Serial Number 32041989), Infantry, 771st Tank Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany. Staff Sergeant Link exhibited great leadership and skill in handling his platoon of tanks. With his platoon of tanks on 30 November 1944, he did a remarkable job of assisting the infantry in capturing an enemy town. The following day Staff Sergeant Link also led the platoon in an attack on high ground until his tank was disabled by a mine, after which he showed great courage in getting his men, including two who were wounded, to safety under enemy machine gun and sniper fire. His courage, leadership, and consideration for his wounded companions reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from New York.

Staff Sergeant Robert W. Corey, (Army Serial Number 32046561), Infantry, 771st Tank Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in action against the enemy in connection with military operations in Germany. On 24 November 1944, while supporting the attack of an infantry regiment pinned down by fire on three different occasions and unable to point out to the tanks the position of the enemy fire, Staff Sergeant Corey, with complete disregard for his own personal safety, dismounted from his tank under heavy enemy fire, went forward to locate the targets, then returned to his tank and brought fire to bear on them. On 29 November 1944, during a retrieving operation within range of enemy gun fire when the rescue tank became mired, Staff Sergeant Corey went forward to pull both tanks out of the mud and bring all three back to safety. The courage and devotion to duty displayed by Staff Sergeant Corey in these heroic actions reflect great credit upon himself and to the military service. Entered military service from New York.

Sergeant Frederick R. Tower, (Army Serial Number 35255731), Infantry, 771st Tank Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in action against the enemy during military operations in Germany. While supporting a battalion of infantry in an attack of an enemy strong point on 29 November 1944, Sergeant Tower was forced to protect the open flank of a platoon of tanks. Unable to withdraw to a better position without leaving this platoon of tanks open to withering anti-tank fire, he fought enemy Tiger Tanks from an open position. Fire from his gun finally drove back the two enemy tanks, but during this operation his own tank was hit and began to burn. Sergeant Tower's courage and disregard for personal safety while protecting a platoon of friendly

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tanks reflect great credit upon himself and to the military service. Entered military service from Indiana.

Sergeant Michael J. Demko, (Army Serial Number 3214E751), Infantry, 771st Tank Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany in connection with military operations against the enemy. From 21 November 1944, Sergeant Demko has toured the battlefield repairing tank radios and keeping communications functioning under the most adverse conditions. On 23 November 1944, he carried a radio transmitter to a tank under direct fire, put the radio in operation, and returned. When a radio went out during operations, he would get out of the company commander's tank and cross the battlefield to check the radio in the tank that had no communication. During those days, radio preventive maintenance was impossible, so when his company returned to their assembly area at night Sergeant Demko would climb out of the tank turret and check every radio. The courage and devotion to duty of Sergeant Demko in his unceasing efforts to maintain communication reflect the highest of credit upon himself and to the military service. Entered military service from New Jersey.

Sergeant William G. Stall, (Army Serial Number 35453126), Infantry, 771st Tank Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany in connection with military operations against the enemy. On 23 November 1944, Sergeant Stall went in with his tank to retrieve his commanding officer's tank from an immobile position on the forward slope of an infantry position. Again on 23 November 1944, he held an enemy anti-tank gun completely at bay for eight hours by following its change of positions and firing harassing fire at it although it was out of his range. On 25 November 1944, Sergeant Stall carried an artillery observer into position to enable him to call for protective fire and kept this forward observer in good position throughout the day. The courage, skill, and devotion to duty by Sergeant Stall reflect great credit upon himself and to the military service. Entered military service from Ohio.

Sergeant Edward Di Tizio, (Army Serial Number 33052477), Infantry, 771st Tank Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 2 December 1944, in connection with military operations against the enemy. During an attack on an enemy town, Sergeant Di Tizio's tank was hit by enemy high explosive and anti-tank fire. Although dazed and seriously wounded by shrapnel, he evacuated his gunner who was even more seriously wounded, and dug a fox hole for him under enemy sniper, machine gun, and artillery fire. Sergeant Di Tizio administered to his wounded companion over five hours until after darkness, improvised a stretcher from crow bars and blankets, and assisted in moving him to safety. Sergeant Di Tizio's concern for the men of his crew with total disregard for his own personal safety and wounds in the presence of intense danger reflect great credit upon himself and to the military service. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

FIRST LIEUTENANT JAMES H. TODD, (Army Serial Number 0105011E), Coast

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Artillery Corps, 548th Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion, (Mobile), United States Army, distinguished himself in action against the enemy in Germany on 26 November 1944. About 150 yards from where FIRST LIEUTENANT TODD was assisting in inspecting a gun position, another officer was working on the hood of a one-quarter ton vehicle attempting to deactivate a mine. The one-quarter ton vehicle was loaded with ammunition, and when the mine exploded the officer and his driver were killed. Nearby were several vehicles loaded with personnel of whom many were seriously wounded. FIRST LIEUTENANT TODD ran to their assistance, and due to his clear thinking and prompt action at least one life was saved. The calmness and devotion to duty by FIRST LIEUTENANT TODD reflect great credit upon himself and to the military service. Entered military service from Ohio.

Sergeant Harry N. Peterson, (Army Serial Number 32365498), Coast Artillery Corps, 548th Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion, (Mobile), United States Army, for heroic achievement in action against the enemy in Germany on 26 November 1944. About 150 yards from where Sergeant Peterson was assisting in inspecting a gun position, an officer was working on the hood of a one-quarter ton vehicle, attempting to deactivate a mine. The vehicle was loaded with ammunition, and when the mine exploded, the officer and his driver were killed. Nearby were several vehicles loaded with personnel of whom many were seriously wounded. Sergeant Peterson ran to their assistance, and due to his clear thinking and prompt action at least one life was saved. The consideration and calmness in this act by Sergeant Peterson reflect great credit upon himself and to the military service. Entered military service from Texas.

Staff Sergeant Woodrow Kelley, (Army Serial Number 12002444), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in action against the enemy in Germany. On 7 November 1944, Staff Sergeant Kelley was serving as assistant squad leader of a patrol which was sent out to obtain enemy information and prisoners if possible. When his squad leader was wounded, he took command and without hesitation managed, while under enemy fire, to drag the squad leader back to a place of comparative safety. Staff Sergeant Kelley showed great ability, courage, and leadership in taking over at a time when control was difficult under fire. The mission was completed and injured were evacuated safely. The courage, leadership, and disregard for personal safety displayed by Staff Sergeant Kelley reflect great credit upon himself and to the military service. Entered military service from Oklahoma.

Sergeant Wilford H. Bryson, (Army Serial Number 33326570), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in action against the enemy in Germany on 17 November 1944. Sergeant Bryson, whose platoon was pinned down momentarily, saw a wounded man out in front of him. Displaying great courage under a withering hail of mortar, artillery, and machine gun fire, he went forward, picked up the injured man, and carried him to the Battalion Aid Station several hundred yards in the rear. By utter disregard for his own safety, it is quite likely that he saved the life of the wounded

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man. The courage, devotion to duty, and disregard for personal safety displayed by Sergeant Bryson reflect great credit upon himself and to the military service. Entered military service from Maryland.

Sergeant Marion G. Wood, (Army Serial Number 34766340), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in action against the enemy in Germany. On 17 November 1944, Sergeant Wood was withdrawing a machine gun squad, when his section sergeant was wounded. He administered first aid to the wounded man and helped him to direct the withdrawal of the section. After the section had been brought to safety, he discovered that a man from his squad who was carrying the gun was missing. He went back out to look for him and while returning he came upon two wounded riflemen and helped them to safety. Then, returning again to search for his machine gunner, he was wounded in the knee by shrapnel. Although wounded, he requested to stay and see that his squad was safe. Sergeant Wood had to be ordered to go back to the aid station. The courage, devotion to duty, and consideration for his wounded companions displayed by Sergeant Wood reflect great credit upon himself and to the military service. Entered military service from Georgia.

Private Donald H. Ansell, (Army Serial Number 38323205), Medical Department, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in action against the enemy in Germany on 1 November 1944. Private Ansell, while under heavy artillery fire, and without consideration for his personal safety, administered first aid to wounded men in his company. Being wounded himself and realizing that more help was needed, he further risked his life by going to the aid station and bringing back much needed help for men who were in desperate need of attention. Undoubtedly, Private Ansell was instrumental in saving the lives of the injured. The courage, devotion to duty, and consideration for his wounded companions displayed by Private Ansell reflect great credit upon himself and to the military service. Entered military service from Oklahoma.

V. A W A R D O F T H E P U R P L E H E A R T M E D A L.

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, the PURPLE HEART MEDAL is awarded to the following named officers and enlisted men for wounds received as a result of enemy action in Germany on the date indicated:

Private First Class Joseph N. Petriccone, (Army Serial Number 31249951), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army; wounded 23 November 1944. Entered military service from Connecticut.

Private First Class John W. Stivali, (Army Serial Number 35753435), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 24 November 1944. Entered military service from West Virginia.

Private First Class Edward M. Bittinger, (Army Serial Number 16120349) Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 24 November 1944. Entered military service from Illinois.

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Private William H. Gregg, (Army Serial Number 36121655), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 24 November 1944. Entered military service from Michigan.

Private William E. Catlett, (Army Serial Number 36975864), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 24 November 1944. Entered military service from Michigan.

Private Robert E. Green, (Army Serial Number 37638852), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 24 November 1944. Entered military service from Missouri.

Private Joseph Champagne, (Army Serial Number 38489583), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 27 November 1944. Entered military service from Louisiana.

Staff Sergeant Edward J. Fallon, (Army Serial Number 31188523), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 28 November 1944. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

Private First Class Willie K. Foust, (Army Serial Number 35353240), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 28 November 1944. Entered military service from Arkansas.

Staff Sergeant Alexander P. Tusco, Jr, (Army Serial Number 32833520), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 29 November 1944. Entered military service from New York.

FIRST LIEUTENANT CHARLES F. McKENNA, (Army Serial Number 01322061), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 29 November 1944. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Private First Class Michael Mobilic, (Army Serial Number 32594164), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 29 November 1944. Entered military service from New Jersey.

Staff Sergeant Tedd E. Zavilla, (Army Serial Number 35345053), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 29 November 1944. Entered military service from New Mexico.

Private First Class Chauncey Clark, (Army Serial Number 16110396), Tank Destroyer, 771st Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army, wounded 29 November 1944. Entered military service from Michigan.

FIRST LIEUTENANT GLEN O. NELSON, (Army Serial Number 01323602), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 30 November 1944. Entered military service from Michigan.

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Staff Sergeant Robert L. Fisher, (Army Serial Number 36411196),
Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 30 November 1944.
Entered military service from Michigan.

Technician Fifth Grade Calvin H. Burkett, (Army Serial Number
38394005), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 1 December
1944. Entered military service from Oklahoma.

Technical Sergeant Glenn H. Colden, (Army Serial Number 16151267),
Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 1 December 1944. En-
tered military service from Michigan.

Sergeant Sidney Bloom, (Army Serial Number 32647007), Infantry,
405th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 4 December 1944. Entered mili-
tary service from New York.

Private First Class Albert C. Hughes, (Army Serial Number 42120752),
Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 4 December 1944. En-
tered military service from New York.

Technician Fourth Grade Mario G. Barricelli, (Army Serial Number
32462410), Medical Department, 405th Infantry, United States Army, wounded
4 December 1944. Entered military service from New Jersey.

Private Louis B. Reed, (Army Serial Number 17006000), Infantry,
405th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 23 November 1944. Entered mili-
tary service from North Dakota.

Private First Class Walter R. Marczyk, (Army Serial Number
36720585), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 22 November
1944. Entered military service from Illinois.

Private First Class William C. Prelletz, (Army Serial Number
16168535), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 22 November
1944. Entered military service from Illinois.

Staff Sergeant Hoyt M. Scharp, (Army Serial Number 37464198), In-
fantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 24 November 1944. En-
tered military service from Nebraska.

Staff Sergeant James L. Hansen, (Army Serial Number 37464729), In-
fantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 23 November 1944. En-
tered military service from Iowa.

SECOND LIEUTENANT STANLEY M. HUFFMAN, (Army Serial Number 3535203),
Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 24 November 1944. En-
tered military service from Nebraska.

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Private First Class Sidney A. Hollander, (Army Serial Number 32797357), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 23 November 1944. Entered military service from New York.

Staff Sergeant Alexander Korpalski, (Army Serial Number 11065206), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 22 November 1944. Entered military service from Connecticut.

Private Arthur W. Bloom, (Army Serial Number 35232625), Coast Artillery Corps, 548th Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion (Mobile), United States Army, wounded 3 December 1944. Entered military service from Ohio.

Private James R. Muldoon, (Army Serial Number 39267523), Field Artillery, 927th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, wounded 8 December 1944. Entered military service from California.

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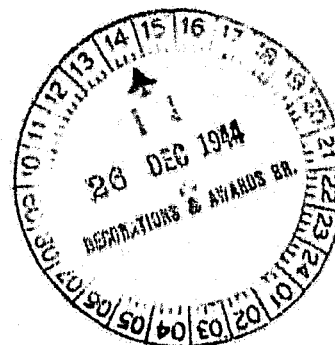
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I. AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR MEDAL.

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, the SILVER STAR MEDAL is awarded the following officers and enlisted men:

✓ LIEUTENANT COLONEL JAMES H. REEVES, Jr, (Army Serial Number 020665), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany by superior and outstanding performance of duty as a battalion commander of infantry in action against the enemy from 1 November 1944 to 22 November 1944. Many hazardous missions were successfully carried out due to the outstanding leadership, aggressiveness, and ability of LIEUTENANT COLONEL REEVES as battalion commander. LIEUTENANT COLONEL REEVES has shown outstanding devotion to duty and has exposed himself to great personal danger on many occasions to be with his troops and become intimate with the exact situation facing them. The gallant leadership, aggressiveness, and outstanding devotion to duty by LIEUTENANT COLONEL REEVES reflect great credit upon himself and to the military service. Entered military service from Georgia.

✓ CAPTAIN KENNETH K. KEOWN, (Army Serial Number 0423611), Medical Corps, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany. CAPTAIN KEOWN distinguished himself for outstanding action and superior performance of duty as surgeon for a battalion of infantry in an attack against the enemy on 16 November 1944. The battalion aid station was located immediately in rear of the line of departure and was constantly under heavy enemy artillery and mortar fire. More than eighty casualties were brought in during the first hour of the attack. CAPTAIN KEOWN supervised unloading and loading of ambulances and performed surgery in a cool manner and self possession that was an inspiration to all medical aid men working with him. He personally led litter teams through an enemy mine field where casualties had been reported to assist in the removal of the wounded. CAPTAIN KEOWN continued to work for several days after this act without relaxation of effort during intense activity and with no rest. The gallantry, courage, and outstanding performance of duty by CAPTAIN KEOWN reflect great credit upon himself and to the military service. Entered military service from Missouri.

✓ CAPTAIN ROBERT T. NEALON, (Army Serial Number 01011306), Infantry, 771st Tank Battalion, United States Army, distinguished himself by gallantry

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in action against the enemy in Germany. CAPTAIN NEALON'S company moved in for its initial engagement on 22 November 1944. All during this day he was able to set up an efficient communication system between tanks and infantry and to coordinate the attack of the two. Later in the day it was found that the infantry units were running short of food and ammunition. CAPTAIN NEALON brought up these necessary supplies while still maintaining sufficient tanks in strategic spots to wage continuous attack and protect the foot troops. During this day, with conspicuous gallantry and disregard for his own safety he made a foot reconnaissance under heavy artillery fire to locate lanes of advance for his tanks. CAPTAIN NEALON'S bravery and leadership served to instill confidence in his troops and enabled them to carry out their mission. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

✓ SECOND LIEUTENANT CYRIL J. PAYNE, (Army Serial Number 01014300), Cavalry, 771st Tank Battalion, United States Army, distinguished himself by gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany. In the early morning of 25 November 1944, after two of his tanks had been knocked out by anti-tank fire, SECOND LIEUTENANT PAYNE showed practical skill in successfully coordinating the fire of his remaining tanks. With cool courage and utter disregard for his own personal safety, he dismounted from his tank in the face of small arms and artillery fire and directed and assisted in the successful evacuation of the wounded. He then returned to this tank and remained at his job all day until dark, when he again dismounted and aided in directing and assisting in the removal of wounded from disabled tanks in the support-in platoon. Following this, SECOND LIEUTENANT PAYNE under fire supervised the removal of signal property from damaged tanks in the area. His courage, leadership, and consideration reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Tennessee.

✓ SECOND LIEUTENANT EGON E. FRIEDMAN, (Army Serial Number 01017676), Infantry, 771st Tank Battalion, United States Army, distinguished himself by gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany on the morning of 25 November 1944. SECOND LIEUTENANT FRIEDMAN exhibited a high degree of combat skill by bringing one section of his tank platoon up to reinforce the fire of another platoon which had lost two tanks in a battle with an antitank gun. By successfully maneuvering his own tank he was able to locate the antitank gun and coolly brought fire on it. In so doing, his own tank received a direct hit which killed his bow gunner. With quick presence of mind SECOND LIEUTENANT FRIEDMAN evacuated the gunner and immediately returned to fire on the antitank position. All this was done from an open turret and under continuous artillery fire from the enemy. SECOND LIEUTENANT FRIEDMAN'S courage and devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Michigan.

SECOND LIEUTENANT EVRO A. TARSI, (Army Serial Number 01152724), Field Artillery, 102d Division Artillery, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany on 20 November 1944. Serving as a forward observer with infantry, SECOND LIEUTENANT TARSI conducted fire from an observation post in a church tower before the building itself had been

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cleared of the enemy. On the day following this act, he was with forward elements of infantry in the continuance of attacks to seize high ground from the enemy. Late in the afternoon during a counter attack by the enemy, SECOND LIEUTENANT TARSİ remained in his front line position as an observer and adjusted artillery fire which helped to repulse the attack. During this action his radio was captured. After the attack had been repulsed, SECOND LIEUTENANT TARSİ made his way back to a field artillery battalion command post under heavy enemy artillery, mortar, and small arms fire, secured another radio, and returned to the front where he remained for the night and succeeding day when he was relieved. He exposed himself many times to hostile fire in order to carry out his mission in the adjustment of artillery fire on enemy targets. The gallantry, courage, and devotion to duty by SECOND LIEUTENANT TARSİ reflect great credit upon himself and to the military service. Entered military service from Michigan.

Technician Fifth Grade Thomas I. Pugh, (Army Serial Number 37324653), Field Artillery, 102d Division Artillery, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany on 18 November 1944. While performing duties of wireman in a forward observer team in the front lines, Technician Fifth Grade Pugh voluntarily started out under heavy shell fire to service a broken line, during which time he removed a wounded Tank Destroyer Officer to safety. Upon returning, he completed the servicing of the broken line and took over seven German prisoners for delivery to proper authorities. After returning to his forward observer team, Technician Fifth Grade Pugh was wounded by enemy artillery fire. The gallantry, bravery, and outstanding devotion to duty displayed by Technician Fifth Grade Pugh under intense enemy fire reflect great credit upon himself and to the military service. Entered military service from Minnesota.

M. AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL. (POSTHUMOUS)

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, the BRONZE STAR MEDAL is posthumously awarded the following enlisted men:

Sergeant Raymond A. Tarnowski, (Army Serial Number 33603590), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, distinguished himself by heroic achievement in Germany on 31 October 1944 in connection with military operations against the enemy as a member of a twenty-five man daylight patrol under the leadership of his patrol leader. Sergeant Tarnowski displayed outstanding courage while on a mission for taking enemy prisoners for intelligence purposes. Operating in mid-day under direct enemy observation, machine gun and sniper fire, and in a network of hidden enemy fox holes, the patrol completed its mission by taking seven prisoners from fox holes after silencing enemy snipers that offered resistance and one machine gun with a hand grenade. The courage and devotion to duty displayed by Sergeant Tarnowski reflect great credit on himself and to the military service. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

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Private First Class Robert T. Benischek, (Army Serial Number 12183375), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, distinguished himself by heroic achievement in Germany on 31 October 1944 in connection with military operations against the enemy. As a member of a twenty-five man daylight patrol under the leadership of his patrol leader, Private First Class Benischek displayed outstanding courage while on a mission for taking enemy prisoners for intelligence purposes. Operating in mid-day under direct enemy observation, machine gun and sniper fire, and in a network of hidden enemy fox holes, the patrol completed its mission by taking seven prisoners from fox holes after silencing enemy snipers that offered resistance and one machine gun with a hand grenade. The courage and devotion to duty displayed by Private First Class Benischek reflect great credit on himself and to the military service. Entered military service from New York.

III. AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL. (MISSING IN ACTION)

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, the BRONZE STAR MEDAL is awarded the following enlisted men:

Staff Sergeant Robert W. Block, (Army Serial Number 36544187), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, distinguished himself by heroic achievement in Germany on 31 October 1944 in connection with military operations against the enemy. As a member of a twenty-five man daylight patrol under the leadership of his patrol leader, Staff Sergeant Block displayed outstanding courage while on a mission for taking enemy prisoners for intelligence purposes. Operating in mid-day under direct enemy observation, machine gun and sniper fire, and in a network of hidden enemy fox holes, the patrol completed its mission by taking seven prisoners from fox holes after silencing enemy snipers that offered resistance and one machine gun with a hand grenade. The courage and devotion to duty displayed by Staff Sergeant Block reflect great credit on himself and to the military service. Entered military service from Michigan.

Private Bradley O'Neal, (Army Serial Number 14118408), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, distinguished himself by heroic achievement in Germany on 31 October 1944 in connection with military operations against the enemy. As a member of a twenty-five man daylight patrol under the leadership of his patrol leader, Private O'Neal displayed outstanding courage while on a mission for taking enemy prisoners for intelligence purposes. Operating in mid-day under direct enemy observation, machine gun and sniper fire, and in a network of hidden enemy fox holes, the patrol completed its mission by taking seven prisoners from fox holes after silencing enemy snipers that offered resistance and one machine gun with a hand grenade. The courage and devotion to duty displayed by Private O'Neal reflect great credit upon himself and to the military service. Entered military service from Florida.

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IV. AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL.

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, the BRONZE STAR MEDAL is awarded the following officers and enlisted men:

✓ CAPTAIN LUTHER E. GOWDER, (Army Serial Number 0394125), Field Artillery, 102d Division Artillery, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany in connection with military operations against the enemy. CAPTAIN GOWDER displayed initiative and good judgment from 5 November 1944 to 4 December 1944 in reconnoitering for and establishing observation posts and organizing observation for a field artillery battalion for the purpose of rendering effective support to infantry with observed fire. In spite of enemy shell and mortar fire, CAPTAIN GOWDER reconnoitered and established observation posts, arranged for the manning and rotation of personnel at the observation posts, and collected information received from the observers. The courage, judgment, and devotion to duty by CAPTAIN GOWDER reflect great credit upon himself and to the military service. Entered military service from Alabama.

✓ Private First Class Condon C. Carmac, (Army Serial Number 34177335), Infantry, 771st Tank Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany in connection with military operations against the enemy. For a period of thirteen days, from 21 November 1944 to 3 December 1944, Private First Class Carmac was constantly subjected to heavy enemy artillery fire while performing various duties of liaison work and as driver for a one-ton vehicle. On numerous occasions he was forced to drive through heavy enemy artillery fire to front line positions under direct observation of enemy machine guns and antitank guns. Daily he led tanks into positions for action against the enemy with disregard for his own personal safety. He kept his one-fourth ton vehicle in excellent condition by performing maintenance on it at times within infantry lines while the attack was in progress. The courage, disregard for personal safety, and devotion to duty by Private First Class Carmac reflect great credit upon himself and to the military service. Entered military service from North Carolina.

✓ Private First Class George F. Gilmore, (Army Serial Number 37468801), Field Artillery, 102d Division Artillery, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany in connection with military operations against the enemy. Private First Class Gilmore assisted in the installation of wire communications from a battalion command post to battalion observation posts and forward switchboard and performed maintenance on these lines in spite of continuous shelling from the enemy, terrain obstructions, and inclement weather from 25 November 1944 to 3 December 1944. The maintenance of these communications was vital to a field artillery battalion in fulfilling its assigned mission. The initiative, resourcefulness, good judgment, and technical ability displayed by Private First Class Gilmore in the installation and maintenance of vitally needed communications reflect great credit upon himself and to the military service. Entered military service from Nebraska.

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Private First Class Albert G. Howell, (Army Serial Number 36544824),, Corps of Military Police, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 29 November 1944, in connection with military operations against the enemy. Enemy artillery shells, bursting on a road, caused the occupants of two one-quarter ton vehicles to stop and take cover in fox holes. A few seconds later seven jeeps had congested in the area and the occupants had taken cover along the road side. Private First Class Howell, with disregard for his own personal safety, left the road intersection about one-hundred yards away where he was directing traffic, contacted the drivers of the vehicles, and succeeded in getting all vehicles properly dispersed before enemy artillery destroyed them. The courage and disregard for personal safety in the midst of exploding enemy artillery displayed by Private First Class Howell saved valuable equipment for the government and reflect great credit upon himself and to the military service. Entered military service from Michigan.

Private Harold M. Everton, (Army Serial Number 19134854), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 17 November 1944, in connection with military operations against the enemy. With disregard for his personal safety, Private Everton made his way under heavy enemy fire after night from his squad position to his company commander for the purpose of obtaining information for his squad leader. In accomplishing this mission, he crawled several hundred yards under heavy enemy artillery, mortar, and machine gun fire that was being placed in the vicinity of his squad's position. Upon obtaining instructions from his company commander, Private Everton returned to his squad and led them back to rejoin the platoon and take part in the attack the following morning. The courage, disregard for personal safety, and devotion to duty by Private Everton reflect great credit upon himself and to the military service. Entered military service from Oregon.

The enlisted men named below, 406th Infantry, United States Army, distinguished themselves by heroic achievement in Germany on 31 October 1944, in connection with military operations against the enemy. As a member of a twenty-five man daylight patrol under the leadership of a Lieutenant, each of these men displayed outstanding courage while on a mission of taking enemy prisoners for intelligence purposes. Operating in mid-day under direct enemy observation, machine gun and sniper fire, and in a network of hidden enemy fox holes, the patrol completed its mission of taking seven prisoners from fox holes after silencing enemy snipers that offered resistance and one enemy machine gun with a hand grenade. The courage and devotion to duty displayed by each man shown below reflect great credit upon himself and to the military service.

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Army Serial Number</u>	<u>Entered Military Service From</u>
Staff Sergeant	John F. Knebel	37444715	Iowa
Staff Sergeant	Albert F. Eriscoe	38399031	Oklahoma
Sergeant	John E. McGuire	38297887	Arkansas

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<u>Grade</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Army Serial Number</u>	<u>Entered Military Service From</u>
✓ Sargeant	William J. Barzen	35536855	Ohio
✓ Private First Class	Richard J. Bechtold	13135166	Pennsylvania
✓ Private First Class	James Cooper, Jr.	35780130	West Virginia
✓ Private First Class	John D. Esbensen	37678510	Iowa
✓ Private First Class	William G. Greenlee	37417590	Missouri
✓ Private First Class	Louis H. Kuffman	33444588	Virginia
✓ Private First Class	George Hura	13101411	Pennsylvania
✓ Private First Class	Harvey F. Lariviera	31244455	Rhode Island
✓ Sergeant	Edward W. Smith	14194479	Tennessee
✓ Private	Warren M. Ayo	38616158	Louisiana
✓ Sergeant	Kernan W. Bryan	35780127	West Virginia
✓ Private	Antonio R. Gutierrez	39850844	Arizona
✓ Private	William Sagendorf	32592028	New Jersey
✓ Private	Samuel J. Smith	42005536	New Jersey
✓ Sergeant	David Victor	32915540	New Jersey

V. AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART MEDAL.

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, the PURPLE HEART MEDAL is awarded to the following named enlisted men for wounds received as a result of enemy action in Germany on the date indicated:

✓ Private First Class Fred C. Herrington, (Army Serial Number 38336873), Field Artillery, 379th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, wounded 3 December 1944. Entered military service from Louisiana.

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✓ Corporal Leo E. Morris, (Army Serial Number 38353623), Field Artillery, 379th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, wounded 28 November 1944. Entered military service from Arkansas.

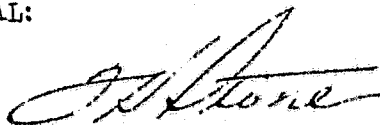
✓ Technician Fifth Grade Rene Michaud, (Army Serial Number 31178545), Field Artillery, 379th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, wounded 25 November 1944. Entered military service from New Hampshire.

Technician Fifth Grade Elmer E. Yearout, (Army Serial Number 38438044), Coast Artillery Corps, 548th Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion (Mobile) United States Army, wounded 23 November 1944. Entered military service from New Mexico.

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I. AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR MEDAL. (POSTHUMOUS).

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, the SILVER STAR MEDAL is posthumously awarded the following enlisted man:

Technician Fifth Grade Lee R. Fenton, (Army Serial Number 38348005), Medical Department, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany on 16 November 1944. With complete disregard for his own personal safety, Technician Fifth Grade Fenton entered an enemy mine field known to be filled with anti-personnel mines to administer aid and evacuate several injured men. During this act, Technician Fifth Grade Fenton inadvertently became fatally injured by a mine but continued to assist all the injured men until they reached safety. The gallantry, loyalty, and courage of Technician Fifth Grade Fenton reflect great credit upon himself and to the military service. Entered military service from New Mexico.

II. AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR MEDAL.

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, the SILVER STAR MEDAL is awarded the following officers and enlisted man:

MAJOR ISAAC A. GATLIN, (Army Serial Number 0155092), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany. MAJOR GATLIN assumed command of a battalion of infantry immediately prior to its being assigned a particularly difficult mission of attacking a strongly defended enemy town on 1 December 1944. His superior leadership, knowledge, and ability inspired his unit's success. The mission required the highest degree of planning, coordinating, and personal supervision by its commander, MAJOR GATLIN, to make it successful. MAJOR GATLIN, during the entire attack, was present personally in all parts of his unit with complete disregard for his own personal safety in order to keep up with the constantly changing situation and give orders. The gallantry, leadership, and bravery of MAJOR GATLIN greatly inspired the officers and men of his command and reflect great credit upon himself and to the military service. Entered military service from Arkansas.

✓ CAPTAIN JOHN E. CLAUDIO S I, (Army Serial Number 01288188), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy

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on 16 November 1944 in Germany. CAPTAIN CZAJKOSKI led a company of infantry over about three-fourths mile of open ground in daylight in the presence of intense enemy artillery fire for an attack against an enemy town. With complete disregard for personal safety he led the attack against the enemy on the town by keeping himself physically in front of the troops while directing them for the operation and at the same time pointed out enemy machine guns and other enemy points of resistance to supporting tank fire. CAPTAIN CZAJKOSKI successfully organized defensive positions for his entire company upon completing the mission of the company and while still under intense enemy fire. His action inspired the confidence of every man and was responsible for their success in a most furious attack on the enemy. The gallantry, bravery, and outstanding leadership of CAPTAIN CZAJKOSKI in the presence of intense danger reflect great credit upon himself and to the military service. Entered military service from New York.

Private First Class Kenneth B. Harris, (Army Serial Number 35732452), Medical Department, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany on 17 November 1944. When a platoon of infantry encountered heavy casualties from enemy artillery and machine gun fire, Private First Class Harris, with disregard for his own personal safety, made his way to the wounded men to administer aid and remove them to points of safety. On one occasion he carried a wounded man on his shoulder over one-hundred-fifty yards of battlefield subjected to intense enemy machine gun fire. On a subsequent trip for a wounded soldier, Private First Class Harris was wounded himself. After dressing his own wound, he waited approximately three and one-half hours until all men he considered more seriously wounded than himself had been evacuated from the battlefield before permitting himself to be evacuated for further treatment of his wound. The gallantry, courage, and consideration for the wounded by Private First Class Harris in the presence of intense danger reflect great credit upon himself and to the military service. Entered military service from Indiana.

III. AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL.

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, the BRONZE STAR MEDAL is awarded the following officers and enlisted men:

CHAPLAIN (MAJOR) GEORGE F. DAUM, (Army Serial Number G24361), Chaplains' Corps, Headquarters, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 16 November 1944, in connection with military operations against the enemy. While visiting unit chaplains in front line infantry units, CHAPLAIN DAUM, learning that a disabled tank contained wounded men, volunteered to head an aid party out on the battlefield to bring the wounded back to an aid station. Guiding a vehicle containing medical aid men to the location of the disabled tank, CHAPLAIN DAUM assisted in removing the wounded men from the tank and evacuating them to safety. Heavy enemy artillery and mortar fire were falling throughout the area during the entire time of this act. The courage, disregard for personal safety, and consideration for the wounded displayed by CHAPLAIN DAUM in this act in the

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presence of intense danger reflect great credit upon himself and to the military service. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

MAJOR FRED W. PLEACE, JR., (Army Serial Number 024172), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in Germany in connection with military operations against the enemy. Entered military service from Texas.

Staff Sergeant Ralph S. Buttermore, (Army Serial Number 36544664), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany, in connection with military operations against the enemy. On 18 November 1944 when his platoon leader became a casualty, Staff Sergeant Buttermore took command of the platoon and led it in a most excellent manner in a continuation of action against the enemy until he was wounded himself and evacuated. His excellent leadership and initiative in leading his platoon were an inspiration to his men while undergoing the difficult conditions of battle against the enemy. Staff Sergeant Buttermore's courage and devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and to the military service. Entered military service from Michigan.

Technician Fifth Grade Robert H. Dwyer, (Army Serial Number 31233551), Medical Department, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany. Technician Fifth Grade Dwyer, on 22 November 1944, administered aid to several wounded men on open ground under enemy observation, machine gun fire, and heavy artillery fire. Working nearly to the point of exhaustion, Technician Fifth Grade Dwyer stayed with the wounded men in the presence of great danger until they were all safely evacuated. The outstanding courage and devotion to duty of Technician Fifth Grade Dwyer and the consideration for his wounded companions reflect great credit upon himself and to the military service. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

Private Vincent Giordano, (Army Serial Number 36544831), Field Artillery, 102d Division Artillery, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany, in connection with military operations against the enemy. From 26 November 1944 to 4 December 1944, Private Giordano consistently showed coolness and courage under very difficult conditions in the performance of his duties as a wireman. On one occasion, while on guard, he awoke sleeping personnel and remained exposed at his post while several rounds of enemy artillery landed in his immediate vicinity. On another occasion, Private Giordano, while working with a wire crew and with disregard for his own personal safety, ran through enemy shellfire to the aid of a fellow lineman and evacuated him to safety in a dugout. The courage and devotion to duty by Private Giordano reflect great credit upon himself and to the military service. Entered military service from Michigan.

FIRST LIEUTENANT JOHN T. MOED, IV, (Army Serial Number 0537399), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement on 30 October 1944 in Germany, in connection with military operations against the

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enemy. FIRST LIEUTENANT FORD accompanied a patrol into enemy territory after night for the purpose of securing information concerning the enemy area to be occupied the following night by an infantry unit. The patrol encountered intense enemy fire in accomplishing its mission. Information gained proved to be extremely valuable to the infantry unit in its attack the following day when occupying the enemy area. The courage, skill, and disregard for personal safety displayed by FIRST LIEUTENANT FORD in the presence of intense danger reflect great credit upon himself and to the military service. Entered military service from Maryland.

CAPTAIN WILLIAM D. McGUINESS, (Army Serial Number 01288265), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany in connection with military operations against the enemy. By superior performance as a heavy weapons company commander from 20 November 1944 to 24 November 1944, CAPTAIN McGUINESS demonstrated the highest type of leadership and knowledge of his work in the timely and effective use of his company in supporting infantry troops in attack situations against the enemy. His efficient use of his company played an important part in the success of his battalion in attack on an enemy town. He worked for days with little rest and showed a complete disregard for personal safety to insure his company in the accomplishment of its assigned mission. The leadership, courage, and devotion to duty by CAPTAIN McGUINESS reflect great credit upon himself and to the military service. Entered military service from New York.

FIRST LIEUTENANT ROBERT K. LAWRENCE, (Army Serial Number 01314427), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement on 30 October 1944 in Germany, in connection with military operations against the enemy. FIRST LIEUTENANT LAWRENCE accompanied a patrol into enemy territory after night for the purpose of securing information concerning the enemy area to be occupied the following night by an infantry unit. The patrol encountered intense enemy fire in accomplishing its mission. Information gained proved to be extremely valuable to the infantry unit in its attack the following day when occupying the enemy area. The courage, skill, and disregard for personal safety displayed by FIRST LIEUTENANT LAWRENCE in the presence of intense danger reflect great credit upon himself and to the military service. Entered military service from California.

FIRST LIEUTENANT RICHARD F. MORAN, (Army Serial Number 02049035), Medical Corps, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany in connection with military operations against the enemy. FIRST LIEUTENANT MORAN displayed superior performance in administering aid to wounded men in a battalion aid station which was constantly under heavy enemy artillery fire during an attack against the enemy. He worked without rest from 16 November 1944 to 18 November 1944 and demonstrated courage and disregard for personal safety in the supervising and helping in loading and unloading ambulances and administering aid to the wounded in the presence of intense danger. His courage, initiative, and endurance inspired the men working with him. The courage, endurance, and devotion to duty shown by FIRST LIEUTENANT MORAN in this act reflect great credit upon himself and to the

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military service. Entered military service from Connecticut.

* FIRST LIEUTENANT OLIVER S. MOODY, (Army Serial Number 0520915), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in Germany, in connection with military operations against the enemy from 16 November 1944 to 25 November 1944. Entered military service from Virginia.

" FIRST LIEUTENANT WILLIAM H. HALL, (Army Serial Number 044134), Medical Corps, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in Germany, in connection with military operations against the enemy from 20 November 1944 to 24 November 1944. Entered military service from North Carolina.

¶ FIRST LIEUTENANT GLENN S. GORE, (Army Serial Number 0537764), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany, in connection with military operations against the enemy. On 17 November 1944 while acting as forward observer for a cannon company, FIRST LIEUTENANT GORE was advised by an enlisted man that five injured men were lying out on a field to his front. After calling to a group of medical aid men, he discovered they were unable to move at the time because of enemy fire. With disregard for personal safety in the presence of enemy observation, artillery, and small arms fire, FIRST LIEUTENANT GORE went forward of his own line more than four-hundred yards to give aid to the wounded men. The medical aid men, seeing his action in the presence of intense danger, were inspired to follow him. The five men were safely evacuated to safety as a result of his actions. The courage, consideration for the wounded, and devotion to duty by FIRST LIEUTENANT GORE reflect great credit upon himself and to the military service. Entered military service from Illinois.

* FIRST LIEUTENANT GEORGE F. KILLER, Jr., (Army Serial Number 01823609), Field Artillery, 771st Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 19 November 1944, in connection with military operations against the enemy. FIRST LIEUTENANT KILLER, while assisting in repelling an enemy counter attack, with complete disregard for personal safety, personally supervised the operation of his tank destroyer guns by moving from one vehicle to another in a confused situation when numerous enemy elements had penetrated the forward line and were in operation in his immediate vicinity. His actions steadied his men at a critical time and insured the efficient operation of his platoon at personal risk to himself in the presence of great danger. The leadership, courage, and devotion to duty by FIRST LIEUTENANT KILLER in this act reflect great credit upon himself and to the military service. Entered military service from Illinois.

♦ Staff Sergeant Clinton R. Walters, Jr., (Army Serial Number 18074096), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany, in connection with military operations against the enemy. By an act of courage without consideration for his personal safety during an attack on the enemy by his company on 17 November 1944, Staff Sergeant Walters left his relative safety in the vicinity of his platoon that was pinned down by enemy machine gun fire being delivered from a light enemy tank to reach a

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position where he could fire on the hostile tank with a bazooka. After crawling about one-hundred yards with intense fire being delivered from the enemy tank, he fired two rounds from his bazooka at the tank, causing it to withdraw and enabling the advance of his platoon. The courage, disregard for personal safety, and devotion to duty displayed by Staff Sergeant Walters in this act was an inspiration to the other men of his platoon and reflect great credit upon himself and to the military service. Entered military service from Texas.

Sergeant Lynn Gion, (Army Serial Number 39114173), Corps of Engineers, 327th Engineer Combat Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 28 November 1944, in connection with military operations against the enemy. During an attack against the enemy when forward infantry called for explosives to use against enemy pillboxes and strong enemy field fortifications, Sergeant Gion volunteered to take a three-quarter ton vehicle loaded with high explosives to the vicinity of the attacking infantry. The vehicle on its way forward encountered heavy enemy artillery fire. Sergeant Gion assisted in the evacuation of a wounded officer during this mission and successfully delivered the high explosives in the presence of intense danger in sufficient time for effective use by infantry against the enemy strongpoints of resistance. The courage, initiative, and devotion to duty by Sergeant Gion reflect great credit upon himself and to the military service. Entered military service from California.

Private First Class Wilbur G. Bell, (Army Serial Number 16084843), Corps of Engineers, 327th Engineer Combat Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 28 November 1944, in connection with military operations against the enemy. During an attack against the enemy when forward infantry units called for explosives to use against enemy pillboxes and strong enemy field fortifications, a three-quarter ton vehicle with a load of high explosives was dispatched to the attacking infantry. The vehicle on its way up encountered heavy enemy artillery fire, at which time Private First Class Bell volunteered to drive the sergeant in charge of the explosives to the attacking infantry. By this act Private First Class Bell successfully delivered the explosives in the presence of great danger and in sufficient time for effective use against the enemy fortifications. The courage, initiative, and devotion to duty by Private First Class Bell reflect great credit upon himself and to the military service. Entered military service from Michigan.

Private First Class Marshall J. Swartz, (Army Serial Number 35569417), Medical Department, 403th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany, in connection with military operations against the enemy. On 16 November 1944, Private First Class Swartz made his way to a group of wounded men while his company was in attack by crawling through heavy mine fields, booby traps, and concertina wire while under heavy enemy artillery and small arms fire for the purpose of administering aid to and evacuating them to places of relative safety. His courage and efforts gave courage and confidence to his wounded companions. The courage, disregard for personal

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safety, and consideration for the wounded by Private First Class Swartz in the presence of intense danger reflect great credit upon himself and to the military service. Entered military service from Indiana.

The following named enlisted men, arm or service and organizations indicated, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany in connection with military operations against the enemy:

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Army Serial Number</u>	<u>Entered Military Service From</u>
<u>Field Artillery, 927th Field Artillery Battalion</u>			
1 Corporal 1 Technician Fifth Grade	Troy Butler	38536541	Louisiana
1 Technician Fifth Grade	John J. Lunn	34279109	Tennessee
1 Private	Thomas R. ...	32554890	New Jersey
1 Private	Ernest ...	39565820	Pennsylvania
1 Private	Alex J. ...	32554751	Pennsylvania

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1 Private First Class	Troy ...	33213504	Virginia
1 Private First Class	Rufus O. ...	37239083	Kansas
1 Private First Class	Herbert J. ...	37338302	Kansas
1 Private	Charles E. ...	35226234	Ohio
1 Private	Ernest L. ...	38190586	Oklahoma
1 Private	James J. Kelly	39810337	Pennsylvania
1 Private	Albert G. Strasen	36976018	Illinois

While an infantry battalion with which the above named men were working with as a wire section was moving into a defensive position on 23 November 1944, it was subjected to an intense enemy artillery barrage that cut communication lines to supporting artillery, regimental headquarters, and to the lower echelons. For a period of thirty-six hours each of the above named men worked incessantly while exposed to fire from enemy artillery fire in repairing and restoring the jammed lines of communication. It was only through the sustained efforts of the above men that the communication lines were restored and maintained during the lasting barrage of intense enemy artillery. The courage, coolness, and efficient manner displayed by each of the above named men in accomplishing their assigned mission with disregard for their personal safety in the presence of intense danger reflect great credit upon themselves and to the military service.

The following named enlisted men, Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 25 November 1944, in connection with military operations against the enemy:

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<u>Grade</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Army Serial Number</u>	<u>Entered Military Service From</u>
Staff Sergeant	John Miller	32591812	New Jersey
Private First Class	Earl A. Deering, Jr.	16144158	Illinois
Private First Class	Enoch K. Hood	34736924	Georgia
Private First Class	James R. Richardson	39620382	Montana

As members of a patrol, the above named men with disregard for personal safety made their way into the enemy front lines in the midst of hidden enemy foxholes. When an order was given the enemy to surrender or be killed, one enemy soldier approaching from another foxhole was quickly subdued and taken prisoner. A hand grenade thrown at them from the enemy was kicked back into the foxhole from whence it came. During this action the prisoner broke away and was killed. When an enemy automatic weapon started firing at the patrol, the men all took cover and succeeded in reaching comparative safety within their own front lines. The courage, disregard for personal safety, and devotion to duty displayed by each of the above named men reflect great credit upon themselves and to the military service.

IV. AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART MEDAL.

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, the PURPLE HEART MEDAL is awarded the following officers and enlisted men for wounds received as a result of enemy action in Germany on the date indicated:

COLONEL ERNAN F. HURLESS, (Army Serial Number 07417), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 16 November 1944. Entered military service from Nebraska.

FIRST LIEUTENANT ILLIAM J. CHILBERT, (Army Serial Number 01221584), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 19 November 1944. Entered military service from Georgia.

Private Alan S. Birman, (Army Serial Number 33638427), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 6 December 1944. Entered military service from Virginia.

Sergeant Frederick L. Bernstein, (Army Serial Number 14116515), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 6 December 1944. Entered military service from South Carolina.

Private James I. Swope, (Army Serial Number 37741396), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 1 December 1944. Entered military service from Missouri.

Private Francis L. C. Gifford, (Army Serial Number 38686735), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 30 November 1944. Entered military service from Texas.

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Sergeant Cecil L. Gibbs, (Army Serial Number 12134250), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 6 December 1944. Entered military service from New Jersey.

Sergeant William Vantz, (Army Serial Number 37325439), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 2 December 1944. Entered military service from North Dakota.

Staff Sergeant Joseph Kleson, (Army Serial Number 33414214), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 3 December 1944. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Private First Class Russell C. Hammack, Jr., (Army Serial Number 38513521), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 3 December 1944. Entered military service from Texas.

Private First Class Earl E. Keister, (Army Serial Number 33491800), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 3 December 1944. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

FIRST LIEUTENANT JOHN I. COLL, IV, (Army Serial Number 0537399), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 5 December 1944. Entered military service from Maryland.

Private First Class Paul J. Gardner, Jr., (Army Serial Number 36548381), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 5 December 1944. Entered military service from Michigan.

FIRST LIEUTENANT WILLIAM A. KAUFMAN, (Army Serial Number 01310258), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 4 December 1944. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

FIRST LIEUTENANT HORACE W. HOLMES, JR., (Army Serial Number 01309556), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 3 December 1944. Entered military service from California.

Private First Class William A. Vinson, (Army Serial Number 37398943), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 3 December 1944. Entered military service from Missouri.

Technician Fifth Grade George T. Prescott, (Army Serial Number 31178287), Medical Department, 407th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 4 December 1944. Entered military service from New Hampshire.

Private Edward S. Federski, (Army Serial Number 33826373), Medical Department, 407th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 4 December 1944. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Technician Fourth Grade James J. McJillan, (Army Serial Number

32645206), Medical Department, 407th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 4 December 1944. Entered military service from New York.

Private First Class Robert J. Scott, (Army Serial Number 18149053), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 7 December 1944. Entered military service from Louisiana.

Private First Class Leon J. Stevens, (Army Serial Number 16138625), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 7 December 1944. Entered military service from Illinois.

Sergeant Cecil T. Williams, (Army Serial Number 38323076), Field Artillery, 380th Field Artillery Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, wounded 6 December 1944. Entered military service from Oklahoma.

Technician Fifth Grade Carl W. Ubbelohde, Jr., (Army Serial Number 36817425), Field Artillery, 380th Field Artillery Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, wounded 18 November 1944. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

Technician Fifth Grade Julius B. King, (Army Serial Number 38258625), Field Artillery, 771st Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army, wounded 17 November 1944. Entered military service from Louisiana.

Staff Sergeant Walter L. Foster, (Army Serial Number 31065904), Infantry, 771st Tank Battalion, United States Army, wounded 25 November 1944. Entered military service from New Hampshire.

Private First Class Frank W. Draciewicz, (Army Serial Number 36121293), Medical Department, 771st Tank Battalion, United States Army, wounded 25 November 1944. Entered military service from Michigan.

Sergeant John V. Connors, Jr., (Army Serial Number 11047881), Infantry, 771st Tank Battalion, United States Army, wounded 27 November 1944. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

Corporal Robert L. Fatis, Jr., (Army Serial Number 34264234), Infantry, 771st Tank Battalion, United States Army, wounded 27 November 1944. Entered military service from Alabama.

Staff Sergeant James D. Thorsen, (Army Serial Number 32073292), Infantry, 771st Tank Battalion, United States Army, wounded 1 December 1944. Entered military service from New Jersey.

Technician Fourth Grade Paris D. Durham, (Army Serial Number 35100364), Infantry, 771st Tank Battalion, United States Army, wounded 1 December 1944. Entered military service from Kentucky.

SECOND LIEUTENANT JOSEPH C. CRUEL, (Army Serial Number 01017639),

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Cavalry, 771st Tank Battalion, United States Army, wounded 1 December 1944.
Entered military service from Georgia.

Corporal Anthony Rossi, (Army Serial Number 35053010), Infantry,
771st Tank Battalion, United States Army, wounded 10 December 1944. Entered
military service from Pennsylvania.

Private Walter B. Grindle, (Army Serial Number 20607139), Infan-
try, 771st Tank Battalion, United States Army, wounded 2 December 1944.
Entered military service from Illinois.

Sergeant Ernest Aurichio, (Army Serial Number 32080344), Infan-
try, 771st Tank Battalion, United States Army, wounded 2 December 1944.
Entered military service from New York.

SECOND LIEUTENANT JYRIL J. PAYNE, (Army Serial Number 01014300),
Cavalry, 771st Tank Battalion, United States Army, wounded 29 November 1944.
Entered military service from Tennessee.

SECOND LIEUTENANT CHARLES E. SOGSTON, (Army Serial Number
0520951), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 1 December
1944. Entered military service from Texas.

Private First Class Roland H. Larson, (Army Serial Number 36622765),
Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 2 December 1944. En-
tered military service from Illinois.

Private First Class Lewis R. Enslin, Jr., (Army Serial Number
13157367), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 3 December
1944. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Technical Sergeant Richard P. Mannin, (Army Serial Number
43406647), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 4 December
1944. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

FIRST LIEUTENANT EDWARD V. HEUGHAN, JR., (Army Serial Number
01318108), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 4 December
1944. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Private First Class Frank S. Santangelo, (Army Serial Number
32592444), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 4 December
1944. Entered military service from New Jersey.

Staff Sergeant Thomas J. Hurley, (Army Serial Number 31309566),
Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 4 December 1944. En-
tered military service from Massachusetts.

Sergeant James W. Robinson, (Army Serial Number 35673408), Infan-
try, 406th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 29 November 1944. Entered

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military service from Kentucky.

Private First Class Clifton E. McIntire, (Army Serial Number 33702841), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 17 November 1944. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Private First Class Archie C. Browne, (Army Serial Number 31109141), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 2 December 1944. Entered military service from New Hampshire.

FIRST LIEUTENANT DENNIS M. BLANTON, JR., (Army Serial Number 01298810), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 18 November 1944. Entered military service from Texas.

Sergeant Herbert H. Turdick, (Army Serial Number 31254977), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 1 December 1944. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

MAJOR VERIE D. MILLER, (Army Serial Number 024396), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 25 November 1944. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

Private First Class Harry L. Hull, (Army Serial Number 36544205), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 23 November 1944. Entered military service from Michigan.

Private Mark R. Gardner, (Army Serial Number 31403662), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 23 November 1944. Entered military service from Vermont.

Private First Class Harold A. Larvins, (Army Serial Number 36850615), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 23 November 1944. Entered military service from Michigan.

Private First Class Jack W. Short, (Army Serial Number 36864715), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 23 November 1944. Entered military service from Michigan.

Private Leo F. McGee, (Army Serial Number 31456610), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 18 November 1944. Entered military service from Vermont.

Staff Sergeant Lewis R. Ibbotson, (Army Serial Number 36543892), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 21 November 1944. Entered military service from Michigan.

Private First Class Demetrio Armijo, (Army Serial Number 38348057), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 5 December 1944. Entered military service from New Mexico.

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Private First Class Linwood W. McDorman, (Army Serial Number 33443578), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 19 November 1944. Entered military service from Virginia.

Technical Sergeant William C. Croll, (Army Serial Number 33484570), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 18 November 1944. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Private First Class David N. Ramsay, (Army Serial Number 32645328), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 18 November 1944. Entered military service from New York.

Private First Class James H. Haltzman, (Army Serial Number 35615184), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 18 November 1944. Entered military service from Ohio.

Sergeant Marshall H. Thomas, (Army Serial Number 35876134), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 18 November 1944. Entered military service from Kentucky.

Private First Class Joseph Eros, Jr., (Army Serial Number 14130965), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 29 November 1944. Entered military service from Alabama.

Technical Sergeant Earl F. Adams, (Army Serial Number 6952913), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 29 November 1944. Entered military service from Oklahoma.

Private First Class Clarence H. Smith, (Army Serial Number 37721661), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 29 November 1944. Entered military service from Kansas.

FIRST LIEUTENANT MARION W. VOSHILL, (Army Serial Number 01322385), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 29 November 1944. Entered military service from Maryland.

Staff Sergeant Victor T. Harvis, (Army Serial Number 34438069), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 27 November 1944. Entered military service from North Carolina.

Technician Fifth Grade William G. Justice, (Army Serial Number 34785297), Medical Department, 406th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 22 November 1944. Entered military service from Florida.

Private First Class Lonnie M. Collins, (Army Serial Number 38486657), Medical Department, 406th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 21 November 1944. Entered military service from Louisiana.

Private Charles G. Fultz, (Army Serial Number 36747337), Medical

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Department, 406th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 1 December 1944.
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FIRST LIEUTENANT DAVID COSTA, (Army Serial Number 0314571), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 5 December 1944. Entered military service from Virginia.

Private First Class Oscar J. Lenz, (Army Serial Number 32616284), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 19 November 1944. Entered military service from New York.

Staff Sergeant Paul L. Smith, (Army Serial Number 33259999), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 17 November 1944. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

SECOND LIEUTENANT CHARLES . TILLEY, JR., (Army Serial Number 01322734), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 18 November 1944. Entered military service from Ohio.

Private First Class James R. Smith, (Army Serial Number 34438286), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 1 December 1944. Entered military service from North Carolina.

Private John W. Wiesand, (Army Serial Number 36818497), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 18 November 1944. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

Private First Class Joseph E. Vanderpool, Jr., (Army Serial Number 32797119), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 1 November 1944. Entered military service from New York.

Sergeant John Kizik, (Army Serial Number 33394793), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 20 November 1944. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Private First Class Gail H. Burnine, (Army Serial Number 39926203), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 18 November 1944. Entered military service from Idaho.

Technical Sergeant Patrick J. Lynch, (Army Serial Number 32645493), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 20 November 1944. Entered military service from New York.

Technical Sergeant Joseph O. Lane, (Army Serial Number 15360149), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 20 November 1944. Entered military service from Ohio.

Private First Class Fred N. Kampe, Jr., (Army Serial Number 33920821), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 18 November

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1944. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Private First Class Huie H. Turner, (Army Serial Number 34828334), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 20 November 1944. Entered military service from Georgia.

Sergeant Eugene F. Jansson, (Army Serial Number 37576570), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 20 November 1944. Entered military service from Minnesota.

By command of the DIVISION COMMANDER:

G. P. LYNCH,
Colonel, General Staff Corps,
Chief of Staff.

OFFICIAL:

F. H. Stone
F. H. STONE, *Y.F.F.*
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- IV. AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL. (POSTHUMOUS).
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- VIII. AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART MEDAL.

I. AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR MEDAL. (POSTHUMOUS).

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, the SILVER STAR MEDAL is posthumously awarded the following officers and enlisted man:

CAPTAIN BOLES S. KNAPIK. (Army Serial Number 01288241), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany. On 22 November 1944, CAPTAIN KNAPIK led his company in an attack against a strongly defended enemy town. During the operation his company was pinned down repeatedly by heavy enemy artillery, mortar, machine gun, and sniper fire. CAPTAIN KNAPIK repeatedly exposed himself to enemy fire by crossing open terrain in contacting elements of his company in order to continue the attack. He advanced his company approximately eight-hundred yards, at which point he was fatally injured by enemy machine gun fire. The gallantry, leadership, courage, and disregard for his personal safety of CAPTAIN KNAPIK were a great inspiration to his men and reflect great credit upon himself and to the military service. Entered military service from New York.

SECOND LIEUTENANT JAMES F. CAIN, (Army Serial Number 0536162), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy on 16 November 1944. After leading his platoon in a successful attack on an enemy town, SECOND LIEUTENANT CAIN, with great interest for the safety of his men, personally proceeded to place each man in good positions as felt best for them in the accomplishment of the platoon's defensive mission in holding its gains. During the entire time of the attack and organization of the platoon's defensive mission, SECOND LIEUTENANT CAIN and his platoon were subjected to heavy enemy artillery fire. SECOND LIEUTENANT CAIN was mortally wounded in this action while sacrificing himself in the performance of duties in the interest of the safety of his platoon. The gallantry, initiative, and outstanding leadership displayed by SECOND LIEUTENANT CAIN reflect great credit upon himself and to the military service. Entered military service from Nebraska.

Staff Sergeant George H. Dann, (Army Serial Number 37324541), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against

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the enemy in Germany. On 18 November 1944, while his company was staging an attack against the enemy, the platoon of Staff Sergeant Dunn was pinned down by intense enemy machine gun fire being delivered from two enemy half tracks. Staff Sergeant Dunn, with the assistance of another man, on their own initiative attacked the vehicles with hand grenades. This action neutralized the vehicles, killed four of the enemy, and caused four of the enemy to surrender as prisoners. The following day when the enemy staged a counter attack, causing his company to withdraw five-hundred yards, Staff Sergeant Dunn crawled back into enemy territory on two different occasions in searching for a wounded man left in the withdrawal to the comparative safety of the company command post. The gallantry, courage, and devotion to duty by Staff Sergeant Dunn in the presence of intense danger reflect great credit upon himself and to the military service. Entered military service from North Dakota.

II. AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR MEDAL. (OAK LEAF CLUSTER).

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, the SILVER STAR MEDAL (Oak Leaf Cluster) is awarded the following officer:

LIEUTENANT COLONEL CECIL R. EVERETT, (Army Serial Number 0146604), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany. By superior leadership of a battalion of infantry in an attack on two enemy towns from 16 November 1944 to 19 November 1944, LIEUTENANT COLONEL EVERETT displayed great initiative and courage in leading his battalion personally in a very difficult attack situation. He subjected himself to great personal danger on many occasions to contact companies in order to know the situation intimately and be able to give appropriate orders when changes in the attack situation warranted. His confidence, ability, and initiative greatly inspired the officers and men of his command. The gallantry, superior leadership, and courage of LIEUTENANT COLONEL EVERETT reflect great credit upon himself and to the military service. Entered military service from Indiana.

III. AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR MEDAL.

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, the SILVER STAR MEDAL is awarded the following officers and enlisted men:

MAJOR VERLE D. MILLER, (Army Serial Number 024396), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany. MAJOR MILLER, with tireless energy and unrelenting effort in the performance of duties as executive officer for a battalion of infantry, contributed largely to the great success of his battalion in its first combat mission. On 18 November 1944, while commanding the battalion in the absence of his commanding officer, his outstanding knowledge and ability enabled the attack operations of his battalion to proceed with no interruptions whatever. The gallantry and leadership displayed by MAJOR MILLER by his disregard for personal danger in leading his battalion in attack against the enemy under

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hazardous situations greatly inspired the men of his command and reflect great credit upon himself and to the military service. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

CAPTAIN GEORGE C. ARMENTROUT, (Army Serial Number 01283161), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany on 26 November 1944. CAPTAIN ARMENTROUT by his display of great courage and outstanding leadership inspired his men to remain at their positions of resistance during a severe enemy counter attack when his men were at a point of disorganization because of intense enemy action. His act in personally directing the repulsing of the enemy attack and exposing himself to enemy fire in urging each man in the line to hold unquestionably was a major factor in repulsing the attack. On the day previous to this action, CAPTAIN ARMENTROUT displayed initiative, bravery, and great leadership in leading his company in a successful attack against an enemy town. The gallantry, outstanding leadership, and bravery of CAPTAIN ARMENTROUT reflect great credit upon himself and to the military service. Entered military service from Virginia.

CAPTAIN ROBERT B. DEXTER, (Army Serial Number 01288021), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany on 21 November 1944. CAPTAIN DEXTER demonstrated the highest type of leadership in giving spirit to his tired and battle weary company by personally supervising a line of defense assigned his company in a sector of about one-thousand yards in width after suffering many casualties during a successful attack on a strongly defended enemy town. During a fierce counter attack by the enemy, CAPTAIN DEXTER successfully held his company together in its defensive position while under intensive enemy artillery, mortar, and small arms fire and when a portion of his sector and company had been taken by the enemy until reinforcements arrived. The gallantry, courage, and initiative shown by CAPTAIN DEXTER in successfully leading his company in defense against a fierce enemy counter attack under the most hazardous conditions reflect great credit upon himself and to the military service. Entered military service from California.

CAPTAIN RICHARD E. WHITLOCK, (Army Serial Number 01756290), Medical Corps, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany on 28 November 1944. CAPTAIN WHITLOCK, upon receiving a call while in attendance at a meeting, rushed to the aid of seriously wounded men at his aid station during a heavy enemy artillery barrage, only to find that the men were at another aid station nearby. At great risk to his own life, he moved to the other aid station under hostile enemy observation and assisted in caring for the wounded. During this action CAPTAIN WHITLOCK was subjected to an extremely heavy artillery barrage in making his way to the other aid station and while treating the wounded men. The gallantry, courage, disregard for personal safety, and devotion to duty displayed by CAPTAIN WHITLOCK reflect great credit upon himself and to the military service. Entered military service from Illinois.

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FIRST LIEUTENANT GAILLES E. KIRNEY, (Army Serial Number 01322453), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany. On 17 November 1944, while in command of machine gun positions along a railroad line south of an enemy town, FIRST LIEUTENANT KIRNEY at great risk to his personal safety left his covered position to drive a one-quarter ton vehicle from a road that had been fired on by enemy machine guns, causing the occupants to take cover. The vehicle was drawn in heavy machine gun fire from enemy positions and endangering the safety of his men's positions. Exposing himself to intense enemy machine gun fire under enemy observation in daylight, FIRST LIEUTENANT KIRNEY succeeded in driving the vehicle from its exposed position. Again on 21 November 1944 while advancing on high ground in support of an infantry company in an attack against the enemy, FIRST LIEUTENANT KIRNEY exposed himself to enemy fire on different occasions in moving his guns into positions for effective fire to be delivered against the enemy in support of the attack. The gallantry, courage and devotion to duty by FIRST LIEUTENANT KIRNEY reflect great credit upon himself and to the military service. Entered military service from New Jersey.

Technical Sergeant Harold B. Morrison, (Army Serial Number 31233235), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany. On 18 November 1944 a company of infantry of which Technical Sergeant Morrison was a member was dug in near a road paralleling railroad tracks that had been under fire from the enemy for several days. A quarter-ton vehicle approaching the company's position was fired upon by a nearby enemy machine gun, causing all of the occupants except one to take cover. The vehicle continued on for a distance of approximately twenty yards with one man, obviously wounded, still sitting in the front seat. With complete disregard for their personal safety, Technical Sergeant Morrison, with the assistance of another man, ran to the vehicle to evacuate the wounded man to safety. During this action machine gun fire from the enemy continued coming over the one-quarter ton vehicle and between the legs of the two men. The gallantry, courage, and devotion to duty demonstrated by Technical Sergeant Morrison for the men of his company inspired every man witnessing this action and reflect great credit upon himself and to the military service. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

Staff Sergeant John A. Bertucci, (Army Serial Number 20204714), Field Artillery, 771st Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany. From 19 November 1944 to 21 November 1944, Staff Sergeant Bertucci took command of his platoon when his wounded platoon leader had to be evacuated and with foresight, coolness, and skill reorganized his lines for defense by placing the 11-10 tanks of his platoon in tactical positions that successfully aided in the repulsing of an enemy tank attack. During this action Staff Sergeant Bertucci personally accounted for five enemy Mark IV and Mark V tanks. The skillful handling of his platoon of tanks under heavy enemy artillery fire,

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sporadic enemy small arms fire, and against enemy armor heavier and numerically superior to his own was a large contributing factor in the successful repulsing of the fierce enemy attack. The gallantry, leadership, and skill shown by Staff Sergeant Bertucci in the tactical handling of his platoon against a fierce enemy attack reflect great credit upon himself and to the military service. Entered military service from New York.

Staff Sergeant Norbert E. Karl, (Army Serial Number 32131003), Infantry, 771st Tank Battalion, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany. On 26 November 1944, when his battalion was in support of infantry troops in a defensive mission outside a strongly defended enemy town, Staff Sergeant Karl took charge of his platoon of tanks when his platoon leader left a tank to assist in the evacuation of wounded. Upon sighting enemy gun positions, Staff Sergeant Karl moved his tank into an exposed position to deliver fire upon the targets and continued to direct fire against the enemy from an open turret under a barrage of heavy enemy artillery fire. At nightfall when another platoon of tanks had been hit by enemy artillery, he left his tank to help evacuate the wounded and returned to evacuate valuable signal equipment from the stricken tanks. This was done under a heavy enemy artillery barrage and intermittent small arms fire in the presence of enemy observation caused by flares being constantly dropped on the position. On 30 November 1944, Staff Sergeant Karl, while leading an assault platoon of tanks in attack, remained with his tank to act as an observer for supporting fire on the enemy when his tank had been hit and he was unable to evacuate the wounded crew because of intense enemy small arms fire. Remaining there until after night had set in, he successfully evacuated members of his crew and other wounded members of his platoon to safety while still under a heavy barrage of enemy artillery, mortar, and small arms fire. Staff Sergeant Karl's gallantry, courage, and devotion to duty in the presence of most hazardous conditions reflect great credit upon himself and to the military service. Entered military service from New York.

Staff Sergeant Frank Lucci, (Army Serial Number 33469760), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany. Staff Sergeant Lucci took command of his heavy machine gun section when his section leader became a casualty in action on 16 November 1944. Under enemy artillery and severe small arms fire, Staff Sergeant Lucci remained cool and in complete grasp of the situation during an attack against the enemy when the section's machine guns would function no longer, and his bravery and leadership inspired the men of his section to remain in their positions to deliver rifle fire against the enemy. Before his machine guns ceased functioning, Staff Sergeant Lucci directed effective overhead fire in support of a company of riflemen and personally led his section through mine fields, booby traps, and heavy concertina wire without losing any men. He personally routed Germans who were resisting after the riflemen had already passed on, killing five Germans and, with the assistance of the men in his section, capturing some twenty snipers and resisters in an

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enemy town which the rifle companies had passed through. The gallantry, leadership, and courage displayed by Staff Sergeant Lucci reflect great credit upon himself and to the military service. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Sergeant Frank R. Drake, Jr., (Army Serial Number 18107283), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany on 22 November 1944. Sergeant Drake exposed himself to enemy observation and heavy enemy artillery, mortar, and small arms fire in crossing over several hundred yards of open terrain to successfully knock out an enemy machine gun nest. He made four attempts to reach a companion wounded in this action to administer aid and evacuate him to safety but was driven back each time by intense enemy fire. When his platoon was pinned down by heavy enemy fire, Sergeant Drake made his way to his platoon sergeant to administer aid and dig a shelter trench for him to prevent his being hit again by enemy artillery and mortar fire. He then proceeded to assist in administering aid to and evacuating other casualties. The gallantry, courage, and disregard for personal safety under the most hazardous conditions displayed by Sergeant Drake reflect great credit upon himself and to the military service. Entered military service from Oklahoma.

Sergeant Joseph Capozzi, Jr., (Army Serial Number 32592837), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany. On 18 November 1944, a company of infantry of which Sergeant Capozzi was a member was dug in near a road paralleling railroad tracks that had been under fire from the enemy for several days. A quarter-ton vehicle approaching the company's position was fired upon by a nearby enemy machine gun, causing all of the occupants except one to take cover. The vehicle continued on for a distance of approximately twenty yards with one man, obviously wounded, still sitting in the front seat. With complete disregard for their personal safety, Sergeant Capozzi with the assistance of another man ran to the vehicle to evacuate the wounded man to safety. During this action, machine gun fire from the enemy machine gun continued coming over the one-quarter ton vehicle and between the legs of the two men. The gallantry, courage, and devotion to duty demonstrated by Sergeant Capozzi for the men of his company inspired every man witnessing this action and reflect great credit upon himself and to the military service. Entered military service from New Jersey.

Technician Fifth Grade Edward J. Maloney, (Army Serial Number 20248371), Field Artillery, 71st Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany. With complete disregard for his personal safety and inconceivable courage during the period from 18 November 1944 to 20 November 1944 while engaged in attacking a strongly defended enemy town, Technician Fifth Grade Maloney administered aid to his wounded companions and assisted in evacuating them to aid stations under withering enemy fire. When his corporal gunner was wounded and later when his tank commander was wounded, after evacuating them to safety

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he assumed duties as tank commander and performed this task in a highly efficient manner. On 20 November 1944 when he saw a wounded rifleman of his organization, he again left his tank to evacuate the wounded man to an aid station, at which time he was wounded himself. The gallantry, courage, and consideration for his wounded companions with complete disregard for his personal safety displayed by Technician Fifth Grade Maloney under the most hazardous conditions reflect great credit upon himself and to the military service. Entered military service from New York.

Private First Class Harry Lukaswski, (Army Serial Number 31250448), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy on 18 November 1944 in Germany. Private First Class Lukaswski was the first man to sight an enemy counter attack being launched at his company after his company had taken an enemy town. He opened fire with his automatic rifle, calling the attention of the rest of the company to the attack. Private First Class Lukaswski exposed himself to intense danger in delivering fire over the area to his front. His fire was so effective that the enemy was pinned down and the riflemen in his company were able to place effective fire on them. Private First Class Lukaswski was wounded in this action but continued to deliver effective fire on the enemy and refused to be evacuated until the enemy had been successfully repelled. The gallantry, courage, and disregard for personal safety by Private First Class Lukaswski in the presence of intense danger reflect great credit upon himself and to the military service. Entered military service from Connecticut.

Private First Class Joseph R. Vavra, (Army Serial Number 3661027), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany on 18 November 1944. During an attack on an enemy town by his company, Private First Class Vavra, with the assistance of another man and on their own initiative, attacked two enemy half tracks in the presence of intense machine gun fire being directed at them from the enemy half tracks when rifle grenades fired at the half tracks failed to detonate. By use of grenades, Private First Class Vavra and his assistant neutralized the enemy weapons, killing four and capturing four of the enemy. The action of Private First Class Vavra and his assistant in neutralizing the enemy weapons enabled the advance of their company in the completion of its mission. The gallantry, courage, and devotion to duty by Private First Class Vavra in the presence of intense danger reflect great credit upon himself and to the military service. Entered military service from Illinois.

Private Thomas J. Clancy, Jr., (Army Serial Number 32892473), Medical Department, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy on 15 November 1944 in Germany. With complete disregard for his personal safety, under a hail of enemy artillery fire, and with mines exploding all around him, Private Clancy entered a field of anti-personnel mines to administer aid to and assist in the evacuation of wounded men who had been caught inadvertently in the field. He knew full well the

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danger involved, inasmuch as he had been warned of the presence of Schu mines and the bursting enemy artillery detonating larger anti-tank mines over the entire field. The courage displayed by Private Clancy in caring for the wounded enabled the attacking infantry units to move forward without abandoning any wounded that would have had to be left in the field in the presence of great danger. The gallantry, courage, and complete disregard for personal safety shown by Private Clancy in this act reflect great credit upon himself and to the military service. Entered military service from New York.

IV. AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL. (POSTHUMOUS).

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, the BRONZE STAR MEDAL is posthumously awarded the following officer and enlisted man:

SECOND LIEUTENANT JAY G. BENSON, (Army Serial Number 01824561), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 25 November 1944, in connection with military operations against the enemy. Leading his patrol into the enemy front lines, SECOND LIEUTENANT BENSON encountered the enemy hidden in fox holes. Approaching a fox hole with two of his men, an order was given the hidden enemy to surrender or be killed. At this time another of the enemy was spotted approaching from another fox hole and was quickly subdued. A hand grenade was thrown at them by the enemy but was kicked back into the fox hole from whence it came, where it exploded. During this action the one prisoner broke away and was killed. When an enemy automatic weapon began firing on the patrol, SECOND LIEUTENANT BENSON succeeded in taking cover and leading his patrol back to their own front lines. The courage, skill, and personal disregard for safety displayed by SECOND LIEUTENANT BENSON reflect great credit upon himself and to the military service. Entered military service from California.

Private First Class Maurice Geller, (Army Serial Number 32694909), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany in connection with military operations against the enemy. On the night of 1 November 1944 the platoon of which Private First Class Geller was a member was encountering heavy enemy mortar fire. Private First Class Geller, performing duties as an observer, observed the incoming fire, gave the location of the enemy position delivering the fire, made one correction to the artillery observer's original estimation, and called for an artillery concentration that neutralized the enemy gun. Again on 7 November 1944, Private First Class Geller as a member of a patrol operating in enemy territory was ordered to precede the officer in charge. Without hesitation he stepped forward and moved into the woods. Upon completion of the mission, Private First Class Geller was able to give in detail a complete description of enemy emplacements and installations observed. The courage, disregard for personal safety, and devotion to duty displayed by Private First Class Geller reflect great credit upon himself and to the military service.

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Entered military service from New York.

V. AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL. (OAK LEAF CLUSTER).

OK } So much of Section IV, General Orders Number 24, this Headquarters, 1944, as pertains to the award of the BRONZE STAR MEDAL to Private Samuel J. Smith, (Army Serial Number 42005536), 406th Infantry, United States Army, as reads AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL is amended to read AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL. (OAK LEAF CLUSTER).

VI. AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL.

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, the BRONZE STAR MEDAL is awarded the following officers and enlisted men:

MAJOR THEODORE E. FRANKE, (Army Serial Number 0380614), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany in connection with military operations against the enemy. MAJOR FRANKE demonstrated superior ability and the highest degree of professional knowledge in leading a battalion of infantry in attack against the enemy in the taking of a strongly defended enemy town on 20 November 1944. The entire battalion was under intense enemy artillery bombardment, small arms, and automatic weapons fire during the attack and on the following day while organizing defensive positions for holding what gains had been made, MAJOR FRANKE with complete disregard for personal safety went from one company to another throughout the entire action personally directing the assaulting units during the attack and in organizing defensive positions upon completion of the battalion's mission. His personal supervision in organizing a strong defensive position prevented a breakthrough by the enemy during a counter attack the following day. The leadership, bravery, and skill displayed by MAJOR FRANKE in the presence of intense danger reflect great credit upon himself and to the military service. Entered military service from Texas.

SECOND LIEUTENANT JOSEPH S. CREEL, (Army Serial Number 01017539), Cavalry, 771st Tank Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 30 November 1944, in connection with military operations against the enemy. SECOND LIEUTENANT CREEL led a reconnaissance platoon on patrol through enemy territory in locating a lane of advance for a tank company to follow in attack against an enemy town the following day. He successfully supervised the construction of a crossing over a small stream during this mission while under enemy mortar and small arms fire. Despite wounds received in this action by SECOND LIEUTENANT CREEL, his good judgment, skill, and courage in the accomplishment of his mission enabled the company of tanks to take the enemy town the following day without the single loss of a man or tank. The courage, devotion to duty, and disregard for personal safety by SECOND LIEUTENANT CREEL reflect great credit upon himself and to the military service. Entered military service from Georgia.

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SECOND LIEUTENANT EDWIN CASTAGNA, (Army Serial Number 01017459) Infantry, 771st Tank Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany, in connection with military operations against the enemy. SECOND LIEUTENANT CASTAGNA led his platoon of tanks in attack against the enemy in a strongly defended town in support of infantry troops on 29 November 1944. After losing two of his tanks and seeing many casualties among the infantry troops and with complete disregard for personal safety, SECOND LIEUTENANT CASTAGNA opened the turret of his tank and led his platoon of tanks in a successful search of hostile enemy antitank fire and camouflaged pillboxes holding up the infantry advance. The success of his platoon in knocking out these hostile enemy positions enabled the infantry to successfully continue its attack. On 2 December 1944, SECOND LIEUTENANT CASTAGNA again showed great skill and initiative during an attack on an enemy town by shifting positions of his tanks and keeping the enemy guessing as to the strength of his depleted platoon. This act enabled the infantry to go forward and neutralize the enemy. The courage, good judgment, and clear thinking in the presence of intense danger by SECOND LIEUTENANT CASTAGNA was an inspiration to the men of his platoon and reflect great credit upon himself and to the military service. Entered military service from Nevada.

SECOND LIEUTENANT BARRY O. SHIFLETT, Jr, (Army Serial Number 0535037), Field Artillery, 927th Field Artillery Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany in connection with military operations against the enemy. During the period 29 November 1944 to 2 December 1944, SECOND LIEUTENANT SHIFLETT was in command of a forward observer section and assisted his men in laying wire and repairing breaks caused by enemy artillery fire. When one of the section's radios failed to function, he made his way from the observation post to the rear under heavy enemy artillery, mortar, automatic weapons, and small arms fire to obtain another radio. In addition to adjusting fire for artillery missions, he adjusted fire for a mortar platoon of infantry. On one occasion he was the only means of contact between the forward company and the battalion observation post in delivering information vital to the success of his organization in the attack. SECOND LIEUTENANT SHIFLETT constantly exposed himself to heavy enemy fire in the accomplishment of his mission. The bravery, courage, and devotion to duty displayed by SECOND LIEUTENANT SHIFLETT contributed materially to the accomplishment of his organization's mission and reflect great credit upon himself and to the military service. Entered military service from Alabama.

SECOND LIEUTENANT HAROLD S. LEWIS, (Army Serial Number 01325758), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement on 16 November 1944 in Germany, in connection with military operations against the enemy. With bravery and disregard for his personal safety under intense enemy fire, SECOND LIEUTENANT LEWIS, realizing that his communications were cut from a mortar position to his company, personally ran wire after night under heavy enemy artillery and after several hours was able to repair the broken communication line. SECOND LIEUTENANT LEWIS risked his life in this action in preference to risking the lives of the men of his platoon. The

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courage, disregard for personal safety, and devotion to duty by SECOND LIEUTENANT LEWIS reflect great credit upon himself and to the military service. Entered military service from Georgia.

Technical Sergeant Robert Welch, (Army Serial Number 36543812), Infantry, 407th Infantry, for heroic achievement in Germany, in connection with military operations against the enemy. On the night of 1 November 1944 and the morning of 2 November 1944, Technical Sergeant Welch, accompanied by one other person, made his way through an orchard upon which were trained three enemy machine guns. For a distance of eight-hundred yards, including the orchard, he exposed himself to enemy fire in carrying ammunition to a machine gun section. The disregard for personal safety and expert maneuvering by Technical Sergeant Welch enabled him to accomplish his mission and return safely. The following day it was found that a number of livestock had been killed by the fire to which Technical Sergeant Welch had exposed himself in the accomplishment of his mission. The display of courage, disregard for personal safety, and devotion to duty exemplified by Technical Sergeant Welch's actions in an extremely dangerous mission reflect great credit upon himself and to the military service. Entered military service from Michigan.

Staff Sergeant Pasquale C. Carbone, (Army Serial Number 32322219), Field Artillery, 927th Field Artillery Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany, in connection with military operations against the enemy. During the period 29 November 1944 through 2 December 1944, Staff Sergeant Carbone, while working with a forward observation party, assisted in laying wire and carrying reels of wire and radios throughout the entire attack of his organization under heavy enemy fire. When one radio failed to function, Staff Sergeant Carbone returned from the front lines under heavy enemy fire to secure another radio for replacement. On the night of 1 December 1944 when his officer in charge was separated from the observer section, Staff Sergeant Carbone took charge and moved his section forward to a new observation post in accordance with orders received and continued to lay and repair wire during the entire night in the absence of his Lieutenant. The courage, endurance, and disregard for personal safety displayed by Staff Sergeant Carbone reflect great credit upon himself and to the military service. Entered military service from New York.

Staff Sergeant Martin L. Hill, (Army Serial Number 18041955), Field Artillery, 927th Field Artillery Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany, in connection with military operations against the enemy. From 30 November 1944 to 1 December 1944, Staff Sergeant Hill was on duty with a forward observation party for the purpose of making fire adjustments on enemy targets for his organization. Due to limited observation because of weather conditions, Staff Sergeant Hill made his way forward under heavy enemy artillery, mortar, automatic weapons, and small arms fire and with complete disregard for his

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own personal safety in a search for new observation posts. Upon finding a suitable observation post he helped lay wire for communications to the new post. Staff Sergeant Hill's bravery, courage, and disregard for personal safety reflect great credit upon himself and to the military service. Entered military service from Texas.

Sergeant Walter F. Nedza, (Army Serial Number 36602082), Field Artillery, 771st Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement on 19 November 1944 in Germany, in connection with military operations against the enemy. Sergeant Nedza, under enemy observation and intense enemy fire, on his own initiative summoned two riflemen and took charge of an M-10 tank that had been evacuated by its wounded crew members. Sergeant Nedza, acting as gun commander and gunner, with the assistance of two other riflemen, put out of action a heavy enemy tank and remained in position until relieved by an experienced tank crew. Later, he volunteered to go forward and establish a tank listening post, from which point he directed effective fire that repulsed an enemy tank attack. The courage, initiative, and devotion to duty shown by Sergeant Nedza regardless of his inexperience and the inexperienced riflemen in successfully operating a tank in an attack against the enemy reflect great credit upon himself and to the military service. Entered military service from Illinois.

Sergeant Keith V. Jones, (Army Serial Number 32131760), Infantry, 771st Tank Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 2 December 1944, in connection with military operations against the enemy. While commanding a platoon of tanks in action against the enemy, one tank was stricken when it inadvertently hit a mine, seriously wounding the driver. With complete disregard for personal safety, Sergeant Jones left his tank and made his way for a distance of approximately one-hundred yards to administer aid to his wounded companion and evacuated him to safety over a distance of approximately three-hundred yards through a hail of bursting enemy artillery, mortar, and small arms fire. The excellent judgment and skill exemplified by him in attending the wounded man in the presence of great danger won the admiration of all members of his battalion. The courage, initiative, and complete disregard for personal safety displayed by Sergeant Jones in his consideration for a wounded companion reflect high credit upon himself and to the military service. Entered military service from New York.

Sergeant James L. Spurgeon, (Army Serial Number 11046712), Infantry, 771st Tank Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement on 30 November 1944 in Germany, in connection with military operations against the enemy. Upon entering an enemy town during an attack against the enemy, radio communication ceased to function in all tanks entering the town except the one of which Sergeant Spurgeon was in command. At this time it was of absolute necessity that communication between the tanks be maintained. Sergeant Spurgeon, with complete disregard for his personal safety in the presence of intense enemy artillery and sniper fire, maintained control of

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the attacking tanks by use of messenger and hand signals. In the open turret of his tank. Although prevailing conditions were not conducive to clear thinking, he relayed information constantly throughout the attack until communication could be re-established by use of radio. The courage, coolness, and excellent judgement displayed by Sergeant Spurgeon in the presence of intense danger was of material importance in the success of the attack and reflect great credit upon himself and to the military service. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

Sergeant Waller R. Arnold, (Army Serial Number 33518669), Field Artillery, 927th Field Artillery Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany, in connection with military operations against the enemy. On 26 November 1944, Sergeant Arnold crawled into a depression in the mud made by a tank and continued repairing damaged wire despite heavy enemy artillery falling all around him. Again on 29 November 1944, Sergeant Arnold laid approximately one-fourth mile of wire alone under heavy enemy artillery fire in his efforts to reestablish communications to his battalion headquarters that had been damaged beyond repair by heavy enemy artillery fire. The courage, endurance, and disregard for personal safety by Sergeant Arnold reflect great credit upon himself and to the military service. Entered military service from Virginia.

Sergeant John J. Mitchell, (Army Serial Number 20643264), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement on 17 November 1944 in Germany, in connection with military operations against the enemy. During an attack by his organization against the enemy in taking a strongly defended town, Sergeant Mitchell's cannon section was subjected to heavy enemy artillery fire on several occasions. At times when the enemy artillery fire was of such intensity that the men of his section secured themselves in covered positions, Sergeant Mitchell remained at his gun setting deflection and continued firing on the enemy while shells were falling very close. His action inspired the men of his section, and with disregard for personal safety they returned to their firing positions in spite of the enemy artillery barrage. The leadership, courage, and disregard for personal safety displayed by Sergeant Mitchell reflect great credit upon himself and to the military service. Entered military service from Michigan.

Sergeant Henry F. Metzger, (Army Serial Number 12187770), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement on 22 November 1944 in Germany, in connection with military operations against the enemy. By demonstrating courage and initiative in a situation that arose and demanded quick action during an attack by his company against an enemy town, Sergeant Metzger exposed himself to enemy fire in order to make his way forward to fire on enemy armor holding up the advance of his company. His cool, deliberate action and effective fire caused the vehicles to withdraw and enabled his company to complete its mission in the attack. The courage, initiative, and disregard for personal safety displayed by Sergeant

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Metzger in the presence of intense danger reflect great credit upon himself and to the military service. Entered military service from New York.

Sergeant Arturo Hernandez, (Army Serial Number 38359274), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement on 16 November 1944 in Germany, in connection with military operations against the enemy. During an attack by his organization against the enemy in taking a strongly defended town, Sergeant Hernandez with disregard for his own personal safety left his position of cover and made his way into an enemy mine field by crawling under thick barbed wire entanglements to evacuate a wounded companion. Heavy concentrations of enemy artillery and mortar fire blanketed the area and were exploding mines in the field. The outstanding courage displayed by Sergeant Hernandez in successfully reaching the wounded man, administering aid, and evacuating him to safety was an inspiration to every man in the company. The courage, devotion to duty, and consideration for the wounded displayed by Sergeant Hernandez in this act reflect great credit upon himself and to the military service. Entered military service from Texas.

Sergeant Walter G. Thomas, (Army Serial Number 35663119), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany, in connection with military operations against the enemy from 28 October 1944 to 30 November 1944. Sergeant Thomas performed duties during this period of time in an outstanding manner and rendered valuable service by his ceaseless efforts in installing, repairing, and maintaining communications of his company. During an attack on a strongly defended enemy town from 22 November 1944 to 24 November 1944, he subjected himself to enemy observation and heavy enemy fire in the laying and repairing of telephone lines that had been cut by exploding enemy artillery. Throughout the operations of his battalion, he displayed initiative and a high degree of skill in the performance of his duties. The courage, initiative, and devotion to duty by Sergeant Thomas reflect great credit upon himself and to the military service. Entered military service from Kentucky.

Corporal Reece E. Davis, (Army Serial Number 34438078), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany, in connection with military operations against the enemy. On the night of 1 November 1944 and the morning of 2 November 1944, Corporal Davis, accompanied by one other person, made his way through an orchard upon which were trained three enemy machine guns. For a distance of eight-hundred yards, including going through the orchard, he exposed himself to intense enemy fire in carrying ammunition to a machine gun section. The disregard for personal safety and expert maneuvering by Corporal Davis enabled him to accomplish his mission and return safely. The following day it was found that a number of livestock had been killed by the enemy fire. Corporal Davis's actions in an extremely dangerous mission reflect great credit upon himself and to the military service. Entered military service from North Carolina.

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Corporal Stewart E. Bretz, Jr, (Army Serial Number 33492028), Field Artillery, 380th Field Artillery Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany in connection with military operations against the enemy. On the night of 30 November 1944, Corporal Bretz assisted in maintaining two lines of communication between a Field Artillery Battalion Command Post and an Infantry Regimental Command Post, while exposing himself to great danger under an almost constant barrage of enemy artillery. The maintenance of these vital lines of communications aided the battalion materially in supporting infantry troops in assaulting a strongly defended enemy town and contributed greatly to the successful attack against the enemy. The courage and devotion to duty by Corporal Bretz reflect great credit upon himself and to the military service. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Corporal Thomas J. Murphy, (Army Serial Number 31233388), Field Artillery, 927th Field Artillery Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany in connection with military operations against the enemy. During the period 29 November 1944 through 2 December 1944, Corporal Murphy, while working with a forward observation party, assisted in laying wire and carrying reels of wire and radios throughout the entire attack organization under heavy enemy fire. When one radio failed to function, Corporal Murphy returned from the front lines under heavy enemy fire to secure another radio for replacement. On the night of 1 December 1944 when his officer in charge was separated from the observer section, Corporal Murphy assisted in moving his section forward to a new observation post and continued to lay and repair wire during the entire night in the absence of his Lieutenant. The courage, endurance, and disregard for personal safety displayed by Corporal Murphy reflect great credit upon himself and to the military service. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

Corporal Richard P. Neely, (Army Serial Number 35542636), Infantry, 771st Tank Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany in connection with military operations against the enemy. Corporal Neely maintained good contact between his company and battalion Headquarters on 29 November 1944 during an attack on an enemy town. In this action he was forced to drive at night over unfamiliar roads in the face of heavy enemy artillery, mortar, and small arms fire. On 29 November 1944, while his battalion was supporting the attack on another enemy town, Corporal Neely volunteered to deliver high explosive tank ammunition by use of a quarter-ton vehicle to tanks supporting the action. The delivery of this ammunition contributed materially to the successful attack against the enemy. The courage, disregard for personal safety, and devotion to duty by Corporal Neely won the admiration of his companions and reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Ohio.

Corporal Max J. Shaffer, (Army Serial Number 34242599), Field Artillery, 927th Field Artillery Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United

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States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 28 November 1944, in connection with military operations against the enemy. In attempting to run wire to an infantry battalion command post through an enemy town under a heavy barrage of enemy artillery, Corporal Shaffer was unsuccessful because of artillery explosions cutting the wire behind him. He then tried running wire through an orchard where it was again cut by exploding shells. Corporal Shaffer was successful in getting the wire through to the forward command post on his third attempt. The courage, initiative, and devotion to duty by Corporal Shaffer in the presence of great danger made possible the rendering of effective artillery support to attacking infantry and reflect great credit upon himself and to the military service. Entered military service from Florida.

Technician Fifth Grade John F. Kibbe, (Army Serial Number 38353624), Field Artillery, 380th Field Artillery Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany in connection with military operations against the enemy. On the night of 30 November 1944, Technician Fifth Grade Kibbe assisted in maintaining two lines of communication between a Field Artillery Battalion Command Post and an Infantry Regimental Command Post, while exposing himself to great danger under an almost constant barrage of enemy artillery. The maintenance of these vital lines of communications aided the battalion materially in supporting infantry troops in assaulting a strongly defended enemy town and contributed greatly to the successful attack against the enemy. The courage, and devotion to duty by Technician Fifth Grade Kibbe reflect great credit upon himself and to the military service. Entered military service from Arkansas.

Technician Fifth Grade Ralph H. Mosher, (Army Serial Number 31250432), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 16 November 1944, in connection with military operations against the enemy. With loyalty and attention to duty, Technician Fifth Grade Mosher worked constantly for a period of sixteen hours under heavy enemy artillery and mortar fire in the restoration of communications to a gun section of his organization. His performance in the presence of intense danger in maintaining the communications enabled the guns of the cannon section to continue effective firing that ultimately knocked out two enemy artillery positions, several machine guns, and an unknown number of enemy personnel. The courage, attention to duty, and loyalty shown by Technician Fifth Grade Mosher in the presence of great danger during an attack against the enemy in a strongly defended enemy town reflect great credit upon himself and to the military service. Entered military service from Connecticut.

Private First Class James J. McMahon, (Army Serial Number 31454630), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 23 November 1944, in connection with military operations against the enemy. During an attack against the enemy in a strongly defended town, Private First Class McMahon, with disregard for personal safety, ran through intense enemy fire to administer aid to and evacuate his wounded platoon sergeant to safety. After carrying the wounded man to safety, he returned

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to the place where his platoon sergeant had been wounded to secure a blanket from the wounded man's pack to wrap him up in and administered further aid. When assured that his wounded companion was properly cared for, Private First Class McMahon ran across exposed ground under heavy fire to rejoin his platoon and continue in the attack. Private First Class McMahon subjected himself to heavy enemy artillery, mortar, and small arms fire in saving his platoon sergeant from further injury. The courage, disregard for personal safety, and consideration for the wounded shown by Private First Class McMahon in this heroic act reflect great credit upon himself and to the military service. Entered military service from Connecticut.

Private First Class John G. Toomey, Jr. (Army Serial Number 35057346), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement on 17 November 1944 in Germany, in connection with military operations against the enemy. Private First Class Toomey worked constantly for a period of sixteen hours in restoring communication lines in an open field while under a heavy barrage of enemy artillery and mortar fire. His loyalty and attention to duty in the presence of great danger materially aided in maintaining communications to gun positions that resulted in knocking out two enemy artillery positions, several machine guns, and an unknown number of enemy personnel. The courage, loyalty, and attention to duty by Private First Class Toomey reflect great credit upon himself and to the military service. Entered military service from Ohio.

Private Floyd L. Chapman, (Army Serial Number 39050825), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany in connection with military operations against the enemy. During the night of 23 November 1944 while his organization was setting up a defense around an enemy town, Private Chapman's unit was subjected to an extremely heavy enemy artillery barrage that destroyed its communication lines. Performing his duties as a wireman, Private Chapman worked continuously for a period of approximately thirty-six hours under almost continuous exploding artillery and mortar fire in repairing and restoring the vitally needed lines of communication. The courage, disregard for personal safety, and devotion to duty shown by Private Chapman reflect great credit upon himself and to the military service. Entered military service from California.

VII. AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART MEDAL. (POSTHUMOUS).

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, the PURPLE HEART MEDAL is posthumously awarded the following enlisted man for wounds received as a result of enemy action in Germany on the date indicated:

Technical Sergeant John T. Satterfield, (Army Serial Number 5957237), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 18 November 1944. Entered military service from Texas.

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VIII. AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART MEDAL.

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, the PURPLE HEART MEDAL is awarded the following enlisted men for wounds received as a result of enemy action in Germany on the date indicated:

Private First Class Henry T. Roche, (Army Serial Number 35523577), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 29 November 1944. Entered military service from Michigan.

Private First Class Fred L. Andersen, (Army Serial Number 35744050), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 29 November 1944. Entered military service from Illinois.

Private First Class Alberto V. Ramirez, (Army Serial Number 39609327), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 29 November 1944. Entered military service from California.

Private William F. Kamsler, (Army Serial Number 13200037), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 1 November 1944. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Private Leonard E. Kalinowski, (Army Serial Number 3523900), Medical Department, 327th Engineer Combat Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, wounded 29 November 1944. Entered military service from Illinois.

Private First Class Wilbur D. Jadwin, (Army Serial Number 35750603), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 9 December 1944. Entered military service from West Virginia.

Private John J. Granata, (Army Serial Number 32731141), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 14 December 1944. Entered military service from New York.

Private First Class Alex T. Dowgiallo, (Army Serial Number 33457619), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 30 November 1944. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Sergeant Chester E. Cluff, (Army Serial Number 12017352), Field Artillery, 927th Field Artillery Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, wounded 15 December 1944. Entered military service from Arizona.

Technician Fourth Grade William L. Littleton, (Army Serial Number 12017333), Field Artillery, 927th Field Artillery Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, wounded 15 December 1944. Entered military service from Arizona.

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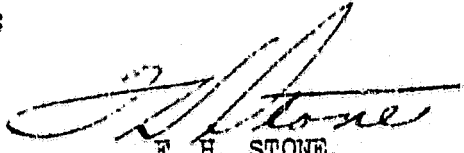
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Private First Class George J. Waters, (Army Serial Number 37444801),
Field Artillery, 927th Field Artillery Battalion, 102d Infantry Division,
United States Army, wounded 15 December 1944. Entered military service from
Iowa.

Private Bernard H. Carr, (Army Serial Number 33407710), Field Ar-
tillery, 927th Field Artillery Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United
States Army, wounded 15 December 1944. Entered military service from Penn-
sylvania.

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I. AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR MEDAL. (POSTHUMOUS).

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, the SILVER STAR MEDAL is posthumously awarded the following officer:

✓ SECOND LIEUTENANT HAROLD R. ANDERSON, (Army Serial Number 01176537), Field Artillery, 379th Field Artillery Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany on 22 November 1944. Leading his forward observation section over open terrain with a company of infantry under intense enemy artillery, mortar, and small arms fire for a distance of approximately one-thousand yards in a frontal attack against a strongly defended enemy town, SECOND LIEUTENANT ANDERSON relayed adjustments for artillery fire in support of the assault company of infantry as called for by the infantry company commander. SECOND LIEUTENANT ANDERSON performed his duties in the presence of intense danger with coolness and good judgment during the attack until he was mortally wounded by hostile enemy fire. The gallantry, courage, skill, and disregard for personal safety displayed by SECOND LIEUTENANT ANDERSON reflect great credit upon himself and to the military service. Entered military service from Kansas.

II. AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR MEDAL.

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, the SILVER STAR MEDAL is awarded the following officers and enlisted men:

CAPTAIN WILMER A. NICHOLLS, (Army Serial Number 01288282), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany on 1 December 1944. CAPTAIN NICHOLLS, after leading his company in an attack against a strongly defended enemy town, organized a group of volunteers in his company, including himself, to collect and evacuate wounded men left behind as the battle progressed. During the entire process of locating, treating, and evacuating these men he led litter teams through areas where heavy enemy artillery and mortar fire were falling. He led the group over open ground under almost constant observation by the enemy and subjected to enemy small arms fire. The courage, coolness, and interest in his men with complete disregard for his own safety cheered the wounded, inspired the men of his company, and permitted the evacuation of

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many wounded in areas which normally would have been considered too dangerous for conducting a search. The gallantry, courage, and devotion to duty displayed by CAPTAIN NICHOLLS enhanced the morale of his battle weary men and reflect great credit upon himself and to the military service. Entered military service from Wyoming.

CAPTAIN HAROLD J. LOZANO, (Army Serial Number 01287910), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany. During the attack against the enemy in the vicinity of a strongly defended enemy town on 22 and 23 November 1944, CAPTAIN LOZANO, with utter disregard for a wound received early in the attack, continued to lead his company. When the assault elements of his company were pinned down by heavy enemy fire, CAPTAIN LOZANO, although wounded, refused evacuation in order to continue leading his company in attack and later supervise and direct reorganization and preparation for defense during the night. He remained with his company in active command throughout the night, consistently refusing evacuation until ordered to the rear by his battalion command. The gallantry, courage, and devotion to duty displayed by CAPTAIN LOZANO with complete disregard for his own condition and safety reflect great credit upon himself and to the military service. Entered military service from Texas.

CAPTAIN GEORGE F. SCHROEDER, (Army Serial Number 0444162), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy on 22 November 1944 in Germany. CAPTAIN SCHROEDER performed duties as executive officer for an assault rifle company in attack against the enemy in the vicinity of a strongly defended enemy town. With utter disregard for personal safety and while under intense enemy machine gun fire that had the assault elements of his company pinned to the ground, he made his way forward over open ground to a nearby tank supporting the attack and directed fire from the tank on the machine gun that successfully neutralized it and enabled the assault elements of his company to further advance. The gallantry, bravery, and courage shown by CAPTAIN SCHROEDER in this heroic action reflect great credit upon himself and to the military service. Entered military service from South Dakota.

SECOND LIEUTENANT WILLIAM P. O'BRIEN, (Army Serial Number 01117095), Corps of Engineers, 327th Engineer Combat Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany on 29 November 1944. SECOND LIEUTENANT O'BRIEN led a small group of infantrymen and engineers through open terrain in the face of heavy enemy fire to neutralize a heavy enemy fortification holding up the advance of the infantry in an attack against a strongly fortified enemy town. By use of flame throwers and a heavy charge of explosives, SECOND LIEUTENANT O'BRIEN, after leading the detachment to the enemy fortification, succeeded in neutralizing the fortification and taking nineteen prisoners. Neutralizing the strong enemy point of resistance enabled the infantry to advance farther in its attack against the enemy town. The gallantry, leadership, and courage displayed by SECOND LIEUTENANT O'BRIEN in this hazardous mission reflect great credit upon himself and to the military service. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

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Sergeant Dominic G. Kallas, (Army Serial Number 37324319), Infantry, 408th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy on 19 November 1944 in Germany. With courage, aggressiveness, and complete disregard for personal safety, Sergeant Kallas, upon noticing an attempt by enemy tanks to penetrate his lines, left his position of comparative safety to reach a point about fifty yards forward where he could deliver effective fire from his bazooka against the enemy tanks. Heavy fire was being delivered from the enemy tanks in their attempt to pin his unit down and enable enemy infantry and other tanks to penetrate the defensive position. Sergeant Kallas knocked out two enemy tanks with his bazooka which enabled the men of his unit to place effective fire on enemy troops. The action of Sergeant Kallas materially aided his unit in repelling the enemy attack. The courage, initiative, and bravery displayed by Sergeant Kallas in exposing himself to intense personal danger reflect great credit upon himself and to the military service. Entered military service from South Dakota.

Technician Fifth Grade Ralph J. Vitolo, (Army Serial Number 3210321), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany on 29 November 1944. While driving a two and one-half ton vehicle loaded with ammunition to front line troops, Technician Fifth Grade Vitolo was caught in an enemy artillery concentration that punctured two tires on his vehicle. With utter disregard for personal safety he proceeded to repair the deflated tires despite heavy enemy artillery concentration in his immediate vicinity. When a tire on another vehicle loaded with ammunition in his immediate vicinity was deflated by the exploding artillery and after dispatching its driver to safety, he successfully changed the tire on it and drove both heavily loaded vehicles to safety. As a result of his heroic action, Technician Fifth Grade Vitolo saved two truckloads of vitally needed ammunition that was later successfully delivered to front line infantry troops for effective use against the enemy. The industry, loyalty, and devotion to duty shown by Technician Fifth Grade Vitolo in the performance of this heroic act in the presence of intense danger reflect great credit upon himself and to the military service. Entered military service from New York.

Private First Class Mark W. Fullam, (Army Serial Number 31446183), Corps of Engineers, 327th Engineer Combat Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy on 21 November 1944 in Germany. Private First Class Fullam led his way across open terrain under heavy enemy fire with a group of infantrymen to assist in neutralizing a strong enemy fortification holding up the advance of attacking infantry against a heavily fortified enemy town. After a flame thrower was directed at the door of the fortification, Private First Class Fullam, assisted by another man, moved into the areaway to place a heavy charge of explosives against the steel door. After pulling the fuze lighter, he withdrew to take cover while the charge detonated. Immediately after the explosion the enemy, totaling nineteen, came out to surrender. This heroic act of Private First Class Fullam was a substantial contribution to the

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achievement of the infantry's objective in the attack. The gallantry, bravery, and courage shown by Private First Class Fullam in this act in the presence of intense danger under heavy enemy fire reflect great credit upon himself and to the military service. Entered military service from Rhode Island.

Private First Class Charles W. Kirk, (Army Serial Number 37450385), Corps of Engineers, 327th Engineer Combat Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy on 29 November 1944 in Germany. Private First Class Kirk made his way across open terrain under heavy enemy fire with a group of infantrymen to assist in neutralizing a strong enemy fortification holding up the advance of attacking infantry against a heavily fortified enemy town. After a flame thrower was directed at the door of the fortification, Private First Class Kirk, assisted by another man, moved into the areaway to place a heavy charge of explosives against the steel door. After pulling the fuze lighter, he withdrew to take cover while the charge detonated. Immediately after the explosion the enemy, totaling nineteen, came out to surrender. This heroic act by Private First Class Kirk was a substantial contribution to the the achievement of the infantry's objective in the attack. The gallantry, bravery, and courage shown by Private First Class Kirk in this act in the presence of intense danger under heavy enemy fire reflect great credit upon himself and to the military service. Entered military service from South Dakota.

III. AWARD OF THE SOLDIERS MEDAL.

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, the SOLDIERS MEDAL is awarded the following enlisted man:

Corporal George G. Belous, (Army Serial Number 36544166), Field Artillery, 375th Field Artillery Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, distinguished himself by heroism not involving actual conflict with the enemy in Germany on 21 November 1944. The fuzes on 105mm projectiles had been set for time fire for the morning's artillery preparation, and several rounds were expended before an order was given to cease firing. Corporal Belous's battery executive ordered the fuzes reset to safe, and in the process one of the shells started to sizzle as though the powder train were burning. As the rest of the men of the gun section ran for safety, Corporal Belous picked up the shell and hurriedly carried it to an open field to prevent injury to his howitzer and gun crew in the event of an explosion. The courage, coolness, and disregard for personal safety displayed by Corporal Belous in this act of heroism reflect great credit upon himself and to the military service. Entered military service from Michigan.

IV. AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL. (POSTHUMOUS).

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, the BRONZE STAR MEDAL is posthumously awarded the following enlisted men:

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Sergeant Mark Turnbull, (Army Serial Number 32632711), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 17 November 1944, in connection with military operations against the enemy. Sergeant Turnbull was the first man of his unit to detect the enemy making a thrust to attack his organization. With disregard for personal safety, he left his position of cover and began to fire on the enemy after alerting his men and coolly directed them in the defense of their position. Sergeant Turnbull was mortally wounded in this act, but his aggressiveness and great courage were an inspiration to all men who witnessed his act. His deed prompted an immediate assault by his fellow soldiers which led to successfully driving the enemy back and holding their gains. The courage, leadership, and aggressiveness displayed by Sergeant Turnbull reflect great credit upon himself and to the military service. Entered military service from New York.

Private First Class Chester E. Nettleship, (Army Serial Number 3336544), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 19 November 1944, in connection with military operations against the enemy. Private First Class Nettleship materially aided in the repelling of a fierce enemy counter attack with complete disregard for his own personal safety. When his position was overrun by enemy tanks, he remained in his foxhole until the tanks passed over and then placed heavy fire from his automatic weapon on enemy infantry. He remained calm and collected in the confusion of battle, and the intense fire delivered from his automatic weapon pinned the enemy down and enabled friendly infantrymen to place effective fire on them. Private First Class Nettleship lost his life in this action, but his courage and coolness in placing effective fire against the enemy materially aided his organization in repelling the attack. The courage, loyalty, and devotion to duty shown by Private First Class Nettleship reflect great credit upon himself and to the military service. Entered military service from Maryland.

V. AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL.

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, the BRONZE STAR MEDAL is awarded the following officers and enlisted men:

FIRST LIEUTENANT LEWIS D. GARDINIER, (Army Serial Number 01167428), Field Artillery, 379th Field Artillery Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 23 November 1944, in connection with military operations against the enemy. FIRST LIEUTENANT GARDINIER, while acting as an artillery observer with a company of infantry in attack against the enemy, continuously strove to obtain observation and adjustment for supporting artillery fire in the face of heavy enemy artillery and intense enemy small arms fire. Knowing full well another officer had just been wounded in the attempt, he advanced to the only point of terrain from which observation was available and observed and adjusted fire from that point until he was wounded and evacuated. The courage and coolness with which FIRST LIEUTENANT GARDINIER performed this duty under heavy enemy fire

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inspired the men of his section and reflect great credit upon himself and to the military service. Entered military service from Kansas.

FIRST LIEUTENANT JOHN W. MARTIN, Jr. (Army Serial Number 0449061), Field Artillery, 927th Field Artillery Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany in connection with military operations against the enemy. During the period 25 November 1944 to 25 November 1944, FIRST LIEUTENANT MARTIN subjected himself to heavy enemy fire on several occasions while serving as a forward artillery observer for the purpose of making fire adjustments for artillery in support of infantry troops in operations against the enemy. On several occasions when his communication lines were broken by enemy artillery, he went out under heavy enemy fire to assist in repairing them. On 26 November 1944, while observing from a house, his observation post was struck by an enemy shell, but he continued to relay fire adjustments for his unit of supporting artillery. The courage, devotion to duty, and disregard for personal safety in the presence of hazardous conditions shown by FIRST LIEUTENANT MARTIN reflect great credit upon himself and to the military service. Entered military service from Virginia.

FIRST LIEUTENANT FREDERICK H. KNOX, Jr. (Army Serial Number 0443360), Medical Corps, 327th Medical Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany, in connection with military operations against the enemy. FIRST LIEUTENANT KNOX displayed abilities in leadership and organization by his tireless efforts during the period of 30 November 1944 to 3 December 1944 during an attack against the enemy in several strongly defended enemy towns. His tireless effort and devotion to duty kept a steady stream of ambulances carrying casualties from front line aid stations to a clearing company. Exposing himself on numerous occasions to enemy artillery fire, he personally supervised operations of the ambulances and litter squads in promoting a swift evacuation of the wounded. The courage, leadership, and organizing ability of FIRST LIEUTENANT KNOX reflect great credit upon himself and to the military service. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

FIRST LIEUTENANT GEORGE U. HASSAU, (Army Serial Number 01001663), Adjutant General's Department, Headquarters 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, for meritorious service in France, Holland, and Germany from 24 September 1944 to 15 December 1944, in connection with military operations against the enemy. Entered military service from New York.

SECOND LIEUTENANT CHARLES F. MCKENNA, (Army Serial Number 02000439), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 9 November 1944, in connection with military operations against the enemy. SECOND LIEUTENANT MCKENNA, as a member of a night combat patrol, assisted in the mission of attacking an enemy position. Upon running into intense enemy machine gun fire when crossing over open terrain, he exposed himself to great personal danger in crawling approximately two-hundred yards with a wounded companion on his back to reach a place of comparative safety. SECOND LIEUTENANT MCKENNA returned for another man who had been wounded by

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enemy fire and carried him to safety where he then administered aid and assisted in the evacuation of his wounded companions. The courage, loyalty, and devotion to duty shown by SECOND LIEUTENANT MCKENNA, in the presence of intense danger, reflect great credit upon himself and to the military service. Entered military service from New York.

Staff Sergeant Elthrice L. Huey, (Army Serial Number 6255134), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 16 November 1944, in connection with military operations against the enemy. Staff Sergeant Huey worked with ceaselessness and aggressiveness under intense enemy artillery and mortar fire in restoring communications broken by enemy artillery fire during an attack against the enemy in a strongly defended enemy town. He constantly subjected himself to great danger in the performance of his duties that materially aided the success of his organization in attack. The result of his work enabled communications to be maintained with the least possible interruption. The courage, fortitude, and aggressiveness of Staff Sergeant Huey in the presence of intense personal danger reflect great credit upon himself and to the military service. Entered military service from Texas.

Sergeant Frederick J. LaFee, (Army Serial Number 36544560), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 16 November 1944, in connection with military operations against the enemy. Sergeant LaFee laid and maintained a communication line to the left flank of his organization in an attack against the enemy in a strongly defended enemy town. With disregard for personal safety, he went out six different times under heavy enemy fire, during the attack to repair the line that was broken on six different occasions by enemy artillery fire. The maintenance of this line of communication materially aided the success of the attack of his organization against the enemy. The courage, fortitude, and aggressiveness displayed by Sergeant LaFee in the performance of his duties in the presence of intense danger reflect great credit upon himself and to the military service. Entered military service from Michigan.

The following named officers and enlisted men, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany from 16 November 1944 to 2 December 1944, in connection with military operations against the enemy:

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Entered Military Service From</u>
CAPTAIN	CLIFFORD A. MONFELS	01280277	Wisconsin
CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER	CLYDE O. STOVALL	W2119299	Texas
Master Sergeant	Edward W. Garrison	35687524	Kentucky
Staff Sergeant	James E. Limbaugh	34397592	Alabama
Technician Fifth Grade	Garrett E. Hagen	37325370	Minnesota

During attacks by their organization against several strongly defended enemy towns, each of the above named persons acted with outstanding initiative, great courage, and aggressiveness in maintaining vital communications within their organization. Exposing themselves to heavy enemy artillery

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mortar, and small arms fire, they worked in open fields, roads, and over routes of communication and supply known to the enemy where all types of enemy fire were being delivered. The loyalty, courage, and aggressiveness displayed by each of the above named persons in the performance of his duties on many occasions under hazardous conditions both night and day furnished their regiment with essential channels of communication and materially aided in the success of their organization in attacks against the enemy. Their constant devotion to duty in the performance of dangerous missions won the admiration and respect of all those witnessing their action. The courage, initiative, and attention to duty by each of the above named persons reflect great credit upon himself and to the military service.

Staff Sergeant Paul S. McClure, (Army Serial Number 38297947), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 17 November 1944, in connection with military operations against the enemy. When his platoon leader became a casualty during an attack against the enemy in a strongly defended town, Staff Sergeant McClure took command of the platoon and in a cool and efficient manner continued to lead it in the attack. His good judgment and leadership in directing the platoon enabled it to capture and kill many of the enemy with minimum losses to themselves. In the act of preparing his platoon for defense, Staff Sergeant McClure was wounded but continued to give orders and calmly passed command of the unit to another person giving him complete instructions and advice. The courage, leadership, and devotion to duty shown by Staff Sergeant McClure in leading his platoon through a most difficult attack reflect great credit upon himself and to the military service. Entered military service from Arkansas.

Staff Sergeant Louis B. Poggioli, (Army Serial Number 32634767), Infantry, 406th Infantry, for heroic achievement in Germany on 22 November 1944 in connection with military operations against the enemy. While under a heavy barrage of enemy artillery, Staff Sergeant Poggioli crawled a distance of seventy-five yards to administer aid to a wounded companion. Disregarding a wound received in this action, he brought up his machine gun section and committed them to action in delivering withering fire on enemy emplacements to enable the further advance of an infantry company his section was supporting. When wounded a second time, he calmly stayed with his section, reorganized it with disregard for his personal safety, ordered them to continue their mission in support of the company of infantry, and directed them to an exposed right flank. The courage, disregard for personal safety, and devotion to duty displayed by Staff Sergeant Poggioli reflect great credit upon himself and to the military service. Entered military service from New York.

Staff Sergeant Robert E. Golbus, (Army Serial Number 36693264), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany, in connection with military operations against the enemy. After repeatedly volunteering, Staff Sergeant Golbus was given permission to go on two patrols into enemy territory on the 6th and 7th November 1944, where he displayed unusual courage and discipline in action against the enemy.

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Never considering personal danger, he often risked his life to explore enemy installations. Exposing himself to the enemy in order to return effective fire, he was extremely accurate in determining the locations of enemy installations and destroying them. With aggressiveness, Staff Sergeant Golbus always considered the welfare of his fellow soldiers first in these patrol missions. The courage, aggressiveness, and devotion to duty by Staff Sergeant Golbus reflect great credit upon himself and to the military service. Entered military service from Illinois.

Staff Sergeant Foster M. Blakney, Jr, (Army Serial Number 13095295), Field Artillery, 379th Field Artillery Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 23 November 1944, in connection with military operations against the enemy. Staff Sergeant Blakney, while acting as an assistant observer to an artillery officer with a company of infantry in attack against the enemy, calmly and unhesitatingly took over the duties of the officer when the officer was wounded. This necessitated observing in addition to carrying on his regular duties in relaying information by radio. When relieved, he returned to the wounded officer and evacuated him to an aid station. The devotion to duty he displayed in the continuance of the accomplishment of the duties of his officer in addition to his own duties materially aided in the success of the attack against the enemy. The courage and devotion to duty by Staff Sergeant Blakney reflect great credit upon himself and to the military service. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Technician Fourth Grade Edward P. Donahue, (Army Serial Number 3691799), Field Artillery, 252d Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in Germany in connection with military operations against the enemy from 1 November 1944 to 3 December 1944. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

Technician Fourth Grade John W. Ashl. (Army Serial Number 18030747), Field Artillery, 380th Field Artillery Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany in connection with military operations against the enemy. Serving as a radio operator on a three-quarter ton vehicle, Technician Fourth Grade Ashley remained with his vehicle and radio throughout the day and night of 30 November 1944 and all day on 1 December 1944 to relay fire missions and reports from forward observers and liaison officers with infantry units to a battalion of Field Artillery supporting infantry troops in action against the enemy. On many occasions during this time while in the vicinity of heavy enemy artillery barrages, Technician Fourth Grade Ashley with utter disregard for his personal safety remained exposed to great danger in the vehicle in the continuance of relaying vital information necessary for support of the infantry. The courage, disregard for personal safety, and devotion to duty displayed by Technician Fourth Grade Ashley reflect great credit upon himself and to the military service. Entered military service from Texas.

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Corporal Hubert J. Martine, (Army Serial Number 35623843), Field Artillery, 927th Field Artillery Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany, in connection with military operations against the enemy. During the period 29 November 1944 through 2 December 1944, Corporal Martine worked under extremely hazardous conditions in laying wire for his battalion. On two occasions he constantly exposed himself to heavy enemy artillery, mortar, automatic weapons fire, and sniper fire in the continuance of duties. The courage, devotion to duty, and disregard for personal safety displayed by Corporal Martine reflect great credit upon himself and to the military service. Entered military service from Illinois.

Corporal Hugh O. Moore, (Army Serial Number 36290794), Field Artillery, 252d Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany from 1 November 1944 to 3 December 1944. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

Corporal Vincent F. Carroll, (Army Serial Number 36290503), Field Artillery, 252d Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in Germany on 1 November 1944 in connection with military operations against the enemy. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

Technician Fifth Grade Leonard J. Magsamen, (Army Serial Number 3331171), Field Artillery, 380th Field Artillery Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany in connection with military operations against the enemy. Performing his duties as driver of a three-quarter ton vehicle, Technician Fifth Grade Magsamen remained with his vehicle and radio throughout the day and night of 30 November 1944 and all day on 1 December 1944 to assist the radio operator in relaying fire missions and reports from forward observers and liaison officers with infantry units to a battalion of field artillery supporting infantry troops in action against the enemy. On many occasions during this time while in the vicinity of heavy enemy artillery barrages, Technician Fifth Grade Magsamen, with utter disregard for his personal safety, remained exposed to great danger to insure the continuance of relaying vital information necessary for support of the infantry. The courage, disregard for personal safety, and devotion to duty shown by Technician Fifth Grade Magsamen in this action reflect great credit upon himself and to the military service. Entered military service from Maryland.

Technician Fifth Grade Edward J. Schlotthauer, (Army Serial Number 37337360), Field Artillery, 927th Field Artillery Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany in connection with military operations against the enemy. Technician Fifth Grade Schlotthauer repeatedly displayed outstanding courage and devotion to duty from 26 November 1944 through 28 November 1944 while serving as a member of a liaison section. On 26 November 1944, while checking wire at a crossroads when a heavy enemy artillery barrage began, he crawled into a depression

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made by the track of a tank and continued to repair wire. On 27 November 1944, while up on a telephone pole checking wire, he refused to come down from the pole to take cover until he had repaired the wire when enemy artillery fire started falling all about him. On 28 November 1944, Technician Fifth Grade Schlotthauer succeeded in a second attempt at laying wire through an orchard despite heavy shelling from enemy artillery. The bravery, courage, and devotion to duty by Technician Fifth Grade Schlotthauer with disregard for personal safety under hazardous conditions reflect great credit upon himself and to the military service. Entered military service from Colorado.

Technician Fifth Grade Robert C. Meade, (Army Serial Number 19052043), Field Artillery, 927th Field Artillery Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany in connection with military operations against the enemy. During the period 29 November 1944 through 2 December 1944, Technician Fifth Grade Meade worked under extremely hazardous conditions in laying wire for his battalion. On two occasions he constantly exposed himself to heavy enemy artillery, mortar, automatic weapons fire, and sniper fire in the continuance of his duties. The courage, devotion to duty, and disregard for personal safety displayed by Technician Fifth Grade Meade reflect great credit upon himself and to the military service. Entered military service from California.

Technician Fifth Grade Noel D. McDoniel, (Army Serial Number 3491963), Field Artillery, 380th Field Artillery Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany in connection with military operations against the enemy. During the night of 18 November 1944 and the morning of 19 November 1944 while serving as radio operator with forward infantry in an attack against a strongly defended enemy town, Technician Fifth Grade McDoniel remained in an exposed position subjected to enemy artillery and sniper fire due to the divulgence of his location as a result of continuous radio transmission and incoming messages. In order to furnish artillery support for the attacking infantry, he realized the necessity for the continuance of this means of communication since wires could not be maintained because of heavy enemy artillery. His action in keeping the radio in operation and relaying messages enabled the supporting artillery to effect close support fire to infantry troops in repelling an enemy counter attack. The courage, devotion to duty, and complete disregard for personal safety displayed by Technician Fifth Grade McDoniel reflect great credit upon himself and to the military service. Entered military service from Arkansas.

Technician Fifth Grade Ewald O. Perttola, (Army Serial Number 16151203), Field Artillery, 927th Field Artillery Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany in connection with military operations against the enemy. On 27 November 1944, while operating a remote control unit in a one-fourth ton vehicle parked in an exposed position, enemy mortar fire was falling all about him, but he continued to operate the unit with complete disregard for his personal safety. On 28 November 1944 while operating his radio during an attack against the enemy

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and when failing to retain radio contact with a forward observer, he carried his radio from his dugout, going from place to place along the streets in his efforts to re-establish contact. Heavy enemy mortar fire was concentrated on the streets of the town. Carrying on his efforts for approximately one hour in the presence of intense danger before finding out he could not regain contact with the artillery observer, he returned to his dugout to report the facts to his superior. The courage, bravery, and devotion to duty by Technician Fifth Grade Perttola reflect great credit upon himself and to the military service. Entered military service from Michigan.

Technician Fifth Grade Redge J. Ashcraft, (Army Serial Number 39714925), Field Artillery, 527th Field Artillery Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany in connection with military operations against the enemy. On 30 November 1944 while serving as a member of a forward artillery observation party, Technician Fifth Grade Ashcraft assisted in carrying radio equipment to forward elements under heavy enemy artillery fire and upon raising an antenna on one occasion drew heavy machine gun and sniper fire. With disregard for personal safety he maintained contact with the fire direction center, bringing artillery support to the infantry. On 2 December 1944 when he received a telephone message, he subjected himself to intense enemy fire in making his way across open terrain for delivery of the message. The courage, bravery, and devotion to duty by Technician Fifth Grade Ashcraft reflect great credit upon himself and to the military service. Entered military service from California.

Technician Fifth Grade Leslie L. Brians, (Army Serial Number 39142264), Field Artillery, 380th Field Artillery Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany in connection with military operations against the enemy. During the afternoon and night of 30 November 1944 when his organization was attacking a strongly defended enemy town, Technician Fifth Grade Brians installed, maintained, and operated a radio under frequent shelling by enemy artillery and mortars. He frequently exposed himself to heavy enemy mortar and small arms fire in setting up his radio to insure good communication. The devotion to duty by Technician Fifth Grade Brians in successfully keeping his radio in operation was of material value to the success of the attack inasmuch as his radio was the only means of communication between the infantry and supporting artillery for a period of more than sixteen hours. The courage, bravery, and devotion to duty displayed by Technician Fifth Grade Brians in the presence of intense danger reflect great credit upon himself and to the military service. Entered military service from California.

Private First Class Lorenzo Lopez, (Army Serial Number 30169453), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 30 November 1944, in connection with military operations against the enemy. Private First Class Lopez made several trips under intense enemy artillery, mortar, and small arms fire in acting as a guide to personnel engaged in the evacuation of the wounded from front line infantry positions and for carrying parties going forward with food and ammunition

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for the front line infantry troops and evacuation of wounded on their return trips. He repeatedly exposed himself to great danger in materially aiding in the evacuation of the wounded and supplying infantry troops engaged in action against the enemy with much needed food and ammunition under extremely hazardous and difficult conditions. The courage and devotion to duty shown by Private First Class Lopez reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from New Mexico.

Private First Class David A. Smith, (Army Serial Number 16123592), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement against the enemy in Germany on 16 November 1944, in connection with military operations against the enemy. Private First Class Smith, gunner for a mortar squad, continued to perform duties during an attack against the enemy in a strongly defended town after he had been wounded earlier in the attack. Refusing to return to the aid station when his weapon was taken from him, he performed duties as ammunition carrier throughout the entire attack until the objective was taken. During the consolidation of defensive positions by his organization to hold their gains after the attack, Private First Class Smith was evacuated to an aid station. The courage, aggressiveness, and loyalty to duty displayed by Private First Class Smith with complete disregard for his own safety and in the presence of intense danger reflect great credit upon himself and to the military service. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

Private First Class Raymond C. Waymire, (Army Serial Number 35615244), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 16 November 1944, in connection with military operations against the enemy. During an attack against a strongly defended enemy town by his organization, Private First Class Waymire exposed himself to great personal danger in the presence of heavy enemy fire in maintaining communication lines vital to the success of his organization's mission in the attack. He worked with ceaselessness and aggressiveness under intense enemy artillery and mortar fire in restoring and repairing communication lines constantly being disrupted by heavy enemy artillery fire. The result of his work materially aided the success of his organization in its attack against the enemy. The courage, fortitude, and aggressiveness displayed by Private First Class Waymire in the accomplishment of his duties in the presence of intense personal danger reflect great credit upon himself and to the military service. Entered military service from Ohio.

Private First Class Glen S. Robenstine, (Army Serial Number 35557243), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 16 November 1944, in connection with military operations against the enemy. During an attack against the enemy in a strongly defended town, Private First Class Robenstine performed duties as a lineman in assisting in the replacement of a communication line that had been cut by enemy artillery and mortar fire. He worked long hours under constantly heavy enemy artillery, mortar, and small arms fire in the accomplishment of his mission. The restoration of the communication line was vital to the success of the

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attack against the enemy. The courage, fortitude, and aggressiveness displayed by Private First Class Robenstine in the performance of this duty in the presence of intense danger reflect great credit upon himself and to the military service. Entered military service from Ohio.

Private First Class Arthur F. Zillner, (Army Serial Number 35291480), Field Artillery, 252d Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in Germany from 1 November 1944 to 3 December 1944 in connection with military operations against the enemy. Entered military service from Illinois.

Private Clifford J. Chadronet, (Army Serial Number 31244602), Field Artillery, 927th Field Artillery Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany in connection with military operations against the enemy. From 29 November 1944 through 2 December 1944, Private Chadronet worked under extremely hazardous conditions in laying wire for his battalion. On two occasions he continued laying wire under heavy enemy artillery, mortar, and automatic weapons fire, constantly exposing himself to enemy sniper fire. The courage, devotion to duty, and disregard for personal safety displayed by Private Chadronet in the accomplishment of his duty under hazardous conditions reflect great credit upon himself and to the military service. Entered military service from Rhode Island.

The following named enlisted men, Field Artillery, 927th Field Artillery Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 26 November 1944, in connection with military operations against the enemy.

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Army Serial Number</u>	<u>Entered Military Service From</u>
Corporal	John H. Huck	37404002	Missouri
Corporal	Robert K. McLora	36544067	Michigan
Corporal	Robert D. Ratcliffe	33526625	Virginia
Technician			
Fifth Grade	Joseph T. Bachurz	31043174	Connecticut
Private	Finis A. Prescott	38215535	Texas

The above named men while serving as a forward observer party exposed themselves to great personal danger in maintaining communications between the Forward Artillery Observer and the Battalion Fire Direction Center. A heavy barrage of enemy artillery damaged the wire lines to such an extent that each had to remain on the job of repairing the lines for a long period of time under heavy enemy artillery fire. The maintenance of these lines aided materially in the close support of their own artillery to the infantry in successful operations against the enemy. The courage and devotion to duty displayed by each of the above named men under hazardous conditions reflect great credit upon themselves and to the military service.

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VI. AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART MEDAL.

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, the PURPLE HEART MEDAL is awarded the following officers and enlisted men for wounds received as a result of enemy action in Germany on the date indicated:

MAJOR FRED A. PIERCE, Jr. (Army Serial Number 01172), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 1 November 1944. Entered military service from Texas.

Private First Class Carl B. Feilmann, (Army Serial Number 37579496), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 11 December 1944. Entered military service from Iowa.

Sergeant Dominick G. Kallas, (Army Serial Number 37324319), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 11 December 1944. Entered military service from South Dakota.

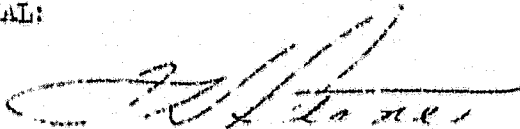
Staff Sergeant Joseph V. Dawsey, (Army Serial Number 14194316), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 1 November 1944. Entered military service from Mississippi.

CAPTAIN SIDNEY J. WATKINS, (Army Serial Number 01286573), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 3 December 1944. Entered military service from Ohio.

By command of the DIVISION COMMANDER:

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Colonel, General Staff Corps,
Chief of Staff.

OFFICIAL:



F. H. STONE,

Lieutenant Colonel, Adjutant General's Department,
Adjutant General.

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I. AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR MEDAL. (POSTHUMOUS).

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, the SILVER STAR MEDAL is posthumously awarded the following enlisted men:

Sergeant Anthony M. Masullo, (Army Serial Number 20249025), Field Artillery, 771st Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany. On the night of 17 November 1944, Sergeant Masullo assisted in evacuating the crew of a flaming tank that had been hit by enemy artillery. Realizing that one of the men had not been evacuated, he entered the burning tank to remove him, administer aid, and evacuate him to safety. Returning to his own tank, he accounted for the destruction of two heavy enemy tanks before his own tank was hit. Upon leaving his tank, Sergeant Masullo was mortally wounded before he could reach comparative safety. The gallantry, loyalty, disregard for personal safety, and consideration for the wounded shown by Sergeant Masullo in this heroic act greatly inspired all those who saw him and reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from New York. *

Private First Class Walter F. Izbicki, (Army Serial Number 33701871), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy on 30 November 1944 in Germany. During an attack by his organization against the enemy in a strongly defended town, Private First Class Izbicki, upon seeing one of his companions wounded, took over the automatic weapon his companion was carrying and, in the presence of heavy enemy machine gun fire, took the lead in delivering effective fire against snipers and other small points of enemy resistance. His action during the entire engagement without thought for his own safety in the presence of intense danger materially aided the success of his platoon in its advance in the accomplishment of its mission. The objective of his platoon was taken with a minimum of casualties. The gallantry, courage, and coolness under fire with utter disregard for personal safety displayed by Private First Class Izbicki in the presence of intense danger reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Pennsylvania. *

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Private First Class George M. Bertoneau, (Army Serial Number 39723236), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy on 30 November 1944 in Germany. During an attack by his organization against the enemy in a strongly defended enemy town, Private First Class Bertoneau successfully knocked out an enemy machine gun section with his accurate rifle fire while exposed to extremely heavy enemy fire. This action enabled his squad to proceed with their mission in entering the town. Still under heavy enemy machine gun fire, he again risked his life to carry ammunition to an automatic rifleman. In returning, he came across a wounded companion and under extremely heavy enemy fire administered aid, at which time he was mortally wounded. Private First Class Bertoneau never hesitated in the performance of his duty or performing an act of mercy. As a result of his actions in carrying ammunition to the automatic rifleman, effective fire was delivered on an enemy machine gun, forcing the withdrawal of its fire. The gallantry, courage, and thoughtfulness displayed by Private First Class Bertoneau in the performance of his duties in the presence of extreme danger reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from California.

II. AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR MEDAL.

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, the SILVER STAR MEDAL is awarded the following officers and enlisted men:

LIEUTENANT COLONEL WAYNE K. WOLFF, (Army Serial Number 0347713), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany. From 29 October 1944 to 12 November 1944, LIEUTENANT COLONEL WOLFF commanded a battalion of infantry in action against the enemy in an active defense sector in a superior manner. His outstanding tactical ability combined with his exemplary leadership and personal gallantry were in great measure responsible for the success of his organization. On 30 November 1944 LIEUTENANT COLONEL WOLFF led his battalion in attack against the enemy in a strongly defended enemy town. In the early phases of this attack when heavy enemy artillery and mortar fire being placed on his battalion cut all telephone communications, with disregard for personal safety he repeatedly risked his life by moving up to the assaulting elements of his battalion where he could personally observe the entire progress of the attack and direct movements of the battalion. The gallantry, bravery, and courage shown by LIEUTENANT COLONEL WOLFF in leading his battalion under the most difficult conditions reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Illinois.

FIRST LIEUTENANT CLYDE ELLIOTT, (Army Serial Number 01045341), Coast Artillery Corps, 548th Antiaircraft Artillery Ammunition Weapons Battalion (Mobile), United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy on 22 November 1944 in Germany. With utter disregard for personal safety, FIRST LIEUTENANT ELLIOTT volunteered to lead medical aid men to a wounded companion lying approximately four-hundred yards within a mined area. Under constant heavy enemy artillery being concentrated in the mined area and after

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night, he succeeded in guiding the aid men to the wounded soldiers. FIRST LIEUTENANT ELLIOTT displayed outstanding courage in this voluntary action of leading personnel through a field heavily mined with enemy Schu mines which are not detectable with any type of mechanical device in rescuing the wounded persons. Hostile enemy observation prevented any attempt at rescuing the wounded soldiers during daylight hours and the use of any light after night when the rescue was made. The gallantry, courage, and utter disregard for personal safety displayed by FIRST LIEUTENANT ELLIOTT in the presence of intense danger reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Michigan.

SECOND LIEUTENANT BENTON H. HUGHES, (Army Serial Number 01325294), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany on 23 November 1944. Acting as executive officer for a rifle company when his company commander became a casualty, SECOND LIEUTENANT HUGHES assumed command of the company and continued to lead it in attack against the enemy in a strongly defended town. Though wounded during the initial stages of the attack, he refused evacuation and with utter disregard for personal safety continued to lead his company in an assault against the enemy in the face of heavy enemy artillery, mortar, and small arms fire. His courage and coolness under fire and superior leadership greatly inspired the officers and men of his company and contributed materially to the successful accomplishment of the attack. SECOND LIEUTENANT HUGHES remained in active command of his company until ordered to the rear by his battalion commander for medical attention. The gallantry, leadership, and courage displayed by SECOND LIEUTENANT HUGHES reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Missouri.

Staff Sergeant Edmond A. Bissailon, (Army Serial Number 11009842), Infantry, 771st Tank Battalion, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy on 22 November 1944 in Germany. Staff Sergeant Bissailon, while assisting a battalion of infantry in an assault against the enemy in a strongly defended town, sighted two heavy enemy tanks at a distance of about fifteen-hundred yards. Although his position was not a tenable one, he commanded the attack of his tank against the enemy tanks and successfully knocked out one prior to receiving two direct hits on his own tank from the other enemy tank. Instead of leaving his tank, he chose to remain and deliver fire on the other enemy tank. After expending all ammunition, he succeeded in destroying the remaining enemy tank and evacuated his entire crew. The gallantry, courage, and devotion to duty by Staff Sergeant Bissailon in the continuance of battle against heavy enemy tanks from a position in which his own tank was vulnerable to enemy fire reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

Staff Sergeant John G. Bischoff, (Army Serial Number 32642558), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany on 16 November 1944. When the enemy launched a counter-attack against his machine gun section, Staff Sergeant Bischoff personally manned a light machine gun and when vainly wounded continued to fire on

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the enemy until his gun failed to function. Being unable to reduce the stoppage, he seized a sub-machine gun and left his position in an assault against the enemy, firing on them until his ammunition was exhausted. Discarding the sub-machine gun, he continued firing on the enemy with his rifle until they withdrew leaving several of their dead on the battlefield. Before allowing himself to be evacuated for wounds received in this action, he personally visited all positions of his section to assure himself they were intact and ready to meet any further enemy action. The gallantry, courage, and aggressiveness displayed by Staff Sergeant Bischoff in the repelling of an attack by the enemy reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from New York.

Sergeant Zygi Nowicki, (Army Serial Number 36559100), Coast Artillery Corps, 548th Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion (Mobile), United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy on 23 November 1944 in Germany. With utter disregard for personal safety, Sergeant Nowicki volunteered to lead medical aid men to a wounded companion lying approximately four-hundred yards within a mined area. Under constant heavy enemy artillery being concentrated in the mined area and after night, he succeeded in guiding the aid men to the wounded soldiers. Sergeant Nowicki displayed outstanding courage in this voluntary action of rendering his assistance in leading personnel through a field heavily mined with enemy Schmines which are not detectable with any type of mechanical device in rescuing the wounded persons. Hostile observation prevented any attempt at rescuing the wounded soldiers during daylight hours and the use of any light after night when the rescue was made. The gallantry, courage, and utter disregard for personal safety displayed by Sergeant Nowicki in the presence of intense danger reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Michigan.

Sergeant Robert W. Lavallo, (Army Serial Number 31233744), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy on 29 November 1944 in Germany. During action against the enemy by his organization in the vicinity of a strongly defended enemy town, two men of the company of which Sergeant Lavallo was a member were wounded during a barrage of heavy enemy mortar fire being concentrated in the vicinity of the company. With disregard for personal safety and with the assistance of another companion, he crawled to the position of the two wounded men to render first aid and dig shelter trenches to protect the men from further injuries. During the entire action with shells bursting all around him, he unhesitatingly continued in the performance of this valiant act. After assuring himself that the wounded men had been given all possible care, he gave thought to his own safety and dug a shelter trench for himself. The gallantry, courage, and coolness under fire displayed by Sergeant Lavallo reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

Sergeant Curtis D. Brennan, (Army Serial Number 38548781), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the

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enemy in Germany on 21 November 1944. During an attack by his organization against the enemy in a strongly defended town, Sergeant Browning with complete disregard for personal safety and under heavy enemy fire that had his platoon pinned down and was inflicting heavy casualties among them arose and walked forward in an assault against the enemy while smiling and singing a popular song. Seeing his outstanding example of courage and coolness under intense enemy fire, the other members of his platoon resumed their assault against the enemy and succeeded in taking and holding their objective. The gallantry, bravery, and courage of Sergeant Browning reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Texas.

Private First Class Harold H. Stegemann, (Army Serial Number 17071620), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy on 24 November 1944 in Germany. During an attack by his organization against the enemy in the vicinity of a strongly defended town and with disregard for personal danger under intense enemy fire, Private First Class Stegemann crawled to the side of his wounded squad leader to administer first aid. Private First Class Stegemann was seriously wounded in this act of mercy of administering aid to his wounded companion. The gallantry, courage, and unselfish sacrifice of personal safety by Private First Class Stegemann in the consideration for a wounded companion in the presence of intense danger reflect high credit upon himself and to the military service. Entered military service from Iowa.

Private First Class John D. Eaton, (Army Serial Number 37675181), Medical Department, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy on 29 November 1944 in Germany. In the midst of a heavy enemy artillery barrage and constant machine gun fire that had his platoon pinned down during an attack by his organization against the enemy, Private First Class Eaton with complete disregard for personal safety crawled to the position of two wounded men and administered first aid. After satisfying himself that the wounded had been properly treated, he proceeded to dig shelter trenches for his two wounded companions with disregard for mortar fire bursting around him. When the wounded men had been made as safe as was possible for him to do, Private First Class Eaton selected a place of safety from the barrage for himself. The gallantry, courage, and skill with utter disregard for personal safety displayed by Private First Class Eaton in the presence of intense danger reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Iowa.

Technician Fifth Grade Alex Varga, (Army Serial Number 32591695), Medical Department, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany on 30 November 1944. Exposing himself to an intense concentration of enemy machine gun fire during an attack of his organization against the enemy, Technician Fifth Grade Varga with utter disregard for personal safety unhesitatingly crawled over a hill in full view of the enemy to administer aid to a wounded man. In the performance of this gallant act a machine gun bullet struck his helmet a glancing blow and wounded him. Even though his own wounds merited medical aid, he refused

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to leave the stricken man's side until he had been properly cared for. The gallantry, bravery, and utter disregard for personal safety displayed by Technician Fifth Grade Varga in the performance of an act of mercy in the presence of intense danger reflect high credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from New Jersey.

III. AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL (POSTHUMOUS).

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, the BRONZE STAR MEDAL is posthumously awarded the following officer and enlisted man:

SECOND LIEUTENANT GERALD W. KASTEN, (Army Serial Number 01315069), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany on 29 November 1944. In launching an attack against the enemy in the vicinity of a strongly defended enemy town, SECOND LIEUTENANT KASTEN, in addition to leading his weapons platoon forward to a line of departure for an attack at daylight, assumed command of a portion of his company that had taken a wrong route forward because of confusion as a result of enemy action. Upon reaching the line of departure for attack, he reorganized the company while under intense enemy artillery and mortar fire with complete disregard for personal safety, and committed the company in attack against the enemy at the prescribed time. This action by SECOND LIEUTENANT KASTEN prevented a serious disorganization of the mission of his battalion in the attack. The gallantry, leadership, and courage displayed by SECOND LIEUTENANT KASTEN reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

Private First Class Arthur E. Mason, Jr., (Army Serial Number 31244721), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 29 November 1944, in connection with military operations against the enemy. With disregard for personal safety while working under heavy enemy artillery fire, Private First Class Mason traveled over a road several times for the purpose of checking communication wires and making repairs to the lines that were constantly being cut by enemy artillery fire. The tireless efforts expended by him in the repairing of the damaged lines materially aided the success of his organization in action against the enemy. Restoration of the damaged wires enabled valuable information to be communicated to advancing troops when other means of communication became very difficult. The courage, devotion to duty, and utter disregard for personal safety displayed by Private First Class Mason in the performance of a dangerous mission reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Rhode Island.

IV. AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL (OAK LEAF CLUSTER).

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, the BRONZE STAR MEDAL (OAK LEAF CLUSTER) is awarded the following enlisted man:

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Sergeant Jack B. Tillman, (Army Serial Number 34823037), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 2 December 1944, in connection with military operations against the enemy. Serving as a scout for his organization in attack against the enemy, Sergeant Tillman was the first of his company to venture into the unknown dangers of each house in the village in search of the enemy. His courageous actions carried out with calm deliberation in the presence of extremely heavy enemy fire were instrumental in the capture of ten German prisoners. The fact that several casualties were sustained testifies to the risk taken by Sergeant Tillman in his action against the enemy that won him the admiration and respect of the other members of his company. The courage, still, coolness, and complete disregard for personal safety displayed by Sergeant Tillman in the performance of his dangerous duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Georgia.

V. AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL.

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, the BRONZE STAR MEDAL is awarded the following officers and enlisted men:

MAJOR ALBERT C. HOHN, (Army Serial Number 01300171), Infantry, Headquarters 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, (then CAPTAIN), for meritorious achievement in France, Holland, and Germany from 12 September 1944 to 4 December 1944, in connection with military operations against the enemy. Entered military service from Texas. *

FIRST LIEUTENANT JOHN F. QUINN, JR., (Army Serial Number 01310304), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany, in connection with military operations against the enemy. From 30 November 1944 to 2 December 1944 FIRST LIEUTENANT QUINN, while serving as a liaison officer for his infantry regiment to a unit of an armored division, displayed constant devotion to duty in an exemplary manner often under hazardous conditions in assisting his organization in the execution of its mission in operations against the enemy. On 1 December 1944 when his vehicle was hit by enemy artillery he continued on foot to complete an assigned mission. On 2 December 1944 FIRST LIEUTENANT QUINN personally supervised the contact of his organization's right flank to assure all persons concerned that the flank was not exposed to vulnerable action by the enemy. Always putting duty above personal consideration, FIRST LIEUTENANT QUINN through his untiring efforts succeeded in his missions at all times in delivering valuable and timely information when all other sources of communication had failed. The courage, coolness, and exemplary performance of duties by FIRST LIEUTENANT QUINN reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

FIRST LIEUTENANT JOHN HERRICK, (Army Serial Number 01300334), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 29 November 1944, in connection with military operations against the enemy. Serving as a liaison officer for his organization, FIRST

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LIEUTENANT INDRIKA left the command post of a regiment of infantry other than his own with vital information for delivery to his organization. Realizing that the information he possessed was of great value to his organization after losing his vehicle in an intense enemy artillery barrage, he made his way on foot through heavy enemy artillery back to his organization when no other means of communication was available. The courage, calm judgment, and devotion to duty by FIRST LIEUTENANT INDRIKA with disregard for his own personal safety in the presence of intense danger reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Illinois.

SECOND LIEUTENANT ELMER J. HOFFMAN, (Army Serial Number 01996579), Infantry, 771st Tank Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 22 November 1944, in connection with military operations against the enemy. When it became apparent that a battalion of infantry in defense against the enemy would have to establish a stand near an enemy town where rations, water, and ammunition were difficult to deliver, SECOND LIEUTENANT HOFFMAN loaded tanks of his tank section with these vitally needed supplies and made his way through infantry support lines to the forward line of defense for delivery of the supplies. This mission was carried out after night under heavy enemy artillery and mortar fire. SECOND LIEUTENANT HOFFMAN, with complete disregard for his personal safety, went forward of the tanks on foot in order to protect supporting infantry troops under cover in foxholes and to select ground over which the tanks could pass without being mired in the mud. The courage and devotion to duty displayed by SECOND LIEUTENANT HOFFMAN in the accomplishment of this dangerous mission reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Indiana.

First Sergeant Thomas Matusiefsky, (Army Serial Number 32595344), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 29 November 1944, in connection with military operations against the enemy. During an attack against a strongly defended enemy town by his organization, First Sergeant Matusiefsky (then a technical sergeant) with utter disregard for personal safety left his position of cover and crawled over approximately one-hundred yards of open ground under intense enemy fire to rescue a wounded companion lying exposed on a ridge being raked by heavy enemy fire. Through enemy mortar and small arms fire, he succeeded in dragging the wounded man back to a place of comparative safety where he could be evacuated. The bravery, courage, and disregard for personal safety displayed by First Sergeant Matusiefsky in rescuing his wounded companion from intense danger reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from New Jersey.

Staff Sergeant Glen E. Miscavage, (Army Serial Number 3491994), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement on 30 November 1944 in Germany, in connection with military operations against the enemy. Staff Sergeant Miscavage displayed exemplary leadership in leading his squad into and through a town in the accomplishment of his platoon's

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objective in an attack by his organization against the enemy in a strongly defended town. His squad was the first of the company to enter the town and the first of his platoon in the accomplishment of the platoon's objective in the attack. The accomplishment of his mission in such an exemplary manner testify to his abilities as a leader and the confidence he must have had inspired in his men. The courage, leadership, and exemplary judgment displayed by Staff Sergeant Miscavage in the accomplishment of his mission under hazardous conditions reflect great credit upon himself and to the military service. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Staff Sergeant Ernest A. Jacobs, (Army Serial Number 36544276), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement on 30 November 1944 in Germany, in connection with military operations against the enemy. During an attack by his organization against the enemy in a strongly defended town, Staff Sergeant Jacobs displayed exemplary leadership and courage by personally leading a group of men from house to house with disregard for his own personal safety. Under extremely heavy enemy machine gun fire he cleared the way for his men, never allowing any other man to precede him in the dangerous areas. With outstanding leadership and skill he succeeded in guiding the men through the town in an unusually short length of time. When wounded, his disappointment at being unable to accompany his companions further in attack was great. The leadership, courage, and skill displayed by Staff Sergeant Jacobs in the presence of intense danger reflect great credit upon himself and to the military service. Entered military service from Michigan.

Staff Sergeant Churchel D. Williams, (Army Serial Number 35640741), Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, 102d Division Artillery, United States Army, for meritorious service in Germany during the period of 16 November 1944 to 13 December 1944, in connection with military operations against the enemy. Entered military service from West Virginia. *

Sergeant Carl J. Hoss, (Army Serial Number 32645174), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 29 November 1944, in connection with military operations against the enemy. Sergeant Hoss, while in command of his squad during an attack by his organization against the enemy, with utter disregard for personal safety on two occasions made his way to wounded men of his squad who were lying exposed to enemy fire on open terrain to remove them to sheltered positions and administer aid. Although wounded himself by enemy sniper fire, he succeeded in removing the most severely wounded man to a position of comparative safety. The courage, disregard for personal safety, and consideration for his wounded companions shown by Sergeant Hoss in the presence of intense danger reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from New York.

Private First Class Robert E. Williams, (Army Serial Number 13172266), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement on 29 November 1944 in Germany, in connection with military operations

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against the enemy. Performing duties as a messenger for his organization in attack against the enemy in the vicinity of a strongly defended town, Private First Class Williams subjected himself to intense danger during a large portion of the action. When all other means of communication had failed, he made his way approximately five-hundred yards under extremely heavy enemy artillery fire to establish contact with and deliver messages to elements of his organization in attack. Running through heavy concentrations of enemy artillery fire, he unhesitatingly performed his duties in a most exemplary manner. The courage, coolness, and devotion to duty displayed by Private First Class Williams in the performance of his duties under hazardous conditions reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Private First Class George C. Stevenson, (Army Serial Number 39557589), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement on 29 November 1944 in Germany, in connection with military operations against the enemy. During an attack against the enemy by his organization on a strongly defended town, it was feared a shortage of ammunition by front line companies of his battalion was imminent. Through heavy enemy artillery, mortar, and small arms fire, Private First Class Stevenson successfully delivered sufficient ammunition to insure an adequate supply for the companies. On his return trip while still under heavy enemy fire and with risk to his own life he assisted in the evacuation of three wounded men to an aid station. This act undoubtedly prevented further injury to the three wounded persons exposed to heavy enemy fire. The courage, ingenuity, and skill displayed by Private First Class Stevenson with utter disregard for personal safety in the accomplishment of an extremely dangerous mission and his consideration for the wounded reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from California.

Private First Class Robert H. Kucera, (Army Serial Number 35067738), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 30 November 1944, in connection with military operations against the enemy. Private First Class Kucera performed duties as a runner for his company commander during an attack by his company against the enemy in the vicinity of a strongly defended town where little cover was available and his company was subjected to heavy enemy artillery, mortar, and machine gun fire. In spite of extreme danger from enemy fire and seeing heavy casualties inflicted among his companions, he diligently continued the performance of his duties as a messenger. When the radio operator for his company commander became a casualty, Private First Class Kucera, regardless of the intense danger, put the radio on his back and kept it in operation. His untiring energy and persistence were instrumental in maintaining contact with the battalion command post under severe enemy fire. The courage, skill, and disregard for personal safety displayed by Private First Class Kucera reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Ohio.

Private David H. Abercrombie, Jr., (Army Serial Number 13165069),

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Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 29 November 1944, in connection with military operations against the enemy. In the vicinity of an enemy town heavy enemy artillery and mortar fire tore out communication lines between observation posts and the command post of the company of which Private Abercrombie was a member. With disregard for great danger involved, Private Abercrombie exposed himself to enemy fire in laying new lines of communication and making repairs to damaged wires where necessary. As a result of his courageous actions, his company was never without communication and was able to continue relaying valuable information to its higher headquarters. The courage, skill, and cool efficiency with utter disregard for personal safety displayed by Private Abercrombie in the accomplishment of his duties in the presence of intense danger reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Maryland.

VI. AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART MEDAL. (MISSING IN ACTION).

So much of Section IV, General Orders Number 29, this Headquarters, 1944, as pertains to the award of the PURPLE HEART MEDAL to FIRST LIEUTENANT WILLIAM M. KLUTTER, (Army Serial Number 01310258), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, as read AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART MEDAL is amended to read AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART MEDAL. (MISSING IN ACTION). (Dir
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VII. AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART MEDAL.

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, the PURPLE HEART MEDAL is awarded the following officer and enlisted men for wounds received as a result of enemy action in Germany on the date indicated:

SECOND LIEUTENANT JOHN W. HAVEN, (Army Serial Number 01152433), Field Artillery, 379th Field Artillery Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, wounded 18 December 1944. Entered military service from Illinois.

Sergeant George F. Cronin, (Army Serial Number 13130184), Corps of Engineers, 327th Engineer Combat Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, wounded 17 December 1944. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Technician Fourth Grade Victor E. Donald, (Army Serial Number 31137430), Field Artillery, 380th Field Artillery Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, wounded 16 December 1944. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

Corporal Earl F. Sutter, (Army Serial Number 36623821), Corps of Engineers, 327th Engineer Combat Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, wounded 17 December 1944. Entered military service from Illinois.

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Private Harry A. Dittmar, (Army Serial Number 32466941), Corps of Engineers, 327th Engineer Combat Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, wounded 17 December 1944. Entered military service from New Jersey.

CAPTAIN CLIFFORD A. MONFIS, (Army Serial Number 01288277), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 16 December 1944. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

Corporal William Swierenga, (Army Serial Number 37338276), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 15 December 1944. Entered military service from Colorado.

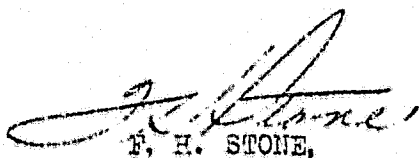
Private First Class Miles A. Zimmerman, (Army Serial Number 33244735), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 13 December 1944. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Private Richard W. Tuttle, (Army Serial Number 31200293), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 16 December 1944. Entered military service from Vermont.

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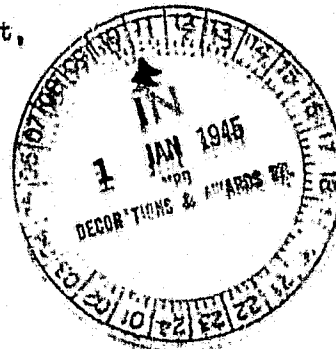


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Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, the PURPLE HEART MEDAL is awarded the following named officers and enlisted men for wounds received as a result of enemy action in Germany on the date indicated:

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Private First Class [Name], (Army Serial Number [Number]),
102d Infantry, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, wounded in action [Date].
[Additional details]

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- I. AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL. (POSTHUMOUS).
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- III. AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL.

I. AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL. (POSTHUMOUS).

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, and Memorandum Number 34, Headquarters Ninth United States Army, 8 September 1944, as amended, the BRONZE STAR MEDAL is posthumously awarded the following enlisted men:

Staff Sergeant William J. Sullivan, (Army Serial Number 31213857), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 29 November 1944 in connection with military operations against the enemy. During an attack by his organization against a strongly defended enemy town, Staff Sergeant Sullivan assumed command of his platoon of infantrymen when his platoon leader became a casualty and exercised expert judgment in hastily taking account of the situation faced by his platoon. With disregard for personal safety, he led the platoon through increasingly heavy enemy artillery fire in the accomplishment of the platoon's mission in the attack. He then organized a defensive position and prepared his platoon for an expected counterattack by the enemy. The calm efficiency, coolness and devotion to duty displayed by Staff Sergeant Sullivan in the exemplary leadership of his platoon in a difficult tactical situation reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

Private First Class John T. McCowen, (Army Serial Number 34523164), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 2 December 1944, in connection with military operations against the enemy. When his company went into an attack against the enemy in a heavily fortified enemy town, Private First Class McCowen was acting as a rifleman and messenger. When seeing several of his companions wounded by the intense enemy fire, he crawled under the heavy fire to their location to administer first aid. After doing what he could for the wounded men he continued in his mission of delivering the message he was carrying. With utter disregard for personal safety in the accomplishment of his mission and unhesitatingly rendering aid to his wounded companions in the presence of intense personal danger, Private First Class McCowen was mortally wounded. The courage, skill and devotion to duty displayed by Private First Class McCowen with unselfish regard for personal safety in the presence of intense danger reflect high credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Georgia.

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Private First Class James P. Gallimore, (Army Serial Number 34823152), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 30 November 1944, in connection with military operations against the enemy. When his platoon was engaged in an attack against heavily fortified enemy positions, Private First Class Gallimore with utter disregard for personal safety made his way forward to a position from which he could deliver effective fire against the enemy with an automatic rifle to accord relief to his platoon that was pinned down by the intense enemy artillery, machine gun, and snipe fire. This courageous action rendered relief to his platoon and while remaining in his precarious position he continued his effective fire against the enemy. Private First Class Gallimore unselfishly made the supreme sacrifice when he was mortally wounded in order that his companions might succeed in their efforts to overcome the enemy. The bravery, courage and fortitude displayed by Private First Class Gallimore with utter disregard for personal safety under hazardous conditions reflect high credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Georgia.

II. AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL. (OAK LEAF CLUSTER).

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, and Memorandum Number 34, Headquarters Ninth United States Army, 8 September 1944, as amended, the BRONZE STAR MEDAL (Oak Leaf Cluster) is awarded the following enlisted man:

Private First Class Homer V. Wagon, (Army Serial Number 34823031), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 8 December 1944, in connection with military operations against the enemy. Acting as a scout for his organization in assault against the enemy through an enemy town, Private First Class Wagon with disregard for unknown danger made his way forward through the town under heavy enemy fire in searching out the enemy hidden in buildings. In conducting this search for the enemy he always unhesitatingly preceded his companions in making entry to buildings and houses in the town. His daring courage and skill was instrumental in the capture of ten enemy prisoners. The skill, courage, and coolness displayed by Private First Class Wagon in the performance of this dangerous mission reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Georgia.

III. AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL.

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, and Memorandum Number 34, Headquarters Ninth United States Army, 8 September 1944, as amended, the BRONZE STAR MEDAL is awarded the following officers and enlisted men:

LIEUTENANT COLONEL JOSEPH E. CHAILLE, (Army Serial Number 0239434), General Staff Corps, Headquarters 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, for meritorious service in France from 23 September 1944 to 31 October 1944, in connection with military operations against the enemy. Entered military service from New York.

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LIEUTENANT COLONEL ARTHUR W ALLEN, Jr, (Army Serial Number 022034), General Staff Corps, Headquarters 102d Infantry Division, for meritorious service in France from 23 September 1944 to 31 October 1944, in connection with military operations against the enemy. Entered military service from New York.

LIEUTENANT COLONEL CLAUDE L. CRAWFORD, (Army Serial Number 020266), General Staff Corps, Headquarters 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, for meritorious service in France from 2 September 1944 to 31 October 1944, in connection with military operations against the enemy. Entered military service from New York.

LIEUTENANT COLONEL CHARLES J. PARSONS, Jr, (Army Serial Number 022153), General Staff Corps, Headquarters 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, for meritorious service in France from 23 September 1944 to 31 October 1944, in connection with military operations against the enemy. Entered military service from New York.

LIEUTENANT COLONEL STEVE LICHENE, (Army Serial Number 0384161), Infantry, Headquarters Special Troops, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in France, Holland, and Germany from 23 September 1944 to 19 December 1944, in connection with military operations against the enemy. Entered military service from Illinois.

SECOND LIEUTENANT RUSSELL G. JONES, (Army Serial Number 0513534), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany. Risking his own life, SECOND LIEUTENANT JONES made his way through an intense enemy artillery barrage to a wounded man. Realizing that the man was unable to move, he picked him up and carried him through the increasingly heavy enemy artillery barrage to an aid station where the man was treated. His unselfish act and courage in the presence of great danger in doing everything in his power to get the wounded man to an aid station resulted in getting the man's wounds treated quickly. The courage, skill, and cool judgment shown by SECOND LIEUTENANT JONES in the presence of intense danger reflect great credit upon himself and to the military service. Entered military service from Iowa.

Master Sergeant Michael L. Carroll, (Army Serial Number 6902357), Infantry, Headquarters 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, for meritorious service in Germany during the period 3 November 1944 to 13 December 1944, in connection with military operations against the enemy. Entered military service from Illinois.

Technical Sergeant Henry W. Burdette, (Army Serial Number 14126157), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 30 November 1944, in connection with military operations against the enemy. During an attack by his organization against the enemy in a strongly defended enemy town, Technical Sergeant Burdette with disregard for personal safety left his comparative safety to reach two wounded companions for administering aid to them and placing them in safer positions

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out of line of direct fire from the enemy. Technical Sergeant Burdette remained with the wounded men under intense enemy fire until such time as aid men were able to remove them. When the wounded men were evacuated he took command of two squads of riflemen and led them in further action against the enemy until his organization took up new positions. The courage and devotion to duty displayed by Technical Sergeant Burdette in the presence of intense danger reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from South Carolina.

Staff Sergeant Chester P. Korpusinski, (Army Serial Number 32450248), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 30 November 1944, in connection with military operations against the enemy. During a counter-attack by the enemy against the defensive position of a company on high ground of which he was in command of a mortar section. Staff Sergeant Korpusinski left the security of his position and exposed himself to enemy fire in order to observe the enemy tanks carrying enemy troops and effectively direct mortar fire against them by use of hand signals. When dazed because of a wound received while in this precarious position, he continued to direct effective fire and completely disorganized the enemy infantrymen. His courageous action materially aided in the repulsing of the enemy counter-attack. The courage, skill, and disregard for personal safety displayed by Staff Sergeant Korpusinski in this heroic act reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from New Jersey.

Staff Sergeant Earl W. Wanlin, (Army Serial Number 33553633), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 29 November 1944, in connection with military operations against the enemy. Amid bursting enemy artillery and mortar fire, Staff Sergeant Wanlin worked incessantly in the presence of intense danger in repairing and laying wire for communication purposes. On one occasion a mortar shell landed so near him that the concussion knocked him into a foxhole and with a sense of humor he bobbed up again as an act of inspiration to his companions and to show them that he was still all right. His courageous action was instrumental in maintaining his company's communications throughout a most difficult attack situation. The courage, devotion to duty and outstanding sense of humor displayed by Staff Sergeant Wanlin in the presence of intense personal danger reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Staff Sergeant Bernard F. Miller, (Army Serial Number 35345734), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 2 December 1944, in connection with military operations against the enemy. During an attack by his organization against the enemy in an enemy town, Staff Sergeant Miller observed an enemy tank that was immobile but was still manned and in a position where it was capable of inflicting casualties in his company. Under extremely heavy enemy automatic small arms fire and with utter disregard for personal safety, he maneuvered to a position and single-handedly throw a fragmentation grenade at the tank scoring a direct hit on the turret which killed the enemy crew and set the tank on fire. The courage, skill and coolness under fire with which Staff Sergeant

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Billor performed this heroic act reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Ohio.

Staff Sergeant James B. Allison, (Army Serial Number 6274110), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany in connection with military operations against the enemy. During the period of time from 24 November 1944 to 30 November 1944 when his company was occupying positions taken in a heavily fortified enemy town, Staff Sergeant Allison performed his duties as Staff Sergeant in an exemplary manner and with utter disregard for personal safety. He made several trips daily to the various positions of his company scattered throughout the town for the purpose of delivering vitally needed supplies to his battle weary companions. The fact that as many as three-thousand enemy artillery and mortar bursts were counted in one day's action in the vicinity of the town in which the company was located exemplifies the extreme danger under which Staff Sergeant Allison performed his duties. The courage, skill, and coolness displayed by Staff Sergeant Allison in the presence of intense personal danger, reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Oklahoma.

Staff Sergeant Anthony L. Patragnoni, (Army Serial Number 32452393), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 30 November 1944, in connection with military operations against the enemy. During an attack by his organization against the enemy in the vicinity of an enemy town, Staff Sergeant Patragnoni displayed outstanding courage and exemplified devotion to duty in an effort to reorganize his men at the base of a hill for an assault against the enemy. In leading an assault of his unit against the enemy on the crest of the hill, Staff Sergeant Patragnoni was wounded by a shell fragment before he had sufficient time to dig a shelter trench at the crest of the hill. The courage, devotion to duty, and complete disregard for personal safety with determination in the accomplishment of an assigned mission by Staff Sergeant Patragnoni reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from New Jersey.

Sergeant Jack Edelman, (Army Serial Number 33469528), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 30 November 1944, in connection with military operations against the enemy. During action against the enemy by his organization in the vicinity of an enemy town, Sergeant Edelman made frequent trips between his company command post and the mortar section of his company, a distance of about one mile for the purpose of checking and repairing the communication line that was being broken by enemy artillery fire. On one occasion an exploding artillery shell landed so close to him as to injure him but he continued to complete his mission before allowing himself to be evacuated. The coolness, courage, and skill which Sergeant Edelman displayed in the performance of his duties in the presence of intense personal danger reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

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Sergeant Jack B. Tillman, (Army Serial Number 34223037), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 30 November 1944, in connection with military operations against the enemy. Through intense enemy artillery, mortar, and machine gun fire, Sergeant Tillman advanced to reach two wounded men to administer aid to and remove them from further exposed danger to safety. Sergeant Tillman with the assistance of another companion succeeded in removing the two wounded soldiers to the safety of a foxhole until such time as aid men could be summoned to further evacuate them. Under cover of darkness and still under heavy enemy fire, he left his position to report the casualties and later returned to his foxhole in the midst of heavy enemy artillery bursting all around him. The courage, devotion to duty, and disregard for personal safety displayed by Sergeant Tillman in the presence of intense danger reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Georgia.

Technician Fifth Grade Arthur J. Greenfield, (Army Serial Number 121,3667), Medical Department, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 30 November 1944, in connection with military operations against the enemy. During an attack by his organization against the enemy in a strongly defended town, Technician Fifth Grade Greenfield, regardless of enemy fire which placed his life in jeopardy, raced approximately three-hundred yards across open terrain to care for two wounded men. In the presence of enemy small arms fire, Technician Fifth Grade Greenfield remained with the wounded men to administer first aid. The courage, devotion to duty and disregard for personal safety displayed by Technician Fifth Grade Greenfield in the performance of an extremely dangerous feat in the face of heavy enemy fire reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from New York.

Private First Class Alvin J. Montz, (Army Serial Number 35373248), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 1 December 1944, in connection with military operations against the enemy. Private First Class Montz while serving as a wireman for his organization in attack against the enemy with great personal risk to himself proceeded to lay wire from his battalion headquarters to a point directly behind the forward attacking troops. When a companion was seriously wounded he further risked his life in making his way to the stricken man to remove him from direct line of fire from the enemy to a safe position where he administered first aid. Later in the attack, Private First Class Montz was wounded but declined to be evacuated until ordered to do so by a superior. The courage, skill and disregard for personal safety displayed by Private First Class Montz in the presence of intense danger reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Louisiana.

Private First Class Carl B. Gentry, (Army Serial Number 37056996), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 2 December 1944, in connection with military operations against

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the enemy. During an attack by his organization against the enemy in a strongly defended enemy town, Private First Class Gentry although wounded in the initial stages of the attack continued directing effective fire against the enemy with his weapon. When his weapon was disabled by enemy fire he secured another and continued to fight. With failing strength in the assault against the enemy he made his way to the location of a wounded companion to administer aid and assist him to safety within the town. He then resumed his part in the assault and continued to fight until his strength failed him. The bravery, courage, and devotion to duty displayed by Private First Class Gentry with utter disregard for personal safety and his own condition reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Missouri.

Private First Class Ferdinand D. Schad, (Army Serial Number 32723177), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 29 November 1944 in connection with military operations against the enemy. During action against the enemy by his organization in the vicinity of a heavily fortified enemy town, Private First Class Schad with utter disregard for personal safety made his way over approximately seven hundred yards of open ground under enemy observation and heavy enemy fire to reach a sergeant of his platoon and carry him back to the vicinity of his company where he could be administered aid. Upon returning he was informed that communication with another section of his company had been broken by artillery fire. Under heavy enemy fire he again made his way forward to another position of his company for the purpose of delivering a reel of wire for use in reestablishing communication. He further exposed himself to intense enemy artillery and mortar fire for a period of twelve hours in maintaining observation upon the enemy from an observation post. The skill, courage, and devotion to duty displayed by Private First Class Schad with intense personal risk to his own safety reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from New York.

Private First Class Stanley E. Golembiewski, (Army Serial Number 33-14394), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 30 October 1944, in connection with military operations against the enemy. When his organization moved into a defensive sector in the vicinity of an enemy town, Private First Class Golembiewski installed a communications system in a most prompt and efficient manner even though it was necessary for him to risk his life at times in the presence of great personal danger. After installing the communication at great personal risk to his own safety, he kept the system in repair and replaced wire where necessary while under enemy artillery and mortar fire. His courageous action in maintaining the communication system through intermittent enemy fire materially aided the success of his organization in its defensive mission. The courage, skill, and calm efficiency displayed by Private First Class Golembiewski reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Private First Class Homer V. Wagon, (Army Serial Number 34-23031), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in

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Germany on 30 November 1944, in connection with military operations against the enemy. Under heavy enemy artillery and mortar fire, Private First Class Waggon crawled to the position of two wounded men where he administered aid and dragged them to a place of comparative safety to await cover of darkness so they could be evacuated to an aid station. After this action he ran to his squad leader to report the casualties and upon returning to his position in attack was knocked down without injury by three rounds of mortar fire that landed very near him. The courage, devotion to duty, and calm judgment displayed by Private First Class Waggon in caring for and reporting his wounded companions at great personal risk reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Georgia.

Private First Class Harold K. Kunkel, (Army Serial Number 33459642), Infantry, 40th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 30 November 1944, in connection with military operations against the enemy. During an attack by his organization against the enemy in a strongly defended town, Private First Class Kunkel was given an extremely dangerous mission of delivering an important message to a forward battalion command post. Knowing full well he would have to pass through an area under observation by the enemy and subject himself to heavy enemy fire, he unhesitatingly carried the message over fifteen hundred yards of dangerous territory. Fatigued as he was and with further disregard for personal safety he successfully returned by the same route to report that the message had been safely delivered. The courage, devotion to duty, and disregard for personal safety shown by Private First Class Kunkel in the accomplishment of this vital and dangerous mission reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Private First Class Harold L. Montgomery, (Army Serial Number 35287043), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement on 2 December 1944 in Germany, in connection with military operations against the enemy. Private First Class Montgomery with disregard for personal safety at all times exercised great efficiency in helping construct a pass over a creek and clearing a path through enemy mine fields. The area in which he worked was heavily mined and constituted an obstacle for the advance of his unit in attack against the enemy. His willingness and ability to cooperate in this dangerous mission was unflinching at all times. As a result of his efforts a safe passage was cleared for tanks, trucks, and troops which materially aided the success of the attack by his organization. His coolness under the strain of the situation was an inspiration to those working with him. The calm efficiency, coolness, and skill with disregard for personal safety displayed by Private First Class Montgomery reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Texas.

Private First Class Sanford Bonis, (Army Serial Number 35059238), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 2 December 1944, in connection with military operations against the enemy. During the construction of a crossway over a creek near a strongly

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defended enemy town, Private First Class Bonis led his squad through heavy enemy artillery and mortar fire in the accomplishment of their task of clearing a path through an area of heavily mined surroundings. This action made safe the advance of tanks, trucks, and personnel to the vicinity of the enemy town and materially assisted in the success of his organization in a following attack against the enemy. The coolness, courage, and skill displayed by Private First Class Bonis with complete disregard for his own personal safety reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Ohio.

Private First Class Henry H. Williams, Jr, (Army Serial Number 31348286), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 2 December 1944, in connection with military operations against the enemy. During an attack of his organization against the enemy, Private First Class Williams, realizing the consequences of the problem before his battalion commander when his accompanying radio operator was wounded, volunteered to carry the radio in the presence of extremely heavy enemy fire and with complete disregard for personal safety continued to stay with his battalion commander throughout the remainder of the attack. The courage, resourcefulness, disregard for personal safety, and judgment displayed by Private First Class Williams in volunteering for an extremely dangerous mission reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

Private First Class John P. Walencewicz, (Army Serial Number 33491997), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement on 29 November 1944 in Germany, in connection with military operations against the enemy. At the time when ammunition was badly needed during an attack by his organization against the enemy, Private First Class Walencewicz guided ammunition bearers to infantry companies in attack with great risk to his own life while under heavy enemy artillery, mortar, and small arms fire. His willingness and ability in this action prevented the occurrence of a shortage of ammunition vitally needed for the continuance of the attack. After this action was completed, he further exposed himself to intense danger to assist in the evacuation of three wounded men from the battlefield to aid stations. The courage, willingness to serve, and skill shown by Private First Class Walencewicz in the presence of intense danger reflect great credit upon himself and to the military service. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Private William A. Wallace, (Army Serial Number 11066530), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 2 December 1944, in connection with military operations against the enemy. With utter disregard for personal safety during an attack by his organization against the enemy, Private Wallace intentionally exposed himself to sniper fire in order that other troops could determine the sniper's position and engage him. His daring act was determined only as a means of disposing of the sniper and his determination in so doing was so great that he went to extreme length of exposing himself to accomplish his desired mission. Later in the same engagement, Private Wallace made his way through enemy sniper

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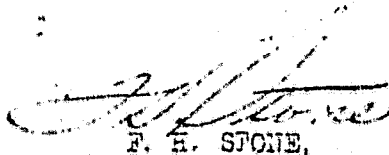
fire to his wounded section leader where he administered aid. After establishing contact with the rest of the section he returned and personally directed an aid man back to his wounded section leader. The courage, skill, and devotion to duty displayed by Private Wallace reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Connecticut.

Private Phillip J. Berger, (Army Serial Number 3529299), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 2 December 1944 in connection with military operations against the enemy. During an attack by his organization against the enemy in an enemy town, a platoon of which Private Berger was a member was ordered to move to a more suitable location. The new position contained buildings that were still occupied by enemy riflemen and snipers. Private Berger fully realizing the dangers involved, voluntarily made his way to a house with disregard for personal safety to eliminate an enemy sniper from his advantageous position in the house. On reaching the house he tossed in a grenade and succeeded in going into the house and captured the enemy single handed. His platoon then moved up to relieve him and occupy the position. The courage, skill, and fortitude displayed by Private Berger in the accomplishment of this voluntary act reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Ohio.

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I. AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR MEDAL. (POSTHUMOUS).

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, and Memorandum Number 34, Headquarters Ninth United States Army, 8 September 1944, the SILVER STAR MEDAL is posthumously awarded the following enlisted men:

Private First Class Robert F. Marcus, (Army Serial Number 33577594), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany on 29 November 1944, in connection with military operations against the enemy. Private First Class Marcus volunteered for the hazardous mission of delivering a message to a platoon of his company at a time when his company was in process of securing and establishing defenses in the vicinity of a heavily fortified enemy town. All other attempts to warn the platoon that their position was such that they would not be able to withdraw were unavailing. Private First Class Marcus lost his life in this voluntary act of attempting to cross an area that was under heavy enemy machine gun, artillery and mortar fire. The courage, devotion to duty, and complete disregard for personal safety displayed by Private First Class Marcus in this voluntary heroic act reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Private First Class Thomas R. Irwin, (Army Serial Number 35144575), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany on 30 November 1944. During action against the enemy by his organization in the vicinity of an enemy town, Private First Class Irwin with disregard for intense enemy artillery and mortar fire bursting about him went to the aid of a wounded companion trying to reach safety in a nearby foxhole. With ingenuity he fashioned a stretcher and with the assistance of another man carried the wounded man a distance of approximately one-thousand yards through intense danger to an aid station where he could receive further treatment and be evacuated. The gallantry, courage, and disregard for personal safety displayed by Private First Class Irwin in his action in removing a wounded companion from the dangers of the battlefield while under withering enemy fire reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Indiana.

Private Henry H. Elliott, Jr, (Army Serial Number 14138174), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy on 2 December 1944 in Germany. During an attack by his organization against the enemy in a heavily fortified enemy town, Private First Class

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Elliott, serving his battalion commander as a radio operator, risked his life in the face of enemy small arms, artillery and mortar fire in order to stay with his battalion commander who was personally leading the attack. Unhesitatingly, he continued to remain at his commander's side even in the presence of enemy fire which had pinned down one entire company. Private First Class Elliott's heroic action in the performance of his duty enabled the battalion commander to maintain contact at all times with his headquarters and companies of the battalion. The gallantry, courage, skill, and unselfish devotion to duty displayed by Private First Class Elliott in the performance of this gallant act in which he sacrificed his life reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Georgia.

II. AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR MEDAL.

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-4, as amended, and Memorandum Number 34, Headquarters Fifth United States Army, 7 September 1944, as amended, the SILVER STAR MEDAL is awarded the following officers and enlisted men:

LIEUTENANT COLONEL GEORGE C. PARK, (Army Serial Number 0423163), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany on 1 December 1944. When placed in command of a battalion of infantry, LIEUTENANT COLONEL PARK proceeded to plan his strategy for a forthcoming attack against the enemy in a strongly defended town. The attack was perfectly timed and the assault was extremely successful. After leading his battalion in the capture of the enemy town, LIEUTENANT COLONEL PARK organized a group of men for attack against another enemy town and led them across one-thousand yards of open ground under enemy observation and intense enemy fire where he immediately organized a forward command post and aid station and continued successful operations in the capture of the second town. The gallantry, leadership, and courage displayed by LIEUTENANT COLONEL PARK with the skill and tactical judgement with which he led his troops in a successful operation against the enemy reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from New York.

SECOND LIEUTENANT VACOR J. GAULT, (Army Serial Number 01996625), (then Technical Sergeant) Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany on 2 December 1944. During an attack against the enemy in a strongly defended enemy town when the two remaining commissioned officers of his company became casualties, SECOND LIEUTENANT GAULT with utter disregard for personal safety assumed command and under intense enemy fire led the company in continuation of the attack against the enemy. SECOND LIEUTENANT GAULT displayed exemplary judgment, leadership and lightning speed in making decisions to cope with the rising situations in completing the company's mission in the attack in record time. The gallantry, leadership and exemplary judgment displayed by SECOND LIEUTENANT GAULT in successfully leading his company in assault against the

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now reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Oklahoma.

Sergeant James R. Harris, (Army Serial Number 35650429), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany on 30 November 1944. During an attack by his organization against the enemy and when the platoon of which he was a member was pinned to the ground by intense fire being delivered from three enemy machine guns, Sergeant Harris with utter disregard for personal safety risked his life in crawling to the crest of a hill from which he was able to deliver effective fire against the enemy machine guns. Successfully knocking out one of the enemy machine guns, his platoon was able to maneuver and succeeded in accounting for another one of the offending machine guns. The skill and courageous action displayed by Sergeant Harris was in great measure responsible for the success of his organization in the attack. The gallantry, bravery, and skill shown by Sergeant Harris in the accomplishment of this extremely dangerous mission reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from West Virginia.

Sergeant Harry E. Kimble, (Army Serial Number 32617973), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany on 2 December 1944. During an attack by his organization against the enemy, Sergeant Kimble volunteered to act as a radio operator when a companion of his organization became a casualty. He performed this hazardous duty in the presence of heavy enemy fire and with complete disregard for personal safety. After being wounded he continued to transmit messages and repeat messages regardless of great pain he encountered in so doing. He avoided cover in a nearby foxhole that was occupied by other men of his unit to keep from exposing them to the enemy by use of his radio. After lying wounded several hours before the situation would permit his evacuation, Sergeant Kimble requested to decline evacuation in favor of persons more seriously wounded than himself. The gallantry, courage, and devotion to duty displayed by Sergeant Kimble in the presence of intense personal danger reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from New York.

Private First Class Michael Strizak, (Army Serial Number 31250375), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany on 2 December 1944. During an attack by his organization against the enemy in the vicinity of a strongly defended enemy town, Private First Class Strizak, with utter disregard for personal safety when discovering the disheartening fact that his rifle would not fire while crossing a field covered by grazing enemy machine gun fire, rushed toward an enemy position brandishing his defective weapon and succeeded in running three Germans from their position. With lightning decision he seized an enemy weapon and successfully accounted for the three fleeing Germans. Disregarding his unfamiliarity with an unknown weapon, he continued in the assault against the enemy into the town and succeeded in accounting for several more of the enemy with the same weapon. His skill in the use of an unknown weapon

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with which he was totally unfamiliar was above and beyond the call of his expected duties. The gallantry, courage, and fortitude displayed by Private First Class Strizak in this heroic act reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Connecticut.

Private First Class Francis C. Prestly, (Army Serial Number 31244714), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany on 2 December 1944. During an attack of his organization against the enemy in a strongly fortified enemy town, Private First Class Prestly advanced alone through the town under heavy enemy fire in fighting his way to the second floor of a house from which intense enemy machine gun fire was being directed against his company holding up its advance. He courageously silenced the machine gun emplacement by use of a carbine which was the only weapon in his possession at the time of his heroic act. The courage, skill, and fortitude displayed by Private First Class Prestly in the accomplishment of this heroic feat while subjected to intense personal danger reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Rhode Island.

III. AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL. (POSTHUMOUS).

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, and Memorandum Number 34, Headquarters Fifth United States Army, 8 September 1944, as amended, the BRONZE STAR MEDAL is posthumously awarded the following officer and enlisted man:

FIRST LIEUTENANT ARCHIBALD M. WHITE, (Army Serial Number 0391632), Field Artillery, 379th Field Artillery Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 22 November 1944, in connection with military operations against the enemy. Acting as a forward observer for supporting field artillery to a battalion of infantry in attack against the enemy, FIRST LIEUTENANT WHITE continuously strove to obtain observation and effective adjustment of supporting artillery fire. When unable to obtain good observation and knowing full well that his position was vulnerable to enemy mortar and small arms fire, he continued to remain and conduct effective fire against the enemy from his dangerous position until fatally wounded. The outstanding bravery, courage, and devotion to duty shown by FIRST LIEUTENANT WHITE in the performance of this heroic act reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Alabama.

Private First Class Thanual B. Manus, (Army Serial Number 34520138), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 29 November 1944, in connection with military operations against the enemy. Serving as a messenger for his company commander during an attack by his company against the enemy in a heavily fortified enemy town, Private First Class Manus unhesitatingly performed his duties while exposed to intense enemy fire and at great risk to his personal safety. When his company commander and last remaining officer became casualties, he was ordered to take command of the company to prevent its disorganization. Without

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hesitation Private First Class Manus left his position of cover in order to obtain better observation and direct fire of the company, at which time he was mortally wounded. The courage, skill and calm judgment with which Private First Class Manus performed his duties in the presence of intense danger reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Tennessee.

IV. AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL.

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, and Memorandum Number 34, Headquarters Ninth United States Army, 8 September 1944, as amended, the BRONZE STAR MEDAL is awarded the following officers and enlisted men:

MAJOR HARRY T. PAULKNER, (Army Serial Number 0395556), Field Artillery, 927th Field Artillery Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany in connection with military operations against the enemy. From 7 November 1944 to 15 December 1944, MAJOR PAULKNER commanded a field artillery battalion with which was grouped another battalion. Through his untiring efforts, disregard for personal safety, and long hours with little rest, he successfully coordinated the delivery of effective fire support to infantry in action against the enemy. He frequently visited forward observation posts to observe the effect of the artillery fire and gain a first-hand knowledge of the battlefield in order to better coordinate and employ the fire of his group in support of the infantry. The outstanding leadership, organizing abilities, foresight, and judgment displayed by MAJOR PAULKNER with disregard for his own personal welfare reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Georgia.

FIRST LIEUTENANT ROBERT L. LAMB, (Army Serial Number 01030392), Cavalry, 102d Reconnaissance Troop Mechanized, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on the night of 5 December 1944, in connection with military operations against the enemy. Accompanying a combat patrol deep into the enemy lines, FIRST LIEUTENANT LAMB assumed immediate command of the patrol when it encountered point-blank fire from the enemy and the officer in command had to be evacuated because of wounds received as a result of the action. His attempt to continue on the mission was met by direct enemy automatic weapons fire. Receiving orders from his commanding officer to withdraw across a stream from where they departed, he successfully accomplished the withdrawal of the patrol across the river under enemy fire without further casualties. The leadership, courage, and skill of FIRST LIEUTENANT LAMB displayed in the presence of intense personal danger reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Texas.

FIRST LIEUTENANT EDWIN Y. SIMMONS, (Army Serial Number 01323492), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 1 December 1944, in connection with military operations against the

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enemy. When his company commander became a casualty and was evacuated, FIRST LIEUTENANT SIMMONS assumed command of and successfully moved his company to an assembly area in preparation for an attack against the enemy in a heavily fortified town. With exceptional courage and leadership, FIRST LIEUTENANT SIMMONS led his company through an intense barrage of enemy artillery and organized it for an attack against the enemy in sufficient time to be the first unit to cross the line of departure for the engagement. He showed aggressiveness and leadership in carrying out an important operation that normally would have required prior reconnaissance of a route over which he led his unit. The courage, leadership, and aggressiveness displayed by FIRST LIEUTENANT SIMMONS reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Georgia.

Staff Sergeant Peter Yarashes, (Army Serial Number 32594666), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 2 December 1944, in connection with military operations against the enemy. Staff Sergeant Yarashes made a reconnaissance for a battalion observation post on a hill that was being swept by enemy machine gun and mortar fire. Crawling under this intense fire he succeeded in locating a point for observation. Upon seeing mortars being fired by friendly troops and falling short which was holding up the advance of infantry troops in an attack by his organization against the enemy, Staff Sergeant Yarashes withdrew from the observation point back to his battalion command post under extremely heavy enemy fire to notify his battalion of the situation forward and prevent the battalion from suffering undue casualties. The courage, skill, and keen judgment with complete disregard for personal safety displayed by Staff Sergeant Yarashes in the accomplishment of his mission reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from New Jersey.

Staff Sergeant Howard Buckley, (Army Serial Number 35301265), Field Artillery, 252d Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 28 November 1944, in connection with military operations against the enemy. Staff Sergeant Buckley performing duty as chief of gun sections with his battery, when noticing a blaze in a nearby ammunition truck, immediately proceeded to extinguish the blaze with disregard for personal safety in the presence of intense imminent danger. With the assistance of another man, he rushed to the scene and successfully extinguished the fire by removing the burning ammunition from the vehicle. This heroic act resulted in the saving of approximately fifty rounds of large caliber artillery ammunition and other equipment. The courage and devotion to duty displayed by Staff Sergeant Buckley in the performance of this heroic act reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Oregon.

Sergeant Harry L. McCombs, (Army Serial Number 20927152), Field Artillery, 252d Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 28 November 1944, in connection with military operations against the enemy. Upon hearing a companion calling for assistance to help extinguish a fire in an ammunition pit, Sergeant McCombs, ammunition sergeant for his battery, took immediate charge of a group of men and

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successfully directed them in extinguishing the fire caused by a shell fragment that had pierced an ammunition box and powder case and ignited the powder. There were seventy rounds of large caliber projectiles in the pit. By virtue of this heroic effort by Sergeant McCombs working in conjunction with seven other members of his battery all but two rounds of ammunition in the pit were saved and casualties that would have resulted from the exploding ammunition in the pit were prevented. The courage and devotion to duty displayed by Sergeant McCombs in this heroic act reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Idaho.

Sergeant Earl A. Johnson, (Army Serial Number 56194721), Field Artillery, 252d Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 28 November 1944, in connection with military operations against the enemy. When hearing a companion calling for assistance, Sergeant Johnson voluntarily proceeded to assist a group of men in extinguishing a fire in an ammunition pit that was caused by an enemy shell fragment piercing an ammunition box and powder case and igniting the powder. There were seventy rounds of large caliber projectiles in the pit. By virtue of this heroic effort by Sergeant Johnson working in conjunction with seven other members of his battery, all but two rounds of ammunition in the pit were saved and casualties that would have resulted from the exploding ammunition in the pit were prevented. The courage and devotion to duty displayed by Sergeant Johnson in this heroic act with disregard for subjecting himself to intense personal danger reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Michigan.

Sergeant Isaac Briley, (Army Serial Number 39229539), Field Artillery, 252d Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 28 November 1944, in connection with military operations against the enemy. When hearing a companion calling for assistance, Sergeant Briley voluntarily proceeded to assist a group of men in extinguishing a fire in an ammunition pit that was caused by an enemy shell fragment piercing an ammunition box and powder case and igniting the powder. There were seventy rounds of large caliber projectiles in the pit. By virtue of this heroic effort by Sergeant Briley working in conjunction with seven other members of his battery, all but two rounds of ammunition in the pit were saved and casualties that would have resulted from the exploding ammunition in the pit were prevented. The courage and devotion to duty displayed by Sergeant Briley in this heroic act with disregard for subjecting himself to intense personal danger reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from California.

Sergeant Max E. Mcadoo, (Army Serial Number 37239480), Field Artillery, 927th Field Artillery Battalion 103d Infantry Division, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany in connection with military operations against the enemy. Serving as a member of a forward observation party for his Field Artillery Battalion in support of Infantry in action against the enemy from 27 November 1944 to 3 December 1944, Sergeant Mcadoo exposed himself to intense personal danger under heavy enemy fire in his efforts of

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laying wire for communications and repairing and restoring broken lines. On one occasion, he personally delivered information to his battalion when all lines were broken. Suffering from exhaustion and fatigue, he again exposed himself to great danger by carrying a radio forward to the observation post through the intense enemy fire. The courage, fortitude, and devotion to duty displayed by Sergeant Meadon under hazardous conditions reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Kansas.

Technician Fourth Grade Richard H. Graham, (Army Serial Number 33218875), Field Artillery, 381st Field Artillery Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, for meritorious service in Germany from 4 November 1944 to 15 December 1944, in connection with military operations against the enemy. Entered military service from Virginia.

Private First Class Paul Z. Beck, (Army Serial Number 18107338), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany, in connection with military operations against the enemy. In action against the enemy by his organization during the period 28 November 1944 to 30 November 1944 in the vicinity of a heavily fortified enemy town and when assault elements were stopped by intense enemy fire, Private First Class Beck with utter disregard for personal safety left his sheltered position to restore a communication line between his company command post and mortar section command post that had been broken by enemy artillery blast. He successfully laid, repaired, and maintained communication wires under heavy enemy fire that contributed greatly to the continuation and success of his organization in the assault. The courage, devotion to duty, and exemplary conduct displayed by Private First Class Beck in the accomplishment of this dangerous mission reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Oklahoma.

Private First Class Clarence A. Hurst, (Army Serial Number 39926168), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 23 November 1944, in connection with military operations against the enemy. When assault troops of his organization in attack against the enemy were stopped by intense enemy small arms and machine gun fire, Private First Class Hurst, noting a severely wounded companion was exposed to the intense enemy fire, with the assistance of another soldier voluntarily left his sheltered position and exposed himself to great personal danger in crawling forward over seventy-five yards of open field to reach the wounded man. Finding himself unable to evacuate his wounded companion or for medical aid men to reach him because of his exposed position, Private First Class Hurst assisted in digging a shelter trench to place the wounded man in until he could be evacuated under cover of darkness. The courage, fortitude, and devotion to duty displayed by Private First Class Hurst in this heroic act reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Idaho.

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Private First Class Sidney Schlain, (Army Serial Number 11102936), Infantry, 40th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 29 November 1944, in connection with military operations against the enemy. During action against the enemy by his organization in a heavily fortified enemy town, Private First Class Schlain, noting a wounded companion who had crawled forward to obtain better observation and was lying on an exposed ridge raked by enemy fire, with utter disregard for personal safety crawled over one-hundred yards of open terrain to reach the wounded man. Though enemy mortar and small arms fire was falling all about him, he succeeded with the assistance of another man in dragging the wounded man back to a defiladed position from which he could be administered aid and evacuated. The courage, bravery, and devotion to duty displayed by Private First Class Schlain in the performance of this heroic act reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Connecticut.

Private First Class Alphonse J. Juneau, (Army Serial Number 37324635), Corps of Engineers, 327th Engineer Combat Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 10 December 1944, in connection with military operations against the enemy. When an assault boat capsized while carrying a patrol of Engineers across a river under cover of darkness for an operation against the enemy, Private First Class Juneau with a minimum of delay secured a rope and ran three hundred yards down the bank of the river to rescue the men. With disregard for personal safety, he exposed himself to the light of enemy flares and sporadic enemy machine gun fire while successfully throwing the rope to the helpless men clinging to debris and pulling them one by one from the dangerously frigid and swift stream. The courage, thoughtfulness, and calm judgment displayed by Private First Class Juneau with disregard for his own personal safety in the performance of this heroic act reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Minnesota.

Private Earl J. Gates, (Army Serial Number 36291869), Field Artillery, 252d Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 28 November 1944, in connection with military operations against the enemy. Private Gates assisted in extinguishing a fire in a nearby ammunition truck with disregard for personal safety in the presence of intense imminent danger. With the assistance of his section leader he rushed to the scene and successfully extinguished the fire by removing the burning ammunition from the vehicle. This heroic act resulted in the saving of approximately fifty rounds of large caliber ammunition and other equipment. The courage and devotion to duty displayed by Private First Class Gates in the performance of this heroic act reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

Private George Kambros, (Army Serial Number 3663080), Field Artillery, 252d Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 28 November 1944, in connection with military operations against the enemy. When hearing a companion calling for assistance, Private Kambros voluntarily proceeded to assist a group of men in extinguishing a

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fire in an ammunition pit that was caused by an enemy shell fragment piercing an ammunition box and powder case and igniting the powder. There were seventy rounds of large caliber projectiles in the pit. By virtue of this heroic effort by Private Kamberos working in conjunction with seven other members of his battery, all but two rounds of ammunition in the pit were saved and casualties that would have resulted from the exploding ammunition in the pit were prevented. The courage and devotion to duty displayed by Private Kamberos in this heroic act with disregard for subjecting himself to intense personal danger reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Illinois.

Private Dante A. Siciliano, (Army Serial Number 36630601), Field Artillery, 252d Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 28 November 1944, in connection with military operations against the enemy. When hearing a companion calling for assistance Private Siciliano voluntarily proceeded to assist a group of men in extinguishing a fire in an ammunition pit that was caused by an enemy shell fragment piercing an ammunition box and powder case and igniting the powder. There were seventy rounds of large caliber projectiles in the pit. By virtue of this heroic effort by Private Siciliano working in conjunction with seven other members of his battery, all but two rounds of ammunition in the pit were saved and casualties that would have resulted from the exploding ammunition in the pit were prevented. The courage and devotion to duty displayed by Private Siciliano in this heroic act with disregard for subjecting himself to intense personal danger reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Illinois.

Private LaVerne B. Feltes, (Army Serial Number 36628370), Field Artillery, 252d Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 28 November 1944, in connection with military operations against the enemy. When hearing a companion calling for assistance, Private Feltes voluntarily proceeded to assist a group of men in extinguishing a fire in an ammunition pit that was caused by an enemy shell fragment piercing an ammunition box and powder case and igniting the powder. There were seventy rounds of large caliber projectiles in the pit. By virtue of this heroic act by Private Feltes working in conjunction with seven other members of his battery, all but two rounds of ammunition in the pit were saved and casualties that would have resulted from the exploding ammunition in the pit were prevented. The courage and devotion to duty displayed by Private Feltes in this heroic act with disregard for subjecting himself to intense personal danger reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Illinois.

Private James M. Taylor, (Army Serial Number 36631070), Field Artillery, 252d Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 28 November 1944, in connection with military operations against the enemy. When hearing a companion calling for assistance, Private Taylor voluntarily proceeded to assist a group of men in extinguishing a fire in an ammunition pit that was caused by an enemy shell fragment

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piercing an ammunition box and powder case and igniting the powder. There were seventy rounds of large caliber projectiles in the pit. By virtue of this heroic effort by Private Taylor working in conjunction with seven other members of his battery, all but two rounds of ammunition in the pit were saved and casualties that would have resulted from the exploding ammunition in the pit were prevented. The courage and devotion to duty displayed by Private Taylor in this heroic act with disregard for subjecting himself to intense personal danger reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Illinois.

Private Herbert A. Hulse, (Army Serial Number 36291501), Field Artillery, 892d Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 28 November 1944, in connection with military operations against the enemy. When hearing a companion calling for assistance, Private Hulse voluntarily proceeded to assist a group of men in extinguishing a fire in an ammunition pit that was caused by an enemy shell fragment piercing an ammunition box and powder case and igniting the powder. There were seventy rounds of large caliber projectiles in the pit. By virtue of this heroic effort by Private Hulse working in conjunction with seven other members of his battery, all but two rounds of ammunition in the pit were saved and casualties that would have resulted from the exploding ammunition in the pit were prevented. The courage and devotion to duty displayed by Private Hulse in this heroic act with disregard for subjecting himself to intense personal danger reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

Private Kenneth M. Crow, (Army Serial Number 37724097), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 23 November 1944 in connection with military operations against the enemy. When assault troops of his organization in attack against the enemy were stopped by intense enemy small arms and machine gun fire, Private Crow, noting a severely wounded companion was exposed to the intense enemy fire, with the assistance of another soldier, voluntarily left his sheltered position and exposed himself to great personal danger in crawling forward over seventy-five yards of open field to reach the wounded man. Finding himself unable to evacuate his wounded companion or for medical aid men to reach him because of his exposed position, Private Crow assisted in digging a shelter trench to place the wounded man in until he could be evacuated under cover of darkness. The courage, fortitude, and devotion to duty displayed by Private Crow in this heroic act reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Kansas.

Private Robert E. Hearon, (Army Serial Number 32595235), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany in connection with military operations against the enemy. During an attack by his organization against the enemy in a strongly fortified enemy village, Private Hearon, in the opening phases of the attack on 1 December 1944, volunteered to lay wire and carry messages to forward positions at great personal risk to himself by subjecting himself to enemy observation and intense

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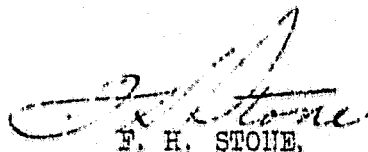
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enemy fire. On 3 December 1944 in the continuation of action against the enemy he volunteered to carry a message to the most forward outpost across six-hundred yards of open ground under observation and intense enemy fire. His success in these dangerous missions materially aided his organization in attack against the enemy. The courage, devotion to duty, and utter disregard for personal safety displayed by Private Heron reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from New Jersey.

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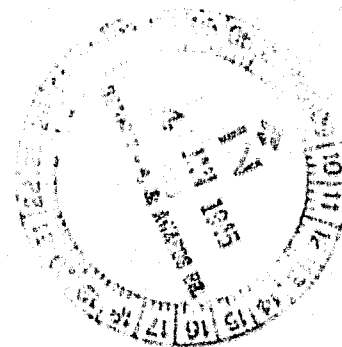


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I. AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR MEDAL.

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, and Memorandum Number 34, Headquarters Ninth United States Army, as amended, the SILVER STAR MEDAL is awarded the following officer and enlisted man:

FIRST LIEUTENANT JAMES M. SHARKEY, (Army Serial Number 01010239), Infantry, 771st Tank Battalion, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany. On 22 November 1944, FIRST LIEUTENANT SHARKEY led his platoon of tanks in a mission of supporting assault companies of an infantry battalion in attack against a strongly defended enemy town. Dismounting from his tank in the face of concentrated enemy artillery, mortar, and machine gun fire, he made a foot reconnaissance of the area through which his platoon had to pass and then led his platoon into battle in support of the assaulting troops. On 23 November 1944 FIRST LIEUTENANT SHARKEY again led his platoon in support of another infantry battalion in attack from another flank against the same enemy town. Working his tanks between the infantry in giving them closer support, FIRST LIEUTENANT SHARKEY dismounted from his tank and under intense enemy small arms fire contacted a company commander and worked out a system of communication with the infantry units that was a success in the engagement. He then led his platoon of tanks forward and with tactical skill and judgement directed fire and movement that successfully knocked out enemy pill boxes that were holding up the advance of the assault troops. Later in the day, he was given the mission of guiding a tank company other than his own in an assault against the heavily fortified town. The gallantry, leadership, and tactical skill and judgement displayed by FIRST LIEUTENANT SHARKEY reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from New Jersey.

Private Charles E. White, (Army Serial Number 33557630), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany on 2 December 1944. Private White, performing duties as a runner for his organization, in the capture of a strongly defended enemy town, administered aid to three wounded companions and assisted in their evacuation with a minimum loss of time. With utter disregard for personal safety he carefully lifted an unexploded heavy artillery projectile in order

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that a wounded man could be removed from beneath it. The skill and coolness displayed by Private White in the removal of the heavy and dangerous dud from the wounded man enabled him prompt evacuation and treatment. The gallantry, courage, and skill shown by Private White in the performance of this heroic action reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Maryland.

II. AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL. (OAK LEAF CLUSTER) (POSTHUMOUS).

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, and Memorandum Number 34, Headquarters Ninth United States Army, as amended, the BRONZE STAR MEDAL (OAK LEAF CLUSTER) is posthumously awarded the following enlisted man:

Staff Sergeant William J. Sullivan, (Army Serial Number 31213887), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 2 December 1944, in connection with military operations against the enemy. Staff Sergeant Sullivan displayed outstanding initiative in the performance of duties as company executive in leading a platoon in the accomplishment of his company's objective in attack against the enemy. When his company was at a crucial crossroad, he set an example of heroic endeavor which gave his men renewed determination to continue in their hazardous mission. His inspirational leadership and untiring efforts contributed materially to the reorganization of the company that followed the accomplishment of its mission in attack and the organizing of a defensive position. The courage, skill, and coolness displayed by Staff Sergeant Sullivan with complete disregard for personal safety reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

III. AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL. (POSTHUMOUS).

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, and Memorandum Number 34, Headquarters Ninth United States Army, as amended, the BRONZE STAR MEDAL is posthumously awarded the following enlisted man:

Staff Sergeant LeRoy L. Wear, (Army Serial Number 17019129), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 2 December 1944 in connection with military operations against the enemy. In leading his squad over an open field in an attack against the enemy by his organization, Staff Sergeant Wear displayed outstanding courage and exemplary leadership. Several times when the squad was pinned down by intense enemy fire he disseminated encouragement to his men and led them on. On one occasion when his squad was pinned to the ground, Staff Sergeant Wear was instructed to eliminate an offending machine gun position. It was in the performance of this duty that Staff Sergeant Wear was mortally wounded by the intense enemy fire. He courageously led his men in the accomplishment of his mission never allowing one of them to precede him in the assault. The courage, leadership, and bravery displayed by Staff Sergeant Wear reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Missouri.

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III. AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL. (POSTHUMOUS).

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, and Memorandum Number 34, Headquarters Ninth United States Army, as amended, the BRONZE STAR MEDAL is posthumously awarded the following enlisted men:

Private Ramon Fincher, (Army Serial Number 38421703), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 2 December 1944, in connection with military operations against the enemy. Private Fincher took part with his unit in an attack against the enemy in a strongly fortified town. When his organization's situation became desperate because of an enemy machine gun position, with utter disregard for personal safety in the presence of extreme danger involved, he moved to a position from which he could engage the enemy machine gun crew. With his rifle he successfully knocked out the offending machine gun. Later in the same attack after his platoon had been able to move forward as a result of the elimination of the enemy machine gun nest, Private Fincher was mortally wounded while acting as leading man in an assault against the first building in an enemy town. The courage, devotion to duty, and fortitude displayed by Private Fincher with utter disregard for personal safety reflect high credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Texas.

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Sergeant Frederick C. Slonine, (Army Serial Number 37324509), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 1 December 1944, in connection with military operations against the enemy. Serving as a member of a platoon of infantry during an attack by his organization against the enemy, Sergeant Slonine voluntarily made a number of trips under intense enemy fire over a distance of approximately six-hundred yards to evacuate wounded men to safe positions where they could be administered aid. Knowing full well that a medical aid man attempting to reach the wounded men had been wounded by the intense enemy fire, he unhesitatingly continued in his successful efforts of rescuing the wounded persons with utter disregard for his own personal safety. The courage, skill, and devotion to duty displayed by Sergeant Slonine in his unselfish disregard for personal safety in his efforts to render aid to the wounded in this heroic action in which he was mortally wounded reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Minnesota.

Private First Class Orby M. Nester, (Army Serial Number 33216795), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 30 November 1944, in connection with military operations against the enemy. During an attack by his organization against the enemy, Private First Class Nester, when noticing the ammunition supply of his unit was near to being expended, proceeded to three friendly disabled tanks under intense enemy machine gun and anti-tank fire to assist in securing machine gun ammunition for his unit. When climbing into one of the disabled tanks to secure ammunition, an explosion knocked him to the ground. Despite these hazardous conditions he successfully assisted in securing the ammunition and returning it to his platoon. The courage, determination, and fortitude displayed by Private First Class Nester in the accomplishment of this heroic act reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Virginia.

Private First Class Mitchell J. Katz, (Army Serial Number 32989109), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 30 November 1944, in connection with military operations against the enemy. During an attack by his company against the enemy in a strongly defended town, Private First Class Katz and his company were subjected to a severe enemy artillery and mortar barrage interspersed with machine gun fire. Upon reaching a place of comparative safety with his company commander, Private First Class Katz was dispatched to summon other elements of the company to the vicinity of comparative safety. Placing his duty above personal safety, Private First Class Katz repeatedly made his way through heavy enemy fire in carrying out his mission. In the accomplishment of these duties that materially contributed to the success of his company in carrying out its mission, Private First Class Katz was mortally wounded. The courage, skill, and complete disregard for personal safety displayed by Private First Class Katz in the performance of his duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from New York.

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Private First Class John W. Holmes, (Army Serial Number 34490645), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 30 November 1944, in connection with military operations against the enemy. Private First Class Holmes, when noticing the ammunition supply of his unit was near to being expended, proceeded to three friendly disabled tanks under intense enemy machine gun and antitank fire to assist in securing machine gun ammunition for his unit. When climbing into one of the disabled tanks to assist in securing ammunition an explosion knocked him to the ground. Despite these hazardous conditions he successfully assisted in securing the ammunition and returning it to his platoon. The courage, determination and fortitude displayed by Private First Class Holmes in the accomplishment of this heroic act reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Georgia.

Private Ramon Fincher, (Army Serial Number 38421708), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 2 December 1944, in connection with military operations against the enemy. Private Fincher took part with his unit in an attack against the enemy in a strongly fortified town. When his organization's situation became desperate because of an enemy machine gun section, with utter disregard for personal safety in the presence of extreme danger involved, he moved to a position from which he could engage the enemy machine gun crew. With his rifle he successfully knocked out the offending machine gun. Later in the same attack after his platoon had been able to move forward as a result of the elimination of the enemy machine gun nest, Private Fincher was mortally wounded while acting as leading man in an assault against the first building in an enemy town. The courage, devotion to duty, and fortitude displayed by Private Fincher with utter disregard for personal safety reflect high credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Texas.

IV. AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL. (OAK LEAF CLUSTER).

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, and Memorandum Number 34, Headquarters Ninth United States Army, 8 September 1944, as amended, the BRONZE STAR MEDAL (Oak Leaf Cluster) is awarded the following enlisted man:

Staff Sergeant Robert B. Golbus, (Army Serial Number 36293284), Infantry 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 2 December 1944, in connection with military operations against the enemy. Staff Sergeant Golbus led a patrol in a mission to eliminate a nest of enemy snipers that had been taking a heavy toll of men in his organization in its advance across open terrain in the accomplishment of its mission. One sniper was killed while he was leading the patrol toward an antitank ditch where he believed the snipers to be. His exemplary leadership brought them into a position from which they were able to dispose of ten snipers as they were attempting to escape, killing nine and taking one prisoner. The outstanding leadership, tactical skill, and courage displayed by Staff Sergeant Golbus in the performance of this extremely dangerous mission reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Illinois.

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Private First Class Stanley E. Golombiewski, (Army Serial Number 33474394), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 2 December 1944, in connection with military operations against the enemy. Private First Class Golombiewski, while serving as a wireman for his organization in action against the enemy, displayed utter disregard for personal safety in the performance of his duties. Under heavy enemy fire he proceeded up a road to restore broken communication lines leading to the company observation post that had sustained a direct hit by enemy machine gun fire. Private First Class Golombiewski successfully restored and maintained communication lines leading to the observation post that were instrumental in keeping constant communication and preventing an expected counter-attack from the enemy. The courage, skill, and calmness under intense enemy fire displayed by Private First Class Golombiewski with disregard for intense personal danger reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

V. AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL.

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, and Memorandum Number 34, Headquarters Ninth United States Army, 8 September 1944, as amended, the BRONZE STAR MEDAL is awarded the following officers and enlisted men:

FIRST LIEUTENANT REUBEN H. RASMUSSEN, (Army Serial Number 01319650), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 2 December 1944, in connection with military operations against the enemy. FIRST LIEUTENANT RASMUSSEN led his platoon of infantry in an attack by his organization against the enemy in a strongly fortified enemy town for two days and nights without rest before he was wounded. Only after assuring himself that his platoon sergeant had assumed command of the platoon and further exposing himself by lying in a shell hole to watch the progress of his platoon in entering the town in the accomplishment of its mission did he permit himself to be evacuated for medical treatment. The courage, unfaltering loyalty to duty, and utter disregard for personal safety displayed by FIRST LIEUTENANT RASMUSSEN reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Illinois.

SECOND LIEUTENANT CARL L. WELTI, (Army Serial Number 01013949), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 27 November 1944, in connection with military operations against the enemy. SECOND LIEUTENANT WELTI displayed exemplary leadership in successfully leading a patrol of fourteen men into enemy area and making safe withdrawal without casualties after a terrific exchange of fire with the enemy in which the patrol succeeded in silencing two enemy machine guns. The patrol withdrew only upon threat of enemy tank action. His bravery in the presence of intense danger offered inspiration and confidence to his men. The leadership, courage, and sound tactical judgment displayed by SECOND LIEUTENANT WELTI in the accomplishment of this dangerous mission reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Michigan.

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Technical Sergeant Melton L. Evans, (Army Serial Number 18033029), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 2 December 1944, in connection with military operations against the enemy. Leading a platoon of infantry in attack against the enemy in a heavily fortified enemy town, Technical Sergeant Evans, when noticing another platoon had been pinned to the ground because of the intense enemy artillery and mortar fire, exercised keen judgment in turning his own platoon over to a section leader and taking command of the stricken platoon on his flank; led them safely out of the artillery and mortar bursts in an assault against the town. Technical Sergeant Evans risked his life in the presence of intense enemy fire with utter disregard for personal safety in the accomplishment of what he considered his duty. Under his leadership the platoon reached safety and accomplished their mission with a minimum of casualties. The courage, skill and exemplary tactical judgment displayed by Technical Sergeant Evans in the presence of intense personal danger reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Staff Sergeant John Podboreski, Jr, (Army Serial Number 33020489), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 30 November 1944, in connection with military operations against the enemy. During an attack against the enemy in the vicinity of a strongly defended enemy town by a battalion of infantry of which he was a member, Staff Sergeant Podboreski maintained a continuous supply of ammunition and other supplies to his company with disregard for personal danger he encountered in heavy enemy concentrations of artillery and mortar fire after the objective had been taken. By reorganizing and establishing a new supply point in the captured town, his efforts were instrumental in the continuance of getting supplies to his company. Staff Sergeant Podboreski assisted in the speedy evacuation of the wounded in addition to his action in maintaining supplies for the company. The courage, skill, and resourcefulness displayed by Staff Sergeant Podboreski with utter disregard for personal safety reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Staff Sergeant Francis J. Zumbroegel, (Army Serial Number 36545029), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 30 November 1944, in connection with military operations against the enemy. Staff Sergeant Zumbroegel volunteered to remain in the vicinity of his platoon command post when an order was given the platoon to evacuate the vicinity to avoid the intense danger of a heavy enemy artillery concentration. With great personal risk to his own life he continued to keep in contact by radio with friendly gun positions, allowing them to fire accurately against the enemy. The courage, fortitude, and keen judgment displayed by Staff Sergeant Zumbroegel with complete disregard for intense personal danger reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Michigan.

Staff Sergeant William H. Hunter, (Army Serial Number 33395081), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in

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Germany on 3 December 1944, in connection with military operations against the enemy. Taking part in an attack against a strongly defended enemy town, Staff Sergeant Hunter displayed exemplary judgment and leadership by personally leading a platoon of infantry through intense enemy fire in the accomplishment of its objective in attack when his platoon leader became separated from the platoon. He displayed excellent control over the men and throughout the entire attack showed consideration for the men of his platoon that involved personal risk to himself. The courage, leadership, and tactical skill and judgment displayed by Staff Sergeant Hunter in successfully leading his platoon in the accomplishment of its mission reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Staff Sergeant Nicholas Tisch, Jr, (Army Serial Number 36543035), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 2 December 1944, in connection with military operations against the enemy. Staff Sergeant Tisch in leading his squad of ammunition bearers in carrying ammunition a distance of approximately two-thousand yards under heavy enemy fire was the first to enter an enemy town under attack by his organization in action against the enemy. He displayed outstanding leadership in courageously leading his squad through intense personal danger and helping them carry heavy loads of ammunition. His skillful leadership inspired confidence in his men. The courage, disregard for personal safety, and devotion to duty displayed by Staff Sergeant Tisch in the presence of intense personal danger reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Michigan.

Private First Class Arthur H. Vanatta, (Army Serial Number 35804824), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 27 November 1944, in connection with military operations against the enemy. Performing his first duty as a lead scout for a patrol which penetrated deep into enemy territory, Private First Class Vanatta with great skill successfully led the patrol into the enemy lines and when an enemy machine gun began to deliver heavy fire in the vicinity of the patrol, he advanced over an open ground in plain view of the enemy and silenced the machine gun with a hand grenade. This heroic act enabled the remainder of the patrol to successfully accomplish its mission and greatly inspired his companions. The cool courage, skill, and utter disregard for personal safety displayed by Private First Class Vanatta in the accomplishment of this heroic act reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Ohio.

Private First Class Clarence B. Wengeler, (Army Serial Number 37324558), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 30 November 1944, in connection with military operations against the enemy. Private First Class Wengeler exposed himself to intense personal danger in performing duties of restoring broken communication lines under increasingly heavy enemy artillery fire. On one occasion when warned by a companion to abandon his work and take cover, he quickly rejected the thought of leaving and continued to work in restoring the broken wires. His

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work in maintaining communication between his company headquarters and a mortar section command post exemplified his undaunted devotion to duty. The courage, skill, and coolness displayed by Private First Class Wongolor in the performance of this dangerous act reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Minnesota.

Private Alfred A. Mansour, (Army Serial Number 38509317), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 27 November 1944, in connection with military operations against the enemy. Private First Class Mansour secretly kept a wound received during a voluntary act as scout for a night combat patrol into enemy territory to himself. With utter disregard for his safety and personal feelings and with great tenacity, he covered the patrol in its withdrawal to its own lines after the accomplishment of its mission. Throughout the patrol's action even though he was wounded, he was cool and attentive to his duties. It was only after his companions had succeeded in withdrawing that he gave thought to his own injuries. The courage, skill, and sound judgment displayed by Private First Class Mansour with utter disregard for his personal condition in the accomplishment of this dangerous mission reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Arkansas.

Private First Class Frank A. Easton, Jr. (Army Serial Number 39695213), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 30 November 1944, in connection with military operations against the enemy. As a member of a patrol after night in enemy territory and with great personal risk to his own life, Private First Class Easton remained approximately two-hundred yards behind the other men of his patrol in order to cover their withdrawal by delivering effective fire against an enemy and the gun spraying fire in the immediate vicinity of the patrol. Although his own life was in great danger from the withering machine gun fire being directed at his companions, he did not falter in what he considered his duty. The protection afforded by Private First Class Easton in this voluntary act of bravery enabled the successful withdrawal of the patrol. The courage, skill and exemplary judgment displayed by Private First Class Easton in the presence of intense danger reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from California.

Private First Class Raymond C. Womack, (Army Serial Number 38297375), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement on 3 December 1944 in connection with military operations against the enemy. During an attack by his unit against the enemy in a heavily fortified enemy town, Private First Class Womack was wounded by intense enemy fire. So strong was his devotion to duty that rather than be evacuated he continued in the attack under heavy enemy fire until the objective was taken. During the reorganization and consolidation of positions following the attack, Private First Class Womack was found to be too weak to dig a shelter trench. He still refused to be evacuated until so ordered by a superior. The fortitude and courage displayed by Private First Class Womack in continuing in the dangerous assault against the enemy won the admiration of his companions. The courage, exemplary devotion to duty, and disregard for personal safety shown by

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Private First Class Womack reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Arkansas.

Private First Class Espiridion Sotomayer, (Army Serial Number 39864977), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 26 November 1944 in connection with military operations against the enemy. Private First Class Sotomayer with utter disregard for personal safety made his way through a heavy enemy artillery barrage in response to calls for help by two wounded men. Displaying great skill in reaching his wounded companions, he managed to bring them to a place of safety where he administered first aid. The courage, fortitude and utter disregard for personal safety displayed by Private First Class Sotomayer in the accomplishment of this heroic act in the presence of intense personal danger reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Arizona.

Private First Class Herve H. Lariviere, (Army Serial Number 31244481), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 1 December 1944 in connection with military operations against the enemy. Serving as a member of a platoon of infantry during an attack by his organization against the enemy, Private First Class Lariviere voluntarily made four trips under intense enemy fire over a distance of approximately six-hundred yards to evacuate wounded men to safe positions where they could be administered aid. Knowing full well that a medical aid man attempting to reach the wounded man had been wounded by the intense enemy fire, he unhesitatingly continued in his successful efforts of rescuing the wounded with utter disregard for his own personal safety. The courage, skill, and coolness displayed by Private First Class Lariviere in this daring exploit for reaching the wounded that were exposed to intense enemy fire reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Rhode Island.

Private First Class William V. Caruso, (Army Serial Number 32591068), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 2 December 1944, in connection with military operations against the enemy. Serving as a member of a platoon of infantry during an attack by his organization against the enemy, Private First Class Caruso voluntarily made three trips under intense enemy fire over a distance of approximately six-hundred yards to evacuate wounded men to safe positions where they could be administered aid. Knowing full well that a medical aid man attempting to reach the wounded man had been wounded by the intense enemy fire, he unhesitatingly continued in his successful efforts of rescuing the wounded persons with utter disregard for his own personal safety. The courage, skill and coolness displayed by Private First Class Caruso in this daring exploit for reaching the wounded exposed to intense enemy fire reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from New Jersey.

Private First Class Leo R. Lamacchio, (Army Serial Number 32643334), Medical Department, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 29 November 1944, in connection with military operations against the enemy. Serving as a medical aid man for a platoon in attack

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against the enemy in a strongly defended enemy town, Private First Class LaMacchio on noticing that aid men in forward assault units were becoming casualties because of intense enemy fire and not being able to evacuate the wounded, volunteered to proceed under heavy enemy artillery fire to the aid of wounded men. He calmly and skillfully administered first aid and arranged for their evacuation to safe positions. Throughout the entire night he continued to assist in evacuation of the wounded regardless of exposing himself to great personal danger over eight-hundred yards of open ground under intense enemy fire. The courage, devotion to duty and utter disregard for personal safety displayed by Private First Class LaMacchio reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from New York.

Private Charles R. White, (Army Serial Number 33557630), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 29 November 1944, in connection with military operations against the enemy. During an attack by his organization against a heavily fortified enemy town, Private White performed duties as an observer for his company from the top of a building near the company command post. When a load of ammunition directly below his observation post was ignited by intense enemy artillery fire, with utter disregard for personal safety Private White continued to remain at his post and relay messages until the explosions cut his communication line, at which time he located a wireman to repair the line and resumed duties. The courage and fortitude displayed by Private White in the performance of his duties in the presence of intense personal danger materially aided the success of his company in the accomplishment of its mission and reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Maryland.

Private Leonard L. Kessler, (Army Serial Number 35174911), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 29 November 1944, in connection with military operations against the enemy. Private Kessler exposed himself to intense danger from enemy artillery and mortar fire by constantly patrolling a wire route and checking wires that were being damaged and knocked out by exploding enemy artillery and mortar fire. The exemplary performance of duty by Private Kessler in the restoration of damaged communication lines enabled his company to pass on valuable information to higher headquarters with little delay. The determination, courage, skill, and coolness under extremely dangerous enemy fire displayed by Private Kessler in the performance of his duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Ohio.

The following named enlisted men, Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany, in connection with military operations against the enemy on 2 December 1944.

Grade	Name	Army Serial Number	Entered Military Service From
Technical Sergeant	Leonard W. Missolwhite	34052863	Florida
Sergeant	Chester C. Czuprowicz	32595391	New Jersey
Sergeant	Harry H. McMinn	36547782	Michigan
Private First Class	Harold L. Betcher	36544900	Michigan

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The above named enlisted men displayed skill and coolness under intense enemy artillery and mortar fire by moving in advance of vehicles and other troops to assist in the construction of a crossway over a creek. After the crossway was finished, they made a further advance in the presence of intense personal danger to clear a path through a heavily mined area through which the vehicles and troops could pass. The construction of the creek crossing and clearing of the mined area enabled assault troops, supporting tanks, and trucks to travel safely through the area to launch a successful operation against the enemy in the taking of an enemy town. The courage, skill, and devotion to duty displayed by each of the above named men reflect great credit upon themselves and the military service.

The following named enlisted men, Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 30 November 1944, in connection with military operations against the enemy:

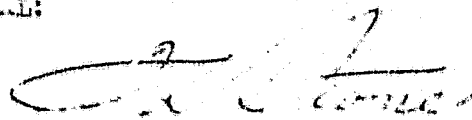
<u>Grade</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Army Serial Number</u>	<u>Entered Military Service From</u>
Private First Class	S. A. Stringer	38215517	Texas
Private First Class	Robert F. Bissman	19138037	Oregon
Private First Class	Edgar R. Edwards	14161256	Tennessee
Private	William J. Zwack	31249702	Connecticut

During an attack by their organization against a strongly defended enemy town, the above named men voluntarily proceeded to three friendly disabled tanks for the purpose of securing ammunition to replenish the dwindling supply of ammunition for their platoon. While climbing unhesitatingly into the tanks to secure ammunition with utter disregard for the intense enemy machine gun and antitank fire being directed at the disabled tanks, one explosion knocked them back to the ground. Despite the hazardous situation one of the men succeeded in securing the ammunition and delivering it to their platoon for effective use against the enemy. The courage, determination, and fortitude displayed by each of the above named persons with utter disregard for personal safety reflect great credit upon themselves and the military service.

By command of the DIVISION COMMANDER:

G. P. LYNCH,
Colonel, General Staff Corps,
Chief of Staff.

OFFICIAL:



F. H. SEALE,
Lieutenant Colonel, Adjutant General's Department,
Adjutant General.

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- I. AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR MEDAL.
- II. AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL. (POSTHUMOUS).
- III. AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL.
- IV. AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART MEDAL.

I. AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR MEDAL.

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, and Memorandum Number 34, Headquarters Ninth United States Army, 8 September 1944, as amended, the SILVER STAR MEDAL is awarded the following officers and enlisted men:

CAPTAIN WILLIAM H. ELLIOTT, (Army Serial Number 01102229), Corps of Engineers, 327th Engineer Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany. CAPTAIN ELLIOTT exhibited exemplary qualities of command and exercised firm control and enduring energy in successfully directing his company in the relief of front line infantry units in a defensive sector from 16 November 1944 to 24 November 1944. His numerous personal inspections to assure himself that the men of his company were properly located to secure their maximum safety under the existing dangerous conditions resulted in a minimum of casualties throughout the action. At critical and confusing times his presence with the men lent steadiness and comfort to them. His ceaseless vigor, good judgment, and even temper on occasions when his company was subjected to intense danger from heavy enemy fire was an inspiration to his subordinates and a great comfort to his men. The gallantry, courage, and superior performance of duty displayed by CAPTAIN ELLIOTT reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Texas.

CAPTAIN NORMAN B. ESTES, (Army Serial Number 01288208), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany on 23 November 1944. CAPTAIN ESTES led his company of infantry in a successful assault against the enemy through a downpour of rain that limited visibility from a position where they had been subjected to intense enemy fire that was inflicting heavy casualties in his company and where they had been lying in the mud for three days. With utter disregard for personal safety and flourishing his pistol, he personally charged an enemy machine gun position killing two of the enemy and wounding a third. This heroic action inspired the men of his company and enabled him to successfully lead them from their precarious position in an assault against the enemy that gained them their objective. The gallantry, leadership, and courage displayed by CAPTAIN ESTES in this act of heroism reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Washington.

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SECOND LIEUTENANT KENNETH P. PEYTON, (Army Serial Number 0531587), Field Artillery, 380th Field Artillery Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany on 3 December 1944. While serving as a forward observer for supporting artillery to infantry in action against the enemy, SECOND LIEUTENANT PEYTON with keen presence of mind and utter disregard for personal safety exposed himself to intense personal danger in retrieving and disposing of an ignited fragmentation hand grenade that was accidentally dropped by another person. Picking up the smoking grenade and shouting a warning to the occupants in a captured enemy pillbox that was being used as an infantry unit command post, he ran up the steps to the entrance and threw it into mid-air where it exploded. The gallantry, courage, and utter disregard for personal safety displayed by SECOND LIEUTENANT PEYTON in this heroic act that undoubtedly saved a number of persons from undue loss of life and serious injuries reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Texas.

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* Staff Sergeant Thomas W. Iles, (Army Serial Number 16055402), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action on 20 November 1944, in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany. During an attack by his organization against the enemy in a heavily fortified enemy town, Staff Sergeant Iles made his way forward to a suitable location from which he succeeded with the assistance of another man in obtaining a direct hit against a heavy enemy tank by use of his bazooka. Neutralizing the enemy tank enabled the continuance of his unit in assaulting the enemy and obtaining its objective in the attack. The gallantry, courage, fortitude, and devotion to duty displayed by Staff Sergeant Iles in the presence of intense danger reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Illinois.

II. AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL. (POSTHUMOUS).

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulation 60-45, as amended, and Memorandum Number 34, Headquarters Ninth United States Army, 8 September 1944, as amended, the BRONZE STAR MEDAL is posthumously awarded the following enlisted man:

Private First Class Emiel M. Neukam, (Army Serial Number 36482584), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany in connection with military operations against the enemy. Serving as a lead scout for his organization in an assault against the enemy, Private First Class Neukam, when observing the enemy to the front, was unable to relay the information by signal or voice. With utter disregard for personal safety he exposed himself to severe enemy mortar and machine gun fire in attempting to return with the information. Although fatally wounded, he succeeded in reaching his platoon and giving sufficient information that with a little further reconnaissance by his platoon it was revealed that enemy tanks were in the vicinity. The outstanding courage, devotion to duty and self sacrifice displayed by Private First Class Neukam in the accomplishment of this

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heroic act in the presence of intense personal danger reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Illinois.

III. AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL.

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, and Memorandum Number 34, Headquarters Ninth United States Army, 8 September 1944, as amended, the BRONZE STAR MEDAL is awarded the following officers and enlisted men:

CAPTAIN EARL W. SOCKEL, (Army Serial Number 0406801), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 2 December 1944, in connection with military operations against the enemy. Leading his company in an attack against the enemy in a strongly defended enemy town, CAPTAIN SOCKEL while moving toward his objective noticed an enemy machine gun inflicting heavy casualties to the personnel of the company on his flank. With utter disregard for personal safety and under heavy enemy fire, he made his way to the enemy machine gun emplacement and by use of his carbine and hand grenades succeeded in accounting for it. As a result of this heroic act, the company on his flank was able to resume its advance with a highly reduced casualty rate. The lightning judgment displayed by CAPTAIN SOCKEL materially aided the entire organization in the accomplishment of its mission in attack. The swift tactical decisions, courage, and skill displayed by CAPTAIN SOCKEL reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Ohio.

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* FIRST LIEUTENANT SHELDON H. SAMUELSON, (Army Serial Number 01212651), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 2 December 1944, in connection with military operations against the enemy. FIRST LIEUTENANT SAMUELSON displayed exemplary leadership and judgment in leading his platoon in an attack by his organization against the enemy in the vicinity of a heavily fortified enemy town. When his platoon was pinned to the ground by heavy enemy artillery and mortar fire, FIRST LIEUTENANT SAMUELSON with great skill and courage successfully rallied his men and led them out of the zone to another point eight-hundred yards forward where they were again pinned down by heavy enemy fire. He then organized a small group and proceeded at great personal risk to his life to a point from which they were able to knock out a hostile machine gun position. As his group continued in the attack, they encountered another machine gun nest against which he successfully directed operations of his platoon in forcing the enemy machine gun crew to surrender. Upon reaching his objective and becoming separated from the rest of the attack echelon, he reorganized his platoon in a building and continued to inflict heavy casualties among enemy personnel. His swift judgment in employing this last act was in great measure responsible for the successful breakthrough made by his organization later in the day. The courage, skill, and exemplary tactical judgment displayed by FIRST LIEUTENANT SAMUELSON reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Minnesota.

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Sergeant I. W. Yee, (Army Serial Number 31231590), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 1 December 1944, in connection with military operations against the enemy. During action against the enemy in the vicinity of a heavily fortified town, Sergeant Yee, although wounded, continued to lead his section in an exemplary manner. When subjected to an intense enemy artillery barrage he successfully led his section of men to safety and returned to the dangerous area to administer aid to the wounded. He made numerous trips into areas subjected to intense enemy artillery and mortar fire in administering aid to the wounded and assisting in their evacuation. The courage, leadership, and disregard for personal safety displayed by Sergeant Yee reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

Sergeant James E. Burnett, (Army Serial Number 38661168), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 29 November 1944, in connection with military operations against the enemy. During action against the enemy by his organization in a heavily fortified enemy town, Sergeant Burnett, noting a wounded companion who had crawled forward to obtain better observation and was lying on an exposed ridge raked by enemy fire, with utter disregard for personal safety crawled over one hundred yards of open terrain to reach the wounded man. Though enemy mortar and small arms fire was falling all about him, he succeeded with the assistance of another man in dragging the wounded man back to a defiladed position from which he could be administered aid and evacuated. The courage, bravery, and devotion to duty displayed by Sergeant Burnett, in the performance of this heroic act, reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Arkansas.

Sergeant Bernard A. Reilly, (then Private First Class), (Army Serial Number 31899028), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement on 1 December 1944 in Germany, in connection with military operations against the enemy. During an attack by his organization against the enemy in the vicinity of a heavily fortified enemy town, Sergeant Reilly, near the point of exhaustion after having been under intense enemy fire throughout the day, rendered aid to five wounded companions and removed them to shelter. After reporting their location to personnel for their subsequent evacuation, he voluntarily returned to the battlefield under heavy enemy fire in an effort to regain contact with several members of his platoon that had become separated from the unit. While on this mission, Sergeant Reilly administered aid to three other wounded men. The courage, loyalty, and devotion to duty displayed by Sergeant Reilly reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

Sergeant Frank J. Ostor, (Army Serial Number 37543920), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 1 December 1944, in connection with military operations against the enemy. During action against the enemy by his organization in the vicinity of a heavily fortified enemy town, Sergeant Ostor displayed outstanding courage

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and leadership. Although wounded himself, he succeeded in leading his squad through an area subjected to an intense concentration of enemy artillery to the safety of nearby buildings and with disregard for personal safety exposed himself to sniper fire and fire from an enemy tank in his return to the dangerous area to assist in leading casualties of his organization to safety where he administered aid. He again returned to search for wounded in the presence of intense enemy fire and succeeded in finding and evacuating four others. The courage, leadership, and devotion to duty displayed by Sergeant Oster in the presence of intense danger reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from North Dakota.

Corporal Robert T. Peterson, (Army Serial Number 36623796), Corps of Military Police, Military Police Platoon, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany in connection with military operations against the enemy. From 25 November 1944 to 30 November 1944, Corporal Peterson was subjected to sporadic enemy artillery fire at an intersection near a captured enemy town where he unhesitatingly was performing duties of directing military traffic. He stayed with his post during this time and successfully prevented vehicles from becoming vulnerable targets to enemy artillery by keeping them moving in order to prevent traffic jams. The outstanding courage, willingness, and devotion to duty shown by Corporal Peterson in the presence of intense personal danger reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Illinois.

Technician Fifth Grade Roy J. Clyde, (Army Serial Number 39915031), Field Artillery, 63d Armored Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in France on 12 August 1944, in connection with military operations against the enemy. Technician Fifth Grade Clyde, with the assistance of another wireman, was given a mission of laying wire to an observation post forward of the front lines. Exposing himself to intense enemy artillery and small arms fire for a distance of more than one and one-half miles through hedgerows, open fields, and over a main road, and making two trips back after additional wire, he successfully assisted in installing the service and maintaining a dependable line of communication with the forward observation post. The courage, resourcefulness, and devotion to duty displayed by Technician Fifth Grade Clyde in the presence of intense danger reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Utah.

Technician Fifth Grade Oren K. Howerton, (Army Serial Number 37398579), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 21 November 1944, in connection with military operations against the enemy. Technician Fifth Grade Howerton exposed himself to great personal danger by driving a two and one-half ton vehicle loaded with mortar ammunition to front line positions after night under constant artillery fire along the route over which he proceeded. Losing sight of the vehicle that was guiding him a short time after leaving, he persisted in his mission alone over strange roads through sporadic bursting artillery shells in reaching his destination after searching for three hours. He successfully returned

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to his company after unloading the vehicle under a hail of intense enemy fire. The courage, skill, and devotion to duty displayed by Technician Fifth Grade Howerton in the performance of this dangerous mission reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Missouri.

Technician Fifth Grade Manuel L. Lentine, Jr, (then Private), (Army Serial Number 36557581), Medical Department, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 20 November 1944, in connection with military operations against the enemy. Under extremely heavy artillery fire in the vicinity of a heavily fortified enemy town, Technician Fifth Grade Lentine with utter disregard for personal safety left his shelter in the midst of heavy enemy shelling to dig five men out of a cellar where they had been buried by a direct hit from an enemy artillery shell. After administering aid, he safely led them to another shelter. On another occasion, he left his foxhole under heavy fire to evacuate two wounded and two battle exhausted men from an area of intense danger. The courage, initiative, and devotion to duty displayed by Technician Fifth Grade Lentine reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Michigan.

Technician Fifth Grade Joe DeNava, (then Private), (Army Serial Number 37354280), Medical Department, 327th Medical Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany in connection with military operations against the enemy. From 22 November 1944 to 24 November 1944, during an attack against the enemy by an Infantry battalion, Technician Fifth Grade DeNava, with the assistance of another medical aid man, organized a litter bearing squad from an infantry unit and succeeded in clearing the battlefield of approximately thirty casualties. Throughout this entire action, Technician Fifth Grade DeNava was subjected to intense enemy fire and at times was pinned down by direct fire from the enemy for as long as three hours. The courage, fortitude, and devotion to duty displayed by Technician Fifth Grade DeNava in the presence of intense personal danger enabled speedy medical treatment and evacuation for many of the wounded and reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Colorado.

Technician Fifth Grade Jesus R. Arriola, (Army Serial Number 38254237), Medical Department, 327th Medical Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany in connection with military operations against the enemy. From 22 November 1944 to 24 November 1944, during an attack against the enemy by an Infantry battalion, Technician Fifth Grade Arriola, with the assistance of another medical aid man, organized a litter bearing squad from an infantry unit and succeeded in clearing the battlefield of approximately thirty casualties. Throughout this entire action, Technician Fifth Grade Arriola was subjected to intense enemy fire and at times was pinned down by direct fire from the enemy for as long as three hours. The courage, fortitude, and devotion to duty displayed by Technician Fifth Grade Arriola in the presence of intense personal danger enabled speedy