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Lieutenant Colonel PAVEL VASILIEVITCH KINDEROFF, Russian Army. For exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services during the operations in Germany with the 385th Infantry Division, Army of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics.

Lieutenant Colonel LEONID IVANOVITCH NESTEROFF, Russian Army. For exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services during the operations in Germany with the 385th Infantry Division, Army of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics.

Major IVAN SERGEEVITCH KOTOFF, Russian Army. For exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services during operations in Germany with the 395th Infantry Division, Army of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics.

Lieutenant MICHAEL EVDOKIMOVITCH BRIL, Russian Army. For exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services during operations in Germany with the 385th Infantry Division, Army of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics.

III -- AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL FOR HEROIC ACHIEVEMENT:

By direction of the President, under the authority of AR 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, and verbal order of Commanding General, Ninth United States Army, dated 23 May 1945, and letter 200.6 (G-1), Headquarters XVIII Corps (Airborne), dated 21 May 1945, the AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL is awarded to the following individuals:

First Sergeant NIKOLAI ANDREIEVITCH SEMENOFF, Russian Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States with the 385th Infantry Division, Army of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics.

Sergeant IVAN ALEXEEVITCH SITOFF, Russian Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States with the 385th Infantry Division, Army of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics.

Sergeant GRIGORY FILIPPOVITCH NECHIPARENKO, Russian Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States with the 385th Infantry Division, Army of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics.

Sergeant PAVEL MICHAELOVITCH NECHIPARENKO, Russian Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States with the 385th Infantry Division, Army of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics.

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Sergeant ALEXANDER PAVOLOVITCH STUPIN, Russian Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States with the 385th Infantry Division, Army of the Union of Soviet Socialistic Republics.

Senior Sergeant PAVEL MICHAELOVITCH CHESTOFF, Russian Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States with the 385th Infantry Division, Army of the Union of Soviet Socialistic Republics.

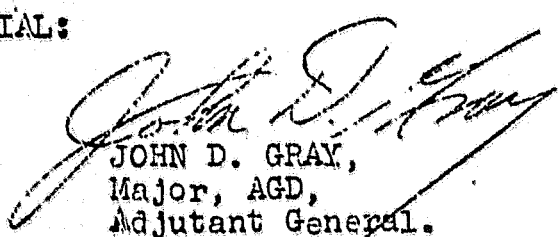
Sergeant GRIFORI DMITRIEVITCH GONCHAROV, Russian Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States with the 385th Infantry Division, Army of the Union of Soviet Socialistic Republics.

Private VASILI LEONTEVITCH TERESCHENKO, Russian Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States with the 385th Infantry Division, Army of the Union of Soviet Socialistic Republics.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL GAVIN:

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I -- AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR MEDAL:

Under the provisions of AR 600-46, as amended, and pursuant to authority contained in Memorandum Number 35, Headquarters XVI Corps, dated 25 June 1945, the Silver Star Medal is awarded to the following named individual:

WARREN R. WILLIAMS, JR., O21250, Lieutenant Colonel, 504th Parachute Infantry, for gallantry in action near ***, ITALY, on 6 February 1944. Lieutenant Colonel WILLIAMS, commanding, led the First Battalion by night through a maze of irrigation canals and under enemy artillery fire to within striking distance of his objective. With the coming of dawn, enemy resistance and artillery fire increased in intensity and inflicted heavy casualties. Lieutenant Colonel WILLIAMS personally led his supporting tanks down a road interdicted by 20 mm and artillery fire. While shells were bouncing off a "buttoned up" tank, he unhesitatingly climbed aboard, secured the crew's attention and directed their fire so accurately that the enemy guns were knocked out. Inspired by his gallant action and his constant presence with the forward elements, his battalion won their objectives and held them against bitter counterattacks. Lieutenant Colonel WILLIAMS' skillful and courageous leadership reflect the highest standards of the United States Airborne Forces. Entered military service from SANFORD, NORTH CAROLINA.

II -- AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR MEDAL, OAK LEAF CLUSTER:

Under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and pursuant to authority contained in Memorandum Number 35, Headquarters XVI Corps, dated 25 June 1945, the Silver Star Medal having previously been awarded, the Oak Leaf Cluster to the Silver Star Medal is awarded to the following individual:

GEORGE B. ADKINS, 20362515, Technician Fourth Grade, 505th Parachute Infantry, for gallantry in action 6-8 June 1944, in ***,

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FRANCE. Technician Fourth Grade ADKINS, medical aid man, having landed by parachute near ***, nine miles from his drop zone, was captured with four companions by a German artillery unit which was suffering heavy casualties from a United States Naval barrage. Regardless of the danger, he treated wounded comrades and enemy alike, meanwhile trying to persuade the artillery commander to surrender. When this officer was seriously wounded, Technician Fourth Grade ADKINS rescued him and treated his fractures and wounds with great skill. Impressed by the paratrooper's humanity and reasoning, the German officer agreed to surrender. Technician Fourth Grade ADKINS went down to the beach under a white flag and arranged with friendly troops to take over his forty-four prisoners and the artillery position, then recovered medical equipment from a parachute bundle, salvaged a jeep from a wrecked glider and rejoined his unit near ***. Technician Fourth Grade ADKINS' courage, skill, initiative and sincere devotion to duty reflect great credit on himself and the United States Airborne Forces. Entered military service from PETERSBURG, VIRGINIA.

III --- AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART MEDAL:

Under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, the Purple Heart Medal is awarded to the following named individual for wounds received in action against the enemy:

Pfc Toivo M. Nikkinen 36413540 307th Abn Med Co 19 Sep 45 Holland

IV --- AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART MEDAL, OAK LEAF CLUSTER:

Under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, the Purple Heart Medal having previously been awarded, the Oak Leaf Cluster to the Purple Heart Medal is awarded to the following named individual for wounds received in action against the enemy:

Cpl Spero Psarakis 32600520 Hq Co 82d Abn Div 6 Aug 44 Greece

V --- AMENDMENT TO GENERAL ORDERS NUMBER 8, 1945:

So much of Section II, General Orders Number 8, this Headquarters, dated 15 January 1945, as awards the Bronze Star Medal, posthumously, to Private Cecil W. Bledsoe, 54826450, for heroic conduct in action against the enemy on 22 September 1944, is amended to read, for heroic conduct in action against the enemy on 24 September 1944, and as awards the Bronze Star Medal, posthumously, to Technician Fourth Grade Edward T. Christensen, 33150459, for heroic conduct in action against the enemy on 22 September 1944, is amended to read, for heroic conduct in action against the enemy on 21 September 1944.

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VI -- AMENDMENT TO GENERAL ORDERS NUMBER 19, 1945:

So much of Section II, General Orders Number 19, this Headquarters, dated 20 February 1945, as awards the Silver Star Medal, posthumously, to Private Sherman E. Axline, 33898035, for gallantry in action on 20-21 September 1944, is amended to read, for gallantry in action on 19-20 September 1944.

VII -- AMENDMENT TO GENERAL ORDERS NUMBER 50, 1945:

So much of Section I, General Orders Number 50, this Headquarters, dated 5 April 1945, as awards the Bronze Star Medal to Private First Class Lee G. Graves, 14001362, for heroic conduct in action on 16 June 1944, is amended to award the Bronze Star Medal, posthumously.

VIII -- AMENDMENT TO GENERAL ORDERS NUMBER 80, 1945:

So much of Section III, General Orders Number 80, this Headquarters, dated 25 May 1945, as awards the Bronze Star Medal, posthumously, to Private Joseph G. Wise, 20204729, for heroic conduct in action on 13 February 1945, is amended to read, for heroic conduct in action on 10 February 1945.

By command of Major General GAVIN:

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I -- AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR MEDAL:

Under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and pursuant to authority contained in Memorandum Number 35, Headquarters XVI Corps, dated 25 June 1945, the Silver Star Medal is awarded to the following named individuals:

JAMES R CHURCHILL, 34583362, Private First Class, 504th Parachute Infantry, for gallantry in action against the enemy on 28 September 1944 at ****, HOLLAND. During an enemy counterattack against a vital bridge, Private First Class CHURCHILL picked up his machine gun and with utter disregard for his own personal safety, ran across one hundred yards of open terrain amid terrific artillery, mortar and small arms fire to place direct fire upon the point of the attack. Out of ammunition, he dashed back to his former position and secured ammunition three times in the course of the battle. Though Private First Class CHURCHILL was shelled continually by direct tank fire, he clung tenaciously to his emplacement, accounted for many of the enemy and was instrumental in dispersing the entire attack. Entered military service from TALLADEGA, ALABAMA.

LOUIS P. DAMORE, 3104642, Private First Class (then Private), 504th Parachute Infantry, for gallantry in action 27 September 1944 near ***, HOLLAND. Private First Class DAMORE, BAR gunner, when his platoon was attacked by a superior enemy force, voluntarily and without orders covered with his BAR the withdrawal of a section which was pinned down by intense fire. Despite enemy mortar and machine gun fire directed at him, Private First Class DAMORE delivered such a volume of well aimed fire that enemy infantrymen broke off their attack and sought cover in a nearby building. By his heroic conduct and quick thinking, Private First Class DAMORE almost single-handedly repulsed an enemy attack, saved his section from heavy casualties and enabled the platoon to subsequently capture its objective. Entered military service from EAST DOUGLAS, MASSACHUSETTS.

HARRY F JABLONSKI, 36592396, Staff Sergeant (then Private First Class), 325th Glider Infantry, for gallantry in action on 3 October 1944 near ***, HOLLAND. Staff Sergeant JABLONSKI, bazooka gunner in his platoon, risked his life to bring food to his platoon and aid to their wounded. Acting without orders, he crawled from the cover of his foxhole with his bazooka, and with six well-placed rounds, set one of the enemy houses afire and demolished a large sign board that had concealed enemy riflemen. He then went to the aid of a wounded

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man, gave him first aid and helped him to cross 100 yards of open terrain to the company command post. Staff Sergeant JABLONSKI, whose platoon had been without food for 24 hours, returned carrying "K" rations and ammunition which he distributed despite the fire from the alerted enemy. Staff Sergeant JABLONSKI'S aggressive action was an inspiration to all the men he fought with. Entered military service from BAY CITY, MICHIGAN.

ALBERT H LODGE JR, 34447677, Private First Class, 504th Parachute Infantry, for gallantry in action on 29 September 1944, about two and one half miles from ***, HOLLAND. Private First Class LODGE, platoon runner, when his platoon was attacked by a company of enemy troops and three tanks, dashed 50 yards across bare and open ground through sweeping enemy fire to an unmanned machine gun. With this weapon he opened up with such an intense volume of well-directed fire that the enemy infantry was forced to withdraw causing the withdrawal of the tanks. Private First Class LODGE, acting voluntarily, almost single-handedly repulsed an enemy attack on a vital area of ground when his platoon was in grave peril. Entered military service from SAVANNAH, GEORGIA.

FREDERICK J SILVEY, 0356134, Major, 519th Glider Field Artillery Battalion, for gallantry in action on 11 June 1944 near ***, FRANCE. When his battalion was supporting an infantry counterattack, Major SILVEY moved forward with the riflemen as assurance that the close-in artillery fire was friendly and under control. When radio communication failed, he formed a voice team to his battalion through the infantry command post. He moved about through intense small arms, mortar, and artillery fire with complete disregard for his own safety. This example was instrumental in maintaining the momentum of the attack. Major SILVEY'S aggressiveness, courage and calm devotion to duty in the face of danger are in keeping with the highest traditions of the Airborne Forces. Entered military service from SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS.

SEITH WHEELER, 0475893, First Lieutenant, 325th Glider Infantry, for gallantry in action on 2 February 1945 about one mile from ***, GERMANY. First Lieutenant WHEELER commanded the platoon which led the assault on the Siegfried Line at ***, GERMANY. When his lead scout was halted by an enemy machine gun emplaced inside the dragon's teeth, First Lieutenant WHEELER moved up with a bazooka team. In crawling up to the emplacement, the bazooka gunner was killed and the assistant gunner and First Lieutenant WHEELER were wounded. First Lieutenant WHEELER refused to be evacuated, but remained at the head of his platoon for five hours until the company's mission of securing a portion of the town was successfully completed. His bravery and determination were a magnificent example to his men and contributed materially to the accomplishment of the division's mission. Entered military service from NEW YORK.

PERRY O. WILLIAMS, 36051418, Staff Sergeant, 504th Parachute Infantry, for gallantry in action on 1 January 1945 about one mile from ***, BELGIUM. Staff Sergeant WILLIAMS, squad leader, led a patrol through concentrations of enemy troops in the town, directing his men so skillfully that vital information was obtained and his mission accomplished before the enemy detected the patrol's presence. When attacked by three machine guns and a platoon of riflemen, supported by mortars, Staff Sergeant WILLIAMS placed his men under cover, then crawled across open ground to destroy one machine gun and a crew of three with a grenade. Returning to his patrol, he skillfully withdrew his men with a minimum of casualties. The courage and skill displayed by Staff Sergeant WILLIAMS are in keeping with the highest traditions of the Airborne Forces. Entered military service from PEORIA, ILLINOIS.

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II -- AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR MEDAL, POSTHUMOUS:

Under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and pursuant to authority contained in Memorandum Number 35, Headquarters XVI Corps, dated 25 June 1945, the Silver Star Medal is awarded posthumously to the following named individual:

ROBERT J CHAPMAN, 36828999, Private, 320th Glider Field Artillery Battalion, for gallantry in action on 2 October 1944 near ***, HOLLAND. When two officers were wounded during an assault on an enemy strong point, Private CHAPMAN left his artillery observation post, exposed himself to heavy machine gun fire and dashed across a fire-swept open field to their assistance. He was struck by one bullet but unhesitatingly continued his voluntary mission with complete disregard for the enemy fire. When Private CHAPMAN reached the officers, he administered first aid and was attempting to move one to safety when a shell-burst killed him instantly. Private CHAPMAN'S gallant and inspiring action exemplifies the highest traditions of the Airborne Forces of the United States Army. Entered military service from SUPERIOR, WISCONSIN.

III -- AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL FOR HEROIC CONDUCT:

Under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and pursuant to authority contained in Memorandum Number 35, Headquarters XVI Corps, dated 25 June 1945, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following named individuals:

LUCIAN S BOGAN JR, 025810, Captain, 325th Glider Infantry, for heroic action on 4 January 1945 about 1 mile from ***, BELGIUM. When fire from an open left flank threatened to impede the company's advance Captain BOGAN advanced across the open field through snow drifts in the face of enemy fire to determine the exact location of the enemy weapons and the best means of dealing with them. When his own small arms and mortar fire failed to silence the enemy, Captain BOGAN moved the entire width of his company front to secure the support of friendly tanks. During this move, an enemy shell seriously wounded Captain BOGAN, but he crawled through the mortar fire to his radio, reported the situation to the Battalion Commander and recommended the best means of overcoming it. Captain BOGAN'S coolness under fire saved his company from additional loss and reflects great credit upon himself and the Airborne Forces. Entered military service from BEAUMONT, TEXAS.

ALBERT O KNECHT, 0361065, Captain, 320th Glider Field Artillery Battalion, for heroic conduct in action on 18 September 1944 near ***, GERMANY. After landing in enemy held territory five miles from the designated landing zone, under severe anti-aircraft and small arms fire before and after landing, Captain KNECHT moved fearlessly among the crashed gliders, aiding the injured, supervising unloading and organizing his group in a defensive position. He made a personal reconnaissance of the unfamiliar territory, then led his men after dark through the hostile positions and the enemy held town of ***, dispersing three German patrols enroute, and rejoined his battalion without losing a single man. Captain KNECHT'S courageous initiative and inspiring leadership reflects the highest credit on himself and the Airborne Forces of the United States Army. Entered military service from NEW JERSEY.

CHARLES J MORRIS, 33514435, Corporal, 307th Airborne Engineer Battalion, for heroic conduct on 3 October 1944 near ***, HOLLAND. Corporal MORRIS, assistant squad leader, was in support of the infantry on the attack with the mission of clearing roads. During the attack, Corporal MORRIS and his squad leader volunteered to remove two Tellerine road blocks which were delaying the advance of friendly armor. Although working under constant mortar fire, and twice pinned.

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down by small arms fire, Corporal MORRIS removed the mines. Crossing open terrain to reach the second minefield and again drawing fire upon himself, Corporal MORRIS cleared the minefield. The removal of the minefields contributed greatly to the success of the attack. Entered military service from PENNSYLVANIA.

JAMES W NIXON, 35110734, Sergeant, 307th Airborne Engineer Battalion, for heroic conduct on 3 October 1944 near ***, HOLLAND. Sergeant NIXON, squad leader, was in support of the infantry on the attack with the mission of clearing roads. During the attack, Sergeant NIXON and his assistant volunteered to remove two Tellermines road blocks which were delaying the advance of friendly armor. Although working under constant mortar fire, and twice pinned down by small arms fire, Sergeant NIXON removed the mines. Crossing open terrain to reach the second minefield, and again drawing fire upon himself, Sergeant NIXON cleared the minefield. The removal of the minefields contributed greatly to the success of the attack. Entered military service from INDIANA.

LEVI SIMMONS, 34700698, Private First Class, 504th Parachute Infantry, for heroic conduct on 20 September 1944 near ***, HOLLAND. During the initial assault crossing of the WAAL RIVER, Private First Class SIMMONS, a 60mm mortarman, acting without orders, set up his gun and successfully knocked out an enemy machine gun nest that was inflicting heavy casualties on the landing forces. He was seriously wounded during the crossing but refused to be evacuated and continued with the attacking elements. Near the *** BRIDGE, his accurate fire completely disorganized the enemy's attempts to get to the bridge. The outstanding courage displayed by Private First Class SIMMONS inspired his comrades and was in keeping with the highest standards of the American Airborne Forces. Entered military service from ENTERPRISE, ALABAMA.

STANLEY J. WILCZEWSKI, 32428820, Private First Class, 456th Parachute Field Artillery Battalion, for heroic conduct on 5 October 1944 about two miles from ***, HOLLAND. During a heavy artillery barrage on a battery position, ammunition containers in the pit of the second section caught fire. Without regard for personal safety, Private First Class WILCZEWSKI rushed to the pit and extinguished the fire by emptying the ammunition from the burning containers and covering the blaze with dirt. His prompt action prevented casualties from exploding shells and loss of valuable material and reflects credit on himself and the United States Airborne Forces. Entered military service from LONG ISLAND, NEW YORK.

HARRY A WILLOUGHBY, 01326126, First Lieutenant, 325th Glider Infantry, for heroic conduct on 28 December 1944 near ***, BELGIUM. When an enemy counterattack had opened holes in the company's main defenses and was threatening rear installations, First Lieutenant WILLOUGHBY was at the company command post. He immediately went to the main line of resistance, moved from position to position holding the company together, helping to man any weapon which he found. When his positions were almost ready to collapse under the force of the enemy blow, he organized a small squad of mortar and command post personnel and launched a counter attack that re-established the company line and forced the enemy to fall back suffering heavy casualties. First Lieutenant WILLOUGHBY'S courageous leadership was in keeping with the high traditions of the United States Airborne Forces. Entered military service from NEWARK, OHIO.

IV -- AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL FOR HEROIC CONDUCT, OAK LEAF CLUSTER:

Under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and pursuant to authority contained in Memorandum Number 35, Headquarters XVI Corps,

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dated 25 June 1945, the Bronze Star Medal having previously been awarded, the Oak Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following named individual:

ROBERT J CELLAR, 01293723, Captain (then First Lieutenant), 504th Parachute Infantry, for heroic action on 12 February 1944 about 6 miles from *** ITALY. Captain CELLAR, commander of Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, when his command post and that of the battalion were destroyed by an enemy bomb, led his men in establishing a new battalion command post and communications net. In complete darkness and under enemy machine gun fire, he personally repaired breaks in lines to forward units on two occasions. Under Captain CELLAR'S fearless leadership, men suffering from shock and confusion were organized to maintain communications, enabling the battalion commander to control a weakly garrisoned area and repel a numerically superior attack. Entered military service from ST JOSEPH, MISSOURI.

V -- AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL FOR MERITORIOUS SERVICE:

Under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and pursuant to authority contained in Memorandum Number 35, Headquarters XVI Corps, dtd 25 June 1945, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following named individuals:

PAUL V BALCAVAGE, 13151655, Private First Class, Infantry, 504th Parachute Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States on 16 August 1944 in FRANCE. Entered military service from M'NERSVILLE, PENNSYLVANIA.

HENRY BARDACH, 32427473, Technician Third Grade, Military Intelligence Service, attached 325th Glider Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States during the period 7 June 1944 to 2 May 1945 in FRANCE, HOLLAND, BELGIUM and GERMANY. Entered military service from NEW YORK, NEW YORK.

RICHARD A. BARKER, 33432582, Corporal, Infantry, 326th Glider Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States during the period 17-23 September 1944 in HOLLAND. Entered military service from ERIE, PENNSYLVANIA.

JOSEPH L BELMAN, 37504316, Sergeant, Infantry, 325th Glider Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States during the period 17-23 September 1944 in HOLLAND. Entered military service from KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI.

STEPHEN J BOTKOSKI, 36164076, First Sergeant (then Technician Fourth Grade), Infantry, 325th Glider Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States on 2 February 1945 in BELGIUM. Entered military service from DETROIT, MICHIGAN.

FORREST E BROWN, 38783716, Private First Class, Infantry, 504th Parachute Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States during the period 12-18 August 1944 in FRANCE. Entered military service from ROCKSWORTH, WEST VIRGINIA.

JOSEPHUS R CORBUS, 33612160, Staff Sergeant, Infantry, 325th Glider Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States during the period 17-23 September 1944 in HOLLAND. Entered military service from EVANSTON, ILLINOIS.

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CHARLES W CURRY, 36630402, Private, Infantry, 325th Glider Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States during the period 17-23 September 1944 in HOLLAND. Entered military service from MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN.

DAVID R FELDMAN, 32001248, Master Sergeant, Infantry, 325th Glider Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States during the period 20 September 1944 to 2 May 1945 in HOLLAND, and GERMANY. Entered military service from NEW YORK, NEW YORK.

JAMES T FERGUSON, 32237084, Private, Infantry, 504th Parachute Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States during the period 9 July 1943 to 3 May 1945 in the MEDITERRANEAN and EUROPEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS. Entered military service from NEW JERSEY.

LLOYD H GOOSE, 12106940, Technical Sergeant, Infantry, 325th Glider Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States during the period 17-23 September 1944 in HOLLAND. Entered military service from ROCHESTER, NEW YORK.

JOHN HAMILTON, 35136011, Staff Sergeant, Infantry, 325th Glider Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States during the period 17-23 September 1944. Entered military service from PIKEVILLE, KENTUCKY.

ROBERT W HANSEN, 0362443, Captain, Infantry, 325th Glider Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States during the period 23 September 1944 to 12 May 1945 in HOLLAND, BELGIUM and GERMANY. Entered military service from LYONS, NEBRASKA.

WILLIAM N HOLM, 023282, Major, Infantry, 325th Glider Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States during the period 18 December 1944 to 8 May 1945 in BELGIUM and GERMANY. Entered military service from CENTER CITY, MINNESOTA.

HARRY F JABLONSKI, 36582386, Staff Sergeant, Infantry, 325th Glider Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States during the period 17-23 September 1944 in HOLLAND. Entered military service from BAY CITY, MICHIGAN.

GLENN E LOVELAND, 35290999, Staff Sergeant (then Private First Class), Infantry, 325th Glider Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States during the period from September 1943 to April 1945 in ITALY, FRANCE, HOLLAND, BELGIUM and GERMANY. Entered military service from SHELBY, OHIO.

DOMENIC A MALLAMA, 15101229, Technical Sergeant, Infantry, 325th Glider Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States during the period from September 1943 to May 1945 in the MEDITERRANEAN and EUROPEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS. Entered military service from CLEVELAND, OHIO.

MALCOLM R MC ADOO JR, 01317803, Second Lieutenant, Infantry, 325th Glider Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States during the period 17-23 September 1944 in HOLLAND. Entered military service from ANN ARBOR, MICHIGAN.

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STUART MC CASH, 0448694, First Lieutenant, Infantry, 504th Parachute Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States during the period 5 February 1944 to 12 May 1945 in FRANCE, BELGIUM, HOLLAND and GERMANY. Entered military service from IOWA.

LUNTER H MC GIFFIN, 35291579, Staff Sergeant, Infantry, 325th Glider Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States during the period from September 1943 to April 1945 in ITALY, FRANCE, HOLLAND, BELGIUM and GERMANY. Entered military service from AERON, OHIO.

FRANCIS H MC MAURE, 35051372, Private, Infantry, 504th Parachute Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States on 15 August 1944 in FRANCE. Entered military service from DORSET, OHIO.

WILFRED L MONSON, 37554724, Private, Infantry, 325th Glider Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States during the period 17-23 September 1944 in HOLLAND. Entered military service from ROCHESTER, MINNESOTA.

PAUL L POTTS, 7082178, Technical Sergeant (then Staff Sergeant), Infantry, 325th Glider Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States during the period 7 June 1944 to 17 February 1945 in FRANCE, HOLLAND and BELGIUM. Entered military service from CHATTANOOGA, TENNESSEE.

WILLIAM M SATTERFIELD, 14072640, Private First Class, Infantry, 504th Parachute Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States on 15 August 1944 in FRANCE. Entered military service from WOODRUFF, SOUTH CAROLINA.

LOUIS STACEY, 32475706, Private, Infantry, 325th Glider Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States during the period 17-23 September 1944 in HOLLAND. Entered military service from BUFFALO, NEW YORK.

MARTIN G STAHLY, 11037490, Private First Class, Infantry, 325th Glider Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States during the period 17-23 September 1944 in HOLLAND. Entered military service from BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS.

JAMES E STANTON, 11051738, Staff Sergeant, Infantry, 325th Glider Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States during the period 17-23 September 1944 in HOLLAND. Entered military service from SOUTH DARTMOUTH, MASSACHUSETTS.

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HUBERT C STEWART, 0443562, Captain, ~~Field Artillery~~ MED. CORPS, 320th Glider Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States during the period 6 June 1944 to 10 June 1944 in FRANCE. Entered military service from EAGLE, NEBRASKA.

HARRY J W TERAS, 01325005, First Lieutenant, Infantry, 325th Glider Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States during the period 17-23 September 1944 in HOLLAND. Entered military service from ST. JAMES, MASSACHUSETTS.

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STAFFORD C VALE, 0426181, First Lieutenant, Infantry, 82d Airborne Division Parachute Maintenance Company, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States during the period 10 May 1943 to 31 January 1944 in SICILY and ITALY. Entered military service from SPRINGFIELD, OHIO.

JOSEPH W WEBER, 32065996, First Sergeant, Infantry, 325th Glider Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States during the period 23 September 1944 to 14 November 1944 in HOLLAND. Entered military service from HAZELTON, PENNSYLVANIA.

VI --- AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL FOR MERITORIOUS SERVICE, OAK LEAF CLUSTER:

Under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and pursuant to authority contained in Memorandum Number 85, Headquarters XVI Corps, dated 25 June 1945, the Bronze Star Medal having previously been awarded, the Oak Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following named individual:

JOHN C ABEYTA, 39098669, Staff Sergeant, Infantry, 325th Glider Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States during the period 17-23 September 1944 in HOLLAND. Entered military service from ERIE, COLORADO.

VII --- AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART MEDAL:

Under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, the Purple Heart Medal is awarded to the following named individual for wounds received in action against the enemy:

SERGEANT DOMINIC A UNGARO 32929019 82D ABN SIG CO 27 Mar 45 GERMANY

VIII --- AWARD OF THE COMBAT MEDICAL BADGE:

Under the provisions of Section II, War Department Circular 66, dated 1 March 1945, the following named Officers and Enlisted Men are awarded the Combat Medical Badge for satisfactory performance of duty under combat conditions on dates indicated:

CAPTAIN	WILBUR L DAVIS	MC	0372355	7 June 1944
CAPTAIN	MILLARD W NORLES	MC	0497175	13 June 1944
FIRST LIEUTENANT	HAYDN WILLIAMS	MAJ	0892328	7 June 1944
STAFF SERGEANT	STEVE VARGO		35425074	7 June 1944
SERGEANT	JOSEPH C SHULER		34413669	7 June 1944
CORPORAL	CHARLES D BRYCNOINI		35450078	7 June 1944
TECHNICIAN FIFTH GRADE	EMMETT O DAVIS		39137412	7 June 1944
TECHNICIAN FIFTH GRADE	PAUL M ILER		35137510	7 June 1944
PRIVATE FIRST CLASS	JOHN R LAERE		35413711	7 June 1944
PRIVATE FIRST CLASS	JOHN P RADERMACHER		33099575	7 June 1944
PRIVATE FIRST CLASS	FRED A O PETERSON		36280631	7 June 1944
PRIVATE FIRST CLASS	LLOYD L SHIELDS		35135701	7 June 1944
PRIVATE FIRST CLASS	SIDNEY L SMITH		35137203	7 June 1944
PRIVATE FIRST CLASS	KENDALL A WALKER		35425030	7 June 1944
PRIVATE	CLARENCE ANDERSON		34107771	25 Sept 1944
PRIVATE FIRST CLASS	EARL BURCH		35450240	7 June 1944
PRIVATE	DELTON L ELLZEY		35472972	7 June 1944
PRIVATE	GEORGE E HIGGINS		33099567	7 June 1944
PRIVATE	KARL F KRUG		35093018	7 June 1944
PRIVATE	WYCLIFF H SEBERT		32940050	7 June 1944
PRIVATE	MICHAEL N VENCOVIC		35135032	7 June 1944
PRIVATE	WADE L DE VILLE		35450225	7 June 1944

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PRIVATE	TOTVO M NIKKINEN	33413540	7 June 1944
PRIVATE	ANDREW W MC ALLEY	33791820	7 June 1944
PRIVATE	QUENTIN E MARTIN	31942464	25 Sept 1944
PRIVATE	ALBERT A BELASCO	36828878	7 June 1944
SERGEANT	VIRIL Z HAYS	30841290	7 June 1944
PRIVATE	BIACIO SALLANO	32507251	7 June 1944
PRIVATE	FRANK N TRUFFETIO	32700382	12 June 1944
PRIVATE	TOMY J SPANFONE	32758706	12 June 1944
PRIVATE	EARL F NORMAN	32733587	12 June 1944
PRIVATE	ERNEST B BRIDGEMAN	12016930	25 Sept 1944
PRIVATE	RUFUS R HOWSON	30928948	25 Sept 1944
PRIVATE	HUBERT R LONG	30525217	25 Sept 1944
PRIVATE	ARLITT L HANNON	34990288	25 Sept 1944
PRIVATE	ROBERT E O'BRIEN	33223616	7 June 1944
PRIVATE	A E COOPER	36322430	7 June 1944
PRIVATE	EARL SWANICK A PETERSON	36412745	7 June 1944
PRIVATE	ANGELO LOPEZ	36623378	7 June 1944
PRIVATE	JESSE D HARTINS	33654797	7 June 1944

IX -- AMENDMENT OF GENERAL ORDERS NUMBER 64, 1944:

So much of Section III, General Orders Number 64, this Headquarters, dated 13 December 1944, as awards the Silver Star Medal, posthumously, to THOMAS E MALIN, 30433882, Private, 507th Parachute Infantry, for gallantry in action on the 11th of June 1944 is amended to read, for gallantry in action on the 8th of July 1944.

X -- AMENDMENT OF GENERAL ORDERS NUMBER 8, 1945:

So much of Section II, General Orders Number 8, this Headquarters, dated 15 January 1945, as awards the Bronze Star Medal, posthumously, to JOHN V GIACOMELLI, Private, 30028919, 508th Parachute Infantry, for heroic conduct on 22 September 1944, is amended to read, for heroic conduct on 20 September 1944.

XI -- AMENDMENT OF GENERAL ORDERS NUMBER 29, 1945:

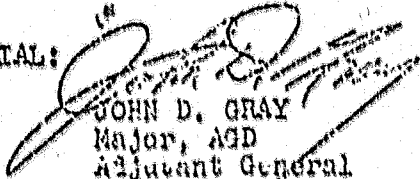
So much of Section IV, General Orders Number 29, this Headquarters, dated 5 March 1945, as awards the Bronze Star Medal, Oak Leaf Cluster, posthumously, to LELAND C HELLER, 16078777, Private, 505th Parachute Infantry, is rescinded.

XII -- AMENDMENT OF GENERAL ORDERS NUMBER 81, 1945:

So much of Section I, General Orders Number 81, this Headquarters, dated 26 May 1945, as awards the Bronze Star Medal, Oak Leaf Cluster, posthumously, to FRANKIE E ENSLEY, 31926612, Sergeant, 505th Parachute Infantry, for heroic conduct on 5-7 April 1945 is amended to read, for heroic conduct on 5-6 April 1945.

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I -- AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR MEDAL:

Under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and pursuant to authority contained in Memorandum Number 35, Headquarters XVI Corps, dated 25 June 1945, the Silver Star Medal is awarded to the following named individuals:

VICTOR D APONTE, 20560094, Sergeant, 505th Parachute Infantry, for gallantry in action against the enemy on 29 December 1944 near ***, BELGIUM. Sergeant APONTE, commanding a platoon after its leader had been wounded and evacuated, single-handedly charged and knocked out an enemy machine gun nest, killing its occupants with hand grenades. He continued on to kill an enemy automatic rifleman who was in a foxhole firing on the platoon. Through his aggressive action, Sergeant APONTE instilled confidence into his widely dispersed platoon. When the enemy counterattacked, he ordered all men to dig in and fire only on his orders. There he gave from an exposed position from which he could exercise full control. Seventy enemy were killed by his leadership, of which he personally killed sixteen. Through his actions, the counterattack was repelled. The daring actions of Sergeant APONTE were an inspiration to all under his command and in keeping with the highest traditions of the Airborne Forces of the United States Army. Entered military service from MARYLAND.

WILLARD M CHRISTMAN, 15076936, Technician Fifth Grade, 505th Parachute Infantry, for gallantry in action on 20 September 1944 near ***, HOLLAND. When information concerning the enemy strength and capabilities was greatly needed, Technician Fifth Grade CHRISTMAN volunteered for the mission. With two other men he succeeded in penetrating twelve hundred yards behind the enemy front lines. Technician Fifth Grade CHRISTMAN'S intelligent and daring leadership enabled his patrol to return with exact information on the locations of three heavy gun emplacements and one battalion of infantry. Technician Fifth Grade CHRISTMAN'S initiative, aggressiveness and personal gallantry were in keeping with the high traditions of the Airborne Forces of the United States Army. Entered military service from MANSFIELD, OHIO.

CHICK EITZMAN, 39092427, Technician Fifth Grade, 505th Parachute Infantry, for gallantry in action on 29 December 1944 near ***, BELGIUM. On a combat reconnaissance patrol which was pinned down by the enemy machine guns behind enemy lines, Technician Fifth Grade EITZMAN voluntarily charged forward firing his light machine gun. He silenced one machine gun and then engaged the other, neutralizing it. The patrol later became fiercely engaged with approximately a platoon of enemy in a small village. Technician Fifth Grade EITZMAN located the most dangerous machine gun and charged it with his light machine gun. His deadly accurate fire wiped out this

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point of opposition. Taking advantage of his position, Technician Fifth Grade EITELMAN raked the village with fire, allowing the remainder of the patrol to effect its withdrawal, before he left his precarious position. His courage was in keeping with the highest traditions of the Airborne Forces of the United States Army. Entered military service from PORTLAND, OREGON.

IRVING FRIEDMAN, 01323417, First Lieutenant, 325th Glider Infantry, for gallantry in action on 28 March 1945 near ***, GERMANY. When First Lieutenant FRIEDMAN was advancing with his heavy machine gun platoon in an attack, surprise machine gun and rifle fire pinned his men and the rifle company he was supporting. Single-handedly, he carried a heavy machine gun to the top of a little hill in order to place fire on the enemy. He then went back, got ammunition and put the gun in action, continued firing and pinned the enemy down until rifle units could outflank the resistance. During all this time, First Lieutenant FRIEDMAN was exposed to grazing machine gun and rifle fire and artillery bursts in the area. He continued to lead and inspire his men by his own courage in daily attacks. First Lieutenant FRIEDMAN'S gallantry was in keeping with the highest traditions of the Airborne Forces of the United States Army. Entered military service from NEW YORK, NEW YORK.

JOHN W GROGAN JR, 39246541, Technician Fifth Grade, 605th Parachute Infantry, for gallantry in action on 23 December 1944 near ***, BELGIUM. Technician Fifth Grade GROGAN, demolition bridge carpenter, volunteered for the mission of blowing one of three important bridges spanning the ***, River. During a strong counter-attack and under intense small arms fire and enemy observation, he crawled over artificial and natural barriers to complete his mission. Destruction of this important and strategic bridge deprived the enemy of the opportunity of infiltrating men and armor through our lines and was a vital part of the town's successful defense. Technician Fifth Grade GROGAN'S actions and gallantry were in keeping with the traditions of the Airborne Forces of the United States. Entered military service from LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA.

STANLEY J MILLER, 33058911, Private, 605th Parachute Infantry, for gallantry in action on 24 December 1944 near ***, BELGIUM. Private MILLER, truck driver, displayed outstanding gallantry beyond the line of duty by volunteering to drive his truck through an enemy-held town at night to obtain flame mortars and ammunition, calibre .50 machine guns and ammunition and other equipment. Because of the scarcity of ammunition, these supplies were of vital importance. Private MILLER braved the small arms fire of the enemy and succeeded in his mission, thus preventing these supplies falling into the hands of the enemy. His gallant performance is in keeping with the highest traditions of the Airborne Forces of the United States Army. Entered military service from SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA.

LEWIS H O'DELL, 15020201, Staff Sergeant (then Sergeant), 604th Parachute Infantry, for gallantry in action on 17 October 1944 near ***, GERMANY. Staff Sergeant O'DELL'S platoon, having been ordered to clean out a small town in a night patrol action, became disorganized by the loss of its platoon leader and by the fire which had trapped the unit in a mined and wire entangled area. Staff Sergeant O'DELL, although suffering from many head and face wounds from a concussion grenade, refused assistance and organized remnants of the patrol into a fighting unit. Under his aggressive leadership it was free of the ambush. Unwilling to abandon his mission, though gravely wounded and crippled in loss of men, Staff Sergeant O'DELL then attacked the enemy until they were eliminated or forced from the town. Staff Sergeant O'DELL'S courage and devotion to duty reflect the traditional gallantry of the United States Airborne Forces. Entered military service from CHARLESTON, WEST VIRGINIA.

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JOHN A SKIRKO, 16068149, Private First Class, 505th Parachute Infantry, for gallantry in action on 31 April 1945 at ****, GERMANY. Private First Class SKIRKO displayed great courage when he single-handedly neutralized a 20mm gun position which was bringing close range fire upon his company. As first scout, Private First Class SKIRKO was moving across an open field at the head of his platoon, when a concealed 20mm gun opened fire from approximately three hundred yards. Though wounded by the initial burst, he continued to advance in the face of the heavy enemy fire. He reached a position one hundred and fifty yards from the gun emplacement and, firing his automatic rifle with great accuracy, killed the five man crew. Private First Class SKIRKO'S daring aggressiveness is in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Parachute soldier. Entered military service from CICERO, ILLINOIS.

EDMON K STANLEY, 19080862, Private First Class, 505th Parachute Infantry, for gallantry in action on 10 July 1943 near ****, SICILY. Private First Class STANLEY, demolitionist with a group in contact with the enemy, was handed an armed fragmentation grenade which was dropped in the darkness. With complete disregard for his own personal safety and realizing the grave danger, he flung himself on the grenade. By so doing, he shielded the others until he had hurled it at the enemy, where it exploded. Private First Class STANLEY'S courageous action and unselfish concern for his comrades, reflect the highest credit upon himself and the United States Airborne Forces. Entered military service from LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA.

KELLY W THURMOND, 34389474, Sergeant (then Private First Class), 504th Parachute Infantry, for gallantry in action against the enemy on the morning of 26 September 1944 near ****, HOLLAND. Sergeant THURMOND, seeing two of his fellow men fall wounded in the adjoining emplacement, disregarded all personal safety and dashed to their aid. With great courage and cool judgment, he administered first aid and carried them from the midst of fierce artillery fire to safety and medical attention. Fearlessly returning again through the bursting enemy shells, Sergeant THURMOND picked up a rifle previously mangled by one of the wounded men, and moved forward to a more advantageous position. From there he delivered accurate and deadly fire on the enemy until the attack was dispersed. Entered military service from FORT HO PHERSON, GEORGIA.

CHARLES T ZOFAY, 12050980, Technical Sergeant (then Staff Sergeant), 504th Parachute Infantry, for gallantry in action on 13 March 1944, seven miles from ****, ITALY. Technical Sergeant ZOFAY, leader of the machine gun section of Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, during a severe assault by superior German forces, left his shelter and moved from gun to gun, directing and correcting the fire. Painfully wounded while moving over open ground, Technical Sergeant ZOFAY, with complete disregard for his own safety, refused to be evacuated and coolly and courageously continued to direct fire of his guns until the assault was checked. The accurate fire of his guns was a key factor in repelling one of the bitterest assaults of the campaign. The devotion to duty of Technical Sergeant ZOFAY was in keeping with the highest traditions of the Airborne Forces. Entered military service from NEW CASTLE, N JERSEY.

II -- AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL FOR HEROIC CONDUCT:

Under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and pursuant to authority contained in Memorandum Number 36, Headquarters XVI Corps, dated 22 June 1945, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following named individuals:

THOMAS A BREISCH, 19061584, Staff Sergeant (then Private First Class), 505th Parachute Infantry, for heroic action on 3 June 1944

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near ***, FRANCE. Staff Sergeant BREISCH, company clerk, volunteered to evacuate the severely wounded from the dangerous area near the *** Bridge by means of a jeep. The proximity of enemy small arms and artillery and consideration for the comfort of the wounded, made this a very hazardous task. Nevertheless, Staff Sergeant BREISCH evacuated eighteen wounded men over a five mile stretch of bad roadway very often subjected to heavy shell fire. Staff Sergeant BREISCH'S courage and devotion to duty reflect credit on himself and the United States Airborne Forces. Entered military service from BETHLEHEM, PENNSYLVANIA.

CHARLES A COLLUM, 32577268, Sergeant (then Private), 504th Parachute Infantry, for heroic conduct on 27 September 1944 about two and one-half miles from ***, HOLLAND. When an enemy force of 250 men and three tanks attacked just after dawn, Sergeant COLLUM'S machine gun was knocked out by the enemy. He jumped out of his position and manned a .50 caliber machine gun which had lost its entire crew. He poured such accurate fire into the ranks that they were forced to stop and reorganize, thereby giving Sergeant COLLUM'S company enough time to rush up reinforcements. Sergeant COLLUM'S quick action in the face of heavy enemy machine gun, small arms, and tank fire showed initiative and courage after the high traditions of the Airborne Forces. Entered military service from ELMIRA, NEW YORK.

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COLEMAN L. EVERETT, 01311583, First Lieutenant, 508th Parachute Infantry, for heroic action on 30 April 1945 about two miles from ***, GERMANY. First Lieutenant EVERETT, platoon leader, exposed himself time and again to intense small arms and 20mm fire in order to maneuver his squads and platoon to completely knock out enemy fire. When initially pinned down by superiority of enemy fire, First Lieutenant EVERETT personally manned a machine gun and neutralized the fire, allowing his platoon to move forward and rout the enemy. As the fighting progressed, First Lieutenant EVERETT was continuously exposed at the head of his platoon. His courageous leadership enabled them to accomplish their mission with a minimum of casualties and was in keeping with the most honored traditions of the United States Airborne Forces. Entered military service from MC CORMY, ARKANSAS.

EDWARD E LUSTER JR, 12133368, Private First Class, 109th Parachute Infantry, for heroic conduct in connection with military operations against the enemy for the period of 13 September 1944 to 8 May 1946 in ITALY, NORMANDY, HOLLAND, BELGIUM and GERMANY. His skill and courage were exemplified in the *** area of the VOLTURNO River, ITALY. Private First Class LUSTER, with three other men, pulled a captured 37mm anti-tank gun to a defensive position to cover an important road block. In order to do this, Private First Class LUSTER, a demolitionist, cleared a way through an enemy mine field. Disregarding heavy enemy artillery fire, Private First Class LUSTER continued his work until he had made a clear path for the gun to pass through. His courageous performance of hazardous duty has always been a credit to himself and to the United States Airborne Forces. Entered military service from NEWARK, NEW JERSEY.

FRANK C MC GARTHY, 16101099, First Sergeant (then Staff Sergeant), 307th Airborne Engineer Battalion, for heroic conduct in connection with military operations against the enemy near ***, BELGIUM, on 22 December 1944. First Sergeant MC GARTHY, in command of a demolition team, was sent out to destroy a bridge across the *** River. Encountering a fire-fight in progress at the bridge-site, First Sergeant MC GARTHY fearlessly prepared the bridge for demolition despite the intensity of enemy fire. He waited until the last of the friendly troops had crossed over and then destroyed the bridge so completely that even foot troops could not cross. First Sergeant MC GARTHY demonstrated outstanding courage and resourcefulness in keeping with the highest traditions of the Airborne Forces. Entered military service from ANN ARBOR, MICHIGAN.

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PAUL MEDICH, 35251376, Private First Class, 505th Parachute Infantry, for heroic conduct on 22 December 1944 near ***, BELGIUM. Private First Class MEDICH, demolitionist, has frequently proven himself a superior soldier during his service with this organization. The unit to which Private First Class MEDICH was attached was pushed back across the *** River by an overwhelming enemy tank-infantry attack. When it became evident that the bridge had to be blown, Private First Class MEDICH unhesitatingly volunteered. Exposing himself to the withering enemy fire, he bravely made his way out on the span and under a rain of mortar fire set up the charge as quickly as his technical skill would allow. His daring action stopped the superior enemy forces in their tracks and allowed friendly troops to come forward for a crushing counter-attack. Entered military service from SAEDEYVILLE, OHIO.

GEORGE C MELAHN, 32792504, Private First Class (then Private), 505th Parachute Infantry, for heroic conduct on 3 January 1945 near ***, BELGIUM. Private First Class MELAHN, 81mm mortar platoon wire man, in his first combat mission, showed the highest degree of courage and fortitude under the most adverse combat conditions. With complete disregard for his personal safety, he constantly exposed himself to heavy enemy artillery, mortar and small arms fire to repair blown out communications lines. It was while thus engaged that he was wounded by enemy artillery fire and evacuated. Private First Class MELAHN'S devotion to duty was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Airborne Forces. Entered military service from FAR ROCKAWAY, NEW YORK.

EDWIN A PAZIK, 32280533, Private First Class, 504th Parachute Infantry, for heroic conduct in action on 28 September 1944 near ***, HOLLAND. When his outpost was attacked by an estimated battalion of enemy infantry supported by at least three tanks, Private First Class PAZIK, a rifleman, refused to abandon his position when his ammunition was expended. In the face of the overwhelming odds, he crawled fifty yards and scoured weapons and ammunition from the bodies of the dead. For twenty-four hours, Private First Class PAZIK tenaciously held his position until he had received a direct order from his platoon leader to withdraw. Private First Class PAZIK personally accounted for nine of the enemy killed and many more wounded. The gallant and heroic actions displayed by Private First Class PAZIK reflect great credit upon himself and the United States Airborne Forces. Entered military service from NORTH TONAWANDA, NEW YORK.

WAYNE R THOMAS, 36514512, Sergeant, 505th Parachute Infantry, for heroic action 6 to 11 April 1945 near ***, GERMANY. Sergeant THOMAS, battalion S-2, displayed great skill and heroism as the leader of two patrols across the RHINE River. On one, Sergeant THOMAS led a patrol across the river with the mission of reconnaissance and identification of enemy units. Attempting to capture two prisoners, one was immediately killed, the other he engaged and killed in hand to hand combat. On another night, he led a patrol with the same mission. During the brief but violent action that followed their landing, Sergeant THOMAS displayed extreme coolness and excellent ability as a leader. He loaded the body of a dead enemy soldier into the boat, killed another who attempted to grenade the patrol and withdrew his patrol under small arms fire before overwhelming enemy reinforcements arrived. Sergeant THOMAS' bravery and leadership reflects great credit on the highest traditions of the United States Airborne Forces. Entered military service from PONTIAC, MICHIGAN.

HARRY YACHECHAK, 0887890, First Lieutenant, 505th Parachute Infantry, for heroic conduct on 30 April 1945 near ***, GERMANY. When his platoon was pinned down, First Lieutenant YACHECHAK, charged with the responsibility of securing and advancing on the left flank

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of the company sector, exposed himself to intense small arms fire time and again in order to keep the attack progressing, and by his own example of courage and skillful leadership, caused his platoon to destroy eight enemy 20mm guns, kill members of the enemy, and capture twenty, and accomplish the mission assigned. These acts of heroism when under fire by First Lieutenant SMITH were in keeping with the highest traditions of the Airborne Forces. Entered military service from GARFIELD, NEW JERSEY.

III -- AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL FOR MERITORIOUS SERVICE, OAK LEAF CLUSTER:

Under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and pursuant to authority contained in Memorandum Number 35, Headquarters XVI Corps, dated 25 June 1945, the Bronze Star Medal having previously been awarded, the Oak Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following named individuals:

CARL T CANTRELL, 36692124, Staff Sergeant, 505th Parachute Infantry, for heroic conduct on 30 April 1945, about one-half mile from ***, GERMANY. When his platoon was pinned down by 20mm and small arms fire from the flank, Staff Sergeant CANTRELL left a covered position for a completely exposed spot and drew intense small arms fire in order to locate the enemy guns which were holding up his platoon's advance. After locating the guns, Staff Sergeant CANTRELL immediately placed fire of two machine guns on the area and maneuvered his men toward the flank, then quickly and aggressively closed in and destroyed the enemy force by killing three and capturing four. Staff Sergeant CANTRELL'S alert, aggressive leadership and courage were in keeping with the honored traditions of the United States Airborne Forces. Entered military service from ROCK ISLAND, ILLINOIS.

C S HAMILTON, 02011809, Second Lieutenant (then Staff Sergeant), 307th Airborne Medical Company, for heroic action on the 3th day of October 1943 at ***, ITALY. When reports reached Second Lieutenant HAMILTON that several wounded had remained in the town and had no way to escape, he volunteered to join a patrol of litter bearers and riflemen and go back into the town to help locate and evacuate the wounded. With the patrol, Second Lieutenant HAMILTON advanced into the town and helped to search it for a half hour, under fire during the advance and the search. When satisfied that no more wounded remained, the patrol withdrew to the established American positions. Second Lieutenant HAMILTON'S action was carried out without regard to his own safety and exceeded the call of duty. Entered military service from LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS.

DANIEL E WRIGHT, 31023816, Private First Class, 505th Parachute Infantry, for heroic conduct from 6 to 11 April 1945 near ***, GERMANY. Private First Class WRIGHT, scout, displayed great heroism and aggressiveness as a member of two combat patrols which crossed the RHINE River with the mission of reconnaissance and identification. On one night patrol, while attempting to capture two of the enemy, Private First Class WRIGHT engaged in hand to hand combat and found it necessary to kill one of them. On another night, while on a similar mission, Private First Class WRIGHT attempted to capture an enemy sentry. He displayed quick thinking and soldierly ability as one of the enemy brought an automatic weapon into action. Private First Class WRIGHT shot him in the act, undoubtedly saving the lives of his comrades. His courage and aggressiveness were in keeping with the highest traditions of the Airborne Forces of the United States Army. Entered military service from WESTMINSTER, VERMONT.

IV -- AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL FOR MERITORIOUS SERVICE:

Under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and pursuant to

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authority contained in Memorandum Number 35, Headquarters XVI Corps, dated 25 June 1945, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following named individuals:

RAYMOND J BARTH, 0419333, Captain, Field Artillery, 320th Glider Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States during the period 18-23 September 1944 in HOLLAND. Entered military service from SYRACUSE, NEW YORK.

PAUL H BROCK JR, 0397148, Captain, Field Artillery, 320th Glider Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States during the period 6-16 June 1944 in FRANCE. Entered military service from PENSACOLA, FLORIDA.

ROGER P CARQUEVILLE, 36737618, Private, Infantry, 505th Parachute Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States during the period 18-19 August 1944 in FRANCE. Entered military service from CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

DANIEL J DONOVAN, 13086966, Private First Class, Infantry, 505th Parachute Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States during the period 18-19 August 1944 in FRANCE. Entered military service from NEW CUMBERLAND, PENNSYLVANIA.

CHESTER A GARRISON, 01305559, First Lieutenant, Infantry, 504th Parachute Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States during the period 13 September 1943 to 24 April 1945 in ITALY, HOLLAND, BELGIUM and GERMANY. Entered military service from JERSEY CITY, NEW JERSEY.

EVERT L GIBSON, 18199572, Sergeant (then Private First Class), Infantry, 505th Parachute Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States during the period 9 July 1943 to 13 April 1945 in HOLLAND, BELGIUM and GERMANY. Entered military service from LEFLOURE, OKLAHOMA.

JOSEPH F GILHOOLY, 12063041, Technical Sergeant (then Corporal), Infantry, 505th Parachute Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States during the period 29 July 1943 to 25 May 1945 in the MEDITERRANEAN and EUROPEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS. Entered military service from BRONX, NEW YORK.

GORDON P HENDERSON JR, 37619358, Private First Class (then Private), Field Artillery, 320th Glider Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States on 1 October 1944 in HOLLAND. Entered military service from KIRKWOOD, MISSOURI.

FRANK G HERKNESS, 0867865, First Lieutenant (then Sergeant), Infantry, 505th Parachute Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States during the period 10 July 1943 to 8 July 1945 in SICILY, ITALY, FRANCE, HOLLAND, BELGIUM and GERMANY. Entered military service from PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA.

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GEORGE F HUSTON, 33098990, Technical Sergeant (then Technician Fourth Grade), Infantry, 505th Parachute Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States during the period 9 July 1943 to 12 May 1945 in SICILY, ITALY, FRANCE, HOLLAND, BELGIUM and GERMANY. Entered military service from WASHINGTON, D. C.

ELMER T JANKER, 19102221, Private First Class, Infantry, 505th Parachute Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States during the period 9 July 1943 to 5 May 1945 in the MEDITERRANEAN and EUROPEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS. Entered military service from PORTLAND, OREGON.

WILLIARD R MC GILLIVRAY, 39172932, Staff Sergeant (then Sergeant), Infantry, 505th Parachute Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States during the period 9 July 1943 to 5 May 1945 in HOLLAND, BELGIUM and GERMANY. Entered military service from FORT LEWIS, WASHINGTON.

JOHN D MC PHEE, 20901075, Technician Fifth Grade (then Private First Class), Infantry, 505th Parachute Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States during the period 9 July 1943 to 29 April 1945 in SICILY, ITALY, FRANCE, BELGIUM and GERMANY. Entered military service from OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA.

ROBERT E MESNARD, 15019228, Private First Class, Infantry, 505th Parachute Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States during the period 15 September 1943 to 24 April 1945 in ITALY, FRANCE, HOLLAND, BELGIUM and GERMANY. Entered military service from COLUMBUS, OHIO.

JAMES P OSPITAL, 39086815, Technician Fifth Grade, Infantry, 505th Parachute Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States during the period 9 July 1943 to 8 May 1945 in SICILY, ITALY, FRANCE, HOLLAND, BELGIUM and GERMANY. Entered military service from STOCKTON, CALIFORNIA.

LESTER J PEONE, 39173655, Private First Class, Infantry, 504th Parachute Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States during the period 9 July 1943 to 5 May 1945 in SICILY, ITALY, FRANCE, HOLLAND, BELGIUM and GERMANY. Entered military service from FORT LEWIS, WASHINGTON.

THEODORE H PETERS, 37247394, Technician Fourth Grade (then Private First Class), Infantry, Headquarters 82d Airborne Division, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States during the period 18 December 1944 to 24 January 1945 in BELGIUM and GERMANY. Entered military service from MARION, KANSAS.

GEORGE W PRESNELL, 01307460, First Lieutenant (then Second Lieutenant), Infantry, 505th Parachute Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States during the period 10 July 1943 to 5 January 1945 in SICILY, ITALY, FRANCE, HOLLAND, BELGIUM and GERMANY. Entered military service from TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA.

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LUCIO H SALAS, 38215755, Private First Class, Infantry, 505th Parachute Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States during the period 3 July 1943 to 5 May 1945 in SICILY, ITALY, FRANCE, HOLLAND, BELGIUM and GERMANY. Entered military service from FORT BLISS, TEXAS.

WARREN A SMITH, 3947411, Staff Sergeant (then Sergeant), Infantry, 505th Parachute Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States during the period 15 July 1944 to 29 May 1945 in HOLLAND, BELGIUM and GERMANY. Entered military service from BROOKLYN, NEW YORK.

ORLIE E UNDERWOOD, 39170287, Technical Sergeant (then Sergeant), Medical Corps, 505th Parachute Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States during the period 17 September 1944 to 9 May 1945 in HOLLAND, BELGIUM and GERMANY. Entered military service from LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA.

JOHN G WATKINS JR, 31420896, Private First Class (then Private), Field Artillery, 320th Glider Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States on 1 October 1944 in HOLLAND. Entered military service from CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS.

JOSEPH N WRIGHT, 33089114, Private First Class (then Private), Infantry, 505th Parachute Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States during the period 9 July 1943 to 7 May 1945 in SICILY, ITALY, FRANCE, HOLLAND, BELGIUM and GERMANY. Entered military service from FORT GEORGE G MEADE, MARYLAND.

V -- AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL FOR MERITORIOUS SERVICE, OAK LEAF CLUSTER:

Under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and pursuant to authority contained in Memorandum Number 35, Headquarters XVI Corps, dated 25 June 1945, the Bronze Star Medal having previously been awarded, the Oak Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following named individual:

DWAIN G LUCE, 0363804, Captain, Field Artillery, 320th Glider Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States during the period 7 June 1944 to 21 February 1945 in FRANCE, HOLLAND, BELGIUM and GERMANY. Entered military service from LUCEDALE, MISSISSIPPI.

VI -- AMENDMENT OF GENERAL ORDERS NUMBER 111, 1945:

General Orders Number 111, this Headquarters, dated 24 July 1945, are amended as follows:

So much of Section V as awards the Bronze Star Medal to HUBERT G STEWART, 0445632, Captain, Field Artillery, 320th Glider Field Artillery Battalion, is amended to read, HUBERT G STEWART, 0445632, Captain, MEDICAL CORPS, 320th Glider Field Artillery Battalion.

So much of Section VIII as awards the Combat Medical Badge is amended to delete, PRIVATE JESSE D HAWKINS, 33654797, 7 JUNE 1944.

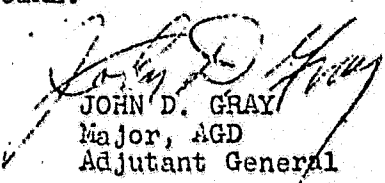
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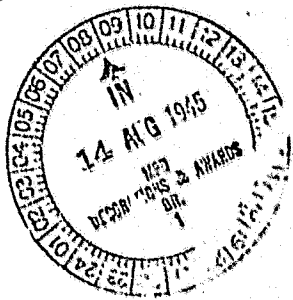
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AMENDMENT OF GENERAL ORDERS

So much of General Orders 119, Headquarters 82nd Airborne Division, dated 28 July 1945, as pertains to Technical Sergeant (then Corporal) Joseph F. Gilhelly, 12 063 041, which reads "Bronze Star Medal" (in amended to read "First Oak-Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal")

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I -- DETAIL IN GENERAL STAFF CORPS:

~~DP MAJOR FRED MC GOLDRICK O354378, Infantry, Headquarters 82d Airborne Division, is detailed in the General Staff Corps with troops.~~

II -- AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR MEDAL:

Under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and pursuant to authority contained in Memorandum Number 35, Headquarters XVI Corps, dated 25 June 1945, the Silver Star Medal is awarded to the following named individual:

EDWARD N WELLEMS, O24484, Lieutenant Colonel, 504th Parachute Infantry, for gallantry in action against an enemy on 2 February 1945, one and one-half miles southeast of ***, GERMANY. Lieutenant Colonel WELLEMS, battalion commander during a critical period in the attack on the Siegfried Line, ignored heavy artillery and concentrated small arms fire delivered from well concealed positions and moved forward to personally reorganize units shattered by heavy casualties and led them again into the attack. On at least three occasions, Lieutenant Colonel WELLEMS, finding platoons losing their forward impetus as a result of casualties among officers and non-commissioned officers, personally took command and, without regard for his own safety, conveyed to the units his own fearless determination. During the entire attack, he moved from company to company, encouraging, supervising and issuing orders, continuously under enemy fire. His calm and courageous leadership, and his unyielding fortitude made possible the successful attack by his battalion. Entered military service from MILES CITY, MONTANA.

III -- AWARD OF THE AIR MEDAL:

Under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and pursuant to authority contained in Memorandum Number 35, Headquarters XVI Corps,

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dated 25 June 1945, the Air Medal is awarded to the following named individuals for meritorious achievement while participating in an aerial flight on 24 March 1945 over GERMANY:

STEPHEN J GASPAROVIC, 0667508, First Lieutenant, 15th Troop Carrier Squadron, 61st Troop Carrier Group
DALE J WALLACE, 15085649, Technical Sergeant, 15th Troop Carrier Squadron, 61st Troop Carrier Group
EDWIN A PALMER, 15330567, Technical Sergeant, 15th Troop Carrier Squadron, 61st Troop Carrier Group
WALLACE J COLLINS, 37557883, Sergeant, 15th Troop Carrier Squadron, 61st Troop Carrier Group

IV -- AWARD OF THE AIR MEDAL, POSTHUMOUS:

Under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and pursuant to authority contained in Memorandum Number 55, Headquarters XVI Corps, dated 25 June 1945, the Air Medal is awarded, posthumously, to SVEN I FORNELL, 02061669, Second Lieutenant, 15th Troop Carrier Squadron, 61st Troop Carrier Group, for meritorious achievement while participating in an aerial flight on 24 March 1945 over GERMANY.

V -- AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART MEDAL:

Under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, the Purple Heart Medal is awarded to DONALD A MC DONALD, 37213898, Private First Class, Reconnaissance Platoon, 82d Airborne Division, for wounds received in action against the enemy in GERMANY on 2 May 1945.

VI -- AMENDMENT OF GENERAL ORDERS NUMBER 8, 1945:

So much of Section II, General Orders Number 8, this Headquarters, dated 15 January 1945, as awards the Bronze Star Medal, posthumously, to HARRY B CLANCY, 3862903, Private, 508th Parachute Infantry, for heroic conduct in action against the enemy on 22 September 1944, is amended to read, for heroic conduct in action against the enemy on 24 September 1944.

VII -- AMENDMENT OF GENERAL ORDERS NUMBER 13, 1945:

So much of Section VIII, General Orders Number 13, this Headquarters, dated 30 January 1945, as awards the Air Medal, posthumously, to ALBERT W BROWN, 01171923, First Lieutenant, Headquarters 82d Airborne Division Artillery, for meritorious achievement while participating in an aerial flight, as reads, "He lost his life in action on 13 July 1944", is amended to read, "He lost his life in action on 13 June 1944".

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VIII -- AMENDMENT OF GENERAL ORDERS NUMBER 78, 1945:

So much of Section I, General Orders Number 78, this Headquarters, dated 24 May 1945, as awards the Silver Star Medal, posthumously, to MANLEY J MERRILL, 420PS432, Private First Class, 307th Airborne Medical Company, for gallantry in action on 30 April 1945, is amended to read, for gallantry in action on 29 April 1945.

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I -- ESTABLISHMENT OF GENERAL STAFF SECTION:

1. Announcement is made of the establishment of the Civil Affairs Section, this Headquarters, as a General Staff Section effective as of 13 August 1945, which will be referred to as G-5.

2. Authority: Letter, Headquarters, Department of Operations, United States Army, AG 322 0000, subject: "Establishment of Civil Affairs Sections," dated 23 April 1945.

II -- ANNOUNCEMENT OF ASSIGNMENT:

By Direction of the President, MAJOR ARTHUR W SEWARD, 0907376, Air Corps, Headquarters, 82d Airborne Division, is detailed in the General Staff Corps with troops and is announced as Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5.

III -- AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL FOR MERITORIOUS SERVICE, OAK LEAF CLUSTER:

Under the provisions of AR 600-4.5, as amended, and pursuant to authority contained in Memorandum Number 35, Headquarters XVI Corps, dated 25 June 1945, the Bronze Star Medal having previously been awarded, the Oak Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following named individuals:

ALBERT G MARIN, 01265078, Lieutenant Colonel, General Staff Corps, Headquarters 82d Airborne Division, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States during the period 22 April 1945 to 3 May 1945 in GERMANY. Entered military service from SOUTH BREWER, MAINE.

JOHN NORTON, 023658, Lieutenant Colonel, General Staff Corps, Headquarters 82d Airborne Division, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States during the period 22 April 1945 to 3 May 1945 in GERMANY. Entered military service from BROOKLYN, NEW YORK.

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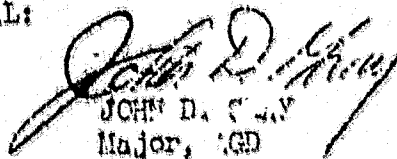
IV — AMENDMENT OF GENERAL ORDERS NUMBER 113, 1945:

So much of Section II, General Orders Number 113, this Headquarters, dated 28 July 1945, as awards the Bronze Star Medal to COLEMAN L. EVERETT, O1311583, First Lieutenant, 505th Parachute Infantry, is amended to award the Oak Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal, a Bronze Star Medal having been previously awarded to First Lieutenant COLEMAN L. EVERETT.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL GAVIN:

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I - AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR MEDAL:

Under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and pursuant to authority contained in Memorandum Number 35, Headquarters XVI Corps, dated 25 June 1945, the Silver Star Medal is awarded to the following named individuals:

JACK M BAILEY, 0506183, First Lieutenant, 505th Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on 28 January 1945 about three (3) miles from ***, BELGIUM. When his company was being pinned down by heavy enemy machine gun, rifle, and mortar fire, First Lieutenant BAILEY, platoon leader, with complete disregard for his own safety, advanced 150 yards across an open field through heavy snow in the face of heavy enemy machine gun and rifle fire and entered the enemy strong point. He moved from hole to hole throwing grenades and spraying the holes with his TSMG. First Lieutenant BAILEY killed or captured 20 enemy by this action and caused the rest to evacuate strong points. He then called his platoon forward, cleared the woods and captured the rest of the enemy. The example of First Lieutenant BAILEY'S courage and aggressive spirit enabled his platoon to completely reduce a strong obstacle and permit his company to carry out its assigned mission. His conduct reflects credit on the Airborne Forces of the United States Army. Entered military service from TAZEWELL VIRGINIA.

FRANK T BENNETT, 01185650, Second Lieutenant, 320th Air Field Artillery Battalion. For gallantry in action on 5 January 1945 near ***, BELGIUM. Second Lieutenant BENNETT, forward observer with an infantry battalion during an assault under direct fire of an enemy high velocity cannon, left his cover and moved to an open spot in full view of the piece. He skillfully directed artillery fire on the gun until it was destroyed. During the assault on the hill objective later in the day, he moved into view of two machine guns commanding the crest of the hill and silenced them with artillery fire. Although suffering intense pain from frozen feet, Second Lieutenant BENNETT refused evacuation and displayed courage and determination of inspiring quality to enable the battalion to successfully complete its mission with a minimum of casualties. His conduct reflects high credit on himself and the Airborne Forces of the United States Army. Entered military service from TEXAS.

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WILLIAM N HOLM, 023282, Major, 325th Glider Infantry. For gallantry in action on 7 January 1945 at ***, BELGIUM. Having previously captured the town of *** in a daring attack with sixteen (16) men, Major HOLM, then executive officer, 51st Parachute Infantry Battalion, assumed command of the battalion during the peak of the assault on ***, when the battalion commander was killed and officer casualties were heavy. Stiff enemy resistance and intense artillery concentrations had reduced the battalion to less than 100 effectives. With utter calmness and complete indifference to the heavy fire, Major HOLM re-organized the men who were exhausted from three (3) days of heavy fighting in bitter cold weather. His cool, courageous leadership in the face of overwhelming odds served as an inspiring example to the tired men. He personally directed the attack on the town, effecting its capture along with 250 prisoners after approximately 500 of the enemy had been killed. Major HOLM'S gallantry was in keeping with the high traditions of the Airborne Forces of the United States Army. Entered military service from CENTER CITY, MINNESOTA.

JAMES O IACOLINO, 31196866, Private First Class, 504th Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on 25 September 1944 near the WAAL RIVER, at ***, HOLLAND. After crossing the WAAL RIVER, Private First Class IACOLINO, volunteered to carry a vital message from the battalion commander to the lead company in the assault on the northern approaches of the bridge. With utter disregard for his own safety, he dodged from cover to cover through enemy sniper, small arms and mortar fire of great intensity. Private First Class IACOLINO was a continuous target for the enemy, but he succeeded in delivering his message, and returned with the answer that instructions had been carried out. The dogged determination and courageous devotion to duty displayed by Private First Class IACOLINO enabled Company "I" to successfully execute the instructions and reflect high credit on the Airborne Forces of the United States Army. Entered military service from HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT.

SALVATORE PERILLO, 35777463, Technician Fifth Grade, 505th Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on 8 January 1945 at ***, BELGIUM. Technician Fifth Grade PERILLO, medical aid man (then Private First Class), administered aid to 15 men wounded during an intense barrage with complete disregard for his own safety. Though wounded in this action, Technician Fifth Grade PERILLO accompanied the attack on the town, personally set up an aid station and operated it single-handedly, being at that time the only medical personnel available. Securing transportation, he evacuated 20 of his wounded. This done, he continued with his company in the assault action, and served in a superior manner throughout the mission. His devotion to duty, efficiency, and gallantry were an inspiration to the men he served, and were in keeping with the highest traditions of the Airborne Forces of the United States Army. Entered military service from PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA.

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FRED TOENSJOST JR, 19075164, Private, 504th Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action near ***, GERMANY on the night of 4 April 1945. After crossing the RHINE RIVER, the patrol of which Private TOENSJOST was a member was met by close range fire from three machine guns and he was wounded. Despite this, he advanced on the enemy and silenced two of the machine guns, enabling the patrol to reorganize. Private TOENSJOST continued as advance scout for a distance of two thousand (2000) yards through the enemy positions. The mission completed, the patrol returned to the river through an increasingly active enemy. Private TOENSJOST fought a delaying action in the rear until the patrol was embarked. His gallant conduct and courageous aggressiveness throughout this action permitted the patrol to secure important information and reflect credit on the man and the Airborne Forces of the United States Army. Entered military service from EVERETT, WASHINGTON.

GEORGE V WALLACE, 38134034, Private First Class, 505th Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on 6 June 1944 near ***, FRANCE. Private First Class WALLACE, assistant machine gunner, was in position at the east end of the *** RIVER Bridge when the enemy launched an assault supported by intense artillery and mortar fire which caused heavy casualties. He and one other man remained with their guns and fired on the three (3) German tanks leading the attack, killing the tank commander. The accuracy of his fire forced the tank to "button up" and run blindly into bazooka fire which destroyed it. The remaining tanks fired their machine guns and cannon directly at Private First Class WALLACE'S position, but he stuck to his gun and helped force them to the same fate. Eight (8) attempts in all were made by the enemy to cross the river but Private First Class WALLACE and his comrade stood by their guns all night and broke up every assault, killing an estimated 150 Germans. The gallant determination and high courage of Private First Class WALLACE in a critical moment of the Airborne assault in NORMANDY reflects credit on the man and his organization. Entered military service from SANTA ANNA, TEXAS.

II - AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR MEDAL, OAK LEAF CLUSTER:

Under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and pursuant to authority contained in Memorandum Number 35, Headquarters XVI Corps, dated 25 June 1945, the Silver Star Medal having previously been awarded, the Oak Leaf Cluster to the Silver Star Medal is awarded to the following named individual:

HENRY B KEEP, 01233270, Captain, 506th Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on 7 January 1945 at ***, BELGIUM. The battalion's dawn attack upon the town was encountering great difficulties when two (2) of the three (3) tank destroyers attached to the battalion were knocked out and a considerable portion of the attacking infantry were casualties, Captain KEEP quickly reorganized the attacking force and, with the remaining tank destroyer, personally directed the assault. In spite of heavy enemy artillery and small arms fire, he led the foremost attacking elements with great skill and courage, advising and encouraging the men by his own example to

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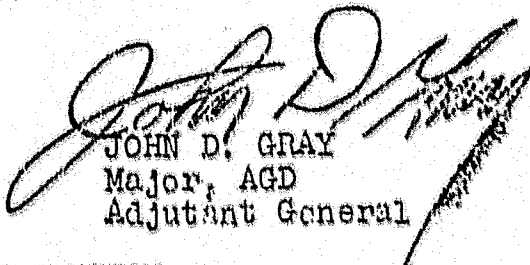
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further their efforts. Later in the morning when the town was under an artillery barrage, he went to the center of the village and evacuated a trapped clean-up detail. Captain KEEP'S gallant and heroic action, besides saving many lives, insured the success of the attack and reflects credit on the Airborne Forces of the United States Army. Entered military service from ANDALUSIA, BUCKS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA.

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I -- AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR MEDAL:

Under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and pursuant to authority contained in letter 200.6 (BDH) U. S. Headquarters Berlin District and Headquarters First Airborne Army, dated 31 August 1945, the Silver Star Medal is awarded to the following named individuals:

IRVING JACOBS, 32003373, Technical Sergeant, 505th Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on 3 January 1945 about one and one-half miles from ***, BELGIUM. Technical Sergeant JACOBS, platoon sergeant, and his platoon, attacking across an open field, were pinned down by heavy enemy machine gun and mortar fire. A mortar shell landed in their midst, wounding the squad leader and blinding Technical Sergeant JACOBS. The company the platoon was attached withdrew to set up a defensive position, leaving eighteen wounded in the clearing. Technical Sergeant JACOBS, although blind, had his squad leader act as his eyes and successfully directed his men in evacuating the wounded. Using their voices as his guide, he removed four of the wounded. In fighting their way back to their lines, eleven more of the enemy were taken prisoners. He refused to be evacuated, although still blind; until he received a direct order from his platoon leader. His actions reflect great credit upon himself and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the Airborne Forces. Entered military service from NEW YORK CITY.

JOHN W. MULLANEY, 6912001, Technical Sergeant, 505th Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on 5 January 1945 about 4 miles from ***, BELGIUM. Technical Sergeant MULLANEY, platoon leader, was advancing with his platoon through a road cut when they were subjected to surprise automatic fire from their flank. Technical Sergeant MULLANEY, with complete disregard for his own personal safety, rushed over the top of the road cut firing his sub-machine gun and silenced the enemy position. During this action he knocked out one machine gun, killed 4 Germans and captured twelve. Technical Sergeant MULLANEY's actions were an inspiration to all who witnessed and were in keeping with the highest traditions of the Airborne Forces. Entered military service from MISSOURI.

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EUGENE G STRUTZENBERG, 36733161, Private First Class, 504th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action against the enemy on 2 February 1945, three miles from ***, GERMANY. During the assault on the Siegfried Line, when his company was pinned down by very heavy defensive fire from enemy pillboxes, Private First Class STRUTZENBERG set out voluntarily to neutralize one of the fortifications in the enemy line. He crawled through snowcovered mine fields in the face of heavy small arms fire to within ten yards of his objective and threw a Gammon grenade which blew off the door of the pillbox, killing two of the enemy and stunning the others. The elimination of this critical obstacle permitted the company to resume its advance. Private First Class STRUTZENBERG's bold demonstration of courage and aggressiveness contributed materially to the accomplishment of his unit's mission. Entered military service from CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

JAMES C. TURNER, 38334139, Staff Sergeant (then Private First Class), 504th Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action against the enemy on 21 July 1945 at ***, SICILY. Staff Sergeant TURNER volunteered for a five man combat patrol to destroy enemy machine guns holding up the company attack from emplacements near the pass. He crawled up the hill under intense machine gun fire and knocked out one gun with a grenade. The patrol was thus able to reach the top of the pass, destroy other positions and disrupt the enemy defenses. In the confusion, Staff Sergeant TURNER ambushed and killed with grenades six officers on motorcycles who attempted to escape. The courage and aggressiveness displayed by Staff Sergeant TURNER in this action were largely responsible for the patrol's success and typify the traditions of the Airborne Forces of the United States Army. Entered military service from MINERAL WELLS, TEXAS.

II -- AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL FOR HEROIC CONDUCT:

Under the provisions of AR 600-46, as amended, and pursuant to authority contained in letter 200.6 (BDH) U. S. Headquarters Berlin District and Headquarters First Airborne Army, dated 31 August 1945, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following named individuals:

EARNEST H BROWN, 0198695, First Lieutenant, 504th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 17 September 1944 near ***, HOLLAND. Immediately after the jump, First Lieutenant BROWN assembled his platoon and moved to the ***, Bridge approaches and found them well protected by enemy automatic weapons. Realizing the importance of moving quickly to the other side, he immediately pressed the assault. In order to move his own weapons to a forward position where they could neutralize the enemy defenses, he continuously exposed himself to automatic and 20 mm fire, taking a BAR from one of his men and boldly advancing upon the enemy position and knocking it out. First Lieutenant BROWN's courage and capable leadership reflect great credit upon himself and the service. Entered military service from HOUSTON, TEXAS.

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JEHUE P CLINKSCALES, 14060479, Private, 504th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 10 February 1944 two miles from ***, ITALY. Private CLINKSCALES, a machine gunner on outpost with two other men in front of a defense position on the Anzio beach-head, opened fire on a large enemy combat patrol, killing five, wounding three and temporarily halting the patrol. After running to the command post to report the situation, Private CLINKSCALES seized a heavy machine gun, moved to a position only twenty five yards from the attacking enemy and there delivered such a well-aimed volume of fire that the enemy was halted. He then picked his way through a mine field under sniper fire to return with three wounded enemy for questioning. By his initiative, heroic conduct and bold action, Private CLINKSCALES not only played a major part in turning back one attack, but enabled his unit to beat off later assaults. Entered the military service from ATLANTA, GEORGIA.

JOHN T HOLBROOK, 38419726, Sergeant, 307th Airborne Engineer Battalion. For heroic conduct on 6 February 1945 near ***, GERMANY. Sergeant HOLBROOK and three other men were called forward to breach an enemy anti-personnel mine field to permit friendly troops on the other side to evacuate their wounded without delay. This field was covered by enemy small arms and intermittent artillery fire. Sergeant HOLBROOK upon observing this, decided that one man would have a better chance than a group and he elected himself for the job of deactivation and successfully breached the minefield. Sergeant HOLBROOK's cool courage, heroic conduct and devotion to duty throughout this operation was a continual inspiration for his squad and reflected great credit upon himself and the airborne forces of the United States Army. Entered military service from HOUSTON, TEXAS.

HAROLD J. O'CONNOR, 12198935, Private First Class, 504th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct on 26 December 1944 near ***, BELGIUM. Private First Class O'CONNOR, machine gunner on a security outpost eight hundred yards in front of the main positions, voluntarily remained at his gun when a battalion of German SS troops launched a vicious attack. Although he was instructed to withdraw if heavily attacked, Private First Class O'CONNOR poured a heavy, accurate fire into the enemy with such telling effects that the attack was disrupted. His dauntless courage and determination, despite the fact that he was surrounded and subjected to heavy fire, are exemplary of the highest standards of the Airborne Forces. Entered military service from BUFFALO, NEW YORK.

SALVATORE PERILLO, 3574746, Technician Fifth Grade (then Private First Class), 505th Parachute Infantry. For heroic action on 31 January 1945 about five miles into the Siegfried Line in GERMANY. Technician Fifth Grade PERILLO, aid man, displayed great courage and disregard for his personal safety while accompanying a ten man combat patrol deep in the Siegfried Line. When the patrol encountered a pillbox, one of its members was believed to be wounded and Technician Fifth Grade PERILLO went forward under enemy fire to aid him. Finding the man unhurt and with a prisoner, Technician Fifth Grade PERILLO took the prisoner to the entrance of the fortification where he persuaded him to call to the other occupants.

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Eight of the enemy surrendered. Realizing there must be more, Technician Fifth Grade PERILLO, alone and unarmed, entered the pillbox and brought out twelve more enemies. His gallant conduct was responsible for the taking of twenty-one prisoners in all without a single one of his comrades being wounded. This action is in keeping with the highest traditions of the Medical Department and Airborne Forces. Entered military service from PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA.

ORIN SHIRTS, 39909535, Staff Sergeant (then Private), 504th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 25 January 1944 near ***, ITALY. Staff Sergeant SHIRTS, company runner, delivered a message from his commanding officer to battalion over a route which was being heavily raked by artillery and small arms fire. The situation necessitated an immediate return to the company with further orders from the battalion commander. Staff Sergeant SHIRTS' company was at this time pinned down by a heavy artillery barrage that was inflicting many casualties. However, realizing the importance of the communication, he again braved the enemy fire and successfully delivered the message to his company commander. A few hours later a group of men were cut off from the company by the enemy. Staff Sergeant SHIRTS once more volunteered and crawled three hundred yards through the enemy lines to reach the men with orders. Staff Sergeant SHIRTS' unselfish initiative and cool courage reflect the high traditions of the Airborne Forces. Entered military service from BOISE, IDAHO.

JAMES D WITHERS, 35700965, Technical Sergeant, 325th Glider Infantry. For heroic conduct on 6 April 1945 about one mile from ***, GERMANY. Technical Sergeant WITHERS, with part of his platoon, was protecting the right flank in the advance on the town. A heavy volume of machine gun fire killed four men and wounded Technical Sergeant WITHERS and several others. Although seriously wounded, Technical Sergeant WITHERS directed his men to positions to repulse the enemy, administered first aid to himself, notified the heavy machine gun platoon leader of the location of the enemy, and sought out his company commander to notify him of the situation. Only then would he agree to evacuation. Technical Sergeant WITHERS' devotion to duty and to his organization, without regard to his own welfare, is in keeping with the highest standards of the United States Army. Entered military service from KENTUCKY.

III -- AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL FOR MERITORIOUS SERVICE:

Under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and pursuant to authority contained in letter 200.6 (BDi) U. S. Headquarters Berlin District and Headquarters First Airborne Army, dated 31 August 1945, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following named individuals:

DAN R. BOST, 16045971, Technician Fourth Grade (then Technician Fifth Grade), Infantry, 82d Parachute Maintenance Company, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States during the period 9 July 1943 to 17 February 1945 in SICILY, ITALY and HOLLAND. Entered military service from DETROIT, MICHIGAN.

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FREDERICK W ROBBINS, 11052466, Staff Sergeant (then Corporal) Infantry, 508th Parachute Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States during the period 6 June 1944 to 20 February 1945 in FRANCE, BELGIUM, HOLLAND and GERMANY. Entered military service from FRYE, MAINE.

IV -- AWARD OF THE COMBAT MEDICAL BADGE:

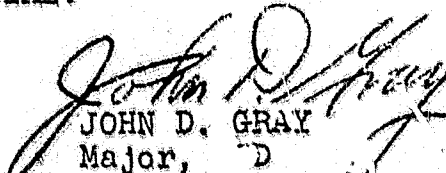
Under the provisions of Section II, War Department Circular 66, dated 1 March 1945, the following named individuals are awarded the Combat Medical Badge for satisfactory performance of duty under combat conditions on dates indicated.

FIRST LIEUTENANT	JOHN J DEVENNY	02049528	18 December 1944
PRIVATE FIRST CLASS	THURMAN A PUTTMAN	38530762	18 September 1944
PRIVATE FIRST CLASS	HERMAN R LONG	34885917	18 September 1944

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I -- AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR MEDAL:

Under the provisions of AR 600.45, as amended, and pursuant to authority contained in letter 200.2 (BDH) U. S. Headquarters Berlin District and Headquarters First Airborne Army dated 31 August 1945, the Silver Star Medal is awarded to the following named individuals:

AUGUSTA F BILLINGSLEY, 6907816 Technical Sergeant, 504th Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action at ***, BELGIUM on 29 January 1945. Technical Sergeant BILLINGSLEY, then acting First Sergeant, took charge of the second platoon after the platoon leader and platoon sergeant had been wounded in an effort to take the ridge north of the town and hold until relieved. After a severe and bloody battle, Technical Sergeant BILLINGSLEY led his men to the crest, and immediately deployed them defensively. The enemy opened up on the hill with 20mm flak guns, mortars, artillery and small arms and launched a counter-attack. Technical Sergeant BILLINGSLEY, with utter and complete disregard for his own personal safety, took a TSMG and charged the enemy forces by himself. Firing his weapon from the hip and throwing hand grenades, he succeeded in killing at least nine of the enemy and wounded several more, took two prisoners and forced the remaining enemy to leave the field of battle in complete disorder. Technical Sergeant BILLINGSLEY's actions were an inspiration to all who saw him, and in keeping with the highest standards of the Airborne Forces. Entered military service from CEDAR-TOWN, GEORGIA.

VIRGIL F CARMICHAEL, 01286070, First Lieutenant, 54th Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on 21 September 1944 at ***, HOLLAND. A member of one of the foremost boatloads of the initial wave in the hotly-contested Waal River crossing, First Lieutenant CARMICHAEL, Battalion S-2, was given the mission, upon reaching the enemy side of the river, of organizing the beach. With total disregard for his personal safety, First Lieutenant CARMICHAEL, in spite of the deadly artillery and small arms fire which blanketed the beach, moved calmly from one boat to another, orienting the men and officers, guiding them to covered approaches, administering first aid to the wounded and organizing crews for essential return trips. The courage, initiative and judgment displayed by First Lieutenant CARMICHAEL at a most critical time reflect the highest traditions of the Airborne Forces of the United States Army. Entered military service from BYINGTON, TENNESSEE.

PAUL GREAR, 36163689, Technical Sergeant, 504th Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on 28 January 1945 near ***, BELGIUM. Technical Sergeant GREAR was at the rear of his platoon during its attack on an enemy position on the outskirts of the town when they encountered intense enemy fire from a house on the flank. The platoon was pinned down and suffered several casualties. Quickly moving towards the enemy position, with a BAR taken from a wounded man, he opened fire on an enemy machine gun emplacement in front of the house, killing the three man crew. Picking up a bazooka, he moved to within fifty feet of the house, despite the intense small arms fire striking all about him. With three rounds he silenced the enemy guns. Then with the aid of another man he rushed

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the building, capturing five of its occupants and killing four who attempted to resist capture. The bravery of Technical Sergeant GREAT reflects great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces. Entered military service from AUBURN, INDIANA.

WILLIAM S KENDRICK, 17169261, Sergeant, 504th Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on 7 January 1945 near ***, BELGIUM. Sergeant KENDRICK's platoon was making a frontal attack on enemy positions when, directly in front of his squad, a machine gun opened fire on them and pinned the men down. Sergeant KENDRICK sprang up without thought of personal safety and moved forward with a tommy gun in one hand and a grenade in the other. Thrown to the ground by a blast from an enemy grenade and momentarily stunned, Sergeant KENDRICK struggled doggedly on toward the machine gun nest in the face of murderous pointblank fire. Hurling his grenade from close range and firing as he advanced, he leaped into the entrenchment, engaged the crew of the machine gun, killing two and wounding one. Sergeant KENDRICK's courageous action eliminated the machine gun enabling the platoon to move forward and accomplish its mission. Entered military service from LEAVENWORTH, KANSAS.

ROBERT H WALTERS, 39326167, Private First Class, 504th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct on 2 November 1944, near ***, HOLLAND. Private First Class WALTERS, on outpost one thousand yards in front of his lines with five other men, was cut off with one comrade and outflanked by an enemy patrol of about thirty men. Despite overwhelming odds and a hail of fire delivered from three sides, Private First Class WALTERS opened fire with his Thompson gun until he was wounded and his ammunition was exhausted. Despite his wounds, he rose to his feet, advanced alone and threw Cammon grenades until he forced the enemy to withdraw after killing five enemy soldiers and wounding four in a two hour action. By his heroic and determined action and his selfless devotion to duty, Private First Class WALTERS saved his outpost position, single-handedly broke up an enemy attack and rescued his trapped fellow patrol members. He refused treatment of his wounds until ordered, and then remained in the rear only long enough to have his wounds dressed. Entered military service from FT LEWIS, WASHINGTON.

II -- AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL FOR HEROIC CONDUCT:

Under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and pursuant to authority contained in letter 200.6 (BDH) U. S. Headquarters Berlin District and Headquarters First Airborne Army dated 31 August 1945, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following named individuals:

WILLIAM A ADAMS, 32769542, Technician Fifth Grade (then Private First Class), 504th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct on 8 January 1945 at ***, BELGIUM. Technician Fifth Grade ADAMS was a medical aid man with a platoon crossing the flat open terrain under a heavy concentration of fire. Technician Fifth Grade ADAMS, with utter disregard for his own personal safety, ran to the exposed position to administer first aid to the casualties. He carried the wounded one at a time to a safe position and gave all aid possible. Throughout the entire attack he continually exposed himself to intense fire in order to aid the wounded. The courageous and gallant actions of Technician Fifth Grade ADAMS were in keeping with the highest traditions of the Medical Corps. Entered military service from WESTFIELD, NEW JERSEY.

JOSEPH A BECKMAN, 36380994, Sergeant (then Private), 320th Glider Field Artillery Battalion. For heroic conduct on 9 June 1944 at ***, FRANCE. Sergeant BECKMAN, an artillery wireman, voluntarily accompanied a forward observer party in an effort to repel a strong German attack threatening to overrun our lines. Occupying a hazardous position under heavy artillery and small arms fire, he relayed fire missions to the rear by voice. Later, in our infantry counter-attack, he exposed himself to artillery and rifle fire to protect

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the observers. His courageous conduct and his unselfish disregard for his own safety added to the efficiency of the forward observers at a critical time, and reflect the highest tradition of the Airborne Forces. Entered military service from MT VERNON, ILLINOIS.

WILLIAM COLVILLE, JR, 0340415, Major (then Captain), 504th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 12 December 1943 near ***, ITALY. When his company CP received a direct hit from a heavy caliber shell, it killed or wounded all of the officers and men present in the CP with the exception of Major COLVILLE who was stunned by the explosion. The sudden loss of practically the entire company command group caused a temporary state of confusion. Major COLVILLE, with no thought of his personal safety, directed his men back to their positions, and, while completely exposed to the heavy artillery fire, personally effected the evacuation of the wounded. Major COLVILLE's quick thinking and cool courage in a trying situation was an inspiration to his men and in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Airborne Forces. Entered military service from NEW YORK, NEW YORK.

JOHN E DAVIDSON, 31271070, Private, 505th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct on 30 April 1945 about two miles from ***, GERMANY. When a white phosphorous grenade exploded injuring two of his men, Private DAVIDSON, aid man, with one other man, crossed an open field under heavy artillery fire to try and put out the flames caused by the bomb and render first aid. As they were beating out the flames, a gasmon grenade in the pocket of one of the men exploded, killing one, wounding three and stunning Private DAVIDSON. Private DAVIDSON, although shaken and still under artillery fire, immediately began giving first aid to the men wounded by the explosion. Private DAVIDSON's heroic conduct, courage and devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the Airborne Forces. Entered military service from CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS.

BERT DAVIS, 15355822, Staff Sergeant (then Private First Class), 504th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct on 17 December 1943 near ***, ITALY. Staff Sergeant DAVIS remained at his mortar when the other members of the gun crew were casualties and only one officer was left in his company, and courageously prepared and fired mortar rounds to eliminate machine gun positions which had his entire battalion pinned down. When machine gun fire repeatedly swept the mortar position, wounding men around him, Sergeant DAVIS moved his mortar to a new position. His skillful fire relieved pressure on his battalion knocked out several machine gun positions and inflicted numerous casualties on the enemy. Sergeant DAVIS' courage, skill and devotion to duty typify the highest traditions of the Airborne Forces. Entered military service from COLUMBUS, OHIO.

RAYMOND S DEANE, 11049354, Sergeant, 504th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct on 21 December 1944 at ***, BELGIUM. When the assault platoon became pinned down in an exposed position by sweeping machine gun fire from well protected positions, the situation became critical when ammunition ran low. Sergeant DEANE, then company operations sergeant, unhesitatingly volunteered to attempt the perilous trip back to a supply dump. The entire route was subjected to enemy machine gun and intermittent artillery fire. Completely disregarding his own personal safety, Sergeant DEANE courageously made several round trips, carrying out wounded comrades and returning with the badly needed ammunition. His heroic actions exemplified the traditions of the United States Airborne Forces. Entered military service from BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS.

LEO J ESTENSEN, 37327536, Private First Class, 504th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct on 20 January 1945, one-half mile from ***, BELGIUM. Private First Class ESTENSEN, on an outpost when attacked by a large patrol, calmly remained at his machine gun firing round after round into the advancing enemy. An enemy machine gun and several rifles opened fire from his flank, making his position pre-

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carious, but he continued firing until the charge of the onrushing patrol had been stopped, leaving six dead and several wounded behind. At this point, Private First Class ESTENSEN moved his machine gun and proceeded to silence the remaining enemy. His courageous and determined stand in the face of heavy odds reflects great credit upon himself and the American Airborne forces. Entered military service from GRARY, NORTH DAKOTA.

ERNEST GREENWALD, 31003792, Technician Third Grade, 505th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct on 2 May 1945 about one-half mile from ***, GERMANY. Technician Third Grade GREENWALD, interrogator, was with the Regimental IPW Team when the team commanders received information that the enemy had prepared an extensive marine depot for demolition and would defend it at all cost. He and two other men volunteered to accompany the team commander to the depot in an attempt to thwart the enemy effort. Undaunted they pushed forward and took several prisoners from whom they located the bunker containing the main switch for the demolition charges. They captured the assistant commander of the depot, five officers and twenty-two other prisoners. The ammunition dump was saved from destruction. Technician Third Grade GREENWALD's exemplary performance reflects great honor on himself and his country. Entered military service from NEW YORK.

JOSEPH L C JEDLICKA, 38203511, Private First Class, 504th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct on 20 September 1944 near ***, HOLLAND. During the Waal River crossing, Private First Class JEDLICKA crossed the treacherous river with the first assault wave. When his boat was approximately thirty yards from the opposite shore, it received a direct hit from an enemy mortar shell and sank. Weighted down by his BAR and ammunition, Private First Class JEDLICKA was carried to the bottom. By walking on the bed of the river, he reached the opposite shore to find that he was the only member of his boat to survive. Although the entire area was under terrific enemy fire from artillery and small arms fire, Private First Class JEDLICKA, acting entirely on his own initiative, immediately took charge of leaderless men and organized them into squads and continued the attack. The initiative, ability and aggressiveness displayed by Private First Class JEDLICKA were instrumental in the speedy success of the mission and reflect great credit upon himself and the United States Airborne Forces. Entered military service from FORT SAM HOUSTON, TEXAS.

PAUL A KUNDE, 17048637, Private, 504th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct on 14 December 1943 about four miles from ***, ITALY. Private KUNDE, acting assistant squad leader, volunteered to cross two hundred yards of open exposed terrain swept by enemy machine gun and rifle fire to direct mortar fire on five enemy machine guns that had the entire company pinned down. Upon reaching his OP position the enemy tried to knock him out by withering streams of automatic and rifle fire. Private KUNDE killed several of the enemy who were attempting to grenade him and his expertly directed mortar fire neutralized the enemy gun position. Private KUNDE's courage and devotion to duty are in keeping with the high standards of the Airborne Forces. Entered military service from MINNESOTA.

JOHN T LOVETT, 38679017, Private, 505th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct on 3 May 1945 about one-half mile from ***, GERMANY. Private LOVETT, jeep driver, was with the Regimental IPW Team when the team commanders received information that the enemy had prepared an extensive marine depot for demolition and would defend it at all cost. He and two other men volunteered to accompany the team commander to the depot in an attempt to thwart the enemy effort. Undaunted they pushed forward and took several prisoners from whom they located the bunker containing the main switch for the demolition charges. They captured the assistant commander of the depot, five officers and twenty-two other prisoners. The ammunition dump was saved from destruction. Private LOVETT's exemplary performance reflects great honor on himself and his country. Entered military service from POINT BLANK, TEXAS.

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STEPHEN C MASSON, 32237867, First Sergeant (then Staff Sergeant), 504th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action against the enemy the morning of 7 October 1944 near ***, HOLLAND. During a fierce and determined enemy counterattack and artillery barrage, First Sergeant MASSON's platoon lost two platoon leaders and became disorganized. First Sergeant MASSON took command in a firm and confident manner. He split the platoon and placed them on the flanks of a wide road, exposing himself to place and direct automatic fire upon the point of the attack. His skillful use of mortars and automatic weapons halted the advance and forced the enemy to withdraw, leaving many dead and wounded behind them. Entered military service from NEWARK, NEW JERSEY.

PHILIP D MOSER, 6384489, Private First Class, 505th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 3 October 1944 about five miles from ***, HOLLAND. Private First Class MOSER, radio operator, was with a patrol pinned down by intense small arms fire. Private First Class MOSER voluntarily moved to a very exposed position so as to obtain communication on his radio with the battalion CP when our own artillery began falling short, causing casualties and endangering the patrol's mission. While lying there, Private First Class MOSER had most of his belt equipment shot away and the field bag on his back was riddled repeatedly. Throughout the action, Private First Class MOSER remained calm, maintaining perfect communications with the CP. The action of Private First Class MOSER reflects great credit on the Airborne Forces. Entered military service from LAKE CHARLES, LOUISIANA.

CLAUDE E SIMPSON, 14062422, Technical Sergeant, 505th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct on 30 April 1945 about two miles from ***, GERMANY. When a white phosphorous grenade exploded injuring two of his men, Technical Sergeant SIMPSON and one other man crossed an open field under heavy artillery fire to try to put out the flames caused by the bomb and render first aid. As they were beating out the flames, a Gammon grenade in the pocket of one of the men exploded killing one man, wounding three and stunning Technical Sergeant SIMPSON. Technical Sergeant SIMPSON, however, although shaken and still under artillery fire, immediately began giving first aid to the men wounded by the explosion. Technical Sergeant SIMPSON's heroic conduct while under fire and his courage and devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the Airborne Forces. Entered military service from CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS.

PAUL P SIROTZKE, 36220653, Technician Fourth Grade (then Private), 320th Glider Field Artillery Battalion. For heroic conduct on 9 June 1944 at ***, FRANCE. Relieved from action and in a state of exhaustion after a period of intense and prolonged battle, Technician Fourth Grade SIROTZKE voluntarily joined another forward observer party in support of a particularly bitter engagement. When communications failed, he drove messages back to the infantry CP and evacuated wounded from the front. Shell fragments struck his helmet, temporarily stunned him and damaged the vehicle, but he continued his efforts throughout the action. His courage and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the Airborne Forces. Entered military service from MELROSE PARK, ILLINOIS.

JOSEPH E STANGER, 59159378, Private First Class, 505th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct against an armed enemy on 2 May 1945 about one-half mile from ***, GERMANY. Private First Class STANGER, regimental correspondent, was with the Regimental IPW Team when the team commanders received information that the enemy had prepared an extensive mine depot for demolition and would defend it at all cost. He and two other men volunteered to accompany the team commander to the depot in an attempt to thwart the enemy effort. Undaunted they pushed forward and took several prisoners from whom they located the bunker containing the main switch for the demolition charges. They captured the assistant commander of the depot, five officers and twenty-two other prisoners. The ammunition dump was

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saved from destruction. Private First Class STANGER's exemplary performance reflects great honor on himself and his country. Entered military service from LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA.

LAWRENCE W STIMPSON, 39681491, Sergeant, 504th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 25 January 1944 at ANZIO BEACH near ***, ITALY. While assaulting a heavily fortified bridge lying across the *** Canal, intense volleys of surprise fire completely dispersed the two lead platoons of Sergeant STIMPSON's company with heavy casualties. Communications were cut off by eight hundred yards of open, fire swept terrain on which three runners had been killed in efforts to call for artillery. Undaunted, Sergeant STIMPSON, running in spurts, coolly made the crossing. Through his heroic and aggressive action, artillery was brought into action causing great damage to the enemy and the capture of the bridge. His courageous action was an excellent example of the traditional bravery of the Airborne Forces. Entered military service from FORT DOUGLAS, UTAH.

JAMES V VERTI, 36628960, Sergeant, 505th Parachute Infantry. For heroic action on 17 September 1944 at ***, HOLLAND. Sergeant VERTI, medical technician, remained with the wounded in an aid station that was under heavy artillery fire. When the aid station was forced to move, Sergeant VERTI, with complete disregard for his personal safety, voluntarily remained in the perilous position to treat six seriously wounded Americans and fifteen German casualties. The building received several direct hits, but Sergeant VERTI calmly administered plasma and gave the men the proper care which was instrumental in saving their lives. His conduct above and beyond the call of duty was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Medical Corps. Entered military service from CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

III -- AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL FOR MERITORIOUS SERVICE:

Under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and pursuant to authority contained in letter 200.6 (BDH) U. S. Headquarters Berlin District and Headquarters First Airborne Army, dated 31 August 1945, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following named individuals:

MARCEL A BOLLAG, 02011143, Second Lieutenant, Military Intelligence Service, 504th Parachute Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States during the period 17 September 1944 to 11 May 1945, HOLLAND, BELGIUM and GERMANY. Entered military service from NEW YORK, NEW YORK.

BENNIE R BURROWS, 36171849, Private First Class, Infantry, 504th Parachute Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States during the period 9 September 1945 to 12 May 1945 in ITALY, HOLLAND, BELGIUM and GERMANY. Entered military service from DETROIT, MICHIGAN.

HENRY B FRANK, 0280168, Major, Infantry, 504th Parachute Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States during the period 13 September 1943 to 23 March 1944 in ITALY. Entered military service from CALIFORNIA.

FRANCIS F PRICE, 13039203, Sergeant, Infantry, 505th Parachute Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States during the period 10 July 1943 to 12 May 1945 in GERMANY, ITALY, FRANCE, HOLLAND, BELGIUM and GERMANY. Entered military service from CHICORA, PENNSYLVANIA.

BENNIE M WEEKS, 20362066, Staff Sergeant, Infantry, 504th Parachute Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United

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States during the period 9 July 1943 to 12 May 1945 in SICILY, ITALY, FRANCE, HOLLAND and GERMANY. Entered military service from NORTH CAROLINA.

IV --- AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL FOR MERITORIOUS SERVICE, OAK LEAF CLUSTER:

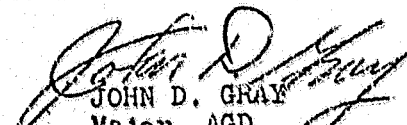
Under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and pursuant to authority contained in letter 200.6 (BDH) U. S. Headquarters Berlin District and Headquarters First Airborne Army, dated 31 August 1945, the Bronze Star Medal having been previously awarded, the Oak Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following named individual:

FREDERICK J SILVEY, O356134, Major, Field Artillery, 456th Parachute Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States during the period 6-7 June 1944 in FRANCE. Entered military service from TEXAS.

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I -- AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR MEDAL:

Under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and pursuant to authority contained in letter 200.6 (BDH) U. S. Headquarters Berlin District and Headquarters First Airborne Army dated 31 August 1945, the Silver Star Medal is awarded to the following named individuals:

CHESTER R. ANDERSON, 054557C, First Lieutenant (then Second Lieutenant), 504th Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on 29 January 1945 at ***, BELGIUM. First Lieutenant ANDERSON was a platoon leader and was given the mission of capturing and holding a large ridge to the east of the town. At a point halfway up the ridge, he and his men came under intense small arms and artillery fire. First Lieutenant ANDERSON almost immediately suffered a severe and very painful shrapnel wound in his shoulder. Refusing medical aid, he continued to lead his men to the crest of the ridge where the platoon was immediately counter-attacked by a force estimated to be a battalion in strength. First Lieutenant ANDERSON with complete disregard for personal safety, and ignoring his wound, personally killed thirteen of the enemy and captured three more. His courageous actions were an inspiration to all who saw him and reflect great credit upon himself and the Airborne Forces. Entered military service from SIOUX FALLS, SOUTH DAKOTA.

CLARENCE J. BECKER, 32142431, Private First Class, 505th Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on 6 June 1944, two miles from ***, NORMANDY. Private First Class BECKER, machine gunner, remained with his gun throughout intensive artillery barrages and a direct assault with tanks. His accurate fire blinded the lead tank, causing it to "button-up" and move in to range of bazookas which destroyed it. The two following tanks fired at Private First Class BECKER's position but he kept shooting at them until they suffered a like fate. Throughout the entire night, he helped repulse eight fierce enemy counterattacks and was instrumental in the successful repulse of every German effort to throw reinforcements over the River at ***. His conspicuous gallantry typified the highest traditions of the Airborne Forces of the United States Army. Entered military service from ROCHESTER, NEW YORK.

ABRAHAM BLOOMFIELD, 37383688, Staff Sergeant (then Private), 504th Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on 21 July 1943, two miles south of ***, SICILY. Staff Sergeant BLOOMFIELD, a battalion clerk, volunteered for a patrol to eliminate enemy positions dominating approaches to the battalion objective. He dashed across three hundred yards of open ground with the patrol under a hail of

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rifle, machine gun and 77mm fire to one of the machine gun positions. There he disabled the gun, killed two enemy and wounded one. Continuing the climb with two remaining members of the patrol, he grenaded another machine gun position, putting it out of action and uncovered the command post of the enemy strong point, which resulted in the surrender of the command post and the strong point. Elimination of the strong point permitted the battalion to seize its objective with a minimum loss of time. Entered military service from NEW YORK.

JOHN G. CONNELL, 13111956, Private First Class, 505th Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on 3 January 1945 about one-half mile from ***, BELGIUM. Private First Class CONNELL, rifleman, was a member of the assault platoon. After seeing two of his comrades fall wounded from intense enemy machine gun fire, Private First Class CONNELL, with utter disregard for his own safety, crawled forward to a firing position and engaged six Germans armed with MP43 weapons. He killed one, wounded two and caused the remaining three to surrender their positions. This allowed his squad to penetrate the enemy's main line of resistance and sever their communications. This soldier reflected great credit upon himself and the Airborne Forces. Entered military service from PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA.

ARTHUR F. DRAPER, JR., 01321573, First Lieutenant (then Second Lieutenant), 505th Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on 8 January 1945, one mile from ***, BELGIUM. During the attack on the town, enemy forces began a strong infiltration and set up several strong machine gun positions in abandoned holes covering the entire exposed left flank of the attacking company. First Lieutenant DRAPER, platoon leader, left his machine gunners to support the attack and upon his own initiative frontally assaulted two of the positions. By the very fierceness of his attack, he managed to neutralize them. Continuing to attack, he lobbed phosphorous grenades into two other positions and silenced them. Throughout all of the action, the Lieutenant was under a withering fire from the enemy automatic weapons to which he was a plainly visible target. Entered military service from DETROIT, MICHIGAN.

PAUL M. NANCE, 0538046, Second Lieutenant, 504th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 21 December 1944 at ***, BELGIUM. As the platoon designated to attack the town from the right, their progress was blocked by intense rifle and machine gun fire from a large house to their front. Taking one man with him, Second Lieutenant NANCE, assistant platoon leader, moved forward to attack the house with grenades. Second Lieutenant NANCE then rushed the house and was wounded in the leg by 20mm flak gun fire. Continuing, he succeeded in killing three of the enemy, wounding two more and forcing the remaining three members of the enemy group to flee. During this action, Second Lieutenant NANCE was wounded twice more, in the right leg and shoulder. He returned to his companion and found him seriously wounded. Despite his own wounds, Second Lieutenant NANCE carried the soldier to safety and returned to his platoon, refusing evacuation until so ordered. His heroic and courageous actions reflect great credit on the Airborne Forces. Entered military service from SOUTH CAROLINA.

GRANVILLE F. SAMPLES, 15112692, Sergeant (then Private), 505th Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on 21 December 1944 about one-half mile from ***, BELGIUM. Sergeant SAMPLES, assistant wire chief, displayed great initiative and courage under fire while working wire from the Battalion CP within one thousand yards of a German tank. The tank shelled him for the next thirty minutes, but in the cover of a shallow ditch, he spliced a new reel, then went out and repaired five fresh breaks caused by the tank's fire. His courageous and timely action provided constant communications for the greatest part of his regiment. Sergeant SAMPLES' heroism under fire was in keeping with the traditions of the United States

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Airborne Forces. Entered military service from WANDLETON, WEST VIRGINIA.

JOHN E. SCHAEFFER, 01309417, First Lieutenant (then Second Lieutenant), 50th Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action against the enemy on 17 September 1944 near ***, HOLLAND. First Lieutenant SCHAEFFER took command of a patrol when his battalion was held up by machine gun, rifle and 20mm fire. With his patrol, he set out to flank well-entrenched enemy positions on the north approach to the ***, Bridge, dashed over or on terrain in the face of heavy small arms fire and charged a machine gun position and two protecting riflemen, wounding several enemy soldiers and capturing six. As the Germans prepared to turn mortar fire upon the battalion, First Lieutenant SCHAEFFER, personally led the assault on a 20mm gun position, killing one German and capturing two himself. He then turned the 20mm gun on the enemy mortarmen. The courage, leadership and decisive action of First Lieutenant SCHAEFFER cleared the bridge defenses, permitted capture of the bridge intact and enabled the unit to seize the town. Entered military service from NEW GUMBERLAND, PENNSYLVANIA.

TOM P. SERGEANT, 02011118, Second Lieutenant (then Staff Sergeant), Headquarters Battery, 82d Airborne Division Artillery. For gallantry in action on 7 June 1944 near ***, FRANCE. Second Lieutenant SERGEANT, a medical technician, upon landing by glider sustained several injuries in his leg and neck from machine gun fire and grenade fragments. Despite these injuries, he quickly and thoroughly, while under continuous enemy fire, gave assistance and first aid to three officers injured by grenade fragments, then drove the seriously wounded, under intense sniper fire, to a first aid station, during which time he was forced back on his first attempt because of heavy fire. Second Lieutenant SERGEANT's courage and devotion to duty were instrumental in saving the lives of two wounded comrades, and reflect the highest credit upon himself and the Airborne Forces. Entered military service from PITTSBURG, KANSAS.

WARNIE R. SIMS, 12003827, Private First Class, 504th Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on 29 January 1945 at ***, BELGIUM. Private First Class SIMS was on a two-man machine gun outpost when the German infantry counterattacked through his position. Although heavily outnumbered, he refused to withdraw, and stayed by his post. When his companion was wounded, Private First Class SIMS took over the gun, repeatedly reloading and firing. When the counterattack was finally repulsed, seventeen dead and eight wounded of the enemy were found in front of Private First Class SIMS' position. His great display of courage and his refusal to withdraw in the face of a vastly superior force was a main factor in the ultimate defeat of the enemy attack. His heroic actions reflect the highest credit upon himself and the Airborne Forces. Entered military service from SYRACUSE, NEW YORK.

NORTON D. STEPHENSON, 35492809, Staff Sergeant (then Corporal), 504th Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on 7 January 1945 near ***, BELGIUM. After setting up his mortars, Staff Sergeant STEPHENSON and his section were subjected to the fire of about twenty five bypassed enemy supported by two machine guns. Determined not to lose his guns, Staff Sergeant STEPHENSON completely exposed himself dashing across a hundred yards of barren terrain directly into the fire of one of the machine guns and killed the three members of the crew with his TONG. Out of ammunition, he turned the enemy machine gun on the remaining enemy, killing three more and assisting in the capture of the rest. His heroic action is in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Army. Entered military service from OTTAWA, ILLINOIS.

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REUBEN H. TUCKER, 019894, Colonel, 504th Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on 21 December 1944 near ***, BELGIUM. In the development of the attack of his regiment across the ***, River during a critical phase of the Ardennes Campaign, Colonel TUCKER, commanding the 504th Parachute Infantry, personally directed the pincer operations designated to capture two strategic towns. While one reinforced battalion was struggling for ***, he advanced with the lead elements of the Third Battalion against *** through densely wooded and mountainous terrain under intense 20mm and artillery fire. Colonel TUCKER coolly coordinated the attack on the town, exposed to and with calm disregard of enemy action. His encouraging and inspiring presence served to stimulate his troops to greater endeavor. *** was quickly captured. Supporting fire delivered from its heights insured the successful completion of the assault on the other wing. Colonel TUCKER's courage and front-line leadership was thus instrumental in the elimination of a most dangerous group of enemy strong points, troops and materiel. His gallant conduct throughout the action typified the highest traditions of the United States Airborne Forces. Entered military service from ANSONIA, CONNECTICUT.

II -- AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR MEDAL, POSTHUMOUS:

Under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and pursuant to authority contained in letter 200.6 (BDH) U. S. Headquarters Berlin District and Headquarters First Airborne Army dated 31 August 1945, the Silver Star Medal is awarded, posthumously, to the following named individuals:

WILLIAM R. DEY, 0367873, Second Lieutenant, 505th Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on 6 April 1945 about three miles from ***, GERMANY. Second Lieutenant DEY led a twelve man patrol across the RHINE River to determine enemy locations and strength. Observing some enemy vehicles near a house he decided to investigate. He knocked on the door of the house, a man came to the door, then turned and fled. After the patrol fired into the house and killed one of the enemy, Second Lieutenant DEY stepped aggressively into the house where he saw from fifteen to twenty Germans. He stepped back and threw two hand grenades into the room. Continuing the reconnaissance, the patrol knocked out a 50 caliber machine gun and captured two of the enemy. On the return trip, his boat capsized and Second Lieutenant DEY failed to return. As a result of his action other members of the patrol were able to give valuable information as to the enemy's strength and disposition. The courage and initiative of Second Lieutenant DEY reflect credit upon himself and the Airborne Forces of the United States Army. Entered military service from MINTON, OHIO.

RICHARD A. HARRIS, 0131857, First Lieutenant, 504th Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action against the enemy on 7 January 1945 near ***, BELGIUM. First Lieutenant HARRIS and his platoon had the hazardous mission of clearing a road and was fired upon from a woods. First Lieutenant HARRIS skillfully deployed his platoon and led the assault in a successful attack, killing three of the enemy and capturing the remainder. Continuing down the road with First Lieutenant HARRIS still in the lead position, the patrol approached a small clump of trees on a high knoll from which dug-in enemy automatic weapons trapped them in a hail of fire. With complete disregard for his own personal safety, First Lieutenant HARRIS again led the attacking force toward the enemy positions. Far in the lead of his platoon and firing as he advanced, he was wounded seriously by enemy fire. Despite his wounds, he valorously drove himself forward to within grenade range before he was finally shot to death. First Lieutenant HARRIS' gallant courage and devotion to duty inspired his men and is typical of the highest standards of the Airborne Forces. Entered military service from EVANSVILLE, INDIANA.

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III -- AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR MEDAL, OAK LEAF CLUSTER:

Under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and pursuant to authority contained in letter 200.6 (BDH) U. S. Headquarters Berlin District and Headquarters First Airborne Army dated 31 August 1945, the Silver Star Medal having been previously awarded, the Oak Leaf Cluster to the Silver Star Medal is awarded to the following named individual:

DANIEL H. MASON, 39160239, Staff Sergeant (then Private), 505th Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on 22 September 1944 about one mile from ***, HOLLAND. Staff Sergeant MASON, rifleman, volunteered as a member of a combat patrol to beat the enemy back and re-establish contact with the roadblock which was surrounded by a strong enemy force and was in danger of being wiped out, and was a vital factor in the defense of the sector. Staff Sergeant MASON, while leading this patrol and employing marching fire, forced the enemy to retreat, killing eight and capturing five of the enemy, thus re-establishing the contact with the roadblock. This deed has become an example and a legend to the men of his company and is a source of great credit, both to himself and the Airborne Forces. Entered military service from SANTA BARBARA, CALIFORNIA.

IV -- AWARD OF THE AIR MEDAL, OAK LEAF CLUSTER:

Under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and pursuant to authority contained in letter 200.6 (BDH) U. S. Headquarters Berlin District and Headquarters First Airborne Army dated 31 August 1945, the Air Medal having been previously awarded, the Oak Leaf Cluster to the Air Medal is awarded to the following named individual:

CARL F. SAUR, 01166356, First Lieutenant, 82d Airborne Division Artillery. For skillfully and successfully completing thirty-five (35) sorties as an artillery liaison pilot involving adjustment, surveillance and registration of artillery fire on enemy installations and also front line reconnaissance during the period 16 February 1945 to 2 May 1945. On all these missions, First Lieutenant SAUR was exposed to enemy anti-aircraft fire and enemy fighter planes. Entered military service from NEW BRAUNFELS, TEXAS.

V -- AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL FOR HEROIC CONDUCT:

Under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and pursuant to authority contained in letter 200.6 (BDH) U. S. Headquarters Berlin District and Headquarters First Airborne Army dated 31 August 1945, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following named individuals:

THOMAS O. BONNER, 14007477, Staff Sergeant (then Corporal), 504th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 30 January 1945 near ***, BELGIUM. Staff Sergeant BONNER was a member of a squad, whose mission was to occupy a ridge on the edge of the town. The squad's progress was stopped by an enemy counter-attack. Without hesitation, Staff Sergeant BONNER left the squad and went to the flank of the attackers and with his TMS and hand grenades diverted part of the enemy forces from the attack and enabled his squad to secure and successfully defend the position. After killing three of the enemy and wounding several more, he returned to the ridge and exposed himself to the intense fire of the enemy to direct his own fire more effectively. Staff Sergeant BONNER's quick thinking and courageous action reflect great credit upon himself and the Airborne Forces. Entered military service from HATTISBURG, MISSISSIPPI.

MORACE L. BOUTWELL, 38406682, Technical Sergeant (then Corporal), 305th Glider Infantry. For heroic conduct on 26 December 1944 about one-half mile from ***, BELGIUM. Technical Sergeant BOUTWELL, commanding a heavy machine gun squad, was captured with three others by

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an enemy patrol but after about one and one-half hours, they broke away and escaped to their own lines. Technical Sergeant BOUTWELL reported the strength of the attacking force and the point they were to attack thus alerting our troops to the attack which materialized shortly thereafter. During the attack, Technical Sergeant BOUTWELL organized his section's position. His personal courage and leadership enabled his section to contribute greatly to the thwarting of the enemy's attempt to turn the Division's right flank. The actions, initiative, and technical skill of Technical Sergeant BOUTWELL were in keeping with the highest standards of the Airborne Troops. Entered military service from FERNELL, OKLAHOMA.

AUSTON L. BUTLER, 6967093, Sergeant, 6th Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States on 27 February 1945 in ***, GERMANY. Upon entering the town, the platoon sergeant's tank was hit by a bazooka shell. Sergeant BUTLER immediately maneuvered his tank to position where it shielded the stricken tank from further enemy fire. Leaving one man to man the tank guns, Sergeant BUTLER and the other crew members left their tank and went to the aid of their wounded comrades. They succeeded in evacuating the wounded and kept the enemy from advancing upon the disabled tank and either using its weapons upon our forces or totally destroying it. Sergeant BUTLER's fearless action to assist his wounded comrades and devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the Armed Forces. Entered military service from LAWRENCEBURG, TENNESSEE.

OLEN R. COPSEY, 35348377, Staff Sergeant (then Sergeant), 325th Glider Infantry. For heroic conduct on 2 February 1945 about one mile from ***, GERMANY. During his battalion's attack upon and breach of the Siegfried Line at ***, Staff Sergeant COPSEY, commanding a heavy machine gun section under a heavy enemy small arms, mortar and artillery fire, exposed himself to direct fire, moved between his guns and directed their fire against enemy pillboxes and machine gun emplacements. In this manner, he effectively drew a great deal of the fire directed against the assaulting companies, initially, upon himself and his section. The courageous conduct of Staff Sergeant COPSEY was in keeping with the highest standards of the Airborne Troops. Entered military service from BETTSVILLE, OHIO.

CORNELIUS M. DRISCOLL, 37850247, Sergeant, 307th Airborne Engineer Battalion. For heroic conduct on 7 February 1945 about one mile from ***, GERMANY. While returning through a mine field which Sergeant DRISCOLL's squad had breached going out, an officer accompanying them, slipped and rolled down a steep slope. He detonated an enemy mine and was seriously wounded. The explosion brought down an enemy mortar barrage. Sergeant DRISCOLL led his men to safety and then returned alone to rescue the wounded officer. Despite the heavy barrage and the danger from mines, Sergeant DRISCOLL fearlessly moved to the position of the wounded man and successfully evacuated him. His courageous actions were in keeping with the high traditions of the Airborne Troops. Entered military service from ST PAUL, MINNESOTA.

LEWIE H. ECKARD, 14123348, Private First Class, 505th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct on 6 April 1945 about three miles from ***, GERMANY. Private First Class ECKARD, scout, displayed cool courage as a member of a combat patrol whose mission was to cross the Rhine River and exploit enemy positions on the east bank. The group approached an enemy-occupied house and Private First Class ECKARD was fired upon from the upper floor. He coolly crouched on the house and lobbed two grenades into the upper window, neutralizing the enemy there. When it was necessary for the patrol to move on, Private First Class ECKARD covered his comrades' withdrawal. His actions throughout the patrol were in keeping with the most honored traditions of the United States Infantry. Entered the military service from FT JACKSON, SOUTH CAROLINA.

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GORDON F. ENGEL, 37580378, Technician Fourth Grade (then Private), 505th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 3 January 1945 in BELGIUM. Technician Fourth Grade ENGEL, medical aid man, crossed three hundred yards of open terrain, under intense artillery fire and enemy observation and gave first aid to a wounded man; then carried him bodily back across the open field. Technician Fourth Grade ENGEL passed behind tanks in action and crossed part of a taped off minefield. His prompt and courageous action saved the wounded man's life. His action, beyond the call of duty, was in keeping with the highest traditions of the medical aid men. Entered military service from FORT SNELLING, MINNESOTA.

CLIFFORD E. HALL, 01013559, First Lieutenant, 504th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 4 January 1945 near ***, BELGIUM. When one of the unit ammunition trucks was broken down by enemy action, the progress of the regiment's advance was threatened. First Lieutenant HALL, regimental motor maintenance officer, immediately commandeered another vehicle and drove down a shell-swept road under full enemy observation and effected the removal of the damaged truck to an area where its cargo could safely be transferred to another vehicle. First Lieutenant HALL's quick thinking and courage enabled his unit to be fully supplied with ammunition at a critical juncture in its attack thereby insuring the success of its mission. Entered military service from DELAWARE.

JAMES C. HESSON, 01997781, First Lieutenant (then First Sergeant), 504th Parachute Infantry. For heroic action on 30 January 1944 near ***, ITALY. While moving up with his company in the approach march, First Lieutenant HESSON, in the absence of his company officers, led the company headquarters forward in an attempt to capture a group of enemy hold houses until the enemy fire became so intense and accurate as to pin the group down. With complete disregard for his personal safety, First Lieutenant HESSON moved forward alone. Throwing hand grenades and firing his TSMG, First Lieutenant HESSON killed five of the enemy and forced the remaining Germans in one house to flee, enabling his detachment to move forward and complete the mission assigned them. His actions reflect great credit upon himself and the high traditions of the Airborne Forces. Entered military service from SPRINGFIELD, OHIO.

JAMES F. LYONS, 34697832, Private, 504th Parachute Infantry. For heroic action on 4 October 1944 near ***, HOLLAND. An enemy attacking force was assaulting the flank position of Private LYONS' company and threatened to overrun the entire unit. Private LYONS, mortar gunner, opened fire. The enemy returned with deadly mortar and machine gun fire which wounded him severely through the shoulder and knocked out his assistant, but he heroically continued his accurate fire and forced the enemy to withdraw, leaving many dead behind. When the defenses were restored, he carried his unconscious comrade to medical aid and had his own wounds treated. Private LYONS' courage and skillful work with his mortar saved many lives and kept his unit's defenses intact. Entered military service from CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA.

ALLEN F. MC CLAIN, 01298085, First Lieutenant, 504th Parachute Infantry. For heroic action against the enemy on 28 December 1944 near ***, BELGIUM. First Lieutenant MC CLAIN, platoon leader, seeing the battalion's attack come to a halt due to intense 80mm and mortar fire, went forward to locate targets. Unable to locate the enemy, he went out onto the bald nose of the hill. From here he was able to pick up the enemy positions. He then went back, got a reel of wire, and quickly laid a line from his gun to his observation post. Although he was under the aimed and observed fire of the enemy during this time, he remained at this exposed position, registered his mortars in and proceeded to silence the enemy guns, knocking out two 80mm flak guns and causing three others to flee.

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His intelligent initiative and aggressive action contributed materially to the success of the Battalion mission. Entered military service from MIAMI, FLORIDA.

JOHN C. MOODY, 33383773, Private First Class, 505th Parachute Infantry. For heroic action on 9 July 1944 near ***, FRANCE. During the attack on Hill 131, one plato. of Private First Class MOODY's company was pinned down by enemy machine gun fire. Every attempt to advance the platoon by movement of single men was thwarted. Private First Class MOODY took his bazooka and single handedly worked his way to the flank of one machine gun nest and knocked out the gun, killing one and wounding two. This courageous act enabled the platoon to continue on its mission. Entered military service from CUMBERLAND, MARYLAND.

ERNEST P. MURPHY, 01703042, First Lieutenant (then Second Lieutenant), 504th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct on 28 January 1945 against the enemy near ***, BELGIUM. First Lieutenant MURPHY, in charge of the point of the advance elements, saw three enemy runn'gs at an angle to our advance on a well worn path. First Lieutenant MURPHY, with almost superhuman effort, ran through the knee deep snow to an exposed position where he cut off the Germans. By this action, the battalion was able to proceed to its objective unmolested. In this position, First Lieutenant MURPHY hurriedly set up a road-block capturing one enemy driven jeep. By fearlessly exposing himself to machine pistol and rifle fire he cut off the escape of the five enemy in the jeep. These actions denied the enemy much needed information at a critical moment. This action reflected the highest credit upon himself and the Airborne Forces. Entered military service from ORLANDO, FLORIDA.

JACK P. NORMANLY, 39007692, Private First Class (then Private), 505th Parachute Infantry. For heroic action on 28 December 1944, at ***, BELGIUM. Private First Class NORMANLY, ammunition bearer, displayed high courage and initiative while manning an outpost. The area was under intense artillery fire when he spotted an enemy combat patrol of twelve men between his outpost and lines. Private First Class NORMANLY, with complete disregard for his own personal safety, left the shelter of his position and crawled around the flank of the enemy patrol, a distance of one hundred and fifty yards through deep snow and in the midst of an artillery barrage. He opened fire on the patrol with a rifle, wounding one enemy and causing the others to withdraw. His courage and aggressiveness are in keeping with the highest traditions of the Airborne Forces. Entered military service from SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA.

GONZALO C. RAMOS, 36733420, Private First Class, 504th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 10 October 1944 near ***, HOLLAND. Private First Class RAMOS left his outpost, which was under intense fire from an enemy patrol, crawled over two hundred yards to the patrol's flank and then rushed one of the enemy machine gun positions. Throwing two hand grenades, he then fired upon and killed the members of the enemy machine gun crew. His action attracted the rest of the enemy patrol's fire on himself. When he had expended his last round of ammunition, he returned to his position and gathered what grenades were available and replenished his TBMG ammunition. Private First Class RAMOS then reengaged the same ground and fended the enemy attack to a standstill. Private First Class RAMOS' heroic and daring action reflect great credit upon the Airborne Forces. Entered military service from CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

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enemy began a fierce counterattack against the left flank of his platoon. Disregarding all danger to his person, he exposed himself to heavy small arms and artillery fire, set up a machine gun topping a slight embankment and placed deadly fire upon the attacking foe. Enemy artillery fire failed to dislodge him and his accurate work with the machine gun drove the enemy back to cover, leaving numerous casualties. Sergeant SAGER's initiative and courage were instrumental in repulsing the attack and saving the vital position. Entered military service from KING'S COUNTY, NEW YORK.

DONALD D. SAICE, 37547469, Technician Fifth Grade, 5th Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States on 27 February 1945 in ***, GERMANY. Upon entering the town, the platoon sergeant's tank was hit by a bazooka shell. Technician Fifth Grade SAICE immediately maneuvered his tank to position where it shielded the stricken tank from further enemy fire. Leaving one man to man the tank guns, Technician Fifth Grade SAICE and the other crew members left their tank and went to the aid of their wounded comrades. They succeeded in evacuating the wounded and kept the enemy from advancing upon the disabled tank and either using its weapon upon our forces or totally destroying it. Technician Fifth Grade SAICE's fearless actions to assist his wounded comrades and devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the Armed Forces. Entered military service from MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA.

EUGENE H. SCOTT, 39462275, Private First Class, 504th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct on 22 February 1944 at ***, ITALY. Private First Class SCOTT was on a three man machine gun outpost when enemy forces started a counterattack through his position. The attack was preceded by an intense artillery barrage, during which Private First Class SCOTT manned his gun and refused to withdraw in the face of vastly superior numbers until he was so ordered. Private First Class SCOTT's heroic and courageous actions were an important factor in the final repulse of the attack and reflect the highest credit upon himself and the Airborne Forces. Entered military service from STRAHL, MINNESOTA.

LOUIS R. SEGRET, 32408607, Sergeant (then Private), 504th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action against the enemy on 21 July 1943 at ***, SICILY. During the attack on ***, Sergeant SEGRET courageously carried ammunition to three machine guns under heavy enemy artillery and mortar fire. When his company was pinned down by the enemy fire, Sergeant SEGRET crawled one hundred fifty yards to within grenade distance of an enemy emplacement and skillfully threw a grenade into the position. After the explosion, he advanced on the gun and killed the remaining members of the crew. His unit then resumed the attack and took possession of the pass. Sergeant SEGRET's courageous and gallant actions saved many lives and were instrumental in the taking of ***. Entered military service from BRONX, NEW YORK.

JEROME J. SHARAFINSKI, 38530903, Staff Sergeant (then Private First Class), 328th Glider Infantry. For heroic conduct on 2 February 1945 about one mile from ***, GERMANY. During his battalion's attack upon the breach of the Siegfried Line at ***, Staff Sergeant SHARAFINSKI, commanding a heavy machine gun section under heavy enemy small arms, mortar and artillery fire, moved between his guns directing their fire against enemy pillboxes and machine gun emplacements. In this manner, he effectively drew a great deal of the fire directed against the assaulting companies, initially, upon himself and his section. The courageous conduct of Staff Sergeant SHARAFINSKI was in keeping with the highest standards of the Airborne Troops. Entered military service from SOUTH BEND, INDIANA.

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DELANCY L. SHEDD, 39293779, Private First Class, 504th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct on 15 October 1944 near ***, HOLLAND. During an enemy counterattack, while directing mortar fire from an exposed position, it became necessary for Private First Class SHEDD to fight off the attacking enemy. He succeeded in killing several and wounding many of the enemy until the force of the attack caused him to withdraw to a light machine gun position. There he found the gunner badly wounded and took over the gun himself. His accurate and intense fire from the machine gun greatly aided in halting the attack. Private First Class SHEDD's heroic actions reflect the highest credit upon himself and the Airborne Forces. Entered military service from LONGBEACH, CALIFORNIA.

CLARENCE WIDNER, 36283491, Private First Class, 504th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 2 October 1945, near ***, HOLLAND. During a terrific artillery barrage which caused numerous casualties, Private First Class WIDNER left his foxhole and went to the aid of a wounded comrade lying in an exposed position. While the shelling was still in progress, Private First Class WIDNER administered first aid and dragged and carried his wounded comrade to safety through the intense barrage, although thrown to the ground twice by concussion from the exploding shells. After turning his wounded comrade over to the care of aid men, Private First Class WIDNER returned to his position. Private First Class WIDNER's heroic and unhesitating action undoubtedly saved the life of his comrade and reflects great credit upon himself and the Airborne Forces. Entered military service from MONROE, WISCONSIN.

JOHN B. WILSON, 39848568, Staff Sergeant (then Corporal), 505th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 3 January 1945 about two miles from ***, BELGIUM. Staff Sergeant WILSON, then wire corporal, volunteered to lay wire with an artillery liaison officer to a forward observation post beyond his own unit's front lines under heavy enemy fire. Shortly afterward the liaison officer was killed but Staff Sergeant WILSON remained on the forward observation post and gave fire orders to his unit, which caused an enemy troop withdrawal, and forced two self-propelled guns to move. Staff Sergeant WILSON's coolheadedness and courage in the face of heavy enemy fire reflect credit upon the Airborne Forces. Entered military service from PHOENIX, ARIZONA.

VI -- AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL FOR MERITORIOUS SERVICE:

Under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and pursuant to authority contained in letter 200.6 (BDH) U. S. Headquarters Berlin District and Headquarters First Airborne Army dated 31 August 1945, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following named individuals:

RALPH G. BULLARD, 34056864, First Sergeant, Infantry, 505th Parachute Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States during the period 9 July 1943 to 5 May 1945 in SICILY, ITALY, FRANCE, HOLLAND, BELGIUM and GERMANY. Entered military service from MIAMI, FLORIDA.

HAROLD J. CALVERT, 19082837, Staff Sergeant (then Technician Fourth Grade), Infantry, 504th Parachute Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States during the period 17 September 1944 to 28 February 1945 in the EUROPEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS. Entered military service from MERCED, CALIFORNIA.

HENRY J. CLOHERTY, 32119395, Staff Sergeant, Infantry, 505th Parachute Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States during the period 9 July 1943 to 7 May 1945 in SICILY, ITALY,

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FRANCE, HOLLAND, BELGIUM and GERMANY. Entered military service from LONG ISLAND, NEW YORK.

RALPH COMER, 35548278, Technician Third Grade, Infantry, Headquarters 82d Airborne Division, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States during the period 6 June 1944 to 31 October 1944 in NORMANDY and HOLLAND. Entered military service from FORT WAYNE, INDIANA.

JOHN G. CONNELL, 13111956, Private First Class, Infantry, 505th Parachute Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States during the period 15 September 1943 to 5 May 1945 in the MEDITERRANEAN and EUROPEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS. Entered military service from PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA.

JOHN J. COWLEY, 13096344, Private First Class (then Private), Infantry, 505th Parachute Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States during the period 6 June 1944 to 6 May 1945 in the EUROPEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS. Entered military service from PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA.

MORRIS GOLDBERG, 32106863, Technician Fourth Grade, Cavalry, 6th Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States during the period 1 December 1944 to 9 May 1945 in the EUROPEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS. Entered military service from BRONX, NEW YORK.

GEORGE E. HARMON, 33014815, Technician Fifth Grade (then Private), Infantry, 505th Parachute Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States during the period 9 July 1943 to 5 May 1945 in SICILY, ITALY, FRANCE, HOLLAND, BELGIUM and GERMANY. Entered military service from WRIGHTSVILLE, PENNSYLVANIA.

CALVIN KAUFMAN, 33058997, Technician Fifth Grade, Medical Corps, 505th Parachute Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States during the period 9 July 1943 to 8 May 1945 in the MEDITERRANEAN and EUROPEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS. Entered military service from WILKES BARRE, PENNSYLVANIA.

ROGER E. LORIAUX, 13058125, Sergeant, Infantry, 505th Parachute Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States during the period 1 October 1942 to 31 April 1945 in the UNITED STATES, and MEDITERRANEAN and EUROPEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS. Entered military service from POINT MARION, PENNSYLVANIA.

RAYMOND J. MALTY, 35542648, Technician Fourth Grade, Cavalry, 6th Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron, Mechanized, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States during the period 24 December 1944 to 15 February 1945 in BELGIUM, LUXEMBOURG and GERMANY. Entered military service from LIMA, OHIO.

ROSAIRE A. MORAN, 31101189, Private First Class (then Private), Infantry, 505th Parachute Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States during the period 9 July 1943 to 4 May 1945 in SICILY, ITALY, NORMANDY, HOLLAND, BELGIUM and GERMANY. Entered military service from FORTLAND, MAINE.

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ROBERT E. OGLE, 34003768, Technician Fourth Grade, Cavalry, 6th Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States during the period 1 December 1944 to 8 May 1945 in the EUROPEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS. Entered military service from KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE.

FRANKLIN E. ROBERTS, 33585209, Technician Fifth Grade, Cavalry, 6th Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States during the period 1 December 1944 to 8 May 1945 in the EUROPEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS. Entered military service from PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA.

SEYMOUR I. SAGHS, 13069337, Technician Fourth Grade, Infantry, 505th Parachute Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States during the period 7 July 1942 to 15 April 1945 in the UNITED STATES, and the MEDITERRANEAN and EUROPEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS. Entered military service from BALTIMORE, MARYLAND.

HARRY J. SELLERS, 13068097, Private First Class, Infantry, 505th Parachute Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States during the period 9 July 1943 to 19 February 1945 in SICILY, ITALY, NORMANDY and BELGIUM. Entered military service from HARRISBURG, PENNSYLVANIA.

AUTHUR W. SEWARD, 0907376, Major (then Captain), General Staff Corps, Headquarters 82d Airborne Division, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States during the period 18 December 1944 to 21 January 1945 in BELGIUM. Entered military service from CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

GEORGE W. SUMMERALL, 14081960, Corporal, Infantry, 505th Parachute Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States during the period 9 July 1943 to 5 May 1945 in SICILY, ITALY, NORMANDY, HOLLAND, BELGIUM and GERMANY. Entered military service from FLORIDA.

EVERETT P. TEAGUE, 34557333, Staff Sergeant (then Technician Fourth Grade), Corps of Engineers, 307th Airborne Engineer Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States during the period 3-10 January 1945 in BELGIUM. Entered military service from UNION, SOUTH CAROLINA.

WALTER L. WAKENFELD, 01305503, Captain (then First Lieutenant), Infantry, 505th Parachute Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States during the period 21 January 1945 to 20 February 1945 in BELGIUM and GERMANY. Entered military service from BALLSTON SPA, NEW YORK.

EARL H. WRIGHT, 33326057, Private First Class, Infantry, 505th Parachute Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States during the period 9 July 1943 to 6 May 1945 in SICILY, ITALY, NORMANDY, HOLLAND, BELGIUM and GERMANY. Entered military service from PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA.

WILBERT B. ZAMPER, W5136120, Warrant Officer Junior Grade, Army of the United States, 505th Parachute Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations

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against an enemy of the United States during the period 10 May 1943 to 24 September 1944 in SICILY, ITALY, NORMANDY and HOLLAND. Entered military service from MADISON, WISCONSIN.

VII -- AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL FOR HEROIC CONDUCT, POSTHUMOUS:

Under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and pursuant to authority contained in letter 200.6 (BDP) U. S. Headquarters Berlin District and Headquarters First Airborne Army dated 31 August 1945, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded, posthumously, to the following named individual:

AUGUSTINE L. ARELLANES, 39249767, Private, 505th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct on 10 April 1945 about three miles from ***, GERMANY. Private ARELLANES, BAR man, was a member of a combat patrol, whose mission was to cross the Rhine River and exploit enemy positions. Private ARELLANES assisted in piloting the patrol's craft on the hazardous crossing. On reaching the east bank, he provided security for the patrol by guarding the boat and was severely wounded on the return trip. He paddled the boat in spite of pain. The boat capsized in midstream and he failed to return. The conduct of Private ARELLANES reflects credit on the United States Airborne Forces. Entered military service from CALIFORNIA.

VIII -- AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL FOR HEROIC CONDUCT, MISSING IN ACTION:

Under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and pursuant to authority contained in letter 200.6 (BDH) U. S. Headquarters Berlin District and Headquarters First Airborne Army dated 31 August 1945, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded, missing in action, to the following named individual:

LOUIS KOHEN, 39708444, Private, 505th Parachute Infantry. For heroic action on 6 April 1945 about three miles from ***, GERMANY. Private KOHEN, scout, distinguished himself by his cool initiative on a combat patrol that crossed the Rhine River and exploited enemy positions. When they came upon an enemy occupied house, Private KOHEN used his fluent German to confuse the enemy by running around the house shouting orders in German above the noise of automatic fire and exploding grenades. This action minimized the effectiveness of the enemy. Private KOHEN's bravery and initiative are in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Infantryman. Entered military service from LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA.

IX -- AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL FOR HEROIC CONDUCT, OAK LEAF CLUSTER:

Under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and pursuant to authority contained in letter 200.6 (BDH) U. S. Headquarters Berlin District and Headquarters First Airborne Army dated 31 August 1945, the Bronze Star Medal having been previously awarded, the Oak Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following named individuals:

MICHAEL PRITZA, 35732474, Private, 505th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct on 30 April 1945 about two miles from ***, GERMANY. Private PRITZA, medical aid man, was with his company in a forward assembly area when an intense enemy artillery barrage wounded four men. With utter disregard to his own personal safety, he crossed the exposed area to give them first aid treatment. Although there was terrific shell fire, he continued the administration of treatment and remained in the exposed position until all the casualties were evacuated. Private PRITZA's courage and skill are in keeping with the highest traditions of the Airborne Forces. Entered military service from CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

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PAUL D. WILSON, 37701486, Private First Class, 504th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct on 30 January 1945 near ***, BELGIUM. Private First Class WILSON was acting squad leader and while setting his squad out in their defensive positions near ***, the enemy started an artillery barrage immediately followed by attacking enemy infantry. Under the intense fire of the enemy's artillery and small arms, Private First Class WILSON, with utter disregard for his own safety, went to the ridge his squad was to defend and found positions for his men. Finding the enemy troops almost to his defensive area, he started throwing his hand grenades and when those were gone continued to fire with his TNG, until the attack was halted. The actions of Private First Class WILSON inspired his squad to greater effort and enabled them to successfully defend their position. Private First Class WILSON's heroic and gallant act reflects great credit upon himself and the Airborne Forces. Entered military service from COLORADO SPRINGS, COLORADO.

X -- AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL FOR MERITORIOUS SERVICE, OAK LEAF CLUSTER:

Under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and pursuant to authority contained in letter 200.5 (BDH) U. S. Headquarters Berlin District and Headquarters First Airborne Army dated 31 August 1945, the Bronze Star Medal having been previously awarded, the Oak Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following named individuals:

LEROY C. BURNSTAD, 01031999, First Lieutenant, Cavalry, 6th Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States during the period 1 December 1944 to 9 May 1945 in FRANCE, BELGIUM, LUXEMBOURG and GERMANY. Entered military service from NORTH DAKOTA.

ARIAND A. DUPONT, 14082246, Sergeant, Infantry, 505th Parachute Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States during the period 9 July 1943 to 5 May 1945 in SICILY, ITALY, NORMANDY, HOLLAND, BELGIUM and GERMANY. Entered military service from JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA.

XI -- AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART MEDAL:

Under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, the Purple Heart Medal is awarded to the following named individuals for wounds received in action against the enemy:

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS MAX B. BRYAN, 14123403, HEADQUARTERS COMPANY 82d AIRBORNE DIVISION, 8 JANUARY 1945, BELGIUM.

MASTER SERGEANT WILLIAM H. PALMER, 36612137, HEADQUARTERS 82d AIRBORNE DIVISION, 4 JULY 1944, FRANCE.

XII -- AMENDMENT OF GENERAL ORDERS NUMBER 118, 1945:

So much of Section II, General Orders Number 118, this Headquarters, dated 5 September 1945, pertaining to JOSEPH A. LYCKMAN, 33300994, Sergeant, 810th Glider Field Artillery Battalion, is amended to read, JOSEPH A. LYCKMAN, 33300994, Sergeant, 820th Glider Field Artillery Battalion, and to award the Bronze Star Medal to Sergeant LYCKMAN is amended to award the Oak Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal to Sergeant LYCKMAN, the Bronze Star Medal having been previously awarded.


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AMENDMENT OF GENERAL ORDERS

So much of General Orders 119, Headquarters 82nd Airborne Division dated 13 September 1945 as pertains to the award of the Bronze Star Medal to Private First Class Clarence Widner, 36 283 491, is amended to read Clarence Widner, 36 283 491, and so much of this same order which reads 2 October 1945, is amended to read 2 October 1944.

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:

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I -- ANNOUNCEMENT OF SPECIAL STAFF OFFICERS:

MAJOR SAMUEL H. MAYS, 0453797, Quartermaster Corps, is announced as Division Quartermaster vice LIEUTENANT COLONEL RAYMOND H. TIFFANY, 020348, Quartermaster Corps, transferred.

CAPTAIN JOHN T. ELLIOTT, 01821561, Cavalry, is announced as Division Special Service Officer, vice MAJOR SAMUEL H. MAYS, 0453797, Quartermaster Corps, relieved.

II -- AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL FOR MERITORIOUS SERVICE:

Under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and pursuant to authority contained in letter 200.6 (BDH) U. S. Headquarters Berlin District and Headquarters First Airborne Army dated 31 August 1945, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following named individuals:

ERNEST R. ELANCHARD, 31196873, Private First Class, 505th Parachute Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States during the period 9 July 1943 to 9 May 1945 in SICILY, ITALY, NORMANDY, HOLLAND, BELGIUM and GERMANY. Entered military service from BRISTOL, CONNECTICUT.

WALTER A. EPP, 39414278, Private First Class, 505th Parachute Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States during the period 6 June 1944 to 29 April 1945 in the EUROPEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS. Entered military service from STOCKTON, CALIFORNIA.

RICHARD L. KEGGEREIS, 34450966, Private First Class, 505th Parachute Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States during the period 10 July 1944 to 12 May 1945 in the EUROPEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS. Entered military service from SUFFIELD, OHIO.

PATRICK H. MOONEY, 12167862, Staff Sergeant, 505th Parachute Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States from June 1943 to June 1945 in the MEDITERRANEAN and EUROPEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS. Entered military service from NEW YORK.

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JAMES T. PHILBIN, 37035444, Private First Class, 505th Parachute Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States during the period 17 September 1944 to 9 May 1945 in the EUROPEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS. Entered military service from OMAHA, NEBRASKA.

III -- AMENDMENT OF GENERAL ORDERS NUMBER 85, 1945:

OK So much of Section III, General Orders Number 85, this Headquarters, dated 6 June 1945, awarding the Air Medal to First Lieutenant CARL F. SAUR, 01166368, Headquarters 82d Airborne Division Artillery, as reads "Entered military service from LAWRENCE, KANSAS" is amended to read "Entered military service from NEW BRAUNFELS, TEXAS".

IV -- AMENDMENT OF GENERAL ORDERS NUMBER 119, 1945:

General Orders Number 119, this Headquarters, dated 13 September 1945, is amended as follows:

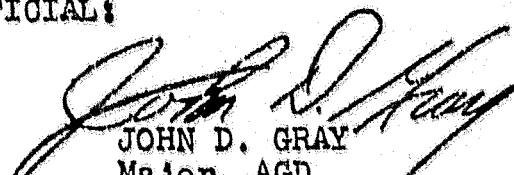
So much of Section V as awards the Bronze Star Medal to Sergeant CORNELIUS M. DRISCOLL, 37559247, 307th Airborne Engineer Battalion, is amended to award the Oak Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal, the Bronze Star Medal having been previously awarded to Sergeant DRISCOLL.

So much of Section VII, awarding the Bronze Star Medal, Posthumously, to Private AUGUSTINE L. ARELLANES, 39249767, as reads "505th Parachute Infantry" is amended to read "307th Airborne Engineer Battalion".

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I -- ANNOUNCEMENT OF SPECIAL STAFF OFFICER:

First Lieutenant WILLIAM F. JAWSON, O1321756, Infantry, Headquarters 82d Airborne Division, is announced as Division Public Relations Officer vice First Lieutenant DOUGLAS E. GRAY, O1185041, Field Artillery, transferred.

II -- AWARD OF THE SOLDIER'S MEDAL:

Under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and pursuant to authority contained in letter 200.6 (BDH) U. S. Headquarters Berlin District and Headquarters First Airborne Army dated 31 August 1945, the Soldier's Medal is awarded to the following named individual:

PAUL R. SPISAK, 35331715, Technician Fourth Grade (then Private First Class), 505th Parachute Infantry. For extraordinary heroism not involving actual conflict with the enemy on 15 July 1945 at LEICESTER, ENGLAND. Technician Fourth Grade SPISAK displayed great heroism while on furlough in Leicester, England when he rescued Miss Doris Giles, an assistant nurse of the South Wigaton Day Nursery at Leicester from drowning. Technician Fourth Grade SPISAK was sitting on the bank of the River Soar in Abbey Park when he heard the cries of a bather in distress. Seeing that there was no one going to her aid, Technician Fourth Grade SPISAK, without hesitation, jumped fully clothed into the cold water, fought the current until he reached Miss Giles, and brought her safely ashore. His gallantry was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Airborne Forces and reflects great credit on himself, his organization and his country. Entered military service from YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO.

III -- AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL FOR HEROIC CONDUCT:

Under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and pursuant to authority contained in letter 200.6 (BDH) U. S. Headquarters Berlin District and Headquarters First Airborne Army dated 31 August 1945, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following named individuals:

LYMAN L. BAIER, 37609076, Private First Class, 505th Parachute Infantry. For heroic action on 3 January 1945 near ***, BELGIUM. Private First Class BAIER, mortar gunner, and his platoon were pinned down and subjected to intense mortar and artillery fire. With complete disregard for his own safety, he proceeded to a clearing and set up his mortar and rendered close supporting fire to aid the advance of his platoon. In order to obtain accurate fire, he willingly exposed himself to small arms and artillery fire to keep the mortar in action. His unselfish act materially aided the advance of his platoon. His heroic action was an inspiration to all who witnessed it and was in keeping with the highest traditions of the Airborne Forces. Entered military service from MISSOURI.

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JOHN T. DIFFIN, 33557401, Private First Class (then Private), 505th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct on 23 December 1944 at ***, BELGIUM. Private First Class DIFFIN, rifleman, volunteered to go on a night patrol to establish the strength of enemy positions and was the decisive factor in the patrol's successful return. The patrol had to cross the SALM River in order to reconnoiter the enemy positions which they were able to do successfully, but upon reaching the enemy's shore, were suddenly engaged and pinned down by a heavy volume of automatic fire. As the three man patrol hit the ground, Private First Class DIFFIN quickly estimated the gun's position and voluntarily crawled toward the weapon in an attempt to knock it out. Upon reaching a position about fifteen yards from the gun, Private First Class DIFFIN threw two grenades and successfully silenced the gun. As Private First Class DIFFIN returned to the others, the patrol was forced to return to their own lines by force of heavy fire. Private First Class DIFFIN's voluntary action was the decisive factor in enabling the patrol to return safely and was in keeping with the most honored traditions of the Airborne Forces. Entered military service from BALTIMORE, MARYLAND.

JOHN ESKOFF, 01173236, Captain (then First Lieutenant), 319th Glider Field Artillery Battalion. For heroic conduct on 7 January 1945 about one mile from ***, BELGIUM. Captain ESKOFF, acting in the capacity of command liaison officer, moved forward with the assault elements of an infantry battalion, using radio to direct artillery fire in support of the attack. Moving through deep snow, the assaulting force was pinned down by a heavy enemy concentration of mortar and artillery fire, inflicting heavy casualties on the attacking force. Although dazed by the concussion of an enemy shell exploding only a few feet from him, Captain ESKOFF voluntarily moved across six hundred yards of flat open terrain to gain a vantage point from which to direct fire on the enemy guns. Several times he was knocked down by explosions of mortar shells, but Captain ESKOFF gained his point of observation, calling for artillery fire and silenced the enemy guns. Captain ESKOFF's devotion to duty, courage and complete disregard for his own personal safety reflects the highest credit upon himself and the Airborne Forces. Entered military service from HERKIMER, NEW YORK.

FREDERICK E. HOUGHIN, 35293768, Sergeant (then Private First Class) 505th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct on 3 January 1945 near ***, BELGIUM. Sergeant HOUGHIN, machine gunner, willingly exposed himself to heavy small arms and artillery fire while searching for well concealed machine gun positions. After locating the positions, he personally led an attack which subsequently destroyed two machine gun positions, killing an estimated twelve Germans and capturing three. His actions were an inspiration to all who witnessed and were in keeping with the highest traditions of the Airborne Forces. Entered military service from OHIO.

HAROLD L. MULLEN, 36836930, Private First Class, 505th Parachute Infantry. For heroic action on 28 December 1944 about two miles east of ***, BELGIUM. Private First Class MULLEN, scout, was on patrol to identify enemy units in preparation for an attack a few days later. The enemy was contacted but due to strongly held positions, the patrol was unable to take any prisoners. During the ensuing fight, Private First Class MULLEN crept to within twenty five yards of the enemy and tried again to secure a prisoner. This venture was unsuccessful, but during the fight Private First Class MULLEN killed two Germans. His courage and disregard for his own safety was an inspiration to all who witnessed this action and was in keeping with the highest traditions of the Airborne Forces. Entered military service from WISCONSIN.

ELIO PAIS, 42040903, Private First Class (then Private), 505th Parachute Infantry. For heroic action on 23 December 1944 near ***, BELGIUM. Private First Class PAIS, rifleman, while accompanying a twenty man patrol over flat terrain was halted by extremely heavy small arms and bazooka fire. Making himself a perfect target against the white snow, Private First Class PAIS charged straight into the enemy

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fire, so surprising the enemy that it carried him into enemy positions where he killed two Germans and routed several others thereby enabling his patrol to regroup and complete its mission. His actions were an inspiration to all who witnessed and were in keeping with the highest traditions of the Airborne Forces. Entered military service from NEW YORK.

ROMAN T. PIERNICK, 0583287, First Lieutenant, 505th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct on 30 January 1945 at ***, GERMANY. First Lieutenant PIERNICK, battalion S-2 officer, on the night of the attack on ***, took the lead as scout to obtain enemy prisoners. With the aid of an enlisted man, he captured a German officer and with him advanced far ahead of the party to speak to Germans who were in the woods. They were met by heavy fire. Disregarding the probable loss of his life, First Lieutenant PIERNICK rose and advanced five more yards with the German officer and spoke to them again. This heroic action induced another German to surrender and vital information was thus secured which made possible the immediate attack upon and capture of *** with a minimum loss of life. This action was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Airborne Forces. Entered military service from BIG PINE, WYOMING.

GERHARD W. STAUDE, 32667524, Private, 505th Parachute Infantry. For heroic action on 30 April 1945 about one half mile from ***, GERMANY. Private STAUDE, interpreter, accompanying the battalion S-2 officer on the night river crossing of the ELBE, came upon a large farmhouse from which he and the officer drew fire. Stepping into plain view, Private STAUDE called in German for the surrender of the occupants. His disregard for personal safety and the accurate firing of his TSMG so impressed the German defenders, that they considered the cause hopeless and surrendered. About forty men, including officers, were taken. By his aggressive actions, Private STAUDE took a strong point without loss of life, which had it been necessary to fight, would have undoubtedly caused heavy casualties to our troops. This action enabled the battalion to clear the river shore where it was dangerously exposed and was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Airborne Forces. Entered military service from NEW YORK.

IV -- AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL FOR MERITORIOUS SERVICE:

Under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and pursuant to authority contained in letter 200.6 (BDH) U. S. Headquarters Berlin District and Headquarters First Airborne Army dated 31 August 1945, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following named individuals:

WALTER H. CHANDLER, JR., 0394114, Captain, Field Artillery, 82d Airborne Division Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States on 7 June 1944 in NORMANDY, FRANCE. Entered military service from GEORGIA.

LAWRENCE P. DONAHUE, 15105032, Technician Fourth Grade, Infantry, 505th Parachute Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States during the period 5 January 1945 to 19 February 1945 in BELGIUM and GERMANY. Entered military service from INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA.

PAUL E. DONNELLY, 0410887, Captain, Field Artillery, 576th Parachute Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States during the period 11 July 1943 to 8 May 1945 in SICILY, IT. LY, HOLLAND, BELGIUM and GERMANY. Entered military service from OLEAN, NEW YORK.

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JOHN W. SNYDER, 32596549, Corporal, Infantry, 505th Parachute Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States during the period 1 June 1943 to 5 April 1945 in the MEDITERRANEAN and EUROPEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS. Entered military service from WESTFORD, NEW JERSEY.

ALBERT TREFNY, JR., 0375160, Captain, Field Artillery, 576th Parachute Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States during the period 22 October 1943 to 8 May 1945 in the MEDITERRANEAN and EUROPEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS. Entered military service from COLUMBUS, OHIO.

HOUSTON G. TUBE, 01290397, First Lieutenant, Infantry, 505th Parachute Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States during the period 9 July 1943 to 8 May 1945 in the MEDITERRANEAN and EUROPEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS. Entered military service from WINTER GARDEN, FLORIDA.

V --- AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL FOR HEROIC CONDUCT, OAK LEAF CLUSTER:

Under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and pursuant to authority contained in letter 200.6 (BDH) U. S. Headquarters Berlin District and Headquarters First Airborne Army dated 31 August 1945, the Bronze Star Medal having been previously awarded, the Oak Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following named individual:

FRANK G. HERKNESS, 0887085, First Lieutenant (then Second Lieutenant), 505th Parachute Infantry. For heroic action on 4 January 1945 near ~~XXX~~, BELGIUM. First Lieutenant HERKNESS, platoon leader, displayed great heroism when he left his covered position and proceeded across open ground he knew was zeroed in by enemy mortar and small arms fire to warn a patrol from an adjacent unit that they were, unknowingly, entering an area held by the enemy in great strength. Knowing that the area was due to be subjected to a terrific barrage by friendly forces, and that enemy snipers were well placed throughout the ground, he personally withdrew the patrol. First Lieutenant HERKNESS' unselfish action undoubtedly saved the lives of many of the patrol and reflects the highest traditions of the Airborne Forces of the United States Army. Entered military service from PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA.

VI --- AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL FOR MERITORIOUS SERVICE, OAK LEAF CLUSTER:

Under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and pursuant to authority contained in letter 200.6 (BDH) U. S. Headquarters Berlin District and Headquarters First Airborne Army dated 31 August 1945, the Bronze Star Medal having been previously awarded, the Oak Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following named individuals:

JOHN T. DIFFIN, 33557401, Private First Class (then Private), Infantry, 505th Parachute Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States on 21 September 1944 in HOLLAND. Entered military service from BALTIMORE, MARYLAND.

ERNEST GREENWALD, 31003492, Technician Third Grade, Infantry, 505th Parachute Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States during the period 17 September 1944 to 8 May 1945 in

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HOLLAND, the ARDENNES and GERMANY. Entered military service from BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS.

VII -- AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART MEDAL:

Under the provisions of AF 600-45, as amended, the Purple Heart Medal is awarded to the following named individuals for wounds received in action against the enemy:

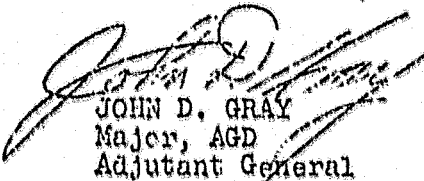
WARRANT OFFICER JUNIOR GRADE JOHN C. REYNOLDS, W2108309, HEADQUARTERS 82D AIRBORNE DIVISION, 27 JANUARY 1945, BELGIUM.

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS MILES P. KANE, 37561547, 307TH AIRBORNE MEDICAL COMPANY, 18 APRIL 1945, GERMANY.

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I -- AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR MEDAL:

Under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and pursuant to authority contained in letter 200.6 (200) G, S. Headquarters Berlin District and Headquarters First Airborne Army dated 31 August 1945, the Silver Star Medal is awarded to the following named individuals:

ROBERT W. PILEY, JR., 37143370, Staff Sergeant (then sergeant), 824th Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action against the enemy the morning of 18 December 1944 at ***, ITALY. During a severe counterattack by a superior enemy force, Staff Sergeant PILEY's platoon leader and platoon sergeant were wounded and evacuated. He took command of the platoon and successfully directed its defense, inflicting heavy casualties on the enemy. Staff Sergeant PILEY then forced an assault down and launched an attack against the enemy's positions, bravely exposing himself to direct the platoon's movement and fire. This sudden attack caught the Germans by surprise, compelling them to retreat from this position. Quickly, Staff Sergeant PILEY consolidated his force and organized effective defenses against the enemy counterattacks. Staff Sergeant PILEY's great courage, initiative, ability and complete disregard for his own personal safety were instrumental in securing and holding vital high ground. Entered military service from HINGO, MISSOURI.

DAVID SPOVICH, 33603729, Private First Class, (then Private), 544th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct on 26 December 1944 about one and one half miles from ***, GERMANY. During a tremendous barrage of artillery and mortar fire from the advancing enemy, Private First Class SPOVICH, company code, got out to give aid to a squad of men, of which many had been wounded by the heavy concentration. On his way forward, he was wounded but he kept going and efficiently administered necessary first aid to the men. He then made many trips to evacuate the men safely to the rear slope of a nearby hill. When all the men had been cared for, Private First Class SPOVICH had his own wounds treated. His swift actions and steadfast devotion to duty were directly responsible for saving the lives of the more seriously wounded and bringing immediate relief to all of the injured. Entered military service from ALLIANCE, MISSOURI.

ADAM J LESZCZYNSKI, 6907641, Private, 509th Parachute Infantry Battalion. For gallantry in action on 24 December 1944 about one mile from ***, BELGIUM. Private LESZCZYNSKI, light machine gunner, displayed great heroism when his severely understrength company came under heavy enemy small arms and automatic weapons fire. The company then broke up into small groups. Private LESZCZYNSKI was in one of these units, under fire from a machine gun to the front. He fearlessly picked up his own machine gun and tripod, advanced directly toward the enemy position, firing his weapon from the hip. His action wiped out the enemy gun position and caused other enemy riflemen on the flanks to leave their positions. Continuing his effective fire, Private LESZCZYNSKI turned to the fleeing foe, killing two and wounding three. He continued to advance, firing on the enemy until pursuit was impractical. His coolness in the face of great danger played a vital part in the success of the attack. Entered military service from GARFIELD, N. J.

ADAM J. LESZCZYNSKI, 33423103, Private, 504th Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on 27 December 1944, one and one half miles from ***, BELGIUM. Private LESZCZYNSKI, when an enemy armored vehicle penetrated to within a few hundred yards of his company's lines, moved out voluntarily without orders and alone to meet it. Despite heavy small arms and artillery fire sweeping the open ground, Private LESZCZYNSKI ran and crashed to close range and stopped the vehicle with a single rifle grenade. As he moved closer, one enemy soldier leaped from the vehicle and attempted to run but Private LESZCZYNSKI killed him. Another soldier attempted to run but Private LESZCZYNSKI wounded him. Securing five other enemy soldiers from the vehicle, Private LESZCZYNSKI returned them to his own lines over the fire swept open ground. Information obtained from the prisoners played an important part in successful attacks of a few hours later. Entered military service from WASHINGTON, PENNSYLVANIA.

WALTER H. VAN FLOWER, 41283345, Captain, 504th Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action against the enemy on 17 September 1944 near ***, HOLLAND. Captain VAN FLOWER jumped with his company two miles south of the remainder of the battalion. Immediately upon landing, his company engaged a battalion of enemy paratroopers, then took up a position astride the *** Highway and effectively met and beat off the German counterattack, blocking their retreat to the south. Captain VAN FLOWER moved about the position voluntarily exposing himself to draw machine gun and small arms fire causing the enemy to disclose their positions and with his supporting fire forced them to withdraw to the east. His gallant actions inspired his men to drive numerically superior forces from strong defensive positions and insured the successful taking of the vital *** Bridge. Entered military service from WILSON BASIN, PENNSYLVANIA.

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Under the provisions of AR 600-16, as amended, and pursuant to authority contained in Letter No. 3 (25) H. I., Headquarters Berlin District and Headquarters First Airborne Army dated 31 August 1946, the Soldier's Medal is awarded to the following named individuals:

WALTER A. STEVENS, 3639073, Private First Class, 504th Parachute Infantry. While a member of the Armed Forces of the United States, Private First Class STEVENS distinguished himself by heroism not involving actual conflict with the enemy on 1 August 1946 near ***, GERMANY. At about 1945 hours, Private First Class STEVENS, a jeep driver, was approaching a bridge over the *** River when a major repair was required on the tripod, he observed a man

which was crossing the bridge fell into the river. Private First Class CERVANTES immediately stopped his vehicle and without removing any of his clothing or heavy boots, plunged into the river in an effort to save the four small children and an elderly man. Despite the heaviness of his clothes and heavy boots, he swam to the middle of the river and caught two of the children who were floundering in water, approximately twelve feet deep and swam them to the shore where they were revived. Private First Class CERVANTES' quiet thinking and unselfish heroism undoubtedly saved the lives of two small children and typified the highest traditions of the United States Armed Forces. Entered military service from Tallahassee.

III -- Awards for the Bronze Star Medal for Merit (1945)

Under the provisions of Act 1610, as amended, and pursuant to authority contained in letter 2046 (1945) of Headquarters Berlin District and Headquarters First Airborne Army dated 31 August 1945, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following named individuals:

1. Private First Class, Headquarters, Special Troops, 1st Airborne Division. For heroic conduct on 5 May 1945 about two miles from ***, Germany. Private First Class [Name] received word by radio that the secret position of his platoon had several wounded men lying on the ground at two miles from where he was located. He drove toward the location in a snowdrifted area until he was stopped by a passermaster at a road block. Despite this obstacle and with complete disregard of his own personal safety, he drove through the enemy's mine field until he reached the wounded men. While he was working with the men, a building serving as an ammunition magazine exploded and wounded several more men. Private First Class [Name] carried all the wounded to safety. Through his courage and bravery in the face of enemy fire and extremely adverse conditions, Private First Class [Name] saved the lives of four of his comrades. His actions were in keeping with the highest traditions of the Airborne Forces. Entered military service from Tallahassee, Florida.

2. Private First Class, Headquarters, 1st Airborne Division. For heroic conduct on 2 January 1945 near ***, Germany. When his men were pinned to the ground by machine gun fire from a well protected position, Private First Class [Name] jumped up and courageously exposed himself to the enemy fire. Though his legs were mangled after firing, he pressed forward until his platoon's aggressiveness forced the enemy units to abandon their position and saved his men's execution. This courageous action was in keeping with the highest standards of the Airborne Forces. Entered military service from Tallahassee, Florida.

3. Private First Class, Headquarters, 1st Airborne Division. For heroic conduct on 30 April 1945 about two miles from ***, Germany. Though his men were pinned to the ground by machine gun fire from a well protected position, Private First Class [Name] jumped up and courageously exposed himself to the enemy fire. Through his courage and bravery in the face of enemy fire and extremely adverse conditions, Private First Class [Name] saved the lives of four of his comrades. His actions were in keeping with the highest traditions of the Airborne Forces. Entered military service from Tallahassee, Florida.

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carried him to a sheltered place. Throughout the attack, he treated a total of nine men. His conduct resulted in the quick evacuation of the wounded and was in keeping with the highest traditions of the Airborne Forces. Entered military service from RIVERVIEW, WEST VIRGINIA.

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JOHN R. DENNINGLEY, 38343860, Private First Class, 507th Parachute Infantry. For heroic action on 8 January 1945 near ***, DENNINGLEY volunteered to go forward with the medicine when three of the six medics with the four advance companies had been wounded. In one instance, he worked his way across an open street where mortar shells were falling all around him. Disregarding his own safety, he carefully put the man over his shoulder and carried him to cover. At the end of the battle there were only two medics left to handle four companies. For the following twenty two hours he carried on without relief and saved the lives of many wounded men. Entered military service from PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA.

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JOHN J. DEWATTS, 42321984, Private First Class (then Private), 504th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct on 7 January 1945, near ***, BELGIUM. Private First Class DEWATTS was a mortar man and had just set up his gun when his section was brought under the fire of twenty five enemy supported by two machine guns. Realizing the situation, Private First Class DEWATTS seized his rifle, charged across one hundred yards of rough terrain into the machine guns, killed two men and forced five others to flee. Private First Class DEWATTS' quick thinking and heroic action saved the mortars and enabled them to give needed support and reflect credit on the Airborne Forces. Entered military service from BUFFALO, NEW YORK.

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WALTER P. HUTTON, 14101304, Private, 505th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct on 8 February 1945 about three miles from ***, GERMANY. Private HUTTON, rifleman, by his own examples of personal courage and skill contributed greatly to the capture of three enemy pillboxes and the capture or killing of approximately twenty of the enemy. Private HUTTON was among the first of the assault platoon to attack the objective and by continuously exposing himself to heavy small arms and artillery fire, was instrumental in neutralizing the three pillboxes. These acts of courage and aggressiveness by Private HUTTON are in keeping with the most honored traditions of the Airborne Forces. Entered Military service from PHOENIX, ARIZONA.

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WALTER S. KLISSIEWICZ, 11017898, Private First Class, 508th Parachute Infantry Battalion. For heroic achievement in action on 21 January 1945 at *** and ***, BELGIUM. Private First Class KLISSIEWICZ, medical aid man, without hesitation, ran forward one hundred yards over the open ground under fire to administer aid to a wounded man. He then led the man to a place of comparative safety. When overwhelming odds forced the platoon to withdraw, he voluntarily remained with his wounded comrade. At that time one of the squad leaders was hit and Private First Class KLISSIEWICZ again braved the heavy fire to bring his comrade fifty yards to cover and administer treatment. He withdrew on himself only after one man had died and he was able to assist the other to move. This action was typical of all courageous service rendered by Private First Class KLISSIEWICZ on another occasion at ***. Entered military service from PHOENIX, ARIZONA.

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HENRY L. MILLAN, JR., 32643871, Staff Sergeant (then Private), 504th Parachute Infantry. For heroic action against the enemy on 22 December 1944 near ***, BELMONT. Seeing the battalion suffering heavy casualties because of raking 20mm fire, Staff Sergeant MILLAN went forward with utter disregard for his own personal safety to the bald peak of a hill in full view of the enemy to locate enemy positions. He then moved back, secured a reel of wire and layed a line from the gun to this observation post. Though he was under a great volume of small arms and mortar fire, he remained at this exposed position and registered the mortars on the enemy positions. He knocked out three 20mm flak guns and caused the crews of three others to flee. By this bold and aggressive action under intense, direct fire, Staff Sergeant MILLAN saved many lives and aided immeasurably in securing the battalion's objectives. His initiative and aggressive leadership are typical of the exemplary standards of the Airborne Forces. Entered military service from LONG ISLAND, N.Y.

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JAMES G. WATKINS, 9489743, Captain, 508th Parachute Infantry Battalion. For heroic achievement in action on 21 January 1945 at ***, BELMONT. An enemy anti-tank gun had halted vehicles of the battalion on the outskirts of the town. Automatic fire from two machine guns covered the open field between the road and one of the houses in the field. When a call came from this house, Captain WATKINS, battalion surgeon, unhesitatingly crossed the one hundred yards of open, fire-swept ground to go to the aid of a wounded man. After dressing the wound, he brought the man to the comparative safety of the road. When informed that two more wounded men were in a house two hundred yards from the road, Captain WATKINS sent to the house, despite heavy small arms fire and mortar barrage. He reached the position and administered aid. His fearless conduct in the face of great danger was instrumental in the prompt treatment of casualties and maintaining high morale in the battalion, and reflects great credit upon the Airborne Forces of the United States Army.

OK
WALTER W. LAMSON, 30612137, Master Sergeant (then Sergeant), Headquarters 82d Airborne Division. For heroic action on the night of 20 December 1944 about the site east of ***, BELMONT. Master Sergeant W. W. (then a member of the anti-tank company, 503rd Signal Infantry) was charged with the responsibility of maintaining communications between the front line battalion switchboard, the anti-tank company switchboard and the actual gun emplacements. When all communications were simultaneously rendered ineffective, he braved an intense enemy artillery, small arms and machine gun fire, and voluntarily located breaks and repaired the vital lines. His conduct, under most adverse conditions and with utter disregard for his personal safety, was a material contribution to a crucial fight during the Ardennes operation. Entered military service from N.Y.

OK
ERNEST S. HANCOCK, 35338155, Private First Class, 504th Parachute Infantry. For heroic action on 22 December 1944 near ***, BELMONT. Private First Class HANCOCK volunteered to lay a wire during the heat of a heavy counterattack. Armed only with a pistol and under a heavy barrage of small arms, mortar and artillery fire, he went forward for fifteen hundred yards to establish communication with the front line companies. Private First Class HANCOCK's heroic action was a great aid to the success of repulsing the enemy attack and reflects the greatest credit on the Airborne Forces. Entered military service from N.Y.

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VICTOR G. KOCCA, 36602441, Staff Sergeant (then Private), 504th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct on 20 September 1944 near **, HOLLAND. Staff Sergeant KOCCA voluntarily established much needed wire communications by completely exposing himself to intense small arms and artillery fire for over three hundred yards. When the wire was exhausted, he returned over the same route and secured more wire. Although the enemy sniper and artillery fire had greatly increased, he spliced the wire and completed his mission. This badly needed wire communications reflects the highest credit on the Airborne Forces of the United States Army. Entered military service from CANTON, OHIO.

FRANK P. SHELLEY, Jr., 36654566, Private, 509th Parachute Infantry Battalion. For heroic achievement in action on 24 December 1944 about one mile from ***, BELGIUM. Private SHELLEY was designated to form a mobile base of fire during an attack against strong enemy positions. In the initial phase of the attack, the platoon broke into small groups. Disregarding heavy enemy small arms and automatic weapons fire, Private SHELLEY moved forward rapidly to assist the several groups, loading the light machine gun which was being fired from the hip by the gunner. His maintenance of adequate ammunition supply, designation of vital targets and calm demeanor in the face of heavy fire were largely responsible for the killing of five enemy and the success of the mission. The action was a deciding factor in the disorganizing and routing of strong enemy forces. Entered military service from CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

OK
WILLIAM J. SHAST, JR., 0484085, Captain (then First Lieutenant), 504th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct on 18 February 1944 near ***, ITALY. Captain SHAST, voluntarily and without orders, exposed himself during a concentrated attack on an adjoining company to man a .50 calibre machine gun dismounted by enemy artillery. He forced the withdrawal of an enemy flak wagon which was delivering heavy fire, neutralized several enemy machine guns, destroyed one gun and crew and forced the withdrawal of a self propelled gun. To accomplish this, Captain SHAST moved to the flank of his company's area under heavy small arms fire and self propelled artillery fire, exposed himself for a period of one and one-half hours while manning the gun. His courage and determined action forced the withdrawal of two well-positioned enemy weapons, destroyed a third and was a vital factor in repelling the enemy attack. Entered military service from HAMILTON, NEW YORK.

OK
DORIAN J. TERRIANT, 31041668, Private First Class, 507th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 17 September 1943 about one-half mile from ***, ITALY. When both his platoon leader and squad leader became casualties, Private First Class TERRIANT, assumed command of the light machine gun section. Although subjected to heavy shelling, he so skillfully directed and deployed his section that two determined enemy counterattacks were beaten off with heavy casualties. After his first sergeant became a casualty, he also assumed that position and demonstrated outstanding leadership ability. As a result of Private First Class TERRIANT's great initiative and courage in the absence of officers, his platoon functioned with a maximum of combat efficiency during the critical stages of a hard fought battle. Entered military service from PORTLAND, MAINE.

OK
 RICHARD E. VAN GRT, 36396437, Technician Fifth Grade (than Private), 504th Parachute Infantry. For heroic action on 21 October 1944 near ***, HOLLAND. Technician Fifth Grade Van GRT moved forward from his protected position to give aid to five other men from another unit who had been wounded. Despite the fact that they were in an exposed position and subjected to intense artillery fire and small arms fire, he carried out each man individually, saving the lives of four of the men who needed immediate attention. This heroic action reflects the highest of credit upon the United States Forces. Entered military service from ILLINOIS.

IV -- AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL FOR MERITORIOUS SERVICE:

Under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and pursuant to authority contained in letter 200.6 (ID) U. S. Headquarters Berlin District and Headquarters First Airborne Army dated 31 August 1945, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following named individuals:

OK
 CLAIR S. GRANSTON, 37262316, Private First Class, Infantry, 505th Parachute Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States during the period 9 July 1943 to 5 May 1945 in SICILY, ITALY, NORMANDY, BELGIUM AND GERMANY. Entered military service from MINOT, NORTH DAKOTA.

OK
 JOHN M. CROWLEY, 01016330, 1st Lieutenant, Infantry, 75th Tank Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States during the period 16 November 1944 to 5 February 1945 in BELGIUM and GERMANY. Entered military service from BARTLAND, CONNECTICUT.

OK
 STEPHEN J. CRIPPS, 31240495, Master Sergeant, Cavalry, 16th Cavalry Group, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States during the period 11 March 1945 to 3 April 1945 in the EUROPEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS. Entered military service from MASSACHUSETTS.

OK
 CARL C. BUEHLS, 14051962, Staff Sergeant, Infantry, 505th Parachute Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States during the period 9 July 1943 to 5 May 1945 in the MEDITERRANEAN and EUROPEAN THEATERS OF OPERATIONS. Entered military service from SAVANNAH, GEORGIA.

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 JOE A. BENOITO, 34152639, First Sergeant, Infantry, 507th Parachute Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States during the period 25 July 1943 to 5 May 1945 in SICILY, GREECE, NORMANDY, HOLLAND, BELGIUM and GERMANY. Entered military service from ILLINOIS.

OK
 JEROME J. BEAR, 36387887, Private First Class, Infantry, 506th Parachute Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States during the period 25 July 1943 to 16 February 1945 in the GERMANY, ITALY-BOSSIA, NORMANDY, HOLLAND and ARDENNES Campaigns. Entered military service from ST. LOUIS, LOUISIANA.

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EDWARD J. LARSEN, 42 37802, Private First Class, Infantry, 505th Parachute Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States during the period 17 September 1944 to 18 February 1945 in the HOLLAND, AACHENS and CENTRAL EUROPEAN campaigns. Entered military service from NEW YORK.

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LOU ROGERS, W2181426, Warrant Officer Junior Grade, United States Army, Sixth Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States during the period 1 December 1944 to 8 May 1945 in the EUROPEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS. Entered military service from BIRMINGHAM, TENNESSEE.

OK

GUSTAVE A. MURPHY, 16082433, Private, Infantry, 505th Parachute Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States during the period 9 July 1943 to 8 May 1945 in SICILY, ITALY, NORMANDY, HOLLAND, BELGIUM and GERMANY. Entered military service from PINE ACRE, NEW JERSEY.

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WILLIAM J. WATSON, 31101175, Staff Sergeant, Infantry, 505th Parachute Infantry, United States Army, For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States during the period 9 July 1943 to 8 May 1945 in the MEDITERRANEAN and EUROPEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS. Entered military service from PORTLAND, MAINE.

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WALTER L. ROSS, 01236472, First Lieutenant, Infantry, 507th Parachute Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States during the period 20 November 1943 to 7 May 1945 in the NORMANDY, HOLLAND, AACHENS, BELGIUM and CENTRAL EUROPE campaigns. Entered military service from MISSOURI.

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WALTER A. SAG, 0340800, Major, Infantry, 505th Parachute Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States during the period 9 Jun 1943 to 7 Jun 1945 in ITALY, SICILY and GERMANY. Entered military service from MISSOURI, MISSOURI.

WARRANT OFFICER JUNIOR GRADE, 1ST AIRBORNE DIVISION, 1ST AIRBORNE COMMAND, 1ST AIRBORNE DIVISION:

Under the provision of AR 600-40, as amended, and pursuant to authority contained in letter 300.0 (DD) 1, G. Headquarters Berlin District and Headquarters First Airborne Army dated 31 August 1945, the bronze star medal has been previously awarded, and a leaf cluster to the bronze star medal is awarded to the following named individuals:

WALTER L. ROSS, 01236472, Captain (then First Lieutenant), 10th Airborne and Aircraft Battalion. For heroic conduct on 7 January 1945. Captain Ross was leading a team of six men and crew in support of an attack when they were suddenly brought under intense and accurate machine gun fire from an open flank. He immediately deployed the crew to give him cover by firing while he crawled to the vehicle. He started the motor while lying on the ground, then jumped into the vehicle and drove it with the gun attached.

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across 400 yards of open field, under continuous enemy fire, to safety. He then returned and led the gun crew across the open field and directed them in placing the gun in position. Captain [Name] conduct, in keeping with the highest traditions of the Airborne Forces, was an inspiration to all who witnessed it. Entered military service from [Location], PA, USA.

Staff Sergeant [Name], 30777433, Staff Sergeant (Then Technician Fifth Grade), 100th Parachute Infantry, for heroic action on 30 April 1945 at [Location], GERMANY. Staff Sergeant [Name], medical aid man, displayed remarkable courage and devotion to duty when he rescued his fellow soldiers from a field that was under intense small arms and direct flame fire. Staff Sergeant [Name], with complete disregard for his personal safety, voluntarily crawled two hundred yards beyond our front lines to give medical treatment to his comrades and in so doing was wounded about the legs. By his coolness under fire and untiring efforts, he managed to evacuate the wounded, but refused to be evacuated himself. His conduct above and beyond the call of duty was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Medical Corps and the Airborne Forces. Entered military service from PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA, PA.

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VI -- AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART MEDAL:

Under the provisions of AR 600-10, as amended, the Purple Heart Medal is awarded to the following named individuals for wounds received in action against the enemy on the dates indicated:

First Lieutenant [Name], 0040400, 82d Airborne Division, 19 January 1945, Belgium.

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Private First Class [Name], 3000000, 82d Airborne Division, 6 June 1944, France.

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Private [Name], 3000000, 82d Airborne Division, 10 June 1944, France.

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Private [Name], 1000000, 82d Airborne Division, 2 September 1944, France.

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Private First Class [Name], 3000000, 82d Airborne Division, 19 March 1945, Belgium.

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VII -- AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART MEDAL:

Under the provisions of War Department Circular Number 229, 1916, the Purple Heart Medal is awarded to the following named individuals for satisfactory performance of duty under actual combat conditions on the dates indicated:

Private First Class [Name], 30717770, 82d Airborne Division, 30 September 1944.

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YVII -- AMENDMENT OF GENERAL ORDERS NUMBER 47, 1944

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So much of Section II General Orders Number 47, this Headquarters, dated 19 August 1944, awarding the Silver Star Medal to SEERE J. AUST, O1166427, First Lieutenant, for gallantry in action on 16 July 1944 is amended to read 16 June 1944.

BY ORDER OF MAJOR GENERAL CAWEN:

R. W. WHEATON
Colonel, GSS
Chief of Staff

OFFICIAL:

JAMES D. GRAY
Major, AGD
Adjutant General

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Roosevelt H. Pease
ROOSEVELT H. PEASE,
Captain, AGD,
Asst Adj Gen, 82d Abn Div.

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I -- AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR MEDAL:

Under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and pursuant to authority contained in letter 200.6 (BDH) U. S. Headquarters Berlin District and Headquarters First Airborne Army dated 31 August 1945, the Silver Star Medal is awarded to the following named individual:

WILLIAM F. CHILIC, 36886231, Private, 505th Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on 8 October 1944 near ***, HOLLAND. At about 0600 that morning, the combat patrol of which Private CHILIC was a member, was pinned down by heavy machine gun fire and he was twice wounded in the abdomen by the initial bursts. With complete disregard for his own safety, he crawled from the ditch in which he had fallen toward the blazing enemy gun until close enough to throw a grenade. Following this up with his TSMG, he silenced the machine gun and forced the crew to flee. He continued with the patrol until its mission was successfully completed. Private CHILIC's exemplary and courageous conduct and sense of duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the Airborne Forces. Entered military service from DETROIT, MICHIGAN.

II -- AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL FOR HEROIC CONDUCT:

Under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and pursuant to authority contained in letter 200.6 (BDH) U. S. Headquarters Berlin District and Headquarters First Airborne Army dated 31 August 1945, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following named individuals:

FRANK P. ERDMAN, 01313224, Captain, 325th Glider Infantry. For heroic conduct on 24 March 1945 about two miles from ***, GERMANY. His company badly scattered in the landing area, countering intense small arms and high velocity HE fire, Captain ERDMAN, disregarding his own safety, struck out alone and personally located and led into company control, several of his glider loads. Within thirty minutes of landing, the company, striking as a unit, inflicted heavy casualties on the enemy, taking over two hundred prisoners the first hour. This remarkable company action was made possible by Captain ERDMAN's decisive and fearless leadership in the face of the enemy, which was an inspiration to those about him and was in keeping with the highest standards of the Airborne Forces. Entered military service from WISCONSIN.

ROBERT C. FLYNN, 32836483, Private First Class, 325th Glider Infantry. For heroic conduct on 24 March 1945 about one mile from ***, GERMANY. Private First Class FLYNN displayed great courage and outstanding initiative while acting as liaison officer when his company came under fire from three enemy Mark IV tanks. Unable to contact the

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anti-tank guns, he took a bicycle and rode to their positions to carry instructions for their disposition. He moved on a road laterally crossing the front of, and in view of, the tanks about two hundred and fifty yards away. By his heroic action, he reached the anti-tank guns and led them to firing positions from which they were able to disable two of the enemy tanks, causing the third to withdraw. Private First Class FLYNN's action was an inspiration to those who witnessed it and was exemplary of the highest standards of the Airborne Forces. Entered military service from NEW YORK.

JAMES S. LAY, 36410433, Private First Class, 504th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct at ***, GERMANY on 6 April 1945. Private First Class LAY, radio operator, crossed the RHINE with the force which captured the town. During the furious enemy counterattacks, telephone communications with the regimental headquarters were knocked out by the intense artillery barrage. Private First Class LAY voluntarily left the security of the basement command post and set up his radio in a position exposed to artillery fire and attacking German infantry. From this point, he directed the counter fire of our own artillery which stopped the assault of the enemy troops. Private First Class LAY's courageous action rendered material assistance to the defense of our positions at a critical moment and reflects credit on the Airborne Forces of the United States Army. Entered military service from FLUSHING, MICHIGAN.

BENJAMIN H. VANDERVOORT, 022715, Lieutenant Colonel (then Major), 505th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct at ***, SICILY on 11 July 1943. Lieutenant Colonel VANDERVOORT, S-3, made a daring reconnaissance of the area west of *** in the midst of strong German elements of the Hermann Goering Division. Through his efforts, scattered elements of the 82d Airborne Division and the 45th Infantry Division were concentrated for the defense of the area dominating the *** highway. Under the concentrated fire of tanks, artillery and automatic weapons, Lieutenant Colonel VANDERVOORT proceeded with his duties with complete disregard of personal danger throughout the attacks by the enemy and during the counterattack of the Airborne Forces which finally drove the Germans back in confusion and permitted the 180th Infantry of the 45th Infantry Division to continue its delayed advance. Lieutenant Colonel VANDERVOORT's cool courage and inspiring conduct were a source of constant encouragement to all and a material factor in the decisive success achieved by his unit against superior odds.

WILLIAM F. WENZEL, 33418834, Private First Class, 325th Glider Infantry. For heroic conduct on 3 January 1945 about two miles from ***, BELGIUM. When men of his platoon were pinned down by machine gun fire, Private First Class WENZEL, BAR man, exposed himself to enemy fire until he had gained a position of vantage and then proceeded to spray their positions with a steady stream of fire. He silenced the enemy machine guns, killed three Germans and then crawled to the aid of the wounded acting platoon sergeant and another man, giving them necessary first aid. He then took charge of the remaining men and went on to complete the attack and secure the objective. His courageous initiative was in keeping with the high standards of the Airborne Forces. Entered military service from PENNSYLVANIA.

III -- AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL FOR HEROIC CONDUCT, MISSING IN ACTION:

Under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and pursuant to authority contained in letter 200.6 (SER) U. S. Headquarters Berlin District and Headquarters First Airborne Army, dated 31 August 1945, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded, missing in action, to the following named individuals:

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ROBERT J. DAVIS, 32672468, Private, 80th Airborne Antiaircraft Battalion. For heroic action near ***, HOLLAND on 27 September 1944. Private DAVIS, member of a two man bazooka team, was attached to a platoon of infantry, with a mission to reconnoiter and, if possible, hold the *** area. Late that night about a company of Germans enveloped the platoon and established heavy machine gun fire in their rear. Private DAVIS and his companion moved out of their prepared position, crawled across an open field under heavy enemy fire and knocked out the machine gun. Neither man returned from this action, but their courageous action enabled eight members of the trapped platoon to make a safe withdrawal through the corridor out in the enemy forces. The bravery displayed by Private DAVIS is in the highest traditions of the Airborne Forces. Entered military service from PERRY, NEW YORK.

ALFRED F. FLOWERS, 36413599, Private First Class, 80th Antiaircraft Battalion. For heroic action near ***, HOLLAND on 27 September 1944. Private First Class FLOWERS, member of a two man bazooka team, was attached to a platoon of infantry, with a mission to reconnoiter and, if possible, hold the *** area. Late that night, about a company of Germans enveloped the platoon and established heavy machine gun fire in their rear. Private First Class FLOWERS and his companion moved out of their prepared position, crawled across an open field under heavy enemy fire and knocked out the machine gun. Neither man returned from this action but their courageous action enabled eight members of the trapped platoon to make a safe withdrawal through the corridor out in the enemy forces. The bravery displayed by Private First Class FLOWERS is in the highest traditions of the Airborne Forces. Entered military service from SAULTE STE MARIE, MICHIGAN.

IV -- AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL FOR HEROIC CONDUCT, OAK LEAF CLUSTER:

Under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and pursuant to authority contained in letter 200.6 (BDH) U. S. Headquarters Berlin District and Headquarters First Airborne Army dated 31 August 1945, the Bronze Star Medal having been previously awarded, the Oak Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following named individual:

EDWARD C. KRAUSE, 0375296, Lieutenant Colonel (then Major), 505th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct at ***, SICILY on 11 July 1943. Lieutenant Colonel KRAUSE, commanding the Third Battalion, led his outnumbered command against strong forces of the German Goring Division, supported by numerous tanks. With disproportionately inadequate anti-tank weapons, he defended the ridge against the severe attacks of the enemy, and led successful counterattacks which broke the spirit of the Germans and forced them to withdraw in confusion. Under the concentrated fire of tanks, artillery, and automatic weapons, and repeated attacks by strafing planes, Lieutenant Colonel KRAUSE's cool, courageous leadership served to encourage and inspire the airborne troopers to great achievements. His heroic example was a material factor in the decisive success of his battalion against greatly superior odds. His conduct reflects credit on the Airborne Forces of the United States Army.

V -- AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL FOR MERITORIOUS SERVICE:

Under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and pursuant to authority contained in letter 200.6 (BDH) U. S. Headquarters Berlin District and Headquarters First Airborne Army dated 31 August 1945, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following named individuals:

JOHN H. BACKER, 01997780, First Lieutenant, Military Intelligence Service, Headquarters 82d Airborne Division, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States during the period 6 June 1944 to 7 May 1945

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In NORMANDY, HOLLAND, ARDENNES, RHINELAND and CENTRAL EUROPE campaigns. Entered military service from NEW YORK.

CHARLES E. PUGH, 35729634, Technician Fifth Grade, Corps of Engineers, 307th Airborne Engineer Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States on 15 August 1944 in FRANCE. Entered military service from PADUCAH, KENTUCKY.

VI -- AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART MEDAL:

Under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, the Purple Heart Medal is awarded to the following named individuals for wounds received in action against the enemy on the dates indicated:

TECHNICIAN FIFTH GRADE ANGELO N. D'ANNA, 33719805, HEADQUARTERS COMPANY, 82D AIRBORNE DIVISION, BELGIUM, 11 JANUARY 1945.

TECHNICIAN FIFTH GRADE LOREN D. PORTER, 35732221, 82D AIRBORNE SIGNAL COMPANY, BELGIUM, 7 JANUARY 1945.

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS HAROLD A. TATUM, 33719119, HEADQUARTERS COMPANY, 82D AIRBORNE DIVISION, BELGIUM, 11 JANUARY 1945.

VII -- AWARD OF THE COMBAT MEDICAL BADGE:

Under the provisions of War Department Circular Number 229, 1945, the Combat Medical Badge is awarded to the following named individuals for satisfactory performance of duty under actual combat conditions on 23 December 1944:

307TH AIRBORNE MEDICAL COMPANY

CAPTAIN	ROBERT E. NOYLAN	0509156
TECHNICIAN FOURTH GRADE	GORDON R. HAUGEN	37368042
TECHNICIAN FIFTH GRADE	THOMAS W. MURPHY	35701515
PRIVATE FIRST CLASS	MELVIN F. BROWN	37520823
PRIVATE FIRST CLASS	SOL CRUM JR	15112727
PRIVATE FIRST CLASS	GERALD M. HADLEY	32838500
PRIVATE FIRST CLASS	CARRON B. LAMBERT	33473353
PRIVATE FIRST CLASS	ERICIL O. TINGLEY	37521505

VIII -- AMENDMENT OF GENERAL ORDERS NUMBER 122, 1945:

So much of Section VII, General Orders Number 122, this Headquarters, dated 5 October 1945, as awards the Combat Medical Badge to Captain HOWARD C. DIBBLE, 0472335, 319th Glider Field Artillery Battalion, is rescinded.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL GAVIN:

R. H. WIEFECHE
Colonel, GSO
Chief of Staff

OFFICIAL:

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I -- AWARD OF THE DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS:

Under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and pursuant to authority contained in letter 200.6 (BDH) U. S. Headquarters Berlin District and Headquarters First Airborne Army dated 31 August 1945, the Distinguished Flying Cross is awarded to the following named individual:

WIMBERLY M. MORGAN, O1183381, First Lieutenant, 456th Parachute Field Artillery Battalion. For extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flights as a liaison pilot, 319th Glider Field Artillery Battalion, from 13 June 1944 to 2 May 1945. First Lieutenant MORGAN demonstrated superior qualities, both as a liaison pilot and as an observer, flying two hundred fifty combat hours under all types of weather conditions. On many occasions, his actions were of a highly heroic nature. In HOLLAND, he flew through anti-aircraft fire several times in order to adjust fire on enemy targets. Flying an evening mission north of ***, HOLLAND, he remained in the air until after dark in order to adjust on the flash of enemy artillery and then landed by the aid of a single headlight. Near ***, GERMANY, he voluntarily flew east of the RHINE and over enemy held territory to observe enemy locations and movements. Anti-aircraft fire shot away the tail surfaces, most of his controls and wounded the observer, but by very skillful maneuvering, he was able to evade further fire, make it back to friendly lines, land without injury, get medical aid for his observer and turn over vital information concerning enemy locations and movement to a field artillery unit. First Lieutenant MORGAN's skill, courage and outstanding devotion to duty exemplified the highest traditions of the Armed forces. Entered military service from ODESSA, FLORIDA.

II -- AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR MEDAL:

Under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and pursuant to authority contained in letter 200.6 (BDH) U. S. Headquarters Berlin District and Headquarters First Airborne Army dated 31 August 1945, the Silver Star Medal is awarded to the following named individuals:

JAMES L. HOLLINGSWORTH, 38432406, Staff Sergeant (then Private First Class), 80th Airborne Antiaircraft Battalion. For gallantry in action on 4 February 1945 near ***, GERMANY. The town came under heavy fire from German 120 mm mortars and Tiger Royal tanks, which inflicted numerous casualties, made movement impossible and denied opportunity to dig in anti-tank weapons. Staff Sergeant HOLLINGSWORTH located the positions of the enemy mortars and went to his exposed gun under direct enemy observation. With complete disregard of the fire directed on his position, he singlehandedly manned the piece, fired eleven rounds and wiped out the enemy mortars. Staff Sergeant HOLLINGSWORTH's courageous conduct and skilled performance of duty under extremely hazardous conditions eliminated a direct threat to our forces and reflected the highest traditions of the Airborne Forces of the United States Army. Entered military service from DALLAS, TEXAS.

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JOSEPH A. LACHER, 14004592, Staff Sergeant, 28th Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron. For gallantry in action in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States on 29 March 1945 in GERMANY. When the forward elements of his task force were ambushed and cut off in the town of ***, Staff Sergeant LACHER, as platoon sergeant of a light tank platoon, took his tank into the town under heavy small arms and anti-tank fire on two occasions, dismounted, helped wounded men into his tank and delivered them to the safety of the main body. Staff Sergeant LACHER then went into the town a third time and returned slowly so that fifteen men who had been pinned down by machine gun fire could be afforded protection by walking beside his tank. Observing that a tank, abandoned by our forces, was being used by the enemy to harass our forces, Staff Sergeant LACHER maneuvered his tank into a favorable position and destroyed the captured vehicle without damaging his own vehicle. Staff Sergeant LACHER's gallant actions contributed materially to the successful outcome of his platoon's mission and was an inspiration to his fellow soldiers. Entered military service from TENNESSEE.

GEORGE V. MILLETT, JR., 017787, Colonel, 507th Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on 6 through 8 June 1944 in NORMANDY, FRANCE. Having landed by parachute before dawn on D-Day and finding his force badly scattered in the jump, Colonel MILLETT, regimental commander, personally led four officers and twenty enlisted men in an effort to capture *** and accomplish a prime mission of the regiment. The town was stoutly defended in a heated battle, but the small force of paratroopers captured twenty five of the enemy, two trucks of ammunition and neutralized several enemy machine guns. Vastly outnumbered, Colonel MILLETT skillfully disengaged his force with only four casualties and established defensive positions on the main highway to the town. Here he finally assembled almost four hundred men and held out during three days against constant enemy attacks in great strength and under heavy artillery fire, thus denying the enemy use of this important road to reinforce their attacks on the *** River bridges. Colonel MILLETT displayed complete disregard for danger throughout the period and contributed material support to the Division effort through his firm control, courageous leadership and inspiring fortitude; setting an enviable example for his men in a most difficult situation. Entered military service from KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI.

MONROE L. RUTH, 19118055, First Sergeant (then Private), 505th Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action against the enemy on 31 January 1945 about two miles northeast of ***, GERMANY. When a road-bound tank column and a supporting infantry company were caught in a trap with two self-propelled 88mm guns to the front and an anti-tank gun on the flank, First Sergeant RUTH made his way through deep snow two hundred fifty yards across an open field to within fifty yards of the self-propelled gun. He fired two rockets and forced the German tank crew to abandon their gun and leave the tank. His action made it possible for the tank column to move forward in the regiment's assault on the Siegfried Line. His gallant action under the most hazardous and adverse conditions exemplifies the highest traditions of the Airborne and Armored Forces of the United States Army. Entered military service from IDAHO.

III -- AWARD OF THE SOLDIER'S MEDAL:

Under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and pursuant to authority contained in letter 200.6 (BDH) U. S. Headquarters Berlin District and Headquarters First Airborne Army dated 31 August 1946, the Soldier's Medal is awarded to the following named individuals:

BILL B. HENDRICKSON, 0448130, First Lieutenant, 28th Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron. For heroism not involving actual conflict with the enemy on 30 January 1945 in the vicinity of ***, LUXEMBOURG. Despite the danger to himself, First Lieutenant HENDRICKSON rescued two seriously wounded soldiers from the burning wreckage of two vehicles which had hit and exploded German anti-tank mines. By his quick, courageous action, these men, whose lives were further

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endangered by a gasoline fire, were evacuated to a place of safety. This courageous action deserves high commendation. Entered military service from MAYSVILLE, KENTUCKY.

JOHN S. MODOS, 35352612, Private First Class, Military Police Platoon, 82d Airborne Division. For heroism not involving actual conflict with the enemy on 5 September 1945 at BERLIN, GERMANY. Private First Class MODOS, while on foot patrol in BERLIN, apprehended an armed soldier suspected of armed robbery. Facing the soldier's pistol at point-blank range, Private First Class MODOS disregarded the order to raise his hands. Instead, he drew his own pistol. The soldier fired two shots and ran. Private First Class MODOS gave chase and returned the fire of the fleeing man. When the soldier turned down a dark side street into a darkened doorway, although warned to halt or be shot, Private First Class MODOS, with complete disregard for his own safety, calmly and courageously closed with the man, disarmed him and made the arrest. Private First Class MODOS' courage and devotion to duty, which resulted in the arrest of a dangerous criminal, without unnecessary bloodshed, was in keeping with the highest traditions of the Airborne Forces. Entered military service from INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA.

IV -- AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL FOR HEROIC CONDUCT:

Under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and pursuant to authority contained in letter 200.6 (BDH) U. S. Headquarters Berlin District and Headquarters First Airborne Army dated 31 August 1945, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following named individuals:

JAMES E. BALCH, 34022915, Staff Sergeant, 28th Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron. For heroic conduct on 29 March 1945 in GERMANY. Task Force MURPHY, while moving east, encountered a strong enemy force defending the town and woods in the vicinity of ***, GERMANY. Heavy enemy small arms and anti-tank fire engaged the leading elements in a fierce fire fight which resulted in their being cut off from the main body. When his gun jammed, Staff Sergeant BALCH, with utter disregard for his own safety, dismounted from his tank under heavy rifle and machine gun fire, removed the faulty round from his 75 mm gun, and continued his fire fight with the enemy, inflicting heavy casualties on them. His subsequent fire enabled the forward elements of the command to rejoin the main body. Staff Sergeant BALCH's display of heroism typifies the highest traditions of the armed forces. Entered military service from TENNESSEE.

HOLLIS BUTTS, 7008417, Sergeant, 28th Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron. For heroic conduct on 29 March 1945 in GERMANY. Task Force MURPHY encountered a strong enemy force defending the town and woods in the vicinity of ***, GERMANY, and was cut off from the main body. Sergeant BUTTS drove his tank very close to several enemy panzerfaust teams and immediately engaged one team with his submachine gun from the turret of his tank, disregarding small arms fire which was being concentrated on his tank. He killed one German of the panzerfaust team and wounded another. He then evacuated one wounded man to safety. A force of Germans attempted to flank the main body, but Sergeant BUTTS laid down such a curtain of fire from his tank, that this enemy force was forced to withdraw. Then by moving into an extremely dangerous position under 20 mm anti-tank fire, he harassed the retreating enemy causing heavy casualties and completely disorganizing their ranks. Sergeant BUTTS' display of initiative and heroism is typical of the highest traditions of the armed forces and deserves high commendation. Entered military service from TENNESSEE.

LOYCE L. DENT, 6988913, Private First Class, 28th Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron. For heroic conduct on 29 March 1945 in GERMANY. When the forward elements of Task Force MURPHY were ambushed and cut off from the main elements in the town of ***, GERMANY, Private First Class DENT,unner, dismounted from his light tank under heavy small arms fire to help wounded soldiers into his tank for evacuation to safety. During these two trips, Private First Class DENT also

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destroyed one 20mm enemy anti-tank gun, one German civilian attempting to fire a panzerfaust at his tank, and two machine gun nests. Then Private First Class DENT noticed a tank which had been abandoned by the forward elements of the Task Force and had been abandoned by the enemy who were using its guns to harass our forces. In extreme danger Private First Class DENT directed his tank into a position from which he could destroy this tank without damaging his own vehicle. Private First Class DENT's gallant action was in inspiration to his fellow soldiers and saved the ambushed element from annihilation and prevented our forces from suffering heavier losses. Entered military service from GEORGIA.

LAWRENCE A. GUINN, O1031405, First Lieutenant, 28th Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron. For heroic conduct on 29 March 1945 in GERMANY. When the forward elements of Task Force MURPHY were ambushed and cut off from the main elements in the town of ***, GERMANY, First Lieutenant GUINN took his tank to the head of the column where he knew there was immediate danger from enemy panzerfaust teams and civilian snipers. To better protect his tank, he got outside of the turret and manned the 50 calibre machine gun. In this exposed position, he destroyed two enemy machine guns which were inflicting heavy casualties on our forces. As First Lieutenant GUINN directed his tank forward to better his field of fire, the vehicle was struck by a panzerfaust which knocked it out of action and wounded First Lieutenant GUINN. In spite of great pain from his wound and in great personal danger, he helped the remainder of the crew out of the tank and guided them back to the main body of the Task Force. Then, refusing medical attention, he directed the evacuation of the remainder of the reconnaissance troops from the town. First Lieutenant GUINN's gallant action was an inspiration to the men of his command and in keeping with the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from WYOMING.

THOMAS P. HUGHES, 31157708, Corporal, 507th Airborne Engineer Battalion. For heroic conduct 6 - 17 June 1944 in NORMANDY, FRANCE. Corporal HUGHES, BAR man, jumped on D-Day in the leading attack of his battalion, landing in hostile territory five miles west of the drop zone. Most of his comrades were captured, but Corporal HUGHES, despite two broken ribs, found two members of his plane load and fought clear of the enemy. He led this small group for eleven days in the rear of the enemy, suffering from hunger, thirst and pain, and frequently under artillery fire from friendly guns. He finally broke through to join the airborne forces on 17 June and continued fighting with his unit. This action typifies the courage, determination and initiative consistently displayed by Corporal HUGHES on BIAZZO RIDGE in SICILY, Hill 105 in ITALY, in the HOLLAND Campaign and the bitter fighting of the ARDENNES and reflects credit on the Airborne Forces of the United States Army. Entered military service from MASSACHUSETTS.

WALTER C. JOHNSON, O1502471, First Lieutenant, 505th Parachute Infantry. For heroic action on 23 January 1945 about three miles from ***, BELGIUM. First Lieutenant JOHNSON, platoon leader, commanded one of the assault units of the regiment during an attack which covered an advance of five miles. On one occasion, when the platoon was pinned down by heavy machine gun fire, First Lieutenant JOHNSON, with utter disregard for his own safety, moved through deep snow to flank the enemy position. He killed one member and wounded and captured the other two members of the gun crew thus enabling the platoon to successfully continue their advance. After the regimental objective had been reached, First Lieutenant JOHNSON led a small patrol on reconnaissance of the company area and succeeded in capturing about forty Germans including one 75 mm anti-tank gun and crew. First Lieutenant JOHNSON's courageous action and bold leadership were an inspiration to his men and his actions and conduct were in keeping with the highest traditions of the Airborne Forces. Entered military service from SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH.

JES L. KAISER, 034085, Lieutenant Colonel, 505th Parachute Infantry. For heroic action on 30 April 1945 about two miles from ***,

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GERMANY. Lieutenant Colonel KAISER, battalion commander, crossed the ELBE River and moved forward with the most advanced elements of the regiment in order to find the true picture of the front lines. This reconnaissance was made under constant small arms fire and frequent 20 and 40 mm flak fire, as well as artillery fire. As a result of Lieutenant Colonel KAISER's initiative and daring and his persistence in staying with the front line in spite of extreme dangers to himself, he was able to skillfully and speedily deploy his battalion against the enemy when ordered to do so. The fine example of courage and bravery displayed by Lieutenant Colonel KAISER inspired his men so that the ensuing attack resulted in the rapid attainment of the battalion's objective and the killing or capture of a battalion of the enemy, and this action is in keeping with the highest traditions of the Airborne Forces. Entered military service from KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI.

LOIS LOMAX, 6967171, Technician Fifth Grade, 29th Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron. For heroic conduct on 29 March 1945 in GERMANY. When the forward elements of Task Force MURPHY were ambushed and cut off from the main elements in the town of ***, GERMANY, Technician Fifth Grade LOMAX, driver, twice took his light tank into the town under heavy small arms and anti-tank fire, and evacuated wounded men to safety. The last trip was made so slowly that ten dismounted men were able to walk beside the tank and be afforded protection from the intense enemy small arms and anti-tank fire. Technician Fifth Grade LOMAX then maneuvered his tank over very difficult terrain under enemy anti-tank fire and destroyed an enemy captured tank which was harassing our forces with its 75 mm gun. Technician Fifth Grade LOMAX's courage and disregard for his own safety were an inspiration to his fellow soldiers and in keeping with the highest traditions of the Armed Forces. Entered military service from TENNESSEE.

LOREN F. LUNDBERG, 17164914, Private First Class, 483th Parachute Field Artillery Battalion. For heroic conduct on 19 September 1944 at ***, HOLLAND. When two men fell seriously wounded, Private First Class LUNDBERG, a battery aidman, leaped from the shelter of a comparatively safe position to treat the stricken men. Guided by the flash of bursting shells, the medic groped through the darkness of the forest in search of his fallen comrades. With enemy shells crashing into the trees around him and working in complete darkness, he administered first aid to both men, remained with the men throughout the barrage, and later helped with their evacuation under fire. The initiative and courage displayed by Private First Class LUNDBERG in saving a soldier's life at a great risk to his own is in keeping with the highest traditions of the Airborne Forces. Entered military service from NEBRASKA.

ROBERT L. WATSON, 01013929, First Lieutenant, 750th Tank Battalion. For heroic conduct on 4 December 1944 near and in ***, GERMANY. While First Lieutenant WATSON placed his tanks in defensive positions, his lead tank suffered a direct hit from a Tiger Royal tank. First Lieutenant WATSON grabbed a bazooka from another tank and, without regard for his personal safety, rushed to the scene and helped his men while a bazooka man used up the ammunition. First Lieutenant WATSON then ran to a nearby dump and secured two more bazooka rounds with which he was able to knock out the tank. Another Mark IV was firing on a command post and First Lieutenant WATSON, aided by an anti-tank gun crew, dragged the gun to the edge of town and disabled the tank as it was leaving town. His quick thinking and timely actions thwarted enemy attempts to retake ***. First Lieutenant WATSON's heroism, devotion to duty and his men, and his complete disregard for his own personal safety, reflect the highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from COLLINGSWOOD, NEW JERSEY.

NORMAN W. WAY, 35039477, Staff Sergeant (then Private), 507th Airborne Engineer Battalion. For heroic conduct on 21 September 1944 about one mile southeast of ***, HOLLAND. During an intense artillery barrage, with heavy small arms fire from enemy positions nearby, Staff

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Sergeant WAX heard one of his fellow soldiers call for help. Staff Sergeant WAX, with complete disregard for his own safety, crawled forward seventy five yards over open ground and engaged three Germans armed with machine pistols. He wounded two and caused the remaining one to leave his position. In doing this, Staff Sergeant WAX was severely wounded in the foot. Despite his injury, he gave assistance and first aid to his companion and directed accurate fire on enemy positions enabling the wounded man to withdraw to a position of safety. His great display of courage and his refusal to withdraw in the face of a superior force was a main factor in the holding of his unit's position. His heroic actions reflect the highest credit upon himself and the Airborne Forces. Entered military service from CLEVELAND, OHIO.

V -- AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL FOR MERITORIOUS SERVICE:

Under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and pursuant to authority contained in letter 200.6 (BDH) U. S. Headquarters Berlin District and Headquarters First Airborne Army dated 31 August 1945, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following named individuals:

BENJAMIN F. FOXWORTH, 14161460, Private First Class, Infantry, 505th Parachute Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States during the period from July 1943 to May 1945 in the MEDITERRANEAN and EUROPEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS. Entered military service from CHATTANOOGA, TENNESSEE.

JAMES T. GIBBONS, 31275370, Technician Fifth Grade, Medical Corps, 16th Cavalry Group, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States during the period 14-15 March 1945 near *** GERMANY. Entered military service from CONNECTICUT.

THOMAS P. KREBSBACH, 0443186, Captain, Infantry, 388th Glider Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States during the period 17 September 1944 to 20 February 1945 in HOLLAND and BELGIUM. Entered military service from ST PAUL, MINNESOTA.

ROBERT A. LALLY, 01167507, Captain, Field Artillery, 376th Parachute Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States during the period 28 December 1944 to 9 May 1945 in BELGIUM and GERMANY. Entered military service from YOSEMITE NATIONAL PARK, CALIFORNIA.

KLEON M. LEFEVER, 0394745, Captain, Field Artillery, 373th Parachute Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States during the period 27 March 1945 to 8 May 1945 in HOLLAND, BELGIUM and GERMANY. Entered military service from OLNEY, ILLINOIS.

HERBERT M. PELLMAN, W2134632, Warrant Officer Junior Grade, United States Army, 504th Parachute Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States during the period 14 September 1944 to 11 May 1945 in ENGLAND, FRANCE, BELGIUM and GERMANY. Entered military service from NEW YORK, NEW YORK.

LEON F. SMITH, 0839570, Captain, Dental Corps, 16th Cavalry Group, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States during the period 14-15 March 1945 in GERMANY. Entered military service from TONA.

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VI -- AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART MEDAL:

Under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, the Purple Heart Medal is awarded to the following named individuals for wounds received in action against the enemy on the dates indicated:

EVAN A. JONES, JR., 35592159, Technician Third Grade, Headquarters Special Troops, 82d Airborne Division, Belgium, 10 January 1945.

FRANK W. KOENIG, 35511378, Technician Fifth Grade, 507th Parachute Infantry, France, 6 June 1944.

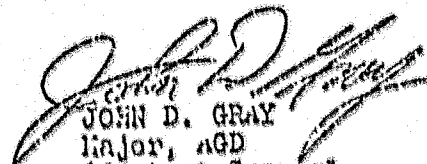
VII -- AMENDMENT OF GENERAL ORDERS NUMBER 63, 1944:

So much of Section III, General Orders Number 63, this Headquarters, dated 6 December 1944, awarding the Bronze Star Medal, posthumously, to Corporal WILLIAM A. TODD, 53380464, 507th Parachute Infantry, for heroic conduct under fire on 6 July 1944, is amended to read, "for heroic conduct under fire on 7 June 1944".

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I -- RELIEF FROM DETAIL IN GENERAL STAFF CORPS:

Major ARTHUR W. SEWARD, 0907376, GSC (AG) is relieved from detail in the General Staff Corps.

II -- DISCONTINUANCE OF GENERAL STAFF SECTION:

The Civil Affairs Section which was established on a General Staff level by Section I, General Orders Number 115, this Headquarters, dated 13 August 1945, is discontinued as a General Staff Section of this Headquarters effective 17 October 1945.

III -- ANNOUNCEMENT OF SPECIAL STAFF OFFICER:

Major ROBERT F H POLLOCK, 026384, Judge Advocate General Department, is announced as Judge Advocate, 82d Airborne Division, vice Lieutenant Colonel NICHOLAS E. ALLEN, 026377, Judge Advocate General Department, transferred.

IV -- AWARD OF THE AIR MEDAL:

Under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and pursuant to authority contained in letter 200.6 (BDH) U. S. Headquarters Berlin District and Headquarters First Airborne Army dated 31 August 1945, the Air Medal is awarded to the following named individual:

ANDREW J. HAWKINS, JR., 0415923, Captain, Field Artillery, 319th Glider Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious service against the enemy on the morning of 15 April 1945, at ***, Germany. Captain HAWKINS volunteered to fly a reconnaissance mission to observe enemy movements and installations. Finding his assigned sector cleared of both, he turned to an adjoining sector, flying behind German lines to plot the location of enemy troop activity and gun positions through thick fields of anti-aircraft fire. Returning to American lines the plane was hit, fragments ripping into the vitals of the ship and wounding Captain HAWKINS. The plane managed to limp safely back to friendly lines and although suffering from wounds, Captain HAWKINS refused evacuation until he had reported the results of his mission to our artillery. His courage under fire, and outstanding devotion to duty above his own comfort in this action was in keeping with the highest ideals of the Airborne Forces. Entered military service from ATLANTA, GEORGIA.

V -- AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART MEDAL:

Under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, the Purple Heart Medal is awarded to the following named individuals for wounds received in action against the enemy on the dates indicated:

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CHARLES E. WOOLEN, 0461966, Captain (then First Lieutenant), Headquarters 82d Airborne Division, Belgium, 16 January 1945.

BERNICE W. SHARP, 37521219, Private First Class, 325th Glider Infantry, ***, Belgium, 7 January 1945.

ANDREW C. KEEL, 35552235, Technician Fourth Grade, 325th Glider Infantry, ***, Belgium, 16 February 1945.

VI -- AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART MEDAL, OAK LEAF CLUSTER:

Under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and pursuant to authority contained in letter 2CO-6 (LDH) U. S. Headquarters Berlin District and Headquarters First Airborne Army dated 31 August 1945, the Purple Heart Medal having been previously awarded, the Oak Leaf Cluster to the Purple Heart Medal is awarded to the following named individual:

FREDERICK G. HOFFINE, 01313745, Captain, Headquarters 82d Airborne Division; ***, Germany, 24 March 1945.

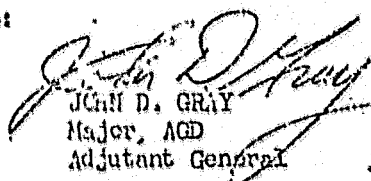
VII -- AMENDMENT OF GENERAL ORDERS NUMBER 126, 1945:

So much of Section VI; General Orders Number 126, this Headquarters, dated 12 October 1945, that pertains to Private First Class HAROLD G. TUCKER, 32923397, is read: 319th Glider Field Artillery Battalion is amended to read: 456th Parachute Field Artillery Battalion.

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I -- AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR MEDAL:

Under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and pursuant to authority contained in letter 200.6 (BDH) U. S. Headquarters Berlin District and Headquarters First Airborne Army dated 31 August 1945, the Silver Star Medal is awarded to the following named individuals:

LAWRENCE G. FITZPATRICK, 13084814, Corporal, 508th Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on 19 September 1944 near ***, GERMANY. During the assault on a hill objective, Corporal FITZPATRICK led off, carrying a light machine gun and firing from the hip. He killed approximately fifteen Germans before reaching the crest and continued his attack against the fleeing enemy, killing about twenty more. His inspiring courage throughout the attack and the reorganization and defense of this key position was outstanding. His initiative and leadership contributed materially to the success of the action and reflect high credit on the Airborne Forces of the United States Army.

JOY A. Mc DONALD, 01317649, First Lieutenant, 504th Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action against the enemy near ***, BELGIUM on 25 January 1945. While leading a four man reconnaissance patrol which was cut off and surrounded by a large armed force of enemy, First Lieutenant McDONALD unhesitatingly left his position and crawled to within ten feet of an enemy machine gun position and knocked it out by throwing hand grenades. He then charged down upon another large force of enemy, firing from the hip and throwing hand grenades. His men were so inspired by his heroic action that they followed First Lieutenant McDONALD's example and charged the enemy. During the ensuing fire fight, five enemy were killed and eighteen were forced to surrender. The information brought back by First Lieutenant McDONALD was instrumental in the success of the battalion. His actions were an inspiration to his men and a credit to the Airborne Forces. Entered military service from PEORIA, ILLINOIS.

ALBERT E. MILLOY, 0420933, Captain, 504th Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on 30 January 1944, five miles west of ***, ITALY. Given the mission of seizing a prime objective on the beachhead, Captain MILLOY, commanding the lead company, led his command through a heavy barrage of mortar and artillery fire and seized positions on the *** Canal. He made frequent trips along the bank under observed fire of the enemy to insure thorough preparation for the inevitable counterattack which came and broke through the position. Captain MILLOY quickly organized an assault platoon out of the headquarters and mortar personnel and led it in an attack through heavy machine gun and rifle fire and drove the enemy out. His courageous conduct and inspiring leadership set an example for his men in an action which contributed materially to the success of the beachhead operation. Captain MILLOY's gallantry reflects credit on the United States Airborne Forces. Entered military service from HATTIESBURG, MISSISSIPPI.

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MITCHELL C. REED, 39180508, First Sergeant (then Technician Fifth Grade), 504th Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action near ***, FRANCE on 9 June 1944. When his unit was cut off and surrounded by overwhelming enemy forces, First Sergeant REED unhesitatingly left his position of safety and under a curtain of flak and small arms fire, moved into an open field where he placed identification panels so that his unit's positions could be identified to friendly planes that were bombing and strafing the entire area. Returning from the open field, he moved from position to position even though shells were bursting every few feet and he was exposed to the enemy, and with words of encouragement, inspired his men to hold their positions. This courageous and unselfish act was an inspiration to the men and reflects great credit upon First Sergeant REED and the United States Armed Forces. Entered military service from WASHINGTON.

EDWARD A. THAYER, JR., 0538140, First Lieutenant (then Second Lieutenant), 525th Glider Infantry. For gallantry in action at ***, BELGIUM on 7 January 1945. First Lieutenant THAYER (then platoon leader, Company "B", 194th Glider Infantry) was leading his platoon in the attack to take the town when the platoon was subjected to direct fire from the enemy tanks. First Lieutenant THAYER, with a bazooka and two men, rushed to a place in the open to draw fire from his platoon and to place fire on the enemy tanks. The two men were killed and he, himself, seriously wounded. Although weak from the loss of blood and paralyzed, he kept shouting directions to his platoon, enabling them to escape annihilation. When the enemy tanks moved towards his position, he called for artillery fire on his position which forced them to withdraw. During this time, he remained conscious by sheer will, so as to give the information he had heard and seen while the enemy was in his position. The intrepid courage, aggressiveness and gallantry displayed on this occasion by First Lieutenant THAYER was in keeping with the highest tradition of the Airborne Forces. Entered military service from RHODE ISLAND.

II -- AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR MEDAL, POSTHUMOUS:

Under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and pursuant to authority contained in letter 200.6 (BDH) U. S. Headquarters Berlin District and Headquarters First Airborne Army dated 31 August 1945, the Silver Star Medal is awarded, posthumously, to the following named individual:

RODNEY A. RENFREW, 0544390, Second Lieutenant, 319th Glider Field Artillery Battalion. For gallantry in action against the enemy near ***, GERMANY on 10 February 1945. Second Lieutenant RENFREW was acting as an artillery observer with assault elements of an infantry battalion in a bitter phase of battle on the banks of the ROER River. Advancing down a steep slope in complete darkness, the attacking force stumbled into a heavily mined area and Second Lieutenant RENFREW was mortally wounded. Although paralyzed, he refused to allow his men to stop to treat him. He gave them full instructions and urged them on into the attack. Second Lieutenant RENFREW lost his life in this action, but the spirit he instilled in his men, his courage and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the Airborne Forces. Entered military service from COSHOCTON, OHIO.

III -- AWARD OF THE SOLDIER'S MEDAL:

Under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and pursuant to authority contained in letter 200.6 (BDH) U. S. Headquarters Berlin District and Headquarters First Airborne Army dated 31 August 1945, the Soldier's Medal is awarded to the following named individuals:

JAMES O. COOLEY, 14049910, Sergeant, 505th Parachute Infantry. For heroism not in combat on 21 August 1945 at ***, GERMANY. Sergeant COOLEY, assistant squad leader, heard cries of distress from two people struggling in a lake. One was an American soldier and the other was a German girl, whose boat had tipped over. Neither could swim. Sergeant COOLEY plunged into the lake and rescued the hysterical couple.

bringing them to shore one at a time. He administered first aid and quickly revived the half drowned man. Sergeant COOLEY's heroic action is in keeping with the highest traditions of the Airborne Forces. Entered military service from NORTH CAROLINA.

WILLIAM J. SWEET, JR., 0454035, Captain, 504th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct on 26 June 1945 at LEICESTER, ENGLAND. In the early evening, Captain SWEET, on leave in ENGLAND, was riding on the upper deck of a street car when he noticed a small child, apparently in trouble, in the middle of a nearby canal. Captain SWEET immediately and unhesitatingly ran down the stairs and leaped from the car, raced down a path leading to the canal bank and, without stopping to remove his jacket or heavy boots, dove into the water. Reaching the floundering child, he swam with him to the shore. The water in the canal was estimated to be at least eight feet deep and Captain SWEET could not at any time touch the bottom. Artificial respiration was successfully administered to the almost unconscious child. Captain SWEET's unhesitatingly, heroic action saved the life of the five year old child. His valorous conduct reflects credit upon himself and the Airborne Forces. Entered military service from MANLIUS, NEW YORK.

IV -- AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL FOR HEROIC CONDUCT:

Under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and pursuant to authority contained in letter 200.6 (BDH) U. S. Headquarters Berlin District and Headquarters First Airborne Army dated 31 August 1945, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following named individuals:

JOHN B. ADDINGTON, 01018038, First Lieutenant, (then Second Lieutenant), 504th Parachute Infantry For heroic conduct near ***, BELGIUM on 24 December 1944. First Lieutenant ADDINGTON and a small patrol were assigned the mission of contacting friendly forces for additional information on the enemy's positions. Although fired upon by German small arms and automatic weapons, First Lieutenant ADDINGTON led his patrol around the opposition and continued on their mission. A short while later, the patrol was pinned down by a withering hail of machine gun fire. First Lieutenant ADDINGTON, with total disregard for his own safety, advanced on the key gun of the enemy defense, under the heavy fire and silenced the weapon with his submachine gun. His unselfish and valorous conduct insured the success of the mission and provided information that proved extremely valuable. Entered military service from NEW YORK.

PETER J. CASALE, 32752536, Private First Class, 504th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 25 October 1944 near ***, HOLLAND. Private First Class CASALE was on outpost duty when a combat patrol passed through his position to make a raid about eight hundred yards to the front. The patrol ran into withering enemy fire, suffering numerous casualties. Private First Class CASALE, immediately and voluntarily, without waiting for a call for help, left his position and started across the expanse of open and exposed terrain in the face of the ever increasing enemy fire to reach the disabled patrol and help carry back to safety the wounded men. By his valiant action and unselfish devotion to his comrades, Private First Class CASALE was directly instrumental in saving the lives of many of the wounded men. Entered military service from NEW YORK.

ARTHUR COCOLIN, 33757350, Staff Sergeant, 80th Airborne Antiaircraft Battalion. For heroic conduct on 3 April 1945 near ***, GERMANY. During the attack on this city, Staff Sergeant COCOLIN (then Corporal, 155th Airborne Antiaircraft Battalion) led his squad in emplacing a 50 calibre machine gun and attacking a battery of 88's which had the road under direct fire. He then voluntarily returned under intense fire in a jeep and brought up a second gun. With these two weapons, his squad killed and wounded twenty Germans and effected the capture of 105 with four 88mm. pieces. Staff Sergeant COCOLIN's courage and leadership were outstanding and his resourcefulness and accomplishments were a material contribution to the success of the action and in keeping with the traditional conduct of the United

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States Airborne Forces. Entered military service from PENNSYLVANIA.

RUDOLPH KOS, JR., 36714524, Staff Sergeant (then Private), 305th Glider Infantry. For heroic conduct from 27 September 1944 to 28 October 1944 in HOLLAND. His glider, sustaining several hits from flak, crash landed twenty five miles from the intended landing zone. For thirty three days, Staff Sergeant KOS, aided by the Dutch underground, led four men from his glider through enemy territory to his unit. On several occasions, Staff Sergeant KOS, in directing the group's movement, exposed himself to severe enemy small arms fire. Staff Sergeant KOS' clear quick judgment and courageous actions were responsible for numerous enemy casualties and saving the lives of three men of his platoon. Entered military service from ILLINOIS.

JACK TALLERDAY, 01287618, Captain, 505th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct on 3 January 1945 about one half mile from ***, BELGIUM. Captain TALLERDAY voluntarily exposed himself to concentrated small arm and artillery fire to direct supporting tanks in the elimination of three machine gun positions which were inflicting heavy casualties within his company. After this action, he took direct command of two rifle platoons and led a successful attack upon the battalion objective. His actions were an inspiration to all who witnessed and were in keeping with the highest traditions of the Airborne Forces. Entered military service from KANSAS.

VESPER I WURSTER, 32930096, Technician Fifth Grade, 604th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct on 7 January 1945 near ***, BELGIUM. Technician Fifth Grade WURSTER, Chaplain's assistant and driver in the 193d Glider Infantry, during an attack against heavily defended woods, voluntarily made eight trips to the front in face of machine gun and rifle fire to evacuate an average of four wounded men each trip. During the action, Technician Fifth Grade WURSTER, and the aid man with him, were pinned down three times by rifle, machine gun and mortar fire. This action on the part of Technician Fifth Grade WURSTER was above and beyond the call of duty and contributed largely to the success of the Medical Detachment in caring for many wounded men. His action strengthened the morale of the entire Medical Detachment and upheld the highest traditions of the Airborne Infantry. Entered military service from NEW YORK.

V -- AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL FOR HEROIC CONDUCT, POSTHUMOUS:

Under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and pursuant to authority contained in letter 200.6 (BDH) U. S. Headquarters Berlin District and Headquarters First Airborne Army dated 31 August 1945, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded, posthumously, to the following named individual:

JAMES G. SCHAEFER, 0388031, First Lieutenant, 320th Glider Field Artillery Battalion. For heroic conduct against the enemy on the morning of 21 October 1943 near ***, ITALY. First Lieutenant SCHAEFER was in action as an artillery forward observer located on high ground above German positions when enemy tanks were heard grinding up the main road near his observation post. First Lieutenant SCHAEFER moved through the darkness in advance of his own lines to determine the armor's assembly area. Drawing up close enough to determine their location by sound, the artillery officer lowered a well placed concentration that scored several direct hits, thwarting the enemy's attack completely. His alertness, courage and devotion to duty displayed in this action are exemplary of the highest traditions of the Airborne Forces. Entered military service from NEW YORK.

VI -- AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL FOR HEROIC CONDUCT, OAK LEAF CLUSTER:

Under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and pursuant to authority contained in letter 200.6 (BDH) U. S. Headquarters Berlin District and Headquarters First Airborne Army dated 31 August 1945, the Bronze Star Medal having been previously awarded, the Oak Leaf

Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following named individual:

WILLIS J. KRESGE, 33459831, Private First Class, 504th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 25 October 1944 near ***, HOLLAND. Private First Class KRESGE and two companions voluntarily left their positions to attempt to evacuate the wounded men of a combat patrol that had suffered heavy casualties. As they approached the disabled patrol, they met an enemy attacking force that was coming in to hit the patrol's right flank. Private First Class KRESGE worked his way forward toward the enemy under their fire and when about twenty yards from the enemy, he threw a grenade and immediately assaulted the position by himself, killing two of the enemy and forcing the remainder to retreat. He then rejoined his two comrades, proceeded to the disabled patrol under a heavy enemy mortar barrage and helped to evacuate all of the wounded to a safe area. Entered military service from NEW YORK.

VII -- AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL FOR MERITORIOUS SERVICE:

Under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and pursuant to authority contained in letter 200.6 (BDH) U. S. Headquarters Berlin District and Headquarters First Airborne Army dated 31 August 1945, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following named individuals:

PETER BAUMGARTER, 37249807, Private First Class, 505th Parachute Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States during the period 9 July 1943 to 7 May 1945 in SICILY, ITALY, NORMANDY, HOLLAND and GERMANY. Entered military service from SOUTH DAKOTA.

HOWARD W. BECHTEL, 33147295, Private First Class, 505th Parachute Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States during the period 9 July 1943 to 7 May 1945 in SICILY, ITALY, NORMANDY, HOLLAND and BELGIUM. Entered military service from PENNSYLVANIA.

ROBERT D. COUPE, 01311985, First Lieutenant, 505th Parachute Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States during the period 18 December 1944 to 25 January 1945 during the ARDENNES campaign. Entered military service from CONNECTICUT.

HUBERT S. CUNNINGHAM, 01313977, First Lieutenant, 325th Glider Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States during the period 1 January 1945 to 25 April 1945 in FRANCE, BELGIUM, LUXEMBOURG and GERMANY. Entered military service from IDAHO.

DANIEL GABEL, 36330199, Private First Class, 505th Parachute Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States during the period 9 July 1943 to 7 May 1945 in ITALY, NORMANDY, HOLLAND, BELGIUM and GERMANY. Entered military service from ILLINOIS.

BERNARD A. FAUSNAUGH, 35546419, Private First Class, 505th Parachute Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States during the period 9 July 1943 to 7 May 1945 in SICILY, ITALY, NORMANDY, BELGIUM, HOLLAND and GERMANY. Entered military service from OHIO.

WILLIAM J. HAFAN, 0386384, Lieutenant Colonel, 505th Parachute Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States during the period 20 to 23 June 1944 in NORMANDY.

GEORGE B. WOOD, 0471691, Major (Chaplain), Headquarters, 82d Airborne Division. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States during the period 10 to 24 July 1943 in SICILY. Entered military service from MINNESOTA.

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DAVID A. HARRIS, 14041536, Private First Class, 505th Parachute Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States during the period 9 July 1943 to 8 May 1945 in SICILY, ITALY, NORMANDY, BELGIUM and GERMANY. Entered military service from ALABAMA.

GEORGE C. HENDERSON, 35576709, Technician Fifth Grade, 505th Parachute Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States during the period 18 December 1944 to 25 January 1945 during the ARDENNES campaign. Entered military service from OHIO.

HENRY B. HOOK, 0303466, First Lieutenant, Headquarters 82d Airborne Division. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States during the period 2 April 1945 to 8 May 1945 in GERMANY. Entered military service from IOWA.

JACK N. HOFFMAN, 0352911, Captain, 505th Parachute Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States during the period 9 July 1943 to 7 May 1945 in SICILY, ITALY, NORMANDY, HOLLAND, BELGIUM and GERMANY. Entered military service from WISCONSIN.

FRANK E. JUSTICE, 15336432, Private First Class, 505th Parachute Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States during the period 9 July 1943 to 7 May 1945 in SICILY, ITALY, NORMANDY, BELGIUM and GERMANY. Entered military service from KENTUCKY.

JAMES B. KEENAN, 36877976, Technician Fifth Grade, 505th Parachute Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States during the period 18 December 1944 to 25 January 1945 in the ARDENNES campaign. Entered military service from MICHIGAN.

IRVING C. KIDDER, JR., 31248406, Technician Fourth Grade, 504th Parachute Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States during the period 11 July 1943 to April 1945 during the STOLLY, MAPLES-FOGGIA, ROME-ARNO, HOLLAND, BELGIUM and GERMANY campaigns. Entered military service from CONNECTICUT.

PAUL KISEL, 32342026, Private First Class, 505th Parachute Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States during the period 9 July 1943 to 7 May 1945 in SICILY, ITALY, NORMANDY, BELGIUM, HOLLAND and GERMANY. Entered military service from NEW YORK.

WALTER C. KREIDER, 01313420, Captain, 325th Glider Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States during the period 23 December 1944 to 12 April 1945 in the EUROPEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS. Entered military service from ILLINOIS.

CARL E. HANGS, 11065669, Private First Class, 505th Parachute Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States during the period 9 July 1943 to 7 May 1945 in SICILY, ITALY, NORMANDY, HOLLAND, BELGIUM and GERMANY. Entered military service from CONNECTICUT.

JAMES T. MAYNARD, 0535270, First Lieutenant, Headquarters Company, 82d Airborne Division. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States during the period 15 July 1944 to 31 April 1945 in the EUROPEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS. Entered military service from NORTH CAROLINA.

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JOHN R. MILLER, 20323631, Sergeant, 28th Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States during the period 22 February 1945 to 9 May 1945 in GERMANY. Entered military service from PENNSYLVANIA.

DICK OWEN, 0413261, First Lieutenant, 504th Parachute Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States during the period 11 July 1943 to April 1945 in SICILY, ITALY, HOLLAND, BELGIUM and GERMANY. Entered military service from ALABAMA.

JAMES C. REGISTER, 7009403, Staff Sergeant, 28th Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States during the period 24 February 1945 to 9 May 1945 in GERMANY. Entered military service from TENNESSEE.

RAYMOND J. RICHARDS, 36271698, Private First Class, 505th Parachute Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States during the period 9 July 1943 to 7 May 1945 in SICILY, ITALY, NORMANDY, HOLLAND, BELGIUM and GERMANY. Entered military service from WISCONSIN.

EARL L. STILWELL, 34021615, Technician Fifth Grade, 505th Parachute Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States during the period 9 July 1943 to 7 May 1945 in SICILY, ITALY, NORMANDY, HOLLAND, BELGIUM and GERMANY. Entered military service from ALABAMA.

ALBERT F. TABORSKY, 0332541, Captain, 28th Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States during the period 18 December 1944 to 4 May 1945 in BELGIUM, LUXEMBOURG and GERMANY. Entered military service from NEBRASKA.

DAVID R. TOZIER, 16097623, Technician Third Grade, Headquarters, 82d Airborne Division. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States on 24 March 1945 in GERMANY. Entered military service from ILLINOIS.

FRANCIS P. VARELLI, 13054517, Master Sergeant, 504th Parachute Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States during the period 11 July 1943 to April 1945 in SICILY, ITALY, HOLLAND, BELGIUM and GERMANY. Entered military service from PENNSYLVANIA.

JAMES A. WHALEY, 34313372, Private First Class, 505th Parachute Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States during the period 9 July 1943 to 7 May 1945 in ITALY, NORMANDY, HOLLAND, BELGIUM and GERMANY. Entered military service from NORTH CAROLINA.

HERMAN T. WUNCH, 38343784, Private First Class, 505th Parachute Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States during the period 19 December 1944 to 25 January 1945 during the ARDENNES campaign. Entered military service from TEXAS.

VIII -- AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL FOR MERITORIOUS SERVICE, OAK LEAF CLUSTER:

Under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and pursuant to authority contained in letter 200.6 (BDH) U. S. Headquarters Berlin District and Headquarters First Airborne Army dated 31 August 1945; the Bronze Star Medal having been previously awarded, the Oak Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following named individual:

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DEAN A. MC NEALEY, 37186874, Master Sergeant, 505th Parachute Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States during the period 18 December 1944 to 25 January 1945 in BELGIUM and GERMANY. Entered military service from MISSOURI.

IX -- AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART MEDAL:

Under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, the Purple Heart Medal is awarded to the following named individual for wounds received in action against the enemy on the date indicated:

FULLERTON B. WELLS, Captain, O478504, 307th Airborne Medical Company, Germany, 24 March 1945.

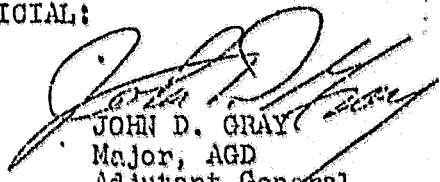
X -- AMENDMENT OF GENERAL ORDERS NUMBER 128, 1945:

So much of Section V, General Orders Number 128, this Headquarters, dated 17 October 1945, awarding the Purple Heart Medal to Private First Class BERNICE W. SHARP, 37521219 and Technician Fourth Grade ANDREW C. KEEL, 35552235, 307th Airborne Medical Company, is amended to read 307th Airborne Medical Company.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL GAVIN:

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I -- AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR MEDAL:

Under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and pursuant to authority contained in letter 200.6 (BDH) U. S. Headquarters Berlin District and Headquarters First Airborne Army dated 31 August 1945, the Silver Star Medal is awarded to the following named individuals:

JAMES E. BRYANT, 33628181, First Sergeant (then Private First Class), 325th Glider Infantry. For gallantry in action on 24 December 1944 near ***, BELGIUM. When his company ran low on ammunition while defending a vital crossroads, First Sergeant BRYANT went back for a resupply over the single open road. An enemy machine gun commanding this road opened fire on the jeep, killing the driver and one occupant. First Sergeant BRYANT secured as much ammunition as he could carry and returned to the surrounded company, then led a patrol which forced the enemy machine gun to withdraw. The courage, initiative and devotion to duty exemplified in the conduct of First Sergeant BRYANT enabled his company to secure ammunition to hold its position eight hours longer and was a material contribution to the success of the action. Entered military service from VIRGINIA.

SAMUEL S. PAYNE, 36743835, Technical Sergeant, (then Private First Class), 325th Glider Infantry. For gallantry in action on 23 December 1944 near ***, BELGIUM. A strong enemy tank and infantry counterattack against the company defending a vital crossroads resulted in the killing or wounding of most of the platoon on the right flank. In this bitter fighting, Technical Sergeant PAYNE distinguished himself by running from point to point along the defenses and firing his rifle as fast as he could load. His aggressiveness, courage and skill enabled his platoon to repulse the initial attack until the depleted right flank platoon could be strengthened from other sectors of the defense. His conduct reflects the highest traditions of the United States Airborne Forces. Entered military service from WEST VIRGINIA.

CRIS SALE, 34235540, Sergeant, 307th Airborne Engineer Battalion. For gallantry in action on 11 November 1943 about two miles from ***, ITALY. Sergeant SALE, an engineer squad leader, led his squad through two hundred yards of German "S" mines while clearing a path for advancing infantrymen, who were attacking prepared positions on Hill 1017. While advancing ahead of his mine detector operators, Sergeant SALE suddenly came upon an enemy machine gun position. Quickly realizing the situation, Sergeant SALE captured the enemy crew, organized his squad and sent word back to the infantry commander. While capturing two other Germans, Sergeant SALE was discovered by the enemy forces occupying the hill. Aware that the friendly infantry was in an exposed position, Sergeant SALE ordered his squad to open fire to cover our forces until they could get into position. Sergeant SALE continued firing until relieved. By his gallant action and rapid decisions, Sergeant SALE captured four, killed and wounded

several Germans and contributed greatly to the accomplishment of the battalion mission. His actions were a credit to the United States Airborne Forces. Entered military service from LOUISIANA.

II -- AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR MEDAL, POSTHUMOUS:

Under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and pursuant to authority contained in letter 200.6 (BDH) U. S. Headquarters Berlin District and Headquarters First Airborne Army dated 31 August 1945, the Silver Star Medal is awarded, posthumously, to the following named individual:

TRAVIS J. RUSSELL, 35586308, Corporal, 505th Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on 24 December 1944 near ***, BELGIUM. Corporal RUSSELL was a member of a four man outpost which was attacked and encircled by a twelve man enemy patrol. He ordered his companions to withdraw while he continued firing on the enemy to insure their safe withdrawal. When the three men were almost clear of the enemy, they called to Corporal RUSSELL to come out before it was too late. He called back that they were to go on and tell the others "so long!". He was hit, but rose to his feet and kept firing until his ammunition was exhausted, then used his weapon as a club against the enemy. Before being overpowered and killed, Corporal RUSSELL had killed four of the enemy and wounded others. His gallant sacrifice and exemplary bravery was in the highest traditions of the United States Airborne Forces. Entered military service from OHIO.

III -- AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL FOR HEROIC CONDUCT:

Under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and pursuant to authority contained in letter 200.6 (BDH) U. S. Headquarters Berlin District and Headquarters First Airborne Army dated 31 August 1945, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following named individuals:

THOMAS W. DONOVAN, 01312292, First Lieutenant (then Second Lieutenant), 505th Parachute Infantry. For heroic action on 5 January 1946 about one-half mile from ***, BELGIUM. When the advance of his company was held up in such a way as to force his platoon, the support platoon, to remain in a woods under direct fire from self-propelled 88mm guns and 50mm mortars, First Lieutenant DONOVAN, with utter disregard for tree bursts and his own personal safety, circulated among the wounded with an aid man's kit, tending their wounds, directing their evacuation and cheering them with his courage and professional treatments. First Lieutenant DONOVAN's actions are in keeping with the highest traditions of the Airborne Forces. Entered military service from NEW YORK.

DAVID J. EVANS, 38893578, Sergeant (then Private), 325th Glider Infantry. For heroic conduct on 4 October 1944 at ***, HOLLAND. Shortly after the town had been seized it became apparent that the enemy was trying to encircle the defenders. No help was available and ammunition was very low. The mortars were holding the enemy at bay. Sergeant EVANS, on his own initiative, began to return to the ammunition dump, one and one-half miles away, for more mortar ammunition over a route which had been cut by the enemy. Practically running from ditch to ditch and tree to tree, Sergeant EVANS reached the ammunition dump and returned to the company position with mortar ammunition. Through five hundred yards of the route, Sergeant EVANS was subjected to direct enemy machine gun fire. During the night, Sergeant EVANS brought forward three loads of mortar ammunition and kept the weapons in action, thus permitting the company to repulse every counterattack and complete its mission. His courageous determination and conduct in this action reflect the high traditions of the United States Airborne Forces. Entered military service from NEW MEXICO.

ROBERT T. HUDSON, 01018934, First Lieutenant (then Second Lieutenant) 505th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct on 30 April 1945 about two miles from ***, GERMANY. When his company was pinned down by heavy 80mm and small arms fire, First Lieutenant HUDSON

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quickly pulled out one squad and led it in a flanking movement on the enemy. Acting as first scout and moving forward under direct fire, he set an example of courage and leadership which was followed by his men. They knocked out the enemy 80mm position, killing four and wounding six. First Lieutenant HUDSON's initiative and aggressiveness enabled his company to continue its attack and accomplish its mission successfully. Entered military service from ARKANSAS.

WILLIAM B. MONICAL, O516632, First Lieutenant (then Second Lieutenant), 320th Glider Field Artillery Battalion. For heroic conduct in action against the enemy on 22 September 1944 at ***, HOLLAND. First Lieutenant MONICAL was an artillery forward observer during the attack on the *** Bridge. Halted by an enemy strong point, First Lieutenant MONICAL was unable to observe because of smoke from a burning building. Courageously, and with utter disregard for his own personal safety, First Lieutenant MONICAL advanced alone beyond his own lines into enemy territory covered by two flak guns, machine gun and small arms fire, where he gained his data which enabled him to direct fire which destroyed both flak guns and one self-propelled weapon, reducing the strong point to such a degree that the enemy had to withdraw prior to the attack. First Lieutenant MONICAL's courage, skill and devotion to duty reflects the highest credit on himself and the Airborne Forces. Entered military service from INDIANA.

BEN L. WECHSLER, O444881, First Lieutenant, 307th Airborne Engineer Battalion. For heroic conduct in SICILY on 11 July 1943. Having landed by parachute on D-Day, First Lieutenant WECHSLER assembled about twenty parachutists and fought throughout the day forward of the advance elements of the 45th Infantry Division until located by the combat team commander. With this small force, he proceeded west until they encountered small arms fire from ***, RIDGE. Despite this, they drove the enemy from the ridge and dug in to defend it, meanwhile under intense small arms and mortar fire. The seizure of this key terrain feature was of such importance that strong elements of the Hermann Goering Division were committed to regain it, but the small group held out until reinforcements arrived, and participated in the day long battle in which the Germans were decisively beaten. First Lieutenant WECHSLER was evacuated for serious wounds incurred in this action in which he distinguished himself by his courage, determination and excellent leadership in such an outstanding manner as to bring great credit on himself and the United States Airborne Forces.

IV -- AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL FOR HEROIC CONDUCT, POSTHUMOUS:

Under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and pursuant to authority contained in letter 200.6 (BDH) U. S. Headquarters Berlin District and Headquarters First Airborne Army dated 31 August 1945, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded, posthumously, to the following named individual:

CARROLL F. WILLIS, O1163978, First Lieutenant, 505th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in SICILY on 13 July 1943. Having landed by parachute east of the *** River, First Lieutenant WILLIS assembled approximately forty five men and fought through numerically superior forces of the enemy to make contact with the forward elements of the 180th Infantry Regiment, landing on the beaches. Displaying intrepidity and leadership of high calibre, First Lieutenant WILLIS inspired his small group to outstanding performance as assault troops in front of the 45th Infantry Division. His troops succeeded in reducing strong enemy positions and materially facilitated the advance of the seaborne infantry. First Lieutenant WILLIS was killed in action but his courage, resourcefulness and inspiring leadership are not forgotten and reflect the high traditions of the United States Airborne Forces.

V -- AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL FOR HEROIC CONDUCT, OAK LEAF CLUSTER:

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Under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and pursuant to authority contained in letter 200.6 (BDH) U. S. Headquarters Berlin District and Headquarters First Airborne Army dated 31 August 1945, the Bronze Star Medal having been previously awarded, the Oak Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following named individual:

WILLIAM H. LOREN, O1168795, Captain (then First Lieutenant), 488th Parachute Field Artillery Battalion. For heroic conduct in SICILY on 11 July 1943. In the bitter fighting on Mt. Sirico, Captain LOREN, commanding one section of field guns, distinguished himself by taking position on the open top of the ridge and opening harassing tanks in range. Despite intense small arms fire of all types and direct fire from an 88mm cannon on a Mark VI tank, he kept his gun in action and disabled the tank. Many of his crew were knocked out by shell concussion, but the courage and outstanding skill displayed by Captain LOREN, inspired the gunners to follow his example. The tanks used by the Hermann Goering Division in their bitter struggle to seize the key terrain feature were kept at bay by this intrepid officer until the German infantry was routed. Captain LOREN's conduct in this action reflects the highest traditions of the United States Airborne Forces. Entered military service from VIRGINIA.

VI -- AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL FOR MERITORIOUS SERVICE, POSTHUMOUS:

Under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and pursuant to authority contained in letter 200.6 (BDH) U. S. Headquarters Berlin District and Headquarters First Airborne Army dated 31 August 1945, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded, posthumously, to the following named individual:

HAROLD H. SWINGLER, O1384424, Captain (then First Lieutenant), Infantry, 505th Parachute Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States during the period 10-16 July 1943 in SICILY.

VII -- AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL FOR MERITORIOUS SERVICE, OAK LEAF CLUSTER:

Under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and pursuant to authority contained in letter 200.6 (BDH) U. S. Headquarters Berlin District and Headquarters First Airborne Army dated 31 August 1945, the Bronze Star Medal having been previously awarded, the Oak Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following named individuals:

WILLIAM F. DAWSON, O1391755, First Lieutenant (then Second Lieutenant), Infantry, Headquarters 82d Airborne Division, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States during the period 22-29 January 1945 in BELGIUM. Entered military service from ILLINOIS.

WILLIAM J. HARRIS, O1287346, Major (then First Lieutenant), Infantry, 505th Parachute Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States during the period 10-16 July 1943 in SICILY. Entered military service from MISSOURI.

DANIEL B. McILVOY, JR., O417358, Major (then Captain), Medical Corps, 505th Parachute Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States during the period 10-16 July 1943 in SICILY. Entered military service from KENTUCKY.

WALTER F. WINTON, JR., O32956, Lieutenant Colonel (then Major), Infantry, 505th Parachute Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an

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enemy of the United States during the period 10-16 July 1943 in SICILY.
Entered military service from COLORADO.

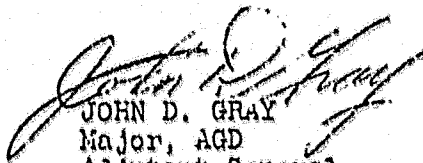
VIII -- AMENDMENT OF GENERAL ORDERS NUMBER 16, 1945:

So much of Section III, General Orders Number 16, this Headquarters, dated 10 February 1945, awarding the Oak Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal, posthumously, to Sergeant ROY M. TUTTLE, 57038723, 505th Parachute Infantry, as reads, "For meritorious service from 9 July 1943 to 13 November 1944", is amended to read, "For meritorious service from 9 July 1943 to 9 October 1944".

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I -- AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR MEDAL:

Under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and pursuant to authority contained in letter 200.6 (BDH) U. S. Headquarters Berlin District and Headquarters First Airborne Army dated 31 August 1945, the Silver Star Medal is awarded to the following named individual:

ADAM A. KOMOSA, 0372828, Captain, 504th Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on 30 January 1945 near ***, BELGIUM. Captain KOMOSA, his exhausted and decimated company pinned down by four machine guns as he led it across open and exposed terrain, dashed forward with his submachine gun and silenced one enemy gun. To perform this action which enabled the company to advance, Captain KOMOSA voluntarily exposed himself for five minutes to a raking stream of accurate and interlocked enemy automatic weapons fire. Having disposed of the enemy machine gun, he called forward his own and so skillfully directed their emplacement and operation that the three remaining enemy guns were destroyed. Captain KOMOSA then placed himself at the head of the company and led it forward in a smashing attack against well emplaced enemy infantry that yielded eighty prisoners and caused many enemy casualties. His personal example of determination, devotion to duty and forgetfulness of self safety, inspired the men of his company and was a major consideration in the success of the attack. Entered military service from PENNSYLVANIA.

II -- AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL FOR HEROIC CONDUCT:

Under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and pursuant to authority contained in letter 200.6 (BDH) U. S. Headquarters Berlin District and Headquarters First Airborne Army dated 31 August 1945, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following named individuals:

FRANCIS G. CONNELLY, 33597093, Private First Class, 504th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 4 January 1945 about two miles from ***; BELGIUM. Private First Class CONNELLY, a company aid man, was administering first aid on casualties caused by intense enemy fire during an attack when an urgent call for medical assistance was received from a forward artillery observation post. Private First

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Class CONNELLY unhesitatingly advanced to this exposed position which was being subjected to an intense artillery barrage. Quickly diagnosing the condition of a badly wounded officer, Private First Class CONNELLY remained at the side of the wounded officer for approximately five hours while holding his thumb against a severed artery until evacuation means were available. Private First Class CONNELLY's great devotion to duty and unselfish courage typified the highest standards of the Medical Corps. Entered military service from PENNSYLVANIA.

NICK H. MARTINEZ, 01319523, First Lieutenant, 325th Glider Infantry. For heroic conduct on 23 December 1944 about two miles from ***, BELGIUM. First Lieutenant MARTINEZ, platoon leader (then 509th Parachute Infantry Battalion), assumed command when his company commander was seriously wounded and evacuated. He organized a defensive position to the right of the 325th Glider Infantry on the crossroads west of ***, BELGIUM and was in position shortly after dark when a large number of enemy infantry supported by tanks and self-propelled guns assaulted in an all out attack. First Lieutenant MARTINEZ, with total disregard for his own safety, moved among his men encouraging them to hold their ground as he directed fire at the determined enemy from the ground and from tanks. During the two hour pitched battle in which casualties were greatly increasing, First Lieutenant MARTINEZ was wounded, but continued to fight on and the enemy was repulsed. A stronger enemy force by-passed his company in a new thrust and surrounded them. First Lieutenant MARTINEZ kept his defensive ground, not yielding until ordered to withdraw. He sent his troops back in compact units, remaining, although wounded, until the last man had withdrawn. By his example of personal bravery and devotion to duty, First Lieutenant MARTINEZ was personally responsible for the success of the mission. Entered military service from ARIZONA.

THOMAS F. PITT, 01823346, First Lieutenant, 504th Parachute Infantry. For heroic action on 20 September 1944 during the WAAL RIVER crossing near ***, HOLLAND. The section commanded by First Lieutenant PITT was in the first wave of the crossing of the WAAL River. Under intense enemy artillery, mortar and automatic small arms fire, First Lieutenant PITT deployed his men and led them forward to a dyke on the left flank of the battalion. Nearing his objective, First Lieutenant PITT and his men were pinned down by intense machine gun fire from a position directly to their front. Without hesitation, First Lieutenant PITT led his men forward, knocking out the enemy gun and killing five of the crew. He then continued toward his objective. Upon reaching the dyke, he placed his men in a defensive position. The enemy tried four times to recross the dyke and strike at the exposed flank of the battalion, but the courageous actions of First Lieutenant PITT and the skillful direction of his greatly outnumbered force prevented them. The heroic conduct of First Lieutenant PITT was an inspiration to all and reflects great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces.

III -- AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL FOR MERITORIOUS SERVICE:

Under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and pursuant to authority contained in letter 200.6 (BDH) U. S. Headquarters Berlin District and Headquarters First Airborne Army dated 31 August 1945, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following named individuals:

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RICHARD C. ANDERSON, 0391318, Major, Air Corps, Headquarters 82d Airborne Division, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States during the period 8-15 March 1948 in FRANCE. Entered military service from GEORGIA.

PARKER F. HECKNER, 33719241, Staff Sergeant, Infantry, 325th Glider Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States during the period 3 February 1944 to 1 February 1945 in the UNITED STATES and in the EUROPEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS. Entered military service from MARYLAND.

IV -- AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL FOR HEROIC CONDUCT, POSTHUMOUS:

Under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and pursuant to authority contained in letter 200.6 (BDH) U. S. Headquarters Berlin District and Headquarters First Airborne Army dated 31 August 1945, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded, posthumously, to the following named individual:

JOHN F. HAVEN, 36772060, Private First Class, 82d Airborne Division Reconnaissance Platoon. For heroic conduct from 28-29 January 1945 near ~~****~~, BELGIUM. Private First Class HAVEN acted as scout on a twelve man security patrol sent out behind the enemy lines on the right flank of the Division. While on this mission, Private First Class HAVEN, accompanied by one officer, went on three sub-patrols, flushing two enemy roadblocks, killing one enemy and capturing seven. On his return from the second sub-patrol, Private First Class HAVEN detached himself from the patrol and, with an officer, joined another twelve man patrol from the same platoon which engaged in a fire fight with a company of Germans, killing three and bringing back a prisoner for interrogation. During the entire twenty one hour patrol, Private First Class HAVEN was constantly on the alert and showed extreme courage, initiative and disregard for personal safety. Entered military service from ILLINOIS.

V -- AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART MEDAL:

Under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, the Purple Heart Medal is awarded to the following named individual for wounds received in action against the enemy on the date indicated:

NOEL E. DENNY, 36729012, Private First Class, 307th Airborne Medical Company, BELGIUM, 3 January 1945.

VI -- AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART MEDAL, OAK LEAF CLUSTER:

Under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, the Purple Heart Medal having been previously awarded, the Oak Leaf Cluster to the Purple Heart Medal is awarded to the following named individual for wounds received in action against the enemy on the date indicated:

PETER G. BROOKS, 0448403, First Lieutenant, Headquarters 82d Airborne Division, LUXEMBOURG, 2 February 1945.

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VII -- AWARD OF THE COMBAT MEDICAL BADGE:

Under the provisions of War Department Circular Number 229, 1945, the Combat Medical Badge is awarded to the following named individuals, 307th Airborne Medical Company, for satisfactory performance of duty under actual combat conditions on 26 December 1944:

Staff Sergeant.	JAMES A. BENBROOK	36741696
Sergeant	PHILIP MATLOW	35056590
Corporal	LAWRENCE G. CORPUS	37611028
Corporal	RAYMOND F. WAGEN	35058464
Private First Class	JAMES A. DOBBINS	37521023
Private First Class	THOMAS A. FEDORCHA	33622808
Private First Class	FRANCIS W. FISHER	33570798
Private First Class	EVERETT E. GIBSON	37478148
Private First Class	WILLIAM L. MAY	32848606
Private First Class	HERBERT A. KUEBLER	37611528

VIII -- AMENDMENTS OF GENERAL ORDER NUMBER 130, 1945:

General Orders Number 130, this Headquarters, dated 29 October 1945, is amended as follows:

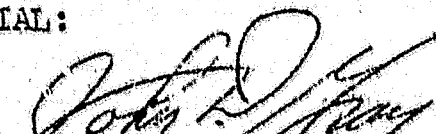
So much of Section II, awarding the Silver Star Medal, posthumously, to TRAVIS J. RUSSELL, 35586368, Corporal, 505th Parachute Infantry, is amended to read, "TRAVIS J. RUSSELL, 35586368, Corporal, 509th Parachute Infantry Battalion".

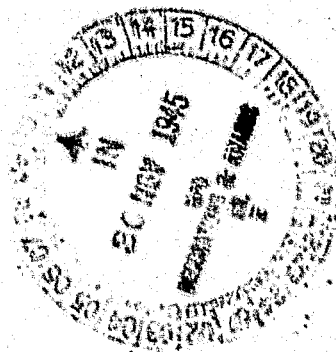
So much of Section IV, awarding the Bronze Star Medal for Heroic Conduct, posthumously, to CARROLL F. WILLIS, 01168978, First Lieutenant, 505th Parachute Infantry, is amended to read, "CARROLL F. WILLIS, 01168978, First Lieutenant, 456th Parachute Field Artillery Battalion".

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I -- AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR MEDAL:

Under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and pursuant to authority contained in letter 200.6 (BDH) U. S. Headquarters Berlin District and Headquarters First Airborne Army dated 31 August 1945, the Silver Star Medal is awarded to the following named individual:

ERNEST P. MURPHY, O1703042, First Lieutenant, 504th Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action against the enemy on 7 January 1945 at ***, BELGIUM. While leading his platoon on a frontal attack against strong enemy forces at ***, BELGIUM, one of his two supporting tank destroyers was knocked out by an enemy mine, causing heavy casualties among his platoon. First Lieutenant MURPHY, with utter disregard for his own personal safety, crawled through the enemy fire to a point of vantage and directed the fire of the remaining tank destroyer, silencing two enemy machine guns. Returning to his platoon, First Lieutenant MURPHY quickly reorganized his men and led them in the assault, taking a leading part in flushing the enemy from their positions. The gallant and courageous actions displayed by First Lieutenant MURPHY were instrumental in the success of the seizure of the town and the capture of one hundred and thirty of the enemy, with a minimum of casualties. His conspicuous gallantry was an inspiration to his men and was in keeping with the highest standards of the United States Armed Forces. Entered military service from FLORIDA.

II -- AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR MEDAL, OAK LEAF CLUSTER:

Under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and pursuant to authority contained in letter 200.6 (BDH) U. S. Headquarters Berlin District and Headquarters First Airborne Army dated 31 August 1945, the Silver Star Medal having been previously awarded, the Oak Leaf Cluster to the Silver Star Medal is awarded to the following named individual:

JOHN D. PHILLIPS, JR., O1015163, First Lieutenant, 505th Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on 7 January 1945 at ***, BELGIUM. First Lieutenant PHILLIPS, battalion S-3, then company commander, with an understrength company of fifty six men, defeated a vastly superior enemy force. He moved continually throughout and to the front of his company without regard for his personal safety, despite heavy fire from mortar, 75mm guns, machine guns, sniper fire and in the face of a Mark VI Panther Tank. He directed his unit and upon his own initiative, directed a tank destroyer in outflanking and eliminating the tank and the subsequent destruction and capture of a battery of five 75mm guns, a battery of 81mm mortars, capturing intact a company command post containing valuable information, killing wounding and capturing a total of over two hundred Germans, and coordinating with another company in the attack on *** in a manner which so completely demoralized the German regimental commander that he committed suicide. First Lieutenant PHILLIPS' courageous conduct and outstanding leadership reflect the highest traditions of the United States Airborne Forces. Entered military service from NEW MEXICO.

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III -- AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL FOR HEROIC CONDUCT:

Under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and pursuant to authority contained in letter 200.6 (BDH) U. S. Headquarters Forth District and Headquarters First Airborne Army, dated 31 August 1945, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following named individuals:

JACK A. ELLENA, 36457213, Technical Sergeant, 505th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct on 6 April 1945 about three miles from ***, GERMANY. Technical Sergeant ELLENA, assistant patrol leader, was a member of a combat patrol consisting of one officer and twelve enlisted men, which crossed the RHINE River. At one important phase in the patrol, Technical Sergeant ELLENA covered the withdrawal of the patrol by remaining with two comrades on the scene of action directing automatic weapons fire and throwing grenades into an enemy-held house, thus assuring the return security for the entire patrol. His exemplary, heroic conduct throughout the entire patrol was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Paratroops. Entered military service from ILLINOIS.

KENNETH C. LANGUEIN, 37729755, Private First Class, 504th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action against the enemy on 26 December 1944 near ***, BELGIUM. During a fierce enemy counterattack, Private First Class LANGUEIN, with utter disregard for his personal safety and heavy small arms and artillery fire, carried a BAR to an advantageous point and a lightly protected sector and delivered heavy and accurate fire all along the open front. Private First Class LANGUEIN carried on alone at this voluntary post, accounting for great numbers of the enemy. His great courage and deliberate judgment were instrumental in repelling a possible breakthrough in the weakened line. Entered military service from KANSAS.

THOMAS C. MORSE, 34897614, Technician Fifth Grade, 504th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct on 1 May 1945 near ***, GERMANY. While on a wire patrol, Technician Fifth Grade MORSE was standing next to his vehicle when a passing tank destroyer exploded a large magnetic mine and blew it over the top of the jeep. Although stunned and badly bruised, Technician Fifth Grade MORSE immediately went to the burning tank destroyer in which ammunition was exploding violently and aided in the removal of its occupants. The wire to one of the forward units was broken by the force of the explosion. He repaired this wire amid exploding shells from the burning tank destroyer. His unflinching devotion to duty and unsurpassed courage typify the spirit of the American Parachute Infantryman. Entered military service from TENNESSEE.

JOSEPH THOMSON, 01513671, First Lieutenant, 325th Glider Infantry. For heroic conduct on 7 January 1945 at ***, BELGIUM. First Lieutenant THOMSON, at the head of his platoon, personally led his men under enemy heavy machine gun and artillery fire into the town and captured it, driving out two machine gun crews and advancing four hundred yards beyond his objective. First Lieutenant THOMSON then crawled forward of his platoon to an advanced position and directed mortar and artillery fire on enemy automatic weapons and tanks which were holding up the battalion. Although twice wounded during this attack, First Lieutenant THOMSON refused treatment until the next day when his position was secure. First Lieutenant THOMSON's platoon was the only platoon in the regiment to capture its objective that day. Entered military service from MISSISSIPPI.

DAVID E. WARD, JR., 6926282, Private First Class, 504th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action against the enemy on 7 January 1945 at ***, BELGIUM. While pinned down in a shell hole by heavy small arms fire, one of four men was seriously wounded through the neck and was losing a considerable amount of blood. Unable to stop the flow of blood, Private First Class WARD, in the face of the murderous fire, dragged the wounded man from the hole and by crawling and carrying the man, started toward the rear and medical aid. Under complete enemy observation and heavy fire, and even though he had been wounded in the right leg, Private First Class WARD refused to take

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cover and continued until he found medical aid for the wounded man. This courageous and heroic act was an inspiration to all who witnessed it and reflects great credit upon Private First Class WARD and the United States Airborne Forces. Entered military service from LOUISIANA

IV -- AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL FOR HEROIC CONDUCT, OAK LEAF CLUSTER:

Under the provisions of AR 500-45, as amended, and pursuant to authority contained in letter 200.6 (BDH) U. S. Headquarters Berlin District and Headquarters First Airborne Army dated 31 August 1945, the Bronze Star Medal having been previously awarded, the Oak Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following named individual:

EVERT L. GIBSON, 28129572, Staff Sergeant, 505th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct on 7-8 April 1945 near ***, GERMANY. Staff Sergeant GIBSON, patrol leader, crossed the swift treacherous waters of the RHINE on a night reconnaissance mission. Staff Sergeant GIBSON skillfully maneuvered his patrol through the front line defensive position of the enemy for a three hour period until pinned down by heavy machine gun fire and threatened by the flanking movement of an enemy mobile reserve. With utter disregard to his own personal safety he moved well forward of the patrol's position and directed destructive fire on the enemy machine guns and advancing riflemen, thus making it possible for the patrol to carry out its ordered withdrawal without casualties. Staff Sergeant GIBSON's actions resulted in obtaining vitally needed information and were in keeping with the highest traditions of the Airborne Forces of the Army of the United States. Entered military service from OKLAHOMA.

V -- AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL FOR MERITORIOUS SERVICE:

Under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and pursuant to authority contained in letter 200.6 (BDH) U. S. Headquarters Berlin District and Headquarters First Airborne Army dated 31 August 1945, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following named individuals:

FORREST S. BLUNK, 01030120, Captain, Cavalry, 16th Cavalry Group, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States during the period 11 March 1945 to 25 March 1945 in GERMANY. Entered military service from KANSAS.

ARMSTRONG F. CANNADY, 14068634, Sergeant, Infantry, 505th Parachute Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States during the period 9 July 1943 to 18 April 1945 in SICILY, ITALY, HOLLAND, NORMANDY, BELGIUM and GERMANY. Entered military service from NORTH CAROLINA.

WILLIAM R. DUDLEY, 0392174, Lieutenant Colonel, Infantry, 505th Parachute Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States during the period 13 April 1945 to 9 May 1945 in GERMANY. Entered military service from WASHINGTON.

DAURELL J. FRANKS, 34179974, Technical Sergeant, Infantry, 505th Parachute Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States during the period 9 July 1943 to 18 April 1945 in SICILY, ITALY, NORMANDY, HOLLAND, BELGIUM and GERMANY. Entered military service from SOUTH CAROLINA.

HAROLD A. FRIEDMAN, 01313731, First Lieutenant, Infantry, 505th Glider Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States during the period 24 December 1944 to 12 February 1945 in "LGIU" and LUXEMBOURG. Entered military service from NEW YORK.

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WENDELL G. HAMMER 36437904, Private First Class, Infantry, 525th Glider Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States during the period 17 September 1944 to 23 September 1944 in HOLLAND. Entered military service from MICHIGAN.

CAROL G. HAWKINS, 18019284, Staff Sergeant, Cavalry, 10th Cavalry Group, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States during the period 11 March 1945 to 3 April 1945 in GERMANY. Entered military service from TEXAS.

LAUREN H. LA PARL, JR., 14076683, Private First Class, Infantry, 508th Parachute Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States during the period 10 July 1943 to 24 March 1945 in SICILY, ITALY, NORMANDY, HOLLAND and BELGIUM. Entered military service from MICHIGAN.

FREDERICK LEVY, 0492784, Captain, Dental Corps, 16th Cavalry Group, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States during the period 14-15 March 1945 in GERMANY. Entered military service from NEW YORK.

KARL F. NAUTNER; 01325307, Captain, Infantry, 317th Military Intelligence Detachment, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States during the period 18 December 1944 to 8 May 1945 in the ARDENNES RHINELAND and CENTRAL EUROPE campaigns. Entered military service from NEW YORK.

GREGORY MC DERMOTT, 01002676, Captain, Adjutant General's Department, Headquarters 82d Airborne Division. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States during the period 17 September 1944 to 1 May 1945 in HOLLAND, BELGIUM and GERMANY. Entered military service from MASSACHUSETTS.

CLIFFORD W. SCHRADER, 36236416, 1st Sergeant, Infantry, 505th Parachute Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States during the period 9 July 1943 to 18 April 1945 in SICILY, ITALY, HOLLAND, BELGIUM, NORMANDY and GERMANY. Entered military service from WISCONSIN.

ABRAHAM A. STANER, 01052294, First Lieutenant, Coast Artillery Corps, 208th Photo Interpretation Team, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States during the period 28 August 1944 to 7 May 1945 in the HOLLAND, ARDENNES, RHINELAND and CENTRAL EUROPE campaigns. Entered military service from NEW YORK.

VI -- AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART MEDAL:

Under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, the Purple Heart Medal is awarded to the following named individual for wounds received in action against the enemy on the date indicated:

AVRON H. ROSS, 0436149, Captain, 307th Airborne Medical Company, Germany, 24 March 1945.

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I -- ANNOUNCEMENT OF SPECIAL STAFF OFFICER:

MAJOR JAMES E GRIFFIN O1286733 INFANTRY Headquarters Company is announced as Headquarters Commandant vice MAJOR LAWRENCE L LYNCH O451715 INFANTRY Headquarters Company relieved.

II -- AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR MEDAL:

Under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and pursuant to authority contained in letter 200.6 (3DH) U. S. Headquarters Berlin District and Headquarters First Airborne Army dated 31 August 1945, the Silver Star Medal is awarded to the following named individual:

DELBERT L. TOWNSEND, O512872, First Lieutenant, 325th Glider Infantry. For gallantry in action on 7 January 1945 near MILLIMONT, BELGIUM. During an attack through a blinding snow storm, the lead company lost direction and suffered unexpected casualties. First Lieutenant TOWNSEND, commanding a reserve platoon, worked his way through the heavy fire and cleared the way to the company objective. He was attacked by four enemy tanks, lost 50% of his men and received a severe neck wound. All company officers were killed or wounded. Despite loss of blood, First Lieutenant TOWNSEND singlehandedly re-organized the remainder of the company and aggressively defended his positions against all enemy assaults. His gallant example proved an inspiration to his men and his outstanding leadership throughout the engagement enabled his battalion to hold commanding terrain. First Lieutenant TOWNSEND's courage and determination exemplify the highest traditions of the Airborne Force. Entered military service from NEBRASKA.

III -- AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL FOR HEROIC CONDUCT:

Under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and pursuant to authority contained in letter 200.6 (3DH) U. S. Headquarters Berlin District and Headquarters First Airborne Army dated 31 August 1945, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following named individuals:

JOSEPH P. DONAHUE, 33440389, Sergeant, 325th Glider Infantry (then 401st Glider Infantry). For heroic conduct on 3 February 1945 at UNDEBRETH, GERMANY. While his company was attacking one of the key points in the Siegfried Line, the forward progress was stopped by enemy artillery fire and enemy in pillboxes and entrenchments. Sergeant DONAHUE asked for volunteers to help him knock out the position. Four men volunteered. Armed with TSMG's, grenades, volocharges, M-1 rifles and a BAR, the group assaulted the fortifications and reduced eight pillboxes and their perimeter defenses by pinning the enemy with fire, closing the apertures, dropping grenades in the ventilators and placing vol-charges against the doors. So well did Sergeant DONAHUE organize and direct his assault group that not one man was wounded while knocking out eight pillboxes, killing about twenty and capturing eight / five enemy. Sergeant DONAHUE's voluntary action above and beyond the call of duty reflects the highest traditions of the Airborne Forces of the United States Army. Entered military service from PENNSYLVANIA.

CHARLES A. DUPLEY, 34495294, Private First Class, 325th Glider Infantry. For heroic conduct on 3 February 1945 at UNDEBRETH, GERMANY. When his company was stopped in the attack on one of the points

in the Siegfried Line, Private First Class DUDLEY volunteered to go with four comrades as an assault group to reduce enemy resistance in trenches, foxholes and pillboxes. The five men advanced successively from pillbox to pillbox, through artillery and small arms fire, pinned the enemy to their holes, closed the apertures, threw grenades through the ventilators and placed pole charges against the doors of the pillboxes. Eight such fortifications were reduced by the assault group, eighty five enemy were captured and about twenty enemy were killed. Private First Class DUDLEY's willingness to voluntarily risk his life in an assault on a fortified area exemplified the highest traditions of the Airborne Forces of the United States Army. Entered military service from DYERSBURG, TENNESSEE.

NAPOLIE L. HEPPLER, 35490508, Private, 325th Glider Infantry (then 401st Glider Infantry). For heroic conduct on 3 February 1945 at UNDEBRETH, GERMANY. When his company was stopped in the attack on one of the points in the Siegfried Line, Private HEPPLER volunteered to go with four comrades as an assault group to reduce enemy resistance in trenches, foxholes and pillboxes. The five men advanced successively from pillbox to pillbox, through artillery and small arms fire, pinned the enemy to their holes, closed the apertures, threw grenades through the ventilators and placed pole charges against the doors of the pillboxes. Eight such fortifications were reduced by this assault group, eighty five enemy were captured and about twenty enemy were killed. Private HEPPLER's willingness to voluntarily risk his life in an assault on a fortified area exemplified the highest traditions of the Airborne Forces of the United States Army. Entered military service from INDIANA.

JOHN D. STUART, 34914908, Private, 325th Glider Infantry (then 401st Glider Infantry). For heroic conduct on 3 February 1945 at UNDEBRETH, GERMANY. When his company was stopped in the attack on UNDEBRETH, GERMANY, one of the points in the Siegfried Line, Private STUART volunteered to go with four comrades as an assault group to reduce enemy resistance in trenches, foxholes and pillboxes. The five men advanced successively from pillbox to pillbox, through artillery and small arms fire, pinned the enemy to their holes, closed the apertures, threw grenades through the ventilators and placed pole charges against the doors of the pillboxes. Eight such fortifications were reduced by this assault group, eighty five enemy were captured and about twenty enemy were killed. Private STUART's willingness to voluntarily risk his life in an assault on a fortified area exemplified the highest traditions of the Airborne Forces of the United States Army. Entered military service from MISSISSIPPI.

ROBERT C. VANDERMARK, 0526967, First Lieutenant, 325th Glider Infantry. For heroic conduct on 2 February 1945 at NEUFUFF, GERMANY. After seizing the vital crossroads, the enemy launched a counterattack supported by four tanks. To secure support from our own tanks, First Lieutenant VANDERMARK voluntarily crossed several hundred yards of ground, which was being covered by heavy mortar and artillery fire, in order to contact them. He personally took charge of the tanks and climbed on top of the first one to lead the rest into the town. The main distance of eight hundred yards to the town was over open and exposed terrain. Due to the noise created by the tanks, First Lieutenant VANDERMARK was immediately subjected to a heavy concentration of small arms and anti-tank fire. Disregarding this fire, he remained on top of the first tank and led the assault into the town, where he assisted the gun crews in picking out the positions of the enemy armor. This accurate and heavy fire succeeded in knocking out two enemy tanks and in completely demoralizing the supporting infantry, causing them to withdraw. First Lieutenant VANDERMARK's heroic conduct and quick, aggressive action under hazardous conditions played a very large part in eliminating a direct threat to our forces. Entered military service from OHIO.

GEORGE R. WALDEN, JR., 3493855A, Private First Class, 325th Glider Infantry (then 401st Glider Infantry). For heroic conduct on 3 February 1945 at UNDEBRETH, GERMANY. When his company was stopped in the attack on one of the points in the Siegfried Line, Private First Class WALDEN volunteered to go with four comrades as an

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assault group to reduce enemy resistance in trenches, foxholes and pillboxes. The five men advanced successively from pillbox to pillbox through artillery and small arms fire, pinned the enemy to their holes closed the apertures, threw grenades through the ventilators and placed pole charges against the doors of the pillboxes. Eight such fortifications were reduced by this assault group, eighty five enemy were captured and about twenty were killed. Private First Class WALDREN's willingness to voluntarily risk his life in an assault on a fortified area exemplified the highest traditions of the Airborne Forces of the United States Army. Entered military service from NEW YORK.

IV -- AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL FOR MERITORIOUS SERVICE:

Under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and pursuant to authority contained in letter 200.6 (3DH) U. S. Headquarters Berlin District and Headquarters First Airborne Army dated 31 August 1945, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following named individuals:

FRANK A. LOVING, 0411817, Captain, Field Artillery, 320th Glider Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States during the period 6 June 1944 to 15 November 1944 in NORMANDY and HOLLAND. Entered military service from TEXAS.


HENRY NOYER, 0375831, Captain, Field Artillery, 456th Parachute Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States during the period 17 September 1944 to 30 May 1945 in the EUROPEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS. Entered military service from FLORIDA.

ABDALLAH K. ZAKBY, 0305513, Major, Infantry, 504th Parachute Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States during the period 17 September 1944 to 6 May 1945 in the EUROPEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS. Entered military service from NEW YORK.

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I - AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR MEDAL:

Under the provisions of AR 600-15, as amended, and pursuant to VOGG, OISE Interdicate Section, dated 30 November 1945, the Silver Star Medal is awarded to the following named individuals:

CHARLES A. DURANT, 31143297, Staff Sergeant, 825th Glider Infantry. For gallantry in action on 23 December 1944 about two miles from FRALTURE, BELGIUM. In the defense of critical crossroads, Staff Sergeant DURANT's platoon was holding the exposed right flank of the company when it became subject to direct fire from small arms and attacking enemy tanks. During the action, enemy forces began to infiltrate and take positions overlooking those of Staff Sergeant DURANT's platoon. Staff Sergeant DURANT, knowing that his sound and platoon must have fire power in order to halt the enemy, moved out across 200 yards of open ground under direct enemy fire and secured an abandoned machine gun from a knocked out tank. On the return trip, Staff Sergeant DURANT was wounded and knocked to the ground, but he crawled the remaining 50 yards to his platoon with the much needed machine gun. Throughout all of the action, the Staff Sergeant was under a withering fire from the enemy, to whom he was a plainly visible target. His courage and aggressiveness on this occasion contributed greatly to the company halting of this enemy attack and was in keeping with the highest standards of the Airborne Forces. Entered military service from CONNECTICUT.

JOSEPH P. GUEZY, 35693654, Sergeant, 505th Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on 23 December 1944 at EVELA, BELGIUM. When his company was attacked at night by overwhelming numbers of SS troops, supported by sweeping planes, mortar and panzerfaust fire, Sergeant GUEZY took over a machine gun singlehandedly when its crew was killed. While the enemy troops were crawling on the positions under intense fire, Sergeant GUEZY carried the gun from position to position and fired bursts at all likely targets. He persisted in these tactics throughout a three hour battle, most of which time he was exposed directly to small arms, mortar and panzerfaust fire. Sergeant GUEZY's courageous initiative and indifference to enemy action was an inspiration to his comrades and a material contribution to the defense and killing of more than 50 of the enemy in this engagement. His conduct reflects the highest traditions of the Airborne Forces of the United States Army. Entered military service from PENNSYLVANIA.

WILLIAM H. KOTANY, 01692572, Captain, 725th Glider Infantry. For gallantry in action on 22 October 1944 near KIEKORF WOODS, POLAND. Attaching to clear KIEKORF WOODS, "B" Company was isolated under heavy enemy attack, ammunition dangerously depleted. Captain KOTANY (then First Lieutenant) volunteered to take several men, contact "B" Company and deliver ammunition. The only road was heavily mined, under constant artillery and small arms fire, nevertheless, with two men he pushed, by hand, a trailer load of 1500 pounds of ammunition far beyond our front lines. When contact patrol failed to appear, he advanced on personal reconnaissance, drawing constant machine gun and sniper fire, and located the isolated units. He then

made repeated trips loaded with ammunition, enabling the unit to hold the enemy counterattacks. For ten hours he passed through enemy lines under enemy fire. His devotion to duty, gallantry and his inspiring example are in keeping with the highest traditions of the Airborne Forces. Entered military service from NEW YORK.

ALVA E. LOGAN, 01312574, First Lieutenant, 325th Glider Infantry. For gallantry in action on 23 December 1944 about two miles from FRAITURE, BELGIUM. After three days of action holding the crossroads at FRAITURE, First Lieutenant LOGAN's platoon was ordered to displace along with other elements of the Battalion. During this move, the Battalion was hit by another enemy attack. First Lieutenant LOGAN had his platoon build up a fire line, and then ordered it to move out while he went forward to engage the enemy with a BAR. In spite of heavy fire concentrated on him, he held his position and laid fire on the enemy until the last elements of the Battalion and his platoon had disengaged. He, himself, then withdrew, yard by yard, holding the enemy and inflicting heavy casualties until his ammunition was exhausted. In spite of the resultant extreme fatigue from 72 hours of continuous close-hand enemy attacks, First Lieutenant LOGAN took the initiative and set an example of personal courage and gallantry that was an inspiration to his platoon and Battalion in the succeeding days of offensive operations against the enemy. His action was in keeping with the highest standards of the Airborne Forces. Entered military service from INDIANA.

HAROLD E. REEVES, 0441634, First Lieutenant, 504th Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action against the enemy on 22 December 1944 at OHENEAUX, BELGIUM. First Lieutenant REEVES volunteered to lead a combat patrol with the mission of trying to make contact with friendly troops that had been cut off by the German offensive. First Lieutenant REEVES led his patrol through two miles of enemy held territory under heavy shelling by the enemy and our own artillery. First Lieutenant REEVES pressed his patrol on through all this until contact was established with friendly troops. As a result of this action, First Lieutenant REEVES' patrol captured 50 Germans and liberated eight American soldiers that had been captured by the Germans a few days before. Information gained by First Lieutenant REEVES as to location of Allied Prisoners of War and the enemy troops was invaluable in the attack that was launched shortly on his return. His bravery and inspiring leadership was in keeping with the highest standards of the United States Airborne Forces. Entered military service from OHIO.

II -- AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR METAL FOR HEROIC CONDUCT:

Under the provisions of AR 600-15, as amended, and pursuant to VOGG, OISE Intermediate Section, dated 30 November 1945, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following named individuals:

ROBERT C. BLANKENSHIP, 01922343, First Lieutenant, 504th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct on 24 December 1944 near LIERNIEUX, BELGIUM. Upon being informed that a platoon from his company had been cut off and isolated from all friendly forces by a strong enemy attack, First Lieutenant BLANKENSHIP, quickly organized all available men at the company CP and personally led a counterattack with his small force. Upon reaching the isolated platoon, First Lieutenant BLANKENSHIP so deployed his men as covering force that the entire group successfully withdrew to a more advantageous position. Subject, exposed to the most severe artillery and small arms fire, First Lieutenant BLANKENSHIP maintained his exposed positions until the entire cut off force had reached safety. He then successfully directed the withdrawal of his own small unit, remaining himself until the last man. Besides saving numerous lives, First Lieutenant BLANKENSHIP's courageous actions aided inestimably in solidifying a most fluid tactical situation and are in keeping with the highest standards of the United States Airborne Forces. Entered military service from GEORGIA.

WALTER W. HENLEY, 34304299, Private First Class, 504th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct on 29 January 1945 in GERMANY. Private First Class HENLEY, radio operator, doggedly pushed his heavy SCR 300 radio and equipment over the hilly terrain and kept at the front

troops with the battalion commander on the march to and attack of BRESDACH, GERMANY. Realizing the importance of his job, and despite his overburdened load, he braved the enemy fire and successfully maintained radio communication with the rest of the battalion from exposed knolls and hills. Private First Class HENLEY's devotion to duty and heroic conduct contributed materially to the success of the battalion's mission and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Airborne Forces. Entered military service from TENNESSEE.

FRANK J. KENT, 0388190, First Lieutenant, 504th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in SICILY on 11 July 1943. First Lieutenant KENT, executive officer, volunteered to take a small patrol to outflank the enemy group when the assault platoons of his company were pinned down. After progressing a short distance, they soon came to terrain that offered no cover or concealment and the patrol was soon detected and fired upon by the enemy. Seeing that it was useless to go further, First Lieutenant KENT, ordered his men to return to the company and he, himself, proceeded to cover them on their return trip. As the last elements of the patrol were leaving, First Lieutenant KENT was seriously wounded in the left leg. Unable to rejoin his company, he was taken prisoner. He was rescued six months later by troops overrunning the hospital to which he was taken. His unselfish devotion to duty and high order of courage were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Airborne Forces. Entered military service from NEW YORK.

JAMES MEGELLAS, 0488807, First Lieutenant (then Second Lieutenant), 504th Parachute Infantry. For heroic action against the enemy on the 9th of February 1944 near CARREGETO, ITALY. First Lieutenant MEGELLAS volunteered to lead a large combat patrol with the mission of rescuing a British Brigadier who, with his staff, had been trapped between the friendly and enemy lines. First Lieutenant MEGELLAS worked his way across 200 yards of flat open terrain covered by deadly enemy small arms and automatic fire until he and his group had reached the Brigadier. Realizing a diversionary attack was necessary to enable the Brigadier and his staff to withdraw to safety, First Lieutenant MEGELLAS led his patrol in the face of murderous fire against a strong enemy force well entrenched on the nearby high ground. First Lieutenant MEGELLAS, although seriously wounded, continued the attack until, assured of the Brigadier's safety, he organized a successful withdrawal of his own small force. First Lieutenant MEGELLAS' courageous and unselfish devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the United States Airborne Forces. Entered military service from WISCONSIN.

LAWRENCE PICKARD, 0128807, First Lieutenant (then Second Lieutenant), 504th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct on 6 April 1945 at HILDERS, GERMANY. While leading a small patrol with the mission of liberating some wounded American soldiers held in a church at HILDERS, First Lieutenant PICKARD and his party were fired on by an enemy machine gun crew in on their right flank. First Lieutenant PICKARD charged to within a few yards of the enemy position and killed the gun crew with hand grenades and TOMMIE fire. Reorganizing his men, he attacked the church, overran the enemy positions and quickly evacuated the wounded men. On the way to the boats, First Lieutenant PICKARD and his group were fired upon again by an enemy machine gun, which wounded First Lieutenant PICKARD. Disregarding his own personal safety and the pain of his wound, he crawled close to the enemy position and knocked it out with a well placed grenade. First Lieutenant PICKARD's courageous actions and inspired leadership reflect great credit upon himself and the United States Airborne Forces. Entered military service from NEW YORK.

WILLIAM F. RUSSELL, 5890195, Private First Class, 504th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct on 1 January 1945 near BRUXELLES, BELGIUM. When his company was pinned down for approximately three hours by the concentrated fire of seven machine guns and a battery of 100mm howitzers, Private First Class RUSSELL moved forward and located the enemy machine gun emplacements. With information he had

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gained, Private First Class RUSSELL returned and brought accurate fire on the position, and so disconcerted the enemy that the remainder of his company were enabled to attack the position with a maximum effect and a minimum of casualties. Private First Class RUSSELL's aggressiveness and initiative in the face of fire were a credit to himself, his unit, and the airborne forces of the United States Army. Entered military service from ILLINOIS.

ROBERT W. SHUMSKIS, 13115031, Staff Sergeant (then Corporal), 604th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 22 December 1944 at CHENEVEX, BELGIUM. The first platoon of Company "I" was digging positions on a mountain at CHENEVEX when the enemy opened up with a murderous barrage of artillery fire on the positions. The platoon leader of the first platoon was seriously wounded by shrapnel and lay unconscious. Staff Sergeant SHUMSKIS saw the stricken officer and without regard for his own personal safety left his position and ran through the artillery fire, picked up his platoon leader and carried him on his shoulders to the aid station which was located 1500 yards back. The courage and self-sacrifice shown by Staff Sergeant SHUMSKIS was an inspiration to all that saw him and was in keeping with the highest standards of the United States Airborne Forces. Entered military service from PENNSYLVANIA.

III -- AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR FOR HEROIC ACTION, POSTHUMOUS.

Under the provisions of AR 500-45, as amended, and pursuant to VOGG, OISE Intermediate Base, dated 30 November 1945, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded, posthumously, to the following named individuals:

WILLIAM R. BELL, 0510894, Major, 504th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct against the enemy during the SICILIAN and ITALIAN campaigns. When the battalion commander was taken prisoner of war shortly after the jump into SICILY, Major BELL, battalion executive officer immediately took over the disorganized battalion. Major BELL skillfully organized the battalion and led them throughout the entire SICILIAN campaign. When the unit jumped on the SALERNO BEACHHEAD, Major BELL worked long and hard in helping the battalion accomplish all missions assigned. Major BELL was killed in action at JUNSEY PASS, ITALY. Throughout the offensive phase of operations, Major BELL demonstrated outstanding ability by successfully leading and administering the battalion during these two campaigns. His actions reflect great credit upon himself and the armed forces. Entered military service from MASSACHUSETTS.

WILLIS J. FERRILL, 0133106, First Lieutenant, 504th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action during the SICILIAN campaign. First Lieutenant FERRILL, platoon leader, jumped with the first group that invaded SICILY. Upon landing, First Lieutenant FERRILL immediately organized that men he could and continued towards the main objective. Feeling assured that he had enough men to cope with any situation, he continued towards a high piece of dominating ground. Upon reaching the base of the hill, the small group were met by intense small arms fire. Giving instructions to every man near him, First Lieutenant FERRILL fearlessly led his men up the hill through withering fire, captured the enemy positions and held this high piece of ground through numerous enemy counterattacks until relieved by troops who came in by sea. First Lieutenant FERRILL's skillful and courageous leadership reflect the highest standards of the United States Airborne Forces. Entered military service from ILLINOIS.

IV -- AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL FOR HEROIC CONDUCT, OAK LEAF

Under the provisions of AR 500-45, as amended, and pursuant to VOGG, OISE Intermediate Station, dated 30 November 1945, the Bronze Star Medal having been previously awarded, the Oak Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following named individuals:

WALTER F. KEPP, 0133670, Captain (then First Lieutenant), 504th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct on 10 July 1943 during the SICILIAN campaign. Captain KEPP was one of the first to hit the

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ground during the combat jump. Landing under intense enemy automatic small arms fire, Captain KEEP quickly organized all men near his position and forced his way through scattered enemy positions in an attempt to join other elements of the battalion. Advancing up a road, Captain KEEP and his small group were fired on by an advancing tank. Captain KEEP, realizing the threat the tank would be to elements yet on the jump zone, directing his men to take cover and rushed the tank by firing his carbine, forcing the tank to cover up and withdraw. The courageous actions displayed by Captain KEEP were an inspiration to all who witnessed them, reflect great credit upon himself, and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the Airborne Forces. Entered military service from PENNSYLVANIA.

V -- AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL FOR MERITORIOUS SERVICE:

Under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and pursuant to VOOG OISE Intermediate Section, dated 30 November 1945, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following named individuals:

JOHN H. FORREST, 32836457, Master Sergeant, Corps of Engineers, 307th Airborne Engineer Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States during the period 24 March 1945 to 15 June 1945 in GERMANY. Entered military service from NEW YORK.

MALTON W. KITCHEN, 0114244, Captain, Medical Corps, 504th Parachute Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States during the SICILIAN campaign. Entered military service from NORTH CAROLINA.

JOHN A. OKORN, 53609402, Staff Sergeant, Infantry, 325th Glider Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States during the period 7 January 1945 to 10 February 1945 during the ARDENNES campaign. Entered military service from PENNSYLVANIA.

WILLIAM P. RAMSEY, 02005598, Second Lieutenant, Infantry, 505th Parachute Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States from 3 June 1944 to 23 June 1944 during the NORMANDY campaign. Entered military service from NEW JERSEY.

VI -- AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL FOR MERITORIOUS SERVICE, OAK LEAF CLUSTER:

Under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and pursuant to VOOG OISE Intermediate Section, dated 30 November 1945, the Bronze Star Medal having been previously awarded, the Oak Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following named individuals:

WILLIAM J. HARRIS, 01287348, Major, Infantry, 505th Parachute Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States during the period 29 April 1945 to 2 May 1945 in GERMANY. Entered military service from MISSOURI.

HORTON N. KATZ, 0896448, First Lieutenant, Infantry, 505th Parachute Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States during the period 29 April 1945 to 2 May 1945 in GERMANY. Entered military service from CONNECTICUT.

MALTON W. LONG, 01998410, Lieutenant Colonel, Infantry, 504th Parachute Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States during the period 29 April 1945 to 2 May 1945 in GERMANY. Entered military service from CALIFORNIA.

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JACOB F. MAGNER, 0296130, Major, Infantry, 505th Parachute Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States during the period of April 1945 to 2 May 1945 in GERMANY. Entered military service from WISCONSIN.

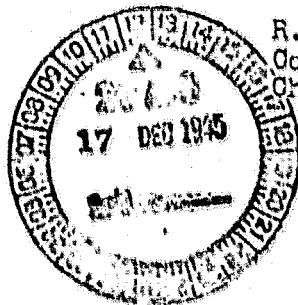
VII -- AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART MEDAL, OAK LEAF CLUSTER:

Under the provisions of AR 300-45, as amended, the Purple Heart Medal having been previously awarded, the Oak Leaf Cluster to the Purple Heart Medal is awarded to TEC 4 ROSS B. LANGSAM, 02571053, 89d Airborne Parachute Maintenance Company, for wounds received in action against the enemy on 8 January 1945 in BELGIUM.

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25 March 1946

AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART ----- SECTION I
ASSIGNMENT AND ATTACHMENT 45TH ORDER OF BATTLE TEAM ----- SECTION II

I - AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART.

1. Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, a Purple Heart for wounds received in action against the enemy in Col de Praus, France 9 September 1944, is awarded to Private Clifford R. Burch, 36 742 594, 517th Parachute Infantry.

II - ASSIGNMENT AND ATTACHMENT 45TH ORDER OF BATTLE TEAM.

2. The 45th Order of Battle Team at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, having been relieved from attachment to First Army and further attachment to Headquarters Special Troops, First Army; and assigned to First Army and attached to 82d Airborne Division, effective 25 March 1946, by Ltr Hq First Army, 22 March 1946, 326.02 GMMKO (11), "Assignment and attachment 45th Order of Battle Team", is further attached to Special Troops 82d Airborne Division for administration, effective this date.

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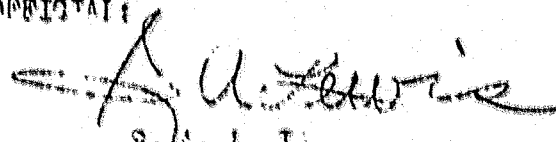
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1. Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, a Purple heart for wounds received in action against the enemy in the vicinity of Limerio, Belgium on or about 10 January 1945, is awarded to First Lieutenant DONALD F. GIBSON, O 443 698, 504th Parachute Infantry.

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25 April 1946

AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL, FOR HEROIC CONDUCT - - - - SECTION I
AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL, FOR MERITORIOUS SERVICE - - - SECTION II
I - AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL, FOR HEROIC CONDUCT

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order Number 9418, 4 February 1944 (sec II Bul 3 "D" 1944), and pursuant to authority in AR 300-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and Weekly Directive Number 38, Headquarters Army Ground Forces, 18 September 1945, a Bronze Star Medal for heroic conduct not involving participation in aerial flight in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States during the period indicated is awarded the following named personnel:

PAUL F. SMITH

Lieutenant Colonel PAUL F. SMITH, O-44090, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic conduct in action as a member of the 507th Parachute Infantry Regiment during the period of 7 to 9 June 1944. Lieutenant Colonel SMITH, then Captain, displayed commendable aggressiveness and decision when holding a sector containing the Amfreville - Courbeville road against continuous enemy attacks. Despite fierce fire and enemy observation of his sector, Lieutenant Colonel SMITH completely denied them the use of this road, personally ambushing and capturing a motorcycle and truck loaded with supplies. Lieutenant Colonel SMITH'S example served as an inspiration to all about him, reflecting credit upon himself and the Airborne Forces of the United States Army.

Nick

Captain TRAC. S. R. BENNETT, O-14255, Medical Corps, United States Army, for heroic conduct in action against the enemy as Regimental Surgeon, 507th Parachute Infantry Regiment, during the period 8 to 9 June 1944. Captain BENNETT displayed commendable gallantry and devotion to duty in operating an aid station in the Regimental defense sector near Amfreville, France, even though exposed to constant small arms and mortar fire. Although seriously wounded in the head by a bursting mortar shell he calmly continued giving aid to the wounded and by this cool and cheerful efficiency saved many American lives. His actions reflect great credit upon himself and the Airborne Forces of the United States Army.

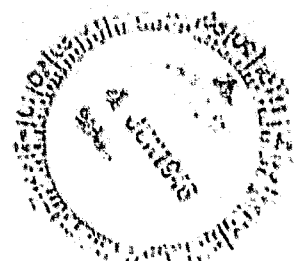
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Chaplain (Captain) ROBERT M. HENNON, O-435823, Chaplains Corps, United States Army, for heroic conduct against the enemy as Chaplain of the 507th Parachute Infantry Regiment on 8 June 1944. Chaplain HENNON, at grave risk to his own life, because of heavy mortar fire, gave aid and comfort to wounded American and German prisoners of war. His intrepidity and complete disregard for his own safety in entering areas swept with hostile mortar fire reflect the highest credit upon himself and the Airborne Forces of the United States Army.

II - AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL, FOR MERITORIOUS SERVICE.

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order Number 9418, 4 February 1944 (Sec II Bul 3 "D" 1944), and pursuant to authority in AR 300-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and

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Hq 82d Abn Div, Fort Bragg NC, GO #15 dated 26 April 46 cont'd

Weekly Directive Number 38, Headquarters Army Ground Forces, 18 September 1945, a Bronze Star Medal for meritorious service not involving participation in aerial flight in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States during the period indicated is awarded the following named personnel:

First Sergeant HUBERT H. JORDAN, 6926116, 507th Parachute Infantry, for meritorious service as Acting Regimental Sergeant Major, 507th Parachute Infantry Regiment, during the period of 7 to 9 June 1944. First Sergeant JORDAN organized the Command Post of that part of the 507th Parachute Infantry Regiment west of the Merderet River, and performed his newly assigned duty in an exemplary manner under the most trying circumstances. His ready initiative was of the utmost value to the Regimental Commander and his manner enhanced the morale of all about him, thereby reflecting great credit upon himself and the Airborne Forces of the United States Army.

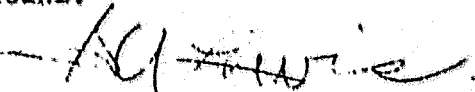
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Technician Fourth Grade ROBERT L. BYRNES, 130590-1, 507th Parachute Infantry, for meritorious service as a radio operator in the 507th Parachute Infantry Regiment during the period of 8 to 9 June 1944. Technician Fourth Grade BYRNES displayed exemplary tenacity and ingenuity in keeping a radio in constant operation under hazardous and trying conditions in action against the enemy. Under the direction of his section leader, and with only one other man, Technician Fourth Grade BYRNES, though he had no spare parts or tools, kept his radio in operation guiding the scattered units of the Regiment to the Regimental assembly point. His actions reflect the highest credit upon himself and the Airborne Forces of the United States Army.

Technician Fifth Grade THOMAS E. BRINZO, 37121065, 507th Parachute Infantry, for meritorious service as a radio operator in the 507th Parachute Infantry Regiment during the period of 8 to 9 June 1944. Technician Fifth Grade BRINZO displayed exemplary tenacity and ingenuity in keeping a radio in constant operation under hazardous and trying conditions in action against the enemy. Under the direction of his section leader, and with only one other man, Technician Fifth Grade BRINZO, though he had no spare parts or tools, kept his radio in operation guiding the scattered units of the Regiment to the Regimental assembly point. His actions reflect the highest credit upon himself and the Airborne Forces of the United States Army.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL L. GAVIN:

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- AWARD OF SILVER STAR MEDAL, FOR GALLANTRY IN ACTION, POSTHUMOUS - - - - I
- AWARD OF SILVER STAR MEDAL, FOR GALLANTRY IN ACTION - - - - II
- AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL, FOR HEROIC CONDUCT, POSTHUMOUS - - - - III
- AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL, FOR HEROIC CONDUCT - - - - IV
- AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL, FOR MERITORIOUS SERVICE - - - - V

I - AWARD OF SILVER STAR MEDAL, FOR GALLANTRY IN ACTION, POSTHUMOUS

By direction of the President, under the provisions of the act of Congress approved 9 July 1918 (Bul 43 WD 1918), and pursuant to authority in AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, a Silver Star for gallantry in action is awarded posthumously to the following-named officer:

✓ Captain SAMUEL L. OGDEN, O24465, Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy at Amocment, Belgium, as a member of the 325th Glider Infantry Regiment on 3 January 1945. Captain OGDEN, Battalion Executive Officer, had established the Battalion Command Post Group in an old Chateau which immediately became the target of intense enemy artillery and self-propelled gun fire. Although the Command Post Group was confused and scattered, he directed each man who was in an exposed position to cover within the collar of the Chateau. Captain OGDEN then reorganized the Group and exposed himself to enemy fire to direct a medical vehicle to the location of some wounded men. While so exposed, he was wounded and died of head injuries inflicted by shrapnel. His courageous conduct in the face of the enemy upheld the highest traditions of the United States Army. Entered the military from LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY.

II - AWARD OF SILVER STAR MEDAL, FOR GALLANTRY IN ACTION

By direction of the President, under the provisions of the act of Congress approved 9 July 1918 (Bul 43 WD 1918), and pursuant to authority in AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, a Silver Star for gallantry in action is awarded to the following-named officers:

✓ First Lieutenant ROBERT T. LAY, O1294153, Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy near Amfreville, France, as a member of the 507th Parachute Infantry Regiment from 6 June 1944 to 10 June 1944. Lieutenant LAY was Supply Officer for a group of about 150 men surrounded by the enemy for five days. During that period, he personally went through the enemy lines on many occasions to recover much needed ammunition, food, and supplies. In addition to voluntarily recovering supplies under direct observation and fire of the enemy, he voluntarily participated in at least four reconnaissance patrols and continually exposed himself to enemy fire to secure necessary and vital information. His courageous actions and extreme disregard for personal safety were instrumental in saving the lives of many of his comrades and were a great factor in enabling this group to hold the small bridgehead across the Mordret River.

✓ Captain WILLIAM Z. COTHAN, O414599, Signal Corps, United States Army, for gallantry in action as Communications Officer, 507th Parachute Infantry on 7 June 1944. On this date Captain COTHAN led a squad of seven men in an attack on the town of Amfreville, France, then occupied by an enemy regiment. As it entered the town, the unit was pinned down by fire from an enemy machine gun. Completely disregarding his personal safety and totally ignoring the intense enemy fire, he rushed the enemy emplacement and silenced the enemy machine gun by killing its two operators. Subsequently within the village he disposed of two more machine guns and four enemy operators. Captain COTHAN also directed and participated in the capture of three enemy vehicles and the enemy prisoners, with which, upon order, he executed a successful withdrawal. The personal valor and inspiring leadership exhibited by Captain COTHAN were an incentive to the officers and men in his command and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the Army and Signal Corps.

First Lieutenant ROOLR WHITING, 01289523, Infantry, Army of the United States, for gallantry in action near Amfreville, France, as a member of Company "F", 507th Parachute Infantry on 9 June 1944. Lieutenant WHITING, while in command of a defensive sector of the Regiment, was faced with an enemy mortar-supported attack which threatened to overrun the entire American position. He fearlessly exposed himself to murderous enemy fire upon numerous occasions, and rallied his men by continually moving among them, urging them to hold their positions and continue the fight. When his machine gunner was killed, Lieutenant WHITING, at serious risk to his own life, crawled over a wide open space to the emplacement and personally manned the machine gun against the enemy. During this action he killed about twenty of the enemy and caused them to abandon a mortar and a machine gun. His heroic and fearless behavior and disregard for his own safety were an inspiration to his troops and reflected the highest credit upon himself and the Armed Forces.

XII - AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL, FOR HEROIC CONDUCT, POSTHUMOUS

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order Number 9419, 4 February 1944 (see II Bul 3 "D 1944), and pursuant to authority in AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and Weekly Directive Number 38, Headquarters Army Ground Forces, 18 September 1945, a Bronze Star Medal for heroic conduct not involving participation in aerial flight in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States during the period indicated is awarded posthumously the following enlisted man:

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Corporal ROBERT YOB, ASN unknown, Infantry, Army of the United States, for heroism in action against the enemy as a member of Headquarters Company, 194th Glider Infantry near Daaburg, Germany, on 3 February 1945. Corporal YOB volunteered and led a three-man patrol across the Our River in order to obtain information concerning strength, movement, and location of the enemy behind the Siegfried Line. Although pursued by an enemy patrol and subjected several times to enemy small arms and automatic fire, he completed an exacting reconnaissance and safely led his patrol back to friendly lines. His outstanding ability and courageous leadership were responsible for the successful completion of the mission and reflected great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces.

IV - AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL, FOR HEROIC CONDUCT

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order Number 9419, 4 February 1944 (see II Bul 3 "D 1944), and pursuant to authority in AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and Weekly Directive Number 38, Headquarters Army Ground Forces, 18 September 1945, a Bronze Star Medal for heroic conduct not involving participation in aerial flight in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States during the period indicated is awarded the following named personnel:

First Lieutenant PETER J. EATON, 01285027, Infantry, Army of the United States, for heroism in action against the enemy in Sicily as a member of Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, 501st Parachute Infantry, on 11 July 1943. When his company was counterattacked by the enemy, First Lieutenant EATON noticed that the observer's position did not provide for a direct view of the enemy. He immediately moved forward through a hail of small arms and artillery fire to a slightly elevated position to his left front that presented the view desired. He then gave commands that resulted in highly accurate and deadly fire from his mortar platoon which greatly aided his company in repelling the enemy attack. His heroic conduct reflected high credit upon himself and the Armed Forces. Entered military service from ALBANY, NEW YORK.

Captain JACK P. ANCKER, 0516547, Field Artillery, United States Army, for heroic action against the enemy near Leck, Germany, as a member of the 376th Parachute Field Artillery Battalion on 24 March 1945. Captain ANCKER, having landed on a field covered by enemy small arms fire, led an attack which cleared the enemy from the field and then returned to assemble the personnel and material on the field. In an effort to join his Battalion,

he moved this group through an area occupied by hostile forces and twice deployed them in an attack to clear the route of enemy infantry. His actions were an inspiration to all who witnessed them and were in keeping with the highest traditions of the Airborne Forces of the United States Army. Entered military service from INDIANA.

Technical Sergeant AMADEO CASTAGNO, 20115472, Infantry, Army of the United States, for heroism in action against the enemy near Vossondal, Germany, as a member of the 504th Parachute Infantry on 12 October 1944. During a night attack Sergeant CASTAGNO's platoon was pinned down by intense automatic weapons fire. Alone, he silenced the nearest enemy machine gun, then deployed his remaining men into strategic positions from which they inflicted severe casualties on enemy outposts. Sergeant CASTAGNO then led a patrol to the flank of the town to draw fire away from six men who had been wounded and lay unprotected. His courage and calmness enabled all members of the platoon to return safely to their lines, together with six German prisoners who had been captured. His actions at this time reflect great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS.

V - AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL, FOR MERITORIOUS SERVICE

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order Number 9419, 4 February 1944 (See II Bul 3 WD 1944), and pursuant to authority in AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and Weekly Directive Number 38, Headquarters Army Ground Forces, 18 September 1945, a Bronze Star Medal for meritorious service not involving participation in aerial flight in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States during the period indicated is awarded the following-named personnel:

First Sergeant JESSIE E. JOHNSON, C283333, Field Artillery, United States Army, for meritorious service in action against the enemy in Normandy as a member of Battery "A", 319th Glider Field Artillery Battalion, from 6 June 1944 to 10 July 1944. Sergeant JOHNSON accepted and performed in an outstanding manner additional duties as Battery Executive Officer of his organization when casualties caused a serious shortage of officers. His complete devotion to duty and extraordinary judgment and ability greatly aided his unit in the accomplishment of its missions during the Normandy campaign. His actions under extremely adverse conditions were in accordance with the highest standards of the Military Service and reflected great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces.

First Lieutenant JAMES M. TOWNSEND, 0436305, Infantry, United States Army, for outstanding meritorious service in action against the enemy as a member of Headquarters Company, First Battalion, 517th Parachute Infantry from November 1944 to February 1945. Lieutenant TOWNSEND, although assigned as an 81 MM mortar platoon leader, voluntarily led several dangerous night patrols during the fighting in and around Hotton, Belgium. At Stavelot, Belgium, while forward observer with a rifle platoon, he aided in the capture of many enemy prisoners. During the Ardennes Campaign, Lieutenant TOWNSEND was commended for the high morale and spirit of his men, despite the extremely unfavorable weather conditions and depleted manpower of his platoon. His platoon was noted for its combat efficiency and was a large factor in the success of all the Battalion's missions. Entered military service from WILMINGTON, DELAWARE.

Captain GROVER J. SPRAGUE, 0439363, Medical Corps, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy as Battalion Surgeon of the 198d Glider Infantry Regiment and the 194th Glider Infantry Regiment from 20 December 1944 to 8 May 1945. During the operations of the 17th Airborne Division in Belgium and Germany, Captain SPRAGUE displayed a devotion to duty and disregard for his own personal safety that was an inspiration to the personnel of both battalions. His efforts to maintain a high standard of sanitation and medical care in displaced person camps were outstanding and reflected great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces. Entered military service from NEW YORK.

First Lieutenant WALTER I. MORELAND, 01692919, Infantry, Army of the United States, for meritorious service in action against the enemy in the European Theater of Operations as a member of the First Battalion, 517th Parachute Infantry Regiment from May 1944 to February 1945. As Platoon Sergeant on Mt. Pelicci and later at Grosssett, Lieutenant MORELAND (then Staff Sergeant) won the admiration and respect of all battalion personnel with his accurate direction of mortar fire. After the parachute jump into Southern France, he assumed command when his platoon leader was seriously injured. He organized the platoon, reached the Battalion objective and effectively repulsed three enemy counterattacks. The courage and combat efficiency exhibited by Lieutenant MORELAND was outstanding and served as an inspiration to the personnel of his platoon and company, thereby reflecting great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces. Entered military service from GOODING, IDAHO.

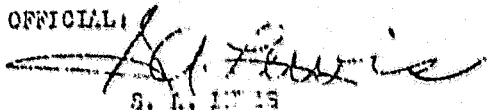
Second Lieutenant GORDON J. LIPPMAN, 02026356, Infantry, Army of the United States, for meritorious service in action against the enemy in the European Theater of Operations as a member of the First Battalion, 517th Parachute Infantry Regiment from May 1944 to February 1945. Lieutenant LIPPMAN (then Staff Sergeant) on numerous occasions displayed outstanding courage and leadership in combat. Although he operated almost continuously without a platoon leader, his judgment and initiative were highly commendable. Despite the loss of all but four of his original personnel during this period, he received and organized replacements and continued to perform with high combat efficiency, thereby playing a large part in the successful completion of all combat missions assigned to the Battalion. Entered military service from SOUTHGATE, CALIFORNIA.

Major DANTES A. YORK, 0366833, Field Artillery, Army of the United States, for meritorious service in operations against the enemy in the European Theater of Operations as a member of the 680th Glider Field Artillery Battalion from 15 October 1944 to 18 October 1944. Major YORK distinguished himself by developing an important Field Artillery aid for translating British forward observer soundings to United States forward observer soundings and vice versa. This device eliminated plotting of each sounding; thus saving a tremendous amount of time, and permitting British soundings to be fired by United States units with the same efficiency as United States soundings. This method, developed by Major YORK, was adopted by British artillery and served as an outstanding contribution toward increased efficiency of British and American artillery firing and support of the airborne crossing of the Rhine River, and was of material assistance in the completion of that mission. Entered the military service from ALABAMA.

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Fort Bragg, North Carolina

GENERAL ORDERS)

20 June 1946

NUMBER 22) ✓

- AWARD OF SILVER STAR MEDAL, FOR GALLANTRY IN ACTION, CORRECTION IN GENERAL ORDERS NUMBER 21 - - - - - I
- AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL, FOR HEROIC CONDUCT, CORRECTION IN GENERAL ORDERS NUMBER 21 - - - - - II
- AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL, FOR MERITORIOUS SERVICE, CORRECTION IN GENERAL ORDERS NUMBER 21 - - - - - III

I - AWARD OF SILVER STAR MEDAL, FOR GALLANTRY IN ACTION, CORRECTION IN GENERAL ORDERS NUMBER 21

Edg not amended

So much of Section II General Orders Number 21, this headquarters, 8 June 1946, as pertains to Captain WILLIAM Z. COTHAM, O414599, Signal Corps is amended to read Captain WILLIAM Z. COTHAM, O414599, Infantry.

II - AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL, FOR HEROIC CONDUCT, CORRECTION IN GENERAL ORDERS NUMBER 21

So much of Section IV General Orders Number 21, this headquarters, 8 June 1946, pertaining to Captain JACK P. ANCKER, O516547, as reads as a member of 376th Parachute Field Artillery Battalion is amended to read as a member of 680th Glider Field Artillery Battalion.

III - AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL, FOR MERITORIOUS SERVICE, CORRECTION IN GENERAL ORDERS NUMBER 21

Edg not amended

So much of Section V General Orders Number 21, this headquarters, 8 June 1946, as pertains to Major DANIEL A. YORK, O266833, as reads A Bronze Star Medal, is amended to read in addition to the Bronze Star Medal awarded by General Orders Number 36, headquarters 17th Airborne Division 10 May 1945 a Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster for Meritorious Service.

BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER GENERAL GANNAM:

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HEADQUARTERS 82D AIRBORNE DIVISION
Fort Bragg, North Carolina

GENERAL ORDERS)

25 September 1946

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SECTION

ANNOUNCEMENT OF AWARD OF THE FRENCH FOURRAGERE OF THE CROIX DE GUERRE 1939-1945-----I
CITATION IN FRENCH ARMY ORDERS, DECISION NO 159-----II
CITATION IN FRENCH ARMY ORDERS, DECISION NO 160-----III
AWARD OF FRENCH FOURRAGERE OF THE CROIX DE GUERRE 1939-1945. DECISION NO 161-----IV

I--ANNOUNCEMENT OF AWARD OF THE FRENCH FOURRAGERE
OF THE CROIX DE GUERRE 1939-1945.

1. Under the authority granted in paragraph 21, section b (4), AR 250-10, 25 October 1944, and 2nd Ind WDAGO (ACPD-H 200.6) (5 July 1946) to ltr this Hq AG 200.6, Subject: "Request for Authority to Issue Orders", 5 July 1946, announcement is made of the award to indicated units of the 82d Airborne Division of two citations with attribution of the Croix de Guerre with palm in French Army Orders, and authority to carry on their colors the Fourragere of the Croix de Guerre 1939-1945.

2. All personnel who were assigned to the cited units during the period of the two citations are authorized to wear the Fourragere of Croix de Guerre 1939-1945 as an individual decoration and a permanent part of the uniform as prescribed in AR 600-40. All other personnel assigned to the cited units may wear the Fourragere of the Croix de Guerre 1939-1945 so long as they remain assigned to the cited units.

3. Appropriate entry will be made in the service and similar records of all individuals authorized the French Fourragere of the Croix de Guerre 1939-1945 by personal right as prescribed by AR 600-45. Separated personnel may wear the Fourragere only if notified by the Adjutant General that they are authorized to wear the decoration.

4. A translation of the pertinent French Decrees is given in following sections of this order.

II--CITATION IN FRENCH ARMY ORDERS
DECISION NO 159

THE PRESIDENT OF THE PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT OF THE FRENCH REPUBLIC;
CITES IN THE ORDERS OF THE ARMY

Hq and Hq Company, 82d Airborne Division
325th Glider Infantry Regiment
505th Parachute Infantry Regiment
507th Parachute Infantry Regiment
508th Parachute Infantry Regiment
82d Airborne Signal Company
307th Airborne Medical Company
Hq and Hq Battery and Batteries "A", "B"
and "C", 30th Airborne Artillery Battalion
Companies "A" and "B" 307th Airborne
Engineer Battalion
Hq and Hq Battery, 82d Airborne Div Arty
319th Glider Field Artillery Battalion
320th Glider Field Artillery Battalion

Hq 82d Abn Div GO No 43 dtd 25 Sep 46 cont'd

Elite units of the 82d Airborne Division which so magnificently distinguished themselves by parachuting in FRANCE during the night of 5 to 6 June 1944.

Through the military skill and heroism of their fighting men, they succeeded in seizing the important objective of Ste Mere Eglise with very severe losses against stubborn resistance by the enemy, thus permitting the successful beach landing in force of the allied troops of liberation.

This citation carries the attribution of the Croix de Guerre with Palm.

PARIS, 6 April 1946

Signed: FELIX GOUIN

III---CITATION IN FRENCH ARMY ORDERS
DECISION NO 150

THE PRESIDENT OF THE PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT OF THE FRENCH REPUBLIC:
CITES IN THE ORDERS OF THE ARMY

Hq and Hq Company, 82d Airborne Division
325th Glider Infantry Regiment
505th Parachute Infantry Regiment
507th Parachute Infantry Regiment
508th Parachute Infantry Regiment
82d Airborne Signal Company
307th Airborne Medical Company
Hq and Hq Battery and Batteries "A", "B"
and "C", 80th Airborne AA Battalion
Companies "A" and "B", 307th Airborne
Engineer Battalion
Hq and Hq Battery 82d Airborne Div Arty
319th Glider Field Artillery Battalion
320th Glider Field Artillery Battalion

These magnificent units, famed for their heroism and the spirit of sacrifice of their fighting men, gave further proof of their superior military quality in the course of the Battle of NORMANDY.

Comprising that part of the 82d Airborne Division which had seized the road-
net and waterways commanding access to the landing beaches of the COTENTIN Penin-
sule, they sacrificed themselves without regard to cost on the MERDERET and DOUVE
rivers, at SAINT-SAVEUR LE VICOMTE and EPIENNEVILLE, from the 5th to the 20th of
June 1944 in containing German reinforcements which were infinitely superior in
numbers and firepower, forcing them to remain on the defensive and thus permit
the arrival of the main forces of the Allies.

This citation carries the attribution of the Croix de Guerre with Palm.

IV---AWARD OF THE FRENCH FOURRAGERE OF THE CROIX DE GUERRE 1939-1945
DECISION 161

WHEREAS Decision No. 150 of 5 April 1946 attributes the Croix de Guerre
with Palm to named units of the 82d Airborne Division, and
WHEREAS Decision No. 150 of 6 April 1945 attributes the Croix de Guerre
with Palm to named units of the 82d Airborne Division:

THE PRESIDENT OF THE PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT OF THE FRENCH REPUBLIC
DECREES:

Those units of the 82d Airborne Division hereafter named:

Hq 82d Abn Div GO 43 dtd 25 Sep 46 cont'd

Hq and Hq Company, 82d Airborne Division
325th Glider Infantry Regiment
505th Parachute Infantry Regiment
507th Parachute Infantry Regiment
508th Parachute Infantry Regiment
82d Airborne Signal Company
307th Airborne Medical Company
Hq and Hq Battery and Batteries "A", "B"
and "C", 80th Airborne AA Battalion
Companies "A" and "B" 307th Airborne
Engineer Battalion
Hq and Hq Battery, 82d Airborne Div Arty
319th Glider Field Artillery Battalion
320th Glider Field Artillery Battalion

Are authorized to carry on their co'ors the Fourragere of the Croix de
Guerre 1939-1945.

PARIS, 6 April 1946

Signed: FELIX GOUIN

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL GAVIN:

OFFICIAL:



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JAMES W. COUTTS
Colonel, GSO
Chief of Staff

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Fort Bragg, North Carolina

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NUMBER 23

25 April 1955

SECTION I

AWARD OF THE COMMENDATION RIBBON WITH METAL PENDANT

By direction of the Secretary of the Army, under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, the Commendation Ribbon with Metal Pendant for meritorious service during the period indicated is awarded to the following named enlisted men:

Master Sergeant MALCOLM E. CROSIER RA6663237, Infantry, 325th Airborne Infantry, United States Army. 20 June 1953 to 15 April 1955.

Master Sergeant ANDY J. FOWLER RA34717396, Artillery, 98th Airborne Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. 27 March 1953 to 15 November 1954.

Master Sergeant ROBERT P. GALAVOTTI RA31371442, Medical Corps, 505th Airborne Infantry, United States Army. 17 September 1952 to 8 December 1954.

Master Sergeant ODEER P. LOWELL RA31317539, Infantry, 505th Airborne Infantry, United States Army. 8 June 1948 to 30 September 1952.

Master Sergeant GEORGE D. KETCHUM RA36838484, Artillery, 376th Airborne Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. 11 September 1950 to 1 November 1954.

Master Sergeant EDWARD MARTIN RA15055751, Artillery, Headquarters Battery, 82d Airborne Division Artillery, United States Army. 1 January 1954 to 31 December 1954.

Sergeant First Class ELIZA M. FITZPATRICK RA34074697, Infantry, 82d Replacement Company, United States Army. 1 March 1954 to 1 March 1955.

Sergeant First Class FAYTON D. PARKER RA93040269, Infantry, 505th Airborne Infantry, United States Army. 10 October 1950 to 9 December 1954.

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Sergeant First Class ROBERT D. PATTERSON RA13181815, Infantry, 82d Airborne Quartermaster Company, United States Army. 1 March 1954 to 1 March 1955.

Sergeant First Class BURL Q. SUMLIN RA14086625, Infantry, 505th Airborne Infantry, United States Army. 1 December 1953 to 7 December 1954.

Sergeant First Class HARRY C. THARP RA13255672, Infantry, 325th Airborne Infantry, United States Army. 15 November 1953 to 23 March 1955.

Sergeant First Class JACK B. TROW RA17192604, Infantry, 505th Airborne Infantry, United States Army. 15 December 1954 to 14 March 1955.

Sergeant DOUGLAS L. WILLIAMS US54125564, Infantry, 325th Airborne Infantry, United States Army. 20 October 1953 to 14 April 1955.

SECTION II

AWARD OF THE GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

Pursuant to the authority contained in AR 672-15 the Good Conduct Medal for exemplary behavior, efficiency, and fidelity during the period indicated is awarded to the following named enlisted men:

Sergeant LAWRENCE E. BARBER RA11246117, Military Police Corps, 82d Airborne Military Police Company, United States Army. 21 May 1952 to 25 April 1955.

Sergeant EDWIN L. CLEMENTS RA18407486, Infantry, Headquarters Company, 82d Airborne Division, United States Army. 16 January 1952 to 25 April 1955.

Sergeant RAYMOND T. EPPINGER US51251572, Infantry, Headquarters Detachment, 82d Airborne Division, United States Army. 8 May 1953 to 25 April 1955.

Sergeant ALAN L. OLSON RA17352415, Infantry, Headquarters Company, 82d Airborne Division, United States Army. 15 January 1952 to 25 April 1955.

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Sergeant ROBERT E. TAGGART RA19434338, Infantry, Anti-Tank Platoon, 82d Airborne Division, United States Army. 6 May 1952 to 25 April 1955.

Corporal RICHARD J. BARRY RA11253009, Military Police Corps, 82d Airborne Military Police Company, United States Army. 26 May 1952 to 25 April 1955.

Corporal GUY W. BLOOMFIELD RA15479838, Military Police Corps, 82d Airborne Military Police Company, United States Army. 26 May 1952 to 25 April 1955.

Corporal HUNTER W. BIRCKHEAD US52307174, Military Police Corps, 82d Airborne Military Police Company, United States Army. 23 July 1953 to 25 April 1955.

Corporal ROBERT M. BLOMILEY US55430704, Infantry, Headquarters Detachment, 82d Airborne Division, United States Army. 1 September 1953 to 25 April 1955.

Corporal JAMES L. BOVITZ US51278438, Infantry, Headquarters Detachment, 82d Airborne Division, United States Army. 4 August 1953 to 25 April 1955.

Corporal WILLIAM S. BRUNELL US51269543, Infantry, Headquarters Detachment, 82d Airborne Division, United States Army. 21 July 1953 to 25 April 1955.

Corporal DONALD L. CAMPBELL US52311722, Signal Corps, 82d Airborne Signal Company, United States Army. 21 May 1953 to 25 April 1955.

Corporal MELVILLE W. CAMPBELL US56217687, Infantry, Headquarters Detachment, 82d Airborne Division, United States Army. 24 August 1953 to 25 April 1955.

Corporal HUGHIE L. COLLIER RA14473901, Military Police Corps, 82d Airborne Military Police Company, United States Army. 19 May 1952 to 25 April 1955.

Corporal THEODORE F. COPELAND, JR. US25696253, Signal Corps, 82d Airborne Signal Company, United States Army. 19 August 1953 to 25 April 1955.

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Corporal PELLEGRINO DIMARCO US52280749, Infantry, 82d Airborne Reconnaissance Company, United States Army. 27 May 1953 to 25 April 1955.

Corporal JAMES T. GALLAGHER US52312476, Infantry, 82d Airborne Reconnaissance Company, United States Army. 28 May 1953 to 25 April 1955.

Corporal NORMAN C. GROSMAN US51278365, Infantry, Headquarters Detachment, 82d Airborne Division, United States Army. 27 July 1953 to 25 April 1955.

Corporal JAMES A. GOULD US56193542, Signal Corps, 82d Airborne Signal Company, United States Army. 27 May 1953 to 25 April 1955.

Corporal DWAIN HAAGENSTAD US27777548, Infantry, 82d Airborne Reconnaissance Company, United States Army. 8 June 1953 to 25 April 1955.

Corporal WILLIAM E. HINDS US56221910, Signal Corps, 82d Airborne Signal Company, United States Army. 13 August 1953 to 25 April 1955.

Corporal RICHARD D. HOLLINGSWORTH US55423519, Quartermaster Corps, 407th Airborne Quartermaster Company, United States Army. 2 June 1953 to 25 April 1955.

Corporal GARRICK D. HUTCHINGS US53197869, Signal Corps, 82d Airborne Signal Company, United States Army. 22 June 1953 to 25 April 1955.

Corporal DONALD L. JOHNSON US55405632, Signal Corps, 82d Airborne Signal Company, United States Army. 27 August 1953 to 25 April 1955.

Corporal GEORGE E. JONES US53186351, Military Police Corps, 82d Airborne Military Police Company, United States Army. 4 May 1953 to 25 April 1955.

Corporal RAYMOND J. LUNEMANN US55349174, Infantry, Headquarters Detachment, 82d Airborne Division, United States Army. 22 May 1953 to 25 April 1955.

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Corporal ERNEST KEMPTHORNE US55400233, Infantry, 82d Airborne Reconnaissance Company, United States Army. 9 June 1953 to 25 April 1955.

Corporal CHARLES J. LAFOLLETTE US51272763, Infantry, Headquarters Detachment, 82d Airborne Division, United States Army. 28 July 1953 to 25 April 1955.

Corporal RICHARD E. LARSEN US55391304, Infantry, 82d Airborne Reconnaissance Company, United States Army. 8 June 1953 to 25 April 1955.

Corporal FRANKLIN D. LIEBENTHAL US52303761, Signal Corps, 82d Airborne Signal Company, United States Army. 26 May 1953 to 25 April 1955.

Corporal CARL F. LINDSAY US55399432, Infantry, 82d Replacement Company, United States Army. 20 May 1953 to 25 April 1955.

Corporal GALE M. LINN US55407912, Infantry, 82d Airborne Reconnaissance Company, United States Army. 9 June 1953 to 25 April 1955.

Corporal ROBERT E. MAGNESS US54131234, Signal Corps, 82d Airborne Signal Company, United States Army. 29 July 1953 to 25 April 1955.

Corporal WIS S. MANTIS US55424608, Infantry, 82d Airborne Reconnaissance Company, United States Army. 9 June 1953 to 25 April 1955.

Corporal ROBERT L. MCKENNEY US55349100, Military Police Corps, 82d Airborne Military Police Company, United States Army. 22 May 1953 to 25 April 1955.

Corporal JOHN T. MCMAHUS US51259318, Signal Corps, 82d Airborne Signal Company, United States Army. 28 July 1953 to 25 April 1955.

Corporal DONALD R. MILLBRANTZ US55422605, Infantry, 82d Airborne Reconnaissance Company, United States Army. 9 June 1953 to 25 April 1955.

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Corporal DAVID T. MYERS US53191300, Signal Corps, 82d Airborne Signal Company, United States Army. 28 May 1953 to 25 April 1955.

Corporal JAMES R. NICHOLS US55423641, Infantry, 82d Airborne Reconnaissance Company, United States Army. 9 June 1953 to 25 April 1955.

Corporal ERICH O. PAVEL, JR. US51216928, Signal Corps, 82d Airborne Signal Company, United States Army. 17 July 1953 to 25 April 1955.

Corporal JAMES E. PIPKIN US53204615, Infantry, 82d Replacement Company, United States Army. 13 August 1953 to 25 April 1955.

Corporal VIRGIL J. POWALA US52312030, Infantry, Headquarters Detachment, 82d Airborne Division, United States Army. 26 May 1953 to 25 April 1955.

Corporal DONALD E. REBER US52201207, Infantry, Headquarters Detachment, 82d Airborne Division, United States Army. 15 July 1953 to 25 April 1955.

Corporal HAROLD E. RECTOR US55300421, Military Police Corps, 82d Airborne Military Police Company, United States Army. 10 July 1953 to 25 April 1955.

Corporal HUGH J. REDDICK US54120540, Infantry, 82d Airborne Reconnaissance Company, United States Army. 24 June 1953 to 25 April 1955.

Corporal PIERRE H. RUSS US51264553, Infantry, Headquarters Detachment, 82d Airborne Division, United States Army. 25 May 1953 to 25 April 1955.

Corporal DAVID A. SAUERS US52310023, Military Police Corps, 82d Airborne Military Police Company, United States Army. 7 May 1953 to 25 April 1955.

Corporal DONALD J. SHULICK US55360907, Infantry, 82d Replacement Company, United States Army. 5 May 1953 to 25 April 1955.

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Corporal RONALD E. SMITH US52333860, Signal Corps, 82d Airborne Signal Company, United States Army. 30 July 1953 to 25 April 1955.

Corporal SILAS W. STANFIELD US54137628, Signal Corps, 82d Airborne Signal Company, United States Army. 29 July 1953 to 25 April 1955.

Corporal JAY R. STEYERT US52288373, Military Police Corps, 82d Airborne Military Police Company, United States Army. 11 May 1953 to 25 April 1955.

Corporal DENNIS J. STRIPLING US55387040, Signal Corps, 82d Airborne Signal Company, United States Army. 10 August 1953 to 25 April 1955.

Corporal AGILA A. TCUNGER US56138229, Infantry, Headquarters Detachment, 82d Airborne Division, United States Army. 14 August 1953 to 25 April 1955.

Corporal JAMES E. TURNER US59187302, Infantry, 82d Airborne Reconnaissance Company, United States Army. 22 May 1953 to 25 April 1955.

Corporal DONALD H. VAN LCC US55370274, Infantry, Headquarters Detachment, 82d Airborne Division, United States Army. 11 May 1953 to 25 April 1955.

Corporal ROBERT E. WAGGNER US56407837, Infantry, Headquarters Detachment, 82d Airborne Division, United States Army. 25 August 1953 to 25 April 1955.

Corporal JAMES K. WARD RA13429045, Military Police Corps, 82d Airborne Military Police Company, United States Army. 14 May 1953 to 25 April 1955.

Corporal DONALD S. WASTABAUGH US52281831, Signal Corps, 82d Airborne Signal Company, United States Army. 17 June 1953 to 25 April 1955.

Corporal CARL G. WASHBURN US52395931, Signal Corps, 82d Airborne Signal Company, United States Army. 10 June 1953 to 25 April 1955.

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Corporal DAVID L. WHEELER US52 10153, Signal Corps, 82d Airborne Signal Company, United States Army. 26 May 1953 to 25 April 1955.

Corporal GLENN I. WILSON US54138109, Infantry, Headquarters Detachment, 82d Airborne Division, United States Army. 1 September 1953 to 25 April 1955.

Corporal JOHN L. WINEBURNER US55424620, Infantry, 82d Airborne Reconnaissance Company, United States Army. 9 June 1953 to 25 April 1955.

Private First Class CLEVELAND E. BLUE US53188904, Signal Corps, 82d Airborne Signal Company, United States Army. 15 June 1953 to 25 April 1955.

Private First Class ROBERT C. CLINE US51271668, Quartermaster Corps, 407th Airborne Quartermaster Company, United States Army. 1 July 1953 to 25 April 1955.

Private First Class GEORGE W. ENRICK US52333744, Military Police Corps, 82d Airborne Military Police Company, United States Army. 23 July 1953 to 25 April 1955.

Private First Class WILLIAM G. GIBERSON US51278493, Signal Corps, 82d Airborne Signal Company, United States Army. 5 August 1953 to 25 April 1955.

Private First Class JOHN WARDING, JR. US52334456, Infantry, 82d Airborne Reconnaissance Company, United States Army. 25 August 1953 to 25 April 1955.

Private First Class DAVID A. HARRIS US53192280, Military Police Corps, 82d Airborne Military Police Company, United States Army. 21 May 1953 to 25 April 1955.

Private First Class RICHARD A. KENNEDY US55404633, Quartermaster Corps, 407th Airborne Quartermaster Company, United States Army. 4 August 1953 to 25 April 1955.

Private First Class BERNARD F. KENYON US55404638, Quartermaster Corps, 407th Airborne Quartermaster Company, United States Army. 4 August 1953 to 25 April 1955.

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Private First Class EUGENE W. MCKEE US55419158, Quartermaster Corps, 407th Airborne Quartermaster Company, United States Army. 5 August 1953 to 25 April 1955.

Private First Class MELVIN C. NEUKAM US55419417, Quartermaster Corps, 407th Airborne Quartermaster Company, United States Army. 20 August 1953 to 25 April 1955.

Private First Class GLENN H. NIMME US52302701, Quartermaster Corps, 407th Airborne Quartermaster Company, United States Army. 4 August 1953 to 25 April 1955.

Private First Class HARRY D. OWENS RA35888750, Infantry, 82d Airborne Reconnaissance Company, United States Army. 20 July 1954 to 25 April 1955.

Private First Class ELMER J. PORTER US52313814, Signal Corps, 82d Airborne Signal Company, United States Army. 21 July 1953 to 25 April 1955.

Private First Class MARVIN C. SMITH, JR. US24787121, Infantry, 82d Replacement Company, United States Army. 11 August 1953 to 25 April 1955.

Private First Class DONALD E. SPENCER US53196659, Signal Corps, 82d Airborne Signal Company, United States Army. 14 July 1953 to 25 April 1955.

Private First Class WILLIAM P. STUETTGEN, JR. US55430715, Quartermaster Corps, 407th Airborne Quartermaster Company, United States Army. 1 September 1953 to 25 April 1955.

Private First Class KENNETH E. WILBER, JR. RA12444455, Infantry, Anti-Tank Platoon, 82d Airborne Division, United States Army. 11 May 1953 to 25 April 1955.

Private First Class EDWARD R. WILLIAMS US52343564, Signal Corps, 82d Airborne Signal Company, United States Army. 16 June 1953 to 25 April 1955.

Private First Class JODY D. WILLIAMSON US53200511, Signal Corps, 82d Airborne Signal Company, United States Army. 16 July 1953 to 25 April 1955.

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Private-2 DANIEL A. ANGELUS US55424633, Signal Corps, 82d Airborne Signal Company, United States Army. 10 June 1953 to 25 April 1955.

Private-2 ROBERT J. SPROAT US52333563, Signal Corps, 82d Airborne Signal Company, United States Army. 16 July 1953 to 25 April 1955.

Private-2 DELBERT J. VAYDER US56219058, Signal Corps, 82d Airborne Signal Company, United States Army. 6 May 1953 to 25 April 1955.

SECTION III

AWARD OF THE CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT

Under the provisions of Memorandum Number 39, Headquarters 82d Airborne Division, dated 22 May 1954, the Certificate of Achievement is awarded to the following named officers and enlisted men:

Captain ROBERT E. HIGGINS 0971731, Infantry, Headquarters Company, 82d Airborne Division, United States Army, rendered exceptionally meritorious service as Committee Chief, Aerial Delivery Committee, 82d Airborne Division, during the period from 1 July 1954 to 1 April 1955. His knowledge and exceptional efficiency in aerial delivery techniques was demonstrated by his ability to obtain the wholehearted cooperation and respect of both commanders and subordinates alike. By his professional knowledge, diligence, unfailing exercises of initiative and attention to duty, he has performed his duties in a highly commendable manner. The quality of his work reflects great credit upon himself and the service.

Captain JOHN H. SAWYER 01334745, Armor, 44th Tank Battalion, United States Army, rendered meritorious service as Battalion Adjutant during the period 28 March 1953 to 1 December 1954. Through his leadership and organizational ability he achieved and maintained a high standard of administrative and operational standards with the battalion. Captain SAWYER's outstanding personal conduct, enthusiasm and his ability to obtain the wholehearted cooperation and respect of both commanders and subordinates alike, reflects great credit on himself and upon the military service.

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First Lieutenant ROBERT T. ALLISON 01926836, Infantry, Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 504th Airborne Infantry, United States Army, rendered exceptionally meritorious service as platoon leader during the period 25 March 1953 to 17 January 1954, and as Battalion Motor Officer from 9 February 1954 to 17 March 1954. By his admirable technique, impeccable supervision, complete cooperation and devotion to duty, he achieved respect and admiration from his superiors and subordinates alike, which is in keeping with the highest standards of the 504th Airborne Infantry. This reflects great credit on himself, his unit, and upon the military service.

Warrant Officer Junior Grade ALLAN B. CROKE W2147462, Army of the United States (Quartermaster Corps) rendered meritorious service as battalion S-4, 319th Airborne Field Artillery Battalion during the period 13 April 1953 to 17 November 1954. By his professional knowledge, diligence, unflinching exercise of initiative and attention to detail, he has performed his duties, in a highly commendable manner. His efforts to improve the supply situation within the battalion contributed to the successful accomplishment of many tasks that have faced the unit. The quality of his work reflects great credit upon himself and the service.

Sergeant JOHN L. JEFFERS RA19472772, Infantry, 325th Airborne Infantry, United States Army, rendered exceptionally meritorious service during the month of February 1955. By his unflinching devotion to duty, attention to details and immaculate soldierly appearance, Sergeant JEFFERS was chosen "Soldier of the Month" of the 82d Airborne Division, for the month of February 1955. Only through rigid self discipline and strong desire to be the "Best" did Sergeant JEFFERS achieve this marked distinction. The true meaning of the word "Soldier" is personified by Sergeant JEFFERS and brought into full focus by his actions in achieving the title of the "Most Outstanding Soldier" of the 82d Airborne Division. Sergeant JEFFERS' diligence and devotion to duty reflect credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class LAWRENCE J. NELSON RA17382311, Infantry, 504th Airborne Infantry, distinguished himself and his unit as Private of the Guard, Fort Bragg Interior Guard on 22 March 1955. By his courage, mental alertness, and attention to duty, Private First Class NELSON captured a prisoner that had escaped from the Post Stockade, and returned him to military control. His keen evaluation of the problem at hand, and his quick response to bring into action the result of his military

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training, was in keeping with the highest traditions of the 82d Airborne Division and the military service.

SECTION IV

AMENDMENT OF GENERAL ORDERS

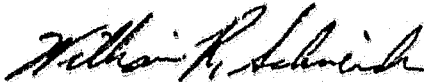
General Orders Number 20, this headquarters, dated 28 March 1955 is amended to add:

"7. Memorandum Number 91, this headquarters, dated 29 October 1954 is rescinded."

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL FARRELL:

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NATHANIEL R. HOSKOT
Colonel, GS
Chief of Staff



WILLIAM R. SCHNEIDER
1st Lt, AGC
Asst Adj Gen

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HEADQUARTERS 82D AIRBORNE DIVISION
Fort Bragg, North Carolina

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3 May 1955

AWARD OF THE COMMENDATION RIBBON WITH METAL PENDANT

By direction of the Secretary of the Army, under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, the Commendation Ribbon with Metal Pendant for meritorious service during the period indicated is awarded to the following named officer:

First Lieutenant WESLEY C. SCARBCROUGE 060916, Adjutant General's Corps, Headquarters 82d Airborne Division, United States Army. 10 July 1953 to 27 April 1955.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL FARRELL:

OFFICIAL:

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APG 472, U. S. Army
3 January 1945

Award of Silver Star	-----	Section I
Award of Silver Star (posthumous)	-----	Section II
Award of Bronze Star	-----	Section III
Award of Bronze Star (posthumous)	-----	Section IV

I - AWARD OF SILVER STAR -- Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, and pursuant to authority set forth in Circular Number 6, Third United States Army, dated 26 April 1944, the Silver Star is awarded to the following named personnel for gallantry in action against the enemy in Belgium:

COLONEL WILLIAM L. ROBERTS, O 597, 4th Armored Division, while serving with the Army of the United States, distinguished himself by gallantry in action. During the period 20 - 27 December 1944, Colonel Roberts and his command were attached to the 1st Airborne Division during the siege of Bastogne, Belgium. The capture of this point was essential to the successful expansion of the enemy breakthrough of 16 December 1944. The city was completely surrounded by five enemy divisions who were attempting to destroy the defenders. With complete disregard for his personal safety, Colonel Roberts continuously exposed himself to enemy bombing, strafing, armored and infantry attacks in order to direct the operations of his forces. His courage, aggressiveness and gallant leadership contributed greatly to the successful defense of the city. His actions were in accordance with the highest standards of the military service. Entered military service from West Virginia.

LIEUTENANT COLONEL CLIFFORD TEMPLETON, O 260 665, 4th Tank Destroyer Battalion, while serving with the Army of the United States, distinguished himself by gallantry in action. During the period 20 - 27 December 1944, Lieutenant Colonel Templeton and his command were attached to the 1st Airborne Division during the siege of Bastogne, Belgium. The city was completely surrounded by five enemy divisions who were attempting to destroy the defenders. With complete disregard for his personal safety, Lieutenant Colonel Templeton continuously exposed himself to enemy bombing, strafing, armored and infantry attacks in order to direct the operation of his forces. His courage, aggressiveness and gallant leadership contributed greatly to the successful defense of the city. His actions were in accordance with the highest standards of the military service. Entered military service from Illinois.

Revised Award by G.O.A. 20 - 3 Nov 45
LIEUTENANT COLONEL WILLIAM E. HARTMAN, O 309 525, Field Artillery, while serving with the Army of the United States, distinguished himself by gallantry in action. During the period 20 - 27 December 1944, Lieutenant Colonel Hartman was in command of the 1st Field Artillery Battalion in support of the 1st Airborne Division during the siege of Bastogne, Belgium. Five enemy divisions were besieging the forces defending the city and were exerting heavy armored and infantry pressure on all points of the perimeter defense. Enemy penetrations of the front line infantry units caused Lieutenant Colonel Hartman's gun positions to be seriously threatened. By his outstanding leadership and courage, he utilized his men and stragglers from other units as infantry and maintained the defense of his battalion area. On one occasion enemy tanks penetrated his gun positions. Lieutenant Colonel Hartman personally led his men in repelling the enemy infantry following the tanks and continued supporting fire with his artillery while friendly tank destroyers repelled the enemy tanks. By his personal example of courage and determination, Lieutenant Colonel Hartman maintained the fighting efficiency of his battalion and provided supporting artillery fire through out the entire critical period. His actions were in accordance with the highest standards of the military service. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

CAPTAIN GILBERT E. OLSON, O 328 490, Field Artillery, while serving with the Army of the United States, distinguished himself by gallantry in action. On 23 December 1944, in the vicinity of Sennechaeyse, Belgium, his battery was subjected to intense enemy artillery fire which made a direct hit on an M-7 tank. Although the entire area was under heavy mortar and artillery fire,

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Captain Olesen traveled several hundred yards to the burning tank. Fully aware of the danger of exploding ammunition and enemy fire, he climbed up the side of the tank in an attempt to rescue the crew members. The explosion of a round of ammunition knocked him from the tank, inflicting wounds to his ear and face. He immediately returned to the tank and continued his valiant efforts to rescue the men inside. The courage and disregard for personal safety of Captain Olesen was an inspiration to all in his command. His actions were in accordance with the highest standards of the military service. Entered military service from Illinois.

FIRST LIEUTENANT EMMETT H. GRIGG, CI 320 318, Armored Infantry, while serving with the Army of the United States, distinguished himself by gallantry in action. On 19 and 20 December 1944, in the vicinity of Noville, Belgium, the enemy was attacking with tanks and armored infantry pushing through the defense line established by Lieutenant Grigg's unit. During the two days which this fight lasted, Lieutenant Grigg deployed his platoon and held it in place in spite of the fact that it was overrun by enemy tanks. By his heroic actions he inspired his men to hold their ground to meet the infantry which followed the tank assault. Using machine guns and rocket launchers, his men were able to retard the enemy attack until a stronger defense was established by stronger friendly forces. During the course of this action, Lieutenant Grigg was seriously wounded, and more than half of his platoon was lost due to the intense fire of the enemy. He proved himself a credit to his organization and was an inspiration to all those who served with him. His actions were in accordance with the highest standards of the military service. Entered military service from Georgia.

Org. amend by P.O. #37 - 8 Apr. 45 *609 Tank Destroyer*
FIRST LIEUTENANT DAVID K. HAGENS, OI 157 876, ~~Armored Field Artillery~~, while serving with the Army of the United States, distinguished himself by gallantry in action. On 19 December 1944 he was in command of his tank destroyer platoon engaged in defending the town of Noville, Belgium, a key point in the defense of Bastogne. By skillfully maneuvering his platoon in the streets of the town, Lieutenant Hagens succeeded in repelling every attempt by the enemy to penetrate his defense and knocked out six enemy tanks without the loss of a single tank destroyer. On 20 December 1944, the enemy launched a stronger attack with a large number of tanks and seriously threatened the success of the entire defense of Bastogne. Continually exposing himself to very heavy enemy artillery, mortar, tank, and machine gun fire, Lieutenant Hagens efficiently directed the fire of his men and the movement of their guns, leading his men in a counterattack which saved the town from being overrun. The superior leadership, aggressiveness, and skill of Lieutenant Hagens were an inspiration to all in his command and contributed greatly to the successful defeat of the enemy in that sector. His actions were in accordance with the highest standards of the military service. Entered military service from Michigan.

Technician Fifth Grade Philip V. DeLaughter, 38 275 411, Armored Infantry, while serving with the Army of the United States, distinguished himself by gallantry in action. On 24 December 1944, in the vicinity of Bastogne, Belgium, a Sherman M-4 tank was struck and set afire by an enemy 88mm shell. The wounded crew, upon dismounting, were brought under heavy machine gun fire. Learning that the medical quarter-ton truck was elsewhere evacuating the wounded, Technician Fifth Grade DeLaughter took his quarter-ton truck and, with complete disregard for his personal safety and under direct observation of the enemy, evacuated the wounded men lying near the burning and exploding tank. With deliberate and methodical movements, yet exerting the utmost care to ease the pain of the wounded, he placed the wounded in his truck and evacuated them from the field to immediate medical aid. By his courage and initiative he greatly aided in saving the lives of his comrades. His actions were in accordance with the highest standards of the military service. Entered military service from Oklahoma.

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Private First Class Robert Long, 34 372 655, Field Artillery, while serving with the Army of the United States, distinguished himself by gallantry in action. On 21 December 1944, in the vicinity of Villeroux, Belgium, he was with his section when it was attacked by enemy tanks and infantry. The entire area was subjected to intense enemy mortar, machine gun and small arms fire and the force of the enemy attack threatened to overrun the battery position. Private First Class Long sighted a group of the enemy entering the house where his section was located. With complete disregard for his personal safety, he advanced with his carbine and killed one officer and one enlisted man and forced nine others to surrender. The valor and courage displayed by Private First Class Long resulted in protecting the right flank of his battery's position. His actions were in accordance with the highest standards of the military service. Entered military service from Tennessee.

Private First Class Virgil Tipton, 35 668 420, Armored Infantry, while serving with the Army of the United States, distinguished himself by gallantry in action. On 20 December 1944, during the siege of Bastogne, Belgium, he was a member of an assault gun platoon located in a defensive position in the town of Neville, Belgium. All the members of the section, including the platoon leader, had become casualties with the exception of Private First Class Tipton and one other member of the platoon. Remaining in their position, Private First Class Tipton and his comrades repelled innumerable attacks by enemy tanks and infantry, assisted in the destruction of four enemy tanks and accounted for many enemy casualties. When ordered to withdraw, Private First Class Tipton made a daring attempt to withdraw his tank through a force of the enemy who had infiltrated through the position, but the tank was knocked out. His outstanding courage and aggressiveness were an inspiration to his comrades and aided in holding off a strong enemy force. His actions were in accordance with the highest standards of the military service. Entered military service from Kentucky.

II - AWARD OF SILVER STAR (Posthumous) -- Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, and pursuant to authority contained in Circular Number 6, Third United States Army, dated 26 April 1944, the Silver Star is awarded posthumously to the following named officer for gallantry in action against the enemy in Belgium:

✓ FIRST LIEUTENANT WILLIAM SCHNIECK, 259 461, Armored Infantry, while serving with the Army of the United States, distinguished himself by gallantry in action. On 20 December 1944, in the vicinity of Neville, Belgium, he discovered that the ammunition for his assault gun was depleted. With out hesitation and with complete disregard for his personal safety, Lieutenant Schnieck secured a recoil launcher and took up a position in a ditch to await the incoming tanks attacking the vital defenses of the village. He fired two rounds at a close range stopping the lead tank and knocked it out with the third round. However, by this action he exposed his position and was mortally wounded by machine gun fire from the second tank. By his devotion to duty, daring courage, and exemplary leadership, Lieutenant Schnieck aided materially in retarding the attack and preserving the defenses of Neville. His actions were in accordance with the highest standards of the military service. Entered military service from Ohio.

III - AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL -- Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, and pursuant to authority contained in Circular Number 6, Third United States Army, dated 26 April 1944, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following named personnel for heroic achievement in action against the enemy in Belgium:

✓ CAPTAIN WILLIAM G. BISCHOFF, 01 169 027, Field Artillery, while serving with the Army of the United States, distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action. On 26 December 1944, in the vicinity of Bastogne, Belgium, his unit was subjected to a heavy enemy artillery concentration, as a result of which all battalion wire communication was cut off. Captain Bischoff, with complete disregard for his personal safety, with other men attempted to re-establish the wire communication. Walking and crawling through ditches and across fields

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checking, splicing and putting in new wire, he succeeded in re-establishing communications. This action was accomplished under heavy enemy artillery and small arms fire, and enabled the battalion to continue its mission. His actions were in accordance with the highest standards of the military service. Entered military service from New Jersey.

CAPTAIN JAMES R. LANE, O 409 673, Field Artillery, while serving with the Army of the United States, distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action. On 23 December 1944, in the vicinity of Sennechamps, Belgium, he organized and led a force composed of badly shaken up tank men and infantry men. He successfully welded this heterogeneous group together for the defense of the southern sector of his battalion position against strong enemy attacks. Under intense artillery fire, Captain Lane displayed a high degree of initiative and leadership in getting the men back in the line and urging them. He enabled them to regain their self-confidence. His actions were in accordance with the highest standards of the military service. Entered military service from Texas.

FIRST LIEUTENANT RALPH O. SMOEL, O1 011 667, Armored Infantry, while serving with the Army of the United States, distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action. On 19 and 20 December 1944, in the vicinity of Neville, Belgium, his platoon was in position south of the village. Due to heavy fog, it was impossible to establish a normal observation point. In order to get the required observation, Lieutenant Samuel moved to a front line position, where, under heavy tank, mortar, machine gun, and small arms fire, he directed the fire of his mortars. On no occasion, in spite of the fact that his observation point had been overrun by enemy tanks, he remained at his post and directed fire on troop concentrations which were forming for an attack behind the tanks. The accuracy of Lieutenant Samuel's adjustment repelled the enemy infantry which would have entered the village. His actions were in accordance with the highest standards of the military service. Entered military service from New York.

SECOND LIEUTENANT GEORGE C. RICE, O1 311 332, Armored Infantry, while serving with the Army of the United States, distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action. During the period 19 December 1944 to 2 January 1945, his unit was engaged in the defense of the town of Neville, Belgium. On the success of this defense depended the defense of Bastogne. Through out the action enemy tanks and infantry attacked relentlessly, forcing the defenders to expend large amounts of ammunition. As the action progressed, a serious shortage of ammunition occurred. Despite direct enemy tank fire, Lieutenant Rice made repeated trips to rear areas in order to obtain ammunition and other vitally needed supplies. Through the keen foresight and courage of Lieutenant Rice, his unit and other units who were engaged in the fighting in that sector were constantly supplied with sufficient quantities of ammunition and other essential items. His actions were in accordance with the highest standards of the military service. Entered military service from Illinois.

Staff Sergeant Sidney D. Carmine, 33 529 141, Armored Infantry, while serving with the Army of the United States, distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action. On 20 December 1944 the town of Neville, Belgium was surrounded by the enemy and was subjected to attacks from three sides. An enemy tank, advancing down the street, stopped in front of his company's command post. Staff Sergeant Carmine, with complete disregard for his personal safety, exposed himself to enemy small arms, machine gun, and 88mm fire in order to fire his rocket launcher at the enemy armor. The fire from his rocket launcher forced the enemy tank to back into a half-track, thereby preventing its withdrawal and presenting an excellent target for a friendly tank which destroyed the enemy vehicle. His actions were in accordance with the highest standards of the military service. Entered military service from Virginia.

Staff Sergeant Stephen B. Kruger, 31 228 143, Armored Infantry, while serving with the Army of the United States, distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action. On 19 December 1944, in the vicinity of Neville, Belgium, during an enemy counterattack, three enlisted men were seriously wounded. Staff

Sergeant Kruger, with complete disregard for his personal safety, advanced over open ground covered by heavy enemy artillery and small arms fire and carried the wounded men to safety. This action was performed in daylight, under direct observation of the enemy. His courage and unselfish devotion to the welfare of his comrades materially aided in saving the lives of the wounded men. His actions were in accordance with the highest standards of the military service. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

Staff Sergeant Thomas F. McGuire, 20 214 445, Field Artillery, while serving with the Army of the United States, distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action. On 26 December 1944, in the vicinity of Bastogne, Belgium, his unit was subjected to a heavy enemy artillery concentration, as a result of which all battalion wire communication was cut off. Staff Sergeant McGuire, with complete disregard for his personal safety, with another man attempted to re-establish the wire communication. Walking and crawling through ditches and across fields chacking, splicing and putting in new wire, he succeeded in re-establishing communications. This action was accomplished under heavy enemy artillery and small arms fire, and enabled the battalion to continue its mission. His actions were in accordance with the highest standards of the military service. Entered military service from New York.

Corporal James W. Verrat, 38 485 411, Field Artillery, while serving with the Army of the United States, distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action. On 21 December 1944, in the vicinity of Villersoux, Belgium, he left his place of comparative safety to crawl across a field swept by a stream of machine gun fire to evacuate an officer who was seriously wounded when an enemy attack by tanks and infantry threatened to overrun his position. Later, he raced across the field again to aid a machine gunner on the right flank of his unit who was firing his machine gun alone. Corporal Verrat remained with the machine gunner, firing with deadly effect upon the enemy until the regular machine gunner was wounded and the gun itself partially disabled. His actions were in accordance with the highest standards of the military service. Entered military service from Louisiana.

Private First Class John J. Garrity, 13 187 124, Armored Infantry, while serving with the Army of the United States, distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action. On 19 December 1944, in the vicinity of Neville, Belgium, the enemy launched a strong counterattack on the positions of his unit. Seeing a wounded comrade lying in an exposed position, Private First Class Garrity, with complete disregard for his personal safety, went forward under intense enemy fire and evacuated the wounded man to a position of comparative safety where he could receive necessary medical aid. Later, the crew of an antitank gun was knocked out by enemy fire. Private First Class Garrity crawled forward under intense artillery fire and removed the firing case from the gun, thereby rendering the gun useless to the enemy if captured. His actions were in accordance with the highest standards of the military service. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

IV -- AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL -- Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, and pursuant to authority contained in Circular Number 6, Third United States Army, dated 26 April 1944, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following named personnel for meritorious service in action against an enemy of the United States in Belgium:

✓ CAPTAIN JAMES J. BERGEN, JR., O 452 330, Infantry, United States Army, 19 December 1944 to 26 December 1944.

✓ CAPTAIN JAMES E. PARKER, O 663 089, Air Corps, United States Army, 20 December to 27 December 1944.

✓ SECOND LIEUTENANT CHARLES F. ROBERTS, O2 047 472, Medical Administrative Corps, United States Army, 20 December 1944 to 27 December 1944.

✓ Corporal Nimrod E. Melton, 13 154 776, Medical Department, United States Army, 22 December 1944.

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Private First Class Ignatius J. Vaznonis, 35 360 573, Medical Department, United States Army, 20 December 1944.
Private Barnard L. Morrissey, 31 243 081, Medical Department, United States Army, 20 December 1944.

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AMENDMENT OF GENERAL ORDERS

So much of General Orders 1, Headquarters 101st Airborne Division, dated 3 January 1946 pertaining to the award of the Silver Star to First Lieutenant William Schnicke, O 359 461, which reads, "Silver Star" is amended to read "First Oak-Leaf Cluster to Silver Star".

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I - AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR - Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, and pursuant to authority contained in Circular Number 6, Third United States Army, dated 26 April 1944, the Silver Star is awarded to the following named personnel for gallantry in action against the enemy in Belgium:

✓ LIEUTENANT COLONEL JAMES O'HARA, O19 593, Armored Infantry, while serving with the Army of the United States, distinguished himself by gallantry in action. On 23 December 1944, in the vicinity of Marvie, Belgium, he was commanding an armored task force of infantry, tanks, supporting weapons and engineers, holding a sector of the perimeter defense of the city of Bastogne. A heavy enemy attack by infantry and armor was repelled. Doubtful that there was still contact with the unit on his right flank, he advanced under heavy small arms and artillery fire to assure himself that contact was being maintained. His gallantry, determination, and maintenance of morale among his men were directly responsible for repelling the second enemy attack later that night. Through his judgment, initiative, and foresight he gained the complete confidence and admiration of his men which was responsible for the perfection with which his force carried out its mission. His actions were in accordance with the highest standards of the military service. Entered military service from Minnesota.

✓ LIEUTENANT COLONEL WILLIAM T. S. ROBERTS, O1A679, Armored Infantry, while serving with the Army of the United States, distinguished himself by gallantry in action. On 22 December 1944, during the siege of Bastogne, Belgium, he was given the mission of affording protection to an artillery unit in the vicinity of Sennechamps, Belgium. Although under enemy artillery fire, and without telephone communication, Lieutenant Colonel Roberts organized his force, consisting of a large number of stragglers and miscellaneous troops, into an effective fighting team in the shortest possible time. He frequently exposed himself to the enemy fire in order to personally contact the various elements of his unit in an attempt to ensure their proper employment. Lieutenant Colonel Roberts performed a challenging task with efficiency, success, and fidelity. After successfully completing his mission, he withdrew his forces quietly and quickly with a minimum of confusion. The high degree of leadership, initiative and untiring energy displayed by this officer were a constant inspiration to the personnel throughout his command and materially contributed to the successful accomplishment of the mission of the 101st Airborne Division. His actions were in accordance with the highest standards of the military service. Entered military service from Maryland.

✓ MAJOR WILLIAM R. DESOBRY, O2A 262, Armored Infantry, while serving with the Army of the United States, distinguished himself by gallantry in action. On 19 December 1944, in the vicinity of Niville, Belgium, he was in command of an armored task force composed of tanks, infantry, tank destroyers, assault guns and mortars with the mission of holding the village at all cost. At daylight the first of a series of strong enemy attacks with armor and infantry was delivered and repulsed, as were all other attacks. After and during each attack, Major Desobry exhibited gallantry and good judgment in reorganizing and disposing his forces to meet attacks from any direction. His outstanding leadership and unerring sense of duty under heavy enemy fire encouraged the men serving under him to greater efforts in the performance of an arduous duty.

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During an attack by the enemy he was seriously wounded and evacuated. The personal bravery, tenacity of purpose and fortitude displayed by Major Desobry were in accordance with the highest standards of the military service. Entered military service from New York.

✓ MAJOR WARREN B. HASKELL, O 450 473, Armored Infantry, while serving with the Army of the United States, distinguished himself by gallantry in action. On 19 December 1944, in the vicinity of Bastogne, Belgium, his unit was subjected to a heavy enemy attack. Major Haskell personally supervised the fire control for the artillery and mortars in support of his unit. Inspired by his leadership, his men succeeded in repulsing three enemy attacks. On 20 December 1944, the enemy attacked the battalion area with armor. Realizing that friendly tanks did not see the enemy armor infiltrating the battalion positions, he ran through heavy enemy mortar and machine gun fire, mounted a tank and led the tank commander to the attack. The enemy attack was repulsed with the destruction of two Mark IV tanks. His actions were in accordance with the highest standards of the military service. Entered military service from Maine.

✓ Staff Sergeant John J. Flaherty, 11 117 328, Armored Infantry, while serving with the Army of the United States, distinguished himself by gallantry in action. On 20 December 1944, in the vicinity of Noville, Belgium, after aiding in successfully repelling an enemy counterattack designed to destroy the defenders of that city, Staff Sergeant Flaherty noticed a number of men who were seriously wounded and needing immediate medical attention. Under intense enemy small arms and artillery fire, and with complete disregard for his personal safety, he moved a half-track to the location of the wounded men. He had no sooner arrived than the half-track received a direct hit from an 88mm shell and began burning. In spite of the danger of the exploding ammunition, he remained by the half-track and extinguished the blaze. Realizing the immediate need for evacuating several of the more seriously wounded men, he displayed outstanding initiative and ingenuity by improvising litters and personally supervising their evacuation to the aid station. He placed the remaining wounded in the half-track and evacuated them to the aid station. Upon returning he found that several more wounded had been brought in and he again made the hazardous trip evacuating the wounded men. After evacuating the wounded, he learned that a gap existed in the perimeter defense line. On his own initiative, he organized a group to fill the gap. Under intense enemy fire, he brought up ammunition and rations for the parachute troops who were holding the left flank of the defense line. His actions were in accordance with the highest standards of the military service. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

✓ Corporal George D. Blako, 35 231 320, Field Artillery, while serving with the Army of the United States, distinguished himself by gallantry in action. On 21 December 1944, in the vicinity of Villersoux, Belgium, he was in a .50 caliber machine gun position when an enemy attack by tanks and infantry threatened to overrun his unit's position. Corporal Blako discovered a number of enemy infantrymen hiding behind a haystack two hundred yards to his front. He immediately opened fire on the enemy killing several. When the remainder of the enemy continued to hide behind the haystack, he courageously advanced upon the haystack with his carbine and captured thirty-one enemy infantrymen when he turned over to a unit nearby. Returning to his post, Corporal Blako continued to fire on the enemy with his .50 caliber machine gun, remaining at his post until his unit had safely withdrawn both personnel and equipment. His actions were in accordance with the highest standards of the military service. Entered military service from Ohio.

II - AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR (Posthumous) -- Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 23 September 1943, and pursuant to authority contained in Circular Number 6, Third United States Army, dated 26 April 1944, the Silver Star is awarded posthumously to the following named enlisted man for gallantry in action against the enemy in Belgium:

Sergeant Paul J. Sanchez, 12 121 110, Parachute Infantry, while serving with the 1st Air Division, 1st Air Division, 1st Air Division in 1944 in the vicinity of Ypres, Belgium, he led his squad in a counter attack to neutralize an enemy penetration in the main line of resistance, advancing by fire and movement, his squad found that the enemy were well entrenched and supported by heavy machine guns and automatic weapons. Realizing the situation, he led his squad to clear a way for his personal safety, Sergeant Sanchez led his squad to within fifteen yards of the enemy machine guns in the face of the murderous enemy fire. He personally neutralized one machine gun and inflicted numerous casualties on the enemy. Inspired by the daring example of their intrepid leader, the squad fought its way forward and were successful in the decisive struggle in retaking the enemy position and the capture of eighty-five prisoners. During the course of this action Sergeant Sanchez lost his life. The supreme sacrifice he made at Ypres and beyond the call of duty; his inspiring leadership and devotion to duty; the highest standards of the military service. Entered military service from New Mexico.

III - AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR OR OAK LEAF CLUSTER -- Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, and pursuant to authority contained in Circular Number 6, Third United States Army, dated 26 April 1944, having been awarded the Silver Star by former order, an Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded to the following named officer for gallantry in action against the enemy in Belgium:

LIEUTENANT COLONEL HENRY T. CHERRY, JR., O19 688, Cavalry, while serving with the Army of the United States, distinguished himself by gallantry in action. On 19 December 1944, in the vicinity of Haffe, Belgium, while commanding a task force, he was informed that an enemy force hitherto undiscovered was approaching his position from an unprotected flank. Undaunted and with an indomitable fighting spirit, Lieutenant Colonel Cherry personally engaged the enemy with sub machine gun and pistol fire. His fire dispersed the estimated twenty-five man group and permitted his own force to organize to meet the enemy attack. Later, when his small force was compelled to evacuate its position, Lieutenant Colonel Cherry moved forward and sprayed the enemy with sub machine gun fire, reducing the enemy fire to enable his forces to proceed with less harassing fire. The high degree of leadership, extraordinary fidelity and untiring energy displayed by this officer were a constant inspiration to the personnel through out his command and materially contributed to the successful accomplishment of the mission of the 4th Airborne Division. His actions were in accordance with the highest standards of the military service. Entered military service from Georgia.

IV - AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL -- Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, and pursuant to authority contained in Circular Number 6, Third United States Army, dated 26 April 1944, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following named personnel for heroic achievement in action against the enemy in Belgium:

✓ CAPTAIN JOSEPH P. KITE, JR., O1 166 528, Armored Field Artillery, while serving with the Army of the United States, distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action. On 22 December 1944, in the vicinity of Sonchamps, Belgium, he took charge of a force of stragglers composed of disorganized tank and infantrymen and organized a defensive position along the southern flank of his battalion. Although wounded, Captain Kite displayed outstanding leadership in assembling his force and supervising their deployment. Wounded, he refused medical treatment in order that other more seriously wounded could be treated and remained with his battery in order to give confidence and encouragement to his men. His actions were in accordance with the highest standards of the military service. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

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CAPTAIN JOHN A. McCLOSKEY, OI 166 779, Armored Field Artillery, while serving with the Army of the United States, distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action. On 23 December 1944, in the vicinity of Serenghemp, Belgium, the enemy had made a breakthrough causing his artillery battery position to become part of the front lines. He organized a defense of his area under heavy enemy mortar and artillery fire. Leading the men of his battery and gathering stragglers from other units, he organized a defense which repulsed the enemy attack and held the ground until other troops could take over the defense of the vital ground. Captain McCloskey then attempted to lead a small armored party through the enemy lines to bring up vitally needed ammunition and although all of his vehicles were knocked out by the enemy, he led his party on foot through the enemy lines to friendly territory. His initiative, leadership, and courage were an inspiration to the members of his command. His actions were in accordance with the highest standards of the military service. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

CAPTAIN IRVING L. NAFTULIN, OI 693 551, Dental Corps, while serving with the Army of the United States, distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action. During the period 20 December to 25 December 1944, his battalion aid station was functioning as a hospital since evacuation from the encircled town of Bastogne, Belgium was impossible. Captain Naftulin was in charge of one of the three buildings which comprised the hospital and devoted long hours of the day and night tending and caring for the many wounded patients. On 24 December 1944 the town was attacked by enemy aircraft and two direct hits were made on the hospital, setting the buildings on fire and causing them to collapse. Digging his way out of the debris, Captain Naftulin returned to the burning building and rescued four wounded men, although injured by falling debris, he continued his valiant rescue work. The outstanding courage and devotion to duty of Captain Naftulin saved the lives of many American soldiers. His actions were in accordance with the highest standards of the military service. Entered military service from Ohio.

CAPTAIN JACK T. PRIOR, O 376 629, Medical Corps, while serving with the Army of the United States, distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action. On 19 December 1944 his unit was defending the town of Neville, Belgium against numerically superior enemy forces. Captain Prior, operating an aid station in the town, was under constant enemy observation and direct fire. An enemy 88mm gun scored two direct hits on a half-track ambulance outside the aid station which contained three seriously wounded patients. Seeing the vehicle become a mass of flames, Captain Prior ran to the aid of the wounded men. Fully aware of the danger of exploding ammunition and gasoline, he mounted the vehicle and removed the wounded men. His actions were in accordance with the highest standards of the military service. Entered military service from Vermont.

Technical Sergeant Kenneth I. Sauder, 36 410 372, Armored Infantry, while serving with the Army of the United States, distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action. On 24 December 1944 in the vicinity of Bastogne, Belgium, his battalion aid station was forced to function as a hospital since encirclement of the town by the enemy prevented evacuation of patients. When the enemy bombed the town, the hospital was set on fire. Sergeant Sauder, although severely injured by the bombing, rushed for the burning building and carried out several of the wounded and attended the rest of many others, although falling debris inflicted burns on his back. Sergeant Sauder continued his work. His actions were in accordance with the highest standards of the military service. Entered military service from Michigan.

Sergeant Thomas E. Gilloch, 35 208 007 (then Private First Class), Field Artillery, while serving with the Army of the United States, distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action. On 20 December 1944, in the vicinity of Bastogne, Belgium, his battery was ordered to fire at all costs for which was attacked by enemy tank forces. Sergeant Gilloch, although severely injured by enemy fire, continued to lead his battery in the attack. His actions were in accordance with the highest standards of the military service. Entered military service from Michigan.

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to his company area for repairs and replacements. Upon entering the village of Foy, Belgium, he found that the enemy were attacking the village. With the aid of two infantrymen and the assistant driver, he destroyed one Mark IV tank by a direct hit and sent another enemy tank into headlong retreat, thereby halting the enemy attack. Corporal Gallagher placed his tank destroyer in a firing position where he remained until all danger of enemy attack on the town had ceased. By his personal bravery and unflinching devotion to duty, he exemplified the highest standards of the military service. Entered military service from Ohio.

✓ Corporal John A. Surprise, 36 822 975, Field Artillery, while serving with the Army of the United States, distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action. On 21 December 1944, in the vicinity of Villersux, Belgium, he emplaced his ground mount .50 caliber machine gun with the mission of protecting the right flank of his unit's gun position. When the enemy infantry launched an attack, Corporal Surprise and his assistant immediately opened fire on the advancing enemy. His assistant was hit and evacuated, however, Corporal Surprise remained at his post, firing with such accuracy that the enemy attack was beaten off. In a later attack by the enemy, the entire area was subjected to intense enemy small arms and mortar fire. He remained alone at his post, firing his machine gun into the advancing enemy infantrymen. He continued firing until he was twice hit in the arm and his gun partially disabled. The calmness and courage he displayed allowed his unit to withdraw saving much vital equipment and many vehicles. His actions were in accordance with the highest standards of the military service. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

Technician Fifth Grade Stanley F. Sadowski, 36 340 737 (then Private), Field Artillery, while serving with the Army of the United States, distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action. On 20 December 1944, in the vicinity of Neville, Belgium, he was acting as commander of a tank destroyer which was damaged by enemy tank fire, killing the gunner and seriously wounding the gun commander and driver. Technician Fifth Grade Sadowski accompanied the damaged tank destroyer to his company area for repairs and replacements. Upon entering the village of Foy, Belgium, he found that the enemy were attacking the village. With the aid of two infantrymen and the assistant driver, he destroyed one Mark IV tank by a direct hit and sent another enemy tank into headlong retreat, thereby halting the enemy attack. Technician Fifth Grade Sadowski placed his tank destroyer in a firing position where he remained until all danger of enemy attack on the town had ceased. By his personal bravery and unflinching devotion to duty, he exemplified the highest standards of the military service. Entered military service from Illinois.

✓ Private First Class John A. Tliver, 35 709 795, Field Artillery, while serving with the Army of the United States, distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action. On 21 December 1944 in the vicinity of Bastogne, Belgium, an enemy shell scored a direct hit on an M-7 tank and trailer while it was proceeding down the road. Riding in a vehicle behind the tank, Private First Class Tliver noticed the tank burst into flames, and immediately ran to the flaming armor. Fully aware of the danger of exploding ammunition, he assisted in removing smoking shells and extinguishing the blaze. Through his outstanding courage and devotion to duty, Private First Class Tliver contributed greatly to saving a vital vehicle. His actions were in accordance with the highest standards of the military service. Entered military service from Indiana.

✓ Private Delmar D. Hildner, 13 011 (43), Armored Infantry, while serving with the Army of the United States, distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action. On 20 December 1944, in the vicinity of Neville, Belgium, he was gunner in the command tank acting as the tank commander. In an attempt to infiltrate into the village, the enemy launched a counterattack against his position. During this attack, by his skill and valiant attempts, he was responsible for disabling three enemy tanks. After being wounded seriously

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about his face and legs as a result of enemy artillery fire, he continued to perform his duties as tank commander until his tank was disabled by enemy fire. The judgment, inspiring leadership, and unflinching sense of duty displayed by Private Hilder are in accordance with the highest standards of the military service. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Private Charles Kaminski, 16 150 770, Field Artillery, while serving with the Army of the United States, distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action. On 23 December 1944, in the vicinity of Sennechamps, Belgium, his unit was in direct contact with enemy armored and infantry troops on three sides. A heavy enemy artillery concentration fell in his battery position killing all but one member of a tank gun crew. Private Kaminski, ignoring the danger of the flame, enemy fire, and live ammunition on the tank rushed forward and removed the surviving member of the crew to safety. Immediately after he had rescued the wounded man, the ammunition in the rear of the tank exploded. His actions were in accordance with the highest standards of the military service. Entered military service from Michigan.

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I. - AWARD OF SILVER STAR - Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, and pursuant to authority contained in Circular Number 6, Third United States Army, dated 25 April 1944, the Silver Star is awarded to the following named personnel for gallantry in action against the enemy in Belgium:

MAJOR JOHN D. HANLON, O 388 471, Parachute Infantry, while serving with the Army of the United States, distinguished himself by gallantry in action. On 25 December 1944, in the vicinity of Champs, Belgium, one of the companies of the battalion which he commanded was disposed around the outskirts of the village with the remainder of his battalion in a nearby town. An enemy regiment launched an attack with the initial objective of Champs. The attack was preceded by an intense artillery barrage with heavy artillery continuing in support of the attack. Major Hanlon, with complete disregard for his personal safety, moved through the heavy artillery and small arms fire in order to reach his company at Champs which had become engaged in hand to hand fighting. Quickly surveying the situation, he received word that tanks and infantry had broken through an adjacent unit holding the west flank and were headed for the rear and flank of his advancing troops. Racing back through the village of Champs, which was now the scene of confused street fighting, he reached his advancing units in sufficient time to dispose part of them in support of the company in Champs. Braving fire from the tanks and infantry, he reached the remainder of his troops and disposed them to meet the tank and infantry attack. Major Hanlon remained with the most forward units until his battalion had knocked out six tanks and restored the lines to their original position. The outstanding courage and leadership displayed by Major Hanlon were in accordance with the highest standards of the military service. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

MAJOR ROBERT F. HARWICK, O 318 025, Parachute Infantry, while serving with the Army of the United States, distinguished himself by gallantry in action. On 19 December 1944, in the vicinity of Noville, Belgium, he rejoined his battalion after a short absence. Before the battalion commander could acquaint him with the situation the former was killed, leaving Major Harwick in command. In order to get first hand information he visited each of his companies, issued orders for the defense of the town of Noville and prepared to withstand a siege. He was soon cut off from the remainder of the Division without hope of reinforcements. Throughout the night he reorganized a unit grouping remnants of other detachments into an effective task force. On the following day, ordered to evacuate the town, Major Harwick directed his own troops to man tanks, half-tracks, and other vehicles and smash through the enemy for three miles until he rejoined friendly troops at Bastogne. The breakthrough was so efficiently planned and well-led that despite heavy odds casualties were few. The ability, leadership, and boundless energy displayed by Major Harwick were an inspiration to his officers and men, and encouraged them to the accomplishment of tasks which could not have otherwise been achieved. His actions were in accordance with the highest standards of the military service. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

FIRST LIEUTENANT HUBER C. PORTER, O1 997 803 (then Second Lieutenant), Parachute Infantry, while serving with the Army of the United States, distinguished himself by gallantry in action. On 19 December 1944, in the vicinity of

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Novills, Belgium, his company was hastily digging in on the company objective when the enemy attacked with three tanks directly against the position, causing many casualties. Having received an order to withdraw his company, Lieutenant Porter refused to leave any of his wounded men behind. Ignoring personal danger, he crawled forward into the open and under direct fire from the enemy tanks attempted to drag the wounded man back to cover. So heavy was the enemy fire that three times he was forced back, but on his fourth attempt he reached two of his wounded men and succeeded in evacuating them to a place of safety. Displaying remarkable tenacity and courage he returned once more, although his company had begun its withdrawal, and returned with another of his wounded men. Lieutenant Porter's inspiring leadership, his heroic determination to care for his men and his extreme devotion to duty exemplify the highest standards of the military service. Entered military service from Illinois.

FIRST LIEUTENANT FRANK R. STANFIELD, OI 323 495, Parachute Infantry, while serving with the Army of the United States, distinguished himself by gallantry in action. On 20 December 1944, in the vicinity of Noville, Belgium, the enemy was making a determined attack with a large number of tanks, assault guns and self-propelled guns supported by infantry. Due to the heavy shelling it was extremely difficult to keep the men from the various units at their posts. Lieutenant Stanfield, without regard for his personal safety, was constantly checking the strongpoints and sending men to cover the threatened positions. On one occasion an enemy tank moved directly down the center street of the village. Lieutenant Stanfield obtained a tank destroyer and directed its fire on the tank disabling it. As the crew attempted an escape, he ran forward, oblivious of his own danger, and opened fire with his sub-machine gun killing three of the enemy. By his unselfish conduct, unstinting devotion to duty, and indomitable courage, Lieutenant Stanfield set an inspiring example for all those who witnessed his heroic actions. His actions were in accordance with the highest standards of the military service. Entered military service from Washington.

Staff Sergeant Lawrence F. Casper, 16 006 983, Glider Infantry, while serving with the Army of the United States, distinguished himself by gallantry in action. On 20 December 1944 he was wounded by shrapnel but refused to be evacuated. On 23 December 1944 the enemy overran the front line positions of his battalion, leaving the flank of one company exposed and an avenue into the town of Marvie unguarded. In the face of intense small arms, artillery and mortar fire, Sergeant Casper organized a small force and established a strong point in the path of the enemy advance. This position commanded the approach to Marvie. The enemy immediately attacked the position with infantry and tanks. Sergeant Casper secured a rocket launcher and fired on the two leading tanks with such accuracy that the tanks withdrew out of rocket range but continued to shell his position. Although his rocket launcher was torn from his hands by shell fragments, Sergeant Casper continued the fight, holding his position and repulsing every enemy attack. His tenacity, purpose, unswerving devotion to duty, and outstanding courage were an inspiration to his men and a vital contribution to the defense of the besieged town of Bastogne. His actions were in accordance with the highest standards of the military service. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

Staff Sergeant Lyle B. Chamberlain, 19 019 075, Parachute Infantry, while serving with the Army of the United States, distinguished himself by gallantry in action. On 20 December 1944, while his unit was in a defensive position around the besieged town of Bastogne, Belgium, he took command of a patrol that was to reconnoiter the left boundary of his company. Sighting an approaching company of enemy infantry, Sergeant Chamberlain moved up to within a few feet of the enemy from that position radiated back complete details of their strength and organization to the alerted front lines of his unit. Because of this prior warning, the company allowed the enemy to approach within a few yards before opening fire, accounting for very heavy casualties. However, the enemy launched a second attack during which seven hundred yards of the flank became exposed. Sergeant Chamberlain voluntarily and with complete disregard

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for his personal safety, remained behind in a hazardous exposed position and maintained fire on the enemy while the company adjusted its lines. Though his chances of returning were very doubtful, he maintained his position until the readjustment had been completed. Through his aggressiveness, determination and unflinching devotion to duty, a hazardous situation was avoided and the entire company was saved from possible annihilation by infiltration from the flanks and rear. His actions were in accordance with the highest standards of the military service. Entered military service from Montana.

Staff Sergeant Theodore Vetland, 12 055 389, Parachute Infantry, while serving with the Army of the United States, distinguished himself by gallantry in action. On 19 December 1944, in the vicinity of Noville, Belgium, his battalion had taken the village and were preparing for an enemy counter-attack when through the fog could be heard the rumbling of approaching enemy tanks. Pulling up on high ground, the enemy tanks fired directly into the positions in and around the village. Sergeant Vetland, securing a rocket launcher and five rounds of ammunition, advanced under heavy machine gun fire to within one hundred fifty yards of the enemy tanks and from his exposed position placed two rounds into one tank and three rounds into the other, disabling them and causing their crews to abandon them. Shortly thereafter the other tanks withdrew to reorganize. His heroic determination to destroy the enemy and his disregard for his own safety played immeasurably in halting a strong enemy attack. His actions were in accordance with the highest standards of the military service. Entered military service from New Jersey.

Sergeant Joseph F. Rogan, Jr. 6 997 654, Parachute Field Artillery, while serving with the Army of the United States, distinguished himself by gallantry in action. On 25 and 26 December 1944, in the vicinity of Mandé-St-Etienne, Belgium, he was acting in the capacity of forward observer for his unit in an observation post well forward of infantry installations. The enemy launched an attack aimed at securing the key city of Bastogne. Sergeant Rogan gave the initial alarm and then proceeded to adjust artillery fire on the advancing enemy. His position was soon overrun, but not discovered. Rather than withdraw, he remained and adjusted artillery fire from target to target although he was behind enemy lines and under heavy small arms and mortar fire. After approximately six hours of fierce fighting, the enemy was forced to withdraw and he was again in contact with friendly infantry. The following morning the enemy renewed the attack. Again Sergeant Rogan held his ground and effectively directed fire until the attack was repulsed. His actions were in accordance with the highest standards of the military service. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

✓ Corporal Willis H. Fowler, 20 433 960, Parachute Infantry, while serving with the Army of the United States, distinguished himself by gallantry in action. On 25 December 1944, in the vicinity of Champs, Belgium, after fighting off an enemy infantry attack for several hours, Corporal Fowler sighted four enemy tanks in a defilade position on the crest of a hill and about four hundred yards to the left of his position. He quickly displaced his machine gun to the left and as the four tanks accompanied by about thirty infantry attacked over the crest he opened fire. The tanks immediately spotted his position and began firing upon Corporal Fowler with machine guns and tank cannon. Two 75mm shells exploded beside his position. With an indomitable fighting spirit, Corporal Fowler accounted for fifteen enemy dead and forced the enemy tanks to retreat back over the hill. The personal bravery, tenacity of purpose and fortitude displayed by Corporal Fowler were in accordance with the highest standards of the military service. Entered military service from Florida.

✓ Private Rosario Rizzo, 12 095 345, Parachute Infantry, while serving with the Army of the United States, distinguished himself by gallantry in action. On 19 and 20 December 1944, in the vicinity of Noville, Belgium, his battalion had suffered many casualties. At various times there were attacks by enemy tanks often as many as twenty at one time. Private Rizzo, realizing the seriousness of the situation and the urgent need for fire power, raced to a disabled

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tank and manned the machine gun from the top of the turret which contributed to stopping the hostile attack. Shortly thereafter he organized a tank crew with two of his comrades who had formerly been in the Armored Force. With Private Rizzo observing from the open turret, this tank, in conjunction with other armor, repelled all attacks by the enemy, knocking out approximately twenty-four tanks and three half-track vehicles. During a subsequent movement the column was halted by an enemy road block covered by heavy fire. Private Rizzo fired his tank gun until he had expended all of the ammunition and then continued to fire with his machine gun until the tank received a direct hit from an enemy gun and burst into flames. Private Rizzo's initiative, his courageous determination to close with the enemy and his devotion to duty exemplify the highest standards of the military service. Entered military service from New York.

Private William J. Wolf, 33 809 325, Parachute Infantry, while serving with the Army of the United States, distinguished himself by gallantry in action. On 21 December 1944, his company was in a defensive position on the outskirts of Bastogne, Belgium, holding back many times its own strength of enemy forces. During a coordinated attack with an adjacent unit to seize the commanding ground to the front and relieve the pressure on the entire battalion, the enemy attempted a withdrawal. Private Wolf voluntarily, and on his own initiative, moved his machine gun to an exposed position under direct enemy observation and directed such a volume of fire on their positions that they were unable to withdraw. Their growing casualties made their position untenable, and to eliminate Private Wolf's position, they placed a heavy volume of small arms and mortar fire on his machine gun. Private Wolf moved forward until he had come within hand grenade distance. The enemy then attempted to dislodge him by tossing five grenades at him and increased their small arms fire until Private Wolf's supporting riflemen were forced to withdraw. Private Wolf held his ground, however, and single-handedly continued such a volume of fire on the enemy that it was unable to shift its position to a defensive position. He accepts attacking from the opposite direction. By his courage, extraordinary determination, Private Wolf was responsible for the destruction of the enemy and capturing seventy. His actions were in accordance with the highest standards of the military service. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

II -- AWARD OF SILVER STAR OAK LEAF CLUSTER. Pursuant to provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, and pursuant to authority contained in Circular Number 6, Third United States Army, dated 26 April 1944, having been awarded the Silver Star by former order, an Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded to the following named officer for gallantry in action against the enemy in Belgium:

FIRST LIEUTENANT EDWIN LONG, O 887 952, Parachute Infantry, while serving with the Army of the United States, distinguished himself by gallantry in action. On 19 December 1944, in the vicinity of Noville, Belgium, his company was in an open position when enemy tanks laid down heavy fire on the exposed men. As the unit had no heavy weapons with which to combat the enemy tanks which had been moved up just out of rocket launcher range, it became necessary to readjust the position. It was very difficult to move the numerous wounded because of the exposed position. Nevertheless, Lieutenant Long, oblivious of his own danger, moved out across the open ground approximately two hundred yards to evacuate the wounded. The fire from three enemy tanks was concentrated on him, but escaping the enemy fire he made three complete trips evacuating three members of his platoon to a covered position. During this gallant effort, he was wounded in the hand, but refused to leave until the last of his wounded men had been evacuated from the untenable position. Lieutenant Long's outstanding heroism, his courageous determination and zealous devotion to duty exemplify the highest standards of the military service. Entered military service from Tennessee.

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III - AWARD OF SILVER STAR OAK LEAF CLUSTER (Posthumous) -- Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, and pursuant to authority contained in Circular Number 6, Third United States Army, dated 26 April 1944, having been awarded the Silver Star by former order, an Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded posthumously to the following named officer for gallantry in action against the enemy in Belgium:

LIEUTENANT COLONEL JAMES L. LAPRADE, O21 995, Parachute Infantry, while serving with the Army of the United States, distinguished himself by gallantry in action. On 19 December 1944, in the vicinity of Noville, Belgium, he received orders to proceed to the village and seize the high ground to the north of the village. Lieutenant Colonel LaPrade displayed great skill in maneuvering his battalion and despite the shortage of ammunition and equipment succeeded in taking his objective. An enemy counterattack supported by tanks developed which forced the battalion to withdraw to Noville. Lieutenant Colonel LaPrade skillfully organized a perimeter defense of the village. Despite the fact that patrols reported that the avenue of retreat to the Division in Bastogne was closing, Lieutenant Colonel LaPrade held his position in spite of the obvious danger of being cut off. Vicious enemy attacks came from all sides and artillery fire was extremely heavy. A shell bursting on the window sill of the command post cost Lieutenant Colonel LaPrade his life. The high degree of leadership, fidelity and energy displayed by this officer were a constant inspiration to the personnel throughout his command. His example carried his men forward even after his death to the successful execution of the battalion mission against greatly superior forces. His actions were in accordance with the highest standards of the military service. Entered military service from Texas.

IV - AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL -- Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, and pursuant to authority contained in Circular Number 6, Third United States Army, dated 26 April 1944, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following named personnel for heroic achievement in action against the enemy in Belgium:

CAPTAIN WILLIAM J. NANCARROW, O1 103 332, Airborne Engineers, while serving with the Army of the United States, distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action. On 25 December 1944, in the vicinity of Bastogne, Belgium, he was in command of the Service Company when it was subjected to an attack by a strong force of enemy infantry supported by approximately five tanks. Although inadequately equipped for fighting troops, he immediately organized his men as a platoon to defend the area. In order to effectively direct the fire and movements of his men, Captain Nancarrow continually exposed himself to intense enemy fire. Exposing himself further to enemy fire, he skillfully placed a squad of his men in a most advantageous position from where they could assist other friendly troops who were being harassed by the enemy in that sector. The inspiring leadership, aggressiveness, and coolness of Captain Nancarrow were instrumental to the defeat of the enemy infantry and the destruction of three enemy tanks. His actions were in accordance with the highest standards of the military service. Entered military service from Illinois.

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STAFF SERGEANT Walter R. Lopinski, 31 177 545, Armored Infantry, while serving with the Army of the United States, distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action. On 19 and 20 December 1944, in the vicinity of Noville, Belgium, from an exposed position, Sergeant Lopinski directed fire on enemy tanks with a .50 caliber machine gun mounted on a half-track. While he was directing this fire, the enemy were attacking within from three to five hundred yards, using 88mm guns, machine guns and mortars. By his courage and complete disregard for his personal safety Sergeant Lopinski assisted in knocking out at least four enemy tanks, thereby enabling his unit to save important vehicles and equipment. His actions were in accordance with the highest standards of the military service. Entered military service from New Hampshire.

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✓ Corporal Hugh A. Doyebi, 38 275 430, Armored Field Artillery, while serving with the Army of the United States, distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action. On 19 December 1944, in the vicinity of Bastogne, Belgium, Corporal Doyebi was acting as a scout in the battalion commander's party. Spotting enemy tanks approaching the battalion position, he led a platoon of tanks to a position where they could engage the enemy vehicles. On another occasion he engaged an enemy infantry group in a small arms fire fight enabling the battalion commander to adjust the fire of his battalion on another target. Although twice wounded in a previous campaign a few weeks before and in spite of the fact that he was under intense small arms, mortar and artillery fire daily, Corporal Doyebi's alertness, aggressiveness and loyalty never lagged. His actions were in accordance with the highest standards of the military service. Entered military service from Oklahoma.

✓ Technician Fifth Grade William E. Hussey, 35 290 788 (then Private), Airborne Engineers, while serving with the Army of the United States, distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action. On 25 December 1944 his battalion, located in the vicinity of Bastogne, Belgium, was subjected to an attack by a strong force of enemy infantry supported by approximately five tanks. After a platoon of men were prepared for the defense against the enemy attack, another smaller group of men were needed to distract the fire of the enemy from the main combat force. Technician Fifth Grade Hussey and five of his comrades immediately volunteered to comprise this small force although aware of the great danger involved. Armed only with M-1 rifles and one rocket launcher, the group advanced over open terrain under intense enemy fire. Firing upon the enemy tanks, they succeeded in forcing them to turn about in such a manner as to become excellent targets for friendly tank destroyers. After the tanks had been knocked out, the enemy infantry were easily pinned down and later captured by the platoon. The courageous and aggressive action of Technician Fifth Grade Hussey and his comrades were instrumental to the defeat of the enemy attack. His actions were in accordance with the highest standards of the military service. Entered military service from Ohio.

✓ Technician Fifth Grade Vester Smith, 34 809 011, Coast Artillery Corps, while serving with the Army of the United States, distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action. On 20 December 1944 in defense of a road block in the vicinity of Sononchamps, Belgium, he personally accounted for five members of an enemy patrol and supported infantry troops in the capture of one prisoner. On 21 December 1944 he was pinned under debris with another member of his crew in a house subjected to enemy artillery fire. After freeing his comrade he was ordered to withdraw and leave his damaged half-track. Realizing that the vehicle would fall into the hands of the enemy, Technician Fifth Grade Smith drove it back to a rear area under heavy enemy fire. Although suffering from injuries received in this action, he repaired the damages to his vehicle so that it could be further used for tactical operations. On other occasions, Technician Fifth Grade Smith drove half-tracks through perilous enemy fire and carried ammunition to his own vehicle under enemy small arms and artillery fire. His actions were in accordance with the highest standards of the military service. Entered military service from Alabama.

Private First Class John E. Smith, 33 788 666, Armored Infantry, while serving with the Army of the United States, distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action. On 20 December 1944, in the vicinity of Noville, Belgium, the enemy counterattacked incessantly with heavy tanks moving under a screen of heavy artillery and small arms fire. Private First Class Smith, on his own initiative and disregarding his personal safety, moved to an open position where he could observe the enemy tank movement. Under heavy enemy artillery and small arms fire, he directed the fire of friendly tanks on the heavy enemy tanks, knocking out five. This heavy loss of tanks forced the enemy to withdraw and the counterattack was repulsed. The courageous actions of Private First Class Smith was an inspiration to the members of his organization and were in accordance with the highest standards of the military service. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

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Private Joe J. Barra, 36 864 729, Airborne Engineers, while serving with the Army of the United States, distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action. On 25 December 1944 his battalion, located in the vicinity of Bastogne, Belgium, was subjected to an attack by a strong force of enemy infantry supported by approximately five tanks. After a platoon of men were prepared for the defense against the enemy attack, another smaller group of men were needed to distract the fire of the enemy from the main combat force. Private Barra and five of his comrades immediately volunteered to comprise this small force although aware of the great danger involved. Armed only with M-1 rifles and one rocket launcher, the group advanced over open terrain under intense enemy fire. Firing upon the enemy tanks, they succeeded in forcing them to turn about in such a manner as to become excellent targets for friendly tank destroyers. After the tanks had been knocked out, the enemy infantry were easily pinned down and later captured by the platoon. The courageous and aggressive action of Private Barra and his comrades was instrumental to the defeat of the enemy attack. His actions were in accordance with the highest standards of the military service. Entered military service from Michigan.

Private Joe H. Douglas, 34 734 757, Airborne Engineers, while serving with the Army of the United States, distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action. On 25 December 1944 his battalion, located in the vicinity of Bastogne, Belgium, was subjected to an attack by a strong force of enemy infantry supported by approximately five tanks. After a platoon of men were prepared for the defense against the enemy attack, another smaller group of men were needed to distract the fire of the enemy from the main combat force. Private Douglas and five of his comrades immediately volunteered to comprise this small force although aware of the great danger involved. Armed only with M-1 rifles and one rocket launcher, the group advanced over open terrain under intense enemy fire. Firing upon the enemy tanks, they succeeded in forcing them to turn about in such a manner as to become excellent targets for friendly tank destroyers. After the tanks had been knocked out, the enemy infantry were easily pinned down and later captured by the platoon. The courageous and aggressive action of Private Douglas and his comrades was instrumental to the defeat of the enemy attack. His actions were in accordance with the highest standards of the military service. Entered military service from Tennessee.

Private Jacques I. Levan, 13 178 092, Airborne Engineers, while serving with the Army of the United States, distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action. On 25 December 1944 his battalion, located in the vicinity of Bastogne, Belgium, was subjected to an attack by a strong force of enemy infantry supported by approximately five tanks. After a platoon of men were prepared for the defense against the enemy attack, another smaller group of men were needed to distract the fire of the enemy from the main combat force. Private Levan and five of his comrades immediately volunteered to comprise this small force although aware of the great danger involved. Armed only with M-1 rifles and one rocket launcher, the group advanced over open terrain under intense enemy fire. Firing upon the enemy tanks, they succeeded in forcing them to turn about in such a manner as to become excellent targets for friendly tank destroyers. After the tanks had been knocked out, the enemy infantry were easily pinned down and later captured by the platoon. The courageous and aggressive action of Private Levan and his comrades was instrumental in the defeat of the enemy attack. His actions were in accordance with the highest standards of the military service. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Private Cort L. Paine, 34 235 049, Airborne Engineers, while serving in the Army of the United States, distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action. On 25 December 44 his battalion, located in the vicinity of Bastogne, Belgium, was subjected to an attack by a strong force of enemy infantry supported by approximately five tanks. After a platoon of men were prepared for the defense against the enemy attack, another smaller group of men were needed to distract the fire of the enemy from the main combat force. Private Paine and five of his comrades immediately volunteered to comprise this small force although aware of the great danger involved. Armed only with M-1 rifles and one

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rocket launcher, the group advanced over open terrain under intense enemy fire. Firing upon the enemy tanks, they succeeded in forcing them to turn about in such a manner as to become excellent targets for friendly tank destroyers. After the tanks had been knocked out, the enemy infantry were easily pinned down and later captured by the platoon. The courageous and aggressive action of Private Paine and his comrades were instrumental to the defeat of the enemy attack. His actions were in accordance with the highest standards of the military service. Entered military service from Louisiana.

Private Stanley M. Wlaczorek, 35 093 126, Airborne Engineers, while serving with the Army of the United States, distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action. On 25 December 1944 his battalion, located in the vicinity of Bastogne, Belgium, was subjected to an attack by a strong force of enemy infantry supported by approximately five tanks. After a platoon of men were prepared for the defense against the enemy attack, another smaller group of men were needed to distract the fire of the enemy from the main combat force. Private Wlaczorek and five of his comrades immediately volunteered to comprise this small force although aware of the great danger involved. Armed only with M-1 rifles and one rocket launcher, the group advanced over open terrain under intense enemy fire. Firing upon the enemy tanks, they succeeded in forcing them to turn about in such a manner as to become excellent targets for friendly tank destroyers. After the tanks had been knocked out, the enemy infantry were easily pinned down and later captured by the platoon. The courageous and aggressive action of Private Wlaczorek and his comrades were instrumental to the defeat of the enemy attack. His actions were in accordance with the highest standards of the military service. Entered military service from Indiana.

Private Homer L. Williams, 34 822 934, Airborne Engineers, while serving with the Army of the United States, distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action. On 25 December 1944 his battalion, located in the vicinity of Bastogne, Belgium, was subjected to an attack by a strong force of enemy infantry supported by approximately five tanks. After a platoon of men were prepared for the defense against the enemy attack, another smaller group of men were needed to distract the fire of the enemy from the main combat force. Private Williams and five of his comrades immediately volunteered to comprise this small force although aware of the great danger involved. Armed only with M-1 rifles and one rocket launcher, the group advanced over open terrain under intense enemy fire. Firing upon the enemy tanks, they succeeded in forcing them to turn about in such a manner as to become excellent targets for friendly tank destroyers. After the tanks had been knocked out, the enemy infantry were easily pinned down and later captured by the platoon. The courageous and aggressive action of Private Williams and his comrades were instrumental to the defeat of the enemy attack. His actions were in accordance with the highest standards of the military service. Entered military service from Georgia.

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I -- AWARD OF SILVER STAR -- Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, and pursuant to authority contained in Circular Number 6, Third United States Army, dated 26 April 1944, the Silver Star is awarded to the following named personnel for gallantry in action against the enemy in Belgium:

FIRST LIEUTENANT JOHN D. DEVEREAUX, O1 311 286, Armored Infantry, while serving with the Army of the United States, distinguished himself by gallantry in action. On 19 December 1944 in the vicinity of Bastogne, Belgium, he was in command of a task force in a defensive position when subjected to a strong attack by superior enemy forces. After defending the position during the entire day, he received orders to withdraw his men and take up new positions. Executing the movement with conspicuous skill, Lieutenant Devereaux held his new position against numerous attacks by strong forces of enemy infantry and armor. During this defense, his unit destroyed seven enemy armored vehicles and inflicted heavy casualties on enemy infantry. Throughout the action, Lieutenant Devereaux exposed himself to enemy fire in order to personally check the positions and fire of his men and weapons. The heroic courage and skillful leadership of this officer was an inspiration to his men and contributed in a large measure to the defense of Bastogne. His actions were in accordance with the highest standards of the military service. Entered military service from New York.

Staff Sergeant Michael Lesniak, 13 010 864, Armored Infantry, while serving with the Army of the United States, distinguished himself by gallantry in action. On 19 December 1944 in the vicinity of Noville, Belgium, not being able to give fire orders from his position in the turret of his tank, he dismounted under intense enemy tank and automatic weapons fire and moved to a position from where he could give his gunner orders. This enabled the tank to knock out three enemy tanks, thus crushing the enemy's attempt to enter the village. Even after the tank which Sergeant Lesniak was commanding received a direct hit from an enemy tank, by his outstanding leadership he rallied his crew and again manned his tank, accounting for the last two of the three enemy tanks destroyed. By his devotion to duty and courage Sergeant Lesniak exemplified the highest standards of the military service. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Private Ronald F. Sholler, 39 722 157, Armored Infantry, while serving with the Army of the United States, distinguished himself by gallantry in action. On 19 December 1944 in the vicinity of Longvilly, Belgium, he was accompanying a group of tank men and infantry men who were attempting to gain entrance to the town. The town was partially in the hands of the enemy and the group was pinned down by enemy artillery and small arms fire. Private Sholler, in an attempt to knock out the enemy gun which was harassing his comrades and preventing their progress, killed an enemy sniper and crawled to a point where he could observe an enemy machine gun emplacement. Advancing under enemy fire, he wiped out the enemy gun single-handed killing two members of the crew and taking the third prisoner. His actions were in accordance with the highest standards of the military service. Entered military service from California.

II -- AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL -- Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, and pursuant to authority contained in Circular Number 6, Third United States Army, dated 26 April 1944, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following named personnel for heroic achievement in action against the enemy in Belgium:

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CAPTAIN EDWARD A. CARRIGO, OI 287 475, Armored Infantry, while serving with the Army of the United States, distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action. On 23 December 1944 in the vicinity of Marvie, Belgium, he was acting as S-2 for his organization. He was directed to send out a daylight combat patrol to determine the strength of the enemy to the front of his position. Captain Carrigo, on his own initiative, organized a thirty-six man combat patrol and personally led them. The patrol met the enemy, engaged them in a fire fight and withdrew without casualties. This patrol, under the inspiring leadership of Captain Carrigo, gained valuable information necessary in planning artillery fires which successfully broke up an enemy attack of armor and infantry. On the following day, he again led a combat patrol of twenty men on a reconnaissance mission resulting in locating weak enemy forces immediately to the front of his position and rescuing a wounded soldier who had been lying in an exposed position overnight as a result of the attack by the enemy. Captain Carrigo's outstanding courage, inspirational leadership and extreme devotion to duty exemplify the highest standards of the military service. Entered military service from Texas.

FIRST LIEUTENANT GEORGE W. ANDERSON, OI 015 282, Armored Infantry, while serving with the Army of the United States, distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action. On 19 December 1944 he was in command of a platoon of his tank battalion in the vicinity of Neville, Belgium. Assigned the mission of denying to the enemy entrance to the town, he displayed outstanding leadership and courage in the performance of this difficult and hazardous mission. On one occasion, he maneuvered his tank into a position so skillfully that he was able to defeat several attempts by enemy tanks to penetrate the village. One enemy tank, about ten yards from his tank, tried to enter the city but in a manner exemplary of his superior leadership, Lieutenant Anderson knocked out the enemy armor. His actions were in accordance with the highest standards of the military service. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

SECOND LIEUTENANT ARTHUR B. RNSDORF, OI 019 152, Armored Infantry, while serving with the Army of the United States, distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action. During the period 20 December to 22 December 1944, in the vicinity of Bastogne, Belgium, he led his platoon on three combat patrols accomplishing his assigned mission on each occasion in a superior manner. On one mission, he encountered enemy fire at a road block. Engaging the enemy in that sector, he destroyed one enemy Mark IV tank, one personnel carrier, and a truck without the loss of a single one of his men. On another occasion, he again engaged the enemy and accounted for twenty enemy dead. His skillful leadership and courage in the face of enemy fire were an inspiration to his men and proved instrumental in the successful accomplishment of all assigned missions. His actions were in accordance with the highest standards of the military service. Entered military service from California.

SECOND LIEUTENANT WILLIAM E. HARTLINE, OI 178 180, Armored Field Artillery, while serving with the Army of the United States, distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action. On 22 December 1944 in the vicinity of Senechal, Belgium, his wire and radio communication having been knocked out by enemy fire, Lieutenant Hartline left his foxhole under 88mm, artillery and small arms fire to mount a tank in an exposed position in order to use the radio. By this action he caused artillery fire which neutralized the two direct fire guns of the enemy and killed many of the enemy infantry, greatly aiding in repelling the enemy attack. Leaving the tank, Lieutenant Hartline, under intense artillery fire, assisted in the evacuation of fifteen wounded men, carrying them over mud and snow for fifty yards to a medical vehicle for treatment and evacuation. His actions were in accordance with the highest standards of the military service. Entered military service from Indiana.

Technical Sergeant Donald B. Brown, 31 229 431 (then Staff Sergeant), Armored Infantry, while serving with the Army of the United States, distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action. On 23 December 1944 during the siege of Bastogne, Belgium, he was acting as forward observer and was located in a

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house one hundred yards to the rear of the main line of resistance with the mission of directing mortar fire in the support of defensive positions. Subjected to three attacks by the enemy, the positions were continually shelled. Although the house from which Sergeant Frena was observing was hit three times by enemy shell fire, and at times the enemy were as close as fifty yards from the house, he remained at his post and afforded to the infantry the most accurate and effective mortar support. The determination and courage for personal safety of Sergeant Frena contributed greatly to the successful accomplishment of the missions of his team. His actions were in accordance with the highest standards of the military service. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

Staff Sergeant Jean P. Frena, 31 216 375, Armored Infantry, while serving with the Army of the United States, distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action. On 25 December 1944 in the vicinity of Bastogne, Belgium, he was in command of an flame mortar squad in support of an infantry unit. In order to furnish to the infantry the maximum support, his gun positions and observation posts were, of necessity, in exposed positions. Attacked three times by enemy tanks and infantry units, his positions were subjected to heavy enemy artillery, mortar, and small arms fire. When the enemy fire severed vital lines of communication between his observation post and his guns positions, Sergeant Frena personally repaired these wires under enemy artillery and small arms fire. The enemy scored a direct hit on the barn in which his observation post was located and completely demolished the building. Escaping from the crumbling barn, he set up his equipment in a haystack, but the enemy soon set fire to this new position. By covering the entire surrounding area with grazing machine gun fire, the enemy greatly imperiled the position and movement of Sergeant Frena. When the enemy fire subsided, however, he crawled back along his wires, made the necessary repairs, and continued to direct the most effective and accurate fire on enemy targets. His courage, devotion to duty, and tenacity of purpose were contributing factors to the successful accomplishment of the missions of the infantry which he was supporting. His actions were in accordance with the highest standards of the military service. Entered military service from Maine.

Staff Sergeant Woodrow M. Johnson, 35 741 884, Armored Infantry, while serving with the Army of the United States, distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action. On 19 December 1944, during an attack by the enemy in the vicinity of Noville, Belgium, a tank defending an outpost was hit three times by enemy 88mm shells and set on fire. Seeing that three members of the crew were injured and unable to get out of the tank, Sergeant Johnson and an officer ran to the burning tank. Despite enemy small arms and artillery fire and the danger of exploding ammunition, he removed the wounded men and assisted in their evacuation. The outstanding courage and disregard for personal safety of Sergeant Johnson were instrumental in saving the lives of the tank men. His actions were in accordance with the highest standards of the military service. Entered military service from West Virginia.

Technician Third Grade Merle B. Posey, 37 108 096, Medical Detachment, Field Artillery, while serving with the Army of the United States, distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action. On 20 December 1944 in the vicinity of Bastogne, Belgium, enemy artillery fire effected a direct hit on an M-7 tank, seriously wounding the crew members, and setting fire to the trailer which was loaded with ammunition. Although the tank was still under enemy fire, and the ammunition in the trailer was exploding, Technician Third Grade Posey, with complete disregard for his personal safety, climbed on the tank and aided in the removal of the wounded men. The actions of Technician Third Grade Posey demonstrated extreme courage and high devotion to duty, and were in accordance with the highest standards of the military service. Entered military service from Arkansas.

Sergeant Jack C. Bourdon, 6 916 381, Armored Engineers, while serving with the Army of the United States, distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action. On 24 December 1944, in the vicinity of Bastogne, Belgium, during an

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enemy bombing of the city, a bomb hit the temporary hospital of his organization setting fire to the building and destroying it. An unknown number of wounded had been trapped in the basement of the burning building. Daringly and of his own volition despite the added dangers of exploding ammunition, gasoline trucks, and crumbling walls, he entered the debris of the bombed hospital and brought to safety four wounded men. Sergeant Haurden's outstanding heroism, his courageous determination and zealous devotion to duty exemplify the highest standards of the military service. His actions were in accordance with the highest standards of the military service. Entered military service from Michigan.

Technician Fourth Grade Harold B. Shearer, 33 111 940, Armored Infantry, while serving with the Army of the United States, distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action. On 19 December 1944 in the vicinity of Fry, Belgium, while driving a medium tank he was halted by direct 88mm and artillery fire. In attempting to withdraw to a defilade position where he could return the fire his tank was hit by an 88mm shell and instantly set fire. Two members of the crew, severely wounded, were unable to escape from the burning tank. Displaying a high degree of courage and tenacity, Technician Fourth Grade Shearer moved the wounded men from the burning tank and carried them to a place of safety where they were administered first aid. Technician Fourth Grade Shearer's outstanding heroism, his courageous determination and zealous devotion to duty exemplify the highest standards of the military service. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Corporal Glenn M. Dazarn, 35 671 406, Armored Infantry, while serving with the Army of the United States, distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action. On 19 December 1944, in the vicinity of Noville, Belgium, he and another comrade were manning a 57mm antitank gun when two enemy tanks approached their position. Despite the intense small arms and artillery fire around their gun position and with complete disregard for their personal safety, they fired their gun until the two enemy tanks were in smoldering ruins. Corporal Dazarn's outstanding heroism, his courageous determination and zealous devotion to duty exemplify the highest standards of the military service. Entered military service from Kentucky.

Corporal Ira D. Way, 37 317 806, Armored Infantry, while serving with the Army of the United States, distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action. On 19 December 1944, in the vicinity of Noville, Belgium, when his platoon leader and most of the men in his platoon had become casualties, he remained at his post with an assault gun in a forward position. Despite the fact that the remainder of his platoon was gone, by remaining at his post he materially aided in repelling the enemy attack of tanks and infantry. He assisted in knocking out four enemy tanks and inflicted many casualties upon the advancing enemy infantry. His actions were in accordance with the highest standards of the military service. Entered military service from Minnesota.

Technician Fifth Grade Raymond C. Bond, 37 141 805, Medical Detachment, Armored Field Artillery, while serving with the Army of the United States, distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action. On 20 December 1944 in the vicinity of Bastogne, Belgium, enemy artillery fire effected a direct hit on an M-7 tank, seriously wounding the crew members and setting fire to its trailer loaded with ammunition. Although the tank was still under enemy fire, and the ammunition in the trailer was exploding, Technician Fifth Grade Bond, with complete disregard for his personal safety, climbed up on the tank and aided in the removal of the wounded men. The actions of Technician Fifth Grade Bond demonstrated outstanding courage and high devotion to duty, and were according to the highest standards of the military service. Entered military service from Kansas.

Technician Fifth Grade Edwin A. Unger, 36 742 181, Field Artillery, while serving with the Army of the United States, distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action. On 25 December 1944, in the vicinity of Bastogne,

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Y Belgium, he and four others were in an extremely exposed position to fire from the enemy tanks. Even though aware of the fact that his .50 caliber machine gun fire would have little effect against the heavy enemy tanks, he remained at his post and kept the battalion commander informed of the movement of the enemy. Shortly thereafter when the order to fire was given his gun jammed, and although he could have withdrawn to a less exposed position, he remained at his post and assisted in repairing the weapon. Clearing the gun, he fired on the enemy, killing several and forcing the remainder to surrender. His actions were in accordance with the highest standards of the military service. Entered military service from Illinois.

1. Technician Fifth Grade Jossa L. Wilson, 34 476 821, Armored Infantry, while serving with the Army of the United States, distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action. On 19 December 1944, in the vicinity of Noville, Belgium, his platoon was subjected to intense artillery and machine gun fire. With complete disregard for his personal safety, he voluntarily left his comparatively safe position and manned the exposed machine gun on a half-track. He continued to fire his gun until he was seriously wounded. His fire aided materially in repulsing the attack and his actions were an inspiration to the members of his organization. His actions were in accordance with the highest standards of the military service. Entered military service from Mississippi.

Private First Class Kenneth M. Pier, 35 065 174, Field Artillery, while serving with the Army of the United States, distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action. On 21 December 1944, in the vicinity of Villeroux, Belgium, when an enemy attack by tanks and infantry threatened to overrun his unit position, Private First Class Pier's three quarter ton truck was committed to volunteer machine gunners to protect the right rear of the battery positions. Later, when the order to withdraw vehicles and equipment was given, an attempt to start the motor of his truck failed and the machine gunners were forced to abandon the truck, he raced four hundred yards across the field swept by a murderous stream of machine gun fire, reached his vehicle and returned with it to his section. The courage and bravery displayed by Private First Class Pier resulted in saving valuable equipment. His actions were in accordance with the highest standards of the military service. Entered military service from Ohio.

Y Private First Class Robert H. Smock, 35 569 143, Armored Field Artillery, while serving with the Army of the United States, distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action. On 22 December 1944 in the vicinity of Bastogne, Belgium, his unit was subjected to a heavy barrage of enemy artillery and mortar fire, causing several casualties. Assisting at the battery kitchen truck, Private First Class Smock heard a call for medical assistance. Despite the heavy enemy fire which covered the area, he hastened to the scene of the casualties and rendered invaluable medical aid to the wounded men. On 23 December 1944 an M-7 tank received a direct hit from an enemy shell and immediately burst into flames. With complete disregard for his personal safety, Private First Class Smock picked up an extinguisher in a desperate attempt to put out the fire. After assisting in the evacuation of a wounded man, he returned to the fire and, despite the danger of exploding ammunition, continued his efforts to extinguish the blaze. His outstanding courage and aggressiveness were instrumental in saving the lives of his comrades. His actions were in accordance with the highest standards of the military service. Entered military service from Indiana.

Private First Class Newborn R. Snellgrove, 34 398 804, Armored Infantry, while serving with the Army of the United States, distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action. On 19 December 1944, in the vicinity of Noville, Belgium, with complete disregard for his personal safety, he advanced over open ground and rescued a wounded comrade who was in immediate danger of being killed by enemy fire. This action was performed in daylight under direct enemy observation and subject to heavy enemy fire from small arms, machine guns and mortars. His courageous actions aided in saving the wounded man's life, and were an inspiration to all witnesses. His actions were in accordance with the highest standards of the military service. Entered military service from Florida.

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Private Harold L. Burezyk, 36 883 998, Medical Detachment, Armored Field Artillery, while serving with the Army of the United States, distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action. On 20 December 1944 in the vicinity of Bastogne, Belgium, enemy artillery fire effected a direct hit on an M-7 tank, seriously wounding the crew members and setting fire to the trailer which was loaded with ammunition. Although the tank was still under enemy fire, and the ammunition in the trailer was exploding, Private Burezyk, with complete disregard for his personal safety, climbed upon the tank and aided in the removal of the wounded men. The actions of Private Burezyk demonstrated outstanding courage and high devotion to duty, and were in accordance with the highest standards of the military service. Entered military service from Michigan.

Private Tony D. Long, 38 530 475, Field Artillery, while serving with the Army of the United States, distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action. On 25 December 1944 in the vicinity of Bastogne, Belgium, he and four others were in an extremely exposed position to fire from the enemy tanks. Even though aware of the fact that his .50 caliber machine gun fire would have little effect against the heavy enemy tanks, he remained at his post and kept the battalion commander informed of the movement of the enemy. Shortly thereafter when the order to fire was given the gun jammed, and although he could have withdrawn to a less exposed position, he remained at his post and assisted in repairing the weapon. Clearing the gun, he fired on the enemy, killing several and forcing the remainder to surrender. His actions were in accordance with the highest standards of the military service. Entered military service from Texas.

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I -- AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL -- Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, and pursuant to authority contained in Circular Number 6, Third United States Army, dated 26 April 1944, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following named personnel for heroic achievement in action against the enemy in Belgium:

CAPTAIN RICHARD ULRICH, O 416 041, Armored Infantry, while serving with the Army of the United States, distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action. In command of his company in the vicinity of Bastogne, Belgium, he was employing a reconnaissance platoon in front of the entire team to observe the enemy and warn the rest of the unit in the event of an enemy attack. Enemy resistance soon became so strong that the unit was ordered to withdraw. Through the close coordination of his assault guns and 81mm mortars, Captain Ulrich made a gallant stand against superior enemy forces. Throughout the action, he made his way through heavy enemy artillery and small arms fire in order to more effectively direct the fire of his men and obtain the maximum results from his heavy weapons. His skillful maneuvers and courageous leadership were an invaluable aid to his battalion in its activities against strong enemy forces. His actions were in accordance with the highest standards of the military service. Entered military service from New York.

CAPTAIN ROBERT W. WILSON, O1 014 717, Armored Infantry, while serving with the Army of the United States, distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action. On 23 December 1944 in the vicinity of Bastogne, Belgium, his unit was being strongly attacked by enemy infantry and tanks. Captain Wilson was at the very foremost position during this attack and noticed a friendly half-track with part of the crew killed and others wounded. Realizing that nothing prevented the enemy from taking or probably destroying the vehicle, Captain Wilson, with complete disregard for his personal safety, raced to the abandoned vehicle and drove it back into friendly lines. This action was accomplished under intense enemy small arms and tank fire and under direct observation of the enemy who were at this time within twenty-five yards of the vehicle. His actions were in accordance with the highest standards of the military service. Entered military service from New York.

FIRST LIEUTENANT HARRY M. BLOOMDALE, O1 018 122, Armored Infantry, while serving with the Army of the United States, distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action. On 19 December 1944, in the vicinity of Ment, Belgium, he was giving instructions to a group of twelve enlisted men for the movement of trucks engaged in transporting supplies to his organization. Enemy artillery fire fell in the vicinity of this group, the first concentration wounding Lieutenant Bloomdale and five enlisted men. Being seriously wounded in the hip and legs by shell fragments, he directed the first aid and evacuation of the wounded men before allowing himself to be treated and evacuated. The cool and courageous manner in which Lieutenant Bloomdale conducted himself, oblivious of his own danger, resulted in prompt surgical treatment of the wounded which saved the lives of four men. His actions were in accordance with the highest standards of the military service. Entered military service from California.

SECOND LIEUTENANT WILLIAM A. NURNEN, O 518 705, Armored Infantry, while serving with the Army of the United States, distinguished himself by

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heroic achievement in action. On 19 December 1944, during an attack by the enemy in the vicinity of Noville, Belgium, a tank defending an outpost was hit three times by enemy 88mm shells and set on fire. Seeing that three members of the crew were injured and unable to get out of the tank, Lieutenant Nurthen and an enlisted man ran to the burning tank. Despite enemy small arms and artillery fire and the danger of exploding ammunition, he removed the wounded men and assisted in their evacuation. The outstanding courage and disregard for personal safety of Lieutenant Nurthen were instrumental in saving the lives of the tank men. His actions were in accordance with the highest standards of the military service. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

First Sergeant Manford E. Yeager, 6 953 414, Field Artillery, while serving with the Army of the United States, distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action. On 25 December 1944, in the vicinity of Bastogne, Belgium, he was manning a .30 caliber machine gun with two others in an observation post located in the hayloft of a barn approximately five hundred yards from the rear of his unit's gun positions. He sighted four enemy tanks and approximately fifty infantrymen attacking the gun positions from the northwest. Although the observation post was under direct observation from the enemy and a constant threat to intense small arms and automatic weapons fire, he remained at his post, reporting the presence and movements of the enemy force. When the order to fire was given First Sergeant Yeager fired his machine gun without a mount until the ammunition was exhausted. He then continued to fire with his individual weapon. His actions contributed greatly to the destruction of the enemy tanks and surrender of the enemy infantrymen and were in accordance with the highest standards of the military service. Entered military service from Oklahoma.

Technical Sergeant Leon Hill, 38 275 624, Armored Infantry, while serving with the Army of the United States, distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action. On 19 December 1944 in the vicinity of Longvilly, Belgium, he was the platoon sergeant of a rifle platoon in an armored column advancing toward the village. The first information the column had that the forward lines had been broken was when troops of the forward element reported that the column was encircled by the enemy. Vehicles were being knocked out and were burning as a result of enemy 88mm and mortar fire. Sergeant Hill, upon learning his platoon leader was wounded, unhesitatingly assumed command of the platoon. The troops were in a valley without any possible chance of protection. He ordered his men to place all fire possible on the enemy and daringly and of his own volition, he advanced over open ground for approximately one hundred yards beyond the line established by his platoon and rescued a wounded squad leader and his platoon leader who were in immediate danger of being killed by enemy fire. He continued to lead his men through the enemy lines under continuous enemy fire for several miles and upon reaching organized positions there were only three men missing. His actions were in accordance with the highest standards of the military service. Entered military service from Oklahoma.

Staff Sergeant Leon D. Gantt, 14 181 768, Armored Infantry, while serving with the Army of the United States, distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action. On 19 December 1944 he was in charge of an outpost in the vicinity of Noville, Belgium. An enemy column consisting of five armored half-tracks approached, and when halted, opened fire on the outpost. Sergeant Gantt skillfully deployed his men, continually exposing himself to the enemy fire and succeeded in forcing the enemy to withdraw. He immediately notified his company headquarters of the enemy situation and afforded the company sufficient time to organize its perimeter defense. His actions were in accordance with the highest standards of the military service. Entered military service from Alabama.

Staff Sergeant Raymond L. Goodman, 32 067 013, Field Artillery, while serving with the Army of the United States, distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action. On 25 December 1944 in the vicinity of Bastogne, Belgium, he was manning a .30 caliber machine gun with two others in an observation post

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located in the hayloft of a barn approximately five hundred yards from the rear of his unit's gun positions. He sighted four enemy tanks and approximately fifty infantrymen attacking the gun positions from the northwest. Although the observation post was under direct observation from the enemy and a constant threat to intense small arms and automatic weapons fire, he remained at his post, reporting the presence and movements of the enemy force. When the order to fire was given, Sergeant Goodman fired his machine gun without a mount until the ammunition was exhausted. He then continued to fire with his individual weapon. His actions contributed greatly to the destruction of the enemy tanks and surrender of the enemy infantrymen and were in accordance with the highest standards of the military service. Entered military service from New Jersey.

Staff Sergeant George E. Martin, 6 896 465, Armored Infantry, while serving with the Army of the United States, distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action. On 19 December 1944 in the vicinity of Mageret, Belgium, he volunteered to accompany a convoy to evacuate the seriously wounded into friendly lines. The column was halted by a road block and was receiving heavy small arms and artillery fire. With skill and foresight, Sergeant Martin rapidly formed a group of stragglers into organized squads and started them forward on the main road to clear a way for the column. A small force was holding a portion of the north side of the village, but no contact had been made with them for more than an hour. With complete disregard for his own safety, Sergeant Martin moved forward under heavy enemy fire to find a route to these friendly forces. The squads did not have enough strength to clear the road block, but he had succeeded in contacting the friendly troops and finding the only possible route for the convoy. That night he again volunteered to take a patrol of two men through the enemy lines to contact friendly troops at Bizery, Belgium. By his diligence and untiring effort, Sergeant Martin played an important part in the transportation of forty wounded patients back into friendly lines in time to evacuate them before being cut off by the enemy. His actions were in accordance with the highest standards of the military service. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Staff Sergeant Wilbert E. Sanders, 34 666 204, Field Artillery, while serving with the Army of the United States, distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action. On 25 December 1944, in the vicinity of Bastogne, Belgium, he and four others were in an extremely exposed position to fire from the enemy tanks. Even though aware of the fact that his .50 caliber machine gun fire would have little effect against the heavy enemy tanks, he remained at his post and kept the battalion commander informed of the movement of the enemy. Shortly thereafter when the order to fire was given his gun jammed, and although he could have withdrawn to a less exposed position, he remained at his post and assisted in repairing the weapon. Clearing the gun, he fired on the enemy, killing several and forcing the remainder to surrender. His actions were in accordance with the highest standards of the military service. Entered military service from North Carolina.

Sergeant Dave Collins, 6 943 870, Armored Infantry, while serving with the Army of the United States, distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action. On 20 December 1944 in the vicinity of Noville, Belgium, his assault gun platoon was subjected to heavy fire from enemy tanks, mortars, machine guns, and small arms fire. As a result of the intensity of the enemy fire, the platoon suffered four casualties. Although wounded himself, Sergeant Collins administered aid to and evacuated two of the casualties. He then carried his wounded platoon leader to the relative safety of a nearby building and rendered first aid to him. Throughout this action, Sergeant Collins displayed outstanding courage and consideration for his comrades. His actions were in accordance with the highest standards of the military service. Entered military service from Kentucky.

Sergeant Kent Packard, 20 323 471, Field Artillery, while serving with the Army of the United States, distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action. On 20 December 1944 in the vicinity of Bastogne, Belgium, a vehicle in column ahead of his ammunition half-track was hit by enemy artillery and the ammunition trailer set afire. Without hesitation, he jumped on the burning

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trailer with his fire extinguisher and with his bare hands tossed 105mm howitzer ammunition onto the ground, thereby protecting the personnel and vehicles in the remainder of the convoy and conserving the vital supply of ammunition. Sergeant Packard then removed the wounded from the M-7 tank and procured medical aid for them. Having never driven a tank, he proceeded to drive the M-7 to a safe position saving it from further damage by the terrific enemy artillery barrage. In a later action on 22 December 1944, Sergeant Packard displayed his zealous devotion to duty in assisting in the evacuation of fifteen wounded comrades, carrying them through mud and snow approximately fifty yards to a medical vehicle for treatment, thereby materially aiding in saving their lives. His actions were in accordance with the highest standards of the military service. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Technician Fourth Grade Eugene S. Barrett, 39 910 937, Field Artillery, while serving with the Army of the United States, distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action. On 25 December 1944 in the vicinity of Bastogne, Belgium, he was manning a .30 caliber machine gun with two others in an observation post located in the hayloft of a barn approximately five hundred yards from the rear of his unit's gun positions. He sighted four enemy tanks and approximately fifty infantrymen attacking the gun positions from the northwest. Although the observation post was under direct observation from the enemy and a constant threat to intense small arms and automatic weapons fire, he remained at his post, reporting the presence and movements of the enemy force. When the order to fire was given Technician Fourth Grade Barrett fired his machine gun without a mount until the ammunition was exhausted. He then continued to fire with his individual weapon. His actions contributed greatly to the destruction of the enemy tanks and surrender of the enemy infantrymen and were in accordance with the highest standards of the military service. Entered military service from Utah.

Technician Fourth Grade James A. Tyer, 38 471 108, Field Artillery, while serving with the Army of the United States, distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action. On 25 December 1944 in the vicinity of Bastogne, Belgium, he and four others were in an extremely exposed position subjected to fire from enemy tanks. Even though aware of the fact that his .50 caliber machine gun fire would have little effect against the heavy enemy tanks, he remained at his post and kept the battalion commander informed of the movement of the enemy. Shortly thereafter when the order to fire was given the gun jammed, and although he could have withdrawn to a less exposed position, he remained at his post and assisted in repairing the weapon. Clearing the gun, he fired on the enemy, killing several and forcing the remainder to surrender. His actions were in accordance with the highest standards of the military service. Entered military service from Oklahoma.

Technician Fifth Grade William D. Gebert, 36 409 805, Armored Field Artillery, while serving with the Army of the United States, distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action. From 22 December to 27 December 1944, during the siege of Bastogne, Belgium, an acute shortage of officers and enlisted personnel developed in his unit. In addition to his regular duties as an instrument operator, he rendered invaluable assistance to the reconnaissance sergeant. Working long hours of the day and night, he displayed untiring devotion to duty when the unit was surrounded and subjected to heavy enemy artillery and mortar fire. Further assisting in carrying out the battalion mission, he assumed the duties of the assistant executive officer and by performing these duties in an efficient and competent manner greatly relieved the precarious situation. His actions were in accordance with the highest standards of the military service. Entered military service from Michigan.

Private John R. Greutzinger, 32 130 385, Field Artillery, while serving with the Army of the United States, distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action. On 25 December 1944 in the vicinity of Bastogne, Belgium, he and four others were in an extremely exposed position to fire from the enemy tanks.

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Even though aware of the fact that his .50 caliber machine gun fire would have little effect against the heavy enemy tanks, he remained at his post and kept the battalion commander informed of the movement of the enemy. Shortly thereafter when the order to fire was given the gun jammed, and although he could have withdrawn to a less exposed position, he remained at his post and assisted in repairing the weapon. Guarding the gun, he fired on the enemy, killing several and forcing the remainder to surrender. His actions were in accordance with the highest standards of the military service. Entered military service from New York.

II -- AWARD OF BRONZE STAR (Posthumous) -- Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, and pursuant to authority contained in Circular Number 6, Third United States Army, dated 26 April 1944, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded posthumously to the following named personnel for heroic achievement in action against the enemy in Belgium:

Staff Sergeant Calvin O. Jarrell, 6 662 302, Field Artillery, while serving with the Army of the United States, distinguished himself by heroic achievement. On 19 December 1944, in the vicinity of Mageret, Belgium, he was assigned as a forward observer with a column of tanks and armored infantry cut off from the main body of his organization. The only possible route of return was through the village of Mageret which was held by the enemy. A plan was made to seize a corner of the village and pass the column through. Sergeant Jarrell was adjusting fire on the village when a shell exploded ten feet from him knocking him down. Dazed and blinded for several minutes, he recovered and dragged the wounded to a safe position nearby. He returned and adjusted fire on the village in support of the attack, at times adjusting defensive fires within fifty yards of his own position. These adjustments were made at night in a heavy fog and from a position where his own fire fell between him and his guns. In spite of these difficulties, his fire was so successful that the larger enemy force was prevented from retaking that corner of the village then in friendly hands, thus allowing the column to break through to the main body. His actions were in accordance with the highest standards of the military service. Entered military service from West Virginia.

Private First Class Robert E. Berg, 37 320 344, Cavalry, while serving with the Army of the United States, distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action. On 19 December 1944 in the vicinity of Noville, Belgium, he was acting as a tank gunner. When the enemy launched an attack with aillery and tanks and attempted to penetrate friendly defenses of the town, Private First Class Berg fired his weapon at the enemy and knocked out two enemy tanks, thereby blocking the road. This display of skill and tenacity of purpose of Private First Class Berg halted the enemy offensive in that sector and saved many allied vehicles. Immediately following this action, he was mortally wounded by shell fire. His actions were in accordance with the highest standards of the military service. Entered military service from Minnesota.

III -- AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL OAK LEAF CLUSTER -- Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, and pursuant to authority contained in Circular Number 6, Third United States Army, dated 26 April 1944, having been awarded the Bronze Star Medal by former order, an Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded to the following named officer for heroic achievement in action against the enemy in Belgium:

MAJOR WILLIS D. CRITTENBERGER JR., 024 893, Armored Field Artillery, while serving with the Army of the United States, distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action. During the period 19 December to 24 December 1944, he was executive officer of his field artillery battalion which was engaging the enemy in the vicinity of Senonchamps, Belgium. On 21 December 1944 the battalion was attacked by strong enemy forces supported by tanks. Commanding the northern approach in addition to his regular duties, Major Crittenberger exercised his superior knowledge of infantry tactics and directed his forces in an efficient and effective manner. When the commanding officer of the battalion was mortally

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wounded on 24 December 1944, Major Crittenberger assumed this command and despite an acute shortage of ammunition, directed fire continuously at targets of importance with tremendous effect on the enemy. His actions were in accordance with the highest standards of the military service. Entered military service from Indiana.

IV -- AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL -- Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, and pursuant to authority contained in Circular Number 6, Third United States Army, dated 26 April 1944, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following named personnel for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Belgium:

MAJOR STANLEY R. RESOR, O 374 499, Armored Field Artillery, from 18 December 1944 to 31 December 1944. Entered military service from Connecticut.
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CAPTAIN STEVEN P. ~~CRITCHENBERGER~~, O1 165 597, Field Artillery, United States Army, 18 December 1944 to 2 January 1945. Entered military service from California.

CAPTAIN RICHARD G. GREERIE, O 407 725, Cavalry, United States Army, from 19 December 1944 to 2 January 1945. Entered military service from Massachusetts.
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CAPTAIN MASON W. HARRIS, O1 011 164, Infantry, United States Army, from 20 December 1944 to 28 December 1944. Entered military service from California.

CAPTAIN NORMAN J. LIMPET, O 384 050, Medical Corps, United States Army, from 22 December 1944 to 28 December 1944. Entered military service from New York.

CAPTAIN JOHN J. NEVIN, O1 011 375, Armored Infantry, United States Army, from 18 December 1944 to 26 December 1944. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

FIRST LIEUTENANT JAMES H. ROCKEFELLEN, O1 169 837, Field Artillery, United States Army, from 20 December 1944 to 24 December 1944. Entered military service from New York.

FIRST LIEUTENANT MELZAR P. ROCKER, O1 180 821, Field Artillery, from 20 December 1944 to 24 December 1944. Entered military service from South Carolina.

FIRST LIEUTENANT VAL FRIEDMAN, O1 014 853, Armored Infantry, United States Army, from 19 December 1944 to 31 December 1944. Entered military service from Ohio.

FIRST LIEUTENANT HERMAN G. JACOBS, O1 287 537, Armored Infantry, United States Army, on 24 December 1944. Entered military service from Connecticut.

FIRST LIEUTENANT ROBERT W. MEYER, O1 167 967, Field Artillery, United States Army, from 11 November 1944 to 3 January 1945. Entered military service from New York.

SECOND LIEUTENANT ALLEN L. JOHNSON, O1 016 775, Armored Infantry, United States Army, from 19 December 1944 to 20 December 1944. Entered military service from New Jersey.

First Sergeant Ralph W. Cushing, 31 001 348, Armored Infantry, United States Army, from 15 November 1944 to 6 January 1945. Entered military service from Vermont.

Staff Sergeant Frank L. Ferrarosi, 31 229 283, Medical Department, United States Army, from 21 December 1944 to 27 December 1944. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

Technician Fourth Grade Cornelius J. DeBoer, 16 088 116, Field Artillery, United States Army, on 22 December 1944. Entered military service from Michigan.

Technician Fourth Grade Bernard E. Kangas, 7 021 329, Armored Infantry, United States Army, on 19 December 1944. Entered military service from New York.

Corporal Russell F. Thompson, 38 275 372, Field Artillery, United States Army, from 20 December 1944 to 28 December 1944. Entered military service from Oklahoma.

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Technician Fifth Grade Dwight W. Ayres, 38 264 083, Armored Infantry, United States Army, from 19 December 1944 to 31 December 1944. Entered military service from Louisiana.

Private First Class Sam J. Horowitz, 36 539 628, Medical Detachment, Infantry, United States Army, on 24 December 1944. Entered military service from Michigan.

V -- AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL (Posthumous) -- Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, and pursuant to authority contained in Circular Number 6, Third United States Army, dated 26 April 1944, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded posthumously to the following named personnel for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Belgium:

FIRST LIEUTENANT JOHN C. BUSH, O1 011 210, Armored Infantry, United States Army, from 1 November 1944 to 31 December 1944. Entered military service from New York.

FIRST LIEUTENANT FREDERIC J. MILLON, O1 169 228, Armored Infantry, United States Army, from 17 December 1944 to 26 December 1944. Entered military service from New York.

FIRST LIEUTENANT RUDOLPH J. VOBORIL, O1 012 732, Armored Infantry, United States Army, from 17 December 1944 to 26 December 1944. Entered military service from New York.

VI -- AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL OR OAK LEAF CLUSTER -- Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, and pursuant to authority contained in Circular Number 6, Third United States Army, dated 26 April 1944, having been awarded the Bronze Star Medal by former order, an Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded to the following named personnel for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Belgium:

LIEUTENANT COLONEL HUBERT D. BARNES, O 267 294, Field Artillery, United States Army, from 20 December 1944 to 27 December 1944. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

CAPTAIN THOMAS C. EDGAR, O1 011 152, Armored Infantry, United States Army, from 17 December 1944 to 1 January 1945. Entered military service from West Virginia.

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I — AWARD OF SILVER STAR — Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, and pursuant to authority contained in Circular Number 25, Headquarters Seventh Army, 7 November 1944, the Silver Star is awarded to the following named personnel for gallantry in action against the enemy in Belgium:

BRIGADIER GENERAL GERALD J. HIGGINS, O19 530, United States Army, for gallantry in action. During the period 17 December 1944 to 26 December 1944, General Higgins was second in command of the 101st Airborne Division during the siege of Bastogne, Belgium. Though the city was completely surrounded by the enemy, his calm and intelligent demeanor under severe stress inspired all ranks to supreme efforts. From 3 January 1945 to 5 January 1945 General Higgins organized and commanded a task force composed of infantry, artillery, engineers, tank destroyers and armor to repulse a strong enemy attack against the Champs-Longchamps sector of the perimeter defense of the city. He frequently exposed himself to enemy bombing, strafing, artillery and small arms fire to contact personally the various elements of his task force. By his resourcefulness, skillful troop dispositions and use of reserves he rendered a vital contribution to the successful defense of the city. His actions were in accordance with the highest standards of the military service. Entered military service from Idaho.

FIRST LIEUTENANT ANTHONY N. BORRELLI, O1 305 886, Parachute Infantry, while serving with the Army of the United States, distinguished himself by gallantry in action. On 21 December 1944 in the vicinity of Foy, Belgium, an enemy force had infiltrated through the main line and had dug positions in a wooded area approximately fifteen hundred yards behind his unit's front lines. The men were unable to see the enemy due to the heavy mist. Shortly after the company commander became a casualty the enemy fire ceased. Lieutenant Borrelli turned over his platoon to the platoon sergeant with orders to turn the enemy's left flank. He then moved forward in front of the company and with complete disregard for his personal safety, charged the enemy position firing his sub machine gun. Inspired by the daring example of their intrepid leader, the men sprang to their feet and went into the assault. This spirited assault so broke the morale of the enemy that their fire became very light and inaccurate. By this action approximately fifty of the enemy were killed, forty captured and one hundred were made to break and run into an area held by friendly troops who captured them immediately. Lieutenant Borrelli's courage and gallant leadership displayed at the critical moment exemplify the highest standards of the military service. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

FIRST LIEUTENANT MURICE G. LaGRAVE, O1 298 721, Parachute Infantry, while serving with the Army of the United States, distinguished himself by gallantry in action. On 25 December 1944 in the vicinity of Champs, Belgium, during the initial phase of an enemy penetration, Lieutenant LaGrave moved from his command post which was surrounded by the enemy to give warning to his most forward positions and to place firepower where he could secure the maximum effectiveness. Lieutenant LaGrave, with complete disregard for his personal safety, crawled and ran across an open hill and in so doing exposed himself to enemy observation and fire. He then disposed his platoon to cope with the enemy now on three sides of his positions. The aggressive and courageous actions of Lieutenant LaGrave resulted in his platoon inflicting heavy casualties on the enemy and preventing the enemy from outflanking their position. While moving forward to his platoon position, Lieutenant LaGrave came upon two of the enemy whom he killed and during the ensuing action he personally captured ten of the enemy. The actions of Lieutenant LaGrave and his platoon accounted for over forty of the enemy killed and fifty-four captured. His actions were in accordance with the highest standards of the military service. Entered military service from North Dakota.

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First Sergeant Theodore E. Beishline, 33 127 206, Parachute Infantry, while serving with the Army of the United States, distinguished himself by gallantry in action. On 25 December 1944 in the vicinity of Champs, Belgium, a strong enemy mortar and artillery concentration severed all lines of communication between his company and platoon command posts. Realizing the urgent necessity of reestablishing communication, Sergeant Beishline voluntarily led a patrol to contact the platoons which were located seven hundred yards away. Reaching a position two hundred yards from the platoon command post, the patrol observed an enemy platoon infiltrating along the main road. Appreciating the threat this platoon presented to the company, Sergeant Beishline withdrew his patrol, retraced his way to a tank destroyer, and personally led the tank destroyer to a well selected position ahead of the enemy column, and supervised its fire on the enemy. Through his initiative, aggressiveness, and extreme courage, Sergeant Beishline proved instrumental in capturing and killing the major portion of the enemy force. His actions were in accordance with the highest standards of the military service. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Private Newt P. Holt, 33 704 512, Parachute Infantry, while serving with the Army of the United States, distinguished himself by gallantry in action. On 22 December 1944 in the vicinity of Foy, Belgium, his company was subjected to an attack by enemy infantry supported by tanks. As the enemy came into view, Private Holt fired his machine gun at the enemy force until it ceased to fire due to a malfunction. Despite enemy fire falling all around him, he immediately took apart the gun to repair the defect. While assembling the weapon, three of the enemy charged him. Private Holt quickly picked up his carbine and killed all three. He then continued to assemble the gun while under fire. Having assembled his machine gun he covered the withdrawal of the squad. His outstanding courage, devotion to duty and coolness in the face of enemy fire are worthy of the highest praise. His actions were in accordance with the highest standards of the military service. Entered military service from California.

II -- AWARD OF SILVER STAR -- Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, and pursuant to authority contained in Circular Number 25, Headquarters Seventh Army, 7 November 1944, the Silver Star is awarded to the following named personnel for gallantry in action against the enemy in Holland:

LIEUTENANT COLONEL NED D. MOORE, O18 212, General Staff Corps, while serving with the Army of the United States, distinguished himself by gallantry in action. On 19 September 1944 in the vicinity of Zon, Holland, he, with two enlisted men, was sent on a reconnaissance mission to locate tanks reported near the Division Command Post and determine whether or not the tanks were friendly or enemy. Advancing along a canal over flat, open terrain, the party reached a position approximately one hundred yards from the tank when it fired one round hitting and setting fire to a gasoline storage tank to the rear of the party. Colonel Moore sent information of the enemy tank back to the Command Post and, with complete disregard for his personal safety, elected to remain in his exposed position armed only with a pistol, to further observe the actions of the enemy tank. By so doing, he was caught between the crossfire of the friendly machine gun fire directed at the tank and enemy machine gun fire directed at the friendly troops in rear of Colonel Moore. Successful accomplishment of this mission, which enabled the Command Post to prepare for an attack, was realized largely because of the courage and devotion to duty displayed by Colonel Moore. His actions were in accordance with the highest standards of the military service. Entered military service from Iowa.

LIEUTENANT COLONEL ROBERT L. STRAYER, O 314 419, Parachute Infantry, while serving with the Army of the United States, distinguished himself by gallantry in action. On 17 September 1944 in the vicinity of Zon, Holland, he landed by parachute at the head of his battalion with the objective of seizing the village and moving on to the city of Eindhoven to secure it for the passage of the British Second Army. In the shortest possible time, he assembled his battalion and moved to the village of Zon. Although the bridge at Zon across the Wilhelmina Canal had been blown, through his enterprise and ingenuity, Colonel Strayer, by means of bridging expedients, passed his battalion across the canal and on the following day reached the outskirts of Eindhoven. This city was

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occupied by a considerable enemy force, however, Colonel Strayer penetrated the defences on the outskirts of the city, by-passed the principal enemy installations, and placed himself astride the routes which approached the city from the south. In so doing he temporarily isolated himself from the remainder of the Division, but his prompt action caused this important city to fall without a struggle, permitting the expeditious advance of the British Second Army. The ability, leadership, good judgment, and boundless energy displayed by Colonel Strayer under heavy enemy fire were an inspiration to his officers and men, and encouraged them to the accomplishment of tasks which could not have otherwise been achieved. His actions were in accordance with the highest standards of the military service. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

CAPTAIN BERNARD J. RYAN, O 510 970, Medical Corps, while serving with the Army of the United States, distinguished himself by gallantry in action. On 5 October 1944 after two hours of constant mortar and artillery fire, his battalion was subjected to an attack by a strong enemy force in the vicinity of Opheusden, Holland. The battalion aid station located in the town, was under heavy enemy fire from mortars, artillery and small arms. Captain Ryan, assistant battalion surgeon, continued operating the aid station despite the enemy fire and on several occasions made his way to the front lines to treat and evacuate wounded personnel in the midst of enemy machine gun and shell fire. He refused to move the aid station to the rear, although it had received two direct hits, for such a move would detract from the efficient evacuation of casualties. Captain Ryan, disregarding enemy fire and the possibility of being captured, treated a large number of American and British casualties, saving many lives. When the battalion was relieved and he was ordered to set up his aid station in the rear, Captain Ryan remained at his front line post until every casualty had been evacuated. Throughout the action, he displayed outstanding devotion to duty, skillful application of his superior knowledge, and complete disregard for his personal safety. His actions were in accordance with the highest standards of the military service. Entered military service from New York.

FIRST LIEUTENANT EDWARD M. HARRELL, O1 285 582, Parachute Infantry, while serving with the Army of the United States, distinguished himself by gallantry in action. On 5 October 1944, the enemy launched a strong attack on the positions of his company in the vicinity of Opheusden, Holland. After his commanding officer had been wounded, Lieutenant Harrell assumed command of his company and courageously met the numerically superior enemy force, repelling the attack which presented a serious threat to the regimental main line of resistance. Due to the intensity of the enemy artillery, mortar and small arm fire, the left flank of the company was exposed. However, Lieutenant Harrell remained with his company mustering all available clerks, runners, and miscellaneous riflemen, and prevented the enemy from enveloping the exposed flank. Although several key personnel had been wounded and killed and communications were completely destroyed, by skillfully deploying his men and leading them courageously and aggressively he repulsed every enemy attempt to penetrate his lines and capture the town. After the enemy infantry had been repulsed the enemy directed harassing concentrations of artillery fire on the town, causing many casualties. The command post was knocked out four times during the siege. With a depleted company and only two remaining officers, Lieutenant Harrell continued the action against the enemy and in three days of difficult and continuous fighting accounted for approximately one hundred fifty enemy casualties and sixty prisoners. At all times he displayed superior qualities of initiative, good judgment, leadership, and devotion to duty. His actions were in accordance with the highest standards of the military service. Entered military service from Indiana.

FIRST LIEUTENANT BERNARD J. McKEARNEY, O 451 693, Parachute Infantry, while serving with the Army of the United States, distinguished himself by gallantry in action. On 18 September 1944, in the vicinity of Best, Holland, when his platoon became isolated from the remainder of his battalion, he continued to lead his men forward in an attack against the enemy. When his platoon was subjected to heavy fire from two enemy 88mm guns towed by trucks, Lieutenant McKearney crawled within grenade throwing distance and killed the driver of one of the trucks by rifle fire and threw two grenades which killed five and wounded

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six of the enemy at the first gun. He then directed his few remaining men to a position from which they eliminated the remaining crew of the second gun. The conspicuous gallantry which characterized Lieutenant McCarney's exploits proved a constant inspiration to all who witnessed his actions and materially aided in the success of the attack. His actions were in accordance with the highest standards of the military service. Entered military service from New Jersey.

FIRST LIEUTENANT CLARENCE J. RYAN, OI 292 237, Glider Infantry, while serving with the Army of the United States, distinguished himself by gallantry in action. On 6 October 1944 in the vicinity of Opheusden, Holland, as executive officer of his company, he took personal command of the organization of the left sector of the company during a heavy enemy attack which lasted two hours. With complete disregard for his personal safety, Lieutenant Ryan exposed himself to enemy fire in order to dispose his troops in an effective manner. Throughout the action he was forced to make personal reconnaissance to locate enemy troops and on two occasions he came into such close contact with the enemy that he had to use hand grenades. Lieutenant Ryan's cool action and superior leadership inspired his men to the accomplishment of a very dangerous and hazardous mission. His actions were in accordance with the highest standards of the military service. Entered military service from Illinois.

SECOND LIEUTENANT HARRY H. LARSON, OI 826 013, Parachute Infantry, while serving with the Army of the United States, distinguished himself by gallantry in action. On 22 September 1944 in the vicinity of St. Oedenrode, Holland, he was ordered forward with his platoon to meet an enemy counterattack on the town. As he advanced with his platoon across an open field, they became pinned down by fire from a well concealed and firmly entrenched enemy machine gun. Realizing the importance of neutralizing this harassing enemy fire, he moved to an exposed position to determine the exact location of the gun. As the gun opened fire, he received painful wounds, but refused medical aid since he had located the enemy gun and was determined to silence it. From his exposed position he hurled a grenade which knocked out the enemy gun and killed several of its crew. His heroic courage and aggressive determination were an inspiration to his men and a vital contribution to the defeat of the enemy attack. His actions were in accordance with the highest standards of the military service. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

Sergeant Lige Embry, 18 018 916, Parachute Infantry, while serving with the Army of the United States, distinguished himself by gallantry in action. On 17 September 1944, in the vicinity of Best, Holland, while under heavy enemy fire and imminent danger of capture, he administered first aid to three of his seriously wounded comrades. Sergeant Embry hid the men in a nearby woods and after his section had safely reached friendly forces, he returned through the enemy lines to evacuate the wounded men. Because of their condition, his return journey was necessarily slow. Sergeant Embry went without sleep and food, avoiding enemy searching parties for over twenty hours while he worked under heavy fire to return the wounded men to friendly forces. Sergeant Embry's outstanding heroism, his determination and devotion to duty exemplify the highest standards of the military service. Entered military service from Texas.

Sergeant Frank J. Padisak, 13 083 988, Parachute Infantry, while serving with the Army of the United States, distinguished himself by gallantry in action. On 18 September 1944 his battalion was attacking the enemy at Eindhoven, Holland. When his company was held up by machine gun fire from two buildings, Sergeant Padisak volunteered to lead a five man patrol across two hundred yards of open field in order to knock out the enemy guns. With complete disregard for his personal safety, he moved forward under heavy enemy machine gun fire and destroyed one machine gun nest and killed four of the enemy. He then brought fire on the adjacent building in order to permit the further advance of his unit. His outstanding courage and leadership were an example to all and his action was instrumental in ensuring the success of the attack. His actions were in accordance with the highest standards of the military service. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

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Sergeant Karl R. Riewe, 6 31 513, Parachute Infantry, while serving with the Army of the United States, distinguished himself by gallantry in action. On 18 September 1944 in the vicinity of Bast, Holland, his platoon made an attack against the enemy. During the action his platoon came under point blank fire from an enemy 20mm gun, strongly supported by well emplaced riflemen and machine guns. The enemy fire was so effective that it threatened to stem the advance of the entire attacking force. Sergeant Riewe immediately seized his squad's machine gun and moved across an exposed area under enemy observation to a point of vantage on the enemy flank. From this advanced position he opened fire on the 20mm gun, killing four of the crew and rendering the gun unusable. Moving forward, Sergeant Riewe gained a position from which he could deliver enfilade fire on the supporting weapons. His bold maneuver created panic among the enemy who suffered heavy casualties in a precipitated retreat. The remainder of the enemy were subsequently captured. Sergeant Riewe's quick appraisal of the situation, his prompt decision, and courageous action were important factors in the continuing advance of his platoon toward their objective. His actions were in accordance with the highest standards of the military service. Entered military service from Washington.

Sergeant Dock J. Varner, 35 136 206, Glider Infantry, while serving with the Army of the United States, distinguished himself by gallantry in action. On 7 October 1944 in the vicinity of Ophuesden, Holland, while in command of an outpost one hundred twenty-five yards forward of the main line of resistance, the enemy launched a strong attack with infantry supported by armored vehicles and artillery fire. When the outpost was withdrawn, Sergeant Varner was informed that a wounded soldier had been left at the outpost. With complete disregard for his personal safety, Sergeant Varner made his way through enemy mortar and artillery fire to where the wounded man was lying and carried him back to a position of relative safety. Later when he moved back to his outpost position during the hours of darkness, he became involved in another enemy attack with small arms fire and hand grenades in the course of which he killed eight of the enemy and captured two prisoners. His actions were in accordance with the highest standards of the military service. Entered military service from Virginia.

Private First Class Fred Crossley, Jr., 32 478 386, Glider Infantry, while serving with the Army of the United States, distinguished himself by gallantry in action. On 7 October 1944 in the vicinity of Ophuesden, Holland, he was serving as a radio operator for his platoon leader. He was subjected to intense mortar and artillery shelling which destroyed his radio. It became necessary to utilize runners as a means of communication and Private First Class Crossley volunteered to be a runner. In this capacity he advanced over exposed ground to the company command post several times, on the return trip bringing ammunition to resupply his company. On one occasion, he took up a firing position to assist his platoon in repulsing an attack and when all his carbine ammunition had been expended he secured a sub machine gun and with complete disregard for his personal safety, advanced to a position from which he killed five of the enemy and captured two. The cool and courageous manner in which Private First Class Crossley conducted himself, oblivious of his own danger, demonstrate the highest standards of the military service. Entered military service from New York.

III — AWARD OF PURPLE HEART — Under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, 22 September 1943, the Purple Heart is awarded to the following named personnel for wounds or injuries as indicated received in action against the enemy on date shown in enemy occupied areas:

MAJOR GENERAL TAYLOR, MAXWELL D., O14 898, USA, U. S. Army, wounds, 9 November 1944, in Holland.

COLONEL MICHAELIS, JOHN H., O20 328, GSC, U. S. Army, wounds, 19 September 1944, in Holland.

CAPTAIN LEVIN, JACK J., O 337 337, MG, U. S. Army, wounds, 24 December 1944, in Belgium.

CAPTAIN PEARL, J. COB, O 485 391, DG, U. S. Army, injury, 20 December 1944, in Belgium.

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CAPTAIN SMITH, ROBERT S., O 904 740, 40, U. S. Army, injury, 13 January 1945, in Belgium.
Staff Sergeant Erdmann, Franklin O., 36 282 800, MD, U. S. Army, wounds, 23 December 1944, in Belgium.
Technician Fourth Grade Spitznas, Harold C., 35 291 589, Abn FA, injury, 30 December 1944, in Belgium.
Technician Fifth Grade Talbert, Ray C., 35 425 113, Abn FA, injury, 24 December 1944, in Belgium.
Private First Class Ashby, Earl R. Jr., 35 174 135, GII Inf, wounds, 19 September 1944, in Holland.
Private First Class Carter, Edward, 34 255 415, GII Inf, injury, 18 September 1944, in Holland.
Private First Class Ford, Paul E., 37 554 908, GII Inf, wounds, 27 September 1944, in Holland.
Private Borman, James P., 36 284 484, GII Inf, wounds, 23 September 1944, in Holland.
Private Lazarczyk, Walter T., 31 211 000, MD, wounds, 30 December 1944, in Belgium.

IV -- AWARD OF PURPLE HEART OAK LEAF CLUSTER -- Under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, 22 September 1943, the Purple Heart having been awarded by former order, an Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded to the following named personnel for wounds or injuries as indicated received in action against the enemy on date shown in enemy occupied area:

COLONEL MICHAELIS, JOHN H., O20 328, GSC, U. S. Army, wounds, 22 September 1944, in Holland.
Sergeant Craddock, Lucian C., 35 425 088, GII Inf, U. S. Army, wounds, 23 September 1944, in Holland.
Corporal Stewart, William E., 35 136 596, GII Inf., U. S. Army, wounds, 7 October 1944, in Holland.
Private First Class Wlodarczyk, Stanley, 35 288 597, GII Inf, U. S. Army, wounds, 9 January 1945, in Belgium.

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I -- AWARD OF SILVER STAR -- Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and pursuant to authority contained in Circular Number 25, Headquarters Seventh Army, 7 November 1944, the Silver Star is awarded to the following named personnel for gallantry in action against the enemy in Belgium:

COLONEL CURTIS D. BENFRO, O16 248, Glider Infantry, while serving with the Army of the United States, distinguished himself by gallantry in action. During the period 17 December 1944 to 26 December 1944, during the siege of Bastogne, Belgium, Colonel Benfro was detailed to coordinate the miscellaneous small units charged with the defense of the Division Command Post and to coordinate civilian and military activities in the interior of the city of Bastogne. He continuously exposed himself to heavy enemy bombing, strafing and artillery fire in order to contact personally the individuals of his units, place them in position and reassure them under conditions of severe stress. His calm and intelligent demeanor under heavy bombing and shelling of the city reassured the civilian populace and prevented many casualties. At all times he displayed superior qualities of initiative, good judgment, leadership and devotion to duty. His actions were in accordance with the highest standards of the military service. Entered military service from Utah.

MAJOR LLOYD E. PATCH, O 364 576, Parachute Infantry, while serving with the Army of the United States, distinguished himself by gallantry in action. On 17 December 1944 he planned and directed an attack against a strong enemy force holding the town of Foy, Belgium. Taking a position in the center of the two assaulting companies, he personally directed the units throughout the attack. In order to determine more effectively the strength and disposition of the enemy, he continually exposed himself to heavy enemy fire. On several occasions he personally directed the fire of supporting armored units in order to destroy enemy strongpoints. Inspired by the coolness of Major Patch in the face of heavy enemy artillery, mortar and small arms fire, and his presence with the assault echelons, his troops pressed the attack with vigor and aggressiveness. The success of the attack resulted in the relief of another battalion which had hitherto been surrounded by the enemy. Thirty of the enemy were killed and eighty-seven were taken prisoner. His conspicuous gallantry in the face of heavy enemy fire was an inspiration to all in his command. His actions were in accordance with the highest standards of the military service. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

CAPTAIN IVAN G. PHILLIPS, O 362 095, Parachute Infantry, while serving with the Army of the United States, distinguished himself by gallantry in action. On 25 December 1944 in the vicinity of Bastogne, Belgium, the enemy launched an attack against his regiment. The attack was preceded and supported by heavy artillery and mortar fire which scored a direct hit on the regimental switchboard and cut all wire communication. Captain Phillips immediately decided to move the switchboard to a sheltered position in spite of the heavy fire. As all available wiremen were either working on lines or had become casualties, he personally started laying wire across a fire-swept field, restoring the vitally needed communication system. On several occasions when artillery had destroyed lines in the most forward positions, he went forward with his wire team to repair the lines. On one occasion the enemy infiltrated through the lines and snipers placed fire on him and his wire team, but despite this, he continued to repair

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lines without hesitation. Because of his devotion to duty, outstanding courage and aggressive action, vital communications were maintained which enabled the regiment to repel one of the most severe attacks of the defense of Bastogne. His actions were in accordance with the highest standards of the military service. Entered military service from Utah.

FIRST LIEUTENANT JAMES A. ROBINSON, O 532 154, Parachute Field Artillery, while serving with the Army of the United States, distinguished himself by gallantry in action. On 25 December 1944 in the vicinity of Champs, Belgium, he moved forward of the front lines during an infantry and tank attack to direct artillery fire on enemy reserves and reinforcements. In order to place observed fire deep into the enemy rear, Lieutenant Robinson moved forward under enemy observation and fire to a vantage point from which this was possible, although the area was known to be in enemy hands. En route up the barren hillside, he killed three of the enemy while he himself received concussion effects from shells bursting nearby. Only when he had caused heavy casualties to be inflicted on the enemy and his mission was completed, did he leave his observation post. The personal bravery, tenacity of purpose and fortitude displayed by Lieutenant Robinson were in accordance with the highest standards of the military service. Entered military service from Alabama.

First Sergeant Norbert S. Szymozak, 16 006 648, Glider Infantry, while serving with the Army of the United States, distinguished himself by gallantry in action. On 23 December 1944 the enemy launched a strong attack on the town of Marvie, Belgium, with infantry and tanks. Although intense and concentrated enemy artillery fire covered the area, Sergeant Szymozak organized and established a strong point in a building on the south side of the town. The enemy captured a hill near the town and continued their advance toward the town. When the first group of tanks launched their initial assault, Sergeant Szymozak fired his rocket launcher at the approaching enemy armor, damaged the lead tank and forced it to withdraw. During the infantry assaults, he remained in an exposed position in the building. Although wounded by shrapnel in the face and neck, Sergeant Szymozak continued his duties and encouraged his men to hold their position against the vastly superior enemy force. Through the superior leadership, aggressive determination, and outstanding devotion to duty of Sergeant Szymozak, the enemy was prevented from penetrating a defense line which would have made it possible for them to overrun the battalion command post and its installations, thereby splitting the battalion. His actions were in accordance with the highest standards of the military service. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

Staff Sergeant S. L. Graham, 34 235 004, Glider Infantry, while serving with the Army of the United States, distinguished himself by gallantry in action. On 26 December 1944 he was in command of a squad engaged in the defense of a sector in the vicinity of Bastogne, Belgium. Heavy casualties sustained on a previous engagement necessitated coverage of a large area by a small force. The enemy launched a strong attack with infantry supported by tanks and flame throwers. Two attacks were repulsed but during the action Sergeant Graham's entire squad was wounded. When the enemy launched its third assault, Sergeant Graham personally manned a .50 caliber machine gun. By remaining in his foxhole until the enemy tanks had passed him, he engaged the infantry and fired his weapon point blank at the approaching troops. He succeeded in killing and wounding approximately fifty of the enemy and forced the remainder to withdraw in great confusion. Through his determined effort, courage, and aggressiveness, the enemy was prevented from penetrating the defensive positions on his sector around the city of Bastogne. His actions were in accordance with the highest standards of the military service. Entered military service from Louisiana.

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Sergeant Joseph P. Madona, 31 135 592, Parachute Infantry, while serving with the Army of the United States, distinguished himself by gallantry in action. On 23 December 1944, he was in command of his squad during an attack against the enemy in the vicinity of Fry, Belgium. His unit was attacking across open terrain exposed to intense enemy fire. Enemy infantry units, supported by

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artillery and tanks, were entrenched on the military crest of commanding ground that had to be taken by our forces. Seeing that machine gun fire was hindering the advance of adjacent units, Sergeant Madena exposed himself to heavy enemy fire and moved forward toward the enemy positions. Observing this action, the remainder of his squad and platoon followed him in a swift and victorious attack. On one occasion during the engagement, Sergeant Madena's rifle jammed. Swinging his rifle over his head as a club, he led his squad into and through three enemy machine gun emplacements, and captured all three guns and crews intact without losing a single man. His courage, aggressiveness, and bold determination, inspired his platoon to a swift attack that ended in opening the main highway, and enabled an isolated friendly force to withdraw down the road with their vehicles and wounded personnel. His actions were in accordance with the highest standards of the military service. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

Private First Class Earl W. Orusan, 33 704 317, Parachute Infantry, while serving with the Army of the United States, distinguished himself by gallantry in action. On 3 January 1945, during a strong attack in the vicinity of Bastogne, Belgium, his battalion was faced with a counterattack launched by an equal force of the enemy supported by tanks and half-truck vehicles. As they approached, Private First Class Orusan advanced over open terrain firing his light machine gun from the hip and inflicted a great number of casualties among the enemy infantry. Seriously wounded and forced to drop his weapon momentarily, he recovered it and killed the personnel of a half-truck who were dismounting from their vehicle. Only when the counterattack was repulsed did he allow himself to be evacuated. Through his courage, personal bravery and devotion to duty, he enabled the advancing platoon to improve its position and later repulse the counterattack. His determination to destroy the enemy and his disregard for his own safety aided immeasurably in halting the enemy attack. His actions were in accordance with the highest standards of the military service. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Private First Class Walter J. Langoza, 11 062-372, Parachute Infantry, while serving with the Army of the United States, distinguished himself by gallantry in action. On 3 January 1945 an attack was being launched on the enemy forces to the north of Bastogne, Belgium. When the attack was halted at the first phase line, Private First Class Langoza and two other men went forward to outpost the new position. The area was being heavily shelled and a strong enemy patrol engaged the small group. Of the two comrades of Private First Class Langoza, one was wounded and one captured. Private First Class Langoza crawled forward and administered first aid to the wounded man, then returned to his fox-hole and engaged the enemy patrol in a fire fight. He saw the captured member of his group walking through the woods with his hands up. Moving forward instantly, he killed an enemy officer, drove off the remainder of the hostile patrol and released his comrade. His actions were in accordance with the highest standards of the military service. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

Private First Class Arthur R. Lufkin, 31 221 204, Parachute Infantry, while serving with the Army of the United States, distinguished himself by gallantry in action. On 9 January 1945, during an attack on the village of Rocogné, Belgium, two squads were pinned down by heavy enemy machine gun fire from fortified positions. Private First Class Lufkin was wounded by the initial burst of fire. However, seizing the machine gun of his squad, he delivered such a volume of fire on the enemy that his squad was able to withdraw and form for a flanking attack. When he found that one of his comrades had been wounded and was lying in an exposed position, he maintained the same volume of fire until the wounded man could be removed. He was twice wounded at his post and the second bullet, striking him in the face, blinded him by the flow of blood from his wounds. Nevertheless, he continued to fire his gun until relieved. His actions were responsible for the safe withdrawal of two squads and saving the life of a wounded comrade. His conduct was in accordance with the highest standards of the military service. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

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Private Robert Nordall, 36 280 116, Parachute Infantry, while serving with the Army of the United States, distinguished himself by gallantry in action. On 20 - 21 December 1944, while his regiment was in a defensive position on the outskirts of Bastogne, Belgium, his mortar was struck by enemy fire and rendered useless. At that time every man was vitally needed at the front and Private Nordall voluntarily joined a patrol sent out to make contact with the enemy. During the ensuing action, in which the patrol was able to alert the front line to an enemy attack, Private Nordall was painfully wounded. He refused evacuation and the following day, during an attack by his organization, he again voluntarily accompanied a patrol as a rifleman. Again wounded, he refused to leave his position until the fire fight had ended and the enemy force had been annihilated. On his way back to the aid station he captured five enemy soldiers. By his courageous, aggressive and selfless determination he exemplified the indomitable spirit of the defense of Bastogne. His actions were in accordance with the highest standards of the military service. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

Private Virgil T. Sims, 38 116 440, Parachute Infantry, while serving with the Army of the United States, distinguished himself by gallantry in action. On 5 January 1945, his unit was occupying defensive positions along an important highway in the vicinity of Bastogne, Belgium. When the enemy launched a strong attack on these positions, Private Sims was acting as a rifleman and was in a position by a railroad track. Realizing that the success of the defense depended on holding a large stone building near the position, Private Sims left his covered position on his own initiative, crossed two hundred yards of open terrain exposed to heavy enemy fire, and entered the building. As the enemy closed in, he held them off with his rifle, causing temporary disorganization among their ranks. He then set up an abandoned light machine gun with which he succeeded in repelling all enemy attacks until friendly forces came up. His determination, aggressive spirit, and courage in the face of heavy enemy fire were a vital contribution to the successful defense of an important position. His actions were in accordance with the highest standards of the military service. Entered military service from Texas.

II -- AWARD OF SILVER STAR -- Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and pursuant to authority contained in Circular Number 25, Headquarters Seventh Army, 7 November 1944, the Silver Star is awarded to the following named personnel for gallantry in action against the enemy in Holland:

CAPTAIN TAZE R. HUNTLEY, O 417 270, Glider Infantry, while serving with the Army of the United States, distinguished himself by gallantry in action. On 25 September 1944 in the vicinity of Vechel, Holland, a strong enemy attack, supported by intense artillery and mortar fire, was launched against his company. While defending the vital Vechel-St. Coedenrede bridge along the canal. The enemy approached to within twenty-five yards of Captain Huntley's men under cover of heavy brush before they were repulsed with hand grenades. Realizing the necessity for reinforcements, Captain Huntley called for help to cover his flanks and received two reserve platoons. With complete disregard for his personal safety, he exposed himself to small arms and artillery fire in order to organize the reinforced left flank. He then placed his light machine guns in a position from which they could lay devastating fire into the bushy terrain to his immediate front. Later in the day, the enemy made another strong attack which was repulsed as was still another attack on the following morning. The following afternoon Captain Huntley's company was ordered into attack, and since many of his officers had been wounded the previous day, he personally led the assault into the woods. Throughout the two days of fighting, his personal organization and supervision of his company were directly responsible for the success of the operations. His actions were in accordance with the highest standards of the military service. Entered military service from Vermont.

FIRST LIEUTENANT FRANCIS F. RAINEY, O1 283 837, Parachute Infantry, while serving with the Army of the United States, distinguished himself by gallantry in action. On 14 September 1944, during an attack on an exceptionally

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strong enemy position in the vicinity of Best, Holland, he immediately assumed command of his company when the company commander became a casualty. At this particular time the situation was critical as the two forward platoons were pinned down while crossing an open field. Lieutenant Rainey personally reconnoitered the company right flank and led his support platoon forward showing it the route he had reconnoitered. Despite machine gun, rifle and mortar fire, he returned to the platoons which were pinned down in the open field and led them forward to better cover. He then established a base of fire with one detachment, moved the remainder of the company out of the field, and resumed the attack, gaining the company objective. Through his unhesitating assumption of responsibility, outstanding leadership and notable courage, his company accomplished its mission. His actions were in accordance with the highest standards of the military service. Entered military service from Illinois.

FIRST LIEUTENANT RONALD C. SPEIRS, O 439 465, Parachute Infantry, while serving with the Army of the United States, distinguished himself by gallantry in action. On 10 October 1944, in the vicinity of Roodwijk, Holland, he was assigned the mission of leading a patrol to the bank of the Neder Rijn River to determine enemy activity across the river. He reached the river bank with his patrol in the early hours of the morning and spent the entire day observing across the river. After dark he voluntarily swam to the opposite bank alone where he found himself in unknown enemy territory. He located an enemy machine gun nest, an enemy headquarters and other enemy activity near the town of Wageningen. He secured a rubber boat left by the enemy and returned to the friendly side of the river with this information. While returning to his own lines, he was wounded by fire from an enemy machine gun. Lieutenant Speirs was the first to cross the Neder Rijn River in this vicinity, and in so doing he paved the way for other patrols to make similar reconnoissances. The information obtained proved of great value to his unit. His actions were in accordance with the highest standards of the military service. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

Staff Sergeant Henry Zajac, 32 476 132, Glider Infantry, while serving with the Army of the United States, distinguished himself by gallantry in action. On 6 - 7 October 1944 in the vicinity of Ophemusdon, Holland, the platoon which Sergeant Zajac commanded was ordered to clear the enemy from an area and organize it for defense. Despite the darkness, strange terrain and harassing artillery and mortar fire, he led his platoon in a vigorous assault against the enemy. The enemy was driven out of the position after forty-five minutes of hand to hand combat. Sergeant Zajac immediately reorganized his platoon and spent the remainder of the night consolidating the position. About 0600 hours, the enemy launched an attack with one hundred infantry supported by two tanks and artillery fire. During this attack he constantly exposed himself to enemy fire in order to control his men and direct effective fire on the most threatened points. The attack was repulsed with heavy losses to the enemy. The enemy again at 1000 and 1900 hours made similar attacks against the platoon front. In each attack, Sergeant Zajac calmly reassured his men and in addition to controlling the fire of his unit, personally adjusted such devastating artillery fire upon the enemy that the attacks were thrown back with heavy losses. His conduct resulted in repelling a series of attacks with such heavy losses to the enemy that the latter was forced to abandon all hope of penetrating the Ophemusdon defenses. His actions were in accordance with the highest standards of the military service. Entered military service from Idaho.

Private First Class Robert F. Gruncho, 13 156 320, Airborne Engineers, while serving with the Army of the United States, distinguished himself by gallantry in action. On 18 September 1944 he and seven comrades were constructing a road block in the vicinity of Best, Holland. Three apparent civilians, approaching from the rear, threw hand grenades which wounded Private First Class Gruncho and several others. Although his comrades withdrew, Private First Class Gruncho remained in defense of the road block. Unable to walk, he crawled several yards to a machine gun and opened fire on the three civilians who were running for cover. After killing or wounding two, he observed fourteen enemy soldiers emerge from a house two hundred yards away. The enemy soldiers opened fire on his

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position in an effort to capture the road block. In the face of superior enemy forces and under intense enemy fire, Private First Class Gony, despite his wounds, held the road block... gallantry and devotion to duty... entered military service from Michigan.

III -- AWARD OF SILVER STAR -- Under the provisions of AF 01 45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and pursuant to authority contained in Circular Number 25, Headquarters Seventh Army, 7 November 1944, the Silver Star is awarded to the following named personnel for gallantry in action during the campaign in France:

Private Phillip A. Nichols, 36 456 171, 311th Infantry, while serving with the Army of the United States, distinguished himself by gallantry in action. On 1 February 1945 during a raid across the Moselle River in the vicinity of Ohlungen, France, Private Nichols assisted in neutralizing an enemy pillbox. With the aid of a comrade, he worked his way up to the fortification, covering it with automatic weapons fire as he advanced. After the successful completion of this action, Private Nichols covered the withdrawal of his platoon, inflicting heavy casualties on the enemy who were launching a counterattack against the position. Upon reaching the final assembly area, he learned that one of his comrades had been wounded and was still on the enemy side of the river. Acting on his own initiative and with complete disregard for his personal safety, Private Nichols returned to the enemy shore under intense small arms and mortar fire on the occasion to evacuate the wounded man. By his courage, he saved several of his comrades from certain capture by the enemy. His actions were in accordance with the highest standards of the military service. Entered military service from Michigan.

Private Joe Gony, 39 264 484, 311th Infantry, while serving with the Army of the United States, distinguished himself by gallantry in action. On 1 February 1945 during a raid across the Moselle River in the vicinity of Ohlungen, France, Private Gony crossed to within ten yards of an enemy pillbox under intense small arms fire and by firing his rocket launcher, destroyed one of the fortifications. He then retreated from his rocket launcher in conjunction with a friend who was threatened by his own platoon, neutralizing the fortification and resulting in the death of the enemy being killed. A few minutes later Private Gony observed one of the enemy approaching from the left front. As the rocket launcher was his only weapon, he fired it at extremely close range and scored a direct hit, destroying the pillbox. He then returned to his platoon and was awarded the Silver Star. His actions were in accordance with the highest standards of the military service. Entered military service from Michigan.

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I -- AWARD OF PURPLE HEART -- Under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, 22 September 1943, the Purple Heart is awarded to the following named personnel for wounds or injuries sustained received in action against the enemy on data shown in enemy occupied areas:

- ✓ MAJOR HENDERSON, THOMAS D., O 285 897, Glider Field Artillery, U. S. Army, wounds, 9 October 1944, in Holland.
- ✓ MAJOR MCAN, STEVE H., O 434 237, Parachute Infantry, U. S. Army, wounds, 17 September 1944, in Holland.
- ✓ CAPTAIN BREINER, JOHN, O 332 991, Dental Corps, U. S. Army, injuries, 9 June 1944, in France.
- ✓ CAPTAIN DESIOVATI, MATHY ... O 484 964, Dental Corps, U. S. Army, injuries, 17 September 1944, English Channel.
- ✓ CAPTAIN GREGG, FRANK ... O 449 987, Parachute Infantry, U. S. Army, wounds, 17 September 1944, in Holland.
- ✓ CAPTAIN SMOGGER, RICHARD G., O 297 975, Parachute Infantry, U. S. Army, wounds, 7 October 1944, in Holland.
- ✓ FIRST LIEUTENANT BLANCHON, STEPHEN, O 413 246, Parachute Infantry, U. S. Army, injuries, 22 September 1944, in Holland.
- ✓ FIRST LIEUTENANT POWELL, RICHARD L., O 311 108, Parachute Infantry, U. S. Army, wounds, 8 October 1944, in Holland.
- ✓ FIRST LIEUTENANT MORRIS, LEE J., O 128 653, Parachute Infantry, U. S. Army, injuries, 9 September 1944, in Holland.
- ✓ FIRST LIEUTENANT CRITCHFIELD, LAWRENCE S., JR., O 822 860, Parachute Infantry, U. S. Army, injuries, 17 September 1944, in Holland.
- ✓ FIRST LIEUTENANT H. RAISCH, ROBERT R., O 013 093, Parachute Infantry, U. S. Army, injuries, 26 September 1944, in Holland.
- ✓ FIRST LIEUTENANT HOLLAND, CARROLL D., O 172 910, Glider Field Artillery, U. S. Army, wounds, 19 September 1944, in Holland.
- ✓ FIRST LIEUTENANT KRIEGER, B. MOFF JR., O 177 031, Glider Field Artillery, U. S. Army, wounds, 19 September 1944, in Holland.
- ✓ FIRST LIEUTENANT WERTZ, VERNE ... O 301 006, Parachute Infantry, U. S. Army, wounds, 6 October 1944, in Holland.
- ✓ FIRST LIEUTENANT MURN, GEORGE M., O 302 334, Parachute Infantry, U. S. Army, wounds, 24 September 1944, in Holland.
- ✓ FIRST LIEUTENANT SMITH, VIRGIL B., O 527 862, Parachute Infantry, U. S. Army, wounds, 23 September 1944, in Holland.
- ✓ SECOND LIEUTENANT FRASER, MANUEL V., O 317 232, Parachute Infantry, U. S. Army, injuries, 29 September 1944, in Holland.
- ✓ SECOND LIEUTENANT GROSS, JOHN H., O 300 609, Parachute Infantry, U. S. Army, wounds, 24 September 1944, in Holland.
- ✓ SECOND LIEUTENANT DUNNIF, WILLIAM H., O 999 227, Parachute Infantry, U. S. Army, injuries, 8 October 1944, in Holland.
- ✓ SECOND LIEUTENANT FETTER, TRICK, WILLIAM D., O 169 956, Glider Field Artillery, U. S. Army, wounds, 19 September 1944, in Holland.
- ✓ SECOND LIEUTENANT KAPLAN, THOMAS J., O 512 293, Parachute Infantry, U. S. Army, wounds, 17 September 1944, in Holland.
- ✓ SECOND LIEUTENANT TURNER, JACK P., O 636 227, Parachute Infantry, U. S. Army, wounds, 17 October 1944, in Holland.
- ✓ SECOND LIEUTENANT CIP, FRANK R., O 207 915, Parachute Infantry, U. S. Army, wounds, 20 September 1944, in Holland.
- ✓ First Sergeant Buckenbaker, Marshall ... O 019 357, Parachute Infantry, U. S. Army, wounds, 24 September 1944, in Holland.
- ✓ First Sergeant Pordell, Gerald J., O 111 154, Parachute Infantry, U. S. Army, injuries, 30 September 1944, in Holland.

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