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medical treatment and evacuation for many wounded men and reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Texas.

Private First Class George E. Stevens, (Army Serial Number 32937637), Medical Department, 327th Medical Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 25 November 1944, in connection with military operations against the enemy. After having taken shelter from an enemy artillery barrage being placed on a column of vehicles on a road under which he became subjected, Private First Class Stevens, suddenly realizing the necessity for continuing the evacuation of the wounded from an aid station, left his sheltered position and subjected himself to intense personal danger in successfully extricating his ambulance from the stagnant column of vehicles still under the enemy artillery concentration and proceeding on his way to an aid station. Due to his keen presence of mind he made possible the continuance of evacuating the wounded from the aid station to the rear for further treatment. The courage and devotion to duty with disregard for personal safety shown by Private First Class Stevens in this act of heroism reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from New York.

Private First Class Joseph E. Kelly, (Army Serial Number 32594972), Medical Department, 327th Medical Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 1 December 1944, in connection with military operations against the enemy. Encountering intense enemy artillery fire concentrated on the road over which they had to pass, Private First Class Kelly and another man, fearful of mines, dismounted from a one-quarter ton vehicle and walking in front of it led it through a heavily mined field under sporadic fire from the enemy in their accomplishment of successfully evacuating two wounded men to the battalion aid station. With ingenuity when encountering a lengthy trench in the mined field over which they passed, Private First Class Kelly assisted in gathering sugar boots to fill in a portion of the obstacle over which the vehicle successfully crossed. The courage, ingenuity, and devotion to duty displayed by Private First Class Kelly in the performance of this heroic act reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from New Jersey.

Private First Class Cleveland R. Lindsey, (Army Serial Number 14035076), Field Artillery, 83d Armored Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in France on 12 August 1944, in connection with military operations against the enemy. Private First Class Lindsey with the assistance of another wireman was given a mission of laying wire to an observation post forward of the front lines. Exposing himself to intense enemy artillery and small arms fire for a distance of more than one and one-half miles through hedgerows, open fields, and over a main road and making two trips back after additional wire, he successfully assisted in installing, servicing, and maintaining a dependable line of communication with the forward observation post. The courage, resourcefulness and devotion to duty displayed by Private First Class Lindsey in the presence of intense personal danger reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from North Carolina.

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Private First Class Frank J. Wojniak, (Army Serial Number 16145284), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 23 November 1944, in connection with military operations against the enemy. When assault troops of his organization were pinned down by intense enemy artillery and small arms fire and when noting a medical aid man with several others of his platoon were lying wounded, Private First Class Wojniak with utter disregard for personal safety voluntarily left his sheltered position to administer aid to the wounded man. His heroic actions in the presence of intense personal danger undoubtedly saved the lives of some of his companions and eased the suffering of others. The courage, fortitude and consideration for the wounded displayed by Private First Class Wojniak reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Illinois.

Private First Class Loyd W. Collins, (Army Serial Number 37280970), Medical Department, 327th Medical Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany during the period of 1 December 1944 through 4 December 1944, in connection with military operations against the enemy. Private First Class Collins repeatedly ventured forward under intense enemy fire in locating, administering aid to, and evacuating the wounded from the battlefield. On one occasion after night work finding a wounded man and finding himself unable to evacuate him because of heavy enemy fire, he remained with the wounded man all night administering comfort and aid and successfully evacuated him to an aid station by light of day on the following morning. The courage, tireless efforts, and disregard for intense personal danger shown by Private First Class Collins in his desire to save the lives of the wounded reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from North Dakota.

Private George W. Porter, Jr. (Army Serial Number 32595728), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 20 November 1944, in connection with military operations against the enemy. During action against the enemy by his organization in the vicinity of an enemy town, Private Porter crawled to the aid of a wounded companion and was wounded himself by the intense enemy fire while administering aid and assisting in the evacuation of his companion. He refused medical aid and evacuation for himself until so ordered by his platoon sergeant. The courage, fortitude, and devotion to duty displayed by Private Porter in this act of heroism and in his efforts to continue the performance of his duties reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from New Jersey.

Private Thomas C. Crouch, (Army Serial Number 3115630), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 22 November 1944, in connection with military operations against the enemy. During action against the enemy by his organization, Private Crouch performing duties as a cook at a service train bivouac, when learning that a driver was urgently needed to go to a captured town to secure ammunition, volunteered for this hazardous mission after being advised that the town was under intense enemy artillery barrage and was aflame from one side to the other.

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He successfully drove a two and one-half ton vehicle over a hazardous route to reach the town and succeeded in moving the vital supply of ammunition regardless of a most adverse situation. The courage, aggressiveness and devotion to duty displayed by Private Crouch in this voluntary act of succeeding in a most dangerous mission reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Vermont.

Private Stanley W. Ziulinski, (Army Serial Number 36544429), Medical Department, 327th Medical Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 1 December 1944, in connection with military operations against the enemy. Encountering intense enemy artillery fire concentrated on the road over which they had to pass, Private Ziulinski and another man, fearful of mines, dismounted from a one-quarter ton vehicle and worked in front of it leading it through a heavily mined field under sporadic fire from the enemy in their accomplishment of successfully evacuating two wounded men to a battalion aid station. With ingenuity when encountering a lengthy trench in the mined field over which they passed, Private Ziulinski assisted in gathering sugar beets to fill in a portion of the obstacle over which the vehicle successfully crossed. The courage, ingenuity, and devotion to duty displayed by Private Ziulinski in the performance of this heroic act reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Michigan.

Private Norman B. Keretsoos, (Army Serial Number 39469700), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 3 December 1944, in connection with military operations against the enemy. Suffering intense pain from a wound received in a heavy enemy artillery barrage, Private Keretsoos crawled to the entrance of a basement and worked to liberate his companions trapped by debris caused by exploding enemy artillery shells in his immediate vicinity. Knowing there was a medical aid man in the basement, he successfully freed him to administer aid to other wounded persons. The courage, fortitude, and devotion to duty displayed by Private Keretsoos with utter disregard for his own personal condition and safety in the presence of intense danger reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Washington.

Private William T. Graham, (Army Serial Number 34657863), Medical Department, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany, in connection with military operations against the enemy. Private Graham worked without rest under heavy enemy fire and many times under observation by the enemy for a period of thirty-six hours on 21 and 22 December 1944 in administering aid and assisting in the evacuation of wounded men from the battlefield. He showed a heroic lack of regard for his own personal safety by staying with forward assault units under intense enemy fire that inspired the confidence of all soldiers near him in the intense action. Upon becoming wounded himself, he insisted on staying with the men in forward units to further assist in rendering aid and comfort to the wounded until ordered by a superior to be evacuated. The courage, fortitude, and devotion to duty displayed by Private Graham reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from South Carolina.

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IV. AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART MEDAL.

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, and Memorandum Number 34, Headquarters Ninth United States Army, 8 September 1944, as amended, the PURPLE HEART MEDAL is awarded the following enlisted men for wounds received as a result of enemy action in Germany on date indicated:

Private Eula H. Worrel, (Army Serial Number 37732201), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 6 December 1944. Entered military service from Kansas.

Staff Sergeant John M. DeGrovo, (Army Serial Number 14192156), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 18 December 1944. Entered military service from South Carolina.

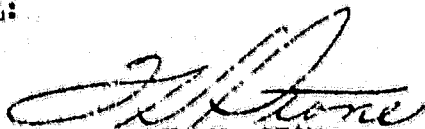
Private First Class Frederick P. Andrews, (Army Serial Number 11122837), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 1 November 1944. Entered military service from Maine.

Technician Fifth Grade Frank A. Butt, (Army Serial Number 35603904), Cavalry, 36th Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron Mechanized, United States Army, wounded 20 December 1944. Entered military service from Ohio.

By command of the DIVISION COMMANDER:

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

OFFICIAL:


F. H. STONE,

Lieutenant Colonel, Adjutant General's Department,
Adjutant General.



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I. AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR MEDAL.

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, and Memorandum Number 34, Headquarters Ninth United States Army, 8 September 1944, as amended, the SILVER STAR MEDAL is awarded the following officers and enlisted men:

MAJOR STEPHEN H. KING, (Army Serial Number 0353861), Field Artillery, Headquarters 102d Division Artillery, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany on 24 December 1944. Voluntarily taking the most difficult air observation patrol of the day in the absence of his regular air observer, MAJOR KING, flying well over the enemy lines to obtain more accurate observation through ground mists and poor visibility, sighted four immobile hostile tanks in the enemy's forward area. Calling for artillery fire by radio, he continued to adjust fire on the enemy tanks until his plane was hit and disabled by hostile machine gun fire which caused him to make a forced landing only six-hundred yards within friendly lines. Although painfully wounded, MAJOR KING'S continuing thought was to bring fire upon the enemy tanks. With his plane on the ground, he remained in it before seeking cover under the intense enemy fire, until he assured himself that another observer and plane would take off to finish directing effective fire on the enemy tanks and that his Headquarters was aware of his plight. The gallantry, courage, and devotion to duty shown by MAJOR KING in this heroic act with utter disregard for subjecting himself to intense personal danger reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Oklahoma.

CAPTAIN EDWARD G. BAUER, (Army Serial Number 0421850), Medical Corps, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany. During action against the enemy in the vicinity of two heavily fortified enemy towns from 16 November 1944 to 2 December 1944, CAPTAIN BAUER displayed aggressiveness and leadership in the operation of his aid station in caring for the wounded, regardless of the nearness of his aid station to the battlefield and intense danger from heavy enemy fire. While leading his vehicles in a movement of the aid station nearer to front line infantry troops, CAPTAIN BAUER was wounded. Before allowing himself to be evacuated, he left complete instructions with the personnel of his section and made a report to his regimental surgeon to insure that

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operations would continue without interruption. The gallantry, aggressiveness, and skill displayed by CAPTAIN BAUER in the exemplary manner in which he demonstrated the operation of an aid station under difficult conditions reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Michigan.

FIRST LIEUTENANT ARTHUR B. ROBERTSON, Jr. (Army Serial Number 0521957), Corps of Engineers, 327th Engineer Combat Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy on 7 December 1944 in Germany. While in charge of a swift and dangerous river crossing detail which involved ferrying an Infantry platoon back and forth across a river, FIRST LIEUTENANT ROBERTSON succeeded in making both crossings regardless of an intense barrage of enemy artillery and mortar fire. On the return trip with five of the six members of the patrol wounded, he succeeded in quelling a panic that threatened to capsize the boat in mid-stream. Upon arrival at the river's bank, he took charge of the patrol and began evacuation of the wounded. When subjected to additional enemy artillery and mortar fire that led him to believe he was the only one left not wounded, he continued through the barrage to reach medical aid personnel to render first aid to the wounded and assist in their further evacuation. The gallantry, courage, and attention to duty displayed by FIRST LIEUTENANT ROBERTSON with disregard for intense personal danger in the performance of this heroic act reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Alabama.

FIRST LIEUTENANT JOSEPH L. BARKLEY, (Army Serial Number 01178700), Field Artillery, 927th Field Artillery Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany. During the period 30 November 1944 to 1 December 1944, FIRST LIEUTENANT BARKLEY, while serving as a roving forward observer with a battalion of infantry, subjected himself to heavy enemy fire on numerous occasions in his search for the best possible observation for purpose of making fire adjustments for supporting field artillery. On one occasion he rode a tank as an observer during an attack, subjecting himself to intense antitank fire. On other occasions, FIRST LIEUTENANT BARKLEY searched for an observation post from which he could obtain good observation while forward with front line infantry troops and under heavy enemy artillery, small arms, machine gun, and mortar fire. FIRST LIEUTENANT BARKLEY was seriously wounded by an enemy sniper on 1 December 1944 when leaving the comparative safety of his foxhole to obtain a map which would enable him to make adjustments for artillery fire upon a smokestack the enemy was using as an observation post. Although in great pain, his only concern was the fulfillment of his mission and the welfare of his men. By his actions throughout this period in the presence of great danger, FIRST LIEUTENANT BARKLEY made possible a most effective artillery support for the infantry battalion with which he was working. The gallantry, courage, sound judgment, and devotion to duty was inspirational to the men serving with him, and exemplified leadership of the highest order in keeping with the finest traditions of the military service and reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Texas.

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Staff Sergeant John R. Garbutt, Jr. (Army Serial Number 11110160), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy on 20 November 1944 in Germany. During an attack by his organization against the enemy in a heavily fortified enemy town, Staff Sergeant Garbutt captured three enemy prisoners after flushing them out of a house by use of a rocket launcher. When an enemy half-track attempted to escape the assault of his organization, he succeeded in knocking out the half-track and its occupants, preventing its further use. His courage and aggressiveness shown in this fierce assault against the enemy with utter disregard for personal safety won the respect and admiration of the men of his company. The gallantry, courage, and aggressiveness displayed by Staff Sergeant Garbutt in his devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

Sergeant John F. O'Donovan, (Army Serial Number 33386568), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy on 20 November 1944 in Germany. During an attack against the enemy in a strongly defended town and when his organization unknowingly bypassed two enemy half-tracks, Sergeant O'Donovan displayed keen presence of mind by detecting and accounting for an enemy attempting to lead the two half-tracks back through the town to reach the enemy lines. Accounting for another of the enemy as he entered one of the vehicles, Sergeant O'Donovan caused the others to take cover away from the vehicles. His actions so confused the enemy that they surrendered themselves and the half-tracks. The gallantry, courage, and keen presence of mind displayed by Sergeant O'Donovan in successfully coping with this dangerous situation reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Maryland.

Technician Fourth Grade Francis F. Kelley, (Army Serial Number 31188727), Medical Department, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany on 2 December 1944. Technician Fourth Grade Kelley successfully evacuated a number of casualties to an aid station from the battlefield, regardless of the intense personal danger involved. Upon reaching the aid station, he obtained four ambulances and led them back over a dangerous route to the front which enabled approximately twenty more casualties to be evacuated. Through his efforts, one man was given a chance for life and others were evacuated hours earlier than otherwise would have been accomplished. The gallantry, aggressiveness, and devotion to duty displayed by Technician Fourth Grade Kelley in the accomplishment of this heroic mission reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

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

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 500-45, as amended, and Memorandum Number 34, Headquarters Ninth United States Army, 8 September 1944, as amended, the BRONZE STAR MEDAL is awarded the following enlisted man, missing in action:

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Private First Class Arnold G. Maddox, (Army Serial Number 33444572), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 20 November 1944, in connection with military operations against the enemy. When his organization unknowingly bypassed three enemy half-tracks and their crew members during an attack against the enemy in a strongly defended town, Private First Class Maddox, noticing the vehicles coming up the road from the rear attempting to escape, with keen presence of mind successfully used his automatic rifle to cover the advance of his platoon from the intense danger of the enemy weapons in the rear. Private First Class Maddox fired on the enemy half-tracks and kept them closed up and moving slow to enable a companion to knock out one with a bazooka. He succeeded in accounting for two enemy motorcycle messengers following the enemy half-tracks. His action prevented the enemy from inflicting casualties upon assault elements of his organization and enabled the continuance of the advance. The courage, alertness, and keen presence of mind shown by Private First Class Maddox in coping with this dangerous situation reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Virginia.

III. AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL.

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, and Memorandum Number 34, Headquarters Ninth United States Army, 8 September 1944, as amended, the BRONZE STAR MEDAL is awarded the following officers and enlisted men:

LIEUTENANT COLONEL WILLIAM F. DANSPIN, (Army Serial Number 0189027), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in France, Holland, and Germany from 24 September 1944 to 3 December 1944, in connection with military operations against the enemy. Entered military service from New York.

MAJOR FRANCIS L. CAWOOD, (Army Serial Number 0354357), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in France, Holland, and Germany from 24 September 1944 to 3 December 1944, in connection with military operations against the enemy. Entered military service from Kentucky.

MAJOR JOHN R. MORRISON, (Army Serial Number 0385708), Medical Corps, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in France, Holland and Germany from 24 September 1944 to 3 December 1944, in connection with military operations against the enemy. Entered military service from Iowa.

CAPTAIN VERNON T. MERGLER, (Army Serial Number 01288270), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in France, Holland, and Germany from 24 September 1944 to 3 December 1944, in connection with military operations against the enemy. Entered military service from Virginia.

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* CAPTAIN JOHN P. MORGAN, (Army Serial Number 01288278), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in France, Holland, and Germany from 24 September 1944 to 3 December 1944, in connection with military operations against the enemy. Entered military service from New Jersey.

* CAPTAIN ROBERT E. ADAMS, (Army Serial Number 01310381), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in France, Holland, and Germany from 24 September 1944 to 3 December 1944, in connection with military operations against the enemy. Entered military service from Arkansas.

* CAPTAIN JAMES E. McELROY, (Army Serial Number 01288264), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in France, Holland, and Germany from 24 September 1944 to 3 December 1944, in connection with military operations against the enemy. Entered military service from Illinois.

* FIRST LIEUTENANT ROBERT L. McADAMS, (Army Serial Number 01324037), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in France, Holland, and Germany from 24 September 1944 to 3 December 1944, in connection with military operations against the enemy. Entered military service from Texas.

* CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER OLYDE R. THOMPSON, (Army Serial Number W2119298), United States Army, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in France, Holland, and Germany from 24 September 1944 to 3 December 1944, in connection with military operations against the enemy. Entered military service from Texas.

Staff Sergeant William D. Paynter, (Army Serial Number 36804587), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 18 November 1944, in connection with military operations against the enemy. While leading his squad in an attack against the enemy in the vicinity of a strongly defended town, Staff Sergeant Paynter was wounded by intense enemy fire. He continued to lead his squad in the assault against the enemy with disregard for his wound and intense fire being delivered from the enemy. When wounded a second time and realizing that he was unable to continue, he crawled to his platoon leader and gave him vital information concerning the enemy before the assault was resumed. The courage, fortitude, and devotion to duty displayed by Staff Sergeant Paynter in his efforts to continue with his companions reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

Technician Fourth Grade Courtney W. Flanders, (Army Serial Number 31200166), Medical Department, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 1 December 1944, in connection with military operations against the enemy. Working under intense enemy artillery and small arms fire with such enthusiasm and diligence as to inspire all men about

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him, Technician Fourth Grade Flanders moved about over the battlefield in the vicinity of a heavily fortified enemy town at great personal risk to himself in his work of administering aid and assisting in the evacuation of the wounded in other units in addition to those of his own unit. His courage in doing more than his duty required, the cheerfulness, and display of superior knowledge in the treatment of the wounded did much for the morale of all he came in contact with. The bravery, fortitude, and outstanding devotion to duty shown by Technician Fourth Grade Flanders in this heroic act reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Vermont.

Technician Fifth Grade Fernando F. Diaz, (Army Serial Number 39052518), Medical Department, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 16 November 1944, in connection with military operations against the enemy. With utter disregard for personal safety, Technician Fifth Grade Diaz left the comparative safety of his foxhole and made his way through an intense enemy artillery and mortar barrage for a distance of about seventy-five yards over open ground to reach a wounded companion. He carried the wounded man to the safety of a company command post over a distance of about two-hundred yards. His heroic action in the accomplishment of this act at great personal risk to himself saved the life of his wounded companion and was a great inspiration to all men who saw him. The courage, fortitude, and devotion to duty shown by Technician Fifth Grade Diaz reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Arizona.

Private First Class George L. Erickson, (Army Serial Number 16170641), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 17 November 1944, in connection with military operations against the enemy. Private First Class Erickson, although wounded himself by enemy fire, refused to be treated and continued duties of administering aid to other wounded men. While helping evacuate wounded to the aid station it was discovered that his own wound was serious enough to require his evacuation from the intense dangers of the battlefield. The courage, fortitude, and devotion to duty shown by Private First Class Erickson in the consideration for the wounded with no thought for his own personal safety was an inspiration to all men of his company. Reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Illinois.

Private First Class Paul M. Landgraff, (Army Serial Number 13133356), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany on 2 December 1944. In the presence of extremely heavy enemy fire of all caliber, Private First Class Landgraff with utter disregard for personal safety rendered first aid to a wounded companion and constructed a shelter trench so that the wounded man would not be subjected to further injury from enemy fire being directed at his organization in an attack against the enemy. After satisfying himself that he had done all he possibly could to ease the condition of the wounded man, he resumed his part in the assault against the

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enemy. Private First Class Landgraff worked unhesitatingly in the performance of his duties in the attack against the enemy regardless of intense enemy fire being directed at his organization. The courage, skill, and devotion to duty displayed by Private First Class Landgraff in his efforts of rendering aid to a wounded companion and resuming his duties in the assault against the enemy in the presence of intense personal danger, reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

IV. AMENDMENT TO GENERAL ORDERS.

OK { So much of Section IV, General Orders Number 27, this Headquarters, 9 December 1944, Award of the Bronze Star Medal, as reads Sergeant Charles J. Brown is amended to read Private Charles J. Brown.

V. AWARD OF THE AIR MEDAL.

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600.4, as amended, and Memorandum Number 34, Headquarters Ninth United States Army, 8 September 1944, as amended, the AIR MEDAL is awarded the following officers:

FIRST LIEUTENANT BERTRAM J. WORLAND, (Army Serial Number 01182312), Field Artillery, 380th Field Artillery Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany from 5 November 1944 through 10 December 1944. Entered military service from Kentucky.

FIRST LIEUTENANT JACK J. MEEHAN, (Army Serial Number 0408439), Field Artillery, 380th Field Artillery Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany from 5 November 1944 through 13 December 1944. Entered military service from New York.

FIRST LIEUTENANT PAYNE O. BAZELER, Jr., (Army Serial Number 0454621), Field Artillery, 380th Field Artillery Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany from 5 November 1944 through 13 December 1944. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

FIRST LIEUTENANT JOHN O. RAINY, (then SECOND LIEUTENANT), (Army Serial Number 0546015), Field Artillery, 380th Field Artillery Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany from 5 November 1944 through 10 December 1944. Entered military service from Texas.

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VI. AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART MEDAL.

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, and Memorandum Number 34, Headquarters Ninth United States Army, 8 September 1944, as amended, the PURPLE HEART MEDAL is awarded the following officers and enlisted men for wounds received as a result of enemy action in Germany on date indicated:

Staff Sergeant Woodrow Drumm, (Army Serial Number 18005754), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 1 December 1944. Entered military service from Texas.

Private First Class John Mihal, (Army Serial Number 3534015), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 3 December 1944. Entered military service from Ohio.

Private First Class Clifford Hensley, (Army Serial Number 3352923), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 3 December 1944. Entered military service from Virginia.

Private First Class Reginald F. Grayak, (Army Serial Number 33462930), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 29 November 1944. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

CAPTAIN PAUL S. PREVEY, (Army Serial Number 01288117), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 13 December 1944. Entered military service from Minnesota.

Private First Class Homer L. Blackwell, (Army Serial Number 34475573), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 12 December 1944. Entered military service from Mississippi.

SECOND LIEUTENANT JOSEPH B. MORRIS, (Army Serial Number 0132466), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 20 December 1944. Entered military service from California.

Private First Class Alex Parsons, (Army Serial Number 33760482), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 2 December 1944. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Serguant Allan W. Trowbridge, (Army Serial Number 31250560), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 2 December 1944. Entered military service from Connecticut.

Private First Class Junior Souther, (Army Serial Number 34435915), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 2 December 1944. Entered military service from North Carolina.

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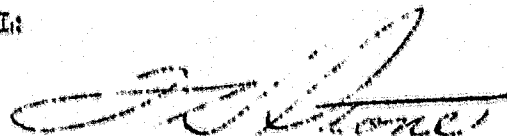
Private First Class William K. Mumart, (Army Serial Number 33875425),
Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 1 December 1944. En-
tered military service from Pennsylvania.

Private First Class Charles J. Darbin, (Army Serial Number 37337903),
Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 2 December 1944. En-
tered military service from Colorado.

By command of the DIVISION COMMANDER:

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

OFFICIAL:



F. H. STONE,

Lieutenant Colonel, Adjutant General's Department,
Adjutant General.

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

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, and Memorandum Number 34, Headquarters Ninth United States Army, 8 September 1944, as amended, the BRONZE STAR MEDAL is posthumously awarded the following enlisted men:

Staff Sergeant John P. Sador, (Army Serial Number 36543454), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 13 November 1944, in connection with military operations against the enemy. Staff Sergeant Sador displayed outstanding courage and initiative in leading a platoon of infantry in action against the enemy. When a strong enemy counter-attack was launched against his position, he left the safety of his position to crawl forward under intense enemy fire to an outpost position to gain observation of the enemy. Upon obtaining the desired information and returning to the position of his platoon he was fatally wounded. Staff Sergeant Sador showed outstanding leadership by choosing to accomplish this dangerous mission himself rather than send one of the men of his platoon. The courage, leadership, and devotion to duty displayed by Staff Sergeant Sador in this heroic act reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Michigan.

Corporal Stanley V. McNivick, (Army Serial Number 32452315), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 16 November 1944, in connection with military operations against the enemy. During an attack against the enemy by his organization in the vicinity of a heavily fortified town, Corporal McNivick successfully emplaced an antitank gun and crew in position for action against the enemy while under intense enemy artillery, mortar, and machine gun fire. Encountering heavy enemy fire while covering the advance of attacking infantry, Corporal McNivick with utter disregard for personal safety remained at his position delivering effective fire against the enemy in support of advancing troops until he was fatally wounded by enemy fire directed at his gun emplacement. The courage, bravery, and devotion to duty displayed by Corporal McNivick in the presence of intense personal danger reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from New Jersey.

Private First Class William C. McEvoy, (Army Serial Number 16102454), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 1 November 1944, in connection with military operations against the

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enemy. Private First Class McEvoy showed complete disregard for personal safety and exemplified outstanding devotion to duty during action against the enemy by his organization when he left his post of duty to make his way through an intense enemy artillery barrage to summon medical aid men to administer aid and evacuate three wounded companions. After successfully reaching the medical aid men to administer to his wounded companions, Private First Class McEvoy was fatally wounded by the intense enemy fire. The courage, outstanding devotion to duty, and utter disregard for personal safety shown by Private First Class McEvoy in performing this heroic act reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

II. AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL.

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, and Memorandum Number 34, Headquarters Ninth United States Army, 8 September 1944, as amended, the BRONZE STAR MEDAL is awarded the following officers and enlisted men:

* LIEUTENANT COLONEL RALPH L. WERT, (Army Serial Number 0287714), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in Germany from 16 November 1944 to 22 December 1944, in connection with military operations against the enemy. Entered military service from Georgia.

FIRST LIEUTENANT WILLIAM E. NOBLE, (Army Serial Number 01265264), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 23 November 1944, in connection with military operations against the enemy. Performing duty as a platoon leader and forward observer for his platoon of infantry in attack against the enemy, FIRST LIEUTENANT NOBLE displayed utter disregard for personal safety by leaving his position of shelter and exposing himself to intense personal danger to assist in digging out two companions buried in a foxhole by the explosion of an enemy artillery projectile. He exposed himself to direct enemy observation and fire from the enemy in positions as close as two-hundred yards to the front by voluntarily and successfully excavating and reviving the two men before returning to his position of cover. The courage, outstanding devotion to duty, and utter disregard for personal safety shown by FIRST LIEUTENANT NOBLE in the performance of this act of heroism reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from California.

First Sergeant Carl Dulaney, (Army Serial Number 35559462), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 2 December 1944, in connection with military operations against the enemy. During an attack against the enemy by his organization in the vicinity of a heavily fortified enemy town, First Sergeant Dulaney exposed himself to intense personal danger in the presence of heavy enemy fire when learning that the enemy snipers were holding up the advance of his platoon by maneuvering into a position whereby he delivered effective fire against the enemy snipers. He displayed outstanding skill and quick action in boldly eliminating this

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obstacle by accounting for one of the snipers and routing two others. His bold action enabled the advance of a platoon of his company without being endangered by the enemy automatic small arms fire which was being delivered upon them by the snipers. The courage, fortitude, and outstanding performance of duty shown by First Sergeant Delaney in this heroic act reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Kentucky.

First Sergeant Marshall T. Moffit, (Army Serial Number 15005016), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 22 November 1944, in connection with military operations against the enemy. During action against the enemy by his company, First Sergeant Moffit, when learning that an enemy counter-attack was being launched against his company and knowing all other means of communication were out, voluntarily carried a message to a battalion command post through heavy enemy fire. Delivery of the message successfully enabled supporting artillery to place effective artillery fire on the attacking enemy troops which resulted in repelling the attack. His performance of this dangerous mission that he could have delegated to a subordinate won him the admiration of the men and officers of his company. The courage, devotion to duty, and disregard for personal safety displayed by First Sergeant Moffit reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Texas.

Staff Sergeant Dominic G. Kallas, (Army Serial Number 37324319), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 11 December 1944, in connection with military operations against the enemy. Staff Sergeant Kallas led a night patrol of three men deep into enemy territory with display of outstanding courage and heroism. He remained calm and used keen judgment in aiding a seriously wounded man of the patrol when they inadvertently encountered antipersonnel mines regardless of the wound he had received himself. Encountering this accident, he placed the other members of the patrol under cover and successfully accomplished the mission of the patrol alone. Returning to his patrol, he led them back to friendly lines, carrying the wounded man on his back the entire distance. The outstanding courage, fortitude, and utter disregard for personal safety displayed by Staff Sergeant Kallas reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from South Dakota.

Staff Sergeant Virgil E. Sooner, (Army Serial Number 37336410), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 2 December 1944, in connection with military operations against the enemy. During action against the enemy by his organization in ejecting the enemy from a heavily fortified enemy town, Staff Sergeant Sooner with the assistance of another man formed a patrol to establish contact with a unit of their organization's left flank. With aggressiveness and initiative, he succeeded in establishing contact with disregard for the intense enemy fire. In addition to establishing contact with the flanking organization, he assisted in locating several wounded men to points of safety while still under

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enemy fire. After assisting the wounded to safety, he moved forward and successfully obtained a point of terrain that materially aided his company in its success against the enemy. The courage, fortitude, and aggressiveness displayed by Staff Sergeant Seeger under the stress of intense personal danger reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Colorado.

Sergeant Joseph A. Mataszewicz, (Army Serial Number 33400470), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany from 12 November 1944 to 14 November 1944, in connection with military operations against the enemy. Despite the enemy's repeated attempts to dislodge him from his observation post by delivering intense fire upon him from only one hundred yards away to his front over open and flat terrain, Sergeant Mataszewicz continued to observe and record vital information. From another observation post when he was observing from the second floor of a building, he was thrown to the ground by an enemy artillery shell or landing which hit and caused the building to collapse. With utter disregard for personal safety, he crawled to a drainage ditch in the building while under enemy observation and continued to observe and relay exact and vital information regarding enemy positions that greatly facilitated the attack of his organization against the enemy. The bravery, courage, and devotion to duty displayed by Sergeant Mataszewicz reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Sergeant Bradford M. Beeler, (Army Serial Number 37699375), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 9 December 1944, in connection with military operations against the enemy. During action against the enemy by his organization in ejecting the enemy from a heavily fortified town, Sergeant Beeler with the assistance of another man formed a patrol to establish contact with a unit on their organization's left flank. With aggressiveness and initiative, he succeeded in establishing contact with disregard for the intense enemy fire. In addition to establishing contact with another organization, he assisted in locating several wounded men to points of safety while still under heavy enemy fire. After assisting the wounded to safety, he moved forward and successfully obtained a point of terrain that materially aided his company in its success against the enemy. The courage, fortitude, and aggressiveness displayed by Sergeant Beeler under the stress of intense personal danger reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Iowa.

Sergeant Joseph D. Beert, (Army Serial Number 12188943), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 18 November 1944, in connection with military operations against the enemy. During an attack by his organization against the enemy in the vicinity of a heavily defended town, Sergeant Beert acted with outstanding courage and aggressiveness in taking a rocket launcher from a wounded companion and reloading it through intense enemy fire to a vantage point from which he could deliver effective fire against an enemy machine gun nest. He fired

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two rounds into the position and neutralized it. This heroic act permitted the advance of his platoon. During the continued advance of his platoon against the enemy, Sergeant Bogart, when wounded by an enemy sniper, succeeded in accounting for the sniper personally before being evacuated. The courage, fortitude, and aggressiveness displayed by Sergeant Bogart with utter disregard for personal safety in a furious assault against the enemy reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from New York.

Corporal John C. Haschke, (Army Serial Number 19124963), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany from 29 November 1944 to 2 December 1944, in connection with military operations against the enemy. Corporal Haschke repeatedly exposed himself to intense personal danger while crossing over open terrain under intense enemy fire and observation in accomplishing his mission of maintaining liaison between his platoon and assault rifle companies in action against the enemy. The close contact maintained by him with the assault companies enabled his machine gun platoon to give close and effective support that aided materially in neutralizing enemy positions. The courage, devotion to duty, and utter disregard for personal safety exhibited by Corporal Haschke reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Montana.

Technician Fifth Grade Arthur S. Wellborn, (Army Serial Number 34396633), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 22 and 23 November 1944, in connection with military operations against the enemy. Technician Fifth Grade Wellborn laid and maintained vital lines of communication that materially aided the success of his organization in attack against the enemy. In spite of being exposed at times to enemy small arms and sniper fire at distances as close as one-hundred and three-hundred yards, he voluntarily exposed himself to intense personal danger in the performance of his duties. The courage, untiring devotion to duty, and utter disregard for personal safety displayed by Technician Fifth Grade Wellborn in the successful accomplishment of his duties under hazardous conditions reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Alabama.

Technician Fifth Grade Oldemar V. Guglielmo, (Army Serial Number 32634468), Field Artillery, 379th Field Artillery Battalion, 103d Infantry Division, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany from 16 November 1944 to 29 November 1944, in connection with military operations against the enemy. Technician Fifth Grade Guglielmo operated a radio during this period for an artillery liaison officer with an infantry battalion while often exposed to intense and heavy fire from the enemy. On one occasion when wounded by enemy fire, he left his position to obtain aid for his wound at a battalion aid station and immediately returned to his position with disregard for personal safety in the presence of an intense enemy artillery barrage to resume his duties operating the radio. On another occasion, he was knocked down three times from the concussion of heavy enemy artillery exploding near him. Although shaken from the artillery explosions, he continued to remain in his position to maintain contact in relaying fire

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adjustments to supporting artillery by use of his radio. The courage, fortitude, and devotion to duty shown by Technician Fifth Grade Gagliano in his heroic actions reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from New York.

Private First Class Thomas M. Shea, (Army Serial Number 38717273), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 21 and 22 November 1944, in connection with military operations against the enemy. During operations against the enemy by his organization in the vicinity of a strongly defended town, Private First Class Shea carried his radio to a forward battalion observation post and exposed himself to intense enemy artillery, mortar, and sniper fire to successfully continue communications between the observation post and the battalion command post when all other means of communication had been destroyed by enemy action. By remaining constantly on duty in this exposed position over an extended period of time without thought of rest or personal safety for himself, he enabled the battalion commander to maintain control of the battalion in attack which aided materially to the successful operation of his organization against the enemy. The courage, skill, and devotion to duty displayed by Private First Class Shea in the presence of intense personal danger reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from New York.

Private First Class Edward W. Parrott, (Army Serial Number 38645690), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 20 November 1944, in connection with military operations against the enemy. Performing duties as a messenger for his platoon in action against the enemy, Private First Class Parrott made trips back to elements of his organization through an area that had been overrun by his organization in an advance in taking an enemy town in which existed intense danger from enemy snipers. On one occasion when investigating the dangers of an unknown cellar, Private First Class Parrott showed great skill in opening the door of the cellar without exposing himself to what might be in it. His outstanding initiative in this heroic act resulted in the surrender and capture of seven prisoners who were concealing themselves in the cellar. This capture resulted in no losses among the men with whom he was working. The courage, devotion to duty, and disregard for personal safety displayed by Private First Class Parrott in the presence of intense personal danger reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from New York.

Private First Class Robert L. Brown, (Army Serial Number 36420661), Medical Department, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 29 and 30 November 1944, in connection with military operations against the enemy. Under intense fire from enemy positions as close as seventy-five yards to his front and with utter disregard for personal safety, Private First Class Brown exposed himself to intense danger in administering aid and evacuating wounded men from the field of battle. He refused to rest or retire to a place of comparative safety until he had assured

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himself that all wounded had been evacuated. By his ceaseless efforts in treating and caring for the wounded, he undoubtedly saved many lives. The courage, skill and devotion to duty displayed by Private First Class Brown in the presence of intense danger reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Michigan.

Private First Class James J. Bordino, Jr. (Army Serial Number 38922431), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 23 November 1944, in connection with military operations against the enemy. While acting as a radio operator for his company's forward observer and when assault elements of his organization in attack against the enemy were stopped by intense enemy fire, Private First Class Bordino, with the assistance of another man and with disregard for personal safety under direct observation and fire from the enemy about two-hundred yards to his front, voluntarily left his position of cover to dig out two men buried in a foxhole by the explosion of an enemy artillery shell nearby. The quick thinking and responsiveness displayed by Private First Class Bordino and his companion saved the lives of the two men. The courage, initiative, and disregard for personal safety in the presence of intense danger shown by Private First Class Bordino in this act of heroism reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from New Jersey.

Private First Class Richard K. Dixon, (Army Serial Number 33491521), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 21 November 1944, in connection with military operations against the enemy. Private First Class Dixon displayed outstanding initiative and courage in the performance of his duties as a runner during an attack against the enemy in the vicinity of a strongly defended town. Private First Class Dixon was the only means of contact between a battalion command post and his company and was called on at all hours to make delivery of important messages. He successfully traveled over strange routes at night, subjecting himself to intense enemy fire in the accomplishment of his missions. He never failed to complete each mission in a minimum of time and preferred to go alone because he felt it was too dangerous for more than one person to go through the areas over which he traveled. The courage, faithfulness, and devotion to duty shown by Private First Class Dixon in the performance of this heroic action reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Private Robert J. Densmore, (Army Serial Number 39294407), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 18 November 1944, in connection with military operations against the enemy. During an attack against the enemy in a strongly defended town by his organization, Pvt Densmore displayed outstanding courage by making his way forward under intense enemy fire to launch rockets into a house in the town which contained a number of enemy snipers holding up the advance of the platoon. When he ran out of ammunition for the launcher he continued throwing hand grenades into the house until the enemy came out to surrender. His courageous action greatly inspired the men of his platoon and enabled them to accomplish their mission in the attack. Pvt Densmore was wounded in this furious

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action against the enemy. The courage, initiative, and skill shown by Private Dunsmore in this act of heroism reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from California.

Private Truman T. Higgins, (Army Serial Number 38297752), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 20 November 1944, in connection with military operations against the enemy. Private Higgins exposed himself to intense personal danger in the presence of heavy enemy machine gun, artillery, and mortar fire in the performance of his duty as a messenger during an attack by his organization against a strongly defended enemy town. Although wounded twice by the intense enemy fire in making his way across open terrain, he endeavored to fire back at the enemy. He made no pretense of quitting when wounded, and signified his wishes for rejoining his unit in the attack against the enemy when he had been evacuated and administered aid. The courage, disregard for personal safety, and outstanding devotion to duty shown by Private Higgins reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Arkansas.

Private Vincent R. Abbonizio, (Army Serial Number 33474419), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 1 December 1944, in connection with military operations against the enemy. During an attack against the enemy by his organization in the vicinity of a heavily fortified enemy town, Private Abbonizio left his position of comparative safety with his platoon and subjected himself to intense personal danger under heavy enemy fire in an attempt to maintain contact with a unit on the right flank of his platoon and eliminate enemy snipers endangering the safety of his squad's position. He successfully routed one enemy sniper prior to being wounded by the intense enemy fire. The courage, fortitude, and disregard for personal safety displayed by Private Abbonizio in this heroic mission reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Private Marvin Fleishaker, (Army Serial Number 38868316), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 16 November 1944, in connection with military operations against the enemy. During an attack by his organization against the enemy in a strongly defended enemy town, Private Fleishaker was wounded while carrying ammunition under intense enemy fire to a forward gun position. During this time, he also helped emplace an antitank gun for effective use against the enemy. After being wounded, he took cover in a shell crater and steadfastly refused medical aid offered him on the basis that others more seriously wounded than himself did not receive it. The courage, fortitude, and devotion to duty displayed by Private Fleishaker with utter disregard for his own personal welfare reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from New York.

The following named enlisted man, Corps of Engineers, 327th Engineer Combat Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 13 December 1944, in connection with military

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operations against the enemy:

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Army Serial Number</u>	<u>Entered Military Service From</u>
Staff Sergeant	Oda C. Ford	34369127	Tennesseo ✓
Sergeant	Norman C. McCreery	37204625	Kansas ✓
Sergeant	Richard L. Whittenmore	37337820	Colorado ✓
Technician Fourth Grade	Everette J. Barlow	34477340	Mississippi ✓
Technician Fifth Grade	Nicholas L. Capano	31255247	Massachusetts ✓
Technician Fifth Grade	Paul G. Scully	35884086	Ohio ✓
Private	Joseph P. DeSilva	42068117	New York ✓
Private	Harold E. Harwell	34475689	Mississippi ✓
Private	James F. Watson	35923568	Ohio ✓

The above named persons subjected themselves to intense enemy fire in an attempt to make a river crossing at break of day to rescue two companions stranded on the far bank of the river which was dominated by the enemy. They remained at the bank of the river for approximately thirty minutes in their attempt to launch a boat for the crossing and withdraw only in compliance with orders from a superior when it was determined the crossing could not be effectively accomplished. The courage, devotion to duty, and disregard for personal safety in the presence of intense personal danger displayed by each of the above named men in their determination to accomplish their mission of rescue reflect great credit upon themselves and the military service.

The following named enlisted men, Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, (for heroic achievement in Germany on 2 December 1944, in connection with military operations against the enemy.

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Army Serial Number</u>	<u>Entered Military Service From</u>
Private First Class	Thomas J. Bogan	32723782	New York ✓
Private First Class	Leon L. Fennig	35547656	Indiana ✓
Private First Class	Jacob D. Masteroff	33469309	Pennsylvania ✓
Private First Class	John T. Olszewski	33394791	Pennsylvania ✓
Private First Class	Eugene Ray	35640925	Kentucky ✓
Private	Roy Y. Boman	36736113	Illinois ✓
Private	Quinton T. Colwell	38341031	Texas ✓
Private	James F. Elliott	39407111	California ✓
Private	John R. Shoop	33573604	Pennsylvania ✓
Private	Alexander J. Speal	33602232	Pennsylvania ✓

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Each of the above named persons displayed outstanding efficiency, coolness under fire, and utter disregard for personal safety while working under extremely heavy enemy artillery and mortar fire on the construction of a creek crossing to enable trucks, tanks, and troops to pass over to a place of comparative safety. Upon completion of the creek crossing, each of the above named men assisted in clearing a path through heavily mined fields to further enable the advance of trucks, tanks, and troops, thereby assisting in operations against the enemy. The courage, untiring effort, and outstanding devotion to duty displayed by each of the above named persons in their unflinching and successful efforts to enable the safe passage for elements of their organization materially aided in the success of their organization in attack against the enemy and reflect great credit upon themselves and the military service.

The following named enlisted men, Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 2 December 1944, in connection with military operations against the enemy.

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Army Serial Number</u>	<u>Entered Military Service From</u>
Staff Sergeant	Jackson E. Tipton	17033915	Missouri
Sergeant	Richard D. Alexander	38472772	Oklahoma
Private First Class	Reggie A. Cole	34438206	North Carolina
Private First Class	William R. Perkins	13133305	Pennsylvania
Private First Class	Robert I. Slaw	16175257	Illinois

When the positions of the above named persons became untenable because of intense fire from enemy snipers during an attack by their organization against the enemy in a strongly defended town, the above named men made their way under intense fire to a house about two-hundred yards from their position. With utter disregard for personal safety, they successfully threw grenades into an enemy machine gun position in the house and forced the enemy to withdraw and abandon their weapons. Forcing an entrance into the house and establishing defensive positions therein, they ward off a fierce enemy counter attack and signalled the remainder of the platoon to advance to their newly won position. The house was then organized into a strong point for action against the enemy from which fire was effectively delivered on enemy positions that materially aided the remainder of the battalion in accomplishing its mission in the attack. The courage, fortitude, and devotion to duty displayed by each of the above named persons in the accomplishment of this heroic act with utter disregard for personal safety reflect great credit upon themselves and the military service.

III. AWARD OF THE AIR MEDAL.

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, and Memorandum Number 34, Headquarters Fifth United States Army, 8 September 1944, as amended, the AIR MEDAL is awarded the following officers:

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FIRST LIEUTENANT JAMES T. STEPHENS, (Army Serial Number 01177996), Field Artillery, 379th Field Artillery Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight in connection with military operations against the enemy from 5 November 1944 to 14 December 1944, in Germany. Entered military service from Florida.

FIRST LIEUTENANT ROY T. MYERS, Jr., (Army Serial Number 0515616), Field Artillery, 379th Field Artillery Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight in connection with military operations against the enemy from 5 November 1944 to 14 December 1944, in Germany. Entered military service from Missouri.

FIRST LIEUTENANT ROBERT S. PLANTZ, (Army Serial Number 0464675), Field Artillery, 379th Field Artillery Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight in connection with military operations against the enemy from 5 November 1944 to 14 December 1944, in Germany. Entered military service from Michigan.

FIRST LIEUTENANT LEMUEL L. LARUE, (Army Serial Number 01175204), Field Artillery, 379th Field Artillery Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight in connection with military operations against the enemy from 5 November 1944 to 14 December 1944, in Germany. Entered military service from Kentucky.

IV. AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART MEDAL.

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, and Memorandum Number 34, Headquarters Ninth United States Army, 8 September 1944, as amended, the PURPLE HEART MEDAL is awarded the following officer and enlisted men for wounds received as a result of enemy action in Germany on date indicated:

Technician Fifth Grade Gaetano A. Verdi, (Army Serial Number 3846187), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 22 December 1944. Entered military service from New Jersey.

Technician Fourth Grade Richard G. Evans, (Army Serial Number 39267002), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 22 December 1944. Entered military service from California.

Corporal Joseph C. Lukaszewski, (Army Serial Number 33457661), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 22 December 1944. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

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Private First Class Michael S. Zainyeh, (Army Serial Number 31244644),
Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 22 December 1944. En-
tered military service from Rhode Island.

Private Joseph C. Cannon, (Army Serial Number 36468410), Infantry,
405th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 25 December 1944. Entered mili-
tary service from Michigan.

CAPTAIN NORMAN B. ESTES, (Army Serial Number 01268208), Infantry,
405th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 23 November 1944. Entered mili-
tary service from Washington.

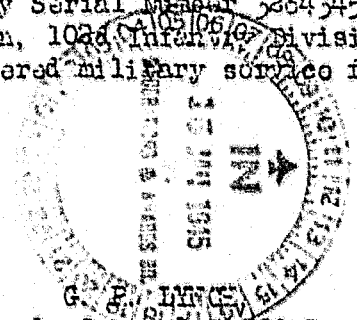
Technician Fourth Grade John E. Burchell, (Army Serial Number
33677474), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 26 Decem-
ber 1944. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Private First Class Herschel Murchison, (Army Serial Number 38410844),
Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 26 December 1944. En-
tered military service from Texas.

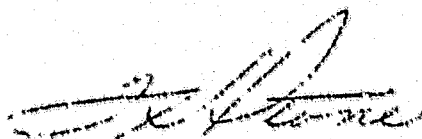
Private First Class Elvin W. Davis, (Army Serial Number 35771573),
Corps of Engineers, 327th Engineer Combat Battalion, 102d Infantry Division,
United States Army, wounded 25 December 1944. Entered military service
from West Virginia.

Private First Class Joseph F. Moran, (Army Serial Number 32643451),
Corps of Engineers, 327th Engineer Combat Battalion, 102d Infantry Division,
United States Army, wounded 25 December 1944. Entered military service from
New York.

By command of the DIVISION COMMANDER:


Colonel, General Staff Corps,
Chief of Staff.

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F. H. STONE,
Lieutenant Colonel, Adjutant General's Department,
Adjutant General.

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

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, and Memorandum Number 34, Headquarters Ninth United States Army, 8 September 1944, as amended, the SILVER STAR MEDAL is posthumously awarded the following enlisted man:

Staff Sergeant Alfred F. Gladhill, (Army Serial Number 14118675), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany on 2 December 1944. During an attack by his organization against the enemy in the vicinity of a heavily fortified enemy town, Staff Sergeant Gladhill, although wounded, displayed outstanding courage and fortitude by remaining in his position to deliver fire on the enemy in the rear of his light machine gun squad to successfully cover the evacuation of his wounded companions. Staff Sergeant Gladhill lost his life in this gallant act when he was wounded a second time by intense enemy fire. The gallantry, bravery, and outstanding leadership and devotion to duty displayed by Staff Sergeant Gladhill in sacrificing his life in order that his wounded companions could be successfully rescued reflect great credit upon him and the military service. Entered military service from Georgia.

II. AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR MEDAL.

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, and Memorandum Number 34, Headquarters Ninth United States Army, 8 September 1944, as amended, the SILVER STAR MEDAL is awarded the following officer and enlisted man:

SECOND LIEUTENANT ROBERT J. WILSON, (then Staff Sergeant), (Army Serial Number 09000466), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany on 21 November 1944. SECOND LIEUTENANT WILSON, while working with a wire party during a heavy enemy artillery barrage and when seeing a wounded man lying in his vicinity immediately made his way to the stricken man, covering the body of the wounded man with his own. When the artillery barrage lifted, he succeeded in evacuating the wounded man to an aid station for treatment. The consideration for the life of his companion at great risk to his own personal safety was an inspiration to all men who saw him. The gallantry, fortitude, and utter disregard for personal safety displayed by SECOND LIEUTENANT WILSON in this heroic act re-

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reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Staff Sergeant Elwin E. Miller, (Army Serial Number 39147209), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany on 13 November 1944. During an attack against the enemy by his organization, Staff Sergeant Miller displayed outstanding leadership and bravery in taking over his squad and continuing to lead it in an attack against the enemy when discovering his squad leader was wounded. In addition to firing his own weapon, he threw antitank and fragmentation grenades at the enemy as well as controlling his squad in the assault. He successfully directed mortar fire at enemy positions and relayed azimuth and locations of enemy groups for delivery of effective artillery and mortar fire against them. After the fierce assault, a large number of enemy dead were found in the vicinity of his position. He showed outstanding devotion to duty by objecting to evacuation despite a wound received in this action. The gallantry, courage, and aggressiveness displayed by Staff Sergeant Miller in taking over a position of responsibility and leading in the midst of intense battle reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from California.

Staff Sergeant Robert H. Olabough, (Army Serial Number 57325734), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany on 10 December 1944. Riding in a truck with several other men, Staff Sergeant Olabough displayed outstanding courage and initiative in removing two wounded men from the truck when it was hit by an enemy artillery shell that set it on fire. The truck contained gasoline and explosives. Staff Sergeant Olabough coolly went about putting out the fire with blankets and water with utter disregard for personal safety. His outstanding act in successfully extinguishing the fire prevented a terrific explosion that undoubtedly saved the lives of a number of men in the immediate vicinity and positively saved valuable military equipment. The gallantry, courage, and aggressiveness shown by Staff Sergeant Olabough in the accomplishment of this heroic act reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Minnesota.

Staff Sergeant Matt Marawa, (Army Serial Number 12173591), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany on 17 November 1944. Staff Sergeant Marawa displayed outstanding leadership and courage in taking over duties as platoon leader when his platoon leader and two other noncommissioned officers senior to him were wounded in the midst of a furious attack by his organization against the enemy. Without hesitation he took charge of the completely disorganized situation under intense enemy fire that had the platoon pinned down and by displaying outstanding leadership successfully brought order to the situation and succeeded in withdrawing the platoon quickly by prompt orders to a position of safety. After this action he returned to the position from which he had withdrawn the platoon to evacuate the wounded. Further exposing himself to intense personal danger he located the enemy and directed effective fire that enabled

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the advance of his platoon in the accomplishment of its mission. The gallantry, leadership, and aggressiveness displayed by Staff Sergeant Herzwa in assuming this great responsibility and of successfully organizing a disorganized and demoralized platoon of infantry under intense enemy fire and directing it in the accomplishment of its mission in attack earned the enemy respect and great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from New York.

Staff Sergeant John F. DeGrove, (Army Serial Number 14173156), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany on 18 November 1944. During an attack by his organization against the enemy in a strongly defended town, Staff Sergeant DeGrove displayed outstanding aggressiveness in assaulting enemy positions by using his rifle and grenades. He personally accounted for twelve of the enemy killed or wounded and was also instrumental in the capture of thirty-five more of the enemy. He continued in the fight after receiving a wound from an enemy hand grenade thrown at him. By delivering effective fire from his rifle, he was responsible for eliminating a machine gun position that delayed the accomplishment of his company's mission in the attack. The gallantry, courage, and aggressiveness displayed by Staff Sergeant DeGrove in his valorous assault against the enemy greatly inspired the men of his company and reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from South Carolina.

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

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 300-45, as amended, and Memorandum Number 4, Headquarters Ninth United States Army, 7 September 1944, as amended, the BRONZE STAR MEDAL is posthumously awarded the following enlisted men:

Staff Sergeant John B. MacDonald, (Army Serial Number 31042657), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 2 December 1944, in connection with military operations against the enemy. During action against the enemy by his organization in the vicinity of a strongly defended town, Staff Sergeant MacDonald exposed himself to intense personal dangers in making repairs to and tracing communication lines under fire to insure the smooth operation of his organization. Late in the action when leaving the comparative safety of his foxhole to reach a wounded comrade for the purpose of administering aid, he was fatally wounded by the intense enemy fire. The outstanding courage, skill, and devotion to duty displayed by Staff Sergeant MacDonald with utter disregard for personal safety reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

Private First Class Sessan, Sessan, (Army Serial Number 32359790), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 24 November 1944, in connection with military operations against the enemy. During action against the enemy by his organization, Private First Class Sessan, realising the danger to his men from an intense enemy artillery

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because of lack of cover, organized his squad and promptly moved them into foxholes previously occupied by retreating organizations. He prompted the men of his squad in digging foxholes when discovering there was an insufficient number to provide shelter for all. Only after he was certain that every man in his squad had been properly covered in a safe position, did he give thought to his own safety and proceeded to die in himself, at which time he was fatally wounded by the intense enemy fire. The outstanding courage, efficiency, and thoughtfulness for the members of his squad displayed by Private First Class Sussman with utter disregard for his own personal safety reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from New York.

Private First Class Eric H. Lobel, (Army Serial Number 38790855), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 30 November 1944, in connection with military operations against the enemy. During an attack by his organization against the enemy in a strongly defended enemy town, Private First Class Lobel, observing the enemy in such a position as to inflict casualties to his own company with a machine pistol with which he was armed, fired upon the sniper to force him to take cover. With disregard for the extreme danger involved he moved forward as a rapid pace and threw a hand grenade into the sniper's position. Private First Class Lobel's quick thinking and outstanding skill materially aided the accomplishment of his company's mission in the attack. His outstanding courage, skill, and quick thinking displayed by Private First Class Lobel in successfully coming with a dangerous enemy reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from New York.

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

In accordance with the provisions of Army Regulations 600-49, as amended, and Memorandum Number 34, Headquarters 103d United States Army, 8 September 1944, as amended, the BRONZE STAR MEDAL is awarded the following enlisted man, missing in action:

Private First Class Keith J. Carter, (Army Serial Number 3482752), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 2 December 1944, in connection with military operations against the enemy. When his organization was held up in its attack against the enemy, Private First Class Carter with the assistance of two companions made his way forward to a point of view on the enemy's flank and covered the offending enemy with direct fire. Although he tripped on a wire in his rush toward the enemy last ditcher, he recovered in sufficient time to help take three enemy prisoners. His courageous action permitted in the advance of his unit without further interruption. His courage, skill, and self-sacrificing displayed by Private First Class Carter with disregard for his own personal safety reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Texas.

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V. AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL.

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 60-40, as amended, and Memorandum Number 34, Headquarters First United States Army, 8 September 1944, as amended, the BRONZE STAR MEDAL is awarded the following officers and enlisted men:

FIRST LIEUTENANT WILLIAM SWANKO, (Army Serial Number 91310001), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 2 December 1944, in connection with military operations against the enemy. Brave action against the enemy by his organization in the vicinity of a strongly defended town, FIRST LIEUTENANT SWANKO exposed himself to enemy mortar fire several times in order to accomplish close fire support for assaulting infantry. During the intense action and when not directing fire missions, he sent and directed radio transmissions within his organization. When his battalion commander's radio operator was wounded he remained at the side of the commander to continue relaying vital messages. The courage, skill, and coolness under fire shown by FIRST LIEUTENANT SWANKO were in great measure responsible for the success of his organization in attack against the enemy and reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

SECOND LIEUTENANT LEVING J. LONEY, (Army Serial Number 91323760), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 2 December 1944, in connection with military operations against the enemy. SECOND LIEUTENANT LONEY, with utter disregard for personal safety, stayed with and maintained a forward observation post in a position in which he was subjected to enemy observation and intense enemy fire. When those working with him were killed or wounded, he personally laid wire and made repairs in order to maintain communication and continue relaying information of his organization. After night had fallen in addition to rendering aid and caring for the wounded, he directed mortar fire from his organization which killed out three enemy machine gun emplacements. His unflinching efforts and devotion to duty were instrumental in the success enjoyed by his organization in the accomplishment of its mission in attack against the enemy. The courage, integrity, and skill displayed by SECOND LIEUTENANT LONEY reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Missouri.

Technical Sergeant Paul J. Padgett, (Army Serial Number 16150980), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 23 November 1944, in connection with military operations against the enemy. Technical Sergeant Padgett led a small night patrol for the purpose of maintaining contact between various units on the line during a withdrawal and replacement action by his organization. In addition to maintaining contact between front line units, his mission was to determine exact positions of enemy emplacements. On several occasions he was pinned down by intense enemy mortar and at times operated in such close proximity to enemy positions that he was forced to roll over on the ground to prevent being stepped on by

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the enemy. The outstanding courage, fortitude, and skill displayed by Technical Sergeant Pedgett in successfully determining the exact locations of enemy troops over a wide front reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Michigan.

Staff Sergeant Joseph S. Piccirro, (Army Serial Number 32353834), Infantry, 40th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 24 November 1944, in connection with military operations against the enemy. Staff Sergeant Piccirro, with utter disregard for personal safety, drove a one-quarter ton vehicle loaded with food, water, and ammunition through intense enemy artillery and mortar fire to a position from which the vital supplies could be carried over open terrain to his company. When thrown out of the vehicle on one occasion when a heavy enemy shell exploded nearby, he immediately reentered the vehicle and proceeded forward until the vehicle became disabled in the road. At this point he assisted in carrying the supplies several hundred yards over open terrain to the company. His heroic act is particularly noted in the successful assault against the enemy by his company on the following day. The bravery, initiative, and unstinted devotion to duty displayed by Staff Sergeant Piccirro reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from New Jersey.

Staff Sergeant John J. Metzger, (Army Serial Number 33249305), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 2 December 1944, in connection with military operations against the enemy. During an attack against the enemy by his organization in the vicinity of a strongly defended enemy town, Staff Sergeant Metzger exposed himself to intense danger under extremely heavy enemy artillery and mortar fire in his efforts to remain and maintain communication via a line of the battalion command post and to coordinate in the attack. The successful performance of this vital communication enabled his organization to direct effective mortar fire against enemy positions that ultimately aided the success of his organization in attack against the enemy. The courage, efficiency, and determination displayed by Staff Sergeant Metzger with utter disregard for personal safety reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Staff Sergeant Donald A. Pendergast, (Army Serial Number 3131031), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 2 December 1944, in connection with military operations against the enemy. During an attack by the enemy against his organization in the vicinity of a strongly defended town, Staff Sergeant Pendergast, with utter disregard for personal safety and with a disregard for his own life, made his way through intense enemy artillery fire to a section of the town that had been hit by enemy artillery concentrations and inflicted several wounds upon personnel of his organization. With his courage and skill he kept the wounded and assisted in administering aid and transporting them to a field hospital. His actions had been heroic and a medical aid station could not be evacuated. The courage, skill, and devotion to duty displayed by Staff Sergeant Pendergast in the presence

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of personal personal danger resulted in speedy treatment for the wounded and reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

Staff Sergeant Charles Gaudinunas, (Army Serial Number 3623327), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 2 December 1944, in connection with military operations against the enemy. During a fierce attack against the enemy by his organization, Staff Sergeant Gaudinunas after becoming separated from the rest of his platoon, made his way alone to a point of vantage from which he effectively fired upon and accounted for several of the enemy, maintaining the position of his platoon through his cover. Throwing a hand grenade, he successfully silenced the offending gun. Withdrawing to the vicinity of his platoon after this action, he accounted for two more of the enemy who challenged him. When his platoon became separated from the other troops in the course of a lull, he reorganized the platoon and held a strong point until the other units came to relieve him. The outstanding courage, initiative, and exemplary leadership shown by Staff Sergeant Gaudinunas in this heroic action materially aided the success of his organization in the attack and reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Illinois.

Sergeant Theodore W. Westholm, (Army Serial Number 3745874), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in Germany from 24 November 1944 to 4 December 1944, in connection with military operations against the enemy. Entered military service from Iowa.

Sergeant Allen W. Frewbridge, (Army Serial Number 31450950), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievements in Germany on 4 December 1944, in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of a strongly defended enemy town. Sergeant Frewbridge, when it rained in the early stages of the attack, continued in action against the enemy with his organization in the accomplishment of its objective. After reaching the objective, he assumed responsibility for caring for our administrators and to his wounds' operations until they could be safely evacuated. He further exposed himself to intense personal danger in the midst of incoming enemy artillery and mortar shells in locating and assisting in bringing in wounded men from the battlefield. Only after assuring himself that all he could for other wounded did he permit his own wound to be treated. The courage, fortitude, and skill displayed by Sergeant Frewbridge in this attack for his own welfare and safety reflect great credit upon him and the military service. Entered military service from Connecticut.

Corporal George Miller, (Army Serial Number 33492041), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 10 December 1944, in connection with military operations against the enemy. Under intense enemy artillery and mortar fire, Corporal Miller with the complete safety of his shelter and exposed himself to intense personal danger

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in reaching and administering aid to three wounded companions. His ingenuity in carrying a first aid kit that he secured from a disabled tank in the treacherous of the wounded men was no doubt instrumental in giving their wounds early and efficient treatment. He remained with his wounded companions under intense enemy fire until they were evacuated by a one-quarter ton vehicle to an aid station. The courage, skill, and disregard for personal safety displayed by Corporal Miller with keen presence of mind under the intense enemy fire reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Technician Fifth Grade Ira C. Rosier, (Army Serial Number 32847072), Medical Department, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 8 December 1944, in connection with military operations against the enemy. During an attack against the enemy by his organization, Technician Fifth Grade Rosier, with utter disregard for personal safety, left his assigned position to wade his way through intense enemy artillery and mortar fire to administer aid to a wounded companion. While performing this duty, Technician Fifth Grade Rosier, undisturbed by the intense enemy mortar and mortar fire, continued to administer aid to his wounded companion when the wounded man was hit a second time by enemy sniper fire. The courage, skill, and disregard for personal safety displayed by Technician Fifth Grade Rosier in the performance of this duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Texas.

Technician Fifth Grade Richard I. Arrowood, (Army Serial Number 3371913), Medical Department, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 8 December 1944, in connection with military operations against the enemy. During an attack by his organization in the vicinity of a strongly defended enemy town, Technician Fifth Grade Arrowood made his way through intense enemy artillery, mortar, machine gun, and sniper fire to successfully reach a wounded companion to whom he administered aid. The courage, skill, and persistence displayed by Technician Fifth Grade Arrowood with utter disregard for intense personal danger reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Illinois.

Private First Class Tommy D. Bradley, (Army Serial Number 37544-15), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 8 December 1944, in connection with military operations against the enemy. During an attack against the enemy by his organization, Private First Class Bradley exposed himself to intense personal danger under extremely heavy enemy mortar and mortar fire to perform his duties of checking and repairing breaches in wire communications. When an enemy sniper fired at him, he ran toward the sniper that he considered for the sniper. He continued his duties with utter disregard for personal safety until wounded by the intense enemy fire. His fortitude and courage in action were instrumental in maintaining complete communication for his organization during its attack against the enemy. The courage, skill, and efficiency displayed by Private First Class Bradley in his duty and efforts in successfully maintaining vital communications for

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This organization reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Iowa.

Private First Class Ewens A. Saylor, (Army Serial Number 39469750), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 1 December 1944, in connection with military operations against the enemy. Private Saylor, after having been under intense enemy fire throughout the day, voluntarily returned to the battlefield with his company commander and other members of his unit to carry food, water, bandages, and blood plasma for the purpose of administering aid to the wounded. He had full knowledge of the intense enemy fire to which he was subjecting himself prior to the accomplishment of this mission. The loyalty, courage, and devotion to duty displayed by Private First Class Saylor in the accomplishment of this act of heroism reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Washington.

Private First Class Harold G. Riley, Jr. (Army Serial Number 31323334), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 2 December 1944, in connection with military operations against the enemy. When his organization was held up in its attack against the enemy, Private First Class Riley, with the assistance of two companions, made his way forward to a point of vantage on the enemy's flank and covered the offending enemy with fire. Although wounded in his rush against the enemy, he shouted for the enemy to surrender, causing them to come out of their foxholes and surrender as prisoners. His courageous action resulted in the advance of his unit without further interruption. The courage, skill, and aggressiveness displayed by Private First Class Riley with disregard for his own personal safety reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Maine.

Private First Class Robert E. Ward, (Army Serial Number 39620410), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 2 December 1944, in connection with military operations against the enemy. During action against the enemy by his organization in a town against the enemy in a strongly defended town, Private First Class Ward, upon seeing his own organization advancing into a heavily artillery barrage, brewed the intense fire to crawl to a radio operator in order that the artillery would be lifted. Although he was wounded in this action, he made sure that other of his wounded companions received medical attention before allowing aid to be administered to himself. The courage, skill, and fortitude with utter disregard for personal safety shown by Private First Class Ward reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Missouri.

Private First Class Jack Holman, (Army Serial Number 13015639), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 2 December 1944, in connection with military operations against the enemy. When his organization was held up in its attack against the enemy, Private First Class Holman, with the assistance of two companions, made his way forward to a point of vantage on the enemy's flank and covered the offending

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enemy with fire. Although he tripped on a wire in his rush toward the enemy installation, he recovered in sufficient time to help take three enemy prisoners. His courageous action resulted in the advance of his unit without further interruption. The courage, skill, and aggressiveness displayed by Private First Class Tolman with disregard for his own personal safety reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Arkansas.

Private First Class James R. Lewinski, (Army Serial Number 35336892), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 2 December 1944, in connection with military operations against the enemy. During action against the enemy by his organization, Private First Class Lewinski, at great risk to his personal safety, made his way through intense enemy machine gun fire in his efforts to locate his battalion commander to secure information for the establishment of a battalion observation post. In the accomplishment of this mission it was necessary for him to cross through intense enemy machine gun fire on three different occasions. This voluntary mission materially aided his company officer in determining the correct location for the establishment of the observation post. The bravery, efficiency, and gallantry shown by Private First Class Lewinski in this act of heroism reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Indiana.

The following enlisted men, Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 2 December 1944, in connection with military operations against the enemy.

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Private First Class	Robert S. Hicks	18174229	New York
Private First Class	Alfredo Salsdua	18352143	Texas

Upon encountering intense enemy machine gun fire during an attack against the enemy by their organization in the vicinity of a strongly defended town, the above named men directed withering fire from their automatic rifles at two enemy machine gun nests that enabled the other members of their platoon to dig shelter trenches. After digging themselves shelter trenches they neutralized the two enemy guns, in which action they were wounded. They were persistent in continuing their fire against the enemy until given a direct order to cease their fight and have their wounds dressed. The courage, skill, and aggressiveness displayed by the above named men in this heroic act with utter disregard for personal safety reflect great credit upon themselves and the military service.

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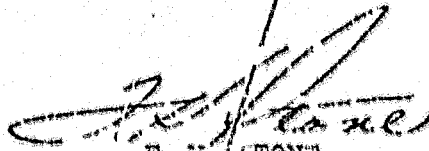
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I. AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR MEDAL. (POSTHUMOUS).

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, and Memorandum Number 34, Headquarters Ninth United States Army, 8 September 1944, as amended, the SILVER STAR MEDAL is posthumously awarded the following enlisted man:

Private First Class Robert B. Phillips, (Army Serial Number 39419073), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany on 18 November 1944. During an attack by his organization against the enemy in the vicinity of a strongly defended town, Private First Class Phillips assaulted and eliminated two enemy machine gun nests which had his platoon pinned down with fire. He performed this heroic action under observation by the enemy and in the presence of intense enemy artillery and machine gun fire. The elimination of these obstacles resulted in several of the enemy being killed and in the taking of twenty-five enemy prisoners. With the elimination of the two enemy machine gun nests, his platoon was able to continue its attack against the enemy and successfully accomplished its mission in the attack. Private First Class Phillips was fatally wounded in this furious assault. The gallantry, courage, and fortitude displayed by Private First Class Phillips with utter disregard for his personal safety reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from California.

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By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, and Memorandum Number 34, Headquarters Ninth United States Army, 8 September 1944, as amended, the SILVER STAR MEDAL is awarded the following officers and enlisted men:

FIRST LIEUTENANT HORACE W HOLMES, Jr, (Army Serial Number 01309556), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy on 2 December 1944 in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany. During an attack by his organization against the enemy in a strongly defended enemy town, FIRST LIEUTENANT HOLMES exposed himself to great personal danger in going forward of a platoon of infantry that was pinned down by intense enemy fire to seek out safer positions for his men. After moving his men forward to the comparative safety of a trench on the outskirts of the town, enemy artillery, mortar, and small arms fire prompted

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him in a decision to take a house within the town for better cover. He eliminated several enemy snipers and exposed himself to further personal danger in his efforts to investigate the house before summoning the men of his platoon to follow. After moving his platoon into the house he was slightly wounded but continued to lead his men in action against the enemy. The gallantry, leadership, and bravery displayed by FIRST LIEUTENANT HOLMES in this heroic act were inspirational to his men and reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from California.

FIRST LIEUTENANT RICHARD H. WARNER, (Army Serial Number 01287974), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy on 3 December 1944, in Germany. When communication lines from an observation post where he was working in relaying fire adjustments to a battalion command post were knocked out by enemy fire, FIRST LIEUTENANT WARNER crawled to the place where a company of infantry was pinned down by heavy enemy artillery, mortar, and machine gun fire. There he organized his squad of men and led them in an assault against the enemy in a town, capturing two enemy machine guns on his way into town. He successfully led the squad through the enemy town, taking a number of enemy prisoners and accounting for a number of enemy dead. His heroic actions served to inspire those working and fighting with him and materially aided in the capture of the enemy town. The gallantry, outstanding bravery, and exemplary leadership displayed by FIRST LIEUTENANT WARNER with utter disregard for personal safety in this heroic act reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from California.

Technical Sergeant Edward J. Klacza, (Army Serial Number 36544131), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany on 18 November 1944. During an attack against the enemy by his organization in the vicinity of a strongly defended town, Technical Sergeant Klacza, with the assistance of two other men, displayed outstanding bravery, initiative, and aggressiveness by making his way forward under intense enemy machine gun fire to successfully neutralize two enemy machine gun emplacements. With utter disregard for personal safety, he succeeded in reaching the position, which was discovered to be a troop shelter under an old hay stack, and was instrumental in causing the enemy to surrender. A total of twenty-five prisoners were taken from the shelter. The gallantry, courage, and fortitude displayed by Technical Sergeant Klacza in the accomplishment of this heroic action reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Michigan.

Technical Sergeant Steve T. Puskar, (Army Serial Number 33030386), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany on 23 November 1944. When his platoon was held up by intense enemy machine gun fire, Technical Sergeant Puskar, with utter disregard for personal safety, voluntarily advanced and attacked the enemy position single handedly. Crawling through rain and mud that prevented his rifle from firing, he successfully reached a point from which he threw a

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grenado, after being wounded himself, into the enemy position which destroyed the hostile machine gun, severely wounded its two crew members, and permitted his platoon to continue in attack against the enemy. The gallantry, outstanding courage, and devotion to duty shown by Technical Sergeant Puskar in this heroic act reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Staff Sergeant Clifton Groves, (Army Serial Number 34490367), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany on 23 November 1944. During preparation for an attack by his organization, Staff Sergeant Groves was painfully wounded by a shell fragment but refused to be evacuated until preparations for the attack were completed. After his wound had been treated, he refused further evacuation and returned to his unit in time to lead his squad in the attack. When his squad was pinned down by intense enemy machine gun fire, he made his way forward to successfully locate and secure a vantage point from which he charged the offending machine gun position and neutralized it by use of hand grenades. His heroic action inspired the men in his company and enabled his company to continue its advance in the attack. The gallantry, outstanding courage, and fortitude displayed by Staff Sergeant Groves in his undaunted devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Georgia.

Staff Sergeant Fred Guilloz, Jr., (Army Serial Number 36545066), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany on 18 November 1944. During an attack against the enemy by his organization in the vicinity of a strongly defended enemy town, Staff Sergeant Guilloz, with the assistance of two other men, displayed outstanding bravery, initiative, and aggressiveness by making his way forward under intense enemy machine gun fire to successfully neutralize an enemy machine gun emplacement. With utter disregard for personal safety, he succeeded in reaching the position which was discovered to be a troop shelter under an old hay stack and was instrumental in causing the enemy to surrender. A total of twenty-five prisoners were taken from the shelter. The gallantry, courage, and fortitude displayed by Staff Sergeant Guilloz in the accomplishment of this heroic action reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Michigan.

Staff Sergeant Wiley J. Karrh, (Army Serial Number 20416680), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany on 29 November 1944. When assault elements of his unit were pinned down by intense enemy fire, Staff Sergeant Karrh succeeded in working his way forward over flat and open terrain and under enemy observation and intense enemy fire to a vantage point from which he assaulted an enemy position with hand grenades that reduced the enemy resistance and permitted his company to advance. During this action he was twice wounded by enemy grenades and small arms fire but continued to press forward and

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was largely instrumental in the capture of two enemy concrete troop shelters. The gallantry, fortitude, and exemplary conduct in the presence of intense enemy fire displayed by Staff Sergeant Karrh with utter disregard for personal safety reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Georgia.

Sergeant Norton R. Smith, (Army Serial Number 37678569), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany on 19 November 1944. Displaying outstanding coolness and courage during action against the enemy in the vicinity of a strongly defended town, Sergeant Smith exemplified great skill in crawling up to an enemy tank and dropping a hand grenade into the open hatch, killing the crew and putting the tank out of action. The enemy, seeing this heroic action by Sergeant Smith, immediately left their covered positions and began running to the rear, at which time they were effectively fired upon by intense machine gun and rifle fire. Sergeant Smith's heroic action in knocking out the offending enemy tank caused the enemy riflemen and other tanks in the vicinity to effect a withdrawal. The gallantry, courage, and bravery shown by Sergeant Smith in the accomplishment of this act of heroism reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Iowa.

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

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, and Memorandum Number 34, Headquarters Ninth United States Army, 8 September 1944, as amended, the BRONZE STAR MEDAL is awarded the following enlisted man, missing in action:

Sergeant William F. Strohmeier, (Army Serial Number 12217609), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 23 November 1944, in connection with military operations against the enemy. During action against the enemy by his organization in the vicinity of a town, Sergeant Strohmeier was performing his assigned duties as a rifleman in an assault rifle company. Noting a severely wounded comrade, he displayed great courage and utter disregard for his personal safety by voluntarily leaving the comparative safety of his position and crawling under enemy machine gun and sniper fire over about one-hundred yards of open terrain to reach the wounded man. Sergeant Strohmeier succeeded in bringing him back to a position of defilade where he administered first aid which undoubtedly saved his comrade's life. The outstanding courage displayed by Sergeant Strohmeier reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from New York.

IV. AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL.

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, and Memorandum Number 34, Headquarters Ninth United States Army, 8 September 1944, as amended, the BRONZE STAR MEDAL is awarded the following officers and enlisted men:

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LIEUTENANT COLONEL HAROLD G. LANG, (Army Serial Number 0290624), Field Artillery, 381st Field Artillery Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in Germany from 4 November 1944 to 22 December 1944, in connection with military operations against the enemy. Entered military service from Ohio.

CAPTAIN HARRY C. SCARPA, (Army Serial Number 0441546), Medical Corps, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in Germany on 2 December 1944, in connection with military operations against the enemy. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

CHAPLAIN (CAPTAIN) THURMAN F. BOSWELL, (Army Serial Number 0537123), Chaplains' Corps, 327th Medical Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, for meritorious service in Holland and Germany from 3 November 1944 to 20 December 1944, in connection with military operations against the enemy. Entered military service from Texas.

FIRST LIEUTENANT THEODORE A. PASQUARIELLO, (Army Serial Number 01298261), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 30 November 1944, in connection with military operations against the enemy. FIRST LIEUTENANT PASQUARIELLO moved through extremely heavy enemy fire with forward assault elements of his organization in attack against the enemy into a town and with skill and ingenuity established a communication system at his organization's forward command post. The result of his keen judgment and thoughtful action enabled his battalion commander to move forward and continue directing the assault much sooner than he could have otherwise done. His acts contributed materially to the success of his organization's accomplishment of its mission in the attack. The outstanding courage, skill, and ingenuity willingly displayed by FIRST LIEUTENANT PASQUARIELLO in the presence of intense personal danger reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

FIRST LIEUTENANT LEONARD R. KEEFE, (Army Serial Number 01323143), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany from 24 November 1944 to 13 December 1944, in connection with military operations against the enemy. During operations of his organization in action against the enemy, FIRST LIEUTENANT KEEFE risked his life repeatedly under intense enemy artillery and mortar fire while traveling over bad roads and through darkness in performing his duties as supply officer for his organization in maintaining a steady flow of supplies, food, and ammunition to various elements of his organization. His performance of his assigned duties was so outstanding that at no time did the battalion or any other unit suffer for want of any type of class of supplies or equipment. The constant flow of supplies secured by FIRST LIEUTENANT KEEFE was instrumental in the success of his organization in action against the enemy. The resourcefulness, skill, and devotion to duty displayed by FIRST LIEUTENANT KEEFE reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Virginia.

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FIRST LIEUTENANT RAYMOND E. LEE, (Army Serial Number 01288247), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany from 27 October 1944 to 2 December 1944, in connection with military operations against the enemy. By his devotion to duty and tireless energy, FIRST LIEUTENANT LEE was largely responsible for the constant supplying of front line troops with food, water, and vital ammunition without which successful operations against the enemy could not have been accomplished. On numerous occasions he went without sleep for extended periods of time while under heavy enemy artillery and mortar fire. FIRST LIEUTENANT LEE personally supervised and directed carrying parties and by his courage, skill, and devotion to duty encouraged and set an example for his men. Realizing that front line troops were fatigued and would be exposing themselves unnecessarily by returning to supply points to procure supplies, FIRST LIEUTENANT LEE on many occasions personally carried supplies to them. The courage, unselfish devotion to duty, and exemplary conduct displayed by FIRST LIEUTENANT LEE reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Washington.

CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER HERMAN R. HILAND, (Army Serial Number W2113428), United States Army, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany from 27 October 1944 through 22 December 1944 in connection with military operations against the enemy. As Assistant Regimental Communications Officer, CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER HILAND conducted himself in an exemplary manner during both offensive and defensive operations against the enemy and was largely responsible for maintaining vital communications. Even during extended periods of time when he went without sleep and was often subjected to heavy enemy artillery and mortar fire he personally supervised his wire teams, setting an example for his men and encouraging them by means of his courage, skill, fortitude, and technical knowledge. The courage, unselfish devotion to duty, and exemplary conduct displayed by CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER HILAND reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Texas.

Staff Sergeant Joseph A. Corsaro, (Army Serial Number 32594843), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 28 November 1944 in connection with military operations against the enemy. During action against the enemy by his organization in the vicinity of a strongly defended town, mad and intensive enemy fire prevented vehicles carrying food and ammunition from approaching the front lines. In an effort to get supplies to his company and with total disregard for his personal safety, Staff Sergeant Corsaro, while serving as a squad leader in a rifle company, organized and moved a carrying party across approximately fifteen-hundred yards of open terrain while being constantly exposed to heavy enemy artillery and small arms fire. His successful delivery of the vitally needed supplies forward to exposed positions materially aided his company in continuing the operations against the enemy. The courage, leadership, and devotion to duty displayed by Staff Sergeant Corsaro reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from New Jersey.

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Staff Sergeant Edward A. Murn, (Army Serial Number 35518933), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 23 November 1944, in connection with military operations against the enemy. Staff Sergeant Murn was wounded by a shell fragment in an attack by his organization against the enemy. Completely ignoring his wound, he arose and attempted to continue the advance with his squad. In a dazed condition and in the confusion of battle, he lost contact with his unit and became pinned down by enemy machine gun fire. Hopelessly separated from his squad, he finally made contact with a nearby engineer unit and offered his services in breaching an enemy mine field. Although weak from loss of blood, he refused to be evacuated until the completion of this job. The outstanding courage in action and extreme devotion to duty displayed by Staff Sergeant Murn reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Ohio.

Staff Sergeant Donald A. Christenson, (Army Serial Number 3744435) *only* Infantry, Headquarters Company, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, for meritorious service in France, Holland, and Germany from 3 September 1944 to 26 December 1944, in connection with military operations against the enemy. Entered military service from Iowa.

Staff Sergeant Edgar B. Beane, (Army Serial Number 35592084), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 23 November 1944, in connection with military operations against the enemy. Performing his assigned duties as squad leader of an assault rifle company, Staff Sergeant Beane was wounded by shrapnel from a fierce enemy artillery barrage. Disregarding his wounds, he reorganized his dispersed squad and led them over open level terrain in a furious assault on dug-in enemy positions two-hundred fifty yards to the front. By successfully taking the position which had been holding up the advance, he enabled his entire company to move forward. He refused to be evacuated until the other wounded had been cared for and continued to organize his squad to defend the newly occupied ground, exemplifying both tenacity and courage as a leader. Shortly thereafter he fell unconscious for loss of blood. The bravery, courage, and devotion to duty displayed by Staff Sergeant Beane reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Ohio.

Staff Sergeant Alex Behun, (Army Serial Number 32592948), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 30 October 1944, in connection with military operations against the enemy. While Staff Sergeant Behun, acting as communications sergeant for a rifle company, was on guard duty at the company command post, he suddenly became aware of an enemy counter attack being launched against his company's positions through a gap in the defensive lines which was covered only by fire. He acted with commendable initiative in hastily organizing all available members of his company headquarters into a provisional platoon and leading them forward to fill the threatened gap. The concentrated small arms fire which he directed from this unexpected quarter took the enemy completely by surprise and promptly broke up the attack. The initiative, leadership, and quick thinking displayed

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by Staff Sergeant Behun in performing this aggressive action reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from New Jersey.

Staff Sergeant Stafford J. Carr, (Army Serial Number 33216959), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 30 November 1944, in connection with military operations against the enemy. Staff Sergeant Carr assumed command of a machine gun squad and directed withering fire against the enemy with utter disregard for intense personal danger to himself when his section leader became a casualty. Throughout the entire day he aided in treatment of the wounded and continued to effect withering fire against the enemy when they tried to flank his position. At the end of the day he successfully organized and directed the withdrawal of his section to his company's position. The courage, skill, exemplary leadership, and judgment displayed by Staff Sergeant Carr in the presence of intense personal danger materially aided the eventual victory gained by his organization and reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Virginia.

Staff Sergeant Carmine G. Durante, (Army Serial Number 32864978), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement on 23 November 1944, in connection with military operations against the enemy. During action against the enemy by his organization in Germany, and when all wire communication to the rear had failed because of rain, mud, and enemy artillery fire, Staff Sergeant Durante, with utter disregard for personal safety, voluntarily made his way as a runner over open terrain swept by enemy artillery, mortar, and small arms fire to reach a battalion command post and advise the battalion commander of the location and situation of his company. Staff Sergeant Durante then returned to his company over the same route where he then volunteered to treat and evacuate two wounded men who were lying in exposed positions. The courage, resourcefulness, and outstanding devotion to duty displayed by Staff Sergeant Durante reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from New York.

Staff Sergeant Joseph F. Cody, (Army Serial Number 31332602), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 23 November 1944, in connection with military operations against the enemy. Staff Sergeant Cody volunteered to select, organize, and operate a forward supply point when all other attempts to supply front line elements of his antitank company had failed because of terrain conditions and intense enemy artillery and small arms fire. He successfully directed a squad of his company in maintaining and operating this forward supply point in an exposed position until relieved by front line troops. His initiative and success in establishing and maintaining a supply point for front line troops enabled the men of his company to receive vitally needed food, water, and ammunition. The bravery, initiative, and devotion to duty displayed by Staff Sergeant Cody in the presence of intense personal danger reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

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Sergeant Ignatius J. Wolfington, (Army Serial Number 33468426), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 23 November 1944, in connection with military operations against the enemy. When his platoon leader and platoon sergeant were wounded while advancing into position, Sergeant Wolfington assumed command of the platoon. Prior to his taking over, casualties had been high with consequent confusion, disorganization, and loss of morale. He immediately won the confidence of his men and exhibited great courage and leadership in reorganizing them into a fighting unit and leading them forward. With utter disregard for his personal safety, he led his platoon over two-hundred yards of open terrain under heavy enemy mortar and artillery fire. After taking his objective, he reorganized his platoon and set up a defensive position. The outstanding courage and leadership displayed by Sergeant Wolfington reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Sergeant Kenneth L. Wheatcroft, (Army Serial Number 37514118), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 24 November 1944, in connection with military operations against the enemy. Under enemy observation and exposed to intense enemy fire, Sergeant Wheatcroft left his shelter and crawled one-hundred yards to a tank destroyer position which had been hit by enemy artillery to rescue the wounded crew. Unable to help the men that were unable to move themselves from the position where ammunition and gasoline were exploding, he turned his attention to two wounded survivors, removing a piece of shrapnel from the hip of one and assisting them both to a nearby trench for safety. He returned to his position after assuring himself that the men had been administered medical aid and were able to leave the battlefield without his further assistance. The outstanding courage, fortitude, and devotion to duty displayed by Sergeant Wheatcroft reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Kansas.

Sergeant Henry H. Wilhelmsen, (Army Serial Number 37721865), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 2 December 1944, in connection with military operations against the enemy. After his company had reached its objective in assault against the enemy and were completing defensive positions to hold their gains, Sergeant Wilhelmsen, noticing three wounded men near his position when his company came under heavy enemy machine gun and cannon fire, in the absence of company aid men, and with utter disregard for personal safety made his way over open and flat terrain to reach the wounded men. After administering first aid, Sergeant Wilhelmsen dug shallow slit trenches to protect these men until they could be reached and evacuated by medical personnel. Although constantly under enemy observation and fire, Sergeant Wilhelmsen successfully completed his self-appointed mission before returning to the comparative safety of his original position. The heroic action of Sergeant Wilhelmsen served as an inspiration and example to those about him and reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Kansas.

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Sergeant Richard M. Cooley, (Army Serial Number 31234453), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 23 November 1944, in connection with military operations against the enemy. During action against the enemy in the vicinity of a town, Sergeant Cooley was completely covered with dirt and was unable to extricate himself when an enemy shell exploded very close to his foxhole. When he was dug out by a companion he contacted his squad in assault against the enemy and led them forward in a vigorous attack without his rifle or helmet. He successfully directed the movement of his squad in forcing the enemy to withdraw from a position after an exchange of fire and successfully hold the newly gained position until reinforcements arrived. His unusual daring and courage inspired the men of his squad to move forward steadily in spite of heavy enemy artillery and small arms fire. The courage and devotion to duty displayed by Sergeant Cooley reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

Technician Fifth Grade William Jarosz, (Army Serial Number 36543953), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 29 November 1944, in connection with military operations against the enemy. Technician Fifth Grade Jarosz, performing his assigned duties as driver of a one-quarter ton truck for an assault rifle company when his company was in dire need of supplies and with utter disregard for personal safety, drove forward through intense enemy artillery, mortar, and machine gun fire to deliver food, water, and ammunition to a forward point from which it could be carried by hand to front line troops. As a result of his heroic deed, he succeeded in re-applying his company with needed food, water, and ammunition, that enabled them to continue operations against the enemy. The outstanding courage, bravery, and skill displayed by Technician Fifth Grade Jarosz reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Michigan.

Private First Class Hallie L. Myers, Jr, (Army Serial Number 37485573), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 23 November 1944, in connection with military operations against the enemy. Private First Class Myers, on duty at a battalion command post when overhearing a call by his battalion commander for personnel to assist in the evacuation of the wounded, volunteered his services. Leaving the comparative safety of the battalion command post and with the assistance of other men, he proceeded by means of a one-quarter ton vehicle to forward units in action against the enemy under intense enemy artillery, mortar, and small arms fire to establish a forward collecting point in the vicinity of forward units. He personally supervised and assisted in the evacuation of numerous wounded to a point in the rear where they could be removed by ambulances. His outstanding action undoubtedly saved the lives of many seriously wounded and reduced suffering of others to a minimum. The courage, initiative, and coolness under fire displayed by Private First Class Myers reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Nebraska.

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Private First Class Joseph W. Ashenfelter, (Army Serial Number 32482470), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 2 December 1944, in connection with military operations against the enemy. During an attack by his organization against the enemy in a strongly defended enemy town, Private First Class Ashenfelter exposed himself to extremely heavy enemy artillery, mortar, and small arms fire without hesitation or thought for his own safety in performing his duties as a messenger. His success in making his way through the intense enemy fire to deliver his messages was often the only means of contact between the battalion commander and his company command post. Private First Class Ashenfelter was one of the first men of his unit to enter the heavily defended enemy town. The courage, ingenuity, and skill shown by Private First Class Ashenfelter in the presence of intense personal danger reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from New Jersey.

Private First Class Robert N. Henry, (Army Serial Number 18074106), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 29 November 1944, in connection with military operations against the enemy. While acting as a platoon runner in a heavy weapons company supporting the attack of his organization against the enemy, Private First Class Henry rendered invaluable assistance to the assault rifle companies in maintaining liaison and in guiding and assisting them forward to their attack positions. With utter disregard for personal safety, he crawled over several hundred yards of open terrain exposed to intense enemy artillery, mortar, and machine gun fire to inform assaulting units of newly located enemy positions. Though exhausted, he refused evacuation and continued on in the performance of his mission. The great courage, coolness, and devotion to duty displayed by Private First Class Henry reflect high credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Texas.

Private First Class Eulice G. Fields, (Army Serial Number 33218860), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 2 December 1944, in connection with military operations against the enemy. During an attack by his organization against the enemy in a strongly defended enemy town, Private First Class Fields exposed himself to extremely heavy enemy artillery, mortar, and small arms fire without hesitation or thought for his own safety in performing his duty as a messenger. His success in making his way through the intense enemy fire to deliver his messages was often the only means of contact between the battalion commander and his company command post. Private First Class Fields was one of the first men of his unit to enter the heavily defended enemy town. The courage, ingenuity, and skill shown by Private First Class Fields in the presence of intense personal danger reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Virginia.

V. AWARD OF THE AIR MEDAL.

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, and Memorandum Number 34, Headquarters Ninth United

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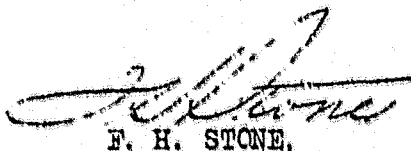
MAJOR STEPHEN H. KING, (Army Serial Number 0353861), Field Artillery, Headquarters 102d Division Artillery, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany from 5 November 1944 through 16 December 1944. Entered military service from Oklahoma.

FIRST LIEUTENANT WILLIAM D. MATHIAS, (Army Serial Number 01170423), Field Artillery, 927th Field Artillery Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany from 4 November 1944 through 18 December 1944. Entered military service from Colorado.

By command of the DIVISION COMMANDER:

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

OFFICIAL:



F. H. STONE,

Lieutenant Colonel, Adjutant General's Department,
Adjutant General.

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

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, and Memorandum Number 34, Headquarters Ninth United States Army, 8 September 1944, as amended, the SILVER STAR MEDAL is posthumously awarded the following enlisted man:

Technical Sergeant Howard F. Delwo, (Army Serial Number 36683174), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany on 29 November 1944. During a fierce attack against the enemy by his organization in the vicinity of a strongly defended town and realizing that the men of the platoon he was leading would be dangerously exposed at dawn when visibility would improve, Technical Sergeant Delwo crawled forward through intense enemy fire to the vicinity of an enemy position. Although painfully wounded by an enemy grenade he continued his advance, firing his rifle and throwing hand grenades into the enemy position until he succeeded in forcing them, about twenty in number, to retire to a nearby concrete troop shelter. Signaling his men forward and refusing to be evacuated he organized a section of his platoon in such a position as to keep the enemy inside the shelter and successfully continued the accomplishment of his objective in the attack. Technical Sergeant Delwo was fatally wounded while being evacuated to the rear for medical aid. The gallantry, outstanding courage, and leadership displayed by Technical Sergeant Delwo reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Illinois.

II. AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR MEDAL.

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, and Memorandum Number 34, Headquarters Ninth United States Army, 8 September 1944, as amended, the SILVER STAR MEDAL is awarded the following officers and enlisted men:

FIRST LIEUTENANT JAMES D. RAPP, (Army Serial Number 02049365), Medical Corps, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany on 22 and 23 November 1944. FIRST LIEUTENANT RAPP exposed himself to intense personal danger under heavy enemy artillery and mortar fire by crawling forward over several hundred yards of open ground to reach and render aid to his wounded battalion commander. When it was

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found impossible to evacuate other wounded persons because of heavy enemy fire over the exposed terrain and deep mud, he organized and established a forward collecting station in close support of assault elements of his organization to effect early first aid to the wounded. He kept his collecting station in continuous operation for more than thirty-six hours in spite of intense enemy artillery, mortar, and small arms fire, and when his battalion was relieved and ordered to withdraw, he refused to leave until he had personally assured himself that all wounded had been evacuated from the battlefield. The gallantry, ingenuity, and outstanding devotion to duty displayed by FIRST LIEUTENANT RAPP reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Colorado.

FIRST LIEUTENANT ALBERT H. DUCKWITZ, (Army Serial Number O1822119), Field Artillery, 771st Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany on 30 November 1944. When assaulting troops were held up by intense fire from fortified enemy positions during an attack against the enemy, FIRST LIEUTENANT DUCKWITZ moved forward to a position from which he could observe enemy positions and effectively direct adjustment of artillery fire which forced the enemy to withdraw. He fearlessly adjusted fire that destroyed an enemy concrete emplacement holding up assaulting infantry elements in their advance. He continued to render valuable support from his exposed position with utter disregard for personal safety until attacking units reached their objective. The gallantry, fearlessness, and devotion to duty displayed by FIRST LIEUTENANT DUCKWITZ in the presence of intense personal danger reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Michigan.

Private First Class Billie Presley, (Army Serial Number 34477621), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany on 23 November 1944. Private First Class Presley voluntarily worked his way over level, open terrain, knowing his rifle would only fire one shot, to a position close to an enemy machine gun position which was holding up the advance of his platoon. Killing one enemy with his single shot, Private First Class Presley rushed the enemy position, seized the rifle of the dead enemy, killed a second, and continued to fire at the third and last member of the crew who had fled the position. As a result of his heroic action he completely neutralized the enemy machine gun position which enabled the advance of his platoon in continued attack. The gallantry, outstanding courage, initiative, and devotion to duty shown by Private First Class Presley in this gallant act reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Mississippi.

III. REVOCATION OF AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR MEDAL.

So much of Section I, General Orders Number 36, this Headquarters, 26 December 1944, subject: AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR MEDAL, as pertains to Staff Sergeant Thomas W. Iles, (Army Serial Number 16055402), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, is revoked.

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IV. AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL.

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, and Memorandum Number 34, Headquarters Ninth United States Army, 8 September 1944, as amended, the BRONZE STAR MEDAL is awarded the following officers and enlisted men:

MAJOR CHARLES T. KRAMPITZ, (Army Serial Number 0405966), Cavalry, 56th Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron, Mechanized, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany in connection with military operations against the enemy. On the night of 26 December 1944 and the morning of 27 December 1944, MAJOR KRAMPITZ accompanied a patrol into enemy territory. The patrol was separated by intense enemy fire, and MAJOR KRAMPITZ with his commanding officer reconnoitered nine miles of enemy territory, penetrating to a depth of more than one and one-half miles, taking one prisoner, and twice drawing enemy fire. Although wounded in this action, MAJOR KRAMPITZ passed several times with the prisoner through the vicinity of enemy sentinels and within speaking distance of groups of enemy soldiers. The courage, skill, and disregard for personal safety displayed by MAJOR KRAMPITZ in the presence of intense danger reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Texas.

FIRST LIEUTENANT STANLEY L. MATTHEWS, (Army Serial Number 0448374), Field Artillery, 380th Field Artillery Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany in connection with military operations against the enemy. During the morning of 21 December 1944, when heavy enemy automatic weapons and mortar fire were falling upon a town held by forward elements of the infantry, FIRST LIEUTENANT MATTHEWS exposed himself to great danger in establishing radio communication with supporting artillery and bringing fire to bear upon enemy positions. With utter disregard for his personal safety, he crossed open ground and occupied an observation post on the fourth floor of a building subjected to enemy automatic weapons and mortar fire. The courage, devotion to duty, and disregard for personal safety displayed by FIRST LIEUTENANT MATTHEWS reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from New York.

Master Sergeant John R. Hill, (Army Serial Number 6280810), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service from 24 September 1944 to 3 December 1944, in France, Holland, and Germany, in connection with military operations against the enemy. Entered military service from Oklahoma.

Sergeant Zenus B. Boone, Jr, (Army Serial Number 38192364), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 23 November 1944, in connection with military operations against the enemy. During an attack against the enemy by his organization when his squad was pinned down by intense enemy artillery and mortar fire, Sergeant Boone with utter disregard for personal safety moved freely over flat, open terrain with no

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cover or protection in checking and reorganizing his squad for further advance. At one point, while exposed to enemy sniper fire, he stopped to dig out one of his men who had been buried when the sides of his foxhole caved in from the impact of a nearby artillery shell. Having completed his reorganization, he then led his squad forward in a continuation of the attack and succeeded in capturing his portion of the platoon objective. This outstanding coolness and courage set an example to the members of his squad and contributed greatly to the successful accomplishment of their mission. The bravery, leadership, and devotion to duty displayed by Sergeant Boone reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Oklahoma.

Staff Sergeant Thomas W. Iles, (Army Serial Number 160554C2), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement on 20 November 1944, in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany. During an attack by his organization against the enemy in a heavily fortified enemy town, Staff Sergeant Iles made his way forward to a suitable location from which he succeeded with the assistance of another man in obtaining a direct hit against a heavy enemy tank by use of his bazooka. Neutralizing the enemy tank enabled the continuance of his unit in assaulting the enemy and obtaining its objective in the attack. The courage, fortitude, and devotion to duty displayed by Staff Sergeant Iles in the presence of intense danger reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Illinois.

Staff Sergeant Norman B. Woodward, (Army Serial Number 31178057), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 22 and 23 November 1944, in connection with military operations against the enemy. During the preparations for attack and in the attack by his organization, Staff Sergeant Woodward displayed exemplary conduct, courage, and leadership in commanding his squad and assisting other weapons crews of his platoon in furnishing close support for his company. With utter disregard for personal safety and while exposed to heavy enemy artillery and mortar fire, he made numerous personal reconnaissances in selecting positions for his gun and others in his platoon and in guiding these weapons forward to selected positions. After the objective was captured, Staff Sergeant Woodward was untiring in his efforts to prepare positions for defense and to assist other guns of his platoon in the selection and occupation of firing positions. The courage and devotion to duty displayed by Staff Sergeant Woodward contributed materially to the attack and reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from New Hampshire.

Staff Sergeant Marvin L. Anderson, (Army Serial Number 37165185), Field Artillery, 252d Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious service in Holland and Germany from 1 November 1944 to 28 December 1944 in connection with military operations against the enemy. Entered military service from Minnesota.

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Sergeant Joseph F. Clementoni, Jr, (Army Serial Number 33359718), Cavalry, 102d Reconnaissance Troop Mechanized, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 27 December 1944, in connection with military operations against the enemy. After night, when a lone enemy plane scored a direct bomb hit and demolished the structure and buried the occupants in the debris, Sergeant Clementoni although painfully wounded freed himself and ran a distance of approximately one-thousand yards to his organization command post to spread the alarm. Refusing medical treatment, he actively participated in the rescue of his trapped companions for a period of about thirty minutes before he collapsed and was evacuated for treatment. The courage, loyalty, and devotion to duty displayed by Sergeant Clementoni reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Sergeant John S. Simpson, (Army Serial Number 37116051), Field Artillery, 253d Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious service in Holland and Germany from 1 November 1944 to 28 December 1944 in connection with military operations against the enemy. Entered military service from Iowa.

Technician Fourth Grade Steve S. Ciagala, (Army Serial Number 33400579), Field Artillery, 381st Field Artillery Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany from 4 November 1944 to 21 December 1944, in connection with military operations against the enemy. Technician Fourth Grade Ciagala spent long hours repairing and tuning radios in order to maintain radio communication with forward observation posts and other units of his organization in action against the enemy. He often exposed himself in the performance of his duties to intense enemy fire. The initiative, resourcefulness, and technical ability displayed by Technician Fourth Grade Ciagala materially aided successful communication by his organization during this period of intense action against the enemy and reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Technician Fourth Grade William Kaplan, (Army Serial Number 32627594), Field Artillery, 381st Field Artillery Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, for meritorious service in Germany from 5 November 1944 to 28 December 1944, in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany. Entered military service from New York.

Technician Fourth Grade Edward C. B. Shoff, (Army Serial Number 33545016), Field Artillery, 380th Field Artillery Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany in connection with military operations against the enemy. During the morning of 21 December 1944, when heavy enemy automatic weapons and mortar fire fell upon the town held by forward elements of the infantry, Technician Fourth Grade Shoff exposed himself to great danger in establishing and maintaining communication with supporting artillery. He crossed over open ground to occupy an observation post on the fourth floor of a building situated

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enemy fire and established and maintained radio communication with regard for his personal safety. The courage, aggressiveness, and ing devotion to duty displayed by Technician Fourth Grade Barsheff great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military from Michigan.

Corporal George Thomas, (Army Serial Number 36543847), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 23 November 1944 in connection with military operations against the enemy. When his organization was ordered to withdraw from an exposed and consequently untenable position, Corporal Thomas was among the last to leave the position. While making his way to the rear over open terrain under heavy enemy artillery and mortar fire, he noticed that his platoon leader had been wounded in the foot and was unable to walk. With utter disregard for his personal safety, Corporal Thomas made his way to the wounded officer and assisted him to the rear. Although knowing that his action might result in his being cut off from his companions and captured, Corporal Thomas successfully brought his platoon leader back to a position of safety. The courage displayed by Corporal Thomas reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Michigan.

Corporal William A. Adams, (Army Serial Number 42093150), Corps of Military Police, Military Police Platoon, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany from 25 November 1944 to 30 November 1944, in connection with military operations against the enemy. While on duty directing traffic at an intersection in the vicinity of a captured town, Corporal Adams stayed at his post of duty to keep traffic moving to prevent it from jamming at the intersection with disregard for personal safety from the constant danger of bursting enemy artillery in his immediate vicinity. His presence at the intersection where he kept the traffic clear saved a number of vehicles and possible loss of life from bursting enemy fire. The courage, fortitude, and devotion to duty shown by Corporal Adams with disregard for the presence of intense danger reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from New York.

Technician Fifth Grade Alvin Klussman, (Army Serial Number 38304111), Medical Department, 327th Medical Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 3 December 1944 in connection with military operations against the enemy. During the seizure of a heavily fortified enemy town by his organization, Technician Fifth Grade Klussman voluntarily drove an ambulance over a road that was considered impassable for vehicles because of direct heavy enemy fire and enemy mines. He reached a battalion aid station safely and succeeded in evacuating four seriously wounded men over the same route. Technician Fifth Grade Klussman set an example for other ambulance drivers that inspired them to follow him and expedite the continued and successful evacuation of battle casualties from front line aid stations. The courage, skill, and initiative displayed by Technician Fifth Grade Klussman reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Texas.

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Technician Fifth Grade Reese R. Magness, (Army Serial Number 38275978), Field Artillery, 381st Field Artillery Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany from 25 November 1944 to 25 December 1944 in connection with military operations against the enemy. Technician Fifth Grade Magness assisted in the installation and maintenance of wire communications from a forward switch board to battery observation posts in spite of heavy and continuous shelling by the enemy, terrain obstacles, and inclement weather. His outstanding devotion to duty in maintaining these communications in spite of adverse conditions was a prerequisite to the battalion for the fulfilling of its mission in action against the enemy. The initiative, resourcefulness, good judgment, and technical ability displayed by Technician Fifth Grade Magness during this period of time reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Oklahoma.

Technician Fifth Grade Anthony Dinovo, (Army Serial Number 35592104), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany from 10 November 1944 to 16 November 1944 in connection with military operations against the enemy. Technician Fifth Grade Dinovo displayed outstanding courage and devotion to duty as section chief for a wire crew in the installation and maintenance of more than three and one-half miles of communication wire in a captured enemy town. He encountered intense enemy artillery fire and enemy tanks on several occasions. With utter disregard for personal safety, he voluntarily continued working to maintain the line while under heavy enemy fire. On one occasion he left his work to carry a wounded companion, he discovered while checking the wire installations, to an aid station. The courage and initiative displayed by Technician Fifth Grade Dinovo in his willingness of undergoing extreme danger in the accomplishment of his mission inspired the men of his wire section and reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Ohio.

Technician Fifth Grade Elbert Ledford, Jr, (Army Serial Number 35682516), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 22 and 23 November 1944 in connection with military operations against the enemy. During operations against the enemy by his organization in the vicinity of a strongly defended town, Technician Fifth Grade Ledford displayed outstanding skill and heroism in maintaining communications as a radio operator while subjected to intense enemy artillery, mortar, and small arms fire. Although he was constantly under enemy observation over open terrain four-hundred yards to the front, he voluntarily maintained his dangerous and exposed positions without regard for his personal safety in order to transmit vital information to the battalion commander which greatly facilitated operations. The bravery, skill, and devotion to duty displayed by Technician Fifth Grade Ledford reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Ohio.

Technician Fifth Grade William T. Garman, (Army Serial Number 33829881), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 23 November 1944 in connection with military operations

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against the enemy. During action against the enemy by his organization, Technician Fifth Grade Garman with utter disregard for personal safety crawled over one-hundred fifty yards of open ground under enemy observation and swept by enemy fire to reach wounded men. He remained in this exposed position, administering first aid to casualties, and succeeded in removing the more seriously wounded to a position from which they could be evacuated to the rear for further medical attention, thereby undoubtedly saving the lives of several of the more seriously wounded. The outstanding courage and devotion to duty displayed by Technician Fifth Grade Garman reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Technician Fifth Grade Manuel O. Padilla, (Army Serial Number 38169977), Medical Department, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 22 November 1944 in connection with military operations against the enemy. When his company became pinned down by intense enemy artillery, mortar, and machine gun fire, Technician Fifth Grade Padilla, with utter disregard for his personal safety, repeatedly moved across several hundred yards of open terrain to treat and render first aid to numerous casualties. On one occasion, when under enemy observation, he went to the aid of ten men who had become casualties from enemy tank fire located two-hundred yards to the front. He evacuated the men to a position of defilade which saved the lives of the more seriously wounded and reduced suffering of others to a minimum. The outstanding bravery, courage, and devotion to duty displayed by Technician Fifth Grade Padilla reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from New Mexico.

Technician Fifth Grade Thurman D. Jones, (Army Serial Number 37225518), Field Artillery, 692d Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 2 November 1944 in connection with military operations against the enemy. Technician Fifth Grade Jones spent a large number of days in front line positions acting as a radio operator and driver while under trying conditions that included enemy small arms, artillery, and mortar fire and strafing by enemy airplanes. He exhibited outstanding devotion to duty and conduct in all respects. It was necessary for him to remain on duty over long periods of time during very wet and disagreeable weather. He participated in laying wire to forward observation posts under intense enemy fire and disposed of enemy snipers in buildings of an isolated part of the front for the establishment of an observation post. The courage, initiative, and outstanding devotion to duty displayed by Technician Fifth Grade Jones reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Kansas.

Private First Class Norman A. Gaudette, (Army Serial Number 31188485), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 23 November 1944 in connection with military operations against the enemy. During operations against the enemy by his organization in the vicinity of a heavily fortified town and when all other means of communication between his company and the battalion had been knocked out by enemy action,

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Private First Class Gaudette voluntarily left the comparative safety of his foxhole and with utter disregard for personal safety crawled over six-hundred yards of open terrain while subjected to intense enemy artillery, mortar, and small arms fire to lay a sound power telephone from his company to a battalion headquarters. His action enabled the forward observers to adjust artillery fire on the enemy which kept them at bay and frustrated any possible penetration of his organization's lines. The bravery and courage displayed by Private First Class Gaudette reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

Private First Class Edgar C. Sprattler, (Army Serial Number 12164988), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 29 November 1944 in connection with military operations against the enemy. During action against the enemy by his organization, Private First Class Sprattler unhesitatingly and with utter disregard for his personal safety, crawled forward over several hundred yards of open, flat terrain swept by intense machine gun fire from several enemy tanks, located about four-hundred yards to the front, to retrieve an abandoned radio set. Making his way back to the company observation point, he established and maintained radio communication with his battalion, which for some time was the only means of communication available to two forward companies. The courage and devotion to duty displayed by Private First Class Sprattler reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from New Jersey.

Private First Class Solomon Lipson, (Army Serial Number 32631597), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 23 November 1944 in connection with military operations against the enemy. During action against the enemy by his organization, Private First Class Lipson with utter disregard for personal safety crawled over several hundred yards of open terrain under heavy enemy artillery, mortar, and small arms fire to transmit an order to two forward infantry companies. Although his radio made him a conspicuous and easy target for enemy riflemen, Private First Class Lipson refused to abandon it in order to maintain contact with the rear. By the successful accomplishment of his self-appointed mission, Private First Class Lipson transmitted vital orders and facilitated an orderly withdrawal from an extremely dangerous position. The courage and devotion to duty displayed by Private First Class Lipson reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from New York.

Private First Class Gerald E. Lentz, (Army Serial Number 36629740), Field Artillery, 252d Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious service in Holland and Germany from 1 November 1944 to 28 December 1944 in connection with military operations against the enemy. Entered military service from Illinois.

Private Walter E. Claypoole, (Army Serial Number 33735864), Field Artillery, 360th Field Artillery Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany in connection with military

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operations against the enemy. During the morning of 21 December 1944 when heavy enemy automatic weapons and mortar fire fell upon a town held by forward elements of the infantry, Private Claypoole serviced and repaired artillery liaison telephone wires which had been severed by enemy mortar fire. On many occasions during the morning, while in the vicinity of heavy enemy fire, Private Claypoole, with utter disregard for personal safety, remained exposed to great danger in reestablishing wire communication between the infantry and supporting artillery. The courage, disregard for personal safety, and devotion to duty displayed by Private Claypoole reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from New York.

Private John J. Hart, (Army Serial Number 32591537), Corps of Engineers, 327th Engineer Combat Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 10 December 1944 in connection with military operations against the enemy. Private Hart assisted a patrol in making a river crossing after night in the presence of an alert enemy on the far shore. The detail installed a rope to aid in future crossings, cut barbed wire, and probed for mines to facilitate the movement of an infantry patrol they had ferried across. The courage, skill, and outstanding devotion to duty shown by Private Hart in assisting in the accomplishment of an extremely dangerous mission reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from New Jersey.

Private Theodore V. Carrier, (Army Serial Number 35174122), Medical Department, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 23 November 1944 in connection with military operations against the enemy. During action against the enemy by his organization, Private Carrier, with utter disregard for personal safety, crawled over two-hundred yards of open ground under enemy observation and swept by enemy fire to reach wounded men. He remained in this exposed position, administering first aid to casualties, and succeeded in removing the more seriously wounded to a position from which they could be evacuated to the rear for further medical attention, thereby undoubtedly saving the lives of several of the more seriously wounded. The outstanding courage and devotion to duty displayed by Private Carrier reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Ohio.

Private Clifford L. Camp, (Army Serial Number 36630973), Field Artillery, 252d Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious service in Holland and Germany from 1 November 1944 to 28 December 1944 in connection with military operations against the enemy. Entered military service from Illinois.

V. AWARD OF THE AIR MEDAL.

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, and Memorandum Number 34, Headquarters Ninth United States Army, 8 September 1944, as amended, the AIR MEDAL is awarded the following officers and enlisted men:

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FIRST LIEUTENANT JOHN T. McADAMS, Jr, (Army Serial Number 01184893), Field Artillery, 692d Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight in connection with military operations against the enemy from 3 November 1944 through 18 December 1944 in Germany. Entered military service from Texas.

FIRST LIEUTENANT ELMER V. MERRITT, (Army Serial Number 01179967), Field Artillery, 381st Field Artillery Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight in connection with military operations against the enemy from 5 November 1944 to 27 December 1944 in Germany. Entered military service from Texas.

FIRST LIEUTENANT DUNTON M. BROUGHTON, (Army Serial Number 01179733), Field Artillery, 927th Field Artillery Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight in connection with military operations against the enemy from 5 November 1944 through 24 December 1944 in Germany. Entered military service from Virginia.

FIRST LIEUTENANT WINFIELD J. BOILEAU, (Army Serial Number 01169868), Field Artillery, 381st Field Artillery Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight in connection with military operations against the enemy from 5 November 1944 to 22 December 1944 in Germany. Entered military service from New Jersey.

FIRST LIEUTENANT LOUIS R. SCARBROUGH, (Army Serial Number 01177965), Field Artillery, 381st Field Artillery Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight in connection with military operations against the enemy from 5 November 1944 to 22 December 1944 in Germany. Entered military service from Alabama.

FIRST LIEUTENANT ARCHIBALD S. WARE, Jr, (Army Serial Number 0519216), Field Artillery, 927th Field Artillery Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight in connection with military operations against the enemy from 5 November 1944 to 22 December 1944 in Germany. Entered military service from Texas.

SECOND LIEUTENANT EDWIN P. WOMACK, Jr, (Army Serial Number 0531624), Field Artillery, 381st Field Artillery Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight in connection with military operations against the enemy from 5 November 1944 to 27 December 1944 in Germany. Entered military service from Texas.

Private First Class Mahlon M. Denter, (Army Serial Number 37443640), Field Artillery, 692d Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight in connection

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with military operations against the enemy in Germany on 1 December 1944.
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VI. AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART MEDAL.

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, and Memorandum Number 34, Headquarters Ninth United States Army, 8 September 1944, as amended, the PURPLE HEART MEDAL is awarded the following enlisted men for wounds received as a result of enemy action in Germany on the date indicated:

Corporal Edgar C. Muschick, (Army Serial Number 36544124), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 27 December 1944. Entered military service from Michigan.

Private First Class Edward W. Heflin, (Army Serial Number 33444431), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 27 December 1944. Entered military service from Virginia.

Private Lee D. Griffey, (Army Serial Number 36973241), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 27 December 1944. Entered military service from Illinois.

Staff Sergeant David W. Stein, (Army Serial Number 12188930), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 28 December 1944. Entered military service from New York.

Technician Fifth Grade Oldemar V. Guglielmo, (Army Serial Number 32634468), Field Artillery, 379th Field Artillery Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, wounded 30 December 1944. Entered military service from New Jersey.

Private First Class Kieth Evans, (Army Serial Number 38667389), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 20 December 1944. Entered military service from Arkansas.

Sergeant Robert J. McGowan, (Army Serial Number 12122074), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 24 December 1944. Entered military service from New York.

Private Theodore Bochenek, (Army Serial Number 42117320), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 26 December 1944. Entered military service from New Jersey.

Technician Fifth Grade Stuart M. Coleman, (Army Serial Number 31325915), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 25 December 1944. Entered military service from Connecticut.

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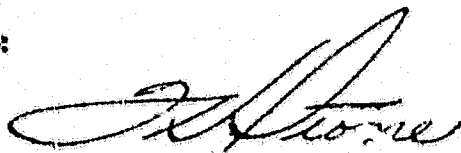
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Private First Class Joseph F. Hoffman, (Army Serial Number 32595099),
Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 26 December 1944. En-
tered military service from New York.

By command of the DIVISION COMMANDER:

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Chief of Staff.

OFFICIAL:



F. H. STONE,
Lieutenant Colonel, Adjutant General's Department,
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I. AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR MEDAL.

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, and Memorandum Number 34, Headquarters Ninth United States Army, 8 September 1944, as amended, the SILVER STAR MEDAL is awarded the following enlisted men:

Staff Sergeant Donald M. Carttar, (Army Serial Number 37510008), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany on 2 December 1944. During action against the enemy by his organization in the vicinity of a heavily fortified town, and when his platoon leader and platoon sergeant became casualties from the intense enemy fire, Staff Sergeant Carttar unhesitatingly took command of his platoon. In the face of heavy enemy fire and with utter disregard for his personal safety, he moved across open ground exposed to enemy observation and organized a defense within the platoon and established contact with units on his flank. After organizing the defense, he made his way to the company observation post to report the strength and condition of his platoon. As a result of his heroic action, he prevented the disorganization of the platoon and secured his position by organizing its defense. The gallantry, outstanding bravery, and initiative displayed by Staff Sergeant Carttar reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Kansas.

Sergeant Vern E. Barnes, (Army Serial Number 39459159), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany on 2 December 1944. While his organization was moving forward to a line of departure for an attack against the enemy, assault units came under heavy enemy artillery and mortar fire. Although painfully wounded in the leg by a shell fragment, Sergeant Barnes refused to be evacuated and remained in active command of his squad throughout the remainder of the day. When the attack was stopped by intense enemy fire, Sergeant Barnes moved his gun forward to cover the reorganization and preparation of the position for defense during the night. Sergeant Barnes remained with his unit until all defensive preparations had been completed and until he was finally ordered to the rear for medical attention. The gallantry, courage, and devotion to duty displayed by Sergeant Barnes were an inspiration and example to his men and reflect high credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Washington.

Technician Fourth Grade Lawrence E. Moser, (Army Serial Number 32482400), Medical Department, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for

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gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany on 22 November 1944. When his organization was pinned down by intense enemy artillery, mortar, and small arms fire from entrenched positions about two-hundred yards to the front which caused numerous casualties, Technician Fourth Grade Moser, with utter disregard for his personal safety, crawled over open and exposed ground to reach and treat the wounded. Ignoring the heavy fire falling all around him, he remained in his exposed location, making his way to those who needed his attention, and refused to withdraw to a position of comparative safety until he had assured himself that all wounded had been taken care of. The gallantry, courage, and untiring devotion to duty displayed by Technician Fourth Grade Moser reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from New Jersey.

Private John A. Booras, (Army Serial Number 31234136), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany on 22 November 1944. Private Booras, on his own initiative, assembled twelve men who had become stragglers during an assault. In the absence of all company officers who were with the leading elements of the company, Private Booras led the twelve men through intense enemy machine gun fire from approximately two-hundred yards to their front. He located the enemy machine gun position and with utter disregard for his personal safety crawled up within grenade range and neutralized the position with hand grenades. Noting that the right flank of his company was exposed, he then moved and disposed his twelve men so as to protect that position. As a result of his courage and initiative he not only increased the effective fighting strength of his company but also furnished needed security which aided greatly the continuation of its attack. The outstanding gallantry displayed by Private Booras reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

LIEUTENANT COLONEL HARRY W. CANDLER, (Army Serial Number 018562), Cavalry, 36th Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron Mechanized, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany on 26 and 27 December 1944. LIEUTENANT COLONEL CANDLER personally led a patrol into enemy territory and, when becoming separated from the patrol and with the assistance of one other officer, reconnoitered nine miles of enemy territory, penetrating to a depth of more than one and one-half miles, taking one prisoner, twice drawing enemy fire, and passing several times with the prisoner through the vicinity of enemy sentinels and within speaking distance of groups of enemy soldiers. Upon returning to his organization and finding four members of the patrol had failed to return, he organized and led a rescue patrol into enemy territory to search for the missing personnel. Encountering heavy enemy fire, LIEUTENANT COLONEL CANDLER was wounded but remained in command to successfully lead his patrol back to friendly territory. The gallantry, leadership, and bravery of LIEUTENANT COLONEL CANDLER greatly inspired the officers and men of his command and reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from North Carolina.

II. AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL. (ONE LEAF CLUSTER).

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CAPTAIN ALLEN P. REININGER, (Army Serial Number 0339807), Chemical Warfare Service, 92d Chemical Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious service in Germany during the period 29 November 1944 to 4 December 1944 in connection with military operations against the enemy. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

III. AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL.

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, and Memorandum Number 34, Headquarters Ninth United States Army, 8 September 1944, as amended, the BRONZE STAR MEDAL is awarded the following officers and enlisted men:

CAPTAIN JOHN B. TILLSON, (Army Serial Number 01296608), Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, 102d Division Artillery, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, for meritorious service in Germany from 1 November 1944 to 31 December 1944 in connection with military operations against the enemy. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

Technical Sergeant Lowell H. Jensen, (Army Serial Number 20708271), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 29 November 1944 in connection with military operations against the enemy. Technical Sergeant Jensen successfully led a patrol to establish contact with an assault company on the right of his organization in attack against the enemy despite heavy enemy artillery and mortar fire. Upon completion of his mission, he set up a defensive position sealing a gap between the assault companies of his organization. Still under heavy enemy fire after night, he led another patrol to the left flank of his organization to make contact with other friendly assault elements. He successfully established contact and supervised the laying of communication wire to his own organization, with the enemy less than one hundred yards away. The outstanding courage and exemplary conduct displayed by Technical Sergeant Jensen inspired the men of his company and reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Minnesota.

Staff Sergeant John B. Tate, (Army Serial Number 18010256), Medical Department, 380th Field Artillery Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 22 November 1944 in connection with military operations against the enemy. With utter disregard for personal safety, Staff Sergeant Tate voluntarily made his way into an enemy mine field with two other companions after night to administer aid to and evacuate wounded men. Constant and heavy enemy artillery fire and enemy observation prevented any attempt at rescuing the wounded men until after

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dark. The intrepid courage and outstanding devotion to duty shown by Staff Sergeant Tate in this heroic act with disregard for intense personal danger reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Texas.

Staff Sergeant Howard A. Riley, (Army Serial Number 32647420), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 29 November 1944 in connection with military operations against the enemy. During an attack against the enemy by his organization, Staff Sergeant Riley, with utter disregard for personal safety, left his sheltered position several times and exposed himself to hostile fire in reaching dispersed positions to administer aid and take blankets to wounded men of his organization. He was ordered by his platoon sergeant to take charge of his squad when he reported that his squad leader and assistant squad leader had become casualties. He instigated the evacuation of the wounded after dark and successfully led the remainder of his squad to the company command post when he received an order to withdraw. The courage and consideration for the wounded displayed by Staff Sergeant Riley reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from New York.

Sergeant Eugene T. Shaffer, Jr, (Army Serial Number 33859991), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 22 November 1944, in connection with military operations against the enemy. While acting as assistant squad leader for his company in an assault against the enemy, Sergeant Shaffer was knocked unconscious by the concussion of an exploding enemy artillery shell. Upon regaining consciousness, he unhesitatingly rejoined his squad and in the absence of his squad leader, who had become a casualty, he immediately reorganized his squad and led it in an assault against the entrenched enemy in the presence of heavy enemy artillery, mortar, and small arms fire. His heroic action inspired the men of his squad, prevented confusion and disorganization, and materially aided the success of his company in its assault mission. The bravery, outstanding initiative, and devotion to duty shown by Sergeant Shaffer in this heroic action reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Technician Fifth Grade Francis T. Morrissey, (Army Serial Number 32807068), Medical Department, 701st Tank Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 20 December 1944 in connection with military operations against the enemy. Under extremely heavy enemy artillery fire and with utter disregard for his personal safety, Technician Fifth Grade Morrissey left his shelter in the midst of heavy enemy shelling to administer first aid to two men who had been wounded. After administering aid and with the assistance of another medical aid man, he evacuated the men from an area of intense danger. The courage, initiative, and devotion to duty displayed by Technician Fifth Grade Morrissey reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from New York.

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Technician Fifth Grade Ellis J. Nicholson, (Army Serial Number 34477307), Field Artillery, 381st Field Artillery Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, for meritorious service from 1 December 1944 to 26 December 1944 in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany. Entered military service from Mississippi.

Private First Class Robert B. Trexler, (Army Serial Number 32750774), Medical Department, 701st Tank Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 20 December 1944 in connection with military operations against the enemy. Under extremely heavy enemy artillery fire and with utter disregard for his personal safety, Private First Class Trexler left his shelter in the midst of the heavy enemy shelling to administer aid to two men who had been wounded. After administering aid and with the assistance of another medical aid man, he evacuated the men from an area of intense danger. The courage, initiative, and devotion to duty displayed by Private First Class Trexler reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from New York.

IV. AWARD OF THE AIR MEDAL.

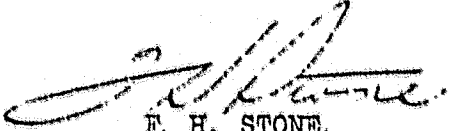
By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, and Memorandum Number 34, Headquarters Ninth United States Army, 8 September 1944, as amended, the AIR MEDAL is awarded the following officer:

FIRST LIEUTENANT FREDERICK B. CAMPBELL, (Army Serial Number 01182531), Field Artillery, 987th Field Artillery Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in Germany while participating in aerial flight in connection with military operations against the enemy from 5 November 1944 to 25 December 1944. Entered military service from Missouri.

By command of the DIVISION COMMANDER:

OFFICIAL:

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


F. H. STONE,
Lieutenant Colonel, Adjutant General's Department,
Adjutant General.

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

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, and Memorandum Number 34, Headquarters Ninth United States Army, 8 September 1944, as amended, the SILVER STAR MEDAL is posthumously awarded the following officer:

FIRST LIEUTENANT RAY F. RODE, Jr, (Army Serial Number 01322953), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany on 29 November 1944. FIRST LIEUTENANT RODE immediately disposed his platoon for defense and attempted to inform his company commander of the situation by radio when guides and scouts in advance of the platoon were subjected to intense enemy fire. Before the message could be cleared, his radio operator was killed and the radio rendered useless from the intense enemy fire. He moved freely across open terrain under the intense enemy fire, with utter disregard for personal safety, contacting each man of his platoon to insure good organization of his defensive positions and safety and security of remaining members of his platoon against enemy attack. FIRST LIEUTENANT RODE was fatally wounded by the enemy fire in his attempt to reach a position of safety for himself. The gallantry, courage, outstanding devotion to duty, and coolness under fire displayed by FIRST LIEUTENANT RODE reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Michigan.

II. AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR MEDAL.

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, and Memorandum Number 34, Headquarters Ninth United States Army, 8 September 1944, the SILVER STAR MEDAL is awarded the following officer:

FIRST LIEUTENANT WILLARD W. WHITE, (Army Serial Number 02046189), Medical Corps, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany on 23 November 1944, in connection with military operations against the enemy. During the attack of his infantry battalion against the enemy in the vicinity of a strongly defended enemy town, FIRST LIEUTENANT WHITE established a forward collecting station in a dugout in the front lines of the battalion for the purpose of removing the wounded lying exposed on the battlefield to cover and rendering aid with the least practicable

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delay. He displayed outstanding heroism with complete disregard for his personal safety by personally leading litter squads through extremely heavy enemy artillery, mortar, and small arms fire in collecting the wounded. So inspired were the men of his section by his heroism, bravery, and courage that they followed him with complete faith and confidence and disregard for their own safety. When the attack was held up by enemy tanks, FIRST LIEUTENANT WHITE continued to search the battlefield until he was satisfied that all wounded had been cared for. The battlefield was under enemy observation and subjected to heavy enemy fire from a range of from three hundred to five hundred yards. As a result of his devotion to duty, FIRST LIEUTENANT WHITE succeeded in evacuating all wounded men that undoubtedly prevented undue loss of life and reduced suffering to a minimum. FIRST LIEUTENANT WHITE'S gallantry, bravery, and devotion to duty exemplified under the most hazardous conditions reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Texas.

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

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, and Memorandum Number 34, Headquarters Ninth United States Army, 8 September 1944, as amended, an OAK LEAF CLUSTER to the BRONZE STAR MEDAL is awarded the following officer:

FIRST LIEUTENANT JOHN T. FORD, IV, (Army Serial Number 0537399), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 13 December 1944, in connection with military operations against the enemy. FIRST LIEUTENANT FORD led a reconnaissance patrol in an attempt to rescue two stranded engineers on the enemy side of a deep and dangerous river. Encountering intense enemy fire, he was ordered to withdraw two-hundred yards and there from an exposed position he successfully adjusted artillery and mortar smoke in supporting an effective withdrawal for remaining members of a rescue party. During the entire action he directed the evacuation of those men wounded and killed during the rescue attempt. Although the attempt to rescue the men was unsuccessful, his courageous action in the attempt was exemplary. Attempts to rescue the two men by other units were also beaten back by severe enemy fire. The courage, skill, and devotion to duty displayed by FIRST LIEUTENANT FORD in the performance of an extremely dangerous mission reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Maryland.

IV. AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL.

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, and Memorandum Number 34, Headquarters Ninth United States Army, 8 September 1944, as amended, the BRONZE STAR MEDAL is awarded the following officers and enlisted men:

CAPTAIN PAUL S. PREVEY, (Army Serial Number 01288117), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on

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13 December 1944 in connection with military operations against the enemy. CAPTAIN PREVEY led a section of heavy machine guns across difficult terrain and under intense enemy artillery, mortar, and small arms fire to a position from which he supported the attempt of another group to rescue two men stranded on the enemy side of a swift and dangerous river. He successfully directed withering fire against the enemy with utter disregard for personal safety in the presence of intense enemy fire all about him. When ordered to withdraw by his battalion commander, he showed outstanding interest by assuring himself that all the men of his section had reached safety before giving thought to withdrawal to a safe position for himself. Although the attempt to rescue the men was unsuccessful, his courageous action in the attempt was exemplary. Attempts to rescue the two men by other units were also beaten back by severe enemy fire. The courage, exemplary leadership, and skill displayed by CAPTAIN PREVEY reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Minnesota.

CHAPLAIN (CAPTAIN) JOHN G. LAMBRIDES, (Army Serial Number 0338542), Chaplains' Corps, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in Germany on 30 November 1944 in connection with military operations against the enemy. Entered military service from Maryland.

CAPTAIN GEORGE M. BAKER, (Army Serial Number 0370437), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 13 December 1944 in connection with military operations against the enemy. With outstanding leadership and keen judgment, CAPTAIN BAKER organized and led a rescue squad in an attempt to reach two stranded engineers located on the enemy side of a swift and dangerous river. Manning a telephone within seventy five yards of an enemy machine gun position, he was often in direct line of withering enemy machine gun fire. He continued working in his attempt to rescue the men until ordered to withdraw by his superior. Although the attempt to rescue the men was unsuccessful, his courageous action in the attempt was exemplary. Attempts to rescue the two men by other units were also beaten back by severe enemy fire. His actions were instrumental in the minimum number of casualties sustained during the engagement. The extreme courage, exemplary leadership, and skill displayed by CAPTAIN BAKER in this heroic act with complete disregard for personal safety reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

FIRST LIEUTENANT JAMES D. NICHOLAS, (Army Serial Number 0374359), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 13 December 1944 in connection with military operations against the enemy. FIRST LIEUTENANT NICHOLAS assisted in directing a group of men in an attempt to rescue two men stranded on the enemy side of a swift and dangerous river, with disregard for personal safety, while under extremely heavy enemy artillery, automatic weapons, and mortar fire. He withdrew only when ordered to do so by a superior and remained exposed to intense enemy fire at great risk to his life to further assist in the evacuation of the wounded. His heroic action contributed materially to the successful withdrawal of the rescue party. Although the attempt to rescue the men was unsuccessful, his courageous action in the attempt was exemplary. Attempts to rescue the two men by other units were also beaten back by severe enemy fire. The courage, leadership, and skill shown by FIRST LIEUTENANT NICHOLAS with utter disre-

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ward for personal safety reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Iowa.

FIRST LIEUTENANT DONALD E. HUSTLEBY, (Army Serial Number 01324416), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 2 and 3 December 1944 in connection with military operations against the enemy. FIRST LIEUTENANT HUSTLEBY directed and organized the evacuation of wounded men of his organization from the battlefield during an attack against the enemy. FIRST LIEUTENANT HUSTLEBY'S effective and systematic shuttle by use of vehicles enabled medical aid men and litter bearers to perform with a maximum of efficiency. His voluntary efforts in this heroic action were greatly instrumental in the speedy treatment of the wounded and undoubtedly saved many lives. The courage, leadership, and keen judgment shown by FIRST LIEUTENANT HUSTLEBY with utter disregard for personal safety in the presence of intense enemy fire reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from New York.

Staff Sergeant Clinton N. Sharkoy, (Army Serial Number 36544270), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 2 December 1944 in connection with military operations against the enemy. When his company was pinned down by intense enemy artillery, mortar and machine gun fire, Staff Sergeant Sharkoy, with utter disregard for personal safety, moved freely over exposed and open ground with no cover or protection to check and reorganize his squad and to reconnoiter for positions from which he could bring fire on the enemy. Moving his squad forward, he was able to bring intense fire on an enemy machine gun, completely neutralizing the position and permitting his company to continue its attack. The bravery, leadership, and devotion to duty displayed by Staff Sergeant Sharkoy in the presence of intense personal danger reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Michigan.

Staff Sergeant Loyd L. Sample, (Army Serial Number 18027559), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 30 November 1944 in connection with military operations against the enemy. Staff Sergeant Sample successfully completed an assigned mission of neutralizing the enemy in a sector of a town being taken by his organization. With utter disregard for personal safety under intense enemy artillery fire, he went from house to house in search of an enemy machine gun position which had inflicted heavy casualties among members of his organization. Upon locating the position, Staff Sergeant Sample, armed only with his rifle, forced the surrender of the enemy machine gun crew and successfully captured five prisoners composing its crew. His courageous action materially lessened pressure on assault platoons of his company and enabled them to complete their mission. The courage, bravery and devotion to duty displayed by Staff Sergeant Sample reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Oklahoma.

Sergeant John R. Marshall, Jr, (Army Serial Number 31372717), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany

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on 29 November 1944 in connection with military operations against the enemy. When his assistant squad leader became a casualty, Sergeant Marshall (then Private), unhesitatingly took over his duties. Under heavy enemy artillery, mortar, and small arms fire, and with utter disregard for his own safety, Sergeant Marshall made several trips over open and exposed terrain to check the positions of the men of his squad and supervise their disposition for defense during the night. He displayed sound tactical judgment and, by his leadership and coolness under fire, he set an example which did much to steady and improve the morale of his men under extremely adverse and difficult conditions. The courage, leadership and devotion to duty displayed by Sergeant Marshall in this heroic act reflect high credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

Sergeant Auston J. Broden, (Army Serial Number 37398970), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 2 December 1944, in connection with military operations against the enemy. When his squad leader became a casualty from enemy fire, Sergeant Broden (then Private First Class), unhesitatingly took command of his squad. In the face of heavy enemy fire and with utter disregard for his personal safety, he moved across open ground to reorganize his squad and actively supervise its disposition and organization of a defensive position. He exercised sound judgment and had full control of the squad at all times. As a result of his heroic action, he prevented the disorganization of the squad and secured its position by efficiently organizing the defense. The outstanding bravery and initiative displayed by Sergeant Broden in the performance of this heroic act reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Missouri.

Corporal Frank Scalfone, Jr. (Army Serial Number 38643306), Medical Department, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany from 1 December 1944 through 3 December 1944 in connection with military operations against the enemy. During a time when a forward aid station with which he was working was short of personnel, Corporal Scalfone worked seventy-two continuous hours without rest in order to insure efficient handling of litter cases brought in from the battlefield. The aid station in which he worked was subjected to intense enemy artillery fire. Not once did he consider his own health or welfare, even though enemy artillery rained down around him during the entire period. His courageous action was greatly instrumental in giving the wounded speedy treatment and evacuation. The courage, skill, and devotion to duty displayed by Corporal Scalfone in the extended and wholehearted cooperation in his exemplary performance of duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from New York.

Technician Fifth Grade Charles E. Lewis, (Army Serial Number 38593005), Medical Department, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany during the period 30 November 1944 to 3 December 1944 in connection with military operations against the enemy. During operations of his organization against the enemy in taking high ground in the vicinity

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of a strongly defended enemy town, Technician Fifth Grade Lewis moved courageously from one foxhole to another in his efforts to render aid to the wounded. The enemy, located on the high ground, had excellent observation. The entire area dominated by his attacking organization was constantly subjected to intense enemy artillery and mortar fire. The brilliant and outstanding courage he displayed in his heroic action with utter disregard for personal safety in moving from place to place under intense enemy fire contributed greatly to saving the lives of his wounded companions. The gallantry, courage, and skill displayed by Technician Fifth Grade Lewis in the performance of his duties in the presence of intense personal danger reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from New Jersey.

Technician Fifth Grade Arthur J. Levesque, (Army Serial Number 31244469), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 8 December 1944 in connection with military operations against the enemy. Technician Fifth Grade Levesque exposed himself to intense personal danger in the presence of heavy enemy artillery and sniper fire by voluntarily going into the battlefield to aid in the rescue of wounded men. Driving his one and one-half ton vehicle at an unusually low speed through intense enemy fire, he was materially instrumental in evacuating wounded men of his organization in attack against the enemy to an aid station where their wounds could be properly attended. His courageous actions were undoubtedly responsible for the saving of many lives. The courage, skill, and coolness under fire shown by Technician Fifth Grade Levesque reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Rhode Island.

Private First Class Kenneth F. Baur, (Army Serial Number 33904451), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 30 November 1944 in connection with military operations against the enemy. During an attack by his organization against the enemy in the vicinity of a strongly defended town, and when his unit was unable to advance because of strong enemy positions, Private First Class Baur voluntarily made his way two-hundred yards to the rear through withering enemy machine gun fire to summon heavy machine gun support for his unit. His courageous action resulted in the withdrawing of the enemy resistance and enabled the advance of his platoon in the accomplishment of its mission. The courage, skill, and devotion to duty shown by Private First Class Baur in the presence of intense personal danger reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Maryland.

Private First Class Clermon O. Barkhalter, (Army Serial Number 14115529), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 2 December 1944, in connection with military operations against the enemy. After reaching and capturing its objective, the company, of which Private First Class Barkhalter was a member, was taken under intense machine gun fire from two enemy tanks located about two-hundred yards to the front. The support platoon, for which he was runner, was approximately two-

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hundred yards to the rear. With utter disregard for his personal safety, Private First Class Burchalter crawled over two-hundred yards of open ground to report his platoon's location to his platoon leader, who was forward with the company commander. Making his way back to his platoon, he transmitted orders and information which enabled his platoon to move forward. The courage, disregard for personal safety, and devotion to duty displayed by Private First Class Burchalter in this heroic act reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Alabama.

Private First Class Jesse D. Edwards, (Army Serial Number 36897199), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 2 December 1944, in connection with military operations against the enemy. When his company was pinned down by intense machine gun fire from two enemy tanks, the only means of communication was one radio which was in the company observation post about two-hundred yards to its right flank. Making his way several times over exposed ground while constantly being sniped at by enemy snipers and subjected to enemy artillery and mortar fire, he succeeded in appraising his company commander of the situation, thus enabling effective large caliber artillery fire to be brought on the enemy tanks which relieved the critical situation at that point. The courage and devotion to duty displayed by Private First Class Edwards in the performance of this heroic act reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Michigan.

Private First Class Frank Guerra, Jr, (Army Serial Number 36215897), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 30 November 1944 in connection with military operations against the enemy. Private First Class Guerra detected the presence of the enemy several times and successfully warned his company commander of them during an attack by his organization against the enemy in the vicinity of a strongly defended town. He repeatedly and voluntarily carried messages through enemy machine gun fire at great personal risk to his life during a time when lack of communications could have easily meant failure of his company's mission in the attack. Much of the credit for the success enjoyed by his company in the attack is attributable to the heroic actions shown by Private First Class Guerra. The courage, devotion to duty, and exceptional skill shown by Private First Class Guerra reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Texas.

Private First Class Vilas W. Smith, (Army Serial Number 39926174), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 30 November 1944, in connection with military operations against the enemy. During an attack by his organization against a strongly defended enemy town, Private First Class Smith raced across open ground, with utter disregard for personal safety in the presence of an intense enemy artillery barrage, to reach and administer aid to a wounded companion. On another occasion when his platoon was pinned down by heavy enemy fire, he voluntarily made his way back through the withering fire to bring up support. As a result of this courageous action, the platoon was able to advance on its

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objective. The undaunted courage, skill, and willingness displayed by Private First Class Smith reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Idaho.

Private First Class Bowen E. Puckett, (Army Serial Number 33218841), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 2 December 1944 in connection with military operations against the enemy. Private First Class Puckett exposed himself to intense personal danger in the presence of heavy enemy artillery and sniper fire by voluntarily going into a battlefield to aid in the rescue of wounded men. Driving his one and one-half ton vehicle at an unusually low speed through intense enemy fire, he was materially instrumental in evacuating wounded men of his organization in attack against the enemy to an aid station where their wounds could be properly attended. His courageous actions were undoubtedly responsible for the saving of many lives. The courage, skill, and coolness under fire shown by Private First Class Puckett reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Virginia.

Private First Class Nieves Martinez, (Army Serial Number 38339145), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 2 December 1944 in connection with military operations against the enemy. When his company headquarters section was disorganized and without communication to the front line platoons, Private First Class Martinez, with utter disregard for his personal safety and while under heavy hostile sniper fire and machine gun fire, voluntarily travelled over several hundred yards of open ground under good enemy observation to install a telephone communication line to the front line platoons. As a result of his action he established vital communication with forward elements which aided materially in the successful defense of the company position. The gallantry, courage, and devotion to duty displayed by Private First Class Martinez was not only an inspiration and example to the men about him but reflect high credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Texas.

Private First Class Robert E. Teague, (Army Serial Number 31233097), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 30 November 1944 in connection with military operations against the enemy. Private First Class Teague courageously arose from his position of cover to his feet and with his automatic rifle successfully knocked out an offending enemy machine gun that had his platoon pinned to the ground during an attack by his organization against the enemy in a strongly defended enemy town. Despite the heavy enemy fire being directed at him, he called to the rest of the men in his squad and started moving forward in assault against the enemy. His undaunted action so inspired the rest of the men that with the obstacle of one machine gun gone, they were able to advance in an assault against the enemy in spite of the continued heavy enemy fire. The courage, skill, and judgment displayed by Private First Class Teague, with utter disregard for personal safety in the presence of intense danger reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

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Private First Class James W. Samples, (Army Serial Number 34477469), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in action against the enemy in Germany on 22 November 1944. Private First Class Samples was performing his assigned duties as a machine gunner in the weapons platoon of an assault rifle company. While moving forward to the line of departure, assault units came under heavy enemy machine gun fire which held up their advance. Although painfully wounded, Private First Class Samples, with utter disregard for his own safety, moved his gun forward to a position from which he could bring the enemy machine gun under fire and succeeded in knocking it out, thus enabling his company to move forward. The courage and devotion to duty displayed by Private First Class Samples was an inspiration and example to the men around him and reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Mississippi.

Private First Class Clyde H. Thornton, (Army Serial Number 35399195), Medical Department, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 30 November 1944 in connection with military operations against the enemy. During an attack by his organization against the enemy in a strongly defended town, Private First Class Thornton risked his life under intense enemy fire to help in the rescue of wounded men from the battlefield. He did not hesitate in his merciful errands of administering aid and evacuating the wounded even though enemy artillery and sniper fire pinned him to the ground for hours at a time. His contribution in successfully removing wounded men to places of safety where speedy treatment could be rendered was invaluable. The courage, skill, and devotion to duty displayed by Private First Class Thornton at great risk to his personal safety reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Ohio.

Private Edward P. Furlow, (Army Serial Number 13185016), Medical Department, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 30 November 1944 in connection with military operations against the enemy. During an attack by his organization against the enemy in a strongly defended town, Private Furlow risked his life under intense enemy fire to help in the rescue of wounded men from the battlefield. He did not hesitate in his merciful errands of administering aid and evacuating the wounded even though enemy artillery and sniper fire pinned him to the ground for hours at a time. His contribution in successfully removing wounded men to places of safety where speedy treatment could be rendered was invaluable. The courage, skill, and devotion to duty displayed by Private Furlow at great risk to his personal safety reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Maryland.

Private Daniel J. Stone, Jr. (Army Serial Number 42023473), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 30 November 1944 in connection with military operations against the enemy. Performing duty as a scout for his platoon which was pinned down by intense enemy sniper fire, Private Stone, upon hearing a wounded man call for help, made his way to the man, to administer aid and proceeded to locate an aid man to assist

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in the evacuation of him. Resuming his duty as scout for the platoon in its advance against the enemy and when finding another man wounded, he administered aid and removed him to the comparative safety of a shell hole. In the performance of his courageous actions of administering aid to his wounded companions, Private Stone suffered wounds himself from the intense enemy fire. The gallantry, skill, and courage displayed by Private Stone in his efforts of successfully rendering aid to the wounded at great personal risk to his own safety reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from New York.

The following named enlisted men, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 29 November 1944 in connection with military operations against the enemy:

<u>Grado</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Army Serial Number</u>	<u>Entered Military Service From</u>
Privato First Class	Jose M. Frausto	385 34584	Texas
Privato First Class	Harold H. Haifloy	3744 3551	Iowa
Privato First Class	Edward E. Oliver	3447 7551	Mississippi
Privato First Class	Theodore C. Sexton	36544 290	Michigan
Privato First Class	Normand St. Croix	311459 30	Maine
Privato First Class	Emmetto T. Tuck	332169 72	Virginia
Privato First Class	Paul J. Schneeborgor	3568 3043	Ohio
Privato First Class	Harley F. Weaver	3920284 3	Washington

The above named enlisted men successfully performed duty as runners under intense enemy artillery fire being delivered in the vicinity of a captured enemy town when the majority of communication lines were cut by the enemy fire. Although their lives were endangered countless times by the heavy enemy fire, each of the above named men never faltered in the performance of his mission, but made his way with all possible speed and accuracy, seeking cover available only when the enemy fire pinned him down. Their courageous efforts inspired those of their organization who saw them. The courage, willingness, and devotion to duty displayed by each of the above named individuals, with utter disregard for personal safety, reflect great credit upon themselves and the military service.

The following named enlisted men, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 30 November 1944 in connection with military operations against the enemy:

<u>Grado</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Army Serial Number</u>	<u>Entered Military Service From</u>
Sergeant	Jack Wilkinson	31244552	Rhode Island
Technician Fifth Grade	Ernest DeSutter	36069626	Illinois
Technician Fifth Grade	Donald F. Stoffen	36544763	Michigan
Privato First Class	Moody W. Gardner	34477330	Mississippi

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During a barrage of extremely heavy enemy artillery and mortar fire, the above named men assisted in the successful installation and maintenance of wire communications between a battalion command post and two assault companies of their organization in action against the enemy. When an enemy sniper interfered with operations of their organization by delivering fire against them, each of the above named men exposed himself as a target in his efforts to assist in locating the position of the enemy sniper and exterminating him. The skill, courage, and coolness under fire displayed by each of the above named persons with utter disregard for personal safety reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

V. AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART MEDAL.

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, and Memorandum Number 34, Headquarters Ninth United States Army, 8 September 1944, as amended, the PURPLE HEART MEDAL is awarded the following enlisted men for wounds received as a result of enemy action in Germany on the date indicated:

Private First Class Henry E. Vyskocil, (Army Serial Number 37323929), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 30 December 1944. Entered military service from Minnesota.

Sergeant Lincoln R. Whitaker, (Army Serial Number 39925285), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 31 December 1944. Entered military service from Utah.

Private First Class Raymond L. Blum, (Army Serial Number 35663598), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 26 November 1944. Entered military service from Kentucky.

Private First Class Virgil A. Tabor, (Army Serial Number 39837085), Coast Artillery Corps, 548th Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion (Mobile), United States Army, wounded 2 January 1945. Entered military service from California.

Private First Class Joseph E. Cirigliano, (Army Serial Number 32088091), Field Artillery, 771st Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army, wounded 23 November 1944. Entered military service from New York.

Sergeant Thomas McAvonoy, (Army Serial Number 32592894), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 1 November 1944. Entered military service from New Jersey.

Private Floyd E. Williams, (Army Serial Number 38592904), 406th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 1 November 1944. Entered military service from Oklahoma.

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Sergeant Arthur E. Scofield, (Army Serial Number 3
fantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 16 Novem
torod military service from New York.

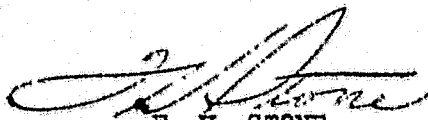
Sergeant Norbert G. Breitbach, (Army Serial Number 37251512,
fantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 16 November 1944. En-
torod military service from Iowa.

Private first Class Joseph G. Wartinger, (Army Serial Number
42117514), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 16 November
1944. Entered military service from New Jersey.

By command of the DIVISION COMMANDER:

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

OFFICIAL:



F. H. STONE,

Lieutenant Colonel, Adjutant General's Department,
Adjutant General.

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

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, and Memorandum Number 34, Headquarters Ninth United States Army, 8 September 1944, the SILVER STAR MEDAL is posthumously awarded the following enlisted man:

* Private First Class Emmanuel J. Gil, (Army Serial Number 37513492), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany on 23 November 1944. Private First Class Gil was acting as a messenger in a heavy weapons company supporting an attack. When assault elements had reached and taken the objective, heavy weapons were moved up to cover the reorganization and set up a defense of the position. During the advance, contact had been lost with the unit on the right and it was impossible to set up effective defensive fires until its location could be determined. Under heavy enemy artillery, mortar, and small arms fire from the entrenched enemy located about four-hundred yards to the front and right flank, Private First Class Gil, with utter disregard for his personal safety, volunteered to make his way over several hundred yards of open terrain to contact and determine the exact location of the unit on the right. During his trip, Private First Class Gil encountered several enemy snipers which he neutralized singlehandedly. The successful accomplishment of this mission enabled his unit to provide an effective and coordinated plan of fire for the defense of the position. The gallantry, courage, and devotion to duty displayed by Private First Class Gil reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Kansas.

II. AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR MEDAL.

1. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, and Memorandum Number 34, Headquarters Ninth United States Army, 8 September 1944, as amended, the SILVER STAR MEDAL is awarded the following officer and enlisted men:

CAPTAIN FREDERICK I. HEAD, (Army Serial Number 01299744), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany from 30 November 1944 through 2 December 1944. During an attack by his organization against the enemy in a strongly defended town, CAPTAIN

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HEAD (then FIRST LIEUTENANT), made excellent decisions in the attack which were instrumental in the successful capture of the town. Although wounded, he refused to be evacuated or treated because he felt his presence with the men of his unit was needed. Thinking only of the welfare of his men, he made sure that each was safe before digging himself a position from which he would be able to alert the men in case of a counter attack by the enemy, after having set up defensive positions to assist in holding his organization's gains. He assumed command of his company on 2 December 1944 and led it in an attack against another enemy town with disregard for rest for his battle weary self. When it became necessary to evacuate him, he refused to leave until assured that his men were being successfully relieved by other elements. The gallantry, extreme courage, and exemplary leadership and thoughtfulness for his men displayed by CAPTAIN HEAD in a series of dangerous missions reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Georgia.

Technical Sergeant Robert E. Miller, (Army Serial Number 6267106), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany from 29 November 1944 through 2 December 1944. During action by his organization in taking high ground near a strongly defended enemy town, Technical Sergeant Miller successfully rendered aid and assisted in the evacuation of wounded men of his organization with utter disregard for personal safety in the presence of intense enemy fire bursting all about him. With keen judgment, he reorganized shattered units of his organization and led them in a successful completion of their mission. He successfully led a platoon in another action against the enemy during which occasion approximately thirty-five of the enemy were captured and four killed. The gallantry, superb leadership, and outstanding skill displayed by Technical Sergeant Miller greatly aided his company's successful completion of its mission in attack and reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Texas.

Technical Sergeant Warren M. Davis, (Army Serial Number 33384644), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany on 22 November 1944. When his organization was pinned down by intense enemy artillery, mortar, machine gun and small arms fire, singlehandedly, and with utter disregard for his personal safety, Technical Sergeant Davis voluntarily made his way over several hundred yards of open terrain and neutralized the enemy position which was holding up the advance, taking ten prisoners and thus enabling his platoon to move forward. The gallantry, courage, and devotion to duty displayed by Technical Sergeant Davis in the presence of intense danger reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Maryland.

Sergeant Major L. Laxton, (Army Serial Number 37637982), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany from 29 November 1944 through 1 December 1944. During action against the enemy in the vicinity of an enemy town, Sergeant Laxton, (then Private), dragged several members of his squad that had been wounded by in-

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tonse enemy fire to positions of safety. After digging shelters for them and summoning aid, he returned and took control of the squad, leading them in a successful attack against the enemy. On another occasion, he routed an enemy patrol by firing into it and severely wounding and capturing one of the enemy. This action saved the life of his company commander who was in an out post. Much valuable information was obtained regarding enemy strength and disposition from the captured and wounded enemy prisoner which materially aided in an attack against another enemy town the following day. The gallantry, exemplary leadership, and skill shown by Sergeant Laxton reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Missouri.

Private Joseph A. Leoni, (Army Serial Number 17143371), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany on 22 November 1944. When his company was pinned down by an enemy machine gun located about one hundred yards to his front and under intense enemy artillery, mortar, and machine gun fire, Private Leoni advanced beyond his lines where he located the enemy machine gun which was holding up the advance. With utter disregard for his own safety, Private Leoni worked his way forward and singlehandedly attacked the enemy machine gun, eliminating it with hand grenades and thus permitting his company to move forward in its attack. The gallantry and devotion to duty displayed by Private Leoni in the presence of intense danger reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Minnesota.

2. So much of Section II, General Orders Number 2, this Headquarters, 3 January 1945, as reads, "FIRST LIEUTENANT JAMES D. RAPP, (Army Serial Number 02049365), Medical Corps," is amended to read "FIRST LIEUTENANT JAMES D. RAPP, (Army Serial Number 02049365), Medical Administrative Corps."

III. AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL.

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, and Memorandum Number 34, Headquarters Ninth United States Army, 8 September 1944, as amended, the BRONZE STAR MEDAL is awarded the following officers and enlisted men:

* MAJOR THEODORE J. LIEBEN, (Army Serial Number 0279834), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in Germany from 16 November 1944 to 25 November 1944 in connection with military operations against the enemy. Entered military service from Nebraska.

* MAJOR DILLARD B. YOKE, JR., (Army Serial Number 0381481), Medical Corps, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in France, Holland, and Germany from 24 September 1944 to 3 January 1945, in connection with military operations against the enemy. Entered military service from Florida.

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* CAPTAIN GLYNN M. COVINGTON, (Army Serial Number 01288155), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on

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2 December 1944 in connection with military operations against the enemy. Unable to keep abreast of the situation when all communications had failed while leading his company in attack against the enemy, CAPTAIN COVINGTON, at the risk of his life, moved from a battalion command post to a forward observation post in an attempt to reach his battalion commander. He successfully moved forward by crawling from one foxhole to another under a barrage of heavy enemy fire in order to avoid being observed by the enemy. In many cases he was fired upon by enemy snipers, but he still kept moving forward. Completing his mission, he returned to the battalion command post over the same hazardous route. The valuable information he successfully obtained was greatly instrumental in the completion of the battalion's mission. The courage, skill, and resourcefulness shown by CAPTAIN COVINGTON reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Texas.

CAPTAIN HARRY McNAMARA, Jr, (Army Serial Number 0454459), Cavalry, 102d Reconnaissance Troop Mechanized, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, for meritorious service in Germany from 5 November 1944 to 11 November 1944 in connection with military operations against the enemy. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

CAPTAIN GORDON M. CAESAR, (Army Serial Number 01288177), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in Germany from 27 October 1944 to 31 December 1944 in connection with military operations against the enemy. Entered military service from California.

WARRANT OFFICER JUNIOR GRADE GEORGE J. VISNOVSKY, (Army Serial Number W2119423), United States Army, Headquarters 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, for meritorious service in France, Holland, and Germany from 24 September 1944 to 15 December 1944 in connection with military operations against the enemy. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Sergeant Roland V. Miller, (Army Serial Number 33389374), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 29 November 1944 in connection with military operations against the enemy. When assault elements of his company were held up by fire from enemy trenches and concrete emplacements, Sergeant Miller voluntarily made his way forward to the assault platoons in order to obtain observation on the enemy positions. With utter disregard for his personal safety, Sergeant Miller, carrying a radio, traversed several hundred yards of open terrain under intense enemy mortar and machine gun fire and located and established a forward observation post which he occupied for two days, transmitting accurate information which resulted in bringing effective fire on the enemy positions. The courage and devotion to duty displayed by Sergeant Miller in this heroic act reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Maryland.

FIRST LIEUTENANT JAMES P. STALLINGS, (Army Serial Number 01299812), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in

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Germany from 30 November 1944 to 2 December 1944 in connection with military operations against the enemy. During an attack by his organization against the enemy in a strongly defended town, FIRST LIEUTENANT STALLINGS continuously worked for three days in directing maintenance and laying of wire communications vital to the efficient functioning of his organization. He often risked his life by personally laying wire with his section in the presence of extremely heavy enemy fire. His outstanding supervision and devotion to duty were highly responsible for the excellent communications maintained throughout the attack. The courage, skill, and exemplary supervision displayed by FIRST LIEUTENANT STALLINGS reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Arizona.

Staff Sergeant Robert W. Lally, (Army Serial Number 17132519), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 30 November 1944 in connection with military operations against the enemy. During an attack by his organization against the enemy, Staff Sergeant Lally was serving as a scout for his squad when enemy machine gun fire was directed against his squad and pinned them down. He remained in his forward position at great risk to his life to engage the enemy machine gun with rifle fire while his companions dug themselves in. He further risked his life to assist in removing wounded men of his organization from the danger of the withering machine gun fire. Displaying exemplary leadership, he organized two attempts to destroy the enemy machine gun position and, although the attempts were unsuccessful, the knowledge gained from his efforts was of sufficient importance to materially aid his organization in completing its action against the enemy. The extreme courage, skill, and exemplary leadership shown by Staff Sergeant Lally reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Illinois.

Sergeant Ronald R. Menti, (Army Serial Number 32768787), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 8 December 1944 in connection with military operations against the enemy. Sergeant Menti, (then Private First Class), successfully performed his duties as scout in leading a patrol during an extremely dark night through sloughs and ponds of back water and across a river in a mission into enemy territory. When the patrol became the target of enemy machine gun fire, he proved himself invaluable in the reorganization and building up of lines of resistance. Serving as the only means of communication, Sergeant Menti voluntarily carried messages to the patrol leader through withering enemy machine gun fire at great risk to his own life. The courage, skill, and exemplary leadership shown by Sergeant Menti in this extremely courageous mission reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from New Jersey.

Sergeant Everett Johnson, (Army Serial Number 36544367), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 30 November 1944 in connection with military operations against the enemy. When his section leaders became casualties during an attack against the enemy by his organization, Sergeant Johnson assumed command of his machine gun section

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and personally fired a machine gun with great skill in preventing the complete destruction of the remainder of a squad and platoon in an assault that they were supporting. Throughout the day at great personal risk to his own safety, he administered aid and words of encouragement to the wounded of his unit. At nightfall he rallied the men of his organization and withdrew to the vicinity of his company commander for further orders. The courage, exemplary leadership, and keen presence of mind shown by Sergeant Johnson reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Michigan.

Sergeant John F. Cook, (Army Serial Number 37338328), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany on 23 November 1944. After reaching and capturing the objective in an attack against the enemy by his organization, assault units dug in and prepared for defense, holding the position in spite of heavy enemy artillery, mortar, and small arms fire, until ordered to withdraw by higher headquarters. As the withdrawal commenced, the gunner of a heavy machine gun squad was wounded, thus immobilizing the gun in an exposed forward position. Sergeant Cook asked for volunteers to help evacuate the wounded man and the machine gun, whereupon four men volunteered to go forward. Sergeant Cook led the group forward under intense enemy fire to the gun position and succeeded in carrying both the wounded man and gun to the rear. The courage, devotion to duty, and utter disregard for personal safety displayed by Sergeant Cook in this heroic act reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Kansas.

Sergeant William I. Cigich, (Army Serial Number 37239877), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 30 November 1944 in connection with military operations against the enemy. When his company was reorganizing for a final assault during an attack against the enemy in a strongly defended town, Sergeant Cigich successfully led a machine gun section to a position from which they could cover the company's assault. He exposed himself to direct observation of the enemy at great personal risk to his own life in an attempt to locate an enemy machine gun that showed possibilities of causing damage to his organization. As a result of his courageous action, the enemy machine gun was forced to withdraw and his company successfully advanced in an assault with a minimum number of casualties. The courage, skill, and exemplary leadership displayed by Sergeant Cigich reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Kansas.

* Technical Sergeant Luther M. Shay, (Army Serial Number 37492033), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in Germany during the period 30 November 1944 to 24 December 1944, in connection with military operations against the enemy. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Technician Fourth Grade Bernard M. Marion, (Army Serial Number 37287467), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achieve-

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ment in Germany on 30 November 1944 in connection with military operations against the enemy. When enemy artillery and mortar fire blasted out communication lines from a company outpost to the company command post, Technician Fourth Grade Marion, at great personal risk to his own safety, followed the wire and successfully found and repaired three breaks. His repairs were made successfully, even though he had no equipment of any type for making such repairs. As a result of his courageous action in making the badly needed repairs, vital information was transmitted expeditiously to higher headquarters. The extreme courage, resourcefulness, and skill shown by Technician Fourth Grade Marion with disregard for intense personal danger to himself reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from South Dakota.

Private First Class Garland Currie, (Army Serial Number 31222621), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 21 November 1944 in connection with military operations against the enemy. Realizing the necessity for obtaining badly needed ammunition for his unit in action against the enemy, Private First Class Currie voluntarily left his position of comparative safety to make his way under extremely heavy enemy artillery fire to a truck loaded with ammunition and proceeded to deliver the valuable cargo to a point where it could be used. His entire act in accomplishing this heroic mission was under observation of the enemy and constant fire. Later examination revealed that the truck had been hit several times by shell fragments. The courage, fortitude, and loyalty shown by Private First Class Currie with utter disregard for personal safety reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Maine.

Private First Class Laurits P. Jenson, (Army Serial Number 37241439), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 30 November 1944 in connection with military operations against the enemy. During an enemy artillery barrage in a captured enemy town, Private First Class Jenson left his position of comparative safety to investigate an enemy artillery dud smoking beneath an immobile truck and trailer loaded with ammunition. At great risk to his personal safety and with considerable difficulty, he successfully drove the truck to a place of safety across the street. After removing the ammunition truck, he summoned a group of men and succeeded in smothering the artillery dud that was still smoking. His quick thinking and courageous action undoubtedly saved lives of men with whom he was working and valuable ammunition necessary for continued action against the enemy by his organization. The extreme courage, quick thinking, and skill shown by Private First Class Jenson in this heroic action reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Missouri.

Private Raymond L. Puddicombe, (Army Serial Number 39205530), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 30 November 1944 in connection with military operations against the enemy. When his platoon was fired upon by enemy machine guns, mortars, and artillery during an attack by his organization against the enemy, Private Puddicombe

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exposed himself on top of a hill with a radio in an attempt to make contact with elements of his company. He voluntarily carried a message back through the withering enemy fire, when seeing that enemy fire was too intense and heavy to remain in his exposed position. Successfully making his way to his company, he voluntarily led a tank support unit back to the vicinity of his platoon where he joined in the fight with his platoon and worked diligently in clearing the wounded from the battlefield. The courage, skill, and outstanding devotion to duty shown by Private Puddicombe in this heroic action reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Washington.

The following named enlisted men, Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 23 November 1944 in connection with military operations against the enemy:

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Army Serial Number</u>	<u>Entered Military Service From</u>
Sergeant	Konyon V. Crawford	19183043	California
Private First Class	Raymond L. Blum	35663598	Ohio
Private First Class	Nolen Burke	34520373	Tennessee
Private First Class	Richard H. Hays	33503833	Pennsylvania

After reaching and capturing an objective, (the above named men) members of a company of infantry in attack against the enemy, dug in with assault units of the company in preparation for defense to hold their gains in spite of heavy enemy artillery, mortar, and small arms fire, until ordered to withdraw by higher headquarters. During the withdrawal of the company, the gunner of a heavy machine gun squad was wounded, thus immobilizing the gun in an exposed forward position. (The above named men voluntarily) made their way forward to evacuate the wounded man and the machine gun. They went forward under intense enemy fire to the gun position and successfully carried the wounded man and the gun to the rear. The courage, devotion to duty, and utter disregard for personal safety displayed by each of the above named men reflect great credit upon themselves and the military service.

IV. AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART MEDAL.

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, and Memorandum Number 34, Headquarters Ninth United States Army, 8 September 1944, as amended, the PURPLE HEART MEDAL is awarded the following officers and enlisted men for wounds received as a result of enemy action in Germany on the date indicated:

Private First Class Mitchell W. Duren, (Army Serial Number 38396017), Coast Artillery Corps, 548th Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion, (Mobile), United States Army, wounded 3 January 1945. Entered military service from Oklahoma.

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Private First Class Jack M. Taylor, (Army Serial Number 39725398),
Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 28 December 1944. En-
tered military service from California.

Private First Class Thomas J. Reynolds, (Army Serial Number 38297245),
Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 28 December 1944. En-
tered military service from Oklahoma.

Technician Fifth Grade Emmit R. Hudspeth, (Army Serial Number
34475426), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 26 December
1944. Entered military service from Mississippi.

Private Johnie S. Zalontz, (Army Serial Number 38676691), Infantry,
407th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 26 December 1944. Entered mili-
tary service from Texas.

Staff Sergeant Glenn L. Fritz, (Army Serial Number 37464213), In-
fantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 25 December 1944. En-
tered service from Nebraska.

CAPTAIN GEORGE M. BAKER, (Army Serial Number 0370437), Infantry,
407th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 24 December 1944. Entered mili-
tary service from Pennsylvania.

CAPTAIN RAYMOND N. GESELL, (Army Serial Number 01288218), Infantry,
407th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 24 December 1944. Entered mili-
tary service from Arkansas.

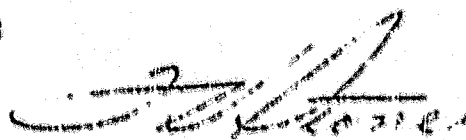
Private Roy Y. Borzin, (Army Serial Number 36736113), Infantry, 407th
Infantry, United States Army, wounded 23 December 1944. Entered military
service from Illinois.

Private First Class Hubert W. Hemphill, (Army Serial Number 37444198),
Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 24 December 1944. En-
tered military service from Iowa.

By command of the DIVISION COMMANDER:

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

OFFICIAL:



F. H. STONE,
Lieutenant Colonel, Adjutant General's Department,
Adjutant General.

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

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, and Memorandum Number 34, Headquarters Ninth United States Army, 8 September 1944, as amended, the SILVER STAR MEDAL is posthumously awarded the following officer:

CAPTAIN JAMES W. CORNER, (Army Serial Number 01288184), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany on 23 November 1944. CAPTAIN CORNER, company commander of a reserve rifle company, went forward, accompanied by a platoon leader and two runners, in the face of intense enemy machine gun and artillery fire to reconnoiter a route of advance for the reserve company. They were encountered by an occupied enemy concrete troop shelter which was blocking the route of advance. Crawling forward over the remaining distance, CAPTAIN CORNER and the three men converged on the enemy shelter, taking the occupants completely by surprise and capturing the shelter and nineteen prisoners. The prisoners were sent to the rear under guard by the two runners and CAPTAIN CORNER and his platoon leader continued on their mission. Later, he returned and led his company forward. The gallantry, bravery, and devotion to duty displayed by CAPTAIN CORNER in the performance of this heroic act reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from California.

II. AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR MEDAL.

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, and Memorandum Number 34, Headquarters Ninth United States Army, 8 September 1944, as amended, the SILVER STAR MEDAL is awarded the following officers and enlisted men:

CAPTAIN MICHAEL D. COYLE, (Army Serial Number 01167380), Field Artillery, 927th Field Artillery Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy from 4 November 1944 through 9 November 1944 in Germany. CAPTAIN COYLE subjected himself to intense personal danger by observing and making adjustments for supporting

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artillery fire for his organization from a church steeple that had been located as an allied observation post and was continuously under enemy artillery and mortar fire. There were at least eight direct hits by enemy artillery and mortar fire on the church steeple from which he was observing. The last day that he used the steeple as an observation post, a direct hit demolished his telescope and the steeple beyond further use. His endurance and outstanding action caused delivery of effective artillery fire on enemy targets. The gallantry, courage, and superior performance of duty shown by CAPTAIN COYLE at great personal risk to his own safety reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

FIRST LIEUTENANT ROBERT M. LEACH, (Army Serial Number 0525237), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany on 23 November 1944. FIRST LIEUTENANT LEACH, (then SECOND LIEUTENANT), platoon leader of a reserve rifle company, went forward, accompanied by his company commander and two runners, in the face of intense enemy machine gun and artillery fire to reconnoiter a route of advance for the reserve company. They were encountered by an occupied enemy concrete troop shelter which was blocking the route of advance. Crawling forward over the remaining distance, FIRST LIEUTENANT LEACH and the three men converged on the enemy shelter, taking the occupants completely by surprise and capturing the shelter and nineteen prisoners. The prisoners were sent to the rear under guard by the two runners and FIRST LIEUTENANT LEACH and his company commander continued on their mission. Later, all returned to the company and led it forward. The gallantry, bravery, and devotion to duty displayed by FIRST LIEUTENANT LEACH in the performance of this heroic act reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

Staff Sergeant Leroy D. Haines, (Army Serial Number 3454650), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany on 23 November 1944. Staff Sergeant Haines, (then Private First Class), runner in a reserve rifle company, went forward, accompanied by his company commander, platoon leader, and another runner, in the face of intense enemy machine gun and artillery fire to reconnoiter a route of advance for the reserve company. They were encountered by an occupied enemy concrete troop shelter which was blocking the route of advance. Crawling forward over the remaining distance Staff Sergeant Haines and the three others converged on the enemy shelter, taking the occupants completely by surprise and capturing the shelter and nineteen prisoners. The prisoners were taken to the rear by Staff Sergeant Haines and the other man while his company commander and platoon leader continued on their mission. Later, all returned to their company and led it forward. The gallantry, bravery, and devotion to duty displayed by Staff Sergeant Haines in the performance of this heroic act reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Florida.

Private First Class Arthur H. LaBaire, (Army Serial Number 31136464), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against

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the enemy in Germany on 23 November 1944. Private First Class LaBairo, a runner in a reserve rifle company, went forward, accompanied by his company commander, platoon leader, and another runner, in the face of intense enemy machine gun and artillery fire to reconnoiter a route of advance for the reserve company. They were encountered by an occupied enemy concrete troop shelter, which was blocking the route of advance. Crawling forward over the remaining distance, Private First Class LaBaire and three others converged on the enemy shelter, taking the occupants completely by surprise and capturing the shelter and nineteen prisoners. The prisoners were taken to the rear by Private First Class LaBaire and the other man while his company commander and platoon leader continued on their mission. Later, all returned to their company and led it forward. The gallantry, bravery, and devotion to duty displayed by Private First Class LaBairo in the performance of this heroic act reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

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

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, and Memorandum Number 34, Headquarters Ninth United States Army, 8 September 1944, as amended, an OAK LEAF CLUSTER to the BRONZE STAR MEDAL is posthumously awarded the following enlisted man:

Technician Fifth Grade Redge J. Ashcraft, (Army Serial Number 39714925), Field Artillery, 927th Field Artillery Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 20 and 21 December 1944 in connection with military operations against the enemy. Technician Fifth Grade Ashcraft with the assistance of another man, successfully laid wire from a forward observation post to the liaison switchboard for his organization. On returning to the forward observation post to re-join the forward observation post party with which he was working, and knowing that the route over which he would have to pass was subjected to enemy artillery barrages, he encountered an intense enemy artillery barrage at a crossroad. Several rounds of enemy artillery fell on the crossroad at the time they attempted to make their crossing, fatally wounding Technician Fifth Grade Ashcraft and seriously wounding his companion. The courage and devotion to duty displayed by Technician Fifth Grade Ashcraft with disregard for intense personal danger reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Idaho.

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

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, and Memorandum Number 34, Headquarters Ninth United States Army, 8 September 1944, as amended, the BRONZE STAR MEDAL is awarded the following enlisted men, missing in action:

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

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Army Serial Number</u>	<u>Entered Military Service From</u>
Private	Daniel H. Green	32848710	New York
Technician Fifth Grade	Sam T. Hensley	34437941	North Carolina
Technician Fifth Grade	Francis A. Warnick	33374260	Maryland

The above named men subjected themselves to intense personal danger on the night of 12 December 1944 in successfully carrying an infantry patrol across a swift and dangerous river in spite of the blackness of the night, extreme swiftness of the river current, and the alertness of the enemy on the far shore. After conducting a brief engineer reconnaissance of the enemy side of the river, they waited by the boat for the return of the patrol. While rowing the boat back across the river, the boat capsized when it hit floating driftwood in the swift current. The skill, courage, and outstanding devotion to duty displayed by each of the above named persons reflect great credit upon themselves and the military service.

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

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Army Serial Number</u>	<u>Entered Military Service From</u>
Sergeant	H. T. Kennedy	36543827	Illinois
Private	Johnnie Crumbley	14028320	Georgia
Private	Roy B. Etzin	32774698	New Jersey

The above named men subjected themselves to intense personal danger in crossing a swift and dangerous river on the night of 10 December 1944 to install a rope across the river to aid in future crossings, cut barbed wire, and probed for mines to facilitate movement for an infantry patrol they had ferried across. On the night of 12 December 1944 they again successfully carried an infantry patrol across the river in spite of the blackness of the night, extreme swiftness of the river current, and the alertness of the enemy on the far shore. After conducting a brief engineer reconnaissance on the enemy side of the river, they waited by the boat for the return of the patrol. While rowing the boat back across the river, the boat capsized when it hit floating driftwood in the swift current. The skill, courage, and outstanding devotion to duty displayed by each of the above named persons reflect great credit upon themselves and the military service.

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

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, and Memorandum Number 34, Headquarters Ninth United States Army, 8 September 1944, as amended, an OAK LEAF CLUSTER to the BRONZE STAR MEDAL is awarded the following enlisted men:

Corporal Thomas J. Murphy, (Army Serial Number 31233386), Field Artillery, 927th Field Artillery Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 20 and 21 December 1944 in connection with military operations against the enemy. Corporal Murphy, with the assistance of another man, successfully laid wire from a forward observation post to the liaison switchboard for his organization. On returning to the forward observation post to rejoin a forward observation party with which he was working, and knowing the route over which he would have to pass was frequently subjected to enemy artillery barrages, he encountered an intense enemy artillery barrage at a crossroad. Several rounds of enemy artillery fell on the crossroad at the time they attempted to make their crossing, seriously wounding Corporal Murphy and fatally wounding his companion. The courage and devotion to duty displayed by Corporal Murphy with disregard for intense personal danger reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

VI. AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL.

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, and Memorandum Number 34, Headquarters Ninth United States Army, 8 September 1944, as amended, the BRONZE STAR MEDAL is awarded the following officers and enlisted men:

MAJOR WAYNE M. WINDER, (Army Serial Number 0404811), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in France, Holland, and Germany from 24 September 1944 to 3 January 1945 in connection with military operations against the enemy. Entered military service from Illinois.

MAJOR HARRY F. SUFFIELD, (Army Serial Number 0353892), General Staff Corps, Headquarters 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, for meritorious service in France, Holland, and Germany from 8 September 1944 through 25 December 1944 in connection with military operations against the enemy. Entered military service from Oklahoma.

MAJOR CHARLES E. BATHIS, Jr, (Army Serial Number 023199), General Staff Corps, Headquarters 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, for meritorious service in France, Holland, and Germany from 8 September 1944 to 25 December 1944, in connection with military operations against the enemy. Entered military service from Virginia.

CAPTAIN JOHN G. MILLER, (Army Serial Number 0385185), Infantry, 406th Infantry, (attached to Headquarters 102d Infantry Division), United States Army, for meritorious service from 9 September 1944 to 25 December 1944 in France, Holland, and Germany, in connection with military operations

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against the enemy. Entered military service from Connecticut.

CAPTAIN ALLAN H. MICK, (Army Serial Number 0329388), Infantry, Headquarters 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, for meritorious service in France, Holland, and Germany from 23 September 1944 to 25 December 1944 in connection with military operations against the enemy. Entered military service from Michigan.

CAPTAIN JOHN J. CONNERS, (Army Serial Number 0347593), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 30 November 1944 in connection with military operations against the enemy. When his company became pinned down by savage enemy artillery, mortar, and automatic weapons fire, CAPTAIN CONNERS at great personal risk to his own life moved about through his company disseminating encouragement to his men, strengthening their positions, and helping in the evacuation of the wounded. His courageous and daring action inspired the men of his company and kept them so well organized that, when the opportunity arose, his unit was able to move into further attack against the enemy swiftly and efficiently. The courage, skill, sound judgment, and untiring effort displayed by CAPTAIN CONNERS reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Connecticut.

CAPTAIN JAMES H. SMITH, (Army Serial Number 01299488), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 30 November 1944 in connection with military operations against the enemy. CAPTAIN SMITH successfully led a company of infantry through withering enemy fire to the support of assaulting elements of his organization in capturing an enemy town. Through his aggressive action, an enemy strong point encountered during the action was destroyed. He directed organization in overcoming a reigning state of confusion and coordinated the movements of his company in mopping up operations in the town. His untried troops were so inspired by his outstanding leadership that their efforts appeared to be those of seasoned combat troops. The courage, exemplary leadership, and aggressiveness displayed by CAPTAIN SMITH reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from West Virginia.

FIRST LIEUTENANT DEWEY A. DECKER, (Army Serial Number 0445433), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 8 December 1944 in connection with military operations against the enemy. FIRST LIEUTENANT DECKER displayed exemplary leadership and ingenuity in leading a patrol across a swift and dangerous river to the vicinity of an enemy town in enemy territory. After successfully leading the patrol past streams and ponds, several of the enemy were encountered. In the engagement that followed, FIRST LIEUTENANT DECKER was wounded and, although unable to walk, he refused to be evacuated until he was sure that other capable leadership had been provided for the men of his patrol in their continued mission. The courage, tactical ability, and thoughtfulness displayed by FIRST LIEUTENANT DECKER reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

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FIRST LIEUTENANT JAMES B. SELLERS, Jr. (Army Serial Number 01535526), Medical Administrative Corps, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 30 November 1944 in connection with military operations against the enemy. Under extremely heavy enemy artillery fire, FIRST LIEUTENANT SELLERS established a forward collecting point for the wounded, and under his supervision the evacuation of a large number of wounded men was accomplished. He contacted elements of an organization other than his own and directed the evacuation of wounded men of that organization who could not be reached by their own medical aid men. He personally went out onto the battlefield to conduct walking wounded and assist in carrying litter cases from areas of danger. His courageous action was responsible for speedy evacuation and treatment of many wounded who might otherwise have remained on the field for an extended period of time. The courage, skill, and aggressiveness shown by FIRST LIEUTENANT SELLERS with utter disregard for his own personal safety reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Illinois.

FIRST LIEUTENANT JOSEPH J. SUNGENIS, (Army Serial Number 02048164), Medical Administrative Corps, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany from 30 November 1944 to 2 December 1944 in connection with military operations against the enemy. During action by his organization against the enemy in the vicinity of a strongly defended town, FIRST LIEUTENANT SUNGENIS worked unceasingly for two nights and three days at great risk to his own life from enemy artillery fire and with enemy positions only five-hundred yards distant from his aid station in order to assure speedy medical treatment and evacuation for the wounded. As a result of his clear thinking and skillful judgment, many lives were saved. Shortly after he evacuated his aid station, it was destroyed by a direct hit from enemy artillery. The courage, exemplary judgment, and skillful supervision shown by FIRST LIEUTENANT SUNGENIS in the operation of his forward aid station reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from New Jersey.

FIRST LIEUTENANT FRED A. HICKS, (Army Serial Number 01323430), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 2 December 1944 in connection with military operations against the enemy. During an attack by his organization against the enemy in the vicinity of a strongly defended town, FIRST LIEUTENANT HICKS, realizing the desperate situation that had arisen because of a lack of litter bearers, organized and led a group of men in successfully locating and evacuating wounded men from the battlefield. Working under hazardous conditions at great risk to his own life, he succeeded in evacuating a large number of wounded who otherwise might have lain on the field undiscovered for hours. His untiring efforts resulted in the saving of many lives. The skill, courage, determination, and ingenuity displayed by FIRST LIEUTENANT HICKS reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from California.

Staff Sergeant Leroy Smith, (Army Serial Number 6951040), Medical Department, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in

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Germany on 30 November 1944 in connection with military operations against the enemy. When word came to the aid station where he was on duty that wounded men were lying on the battlefield in inaccessible places during an attack by his organization against the enemy, Staff Sergeant Smith secured a truck and drove off alone after the advancing units in search of the wounded. Although enemy fire threatened his life on many occasions, he did not hesitate or stop until he could no longer find wounded men to evacuate to the aid station. His courageous action resulted in speedy treatment and evacuation for men who might otherwise have lain on the battlefield for hours. The courage, ingenuity, and outstanding devotion to duty shown by Staff Sergeant Smith reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Texas.

Sergeant William D. Summers, (Army Serial Number 37403967), Field Artillery, 379th Field Artillery Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 27 November 1944 in connection with military operations against the enemy. Serving as a liaison sergeant with an infantry battalion for his organization, Sergeant Summers was in charge of and assisted his section in laying wire in a captured enemy town. He laid wire for six hours within the town under artillery and mortar shelling from the enemy. Their only protection from the bursting shells, in some instances as close as ten yards, was to seek cover in doorways and wreckage of buildings. It was necessary to lay six lines under the intense fire before two lines of communication were successfully established because of enemy artillery cutting the first four lines that were laid. The leadership, courage, and devotion to duty shown by Sergeant Summers reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Missouri.

Sergeant William E. Cross, (Army Serial Number 32480756), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 30 November 1944 and 1 December 1944 in connection with military operations against the enemy. Under extremely hazardous conditions of enemy artillery and sniper fire during attack by his organization against the enemy in a strongly defended town, Sergeant Cross supervised and helped in the maintenance of communication lines between his battalion command post, forward observation posts, and attacking elements of his unit. He often risked his life by leaving the security of his foxhole under fierce enemy fire in order to make repairs on lines that had been blasted by enemy artillery. The courage, skill, efficiency, and outstanding devotion to duty shown by Sergeant Cross reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Delaware.

Technician Fourth Grade Silvio Garro, (Army Serial Number 32593712), Medical Department, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 30 November 1944 and 1 December 1944 in connection with military operations against the enemy. Technician Fourth Grade Garro courageously worked in administering aid to the wounded of his organization during two attacks against the enemy in a strongly defended town. He exposed himself

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to intense personal danger in making his way through heavy enemy artillery, machine gun, and sniper fire by going for from his own area to reach and treat a wounded man. His daring action was responsible for speedy treatment and evacuation of a large number of the wounded. The courage, skill, and outstanding devotion to duty shown by Technician Fourth Grade Garro reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from New Jersey.

Technician Fifth Grade Charles O. Mustain, (Army Serial Number 37398975), Field Artillery, 379th Field Artillery Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 27 November 1944 in connection with military operations against the enemy. Technician Fifth Grade Mustain assisted a liaison section in installing and maintaining communication from an artillery switching central to an infantry battalion command post in a captured enemy town. It was necessary to lay six lines of communication under enemy artillery and mortar fire before successful communication was installed because of lines being cut by the enemy shell fire. After six hours of continuous work, the last two lines were successfully installed and communication established. The courage and devotion to duty shown by Technician Fifth Grade Mustain reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Missouri.

Private First Class Edward J. Mikowski, (Army Serial Number 32729611), Medical Department, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 30 November 1944 in connection with military operations against the enemy. Throughout an attack by his organization against the enemy in a strongly defended town, Private First Class Mikowski made his way across the battlefield under heavy enemy artillery, machine gun, and sniper fire to render aid to the wounded wherever he could. He was wounded by enemy fire in performing these heroic actions of mercy of administering aid to his wounded companions. His outstanding action in the face of enemy fire was exemplary. The courage, skill, willingness, and devotion to duty shown by Private First Class Mikowski reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from New York.

Private First Class Marion V. Wetherell, (Army Serial Number 35750590), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 1 December 1944 in connection with military operations against the enemy. Despite heavy enemy artillery and grazing machine gun fire, Private First Class Wetherell made his way into an open field to successfully assist in the rescue of a seriously wounded officer of his organization. After helping the helpless officer to safety he helped administer first aid and again risked his life in evacuating him to an aid station eight-hundred yards away. The entire route to the aid station was under heavy enemy shelling. His courageous actions were greatly instrumental in securing prompt treatment for the wounded officer. The courage, coolness under fire, skill and utter disregard for personal safety displayed by Private First Class Wetherell reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from West Virginia.

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

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, and Memorandum Number 34, Headquarters Ninth United States Army, 5 September 1944, as amended, an OAK LEAF CLUSTER to the PURPLE HEART MEDAL is awarded the following enlisted man for wounds received as a result of enemy action in Germany on the date indicated:

Private Euse H. Worrel, (Army Serial Number 37732201), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 2 January 1945. Entered military service from Kansas.

VIII. AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART MEDAL.

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, and Memorandum Number 34, Headquarters Ninth United States Army, 8 September 1944, as amended, the PURPLE HEART MEDAL is awarded the following officers and enlisted men for wounds received as a result of enemy action in Germany on the date indicated:

Technician Fifth Grade Ollie Benton, (Army Serial Number 34570062), Field Artillery, 379th Field Artillery Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, wounded 6 January 1945. Entered military service from Georgia.

Technician Fourth Grade Richard J. Connelly, Jr. (Army Serial Number 33457677), Medical Department, 327th Medical Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, wounded 31 December 1944. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Technician Fifth Grade Harold N. Lyon, (Army Serial Number 39459280), Medical Department, 327th Medical Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, wounded 31 December 1944. Entered military service from Idaho.

Staff Sergeant Raymond Sims, (Army Serial Number 34180304), Field Artillery, 771st Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army, wounded 7 January 1945. Entered military service from Tennessee.

Technician Fifth Grade Harold E. Hobough, (Army Serial Number 33416845), Field Artillery, 771st Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army, wounded 28 December 1944. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Private First Class Joseph P. Realdine, (Army Serial Number 32482380), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 5 January 1945. Entered military service from New Jersey.

Private David C. Amaral, (Army Serial Number 42133922), Medical Department, 407th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 4 January 1945. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

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Private First Class William E. Spicer, (Army Serial Number 39580821), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 2 January 1945. Entered military service from California.

Sergeant Clarence U. Tessier, (Army Serial Number 37545664), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 1 January 1945. Entered military service from Minnesota.

Private First Class Floyd M. Lowe, (Army Serial Number 19127196), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 31 December 1944. Entered military service from California.

Staff Sergeant Robert L. Smith, (Army Serial Number 37241467), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 30 December 1944. Entered military service from Missouri.

Private First Class Vernon O. Coit, (Army Serial Number 31244690), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 30 December 1944. Entered military service from Rhode Island.

SECOND LIEUTENANT ALEX A. BERNOTT, (Army Serial Number 01318506), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 30 December 1944. Entered military service from Michigan.

Private First Class Willard J. Stubblebine, (Army Serial Number 33359067), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 30 December 1944. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Private First Class Patsy Fiore, (Army Serial Number 31312221), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 2 January 1945. Entered military service from Connecticut.

SECOND LIEUTENANT JOHN E. LANCE, (Army Serial Number 0537791), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 17 November 1944. Entered military service from Georgia.

FIRST LIEUTENANT WILBERT NEEDLEMAN, (Army Serial Number 01298276), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 26 November 1944. Entered military service from Florida.

Private First Class Kurt L. Seligman, (Army Serial Number 32751754), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 30 October 1944. Entered military service from Delaware.

Staff Sergeant Elwin E. Miller, (Army Serial Number 39147299), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 19 November 1944. Entered military service from California.

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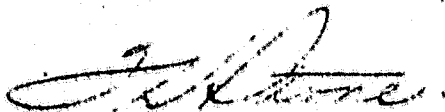
Private Walter T. Baldwin, (Army Serial Number 31250335), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 30 December 1944. Entered military service from Connecticut.

Private Jacob Klein, (Army Serial Number 12181301), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 30 December 1944. Entered military service from New York.

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I. AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR MEDAL.

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, and Memorandum Number 34, Headquarters Ninth United States Army, 8 September 1944, as amended, the SILVER STAR MEDAL is awarded the following officers and enlisted men:

COLONEL ANDREW A. FRIERSON, (Army Serial Number 015587), Cavalry, Headquarters 11th Cavalry Group, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany. Throughout the period of 13 December 1944 to 7 January 1945, while in command of an active defense sector in holding a substantial portion of the large front held by the 102d Infantry Division at the time, COLONEL FRIERSON continuously displayed outstanding leadership and gallantry. His calm judgment, sound tactical decisions and continual presence in the front lines combined to inspire the officers and enlisted men under his command with the result that his mission was successfully accomplished. COLONEL FRIERSON'S proved leadership qualifications, sound tactical judgment, and devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Texas.

CAPTAIN SIDNEY J. WATKINS, (Army Serial Number 01286573), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany on 2 December 1944. With utter disregard for his personal safety, CAPTAIN WATKINS led his men victoriously against the enemy through extremely heavy enemy small arms, mortar, and artillery fire. Even though receiving serious wounds in the early phase of this attack, he continued to lead his troops with determination and personally accounted for several of the enemy. It was not until the objective had been taken with positions organized for defenses established that CAPTAIN WATKINS submitted to treatment for his wounds. The extent of which he inspired the men of his command with his courageous leadership was greatly responsible for the successful completion of the mission. His disregard for personal safety in the face of enemy fire and determination reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Ohio.

FIRST LIEUTENANT WORTH B. BABBIT, (Army Serial Number 01322847), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany on 10 November 1944 in connection with military operations against the enemy. FIRST LIEUTENANT BABBIT organized and led a reconnaissance patrol forward of his lines into enemy held territory. Shortly after leaving his position, he encountered an enemy mine field which was thickly sown with antitank and antipersonnel mines, interspersed with numerous trip-flares and

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booby traps. With utter disregard for his own safety, he crawled through the enemy mine field, knowing that the slightest miscalculation would result in his serious injury or death. When finally stopped by enemy barbed wire entanglements, FIRST LIEUTENANT BABBITT made his way back through the mine field, at times crawling under enemy machine gun fire which was directed at him and was passing less than a foot above him. Upon his return FIRST LIEUTENANT BABBITT was able to give valuable information in regard to the location of enemy obstacles, trenches, and weapons. The courage, determination, and devotion to duty displayed by FIRST LIEUTENANT BABBITT reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from California.

SECOND LIEUTENANT RODNEY P. LUKENS, (Army Serial Number 0454199), Cavalry, 36th Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron Mechanized, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany. On the afternoon of 6 January 1945, SECOND LIEUTENANT LUKENS led a combat patrol into enemy territory, assaulted and destroyed a strongly defended and well supported enemy position, and accomplished the mission under heavy enemy fire despite the fact that the operation took place in daylight. Returning to a rallying point and learning that one of his men had failed to return, he reentered hostile territory alone and, under enemy observation and heavy fire, succeeded in locating and evacuating the seriously wounded soldier. The gallantry, outstanding leadership, and disregard for personal safety displayed by SECOND LIEUTENANT LUKENS in the presence of intense danger greatly inspired the men of his command and reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from California.

Staff Sergeant Nicholas J. DiCario, (Army Serial Number 32592944), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany on 30 November 1944. With a depleted squad of only five men, including himself, Staff Sergeant DiCario, squad leader, while attacking an enemy fortified position, was pinned down by continuous enemy rifle, machine gun, and mortar fire coming from the vicinity of a troop shelter on top of the ridge ahead. Completely out of contact with his platoon leader, he had the choice of digging in or of attacking the troop shelter. Knowing full well the hazards involved, Staff Sergeant DiCario chose to attack. Armed with pole charges and assisted by a flame throwing team, he worked his way over open terrain under heavy enemy fire and deployed his small squad around and to the rear of the troop shelter to block any possible means of escape by the enemy and to prevent reinforcements from moving in. While in this precarious position, the back door was blown and the flame thrower team went to work, causing the surrender of seventeen Germans who were defending the shelter. The capture of this position made it possible for the rest of the company to advance and secure their objective. The gallantry, leadership, and courage displayed by Staff Sergeant DiCario reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from New Jersey.

Sergeant Earl F. Lea, (Army Serial Number 38616173), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany on 30 December 1944. When an officer who was laying trip flares

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in front of his company was wounded by enemy small arms fire, Sergeant Lea and his comrade, with utter disregard for their personal safety, left the comparative safety of their sheltered positions to go forward to evacuate the wounded officer despite intense enemy fire from an oncoming enemy patrol. Upon reaching the officer, it was found that he had died of wounds. Sergeant Lea and his comrade succeeded in evacuating the officer's body to friendly lines. The bravery, gallantry, and aggressiveness displayed by Sergeant Lea in the accomplishment of a dangerous mission reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Louisiana.

Technician Fourth Grade Haven R. Kendall, (Army Serial Number 37674486), Medical Department, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany on 30 November 1944 and 1 December 1944. During a furious attack by his organization against the enemy in a strongly defended town, Technician Fourth Grade Kendall raced to the aid of two wounded men through extremely heavy enemy machine gun, mortar, and sniper fire without regard for his own personal safety. On another occasion, he dodged enemy sniper and machine gun bullets to treat a wounded man and dig a shelter trench for him. Later in the attack, he hurriedly made his way for a distance of one-hundred yards under intense enemy fire to treat a wounded man and, by use of an improvised litter and the aid of another man, to successfully carry the wounded man from the area of intense danger. His courageous actions were instrumental in the prompt treatment of a large number of his companions under extremely hazardous conditions. The gallantry, courage, intemperity, and outstanding devotion to duty shown by Technician Fourth Grade Kendall reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Iowa.

Private First Class Thomas J. Mattie, (Army Serial Number 33608504), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany on 30 December 1944. When an officer who was laying trip flares in front of his company was wounded by enemy small arms fire, Private First Class Mattie and his assistant squad leader, with utter disregard for their personal safety, left the comparative safety of their sheltered positions to go forward to evacuate the wounded officer despite intense enemy fire from an oncoming enemy patrol. Upon reaching the officer it was found that he had died of wounds. Although painfully wounded, Private First Class Mattie with his assistant squad leader succeeded in evacuating the officer's body to friendly lines. The bravery, gallantry, and aggressiveness displayed by Private First Class Mattie in the accomplishment of a dangerous mission reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

II. AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL.

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, and Memorandum Number 34, Headquarters Ninth United States Army, 8 September 1944, as amended, the BRONZE STAR MEDAL is awarded the following officers and enlisted men:

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* MAJOR HAMILTON M. WILLIAMS, Jr. (Army Serial Number 0316433), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in Germany from 16 December 1944 through 25 December 1944 in connection with military operations against the enemy. Entered military service from Georgia.

* MAJOR WILLIAM C. CRAWFORD, (Army Serial Number 024551), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in France, Holland and Germany from 24 September 1944 to 31 December 1944 in connection with military operations against the enemy. Entered military service from Georgia.

FIRST LIEUTENANT ROBERT O. HESS, (Army Serial Number 0446835), Cavalry, 11th Cavalry Group Mechanized, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy. On the afternoon of 6 January 1945, FIRST LIEUTENANT HESS, assigned a mission of maintaining wire contact between the forward assembly point of a combat patrol and an advance command post, followed the patrol to within approximately one hundred yards of its objective, a strongly organized enemy position, under heavy fire and despite the fact that the operation took place during daylight. When the patrol returned to its rallying point, FIRST LIEUTENANT HESS remained behind to administer first aid to a severely wounded soldier, and returned to the rallying point only when it became evident that the evacuation of the soldier was more than he was physically able to accomplish. The courage, consideration for the wounded, and disregard for personal safety displayed by FIRST LIEUTENANT HESS in the presence of intense danger reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Arizona.

FIRST LIEUTENANT JULIAN R. DEWBERRY, (Army Serial Number 01324519), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement against the enemy in Germany from 27 November 1944 to 30 November 1944 in connection with military operations against the enemy. By his devotion to duty and tireless energy, FIRST LIEUTENANT DEWBERRY was largely responsible for the constant supplying of front line troops with food, water, and vital ammunition without which successful operations against the enemy could not have been accomplished. On numerous occasions he went without sleep for extended periods of time in the performance of his duties. On 30 November 1944, FIRST LIEUTENANT DEWBERRY, under heavy hostile artillery, mortar and sniper fire, directed supply trucks forward and established a forward supply point. With utter disregard for his personal safety, he then set out to contact the forward elements which were without supplies of food, water, and ammunition. He made his way over about two hundred yards of open ground to successfully contact one of the companies and personally led a carrying party back to the supply point to procure supplies. The courage, unselfish devotion to duty and exemplary conduct displayed by FIRST LIEUTENANT DEWBERRY in his heroic act reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Arkansas.

SECOND LIEUTENANT ROGER S. MADDOCKS, (Army Serial Number 0533322), Cavalry, 44th Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron, Mechanized, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the

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enemy in Germany. On the afternoon of 6 January 1945, SECOND LIEUTENANT MADDOCKS accompanied a combat patrol into enemy territory and was instrumental in directing the assault and destruction of a strongly defended and well supported enemy position, and the successful withdrawal of the patrol under heavy enemy fire despite the fact that the operations took place during daylight. Valuable information was obtained by his patrol that concerned the strength, composition, and disposition of the enemy. The courage, skill, and outstanding leadership displayed by SECOND LIEUTENANT MADDOCKS in the presence of intense danger reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

Staff Sergeant Andrew F. Kusak, (Army Serial Number 18003503), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 23 November 1944 in connection with military operations against the enemy. During his organization's third attack against a strongly defended enemy town, Staff Sergeant Kusak's squad was pinned down by concentrated enemy fire from the front and right flank. In order to determine the enemy's strength and positions, Staff Sergeant Kusak, with utter disregard for his personal safety, voluntarily crawled forward over about one hundred yards of flat and open terrain swept by heavy fire, to a position from which he could observe the enemy's dispositions. Discovering three enemy tanks in position to the front, Staff Sergeant Kusak made his way back with this vital information which led to the eventual destruction of the tanks and undoubtedly prevented many casualties in the assault units. The courage, disregard for personal safety, and cool thinking displayed by Staff Sergeant Kusak, in the presence of intense danger, reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Oklahoma.

Sergeant Sam B. Polly, (Army Serial Number 35474748), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 29 November 1944 in connection with military operations against the enemy. Sergeant Polly, (then Private First Class), was performing the duties of a runner of an assault rifle company. After his platoon had taken its objective and secured it for defense, Sergeant Polly, with utter disregard for his personal safety, repeatedly made his way over several hundred yards of open terrain swept by heavy enemy machine gun and mortar fire in relaying messages and carrying food to forward squads. The tireless efforts of Sergeant Polly aided materially in the success of his organization in action against the enemy. The courage, disregard for personal safety, and devotion to duty displayed by Sergeant Polly in the performance of a dangerous mission reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Kentucky.

Sergeant Gordon F. Baker, (Army Serial Number 37721067), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany on 22 November 1944. During operations, Sergeant Baker, (then Private First Class), was performing duty as a radio operator. When the two leading assault rifle companies were pinned down by hostile machine gun fire, an officer observer and Sergeant

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Baker went forward to establish a forward observation post with the right assault company. Under intense enemy artillery, mortar, and machine gun fire, he advanced beyond the front lines where he located the hostile machine gun which was holding up the advance. With utter disregard for his personal safety, he remained in his exposed position and successfully adjusted mortar fire on the enemy machine gun, eliminating it and allowing the attacking companies to move on. He was ordered back to the platoon command post and there continued to operate his radio efficiently and without relief or rest for some thirty-two hours. The bravery, untiring efforts, and devotion to duty displayed by Sergeant Baker in the performance of this heroic act reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Nebraska.

Private First Class Stanley W. Wozniak, (Army Serial Number 36544573), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 30 November 1944 in connection with military operations against the enemy. During a barrage of extremely heavy enemy artillery and mortar fire, Private First Class Wozniak assisted in the successful installation and maintenance of wire communications between a battalion command post and two assault companies of their organization in action against the enemy. When an enemy sniper interfered with operations of his organization by delivering fire upon them, he exposed himself as a target in his efforts to assist in locating the position of the enemy sniper and exterminating him. The skill, courage, and coolness under fire displayed by Private First Class Wozniak with utter disregard for personal safety reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Michigan.

Private First Class Forest E. Evans, (Army Serial Number 35765054), Medical Department, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany on 22 November 1944. When his organization was pinned down by intense hostile artillery, mortar, and small arms fire from entrenched positions about two hundred yards to the front, Private First Class Evans, although painfully wounded, refused to be evacuated. With utter disregard for his personal safety, he crawled over open and exposed terrain to reach and treat the other wounded. Ignoring the heavy fire falling all around him, he remained in the exposed location and made his way to those who needed his attention, refusing to withdraw to a position of comparative safety until he had assured himself that all wounded had been taken care of. The courage and untiring devotion to duty displayed by Private First Class Evans reflect high credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Ohio.

Private First Class Gus P. Caricappa, (Army Serial Number 33489042), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 22 November 1944 in connection with military operations against the enemy. When an attack by his organization was held up by intense enemy machine gun and small arms fire from enemy positions, Private First Class Caricappa, with utter disregard for his personal safety, made repeated trips over four hundred yards of flat and open terrain to carry vital messages between his platoon and company command post. On his last trip, Private First Class Caricappa was painfully wounded in the leg, but in spite of this fact,

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he crawled the remaining distance and delivered his message before he sought medical attention. The great courage and devotion to duty displayed by Private First Class Caricappa in the performance of this heroic act reflect high credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Private First Class Clyde A. Baro, (Army Serial Number 3533179), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany in connection with military operations against the enemy on 2 December 1944. Although painfully wounded by a shell fragment during the early stages of the attack, Private First Class Baro refused evacuation and without thought of his personal safety continued on with his unit in the attack, rendering valuable and effective support by neutralizing several enemy positions which threatened to hold up the advance. After assisting in reaching and capturing the objective, he was active in bringing fire on enemy groups attempting to interfere with the organization of the defense. The courage and exemplary conduct displayed by Private First Class Baro in this act of heroism was an inspiration to the men about him, contributed materially to the success of his company, and reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from West Virginia.

III. AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART MEDAL.

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, and Memorandum Number 34, Headquarters Ninth United States Army, 8 September 1944, as amended, the PURPLE HEART MEDAL is awarded the following enlisted men for wounds received as a result of enemy action in Germany on the date indicated:

Technician Fifth Grade Claude Carter, (Army Serial Number 36336374), Corps of Engineers, 327th Engineer Combat Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, wounded 4 January 1945. Entered military service from Arkansas.

Private First Class Charles E. Hunt, (Army Serial Number 31342784), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 17 November 1944. Entered military service from Connecticut.

Private Foster M. Schoch, Jr. (Army Serial Number 33802194), Field Artillery, 381st Field Artillery Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, wounded 3 December 1944. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Sergeant Jairo Holman, (Army Serial Number 33047793), Field Artillery, 771st Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army, wounded 23 November 1944. Entered military service from New York.

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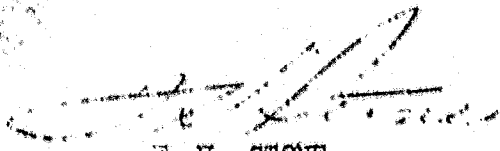
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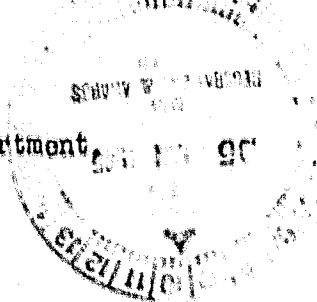
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I. AWARD OF THE SOLDIER'S MEDAL.

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, and Memorandum Number 34, Headquarters Ninth United States Army, 8 September 1944, as amended, the SOLDIER'S MEDAL is awarded the following enlisted man:

Private First Class John A. Shay, (Army Serial Number 37532985), Coast Artillery Corps, 548th Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion (Mobile), United States Army, for heroism in Germany on 25 December 1944 not involving actual conflict with the enemy. When gasoline fumes were ignited accidentally in a dugout, Private First Class Shay successfully extinguished fire on himself and, with disregard for the pain of his severely wounded self, kept his wits about him and overtook his companion, forcing him to the ground and covering him with an overcoat to extinguish the flames about him. Only after his companion had been treated and placed in an ambulance enroute to a hospital did he accept medical treatment for himself. The calmness of mind and quick actions of Private First Class Shay saved himself and his companion from possible loss of their lives. This courageous act by Private First Class Shay reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Kansas.

II. AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL.

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, and Memorandum Number 34, Headquarters Ninth United States Army, 8 September 1944, as amended, the BRONZE STAR MEDAL is awarded the following officers and enlisted men:

CAPTAIN FRANK A. ICHRIST, (Army Serial Number 01287884), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany from 27 October 1944 to 4 January 1945 in connection with military operations against the enemy. In a number of operations, both in attack and defense, CAPTAIN ICHRIST, an assault rifle company commander, conducted himself in an exemplary manner and, by his untiring efforts, devotion to duty, and personal heroism in the face of intense enemy fire, was instrumental in the successful operation of his unit against the enemy. By his tireless energy, courage, professional ability, and consideration of his men, he set a personal example which was an inspiration to all who came in contact with him. The courage, coolness, and devotion to duty displayed by CAPTAIN ICHRIST reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Ohio.

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CHAPLAIN (CAPTAIN) GEORGE E. HAYDEN, (Army Serial Number 0524501), Chaplains' Corps, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in Germany from 16 November 1944 to 22 December 1944 in connection with military operations against the enemy. Entered military service from Illinois.

CAPTAIN THOMAS F. MCKEOWN, (Army Serial Number 01288266), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in Germany from 10 November 1944 to 1 January 1945 in connection with military operations against the enemy. Entered military service from New York.

CAPTAIN MARION S. FISHER, (Army Serial Number 01288213), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in Holland and Germany from 26 October 1944 to 1 January 1945 in connection with military operations against the enemy. Entered military service from Washington, DC.

FIRST LIEUTENANT MAX G. EDWARDS, (Army Serial Number 01295523), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 29 November 1944 in connection with military operations against the enemy. In the initial stages of an attack, FIRST LIEUTENANT EDWARDS led his platoon across open and rolling terrain, swept by hostile small arms fire, to a position which he could furnish fire support for assault units. He quickly placed his guns in position and furnished effective fire for the assault units until forced to displace forward. With utter disregard for his personal safety, FIRST LIEUTENANT EDWARDS then guided his platoon around the left flank of the rifle units to a position two hundred yards from enemy entrenchments, personally supervised the emplacement of his guns, and was again successful in furnishing protective fire which greatly facilitated the advance of the assault units. The coolness, courage, and tactical skill displayed by FIRST LIEUTENANT EDWARDS reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from North Carolina.

FIRST LIEUTENANT JOSEPH R. PONDISH, Jr. (Army Serial Number 01310300), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in Germany from 16 November 1944 to 1 January 1945 in connection with military operations against the enemy. Entered military service from New Jersey.

Technical Sergeant Gordon H. Shultz, (Army Serial Number 16150944), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 23 November 1944 in connection with military operations against the enemy. When his platoon came under intense enemy artillery and mortar fire and his platoon sergeant became a casualty, Technical Sergeant Shultz (then Staff Sergeant), without hesitation, took charge of the platoon. When orders to withdraw were received from higher headquarters, he organized his platoon for displacement and displayed outstanding leadership and sound judgment in moving them to the rear. Upon reaching a stream bed, his platoon was pinned down by intense enemy fire. He then disposed his men for security and ordered them to take cover. With utter disregard for his personal safety, he moved freely over open terrain exposed to heavy enemy fire to administer first aid to the wounded and remove them to sheltered positions. The courage, sound judgment, and initiative displayed by Technical Sergeant Shultz in this heroic

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act reflect high credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Michigan.

Technical Sergeant Francis B. Doyle, (Army Serial Number 33407552), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 2 December 1944 in connection with military operations against the enemy. Assuming command of his platoon when his platoon sergeant became a casualty during an attack by his organization against the enemy, Technical Sergeant Doyle successfully reorganized his platoon with utter disregard for his personal safety in the presence of intense enemy fire and made his way from one man to another disseminating cheer and encouragement to them prior to continuation in the attack. He personally led the men of his platoon in an assault against the enemy in which they captured sixty prisoners who were unable to withdraw because of the fierceness of the assault. The skillful leadership, aggressiveness, and outstanding courage shown by Technical Sergeant Doyle reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Staff Sergeant Charles G. McKinnon, (Army Serial Number 31244642), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 20 November 1944 in connection with military operations against the enemy. Realizing the importance of keeping his company well supplied with ammunition to insure the successful holding of ground taken after a bitter struggle and assault against the enemy, Staff Sergeant McKinnon unhesitatingly drove an ammunition truck into the town under intense enemy artillery and mortar fire to further enable his company in setting up a well fortified security against possibility of an expected enemy counter attack. He further proceeded of his own volition to render the utmost assistance to the battalion commander in establishing important communications. His actions in large measure contributed to the successful capture and holding of the enemy town. The outstanding courage and initiative shown by Staff Sergeant McKinnon reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Rhode Island.

Staff Sergeant Luis D. Rovira, (Army Serial Number 17089691), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany from 16 November 1944 to 19 November 1944 in connection with military operations against the enemy. Staff Sergeant Rovira, without thought of personal danger from intense enemy fire, made heroic efforts to sustain the morale of his men while performing duty as a platoon runner during action against the enemy by his organization. On 19 November 1944 he successfully made his way over open terrain under enemy observation and intense enemy artillery, mortar, and small arms fire to deliver badly needed water to his platoon command post. His solicitude for the welfare of his fellow soldiers earned for him their admiration and respect. His outstanding courage and devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Colorado.

Staff Sergeant Wilber C. Elliott, (Army Serial Number 37241476), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany

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on 12 December 1944 in connection with military operations against the enemy. When the boat in which he was returning from a patrol across a swift and dangerous river capsized, spilling all occupants into the icy water, Staff Sergeant Elliott successfully gathered together all members of the patrol and led them safely back to their company despite intense and heavy enemy fire. Although suffering from having spent fifteen minutes in the extremely cold water, he was able to give a clear and coherent picture of what had happened as well as vital information concerning the results of the patrol. The courage, skill, clear judgment, and aggressiveness displayed by Staff Sergeant Elliott reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Missouri.

Sergeant Joseph S. Turcsanyi, Jr. (Army Serial Number 36544414), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 2 December 1944 in connection with military operations against the enemy. When communications between tanks and his company were broken in a coordinated attack against the enemy by his organization, Sergeant Turcsanyi, without hesitation or regard for personal safety, speedily made his way to the rear through heavy enemy automatic weapons fire to successfully locate the command tank and lead it forward to the attacking position. His outstanding act enabled continuation of the attack that resulted in a complete capture of the objective. The courage, skill, and coolness under fire shown by Sergeant Turcsanyi reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Michigan.

Sergeant Melvin E. Priller, (Army Serial Number 36634715), Coast Artillery Corps, 548th Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion (Mobile), United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 23 November 1944 in connection with military operations against the enemy. Sergeant Priller, with utter disregard for personal safety and without hesitation under intermittent enemy artillery fire, probed his way with his bayonet to an injured soldier lying in a mine field after he had failed to attract the man's attention by calling to him to prevent his entering the field. He successfully evacuated the man, who was suffering from severe shock and injury by inadvertently exploding an enemy Schu mine, to the aid station where he could be treated. The courage, fortitude, and devotion to duty displayed by Sergeant Priller in the presence of intense danger reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Illinois.

Technician Fourth Grade William A. Pedler, (Army Serial Number 31255095), Medical Department, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 13 December 1944 in connection with military operations against the enemy. During action against the enemy by his organization, Technician Fourth Grade Pedler went to the aid of two wounded men and successfully evacuated them with disregard for his own personal safety under fierce enemy mortar, artillery, machine gun, and small arms fire. Although he was assisted by two others, his own clear judgment and leadership were directly responsible for the successful evacuation of the two wounded men. The extreme courage, skill, and exemplary leadership shown by Technician

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Fourth Grade Pedler reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

Technician Fourth Grade Sidney Rosenstein, (Army Serial Number 42042251), Medical Department, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 30 November 1944 in connection with military operations against the enemy. During an attack by his organization against the enemy in the capture of an enemy town, Technician Fourth Grade Rosenstein and a companion found themselves inside the town before it had been successfully occupied. With disregard for personal safety under heavy enemy mortar and small arms fire, he immediately set to work in rendering aid to the wounded. On one occasion the enemy fire became so intense that he was forced to dig a shelter trench for one man and construct a parapet around it to protect him. By the time his organization had closed in and captured the town, Technician Fourth Grade Rosenstein and his companion had rendered aid to twelve wounded men. The courage, skill and coolness under fire shown by Technician Fourth Grade Rosenstein in his outstanding devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from New York.

Corporal Joseph A. Lang, (Army Serial Number 33386563), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 23 November 1944 in connection with military operations against the enemy. During his unit's assault against a heavily fortified enemy town, casualties became very heavy and due to the level and open fire swept terrain, the evacuation of the dead and wounded was extremely hazardous. Shortly after dark, when all wounded had been removed and evacuated, Corporal Lang, battalion gas noncommissioned officer, with utter disregard for his personal safety, volunteered to remove the dead from the battlefield. By repeatedly crawling and running to where a group of dead lay, he succeeded in bringing them back to the rear. The courage, bravery, and utter disregard for his personal safety displayed by Corporal Lang in this heroic act reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Maryland.

Technician Fifth Grade John F. McKennedy, (Army Serial Number 31232330), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 1 and 2 December 1944 in connection with military operations against the enemy. During an attack by his organization against the enemy in the vicinity of a town, Technician Fifth Grade McKennedy voluntarily assisted in the installation of wire communications from a battalion command post to attacking units in addition to his regular duties as switchboard operator. His ability and aggressiveness with disregard for intense enemy fire which he encountered enabled communications to be maintained during an extremely difficult period. The courage, skill, and devotion to duty shown by Technician Fifth Grade McKennedy in the presence of intense enemy danger reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

Private First Class Romeo E. Grunke, (Army Serial Number 31402916), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Ger-

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many from 26 October 1944 to 6 January 1945 in connection with military operations against the enemy. By his untiring efforts and technical skill, Private First Class Gamacho kept the radios of his organization as well as those of attached units in a constant state of repair, thereby insuring their efficient operation at all times, and contributing greatly to the success of his battalion in operations against the enemy. On numerous occasions without sleep for extended periods of time and under almost continuous harrassing enemy fire, Private First Class Gamacho was ceaseless in his efforts to provide the battalion with adequate radio communication. The knowledge, skill, and devotion to duty displayed by Private First Class Gamacho reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Vermont.

Private First Class Stanley J. Glover, (Army Serial Number 36542522), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany from 28 October 1944 to 4 January 1945 in connection with military operations against the enemy. In a number of operations, both in attack and in defense, Private First Class Glover, battalion motor messenger, displayed exemplary conduct in the performance of his duties. During all hours of the day and night, he carried vital messages to and from front line rifle companies, as well as aiding in the supply of vital ammunition and food when supply conditions were critical. On numerous occasions when impassable road conditions and heavy enemy fire prohibited motor traffic, he completed his trips by foot and, with utter disregard for his personal safety, made his way through heavy concentrations of fire to successfully complete his assigned mission. The courage and devotion to duty displayed by Private First Class Glover reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Michigan.

Private First Class Clifford Hensley, (Army Serial Number 33526923), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 2 December 1944 in connection with military operations against the enemy. Private First Class Hensley successfully made his way through intense enemy machine gun and artillery fire to reach a wounded companion. While administering aid to him, he was wounded himself but continued aiding his companion with disregard for his own wound. He did not submit to treatment until he had finished administering aid to his wounded companion and delivered a group of enemy prisoners to his battalion command post. After receiving aid for his wound, he returned to his unit and helped clear the enemy from a village. The outstanding concern for his companion, devotion to duty, and coolness under fire displayed by Private First Class Hensley materially aided his company in obtaining its objective and reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Virginia.

Private First Class William J. Holzman, (Army Serial Number 33612990), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 1 and 2 December 1944 in connection with military operations against the enemy. When his company was pinned down by heavy enemy machine gun and sniper fire in action of capturing an enemy town, Private First Class Holzman crawled to the aid of a wounded companion at great personal risk to his own

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life. At further personal risk to himself he crawled to his platoon commander's position to notify medical aid men of the wounded man. In a continuation of the attack, he flushed out a hazardous pocket of Germans and took them prisoners at great peril to his own safety. The outstanding courage, judgment, and quick thinking shown by Private First Class Holzman materially aided his company in capturing its objective and reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Private First Class Carsol Johnson, (Army Serial Number 38487484), Medical Department, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 29 November 1944 in connection with military operations against the enemy. During an attack by his organization against the enemy in the capture of a strongly defended town, Private First Class Johnson braved fierce enemy machine gun, mortar, and artillery fire in making his way to three wounded men at great personal risk to his own life. With the assistance of two other men, he succeeded in evacuating the wounded to a collecting point. He further risked his life in order to remove the wounded men to the battalion aid station when he discovered that the severity of their wounds demanded that they be evacuated for further treatment. The courageous actions shown by Private First Class Johnson were instrumental in enabling the three wounded men to receive speedy treatment and reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Louisiana.

Private First Class Aaron Lipman, (Army Serial Number 32967893), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 13 December 1944 in connection with military operations against the enemy. While the organization of which Private First Class Lipman was a member was attempting the rescue of two men stranded on the enemy side of a swift and dangerous river, enemy mortar and small arms fire became of such intensity that the rescue party was pinned down. At great risk to his life, he successfully made his way through the fierce enemy fire to secure an automatic rifle that greatly added to the fire power of his unit against the enemy. The courage, skill, and resourcefulness shown by Private First Class Lipman in the accomplishment of this heroic mission reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from New York.

Private First Class Dana R. Palmer, (Army Serial Number 42020056), Medical Department, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 30 November 1944 in connection with military operations against the enemy. During an attack by his organization against the enemy in the capture of an enemy town, Private First Class Palmer and a companion found themselves inside the town before it had been successfully occupied. With disregard for personal safety under heavy enemy fire, he immediately set to work in rendering aid to the wounded. On one occasion the enemy fire became so intense that he was forced to dig a skelter trench for one man and construct a parapet around it to protect him. By the time his organization closed in and captured the town, Private First Class Palmer and his companion had rendered aid to twelve wounded men. The courage, skill, and coolness under fire shown by Private First Class Palmer in his outstanding devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from New York.

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Private First Class Stanley P. Sobczak, (Army Serial Number 42093036), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany from 26 October 1944 to 4 January 1945 in connection with military operations against the enemy. In a number of operations, both during attack and defense, Private First Class Sobczak, a battalion motor messenger, conducted himself in a highly exemplary manner. At all hours of the day and night, many times without sleep, Private First Class Sobczak carried messages to front line companies. On numerous occasions when impassable road conditions and heavy enemy fire prohibited motor traffic, he completed his trips on foot and, with utter disregard for his personal safety, made his way through heavy concentrations of fire to successfully complete his assigned mission. During several critical situations, he aided in the supply of ammunition and food to front line units. The courage, devotion to duty, and exemplary conduct shown by Private First Class Sobczak reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from New York.

Private First Class Leonard O. Taylor, (Army Serial Number 38531878), Medical Department, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany from 30 November 1944 to 2 December 1944 in connection with military operations against the enemy. During an attack by his organization against the enemy in a strongly defended town, Private First Class Taylor, with the assistance of another driver and vehicle, succeeded in evacuating more than two-hundred casualties to their regimental aid station. Many were so seriously wounded that it was often necessary to drive as slow as five miles per hour over heavily shelled roads. On four different occasions shell fragments caused flat tires on his vehicle during this action. The courageous action and outstanding devotion to duty shown by Private First Class Taylor were instrumental in the speedy treatment of a large number of the wounded and reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Texas.

Private First Class Glen J. Adkins, (Army Serial Number 35425870), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 17 November 1944 in connection with military operations against the enemy. Private First Class Adkins displayed outstanding initiative and devotion to duty during operations against the enemy by his organization following the successful capture of an enemy town. He successfully and voluntarily traveled over open terrain under heavy enemy artillery and mortar fire to install telephone communications from his company to higher headquarters. The courageous actions shown by Private First Class Adkins in successfully installing urgently needed communications with disregard for intense personal danger reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Ohio.

The following named enlisted men, Medical Department, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 29 November 1944 in connection with military operations against the enemy:

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Army Serial Number</u>	<u>Entered Military Service From</u>
Technician Fifth Grade	Chester E Knaub, Jr	32482490	New Jersey

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Technician Fifth Grade	Marion M. Lewis	35870080	Ohio
Private	Daniel Sinclair	32975637	New York

During an attack by the enemy against their organization in the capture of a strongly defended enemy town, the above named men successfully evacuated walking wounded from the battlefield to aid stations with disregard for their personal safety. Under heavy enemy artillery, mortar, and small arms fire they evacuated six seriously wounded men to a place of comparative safety and after administering first aid took them by vehicle to an aid station. Although the area in which they worked was covered with antitank and antipersonnel mines and subjected to intense enemy fire, their outstanding thought was to successfully evacuate the wounded without concern for themselves. Their courageous actions were responsible for prompt treatment and evacuation of a large number of wounded and reflect great credit upon themselves and the military service.

The following named enlisted men, Medical Department, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany from 30 November 1944 to 2 December 1944, in connection with military operations against the enemy.

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Army Serial Number</u>	<u>Entered Military Service From</u>
Technician Third Grade	Samuel P. Porter	33298495	Pennsylvania
Technician Fourth Grade	Theodore Hawn	32482029	New Jersey
Technician Fifth Grade	John T. Ricciardi	32594238	New Jersey

During an attack by their organization against the enemy in the capture of a strongly defended town, each of the above named men worked constantly and without rest for two days and three nights in administering aid to the wounded and doing everything within his power to ease the suffering of many casualties brought in to the aid station only five hundred yards from hostile positions. Under heavy enemy artillery that threatened their lives, their efforts were all extended toward prompt and efficient treatment for the wounded. Their services were directly responsible for swift and efficient treatment of a large number of casualties. The skill, aggressiveness, efficiency, and thoughtfulness shown by each of the above named men with utter disregard for his own safety reflect great credit upon themselves and the military service.

The following named enlisted men, Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 12 December 1944 in connection with military operations against the enemy:

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Army Serial Number</u>	<u>Entered Military Service From</u>
Staff Sergeant	Robert J. Scott	18149053	Louisiana
Sergeant	Rufus H. Wilkes	34686708	Georgia
Private First Class	Robert Foster	32771318	New Jersey
Private First Class	Milton McDonald	38524504	Louisiana
Private First Class	Leon J. Stevens	16138625	Illinois
Private First Class	Charles W. Wallis	15312713	Indiana

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When a boat in which the above named men were returning as members of a patrol from operations in enemy territory capsized in an icy, swift, and dangerous river, each of the above named men assisted in successfully rescuing other members of the patrol and accompanying them to a company command post where the rescued men were held until able to rejoin their units. The heroic action and unselfish devotion to duty shown by each of the above named men reflect great credit upon themselves and the military service.

III. AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART MEDAL.

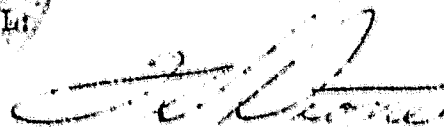
By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, and Memorandum Number 34, Headquarters Ninth United States Army, 8 September 1944, as amended, the PURPLE HEART MEDAL is awarded the following enlisted men for wounds received as a result of enemy action in Germany on date indicated:

First Sergeant Charles D. Wedge, (Army Serial Number 6273935), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 6 January 1945. Entered military service from Texas.

Staff Sergeant Raymond E. Stone, (Army Serial Number 38359421), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 9 January 1945. Entered military service from Texas.

By command of the DIVISION COMMANDER:

OFFICIAL:



F. H. STONE,
Lieutenant Colonel, Adjutant General's Department,
Adjutant General.

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

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GAR-SA 201 Stone, Raymond E.
36 359 421 (12 Apr 57)

SUBJECT: Letter Orders - Amendment of General Orders

So much of General Orders 8, Headquarters 102d Infantry Division, dated 13 January 1945, as pertains to the award of the Purple Heart to Raymond E. Stone, service number 36 359 421, which reads "wounded 9 January 1945", is amended to read, "wounded 2 November 1944".

By Order of Wilber M. Brucker, Secretary of the Army:

Adjutant General

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

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, and Memorandum Number 34, Headquarters Ninth United States Army, 8 September 1944, as amended, an OAK LEAF CLUSTER to the SILVER STAR MEDAL is POSTHUMOUSLY awarded the following officer:

FIRST LIEUTENANT HORACE W. HOLMES, Jr, (Army Serial Number 01309556), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany on 9 December 1944. When three boatloads of men were capsized in a swift and dangerous river, FIRST LIEUTENANT HOLMES worked diligently for one and one-half hours in the swift river in an attempt to secure a rope whereby a boat could be pulled across the river to rescue the stranded men that were left on the enemy side of the river. With disregard for hostile fire and the treacherous river and against the advice of his battalion commander, he successfully secured the rope and, by making two trips by pulling the boat across the river, he rescued twelve men that were stranded on the enemy side. He further searched the enemy bank for missing men in the light of flares sent up by the enemy. The outstanding gallantry and devotion to duty at extreme risk to his own life were directly responsible for the rescue of twelve stranded men, the establishment of the only means whereby his battalion commander was able to send patrols across the river, and reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from California.

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

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, and Memorandum Number 34, Headquarters Ninth United States Army, 8 September 1944, as amended, an OAK LEAF CLUSTER to the SILVER STAR MEDAL is awarded the following officer:

CAPTAIN NORMAN B. ESTES, (Army Serial Number 01288208), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany from 29 November 1944 to 2 December 1944. CAPTAIN ESTES successfully led his assault company in an attack against the enemy when the commander of a company on his left in the same action was killed and an inexperienced officer took command of the organization. Upon leaving his company after the accomplishment of its objective in the attack and realizing that both flanks on his organization were exposed and subject to intense enemy fire, he combined the company on his

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left with his own into one assault team when receiving orders to do so from his battalion commander. With sound tactical judgment, he disposed the new assault team in a perimeter defense that enabled them to repulse repeated enemy attempts to penetrate their position. Despite intense enemy artillery and tank fire, he successfully directed defense of their positions with a minimum of casualties. When three nights and two days had passed after combining the two companies into one assault team, he successfully led the assault team in further action against the enemy. The gallantry, outstanding leadership, and bravery displayed by CAPTAIN ESTES reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Washington.

III. AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR MEDAL.

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, and Memorandum Number 34, Headquarters Ninth United States Army, 8 September 1944, as amended, the SILVER STAR MEDAL is awarded the following officers:

LIEUTENANT COLONEL LEROY E. FRAZIER, (Army Serial Number 0405707), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany from 24 November 1944 to 15 December 1944. LIEUTENANT COLONEL FRAZIER, (then MAJOR), commanded an infantry battalion in action against the enemy in a highly exemplary manner and displayed outstanding leadership and ability. In an attack north of an enemy town, the battalion commanded by him was initially held in regimental reserve, but was committed on 29 November 1944, past the left flank of the regiment. By his energy and quick decisions, he moved his battalion promptly and succeeded in gaining his objective in an extremely short time. When units on the flank were unable to move forward, he organized and held this partially isolated position for two days despite several attempts of the enemy to dislodge him with tank counterattacks. On 2 December 1944, he again led his battalion in an attack on the high ground northwest of another enemy town, and by his personal leadership, with utter disregard for personal safety, he succeeded in seizing and holding his objective in the face of heavy enemy fire. The gallantry, energy, and leadership displayed by LIEUTENANT COLONEL FRAZIER reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Illinois.

LIEUTENANT COLONEL ERIC E. BISCHOFF, (Army Serial Number 0420287), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany from 26 October 1944 to 8 January 1945. LIEUTENANT COLONEL BISCHOFF commanded an infantry battalion in action against the enemy in an exemplary manner. In defensive operations from 26 October 1944 to 19 November 1944, he displayed marked gallantry and personal leadership in organizing and actively supervising the defensive positions of his subordinate units. Despite heavy enemy artillery, mortar, and small arms fire, and with utter disregard for his personal safety, LIEUTENANT COLONEL BISCHOFF repeatedly visited his front line units to encourage his men and inspect and coordinate their defenses. On 21 November 1944, he was ordered to move his battalion to protect the right flank of assault elements. In the face of heavy enemy fire, he secured and maintained the position for six days, exercising active supervision and control

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despite the open and exposed terrain, until his battalion was relieved on 27 November 1944. He not only successfully accomplished a difficult mission but also rendered valuable fire support to the attacking units. The gallantry, leadership, and initiative displayed by LIEUTENANT COLONEL MASCHOFF reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Illinois.

LIEUTENANT COLONEL BUFORD M. BRYANT, (Army Serial Number 0293789), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany from 27 October 1944 to 8 January 1945. LIEUTENANT COLONEL BRYANT commanded an infantry battalion in action against the enemy in an exemplary manner. In defensive operations from 27 October 1944 to 18 November 1944, he displayed marked gallantry, calm judgment, and careful forethought and planning which were largely responsible for the successful operations of his unit. By his courage, leadership, and calmness under fire, he set a high personal example which steadied and inspired his officers and men during their initiation to combat. In the attack, LIEUTENANT COLONEL BRYANT, with utter disregard for his personal safety, went forward in the face of heavy enemy artillery, mortar, and machine gun fire to contact the assault elements of his battalion which had been stopped by intense enemy fire and through his personal leadership aided materially in the continuation of the attack. The courage, leadership, and sound tactical judgment displayed by LIEUTENANT COLONEL BRYANT reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Kansas.

IV. AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL.

1. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, and Memorandum Number 34, Headquarters Ninth United States Army, 8 September 1944, as amended, the BRONZE STAR MEDAL is awarded the following officers and enlisted men:

LIEUTENANT COLONEL CARL L. ANDQUIST, (Army Serial Number 020748), Signal Corps, Headquarters 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, for meritorious service in France, Holland, and Germany from 8 September 1944 to 31 October 1944 in connection with military operations against the enemy. Entered military service from New York.

LIEUTENANT COLONEL JOSEPH F. OLIVER, (Army Serial Number 0396681), Coast Artillery Corps, 548th Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion, (Mobile), United States Army, for meritorious service in Germany from 24 November 1944 to 5 January 1945 in connection with military operations against the enemy. Entered military service from South Carolina.

MAJOR FOSTER F. KERR, (Army Serial Number 0308487), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in Holland and Germany from 16 November 1944 to 5 December 1944 in connection with military operations against the enemy. Entered military service from Iowa.

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MAJOR MATTHEW C. ALESSANDRA, (Army Serial Number 0355715), Dental Corps, Headquarters 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, for meritorious service in France, Holland, and Germany from 23 September 1944 to 15 December 1944 in connection with military operations against the enemy. Entered military service from Texas.

MAJOR WILLIS E. COLLINS, (Army Serial Number 0280309), Sanitary Corps, Headquarters 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, for meritorious service in Germany from 2 November 1944 to 15 December 1944 in connection with military operations against the enemy. Entered military service from Texas.

MAJOR ARMAND F. RAEUN, (Army Serial Number 0282282), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in France, Holland, and Germany from 24 September 1944 to 9 January 1945 in connection with military operations against the enemy. Entered military service from Louisiana.

MAJOR DAVID C. NUSBICKEL, (Army Serial Number 0353127), Field Artillery, 927th Field Artillery Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, for meritorious service in Germany from 27 November 1944 to 24 December 1944 in connection with military operations against the enemy. Entered military service from California.

CAPTAIN WILLIAM J. LORE, (Army Serial Number 01288081), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in Germany from 22 December 1944 to 30 December 1944 in connection with military operations against the enemy. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

CAPTAIN RAYMOND G. FLAHERTY, (Army Serial Number 0450275), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 23 November 1944 in connection with military operations against the enemy. When his battalion had secured its defensive position following an attack against the enemy, CAPTAIN FLAHERTY, on his own initiative, organized a patrol to go forward to clear the battalion area of the dead and wounded. Due to intense enemy artillery, mortar, and small arms fire, it had been impossible to evacuate these men during hours of daylight. Under cover of darkness and with utter disregard for his personal safety, he led a group of men in the face of enemy fire and successfully evacuated all the wounded and dead, from the battlefield. CAPTAIN FLAHERTY not only succeeded in evacuating the dead but was undoubtedly instrumental in saving the lives of several of the more seriously wounded. The courage and initiative displayed by CAPTAIN FLAHERTY in the performance of this heroic act reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from South Carolina.

CAPTAIN JOHN E PARKER, (Army Serial Number 01299291), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in France, Holland, and Germany from 24 September 1944 to 9 January 1945 in connection with military operations against the enemy. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

CAPTAIN JAMES E. POOLE, (Army Serial Number 0320703), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in Germany from 16 Novem-

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ber 1944 to 1 January 1945 in connection with military operations against the enemy. Entered military service from South Carolina.

FIRST LIEUTENANT ANDREW S. NICOLAOU, (Army Serial Number 02048729), Medical Administrative Corps, 327th Medical Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 3 December 1944 in connection with military operations against the enemy. FIRST LIEUTENANT NICOLAOU led a convoy of four ambulances and a one-quarter ton vehicle over roads considered impassable because of enemy mines, to a forward aid station in a town that was under a continuous barrage of enemy fire. The trip forward was accomplished successfully, and a number of casualties were evacuated while still under heavy enemy fire. The courage, devotion to duty, and disregard for personal safety shown by FIRST LIEUTENANT NICOLAOU reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Michigan.

FIRST LIEUTENANT PHILIP G. MILLER, (Army Serial Number 01323461), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in Holland and Germany from 16 November 1944 to 26 December 1944 in connection with military operations against the enemy. Entered military service from New Jersey.

FIRST LIEUTENANT ROBERT R. ALEXANDER, (Army Serial Number 01307935), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 23 November 1944 in connection with military operations against the enemy. FIRST LIEUTENANT ALEXANDER commanded a platoon of heavy machine guns in support of an attack. Early in the action, FIRST LIEUTENANT ALEXANDER was slightly wounded by enemy small arms fire. With utter disregard for his personal safety, he repeatedly moved across open terrain under enemy observation, artillery, and small arms fire in maintaining control of his unit and in locating and designating enemy targets for his guns. His effective support contributed largely to the success of the operations. Later, while still under heavy enemy fire, FIRST LIEUTENANT ALEXANDER moved his platoon forward over open ground to positions from which it could more effectively cover the forward movement of a rifle company which was closing a gap in the line. The courage, fortitude, and devotion to duty displayed by FIRST LIEUTENANT ALEXANDER reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Kansas.

SECOND LIEUTENANT JOHN C. McCLELLAND, (Army Serial Number 01183574), Field Artillery, 927th Field Artillery Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 25 December 1944 in connection with military operations against the enemy. SECOND LIEUTENANT McCLELLAND voluntarily left the comparative safety of his executive's post to crawl over open ground to maintain wire communication with guns of his battery that were in direct support of front line infantry in action against the enemy. When he was wounded in this act, he ordered men of his organization attempting to assist him back to the safety of his shelter to return to their shelters and successfully made his own way to a dugout where they were able to administer aid to him in safety. His heroic action enabled his battery to render proper support to the front line infantry. The courage and outstanding devotion to duty

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shown by SECOND LIEUTENANT McCLELLAND reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Ohio.

SECOND LIEUTENANT WILLIAM M. CLARK, (Army Serial Number 01325721), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in Germany from 16 November 1944 to 1 January 1945 in connection with military operations against the enemy. Entered military service from Ohio.

SECOND LIEUTENANT CLARENCE A. McARTHUR, Jr, (Army Serial Number 0535872), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany from 16 November 1944 to 1 January 1945 in connection with military operations against the enemy. SECOND LIEUTENANT McARTHUR performed duties as liaison officer for his organization in a highly courageous and efficient manner. Throughout the engagement by his organization with the enemy in Germany, he repeatedly showed lack of regard for his own safety in performing liaison work in traveling at night over unfamiliar roads subjected to sporadic enemy shell fire. The loyalty, courage, and aggressiveness shown by SECOND LIEUTENANT McARTHUR reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from North Carolina.

SECOND LIEUTENANT RICHARD S. CORNELL, (Army Serial Number 01177746), Field Artillery, 380th Field Artillery Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany from 28 December 1944 to 1 January 1945 in connection with military operations against the enemy. During operations against the enemy by his organization, SECOND LIEUTENANT CORNELL repeatedly exposed himself to enemy fire in the use of an observation post within one-hundred yards of front line troops and exercised superior judgment in the preparation and firing of defensive fires against the enemy. When an enemy force of approximately one-hundred fifty men attacked through an opening which had been cut in barbed wire directly in front of friendly infantry troops, SECOND LIEUTENANT CORNELL displayed commendable coolness of mind and excellent judgment in spite of heavy enemy mortar and automatic weapons fire while directing artillery fire upon the enemy which completely repulsed the attack and inflicted heavy casualties among them. The courage, devotion to duty, and disregard for personal safety shown by SECOND LIEUTENANT CORNELL reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from New York.

Master Sergeant Damon E. Frutchey, Jr, (Army Serial Number 36128332), Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, 102d Division Artillery, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, for meritorious service in Germany from 1 November 1944 through 31 December 1944 in connection with military operations against the enemy. Entered military service from Michigan.

Technical Sergeant Jonathan F. Covell, (Army Serial Number 33384661), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 20 November 1944 in connection with military operations against the enemy. Technical Sergeant Covell made his way through heavy enemy artillery fire to obtain and deliver necessary ammunition vitally needed by his organization in a furious attack against the enemy. His constantly keeping the ammunition stock

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of his organization well filled assured the success of a hard fought battle. The outstanding courage and devotion to duty shown by Technical Sergeant Covell reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Maryland.

Staff Sergeant Alex J. Stumpf, (Army Serial Number 33483682), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 2 December 1944 in connection with military operations against the enemy. During operations against the enemy and when his platoon guide became a casualty, Staff Sergeant Stumpf immediately assumed duty as platoon guide. When the need for ammunition became acute and with utter disregard for his personal safety, he personally led and supervised a carrying party over open terrain swept by enemy machine gun fire and succeeded in bringing ammunition forward and delivering it to front line units, enabling them to effectively continue their operations against the enemy. The leadership, courage, and devotion to duty displayed by Staff Sergeant Stumpf in the performance of this heroic act reflect high credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Staff Sergeant James D. Bourke, Jr, (Army Serial Number 31293303), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 2 December 1944 in connection with military operations against the enemy. When his section leader and squad leader became casualties during an attack by his organization against the enemy, Staff Sergeant Bourke, (then Private First Class), assumed command of his mortar section without hesitation. Realizing the desperate need for mortar support by assault units of his organization, he immediately reorganized the squads of his section, appointed new squad leaders, and successfully directed fire that destroyed an enemy machine gun position which had been holding up the attack. The exemplary leadership, cool courage, and skillful judgement shown by Staff Sergeant Bourke materially aided his organization in its final success in the attack and reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

Sergeant Robert F. Dowlen, Jr, (Army Serial Number 34329533), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in Germany from 16 November 1944 to 23 November 1944 in connection with military operations against the enemy. Entered military service from Tennessee.

Sergeant Harry W. Pooler, (Army Serial Number 31222535), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in Germany from 27 October 1944 to 2 December 1944 in connection with military operations against the enemy. Entered military service from Maine.

Sergeant Andrew Konieczny, (Army Serial Number 36544200), Field Artillery, 381st Field Artillery Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, for meritorious service in Germany from 4 November 1944 to 31 December 1944 in connection with military operations against the enemy. Entered military service from Michigan.

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Corporal William K. Kloss, (Army Serial Number 32594681), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 8 December 1944 in connection with military operations against the enemy. Corporal Kloss spent an entire night under constant fire from intense enemy artillery in a futile hunt to locate the position of his platoon to deliver badly needed food and water. On the night of 8 December 1944 he again subjected himself to intense enemy fire and successfully led a patrol to the location of his platoon where he delivered badly needed supplies. His unyielding determination against overwhelming odds and his complete disregard for personal safety under constant heavy enemy fire reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from New Jersey.

Technician Fifth Grade Peter E. Knothe, (Army Serial Number 32594729), Medical Department, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 23 November 1944 in connection with military operations against the enemy. When his platoon became pinned down by intense fire from the entrenched enemy approximately seventy-five to one-hundred fifty yards to the front and flanks, Technician Fifth Grade Knothe, company aid man, with utter disregard for his personal safety, crawled over several hundred yards of open and muddy terrain to render first aid to the wounded. Throughout the day, he continually exposed himself to enemy fire in the performance of his duties under conditions of extreme danger and by his unselfish and heroic acts succeeded in treating and evacuating more seriously wounded and reducing suffering of others to a minimum. The courage, skill, and devotion to duty displayed by Technician Fifth Grade Knothe in the performance of this heroic act reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from New Jersey.

Technician Fifth Grade Wilburn Armstrong, (Army Serial Number 34520264), Medical Department, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 29 November 1944 in connection with military operations against the enemy. During action against the enemy by his organization and when fierce enemy fire pinned an assault company with which he was working to the ground, Technician Fifth Grade Armstrong secured a vehicle and drove it through the midst of bursting enemy fire in collecting the many wounded men and evacuating them to a collecting point. He further risked his life by successfully driving the vehicle through a hail of enemy fire in evacuating the men to a battalion aid station from the collecting point. The courageous actions shown by Technician Fifth Grade Armstrong were directly responsible for speedy treatment of many wounded men and reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Tennessee.

Technician Fifth Grade Danny Chang, (Army Serial Number 32966635), Medical Department, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 30 November 1944 in connection with military operations against the enemy. Throughout an attack by his organization in the capture of a strongly defended town, Technician Fifth Grade Chang repeatedly risked his life to the dangers of intense enemy fire in order to reach and render aid to wounded men. He was rendered unconscious by concussion from an enemy shell which exploded near him during one attempt to reach an injured man. His every effort was

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exerted toward the treatment of the wounded with complete disregard for intense personal danger to himself. The courage, skill, willingness, and coolness under fire displayed by Technician Fifth Grade Chang reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from New York.

Technician Fifth Grade Alfred DiVito, (Army Serial Number 36544021), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 12, 13, and 14 December 1944 in connection with military operations against the enemy. Technician Fifth Grade DiVito voluntarily made five trips over a distance of one-thousand yards under heavy enemy mortar and artillery fire to successfully lay communication wire to front line platoons and repair breaks caused by enemy artillery. He made three other trips under enemy automatic weapons and sniper fire while installing communications to forward platoon command posts of his organization. He was pinned down by intense enemy fire several times but persisted with grim determination in the successful completion of his missions. His actions were an inspiration to his fellow soldiers. The courage and fortitude displayed by Technician Fifth Grade DiVito reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Michigan.

Private First Class John Kalenak, (Army Serial Number 13174915), Medical Department, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 23 November 1944 in connection with military operations against the enemy. When his platoon became pinned down by intense fire from the entrenched enemy approximately seventy-five to one-hundred fifty yards to the front and flank, Private First Class Kalenak, company aid man, with utter disregard for his personal safety, crawled over several hundred yards of open and muddy terrain to render first aid to the wounded. Disregarding intense enemy artillery, mortar, and small arms fire falling throughout the area, Private First Class Kalenak continually exposed himself in going to the aid of his comrades and in moving them to defiladed positions of comparative safety, thereby undoubtedly saving the lives of several of the more seriously wounded. The courage, skill, and devotion to duty displayed by Private First Class Kalenak in the presence of intense danger reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Private First Class Felix Cervantes, Sr, (Army Serial Number 38544467), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 16 November 1944 in connection with military operations against the enemy. During an attack by his organization against the enemy, Private First Class Cervantes voluntarily remained in a field subjected to heavy enemy artillery, mortar, and small arms fire to maintain a section of communication line vitally needed to assure the success of his organization in an assault against the enemy. The outstanding devotion to duty and willingness shown by him with disregard for intense personal danger reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Texas.

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Private First Class Thomas T. Nestor, (Army Serial Number 33358877), Corps of Military Police, Military Police Platoon, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany from 23 November 1944 to 30 November 1944 in connection with military operations against the enemy. While on duty directing traffic at an intersection in a captured enemy town, Private First Class Nestor stayed at the intersection to keep the traffic moving and prevent jamming while under constant danger of enemy artillery being received in his immediate vicinity. His outstanding devotion to duty in remaining at the intersection to keep the traffic cleared saved several vehicles and loss of life from the enemy fire. The courage and devotion to duty displayed by Private First Class Nestor reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Private First Class Eugene H. Hotinger, (Army Serial Number 33446033), Field Artillery, 379th Field Artillery Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 27 November 1944 in connection with military operations against the enemy. Private First Class Hotinger exposed himself to intense personal danger under heavy enemy fire while driving a one-quarter ton vehicle for a wire laying crew in a captured enemy town. The crew, of which he was a member, was exposed to enemy artillery and mortar shelling for six hours while accomplishing the mission of laying wire lines from a forward switching central to an infantry battalion command post. The courage and devotion to duty shown by Private First Class Hotinger reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Virginia.

Private First Class Howard J. Garling, (Army Serial Number 35615238), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 23 and 24 November 1944 in connection with military operations against the enemy. When casualties in the two assault infantry battalions became relatively high during an engagement with the enemy, Private First Class Garling, disregarding his personal safety, moved freely over open and muddy terrain to and from a forward collecting point, until all wounded men were safely removed from the exposed forward areas. The skill and coolness displayed by Private First Class Garling in the evacuation of the wounded enabled them to receive prompt medical care which undoubtedly saved the lives of the more seriously wounded. The bravery and courage shown by Private First Class Garling in the performance of this heroic act reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Ohio.

Private Joseph J. Kelly, (Army Serial Number 33598437), Corps of Military Police, Military Police Platoon, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany from 23 November 1944 to 30 November 1944 in connection with military operations against the enemy. While on duty directing traffic at an intersection in a captured enemy town, Private Kelly stayed at the intersection to keep the traffic moving and prevent jamming while under constant danger of enemy artillery fire being received in his immediate vicinity. His outstanding devotion to duty in remaining at the

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intersection to keep the traffic cleared saved several vehicles and loss of life from the enemy fire. The courage and devotion to duty shown by private Kully reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Private Fred E. Edgerly, Jr. (Army Serial Number 35092066), Corps of Military Police, Military Police Platoon, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany from 25 November 1944 to 30 November 1944 in connection with military operations against the enemy. While on duty directing traffic at an intersection in a captured enemy town, Private Edgerly stayed at the intersection to keep the traffic moving and prevent jamming while under constant danger of enemy artillery fire being directed in his immediate vicinity. His outstanding devotion to duty in remaining at the intersection to keep the traffic cleared saved several vehicles and loss of life from the enemy fire. The courage and devotion to duty shown by Private Edgerly reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Indiana.

Private Pascual Avila, (Army Serial Number 38540159), Medical Department, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany from 30 November 1944 through 2 December 1944 in connection with military operations against the enemy. Throughout an entire attack by his organization against the enemy in the vicinity of a strongly defended town, Private Avila displayed exemplary courage and coolness under fire in administering aid to wounded men of his organization. On one occasion while subjected to extremely heavy enemy artillery, machine gun, and sniper fire, he raced two hundred yards to reach and administer aid to a wounded man. At another time, he risked the safety of his own life by making his way forward under enemy fire as far as three hundred yards to administer aid to other wounded. His courageous actions were instrumental in relieving the suffering of a large number of his companions. The courage, skill, and outstanding devotion to duty shown by Private Avila reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Texas.

The following named enlisted men, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 10 December 1944 in connection with military operations against the enemy:

		<u>Army Serial</u> <u>Number</u>	<u>Entered Military</u> <u>Service From</u>
Technical Sergeant	Elmore R. Naeh, Jr	31233170	Massachusetts
Corporal	Carl F. Spranger	32595051	New Jersey
Private First Class	Leon Cartee	34398673	Alabama
Private First Class	John A. Jordan	33283213	Pennsylvania

When learning that men from a nearby company had been wounded while undergoing an intense enemy artillery barrage, the above named men left their place of comparative safety to rush to the aid of the men. After administering first aid, they further risked their lives to intense personal danger

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from bursting enemy artillery to move the wounded men to the safety of a base-ment. Communications to the aid station had been knocked out by fire from the enemy. Their quick thinking and daring actions resulted in speedy treatment for the wounded men. The courage, alertness, and skill shown by each of the above named men, with utter disregard for personal safety, reflect great credit upon themselves and the military service.

The following named enlisted men, Signal Corps, 102d Signal Company, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 18 December 1944 in connection with military operations against the enemy:

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Army Serial Number</u>	<u>Entered Military Service From</u>
Sergeant	Floyd C. Long	6806251	Maryland
Private	William F. Turner	39344308	Oregon
Private	Hubert Rowland	34971753	Georgia

The above named men displayed outstanding courage by leaving their positions of comparative safety which they had sought for protection against flying shell fragments when encountering a heavy enemy artillery barrage in their immediate vicinity while repairing wire lines of a division communication system along a road. To extinguish the flames from their burning vehicle which had been hit, and finding it impossible to secure the fire extinguisher which was in the vehicle, they put the flames out by applying mud and water from a nearby ditch by hand. After extinguishing the flames from the burning vehicle, they proceeded to continue repairing the communication lines with disregard for personal danger from the continued enemy artillery barrage. The courage and outstanding devotion to duty shown by each of the above named persons reflect great credit upon themselves and the military service.

The following named enlisted men, Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany during the period of 30 November 1944 through 3 December 1944 in connection with military operations against the enemy:

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Army Serial Number</u>	<u>Entered Military Service From</u>
Technician Fifth Grade	Calvin W. Hoyt	37240071	Missouri
Private First Class	Edward J. Blackburn	38419202	Texas
Private First Class	Robert W. Brown	39579093	California
Private First Class	Paul H. Christensen	37694168	Iowa
Private First Class	Hugh T. Cummins	35730368	Indiana
Private First Class	Ferdinand G. Krall	37635771	Missouri
Private First Class	Tilton M O'Bier	38337110	Louisiana
Private First Class	William S. Robbins	31230107	Massachusetts
Private First Class	Arnold E. Klug	35083630	Ohio
Private	Richard K. Morse	32999572	New York

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Throughout an attack by their organization against the enemy in a strongly defended town, each of the above named men worked diligently in installing and maintaining communication lines necessary for the efficient operation of their organization. At great personal risk to their own safety while subjected to enemy artillery, mortar, and sniper fire that often interfered with their work, their efforts were instrumental in successfully keeping communications moving forward as rapidly as the advance of assaulting elements of their organization. The courage, skill, and efficiency displayed by each of the above named men reflect great credit upon themselves and the military service.

The following named enlisted men, Medical Department, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 1 December 1944 in connection with military operations against the enemy:

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Army Serial Number</u>	<u>Entered Military Service From</u>
Private First Class	Howard M. Calliccoat	35770002	Ohio
Private	Fernan H. Alonzo	38532018	Texas
Private	Edward S. Wodarski	33829373	Pennsylvania

Despite heavy enemy artillery and grazing machine gun fire, the above named men made their way into an open field to successfully accomplish the rescue of a seriously wounded officer of their organization. After helping the helpless officer to safety, they administered first aid and again risked their lives in evacuating him to an aid station eight-hundred yards away. The entire route to the aid station was under heavy enemy shelling. Their courageous actions were greatly instrumental in securing prompt treatment for the wounded officer. The courage, coolness under fire, skill, and utter disregard for personal safety displayed by each of the above named men reflect great credit upon themselves and the military service.

Private First Class John C. Shumake, Jr, (Army Serial Number 38392386), Medical Department, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany from 30 November 1944 to 2 December 1944 in connection with military operations against the enemy. During an attack by his organization against the enemy in a strongly defended town, Private First Class Shumake, with the assistance of another driver and vehicle, succeeded in evacuating more than two-hundred casualties to their regimental aid station. Many were so seriously wounded that it was often necessary to drive as slow as five miles per hour over heavily shelled roads. On four different occasions shell fragments caused flat tires on his vehicle during this action. The courageous action and outstanding devotion to duty shown by Private First Class Shumake were instrumental in the speedy treatment of a large number of the wounded and reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Louisiana.

Private First Class John L. Gubicza, (Army Serial Number 33083559), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany from 16 November 1944 to 26 December 1944 in connection with military

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operations against the enemy. Private First Class Gublcza traveled through the blackness of night and intense enemy artillery fire on numerous occasions in performance of his duty as messenger for his organization engaged in an attack against the enemy. His courage, initiative, and aggressiveness were responsible for his successful delivery of highly important messages to elements of his organization. The outstanding devotion to duty and disregard for personal safety shown by Private First Class Gublcza reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Private First Class John W. Fannin, (Army Serial Number 34398807), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 20 November 1944 in connection with military operations against the enemy. Private First Class Fannin successfully drove a truck loaded with ammunition under heavy enemy artillery fire to deliver vitally needed ammunition to his company to insure their supply would be adequate for repelling an imminent enemy counter attack. He constantly kept the ammunition stock of his company well filled that materially secured success in a hard fought battle against the enemy. His outstanding courage and devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Alabama.

Private First Class Arthur J. Crawford, III, (Army Serial Number 31335615), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 30 November 1944 in connection with military operations against the enemy. While enroute to an aid station to be treated for wounds he sustained during an attack by his organization against the enemy, Private First Class Holzman came across three seriously wounded men whom he made as comfortable as possible. Ignoring his own wounds, he proceeded to obtain litter bearers to evacuate the wounded persons. Unable to find a sufficient number to evacuate the wounded men, he improvised a stretcher and with the assistance of another man successfully carried the wounded men to the rear. The disregard for his own painful wounds and sterling judgment shown by him were directly responsible for the treatment and evacuation of the three men who might otherwise have lain on the battlefield for an extended period of time. The courage, sound judgment, and fortitude displayed by Private First Class Crawford reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Connecticut.

Private First Class James A. Alspaugh, (Army Serial Number 38589648), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 11 December 1944 in connection with military operations against the enemy. Realizing the necessity for repairing vital communications for his organization which had been broken by intense enemy artillery fire, Private First Class Alspaugh, although wounded early in an operation by his organization against the enemy, proceeded in a calm and efficient manner through heavy enemy artillery and mortar fire to successfully repair the broken lines of communication. He was severely wounded a second time by enemy fire and when aid reached him he insisted on pointing out the breaks that remained to be repaired. He determined the fact that his mission had been accomplished before allowing himself to be evacuated. The courage, loyalty, and fortitude shown by Private First Class Alspaugh reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Oklahoma.

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Private First Class Allen D. May, (Army Serial Number 38276027), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany from 16 November 1944 to 26 December 1944 in connection with military operations against the enemy. Private First Class traveled through the darkness of night and intense enemy artillery fire on numerous occasions in performance of his duty as messenger for his organization engaged in an attack against the enemy. His courage, initiative, and aggressiveness were responsible for his successful delivery of highly important messages to elements of his organization. The outstanding devotion to duty and disregard for personal safety shown by Private First Class May reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Oklahoma.

Private First Class Lawrence W. Holtzman, (Army Serial Number 37428446), Field Artillery, 381st Field Artillery Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, for meritorious service in Germany from 24 November 1944 to 27 December 1944 in connection with military operations against the enemy. Entered military service from Iowa.

Private Morris L. Curtis, (Army Serial Number 39918152), Medical Department, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 29 November 1944 in connection with military operations against the enemy. Private Curtis worked continuously for sixteen hours during an attack by his organization against the enemy by driving a vehicle in assisting in the evacuation of wounded men. With keen judgment on one occasion, he backed his vehicle over a road which had just been cleared of mines with the hope that if any explosives were encountered the rear of the truck would bear the brunt of the danger. By this action he was successful in reaching three wounded men and evacuating them to an aid station. His untiring efforts resulted in the evacuation of a large number of the wounded. During the entire action, his life was endangered by severe enemy fire. The courage, skill, and exemplary judgment shown by Private Curtis reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Utah.

Private Bernard L. Koten, (Army Serial Number 32675630), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany from 30 November 1944 to 3 December 1944 in connection with military operations against the enemy. During an attack by his organization against the enemy in the capture of a strongly defended enemy town, Private Koten remained at his post as a switchboard operator for a continuous period of eighteen hours while linemen prepared communications for an attack by his organization. Resuming his post during the attack, he stayed at his post for forty-eight continuous hours without rest or sleep in order that all available wiremen could be used in keeping vital communications intact. His outstanding devotion clearly showed the determination he employed in the accomplishment of his duties. The skill, determination, and ingenuity shown by Private Koten reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from New York.

The following named enlisted men, Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 29 November 1944 in connection with military operations against the enemy:

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Sergeant	Paul J. Barragree	37510977	Kansas
Sergeant	Rodney J. Monsen	39919805	Idaho
Private First Class	Alfred R. Jordon	34615268	Mississippi
Private First Class	William H. Romack, Jr	33454705	Virginia

When assault elements of their organization in attack against the enemy were pinned down by hostile machine gun fire and were forced to dig in, the above named men were designated as a contact patrol to locate and contact an adjacent unit of their organization on their left. With utter disregard for their personal safety, they unhesitatingly moved over approximately two-hundred yards of open terrain, exposing themselves to intense enemy machine gun, mortar, and artillery fire to successfully locate and contact the unit. After accomplishing their mission, they returned with information which materially aided their unit in making dispositions for proper defense and security of their battalion's position from enemy action. The outstanding courage and determination shown by each of the above named men reflect great credit upon themselves and the military service.

The following named enlisted men, Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 2 December 1944 in connection with military operations against the enemy:

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Army Serial Number</u>	<u>Entered Military Service From</u>
Private First Class	George W. Craig	36582224	Michigan
Private First Class	Alexander Frega	32645310	New York
Private First Class	Robert M. Rodgers	39147333	California

During action by the enemy against their organization, the above named men were designated as a contact patrol with the mission of locating and establishing contact with a unit on the left of their battalion. With utter disregard for their personal safety, they moved across approximately five-hundred yards to the front and left flank of their organization in the accomplishment of their mission that successfully established contact with the other unit and furnished information of their battalion's location and disposition which enabled the adjacent organization to fill gaps in securing their organization's position against the enemy. The outstanding courage and devotion to duty displayed by each of the above named men reflect great credit upon themselves and the military service.

2. So much of Section II, General Orders Number 7, this Headquarters, current series, pertaining to MAJOR HAMILTON M. WILLIAMS, JR, (Army Serial Number 0316433), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, as reads 16 December 1944 is amended to read 16 November 1944.

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By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, and Memorandum Number 34, Headquarters Ninth United States Army, 8 September 1944, as amended, the PURPLE HEART MEDAL is awarded the following enlisted men for wounds received as a result of enemy action in Germany on dates indicated:

Corporal Robert R. Morse, (Army Serial Number 34475660), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 11 January 1945. Entered military service from Mississippi.

Private First Class Leonard R. Hoffman, (Army Serial Number 12173669), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 12 January 1945. Entered military service from New York.

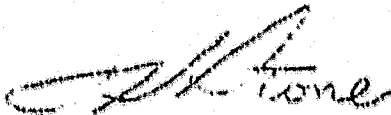
Private First Class Joseph Wyzga, (Army Serial Number 31213643), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 11 January 1945. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

Private Frank Grestini, (Army Serial Number 31249351), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 10 January 1945. Entered military service from Connecticut.

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

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, and Memorandum Number 34, Headquarters Ninth United States Army, 8 September 1944, as amended, the SILVER STAR MEDAL is awarded the following officer and enlisted man, missing in action:

~~X~~ SECOND LIEUTENANT JAY A. DRAKE, (Army Serial Number 01182557), Field Artillery, 379th Field Artillery Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany on 28 November 1944. While acting as forward observer for his organization in support of an infantry company in attack against the enemy, SECOND LIEUTENANT DRAKE provided continuous artillery support during all phases of the action under adverse conditions and intense enemy artillery, mortar, and small arms fire in the immediate vicinity of assaulting infantry units. On several occasions it was necessary for him to leave a post of cover to obtain good observation of the enemy to effect the required support for attacking elements of the infantry. Upon withdrawal of the infantry from the attack, he remained at a forward observation post with his radio and continued to call for effective artillery support to aid the successful withdrawal. The gallantry, courage, and outstanding coolness displayed by SECOND LIEUTENANT DRAKE reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Michigan.

~~X~~ Private First Class Joseph J. McCarthy, (Army Serial Number 32896679), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany on 20 November 1944. During an assault against the enemy by his organization, Private First Class McCarthy and two companions were cut off from their unit and pinned down by intense enemy small arms and automatic fire. Realizing the necessity for prompt action, he unhesitatingly made his presence known to the enemy by shouting to other elements of his organization to take cover and simultaneously placing a withering fire on the enemy, killing four of them only seventy-five yards from his position. He successfully directed the location of another of the enemy attempting to escape to a companion who succeeded in accounting for him. Private First Class McCarthy then proceeded to rejoin his group and was invaluable in assisting in flushing out the enemy hidden in many houses of the town that had been by-passed by other elements of his organization. The gallantry, outstanding courage, and fortitude shown by Private First Class McCarthy in his prompt action in a critical situation undoubtedly saved a number of lives, permitted the advance of the unit in

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continued assault, and reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from New York.

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By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, and Memorandum Number 34, Headquarters Ninth United States Army, 8 September 1944, as amended, the SILVER STAR MEDAL is awarded the following officers and enlisted men:

CAPTAIN WILLIAM C. HUNGATE, Jr, (Army Serial Number 0466386), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany on 16 and 17 November 1944. CAPTAIN HUNGATE constantly exposed himself to intense personal danger under heavy enemy fire in leading a company of men in attack against the enemy during which time they accounted for heavy enemy casualties and the elimination of many enemy armored vehicles. As the attack progressed, he personally led out in front of his men, using his rifle and grenades to personally account for many enemy dead and inspire his men to follow him in a successful assault against the enemy. The gallantry, leadership, and fortitude displayed by CAPTAIN HUNGATE reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Kentucky.

FIRST LIEUTENANT MERRITT G. BRAUN, (Army Serial Number 01325265), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany on 23 November 1944. When the assault platoons of his company were pinned down by intense machine gun fire from the enemy located in a chateau approximately fifty yards to the immediate front, FIRST LIEUTENANT BRAUN, on his own initiative and with utter disregard for his personal safety, maneuvered his platoon to attack the enemy position from the flank. Though his platoon was pinned down by intense enemy artillery, mortar and machine gun fire on several occasions, FIRST LIEUTENANT BRAUN, displaying great courage, rose to his feet and led his men in a dash to the chateau. Entering the chateau they killed one enemy and captured three others in successfully neutralizing the position and enabling the other platoons to advance. Upon learning that his company commander had been killed, he made his way across flat and open terrain under heavy enemy fire to take command of the company and successfully lead them in a continuation of the attack on the company objective. The outstanding courage, initiative, and gallantry displayed by FIRST LIEUTENANT BRAUN in the presence of intense danger reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Nebraska.

FIRST LIEUTENANT JACK L. WEIGAND, (Army Serial Number 01322743), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany on 22 November 1944. When withering enemy small arms fire was directed against an adjacent rifle company attacking on his flank, FIRST LIEUTENANT WEIGAND displayed great courage and sound judgment by skillfully maneuvering his platoon and successfully directing fire on enemy positions which assisted materially in the successful operations of his battalion. Later the same afternoon when friendly tanks were sent forward, they inadvertently exposed themselves on high ground under enemy observation. FIRST LIEUTENANT WEIGAND, with utter disregard for his personal safety, ran across

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several hundred yards of open terrain and guided the tanks to a draw, through which they were able to advance to within close proximity of the enemy position. As a result of his heroic act, FIRST LIEUTENANT WEIGAND saved the tanks from almost certain destruction. The bravery, skill and devotion to duty displayed by FIRST LIEUTENANT WEIGAND in the presence of intense danger reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from California.

Staff Sergeant Henry F. McMillion, (Army Serial Number 37398945), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany on 29 November 1944. When his platoon was pinned down by intense small arms fire from enemy trenches to the immediate front of the assault elements, Staff Sergeant McMillion, with utter disregard for his personal safety, worked his way across flat and open terrain to within twenty yards of an enemy position. Assaulting the position singlehandedly, he succeeded in neutralizing it with hand grenades, thus enabling his platoon to advance. Finding that his platoon leader and platoon sergeant had been evacuated, Staff Sergeant McMillion unhesitatingly assumed command of the platoon and led it forward to its objective. The outstanding leadership, bravery, and devotion to duty in the presence of intense danger displayed by Staff Sergeant McMillion reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Missouri.

Private First Class John P. Hanrahan, (Army Serial Number 15308301), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany on 27 December 1944. Private First Class Hanrahan, with the assistance of another man, voluntarily made his way as a member of a patrol into enemy territory to determine the amount of traffic passing over a bridge in enemy territory over a swift and dangerous river. He penetrated enemy positions with disregard for extremely cold weather and in spite of being noticed by the enemy and being subjected to intense enemy fire. At one point he was as far as twelve-hundred yards behind the enemy lines. He undertook his part in this important mission upon his own volition, and persisted in the presence of constant danger until the mission was successfully accomplished. The gallantry, indomitable courage, loyalty, and outstanding devotion to duty shown by Private First Class Hanrahan reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Connecticut.

Private First Class Joseph B. Menard, (Army Serial Number 32632914), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany on 27 December 1944. Private First Class Menard, with the assistance of another man, voluntarily made his way as a member of a patrol into enemy territory to determine the amount of traffic passing over a bridge in enemy territory over a swift and dangerous river. He penetrated enemy positions with disregard for extremely cold weather and in spite of being noticed by the enemy and being subjected to intense enemy fire. At one point he was as far as twelve-hundred yards behind the enemy lines. He undertook his part in this important mission upon his own volition and persisted in the presence of constant danger until the mission was successfully accomplished. The gallantry, indomitable courage, loyalty, and outstanding devotion to duty shown

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by Private First Class Menard reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from New York.

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

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, and Memorandum Number 34, Headquarters Ninth United States Army, 8 September 1944, as amended, an OAK LEAF CLUSTER to the BRONZE STAR MEDAL is awarded the following enlisted man:

Private First Class Arthur H. Vanatta, (Army Serial Number 35804824), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 30 November 1944 in connection with military operations against the enemy. Serving as a scout for his organization in attack against the enemy, Private First Class Van Atta braved intense enemy machine gun, artillery, and mortar fire to crawl to the aid of a wounded companion. Although it meant exposing himself to intense personal danger, he unhesitatingly and successfully crawled to and dragged the wounded man back to a safe position. Private First Class Vanatta was wounded while performing this outstanding act of mercy. The bravery, skill, and outstanding devotion to duty shown by Private First Class Vanatta reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Ohio.

IV. AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL.

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, and Memorandum Number 34, Headquarters Ninth United States Army, 8 September 1944, as amended, the BRONZE STAR MEDAL is awarded the following officers and enlisted men:

* FIRST LIEUTENANT DABNEY C. McCANN, (Army Serial Number 01323777), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in Germany from 26 October 1944 to 6 January 1945, in connection with military operations against the enemy. Entered military service from Virginia.

* Staff Sergeant Jerry Vitek, (Army Serial Number 18012215), Field Artillery, 927th Field Artillery Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, for meritorious service in France, Holland, and Germany from 24 September 1944 to 7 January 1945 in connection with military operations against the enemy. Entered military service from Texas.

Staff Sergeant Theodore Daniels, (Army Serial Number 35543197), Infantry, 408th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 29 November 1944 in connection with military operations against the enemy. When his squad leader and assistant squad leader became casualties, Staff Sergeant Daniels (then Private First Class) unhesitatingly assumed command of his squad, reorganized it and led it forward in an assault over flat and open terrain in the face of intense enemy artillery, mortar and small arms fire. On several occasions, though his squad was pinned down by enemy fire from con-

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crete emplacements and trenches less than one-hundred yards to his front, Staff Sergeant Daniels, by his outstanding leadership and utter disregard for his personal safety, so inspired his men that they resumed their attack and succeeded in taking their objective. The bravery, leadership and devotion to duty displayed by Staff Sergeant Daniels in the presence of intense danger reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Ohio.

Sergeant Robert H. Peoples, (Army Serial Number 35223057), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 2 December 1944 in connection with military operations against the enemy. When his company was pinned down by intense enemy machine gun fire during an attack by his organization against an enemy town, Sergeant Peoples without thought for his own safety advanced toward the enemy machine gun emplacement. Using a small haystack for concealment and without cover between the haystack and the enemy gun emplacement, he courageously rushed the gun, firing as he went. His action resulted in the killing of the machine gunner and his assistant which undoubtedly saved the lives of many of his comrades. The courage, fortitude, and resourcefulness shown by Sergeant Peoples with disregard for his own personal safety reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Ohio.

Sergeant Roy G. Sloan, (Army Serial Number 35767169), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 29 November 1944 in connection with military operations against the enemy. When his squad leader and assistant squad leader became casualties, Sergeant Sloan (then Private First Class) unhesitatingly assumed command of the squad and led it over open rolling terrain in an assault against heavily defended enemy positions. With utter disregard for his personal safety, he led his squad in the face of intense enemy mortar and machine gun fire and successfully took and secured the objective with a minimum of casualties. By his outstanding leadership, courage, and coolness under fire, Sergeant Sloan inspired his men on to the successful accomplishment of their mission. The courage, coolness and devotion to duty displayed by Sergeant Sloan in the performance of this heroic act reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from West Virginia.

Corporal Alexander George, (Army Serial Number 32643753), Medical Department, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 29 November 1944 in connection with military operations against the enemy. Corporal George made his way through intense enemy fire during an attack by his organization against the enemy to successfully rescue three wounded men and evacuate them quickly. Upon reaching the collecting point with the wounded men and finding it necessary to further evacuate them because of the severity of their wounds, he continued to endanger his life in successfully delivering the wounded persons to a battalion aid station. The courage, coolness, and skill shown by Corporal George reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from New York.

Technician Fifth Grade Joseph A. Baron, (Army Serial Number 32593718), Medical Department, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 1 and 2 December 1944 in connection with military operations against the enemy. Serving as a litter bearer assisting in the evacuation of

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wounded from the battlefield during an attack by his organization against the enemy, Technician Fifth Grade Baron rendered aid and treatment to a large number of casualties with disregard for his own personal safety in the midst of fierce enemy fire. Although the enemy had not been cleared from the town that was being taken by his organization, he searched for and found a suitable route from the town for the truck being used in evacuating the wounded. The skill, courage, and resourcefulness shown by Technician Fifth Grade Baron with disregard for his own personal safety reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from New Jersey.

Private First Class Carl G. Moseley, (Army Serial Number 34329594), Field Artillery, 927th Field Artillery Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, for meritorious service in Germany from 4 November 1944 to 5 January 1945 in connection with military operations against the enemy. Entered military service from Tennessee.

Private First Class Darrell B. Davis, (Army Serial Number 37444660), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany from 28 October 1944 to 6 January 1945 in connection with military operations against the enemy. On numerous occasions, in the face of intense enemy artillery, mortar and small arms fire and with utter disregard for his personal safety, Private First Class Davis, member of a wire team, worked day and night laying, checking and repairing communication lines which were constantly being cut as a result of enemy action. Although frequently under enemy observation and subjected to enemy sniper fire, he unhesitatingly proceeded with his mission. As a result of his tireless and ceaseless efforts, he was successful in maintaining communications which aided materially in the successful operation of his unit against the enemy. The courage, skill, and devotion to duty displayed by Private First Class Davis reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Iowa.

Private First Class John G. Dempsey, (Army Serial Number 32983397), Medical Department, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 30 November 1944 in connection with military operations against the enemy. Private First Class Dempsey, with the assistance of another medical aid man, made his way across an open field under constant enemy observation and sporadic enemy fire to successfully rescue two wounded men. Upon reaching the men and finding they were unable to carry the two to safety in one trip, they made the necessary two trips. The courage, skill, and efficiency shown by Private First Class Dempsey with complete disregard for his own personal safety reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from New York.

Private First Class Inwald V. Mendenhall, (Army Serial Number 39619897), Medical Department, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 22 and 23 November 1944 in connection with military operations against the enemy. Private First Class Mendenhall's truck was equipped with racks accommodating two medical litters and was used in the evacuation of the wounded. Though almost constantly under heavy enemy artillery, mortar, and small arms fire, and without sleep during the entire action, Private First

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Class Mendenhall worked untiringly in evacuating the wounded from the battlefield. With utter disregard for his personal safety, he repeatedly made his way forward over almost impassable roads and trails exposed to heavy fire, consistently refusing to diminish his efforts or rest until he had assured himself that all wounded had been removed. His heroic actions in the face of extreme danger not only resulted in saving the lives of several of the more seriously wounded but reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Montana.

Private Vernie E. Ates, (Army Serial Number 38518682), Medical Department, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement on 2 December 1944 in connection with military operations against the enemy. During an attack by his unit against the enemy in Germany, Private Ates tirelessly searched the battlefield for the wounded, whom he immediately evacuated. Upon seeing the shortage of litter bearers, he rapidly organized a team of litter bearers from captured enemy prisoners and successfully directed them in the work of evacuating the wounded. Through his unceasing efforts and tireless work, the lives of many of the wounded were saved and suffering was reduced to a minimum. The skill, efficiency, and courage shown by Private Ates reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Louisiana.

Private David E. Jones, (Army Serial Number 38524585), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 30 December 1944 in connection with military operations against the enemy. During defensive operations against the enemy by his organization, Private Jones successfully made his way to a wounded officer in the midst of heavy enemy artillery fire. He administered first aid in a skillful and outstanding manner and personally assisted in the evacuation of the officer to the regimental aid station. The courage, skill, efficiency, and clear thinking shown by Private Jones reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Louisiana.

The following named enlisted men, Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany from 27 November 1944 to 2 December 1944 in connection with military operations against the enemy:

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Army Serial Number</u>	<u>Entered Military Service From</u>
Technician Fifth Grade	Harold C. Dukos	34477705	Mississippi
Technician Fifth Grade	Herman F. Lucas	33217300	Virginia
Private First Class	Jack H. Harmer	38592977	Oklahoma
Private First Class	Clair C. Solt	33622585	Pennsylvania

The above named men worked as members of a wire team day and night in laying, checking, and repairing communication lines which were constantly being cut as a result of enemy action. Although under enemy observation and subjected to intense sniper fire, they unhesitatingly proceeded in the accomplishment of their mission with disregard for personal safety from extremely hazardous conditions. As a result of their tireless efforts, they successfully

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maintained communications throughout operations by their organization against the enemy which materially aided in the success of the operation. The courage, skill, and devotion to duty shown by the above named men reflect great credit upon themselves and the military service.

The following named enlisted men, Medical Department, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 30 November 1944 in connection with military operations against the enemy:

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Army Serial Number</u>	<u>Entered Military Service From</u>
Staff Sergeant	Morris J. Bakken	36204165	Wisconsin
Technician Third Grade	Robert E. Burns	32645641	New York
Technician Third Grade	Harold E. Focht	33483939	Pennsylvania

During an attack by their organization, the above named men worked unfalteringly in the prompt and efficient treatment and evacuation of litter cases and walking wounded with disregard for heavy enemy artillery fire falling in the vicinity of the aid station at which they were working. Their speed and efficiency were instrumental in the prompt evacuation of a number of casualties to the rear and were a prime factor in the saving of many lives and reducing suffering to a minimum. The skill, untiring efforts, and aggressiveness shown by each of the above named men with disregard for his own personal safety reflect great credit upon themselves and the military service.

The following named enlisted men, Medical Department, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 30 December 1944 in connection with military operations against the enemy.

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Army Serial Number</u>	<u>Entered Military Service From</u>
Technician Fifth Grade	Martia G. Blechman	42002329	New Jersey
Private First Class	Forrest E. Bladen	35148497	Indiana
Private First Class	Peter G. Facca	31285206	Massachusetts

Responding to an urgent call for litter bearers during a heavy enemy artillery barrage, the above named men successfully made their way to the rescue of a wounded officer. After rendering first aid, they carried him to an aid station over a distance of four-hundred yards through the intense enemy fire. They again braved the intense enemy artillery barrage which lasted for five hours to successfully evacuate another casualty. The skill, willingness to serve, and outstanding devotion to duty shown by the above named men with disregard for their own safety reflect great credit upon themselves and the military service.

The following named enlisted men, Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 26 December 1944 in connection with military operations against the enemy:

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<u>Grade</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Army Serial Number</u>	<u>Entered Military Service From</u>
Technician Fifth Grade	Fred C. Cole	32594444	New Jersey
Private First Class	Glenn E. Carrington	11085734	Vermont
Private First Class	Donald J. O'Hara	32732965	New York
Private	Earl M. Belles	31260921	Massachusetts
Private	Joseph J. Szpylaan	42021430	New York

The above named men worked in the construction of a concertina barbed wire barricade extending fifteen-hundred yards between their organization's front lines and those of the enemy. Although the vicinity in which they worked was often subjected to enemy mortar fire and sprayed by enemy machine gun fire, they took cover when and wherever they could and returned with renewed determination in the successful accomplishment of their task. Despite the unfavorable terrain and bright moon under which they were forced to work, they successfully accomplished the construction of a barrier which provided protection for their entire unit. The courage, skill, and efficiency shown by the above named men with utter disregard for their personal safety reflect great credit upon themselves and the military service.

~~*~~ FIRST LIEUTENANT FRANK G. OTTO, (Army Serial Number 0479835), Corps of Military Police, Headquarters 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, for meritorious service in France, Holland, and Germany from 3 October 1944 to 15 January 1945 in connection with military operations against the enemy. Entered military service from California.

V. AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART MEDAL.

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, and Memorandum Number 34, Headquarters Ninth United States Army, 8 September 1944, as amended, the PURPLE HEART MEDAL is awarded the following enlisted men for wounds received as a result of enemy action in Germany on the dates indicated:

Private Joseph P. Hall, (Army Serial Number 33341076), Corps of Engineers, 327th Engineer Combat Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, wounded 12 January 1945. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Private Clifford L. O'Rielly, (Army Serial Number 36855091), Field Artillery, 351st Field Artillery Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, wounded 27 November 1944. Entered military service from Michigan.

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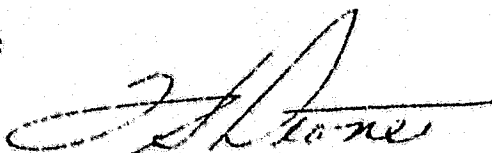
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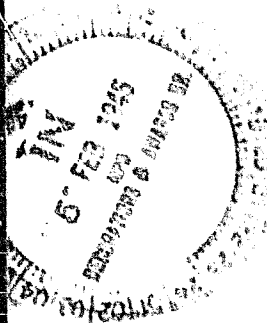


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By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, and Memorandum Number 34, Headquarters Ninth United States Army, 8 September 1944, as amended, the SILVER STAR MEDAL is awarded the following officers:

CAPTAIN ROBERT G. PAGE, (Army Serial Number 01107020), Corps of Engineers, 327th Engineer Combat Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, (then FIRST LIEUTENANT), for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany on the nights of 25 and 26 December 1944. CAPTAIN PAGE successfully directed and supervised a group of cavalymen in the construction and use of an infantry foot bridge across a swift and dangerous river under cover of darkness. Although the work was done under heavy harassing enemy shell and mortar fire, he carried well conceived plans into execution. CAPTAIN PAGE'S calmness and patience throughout the action were responsible for its success, and as a direct result of the operation it was possible to send a number of patrols across the river with a minimum of casualties. The gallantry, leadership, and initiative shown by CAPTAIN PAGE reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

FIRST LIEUTENANT SHELDON H. SAMUELSON, (Army Serial Number 01312651), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany on 2 December 1944. When his company was engaged in an attack for the capture of a strongly defended enemy town, his platoon was pinned down by heavy enemy fire. Disregarding the great danger, FIRST LIEUTENANT SAMUELSON went about to rally the men of his platoon, and when he had succeeded in giving them new confidence and courage he led them in the assault and took the objective. Under his direction and leadership, two enemy machine guns which were holding out were silenced, and three enemy prisoners were taken. After seizing a house within the town, his platoon was able to inflict many casualties among the enemy and successfully cover the approach of other elements of their organization into the town. The gallantry, exemplary leadership, and keen judgment shown by FIRST LIEUTENANT SAMUELSON were in great measure responsible for the successful breakthrough made by his organization and reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Minnesota.

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By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, and Memorandum Number 34, Headquarters Ninth United States Army, 8 September 1944, as amended, an OAK LEAF CLUSTER to the BRONZE STAR MEDAL is awarded the following enlisted men:

Technical Sergeant Paul J. Padgett, (Army Serial Number 16150980), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 10 November 1944 in connection with military operations against the enemy. Technical Sergeant Padgett successfully made his way with a patrol through an enemy mine field that was thickly sown with anti-tank and anti-personnel mines and was interspersed with numerous trip flares and booby traps. When stopped by heavy barbed wire entanglements, he successfully made his way back through the mines with the patrol, often crawling under enemy machine gun fire that was passing less than a foot above him. Upon returning to his organization with the patrol, he was able to assist in giving valuable information concerning location of enemy obstacles, trenches, and weapons that materially aided in the planning and execution of an attack by his organization at a later date. The courage, determination, and devotion to duty displayed by Technical Sergeant Padgett reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Michigan.

Sergeant Joseph A. Matuszewicz, (Army Serial Number 33400470), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 10 November 1944 in connection with military operations against the enemy. Sergeant Matuszewicz successfully made his way with a patrol through an enemy mine field that was thickly sown with anti-tank and anti-personnel mines and was interspersed with numerous trip flares and booby traps. When stopped by heavy barbed wire entanglements, he successfully made his way back through the mine field with the patrol, often crawling under enemy machine gun fire that was passing less than a foot above him. Upon returning to his organization with the patrol, he was able to assist in giving valuable information concerning location of enemy obstacles, trenches, and weapons that materially aided in the planning and execution of an attack by his organization at a later date. The courage, determination, and devotion to duty displayed by Sergeant Matuszewicz reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

III. AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL.

1. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, and Memorandum Number 34, Headquarters Ninth United States Army, 8 September 1944, as amended, the BRONZE STAR MEDAL is awarded the following officers and enlisted men:

MAJOR WILSON R. REED, (Army Serial Number 023824), Field Artillery, 379th Field Artillery Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, for meritorious service in Germany from 4 November 1944 to 10 January 1945 in connection with military operations against the enemy. Entered

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military service from South Carolina.

CAPTAIN DONALD W. JOHNSTON, (Army Serial Number 0353839), Field Artillery, 379th Field Artillery Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, for meritorious service from 27 October 1944 to 26 November 1944 in Germany in connection with military operations against the enemy. Entered military service from Oklahoma.

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CAPTAIN WILLIAM C. PETERSON, (Army Serial Number 01288112), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany on 22 and 23 November 1944. Initially in battalion reserve, CAPTAIN PETERSON disposed elements of his company so as to render valuable and effective support to attacking elements. When committed to action around the right flank of the battalion, he displayed great tactical skill. Discovering that the planned route was impassable, he led his company over open terrain under intense enemy artillery, mortar, and machine gun fire directed from concrete emplacements and trenches to the front and right flank. Although painfully wounded in the leg during this action, CAPTAIN PETERSON refused evacuation and continued to actively command his organization until it was relieved the following evening. With utter disregard for his personal safety, CAPTAIN PETERSON repeatedly exposed himself to further injury or death in leading his organization in the attack that aided materially in the advance of his battalion. The leadership, courage, fortitude, and devotion to duty displayed by CAPTAIN PETERSON in the presence of intense danger reflect high credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from California.

CAPTAIN ALLEN G. WISE, (Army Serial Number 0443594), Medical Corps, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in Germany from 28 October 1944 to 8 January 1945 in connection with military operations against the enemy. Entered military service from South Carolina.

CHAPLAIN (CAPTAIN) HARRY G. COINER, (Army Serial Number 0533625), Chaplains' Corps, Headquarters Special Troops, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, for meritorious service in France, Holland, and Germany from 23 September 1944 to 1 January 1945 in connection with military operations against the enemy. Entered military service from Virginia.

FIRST LIEUTENANT JACOB W. WITTMER, (Army Serial Number 01310329), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in Germany from 28 October 1944 to 8 January 1945 in connection with military operations against the enemy. Entered military service from Indiana.

Technician Fourth Grade Carl Heimbeck, (Army Serial Number 37334604), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 22 and 23 November 1944 in connection with military operations against the enemy. Disregarding intense enemy fire and the loss of his assistant radio operator while making his way forward to an observation post,

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Technician Fourth Grade Heimback successfully set up his radio and established the only available communication to his battalion command post. When his radio was hit by enemy fire, he successfully made his way across open ground through intense enemy fire to secure another radio from a wounded companion and continued relaying vital information from his observation post. With sustained effort he continued to operate his radio for a period of thirty-four hours in transmitting vital information that materially aided his organization in the successful accomplishment of its attack. The courage, tenacity, and outstanding devotion to duty displayed by Technician Fourth Grade Heimback reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Colorado.

Private First Class Wallace P. LaFavo, (Army Serial Number 16151053), Field Artillery, 379th Field Artillery Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, for meritorious service in Germany from 15 November 1944 to 31 December 1944 in connection with military operations against the enemy. Entered military service from Michigan.

The following named enlisted men, Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 10 November 1944 in connection with military operations against the enemy:

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Army Serial Number</u>	<u>Entered Military Service From</u>
Technical Sergeant	Charles E. Hicks	18003024	Oklahoma
Technical Sergeant	Rowdy W. Parker	6283536	Texas
Private First Class	Lawrence E. DeWitt	39695990	California
Private First Class	John J. Kraft	34490290	Tennessee
Private First Class	Samuel Kramer	32594722	New Jersey

The above named men successfully made their way through an enemy mine field that was thickly sown with anti-tank and anti-personnel mines and interspersed with numerous trip flares and booby traps into enemy territory with utter disregard for their own personal safety. When finally stopped by enemy barbed wire entanglements, they made their way back through the dangerous mine field, at times crawling under enemy machine gun fire that was passing less than a foot above them. Upon their return, they were able to give valuable information concerning the location of enemy obstacles, trenches, and weapons that materially aided in the planning and execution of a later attack against the enemy. The courage, determination, and devotion to duty displayed by the above named men reflect great credit upon themselves and the military service.

CAPTAIN GLINN M. COVINGTON, (Army Serial Number 01288185), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 2 December 1944 in connection with military operations against the enemy. Unable to keep abreast of the situation when all communications had failed, CAPTAIN COVINGTON, while serving as Battalion Staff Officer, left the

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Battalion command post to reach a forward observation post in an attempt to contact his battalion commander. At the risk of his life, he crawled forward from one foxhole to another under a barrage of enemy fire in order to avoid being observed by the enemy. Oftentimes he was fired upon by enemy snipers, but he still kept moving forward. Completing his mission, he returned to the battalion command post over the same hazardous route. The valuable information he successfully obtained was greatly instrumental in the completion of the battalion's mission. The courage, skill, and resourcefulness shown by CAPTAIN COVINGTON reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Texas.

2. So much of Section III, General Orders Number 36, this Headquarters, 1944, as pertains to FIRST LIEUTENANT SHELDON H. SAMUELSON, (Army Serial Number 01312651), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, is revoked.

3. So much of Section III, General Orders Number 5, this Headquarters, 1945, as pertains to CAPTAIN GLYNN M. COVINGTON, (Army Serial Number 01288185), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, is revoked.

IV. AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART MEDAL.

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, and Memorandum Number 34, Headquarters Ninth United States Army, 8 September 1944, as amended, the PURPLE HEART MEDAL is awarded the following enlisted men for wounds received as a result of enemy action in Germany on dates indicated:

Staff Sergeant William W. Robison, (Army Serial Number 17085977), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 1 December 1944. Entered military service from Nebraska.

Sergeant Jimmy G. McDonald, (Army Serial Number 18248031), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 30 November 1944. Entered military service from Oklahoma.

Corporal Robert E. Willingham, (Army Serial Number 34645163), Field Artillery, 771st Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army, wounded 9 January 1945. Entered military service from South Carolina.

Private First Class Joseph G. Herbert, Jr., (Army Serial Number 11099395), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 7 November 1944. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

Private Amzy E. Hibler, (Army Serial Number 38681749), Corps of Engineers, 327th Engineer Combat Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, wounded 6 December 1944. Entered military service from Texas.

Private Emanuel Kritzer, (Army Serial Number 32896163), Infantry,

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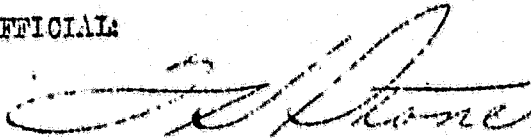
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406th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 6 January 1945. Entered military service, from New York.

By command of the DIVISION COMMANDER:

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

OFFICIAL:



F. H. STONE,
Lieutenant Colonel, Adjutant General's Department,
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I. AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR MEDAL. (OAK LEAF CLUSTER) (POSTHUMOUS).

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, and Memorandum Number 34, Headquarters Ninth United States Army, 8 September 1944, as amended, an OAK LEAF CLUSTER to the SILVER STAR MEDAL is POSTHUMOUSLY awarded the following officer:

CAPTAIN JOSEPH A. MANN, (Army Serial Number 01288086), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany. On 16 November 1944, CAPTAIN MANN led his company in a successful attack against a strongly defended enemy town. Having captured it successfully, he personally directed and supervised the establishment of a defense line in preparation for an anticipated counter attack. Under a hail of enemy fire, he went from foxhole to foxhole, checking and improving each position and making sure that each weapon had a maximum field of fire. Just when the defense line was completed he was mortally wounded, but because of his sound planning his company was able to repulse a ferocious counter attack which actually followed. CAPTAIN MANN'S unflinching courage and outstanding devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from New York.

II. AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR MEDAL.

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, and Memorandum Number 34, Headquarters Ninth United States Army, 8 September 1944, as amended, the SILVER STAR MEDAL is awarded the following enlisted men:

First Sergeant Robert J. Lehmier, (Army Serial Number 6851732), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy on 2 December 1944. During an attack in the vicinity of a strongly defended enemy town, First Sergeant Lehmier's company was pinned down by heavy enemy fire. On his own initiative he left his company command post to make personal contact with his men and to give them new courage and confidence. With utter disregard for his personal safety, he walked up and down the line in an upright position without cover and inspired his men to such a degree that they rushed their advance and accomplished their mission. His

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courageous action was greatly instrumental in the ultimate capture of the enemy town. The aggressive and exemplary leadership, gallantry, and courage shown by First Sergeant Lehmer reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Sergeant James L. Skaggs, (Army Serial Number 37239851), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany on 2 December 1944. During an attack when his company was halted by heavy enemy machine gun and small arms fire, Sergeant Skaggs singlehandedly assaulted an enemy machine gun position. With disregard for his personal safety he dashed forward and silenced the machine gun with a fragmentation grenade. This courageous act stopped the intense fire which was directed against his company and enabled it to continue its advance. He proceeded in the attack into a small village, cleaning it of all enemy resistance and capturing thirty prisoners. The gallantry, bravery, and aggressiveness shown by Sergeant Skaggs were greatly instrumental in attaining his company's objective and reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Kansas.

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

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 500-45, as amended, and Memorandum Number 34, Headquarters Ninth United States Army, 8 September 1944, as amended, an OAK LEAF CLUSTER to the BRONZE STAR MEDAL is awarded the following enlisted man:

Technician Fifth Grade Ernest DeSutter, (Army Serial Number 35069626), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 2 December 1944 in connection with military operations against the enemy. Although enemy resistance had not been entirely cleared from a captured town, Technician Fifth Grade DeSutter assisted in the establishment and maintenance of communications between assault units of his organization and a battalion command post. Despite heavy enemy artillery and mortar fire, he assisted in the installation of a forward telephone and continued his work of maintaining uninterrupted communications with efficiency and dispatch until the forward command post echelon arrived to set up a message and radio center for their battalion commander. The skill, courage, efficiency, and inspiring efforts shown by Technician Fifth Grade DeSutter reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Illinois.

IV. AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL.

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 500-45, as amended, and Memorandum Number 34, Headquarters Ninth United States Army, 8 September 1944, as amended, the BRONZE STAR MEDAL is awarded the following officers and enlisted men:

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MAJOR GEORGE E. GILLEY, (Army Serial Number 0336143). F (artil-
lery, Headquarters 102d Infantry Division, (attached Headquarters 102d Divi-
sion Artillery), United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on
18 November 1944 in connection with military operations against the enemy.
With utter disregard for personal safety, under intense enemy artillery,
mortar, and small arms fire, MAJOR GILLEY completed a reconnaissance for the
selection of positions in a captured enemy town for platoons of a company of
Tank Destroyers and proceeded to assist in guiding them into their positions.
During this action the enemy fire was so intense that three persons from one
platoon became casualties while working with MAJOR GILLEY. He completed
emplacing the platoons for action against the enemy only five minutes prior
to an attack against the town by enemy tanks. He remained at the position
until the attack had been repulsed and the immediate threat of further action
by the enemy had passed. The courage and outstanding devotion to duty shown
by MAJOR GILLEY reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.
Entered military service from New Jersey.

Staff Sergeant Harry Adams, Jr, (Army Serial Number 35640843), In-
fantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Ger-
many on 1 and 2 December 1944 in connection with military operations against
the enemy. During a withdrawing action by his organization, Staff Sergeant
Adams remained behind with a small group of men to cover the withdrawal of
his company. The skillful manner in which he distributed his few men along
the line prevented the enemy from entering his lines at any time. Later in
an attack against the enemy in a strongly defended town, he courageously
led his men throughout the attack, fighting their way through heavy machine
gun and mortar fire while entering and clearing the town of the enemy. The
courage, leadership, and skill shown by Staff Sergeant Adams reflect great
credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from
West Virginia.

Staff Sergeant Alton A. Brown, (Army Serial Number 31216666), Corps
of Engineers, 327th Engineer Combat Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United
States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 13 December 1944 in connect-
ion with military operations against the enemy. While ferrying three in-
fantrymen across a swift and dangerous river by use of a rubber reconnaissance
boat and a previously installed cable, Staff Sergeant Brown immediately
instructed the three men to stay in their positions when the boat submerged
in mid stream. While he pulled the craft back toward the near shore from
which it had been launched, he was thrown from the boat by the current, but
managed to regrab the line and, with his feet hooked in the boat, pulled it
back to the friendly shore. The courage, alertness, physical strength, and
fortitude displayed by Staff Sergeant Brown in this heroic act reflect great
credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from
Maine.

Staff Sergeant Frederick A. Frank, (Army Serial Number 16177080),
Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement on 1
December 1944 in connection with military operations against the enemy in
Germany. When his company was pinned down by intense enemy fire during an

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attack by his organization and was without food, water, and ammunition, Staff Sergeant Frank voluntarily carried the vitally needed supplies to them across an open field which was under enemy sniper fire. On another occasion he voluntarily made his way with a patrol to knock out an enemy machine gun nest. Using a grenade launcher with great effect he enabled his patrol to advance on the stunned enemy and, with his rifle, successfully accounted for one of the enemy and wounded two others. The efficiency, courage, and outstanding devotion to duty shown by Staff Sergeant Frank reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Michigan.

Staff Sergeant John Harootunian, (Army Serial Number 32060290), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement from 30 November 1944 to 2 December 1944 in connection with military operations against the enemy. During an attack, Staff Sergeant Harootunian faithfully fulfilled his duties as supply sergeant by seeing to it that his men always had an ample supply of ammunition and water. On many trips back from the front line, he made every effort to carry to the rear to safety as many wounded as his one-quarter ton vehicle would permit. The majority of his work was done under heavy artillery fire. The courage, devotion to duty, and complete disregard for his own personal safety reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from New Jersey.

Staff Sergeant Francis A. Kanick, (Army Serial Number 39380357), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 2 December 1944 in connection with military operations against the enemy. During an attack by his organization against the enemy, Staff Sergeant Kanick serving as a platoon guide kept his platoon well supplied with ammunition displaying, throughout the attack, utter disregard for the heavy machine gun and sniper fire that was spraying his entire area. Upon entering the town, he cleared buildings of the enemy, often singlehandedly, and his efforts netted a steady stream of prisoners. His aggressiveness and devotion to duty enabled his platoon to attain its objective in the attack with the greatest of speed and a minimum number of casualties. The courage, efficiency, and disregard for personal safety shown by Staff Sergeant Kanick reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Washington.

Staff Sergeant Nehemiah F. Mills, (Army Serial Number 37398997), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 2 December 1944 in connection with military operations against the enemy. During an attack by his organization against a strongly defended enemy town, Staff Sergeant Mills showed excellent leadership and disregard for personal safety in leading his squad in an assault so as to obtain a most effective firing position. He continually exposed himself to heavy enemy fire to insure the proper deployment and advance of his squad. The outstanding direction enabled his squad to wipe out an enemy machine gun position and many pockets of enemy resistance. The aggressiveness, leadership, skill, and courage shown by Staff Sergeant Mills materially aided the success of his organization in this attack and reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Missouri.

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Sergeant Harold A. Jagolinzer, (Army Serial Number 11110798), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany from 30 November to 2 December 1944 in connection with military operations against the enemy. During an attack by his organization, Sergeant Jagolinzer successfully kept his company supplied with vital ammunition and water. In addition to this accomplishment of his duties, he personally assisted in the evacuation of many wounded from the front line. His ever increasing efforts in keeping supplies moving forward under extremely difficult conditions reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Rhode Island.

Technician Fifth Grade Fred W. Oslund, (Army Serial Number 37324505), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement on 30 December 1944 in Germany in connection with military operations against the enemy. During an intense enemy artillery barrage in his immediate vicinity, Technician Fifth Grade Oslund, with complete disregard for his own personal safety, assisted in evacuating a wounded officer to safety. Through heavy enemy artillery fire, he drove a vehicle to his regimental aid station to procure medical assistance and returned with litter bearers who quickly accomplished the evacuation. The courage, efficiency, and quick thinking displayed by Technician Fifth Grade Oslund reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Minnesota.

Technician Fifth Grade Clarence W. Swain, (Army Serial Number 32462610), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany from 30 November 1944 to 2 December 1944 in connection with military operations against the enemy. During an attack by his organization against a strongly defended enemy town, Technician Fifth Grade Swain maintained a steady flow of food, water, and ammunition to attacking troops of his unit with disregard for continuous enemy fire, unfavorable terrain, and excellent enemy observation. When not busily engaged in getting supplies to attacking troops, he assisted in the evacuation of wounded men to an aid station. The skill, courage, and aggressiveness shown by Technician Fifth Grade Swain were instrumental in the saving of many lives by enabling wounded to receive prompt medical attention; they inspired officers and men with whom he worked and reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from New Jersey.

Technician Fifth Grade Wayne R. Wedgwood, (Army Serial Number 37444156), Medical Department, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement on 29 November 1944 in Germany in connection with military operations against the enemy. During an attack by his organization, Technician Fifth Grade Wedgwood was fired upon continuously by enemy snipers as he advanced with his platoon in an assault on an enemy town in performing his duties as medical aid man. Despite the intense small arms fire and enemy snipers, he successfully made his way to a ridge to rescue and remove a wounded man to a nearby shell hole. Having administered first aid, he carried the wounded man over the ridge where he could be evacuated. The courage, skill, and efficiency displayed by Technician Fifth Grade Wedgwood with complete disregard for his own personal safety reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Iowa.

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Private First Class Henry L. Halls, (Army Serial Number 58397403), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 1 December 1944 in connection with military operations against the enemy. During an attack by his organization, Private First Class Halls, acting as a scout for his platoon, successfully moved in advance of his unit to locate enemy positions. His work materially aided machine gun sections of his organization in delivering effective fire against the enemy. He skillfully led a patrol deep into enemy positions before the enemy realized what was happening. He was the first man to reach the enemy positions and so disorganized them that his patrol quickly subdued the enemy while he personally accounted for an enemy sniper about to fire. The aggressiveness, skill, and courage shown by Private First Class Halls reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Oklahoma.

Private First Class Richard G. Layton, (Army Serial Number 39292649), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 1 December 1944 in connection with military operations against the enemy. During an attack by his organization against the enemy, Private First Class Layton successfully and unhesitatingly performed his duties as messenger through intense enemy fire. Despite heavy sniper fire which was directed at him, he maintained close contact between his platoon and company command post which enabled the men of his platoon to be well supplied with ammunition and water at all times. The courage, efficiency, and devotion to duty shown by Private First Class Layton reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from California.

Private First Class Paul J. Murphy, (Army Serial Number 31188640), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 1 and 2 December 1944 in connection with military operations against the enemy. During an attack for the capture of an enemy town, Private First Class Murphy moved forward in advance of his unit which was pinned down by intense enemy machine gun fire to successfully account for four of the enemy and effectively knock out a machine gun nest. With disregard for heavy concentration of enemy mortar fire on his position, he covered a later withdrawal of his platoon to friendly lines. He was largely responsible for the successful accomplishment of the mission and safe return of the patrol. The courage, skill, devotion to duty, and alertness under fire shown by Private First Class Murphy reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

Private First Class Frank H. Wampach, (Army Serial Number 36691900), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 1 and 2 December 1944 in connection with military operations against the enemy. During a withdrawing action by his organization, Private First Class Wampach remained behind with a small group of men to cover the withdrawal. His alertness at all times made it impossible for the enemy to infiltrate into their thinly covered line of defense. On the following day during an attack in a town held by the enemy, he successfully fought his way clearing the buildings on both sides of the street and capturing many prisoners.

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The courage, skill, and coolness under fire shown by Private First Class Wampach reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Illinois.

The following named enlisted men, Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 28 December 1944 in connection with military operations against the enemy:

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Army Serial Number</u>	<u>Entered Military Service From</u>
Private First Class	Clarence M. Hoydt	33483663	Pennsylvania
Private First Class	William K. Munsert	33875425	Pennsylvania
Private First Class	Harvey W. Nolte, Jr	37744540	Missouri
Private	George E. Merrick	31459952	Massachusetts

With disregard for personal safety while extremely heavy enemy artillery and sniper fire was delivered in their immediate vicinity, the above named men moved into the vicinity of front line positions of their organization to make repairs on vital communication lines which had been knocked out by enemy artillery. Working throughout the night and into the next morning, they risked their lives in order to repair breaks and obtain necessary wire. Their steady and continuous work maintained vital communication lines between a front line company and higher headquarters. The skill, courage, aggressiveness and efficiency shown by the above named persons reflect great credit upon themselves and the military service.

The following named enlisted men, Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 2 December 1944 in connection with military operations against the enemy:

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Army Serial Number</u>	<u>Entered Military Service From</u>
Staff Sergeant	Norman J. Gustavson	31231897	Massachusetts
Private First Class	Joe O. Brower	6270210	Texas
Private First Class	Leonard E. Fluharty	37504627	Kansas
Private First Class	Thomas N. Melichaol	16103958	Illinois

Although enemy resistance had not been entirely cleared from a captured town during operations against the enemy, the above named men courageously assisted in the establishment and maintenance of communications between assault units of their organization and a battalion command post. With disregard for personal safety under heavy enemy fire, they successfully installed a forward telephone and continued work of maintaining communications with efficiency and dispatch until the forward command post echelon arrived to set up a telegraph and radio center for their battalion commander. The courage, efficiency, skill, and inspiring efforts shown by the above named men reflect great credit upon themselves and the military service.

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

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Army Serial Number</u>	<u>Entered Military Service From</u>
Sergeant	Leonard D. Highsmith, Jr	34570203	Georgia
Technician Fifth Grade	Dale L. Knudsen	37654562	Iowa
Private First Class	James F. Derrah	39338732	Oregon
Private First Class	Talley Pierce	34477618	Mississippi

The above named men subjected themselves to intense personal danger in crossing a swift and dangerous river on the night of 10 December 1944 to install a rope across the river that would aid in future crossings. They cut barbed wire and probed for mines to facilitate movement for an infantry patrol which they had ferried across. On the night of 12 December 1944 they again successfully carried an infantry patrol across the river in spite of the blackness of the night, the extreme swiftness of the river current, and the alertness of the enemy on the far shore. After conducting a brief engineer reconnaissance on the enemy side of the river, they waited by the boat for the return of the patrol. While they rowed back the boat capsized when it hit floating driftwood in the swift current. The skill, courage, and outstanding devotion to duty displayed by each of the above named persons reflect great credit upon themselves and the military service.

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

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Army Serial Number</u>	<u>Entered Military Service From</u>
Corporal	Howard A. Smith	39711968	California
Technician Fifth Grade	Reginald D. Jones	33518960	Virginia
Private	Raymond J. Kasheimer	37324356	Minnesota
Private	William R. Hotsinpillar	7084403	Tennessee

The above named men subjected themselves to intense personal danger on the night of 12 December 1944 in successfully carrying an infantry patrol across a swift and dangerous river in spite of the blackness of the night, the extreme swiftness of the river current, and the alertness of the enemy on the far shore. After conducting a brief engineer reconnaissance on the enemy side of the river, they waited by the boat for the return of the patrol. While they rowed back, the boat capsized when it hit floating driftwood in the swift current. Four of the party swam to the friendly shore and five to the enemy shore. Only two of the five men who swam to the enemy shore were successful in their attempt to swim back to the friendly shore to re-join their group. The skill, courage, and outstanding devotion to duty

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displayed by each of the above named individuals reflect great credit upon themselves and the military service.

The following named officers and enlisted men for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy during the respective periods indicated:

LIEUTENANT COLONEL CHARLES E. WOODRUFF, Jr, (Army Serial Number 015283), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, 24 September 1944 to 10 January 1945.

CAPTAIN GEORGE W. CURRY, (Army Serial Number 01288137), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, 30 October 1944 to 11 January 1945.

CAPTAIN FRANK D. GRAY, Jr, (Army Serial Number 0439346), Medical Corps, 405th Infantry, United States Army, 28 October 1944 to 8 January 1945.

CAPTAIN WILLIAM E. KING, (Army Serial Number 0440242), Medical Corps, 405th Infantry, United States Army, 28 October 1944 to 8 January 1945.

CAPTAIN CHARLES M. HILLE, (Army Serial Number 01288239), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, 27 October 1944 to 8 January 1945.

CAPTAIN ROBERT W. MACKENZIE, Jr, (Army Serial Number 01288254), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, 27 October 1944 to 8 January 1945.

CAPTAIN HARRY SCHNEIDER, (Army Serial Number 01299315), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, 24 September 1944 to 15 January 1945.

WARRANT OFFICER JUNIOR GRADE PAUL A. LARIVEN, (Army Serial Number W2132029), United States Army, 405th Infantry, United States Army, 24 September 1944 to 15 January 1945.

Technical Sergeant Ralph D. Hickman, (Army Serial Number 33002304), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, 24 September 1944 to 12 January 1945.

Staff Sergeant Elmer E. Schelldorf, (Army Serial Number 37444848), Field Artillery, 379th Field Artillery Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, 4 November 1944 to 8 January 1945.

Sergeant Joseph H. DiCanto, (Army Serial Number 12158379), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, 16 November 1944 to 20 November 1944.

Corporal James G. Sites, Jr, (Army Serial Number 13095334), Field Artillery, 379th Field Artillery Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, 28 November 1944 to 3 December 1944.

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

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, and Memorandum Number 34, Headquarters Ninth United States Army, 8 September 1944, as amended, an OAK LEAF CLUSTER to the PURPLE HEART MEDAL is awarded the following enlisted man for wounds received as a result of enemy action in Germany on the date indicated:

Private Richard W. Tuttle, (Army Serial Number 31200293), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 18 January 1945. Entered military service from Vermont.

VI. AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART MEDAL.

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, and Memorandum Number 34, Headquarters Ninth United States Army, 8 September 1944, as amended, the PURPLE HEART MEDAL is awarded to the following officers and enlisted men for wounds received as a result of enemy action in Germany on the date indicated:

SECOND LIEUTENANT BYRON B. WILLIAMS, (Army Serial Number 01327695), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 17 January 1945. Entered military service from Ohio.

SECOND LIEUTENANT ROBERT T. WHITE, (Army Serial Number 01996655), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 16 January 1945. Entered military service from Texas.

Staff Sergeant Arthur D. Youngquist, (Army Serial Number 31250527), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 25 November 1944. Entered military service from Connecticut.

Sergeant John L. Gervais, Jr, (Army Serial Number 14116423), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 2 November 1944. Entered military service from South Carolina.

Private First Class Sherman T. Sims, (Army Serial Number 35348442), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 19 January 1945. Entered military service from Indiana.

Private First Class Stanley H. Goldrich, (Army Serial Number 12216711), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 17 January 1945. Entered military service from New York.

Private First Class Fred O. Hunsdorfer, (Army Serial Number 32912134), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 17 January 1945. Entered military service from New Jersey.

Private First Class Harry W. Rushart, (Army Serial Number 34962837), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 13 January 1945. Entered military service from Tennessee.

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Private First Class Fredrick W. Martinson, (Army Serial Number 37669361), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 12 January 1945. Entered military service from Iowa.

Private First Class Sumner D. Goddard, Jr. (Army Serial Number 31244730), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 13 January 1945. Entered military service from Rhode Island.

Private First Class Marshall L. Oliver, (Army Serial Number 38608469), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 16 January 1945. Entered military service from Texas.

Private First Class Earl R. Schafer, (Army Serial Number 32482398), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 17 January 1945. Entered military service from New Jersey.

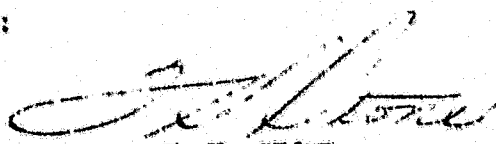
Private First Class Bradford E. Phillips, (Army Serial Number 16174462), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 17 January 1945. Entered military service from Illinois.

Private James N. Collier, (Army Serial Number 35704405), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 16 January 1945. Entered military service from Kentucky.

By command of the DIVISION COMMANDER:

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I. AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR MEDAL.

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, and Memorandum Number 34, Headquarters Ninth United States Army, 8 September 1944, as amended, the SILVER STAR MEDAL is awarded the following officer and enlisted men:

FIRST LIEUTENANT ROBERT S. SMITH, (Army Serial Number 01310946), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany on 23 November 1944. When his platoon was halted by intense enemy machine gun fire, FIRST LIEUTENANT SMITH located the gun emplacement. With utter disregard for his personal safety, he crawled over two-hundred yards of open ground and silenced the fire by killing two enemy gunners with hand grenades. He then led his platoon forward and successfully accomplished his mission. The gallantry, initiative, and courage displayed by FIRST LIEUTENANT SMITH reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Florida.

Technical Sergeant James F. Malone, (Army Serial Number 18030924), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany. On 16 November 1944, a sudden enemy attack broke through the front lines. When Technical Sergeant Malone (then Staff Sergeant) realized that his platoon leader and platoon sergeant had become casualties, he quickly assumed command and reorganized the weakened platoon in such a manner that it could deliver powerful fire against advancing enemy tanks and troops. Because of his inspiring leadership, his men captured or killed all enemy soldiers who had penetrated his position. His inspiring leadership and gallant courage reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Texas.

Technical Sergeant Joseph C. Dec, (Army Serial Number 36543433), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany. On 21 November 1944, after the platoon leader and platoon sergeant had become casualties, Technical Sergeant Dec (then Staff Sergeant) assumed command and promptly reorganized his platoon. After having re-established contact with his company commander, he took it upon himself to contact each man by moving from fox hole to fox hole to cheer him up and give him added confidence. By his courageous conduct he set an inspiring example for his men and succeeded in holding the line against

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heavy enemy attacks. The gallantry and leadership shown by Technical Sergeant Doc reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Michigan.

II. AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL.

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, and Memorandum Number 34, Headquarters Ninth United States Army, 8 September 1944, as amended, the BRONZE STAR MEDAL is awarded the following officers and enlisted men:

FIRST LIEUTENANT WILLIAM F. REEDER, (Army Serial Number 01013509), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 20 November 1944 in connection with military operations against the enemy. FIRST LIEUTENANT REEDER, mine platoon leader of an anti-tank company, volunteered in the face of intense enemy artillery fire to demolish by explosives a high swaying brick wall that endangered the safety of members of the regimental command post. He personally placed the four charges necessary to demolish the wall, climbing through burning debris to accomplish this. When one of the four charges failed to explode, he moved through the burning debris and reset the charge. When about to leave the building, part of the crumbling wall fell, striking him on the shoulder and knocking him down. Though in extreme pain, he made his way to cover before the last charge exploded. The courage and devotion to duty displayed by FIRST LIEUTENANT REEDER with disregard for intense personal danger reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from California.

FIRST LIEUTENANT WILBERT NEEDLEMAN, (Army Serial Number 01298276), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany in connection with military operations against the enemy. On 18 November 1944 his company had advanced in an attack against an enemy fortification. Since the ammunition was stored in a building to the rear, it was necessary to haul it over about one-hundred yards of open and exposed ground. Without regard for his own safety, FIRST LIEUTENANT NEEDLEMAN did not allow the regular ammunition handler to make these dangerous trips, but went after the ammunition himself. Small arms and machine gun fire were aimed at him on every trip, but he proceeded on his mission and kept his unit well supplied with critical ammunition. The courage and outstanding devotion to duty displayed by FIRST LIEUTENANT NEEDLEMAN reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Florida.

SECOND LIEUTENANT JAMES L. H. WHITE, (Army Serial Number 01996682), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 21 November 1944 in connection with military operations against the enemy. When his platoon leader became a casualty, SECOND LIEUTENANT WHITE (then Technical Sergeant) unhesitatingly assumed command of the platoon, reorganized it, and led it forward in an assault over flat, open

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terrain in the face of intense artillery and mortar fire. Though his platoon was pinned down by the enemy barrage, he, by his outstanding leadership and utter disregard for his personal safety, so inspired his men that they resumed their attack and succeeded in taking their objective. The courage, coolness, and devotion to duty displayed by SECOND LIEUTENANT [REDACTED] in the presence of intense danger reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Ohio.

Technical Sergeant Robert B. Dailey, (Army Serial Number 35675200), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 29 November 1944 in connection with military operations against the enemy. When his platoon leader, platoon sergeant, and platoon guide became casualties, Technical Sergeant Dailey (then Staff Sergeant and a squad leader) unhesitatingly assumed command of the platoon and, with utter disregard for his own safety, inspired his men to advance in the face of heavy enemy fire. During this action, when adjacent assault elements were pinned down by intense enemy fire, he succeeded in working his platoon forward to a position from which his platoon could assault the enemy position with hand grenades, thus neutralizing it and permitting the adjacent assault elements to advance and successfully take and secure their objective. The courage, leadership, and devotion to duty displayed by Technical Sergeant Dailey reflect the highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Ohio.

Staff Sergeant Frederick S. Myers, (Army Serial Number 35599875), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 29 November 1944 in connection with military operations against the enemy. When his squad leader and assistant squad leader became casualties, Staff Sergeant Myers (then Private First Class) unhesitatingly assumed command of his squad, reorganized it, and led it forward in the attacking echelon over flat, open terrain in the face of intense enemy artillery, mortar, and small arms fire. Though his squad was pinned down by enemy fire from concrete emplacements and trenches, Staff Sergeant Myers, by his outstanding leadership and utter disregard for his personal safety, inspired his men on to the successful accomplishment of their mission. The courage, coolness, and devotion to duty displayed by Staff Sergeant Myers in the performance of this heroic act reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Ohio.

Staff Sergeant Nelson F. Pratt, (Army Serial Number 31234140), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 18 November 1944 in connection with military operations against the enemy. When informed that one of the men of his company had been wounded in an open field, Staff Sergeant Pratt (then Corporal) on his own volition asked for volunteers to go after the wounded man. After having crossed a heavily mined orchard which was under enemy fire, he redressed the wound and personally carried the wounded man through increasing fire back to the aid station. Through his gallant efforts he saved the life of his fellow soldier. The gallantry and courage displayed by Staff Sergeant Pratt

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reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

Corporal Wayne R. Oswald, (Army Serial Number 33483624), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 21 November 1944 in connection with military operations against the enemy. Corporal Oswald, whose regular duties were those of a gas noncommissioned officer, realized the vital importance of maintaining communications in offensive operations. When the lines were disrupted by heavy enemy fire, he volunteered to check the wire and with utter disregard for his personal safety exposed himself to deadly fire while repairing several breaks. Although severely wounded in this endeavor, he continued on the job until communications were re-established. His gallant perseverance earned him the gratitude of the men who were with him. His selfless initiative, fortitude, and high devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Private First Class Leon S. Murin, (Army Serial Number 38591808), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 19 November 1944 in connection with military operations against the enemy. When his officers and ranking noncommissioned officers had become casualties during an attack, Private First Class Murin reorganized his squad and continued on the assigned mission. Disregarding his personal safety, he emplaced a machine gun on the open ground so as to have a maximum field of fire. Manning it himself, he poured withering fire into the enemy and thwarted their attack. His courageous action was an inspiration to the other men in his company. The courage and aggressive leadership displayed by Private First Class Murin in this act reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from New Jersey.

Private First Class Raymond R. Sobocienski, (Army Serial Number 36544417), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 22 November 1944 in connection with military operations against the enemy. Serving as special observer for the battalion intelligence officer, he advanced with an assault company when the attack started. Although the company commander and his executive became casualties, he remained at the company command post, assisting the new company commander in effecting the reorganization and giving him valuable information which facilitated the establishing of a defense line for the night. On the following day when the enemy fire increased, Private First Class Sobocienski, with utter disregard for his personal safety, made several trips to the battalion command post to report the location of enemy positions. These courageous acts made it possible for effective supporting fire to be placed on the enemy and permitted the battalion to continue its advance. The courage, coolness under fire, and devotion to duty displayed by Private First Class Sobocienski reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Michigan.

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The following named enlisted men, Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 30 November 1944 in connection with military operations against the enemy:

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Army Serial Number</u>	<u>Entered Military Service From</u>
Technician			
Fifth Grade	Cleveland C. Bradford	37398591	Missouri
Technician			
Fifth Grade	Emmett H. Minor	34397545	Alabama
Private First Class	Frank P. D'Amora	31279697	Connecticut
Private First Class	Alfred J. Sumners	34438169	North Carolina

When the battalion observation post was without communication to the battalion command post, these enlisted men with utter disregard for their personal safety traveled over fifteen hundred yards of open ground under intense enemy artillery fire to lay telephone wires. The other assault battalions spliced in on their line, which for almost two days was the only means of telephone communication. These enlisted men constantly checked the line in spite of heavy enemy fire, thereby assuring that valuable information reached higher headquarters. The determination, courage, and skill shown by each of the above named men reflect great credit upon themselves and the military service.

The following named enlisted men, Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 23 November 1944 in connection with military operations against the enemy:

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Army Serial Number</u>	<u>Entered Military Service From</u>
Sergeant	Hobart Smith	35673348	Kentucky
Private First Class	William H. Green	37325389	Minnesota
Private First Class	William J. Leahy	32592380	New Jersey
Private First Class	Wilmer R. Towns	37663230	Iowa

While the battalion was reorganizing and preparing a defense line somewhat to the rear, heavy enemy artillery fire disrupted all communication lines. With utter disregard for their personal safety, these enlisted men moved over two-hundred yards of open ground, repaired broken lines, and laid new wires. While the enemy fire lasted they continued to maintain a constant check of the lines and thereby insured proper communication between the exposed forward elements and the main body which had withdrawn to the defense line. The courage and devotion to duty shown by each of the above named men reflect great credit upon themselves and the military service.

Private First Class Lewis L. Graham, (Army Serial Number 13063037), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany

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on 23 November 1944 in connection with military operations against the enemy. When his company was relieved on the line, Private First Class Graham stayed at the front to show the incoming troops appropriate positions and warn them of enemy gun emplacements and routes of possible attack. After he had accomplished this mission, he crawled over open ground to make the proper report to the officers concerned. Later when his platoon leader was wounded, he stayed with him in spite of extremely heavy enemy fire and under cover of darkness called for litter bearers who eventually evacuated the officer to medical channels. The loyalty and attention to duty displayed by Private First Class Graham reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Virginia.

The following named officers and enlisted men for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy during the respective periods indicated:

LIEUTENANT COLONEL LOUIS M. de RIEMER, (Army Serial Number 017640), Field Artillery, 252d Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, 24 November 1944 to 13 January 1945.

CAPTAIN ROBERT W. LEIBOLD, (Army Serial Number 0410245), Medical Corps, 327th Medical Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, 5 December 1944 to 31 December 1944.

CAPTAIN MERRILL G. OAKS, (Army Serial Number 01287932), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, 17 November 1944 to 1 January 1945.

FIRST LIEUTENANT NESTOR G. LAPEYROUSE, (Army Serial Number 01305796), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, 26 October 1944 to 6 January 1945.

First Sergeant Louis D. Johnson, (Army Serial Number 6-71592), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, 16 November 1944 to 1 January 1945.

Staff Sergeant Edwin R. Stoddard, (Army Serial Number 37444824), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, 28 October 1944 to 4 January 1945.

Staff Sergeant Joseph A. Grant, (Army Serial Number 33359036), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, 17 November 1944 through 23 November 1944.

The following named enlisted men, Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in Germany from 27 October 1944 to 9 January 1945 in connection with military operations against the enemy:

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<u>Grade</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Army Serial Number</u>	<u>Entered Military Service From</u>
Sergeant.	L. B. Harlow	6234388	Texas
Technician Fourth Grade	Harry O. Kitzmiller	33448773	District of Columbia
Technician Fourth Grade	Gerald J. Hanley	36204266	Wisconsin
Technician Fifth Grade	Phillip G. Nyberg	37323254	Minnesota

Sergeant Frederick A. Arlock, (Army Serial Number 37324732), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, 16 November 1944 to 1 January 1945.

Technician Fifth Grade Robert Oliver, (Army Serial Number 42067432), Headquarters Battery, 102d Division Artillery, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, 1 November 1944 to 1 January 1945.

III. AWARD OF THE AIR MEDAL. (OAK LEAF CLUSTER).

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, and Memorandum Number 34, Headquarters Ninth United States Army, 8 September 1944, as amended, an OAK LEAF CLUSTER to the AIR MEDAL is awarded the following officer:

FIRST LIEUTENANT LEMUEL L. LARUE, (Army Serial Number 01175204), Field Artillery, 379th Field Artillery Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, for heroic achievement while participating in aerial flight in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany. On 1 January 1945 while flying an artillery observer on a patrol mission over front lines, FIRST LIEUTENANT LARUE'S plane was attacked by three German aircraft. One burst of machine gun fire severely wounded FIRST LIEUTENANT LARUE and disabled the plane. With great presence of mind and utter disregard for the wounds received, he caught the plane as it was plunging toward the ground and with extreme skill and coolness made a crash landing which saved the life of the observer. The skill, valor, and gallantry displayed by FIRST LIEUTENANT LARUE in the accomplishment of this dangerous mission reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Oklahoma.

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

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, and Memorandum Number 34, Headquarters Ninth United States Army, 8 September 1944, as amended, an OAK LEAF CLUSTER to the PURPLE HEART MEDAL is awarded the following enlisted man for wounds received as a result of enemy action in Germany on the date indicated:

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Sergeant John L. Gervais, Jr. (Army Serial Number 14116423), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 16 January 1945. Entered military service from South Carolina.

V. AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART MEDAL.

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, and Memorandum Number 34, Headquarters Ninth United States Army, 8 September 1944, as amended, the PURPLE HEART MEDAL is awarded the following officers and enlisted men for wounds received as a result of enemy action in Germany on the dates indicated:

CAPTAIN JOHN J. CONNERS, (Army Serial Number 0347593), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 8 January 1945. Entered military service from Connecticut.

FIRST LIEUTENANT JOHN E. WILSON, Jr. (Army Serial Number 0456382), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 12 January 1945. Entered military service from Illinois.

Technical Sergeant Charley W. Hunter, (Army Serial Number 6285760), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 10 January 1945. Entered military service from Oklahoma.

Technician Fourth Grade Richard A. Bromley, (Army Serial Number 37603221), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 10 October 1944, in France. Entered military service from Missouri.

Technician Fifth Grade Ira C. Rosier, (Army Serial Number 36247072), Medical Department, 407th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 14 January 1945. Entered military service from Texas.

Private First Class Raymond M. Brooks, (Army Serial Number 35812357), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 13 January 1945. Entered military service from Kentucky.

Private First Class Ted G. Graff, (Army Serial Number 39864765), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 11 January 1945. Entered military service from Arizona.

Private First Class Edgar M. D. Buscell, (Army Serial Number 33218347), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 9 January 1945. Entered military service from Virginia.

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- III. AWARD OF THE AIR MEDAL.

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

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, and Memorandum Number 34, Headquarters Ninth United States Army, 8 September 1944, as amended, the BRONZE STAR MEDAL is POSTHUMOUSLY awarded the following enlisted men:

Staff Sergeant Robert D. Schindler, (Army Serial Number 16088240), Corps of Engineers, 327th Engineer Combat Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany on 24 December 1944. Staff Sergeant Schindler successfully directed and led a platoon in the completion of a forward mine field without any casualties from heavy and harassing enemy artillery, mortar, and small arms fire to which they were subjected. After completing this task, he led his platoon to a mine dump nearby and directed them in the helping of other platoons to expedite their work. Throughout the entire action, he moved freely and calmly about the area supervising, suggesting, and giving valuable assistance to the members of his platoon with a cool and unflinching attitude. The leadership, courage, and superior knowledge shown by Staff Sergeant Schindler reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Michigan.

Private First Class William R. Stewart, (Army Serial Number 35146103), Medical Department, 327th Medical Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 1 December 1944 in connection with military operations against the enemy. Throughout an attack against the enemy, Private First Class Stewart helped under heavy enemy fire, and without regard for his own safety, to remove wounded men from the dangers of the battlefield. It was in the performance of these merciful acts that he was fatally wounded by enemy fire. The unflinching courage, and outstanding devotion to duty shown by Private First Class Stewart in his heroic action reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Indiana.

Private First Class Elliton N. McGill, (Army Serial Number 39266071), Medical Department, 327th Medical Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 1 December 1944 in connection with military operations against the enemy. Throughout the attack Private First Class McGill helped under heavy enemy fire, and with utter disregard for his own personal safety, to remove wounded men from areas of danger. It was in the performance of these merciful acts that he made the supreme sacrifice while attempting to rescue a wounded companion. The outstanding

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courage, and unselfish devotion to duty shown by Private First Class McGill reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from California.

II. AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL.

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, and Memorandum Number 34, Headquarters Ninth United States Army, 8 September 1944, as amended, the BRONZE STAR MEDAL is awarded the following officers and enlisted men:

CAPTAIN OLIN D. GRAFF, (Army Serial Number 0318891), Field Artillery, 379th Field Artillery Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 23 November 1944 in connection with military operations against the enemy. CAPTAIN GRAFF displayed utter disregard for his own personal safety under intense enemy fire by successfully establishing and maintaining an observation post on a high bank between two assault companies where he could coordinate their artillery fire requests. During a counter attack by the enemy when two forward observers were wounded, he willingly performed the duties of the two wounded observers. He remained at his observation post to direct effective artillery fire against the enemy in covering the withdrawal of units of infantry. The courage and devotion to duty shown by CAPTAIN GRAFF reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Ohio.

CAPTAIN HORACE F. POTTS, (Army Serial Number 01167589), Field Artillery, 379th Field Artillery Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 21 November 1944 in connection with military operations against the enemy. CAPTAIN POTTS successfully maintained an exposed observation post under heavy enemy fire. He personally directed effective artillery support for attacking infantry units when their fast advances had necessitated the moving of a number of forward observer radio sets, which caused disruption of fire mission communication channels from the forward elements. His observation post was rendered vulnerable by friendly tank elements operating over terrain in his immediate vicinity, and drawing heavy enemy artillery fire and strafing from enemy aircraft. During a subsequent attack later in the day against another objective, he again maintained an exposed observation post to adjust fire on enemy elements when disruption of communications from the forward observers prevented their furnishing necessary artillery support. The courage, coolness, and keen judgment shown by CAPTAIN POTTS reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Texas.

Sergeant Hoyt Darnell, (Army Serial Number 34570296), Field Artillery, 379th Field Artillery Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 29 and 30 November 1944 in connection with military operations against the enemy. Sergeant Darnell successfully repaired and helped maintain communication lines for his organization to enable effective artillery support to attacking infantry units in

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their assault against the enemy. He remained on duty for forty-eight hours with little rest in spite of intense enemy artillery and mortar fire falling as close as ten and fifteen yards from the point where he was working. The courage and devotion to duty shown by Sergeant Darnell were an inspiration to the men of his section, materially aided the success of his organization in attack against the enemy, and reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Georgia.

Technician Fourth Grade Harold W. Thaute, (Army Serial Number 37354873), Medical Department, 327th Medical Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 30 December 1944 in connection with military operations against the enemy. Responding to an urgent call for litter bearers during a heavy enemy artillery barrage, Technician Fourth Grade Thaute voluntarily joined a group of three other men and made his way to the rescue of a wounded officer. After first aid had been rendered, he helped carry the officer to an aid station over a distance of four hundred yards through intense enemy fire. He again braved the artillery barrage which lasted for five hours to successfully help evacuate another casualty. The skill, willingness to serve, and outstanding devotion to duty shown by Technician Fourth Grade Thaute with disregard for his own safety reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Colorado.

Corporal Earl P. Ford, (Army Serial Number 16105556), Field Artillery, 927th Field Artillery Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany. During the early morning hours of 30 December 1944, a heavy concentration of enemy artillery, mortar, and machine gun fire severed all forward observation communication lines. Corporal Ford, without regard for his own personal safety, went out to repair the broken lines. Because of his tireless efforts, all the communication lines of the battalion were reestablished on the afternoon of the same day. His action enabled the battalion to continue active support of the infantry in their sector. The valiant effort, devotion to duty, and disregard for personal safety of Corporal Ford reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Michigan.

Corporal Henry J. Zmuda, (Army Serial Number 36544952), Field Artillery, 927th Field Artillery Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 31 December 1944 in connection with military operations against the enemy. With disregard for personal safety, Corporal Zmuda assisted in the successful installation and maintenance of wire communications from an artillery observation post to a liaison switchboard despite a heavy and continuous artillery barrage, terrain obstacles, and inclement weather. The repairs made by him enabled effective and continuous artillery fire in support of attacking infantry troops. His courage, initiative, and devotion to duty inspired the men of his section and reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Michigan.

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Technician Fifth Grade Robert M. Lively, Jr. (Army Serial Number 35941070), Field Artillery, 927th Field Artillery Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 1 December 1944 in connection with military operations against the enemy. Technician Fifth Grade Lively accompanied his Liaison Officer into a heavily shelled and machine gun area on a mission to adjust artillery fire upon the enemy. Technician Fifth Grade Lively remained in an exposed position at his radio even though he knew his antenna would draw fire. He kept his radio in continuous operation until adjustment was completed and the enemy strong points were neutralized, thereby allowing our infantry to continue its advance and complete its mission. The courage, coolness in the face of intense enemy fire, and disregard for personal safety of Technician Fifth Grade Lively reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Texas.

Private First Class Ividor W. Becker, (Army Serial Number 37440001), Medical Department, 327th Medical Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 31 December 1944 in connection with military operations against the enemy. Private First Class Becker successfully drove an ambulance through intense enemy fire to a forward aid station site with disregard for an enemy shell passing through the body of his ambulance. He started on his return trip through a hail of enemy artillery fire and succeeded in delivering a group of casualties to a rear collecting station. The outstanding courage, devotion to duty, and disregard for personal safety shown by Private First Class Becker reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Iowa.

Private Ruben D. Stoubing, (Army Serial Number 38254130), Medical Department, 327th Medical Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 31 December 1944 in connection with military operations against the enemy. Private Stoubing successfully drove an ambulance through intense enemy fire to a forward aid station site with disregard for an enemy shell passing through the body of his ambulance. He started his return trip through intense enemy artillery fire and succeeded in delivering a group of casualties to a rear collecting station. The outstanding courage, devotion to duty, and disregard for personal safety shown by Private Stoubing reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Texas.

The following named enlisted men, Signal Corps, 102d Signal Company, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany during the period of 16 November 1944 through 24 November 1944 in connection with military operations against the enemy:

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Army Serial Number</u>	<u>Entered Military Service From</u>
Staff Sergeant	Marvin D. Paspourgordes	37240017	Missouri
Sergeant	Gail M. Jobe	37403653	Missouri

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Technician Fifth Grade	Christian C. Meyer	37399163	Missouri
Private First Class	Joseph A. Boraky	37338252	Colorado
Private	Earl E. Dukette	31178260	New Hampshire

Each of the above named men worked as members of a wire team braving continuous enemy artillery and mortar fire. They constructed and maintained low circuit wire communications highly important to the success of the mission of the organization to which they were attached. These circuits were constantly being blown out by the heavy concentrations of enemy artillery fire. They worked day and night without rest in great personal danger to successfully maintain the continuity of the communication lines. The intrepid courage and outstanding devotion to duty displayed by each of the above named men reflect great credit upon themselves and the military service.

The following named enlisted men, Medical Department, 327th Medical Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 3 December 1944 in connection with military operations against the enemy:

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Army Serial Number</u>	<u>Entered Military Service From</u>
Sergeant	Ralph O. Gootz	37018519	Minnesota
Technician Fifth Grade	William C. Kolley	34397635	Alabama
Technician Fifth Grade	Raymond W. Tinsley	34520311	Tennessee
Priv. to First Class	Norris B. Harriman	31269277	New Hampshire
Private First Class	Phillip P. McConnell	37241528	Missouri
Private First Class	Johnnie M. Nelson	37338400	Kansas
Private First Class	Herbert W. Proffor	37398994	Missouri
Private First Class	Vincent W. Rutcosky	33358815	Pennsylvania
Private First Class	Louis H. Saunders	33519013	Virginia

The above named enlisted men successfully accompanied a convoy of four ambulances and a one-quarter ton vehicle from a collecting station over a road considered impassable because of enemy mines to a forward aid station in a town that was under continuous enemy fire. The trip forward was accomplished and a number of casualties were evacuated while still under heavy enemy fire. The courage, devotion to duty, and disregard for personal safety displayed by each of the above named men reflect great credit upon themselves and the military service.

The following named enlisted men, Corps of Engineers, 327th Engineer Combat Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 13 December 1944 in connection with military operations against the enemy:

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<u>Grade</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Army Serial Number</u>	
Sergeant	Wilbert L. Schucht	33394821	Penn
Corporal	Paul G. Sennoff	37444919	Iowa
Technician Fifth Grade	Anthony F. Aculewicz	33359087	Pennsylvania
Technician Fifth Grade	LoRoy D. Chappell	33491806	Pennsylvania

In spite of initial difficulties, the above named men succeeded in crossing a swift and dangerous river by boat with disregard for the handicaps of darkness, the swift current of the river, and the known presence of the enemy on the far shore. On reaching the far shore, they twice attempted to gain the summit of the bank and attach a cable, but on both occasions were prevented from doing so by instant and intense enemy small arms fire. While so engaged, their boat was swept away by the current, making it necessary for them to recross the river by swimming. Although they were fired upon when they reached the friendly shore, they manifested a willingness to make further attempts to accomplish their mission. The outstanding courage, determination, and sustained audacity shown by the above named men reflect great credit upon themselves and the military service.

The following named enlisted men, Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 31 December 1944 in connection with military operations against the enemy:

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Army Serial Number</u>	<u>Entered Military Service From</u>
Sergeant	Charles K. Gravenhorst	32871378	New York
Corporal	Liberty B. Brucknar	6290162	Texas
Corporal	Paul Valazquez	39267253	California
Technician Fifth Grade	Ellsworth L. Farrar	31231863	Massachusetts
Technician Fifth Grade	Ralph V. Flanagan	18032552	Oklahoma
Private First Class	Fidencio R. Alfaro	38359403	Texas
Private First Class	Robert H. Brickler	33244945	Pennsylvania
Private First Class	Adam Kozack	33482587	Pennsylvania
Private First Class	Earl N. Mattingly	35105151	Kentucky
Private First Class	Louadio Moya	38169825	New Mexico
Private First Class	Ry G. Muller	39553067	California
Private	Hiram W. Moquon	37240149	Missouri

When ordered to an advanced position, the above named men courageously made their way through a heavily shelled town in order to reach a position where they could set up their howitzer for immediate action against the enemy. Having emplaced their gun, they immediately opened fire, destroyed two enemy observation posts, and set fire to an enemy ammunition cache. Despite intense enemy fire, they remained steadfast at their position, even when enemy shells landed so close as to explode ammunition stacked around their howitzer. The outstanding devotion to duty, skill, and coolness under fire shown by the above named men reflect great credit upon themselves and

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the military service.

Technical Sergeant Paul M. Orr, (Army Serial Number 33244949), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 26 November 1944 in connection with military operations against the enemy. When his platoon leader, platoon sergeant, and platoon guide had become casualties, Technical Sergeant Orr (then Sergeant) unhesitatingly assumed command and moved his platoon over open terrain into an advanced position. Reorganizing his men, he personally devised and supervised the construction of a defensive line for the night. With utter disregard for his personal safety, he checked each man to see that he was properly dug in. Continuing the attack, he skillfully maneuvered his platoon forward and successfully captured the objective. The courage and outstanding devotion to duty shown by Technical Sergeant Orr reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Sergeant Edward B. Burr, (Army Serial Number 31261981), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 23 November 1944 in connection with military operations against the enemy. Upon learning that the company aid man had become a casualty, Sergeant Burr (then Private First Class) unhesitatingly crawled over open terrain in the face of intense enemy fire to give first aid to a wounded fellow soldier. With utter disregard for his personal safety, he continued on his self-assumed task of aiding his stricken comrades and removing them to a defiladed position of comparative safety. His selfless heroic act saved the lives of many wounded and reduced the suffering of others. The courage and gallant action of Sergeant Burr reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

Private First Class Frank J. Dowd, Jr, (Army Serial Number 36748669), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany in connection with military operations against the enemy. At nightfall on 23 November 1944, Private First Class Dowd, serving as platoon messenger, volunteered to help clear the battlefield of the dead and wounded. He organized litter squads and led them with disregard for his personal safety over exposed ground so that they could reach and evacuate the stricken men. By his unflinching devotion to duty he saved the lives of many of his fellow soldiers. The courage and consideration for others displayed by Private First Class Dowd reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Illinois.

The following named officers and enlisted men for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy during the respective periods indicated:

CAPTAIN THOMAS J. BRETT, (Army Serial Number 0450224), Cavalry, 11th Cavalry Group Mechanized, United States Army, 13 December 1944 to 12 January 1945.

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* CAPTAIN ANTHONY S. IPPOLITO, (Army Serial Number 0537676), Medical Corps, 327th Medical Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, 3 November 1944 to 30 November 1944.

* FIRST LIEUTENANT DAVID COSTA, (Army Serial Number 0314571), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, 16 November 1944 to 10 January 1945.

* FIRST LIEUTENANT ARNOLD SHORT, (Army Serial Number 01323780), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, 27 October 1944 to 16 January 1945.

* Staff Sergeant Joseph F. Slezinger, (Army Serial Number 36544005), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, 2 November 1944 to 17 November 1944.

* Sergeant Edward T. Parkman, (Army Serial Number 34477624), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, 27 October 1944 to 23 November 1944.

The following named enlisted men, Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, 27 October 1944 to 16 January 1945:

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Army Serial Number</u>	<u>Entered Military Service From</u>
* Sergeant	Robert W. Harrison	34438164	North Carolina
* Technician Fourth Grade	Virgil E. Renaud	33448850	District of Columbia
* Corporal	George E. Arnold	33491985	Pennsylvania
* Technician Fifth Grade	William T. O'Connor	31234202	Massachusetts
* Technician Fifth Grade	Joseph C. Banetta	36545077	Michigan
* Private First Class	George R. Bender	32595104	New Jersey
* Private First Class	James E. Gross	33259855	Pennsylvania
* Private First Class	Rox V. Sayers	35569499	Indiana

III. AWARD OF THE AIR MEDAL.

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, and Memorandum Number 34, Headquarters Ninth United States Army, 8 September 1944, as amended, the AIR MEDAL is awarded the following officer:

* CAPTAIN JAMES L. DOBBS, (Army Serial Number 01174275), Field Artillery, Headquarters 102d Division Artillery, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany from 5 November 1944 to 10 January 1945. Entered military service from Texas.

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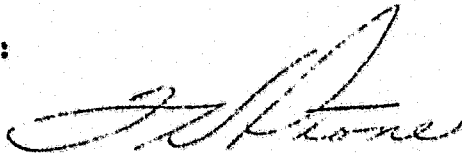
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I. AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR MEDAL. (POSTHUMOUS).

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, and Memorandum Number 34, Headquarters Ninth United States Army, 8 September 1944, as amended, the SILVER STAR MEDAL is posthumously awarded to the following enlisted men:

Staff Sergeant John L. Schler, (Army Serial Number 37239639), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany from 16 November 1944 to 18 November 1944. A strong counter attack by the enemy cut off Staff Sergeant Schler's squad from his platoon. Spearheaded by tiger tanks, the enemy broke through the lines and threatened the company's position. Recognizing the extreme danger, Staff Sergeant Schler promptly reorganized his platoon in such a manner that it could deliver a maximum amount of fire. While crawling from foxhole to foxhole to give his men added confidence, he suffered a direct hit and was mortally wounded. His outstanding courage inspired his men to such an extent that they stopped the attack and repulsed the enemy. The outstanding courage and gallantry displayed by Staff Sergeant Schler reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Missouri.

Technician Fifth Grade Robert F. Farni, (Army Serial Number 39134117), Medical Department, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany. On 29 November 1944 when his company was stopped in its assault by heavy enemy fire, Technician Fifth Grade Farni worked his way across the flat open terrain to administer first aid to a severely wounded man. Although wounded in his hand, he continued administering aid to other stricken fellow soldiers until he was mortally wounded by a burst of enemy machine gun fire. His gallant action and outstanding courage saved the lives of many men. The courage and unflinching devotion to duty displayed by Technician Fifth Grade Farni reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from California.

II. AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR MEDAL.

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, and Memorandum Number 34, Headquarters Ninth United States Army, 8 September 1944, as amended, the SILVER STAR MEDAL is awarded the following officer and enlisted men:

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CAPTAIN WILLIAM C. PETERSON, (Army Serial Number 01285112), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany on 22 and 23 November 1944. While in battalion reserve, CAPTAIN PETERSON deployed elements of his company so that they could render valuable support to the attacking infantry. When his company was moved up to the lines and was halted by stiff enemy resistance, CAPTAIN PETERSON crawled forward under heavy enemy fire and discovered that two enemy tanks were pouring forth a hail of bullets. He personally went back and called on two friendly tanks for assistance. After having led them on foot around the front of the enemy tanks, he mounted the leading tank and guided them into a position from which they destroyed both enemy tanks by short range fire. Later, although painfully wounded in the leg, he refused to be evacuated and continued in command of his company until it was relieved from the lines. The leadership, determination, and gallantry displayed by CAPTAIN PETERSON reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from California.

Sergeant William L. Siegel, (Army Serial Number 13110026), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany on 30 December 1944. When the enemy attacked from a direction which rendered his machine gun useless, Sergeant Siegel left his emplacement. Although revealed by flares and subjected to heavy fire, he boldly attacked the enemy with grenades and rifle fire. In spite of a painful wound, he continued to direct the activities of his squad and accounted for a number of enemy. The leadership and gallant aggressiveness shown by Sergeant Siegel reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

III. AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL.

1. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, and Memorandum Number 34, Headquarters Fifth United States Army, 8 September 1944, as amended, the BRONZE STAR MEDAL is awarded the following officers and enlisted men:

Staff Sergeant Joseph Sautner, (Army Serial Number 32592297), Cavalry, 102d Reconnaissance Troop Mechanized, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany from 22 December 1944 through 16 January 1945 in connection with military operations against the enemy. In the face of intense enemy artillery, mortar, and small arms fire, Staff Sergeant Sautner worked day and night laying, checking, and repairing communication lines which were constantly being disrupted by enemy action. Frequently subjecting himself to enemy observation and sniper fire, he proceeded on his mission with utter disregard for his own safety. The tireless energy and courage shown by Staff Sergeant Sautner reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from New Jersey.

Staff Sergeant James W. Hostetler, (Army Serial Number 16151176), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 30 November 1944 in connection with military operations against the

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enemy. While his unit was beginning to dig in for the night after a successful advance, six enemy tanks infiltrated through the flank and imperiled the company command post. When heavy machine gun fire made any move most hazardous, Staff Sergeant Hostetler, with utter disregard for his personal safety, crawled to the rear, secured a bazooka, and successfully brought it into position from which he could counter the enemy threat. The courage and heroic devotion to duty displayed by Staff Sergeant Hostetler reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Michigan.

Staff Sergeant Wilbur Parker, (Army Serial Number 14130535), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany from 16 November 1944 to 19 November 1944 in connection with military operations against the enemy. When the enemy made sudden and ferocious counter attacks, Staff Sergeant Parker (then Sergeant) rode it upon himself to supply the men with ammunition and food. In addition to this task which was performed under heavy enemy fire, he assisted the evacuation of the wounded. His perseverance in the face of great danger was an inspiration to his men and reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Alabama.

Technician Fifth Grade George E. Trees, (Army Serial Number 33491738), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 22 November 1944 in connection with military operations against the enemy. When ammunition and food ran low, Technician Fifth Grade Trees, being assigned as jeep driver, volunteered to drive through a heavy artillery barrage to secure these vital supplies. Realizing that his company would need further ammunition, he made several trips, constantly exposing himself to deadly sniper fire and often personally crawling to the front line foxholes to deliver the ammunition. While on this mission he successfully evacuated a number of serious casualties. The courage and unselfish devotion to duty displayed by Technician Fifth Grade Trees reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Technician Fifth Grade Herman Altman, (Army Serial Number 32580865), Medical Department, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 29 November 1944 in connection with military operations against the enemy. During an attack by his organization against the enemy, Technician Fifth Grade Altman made his way forward to the vicinity of attacking elements of his organization through intense enemy artillery and mortar fire to successfully evacuate, with the aid of another man, seventeen wounded men to the safety of a building. Working at times as close as seventy-five yards from the objective of attacking units, he distinguished himself by giving speedy treatment to the wounded. His outstanding actions were responsible for the evacuation and treatment of a large number of casualties. The courage, loyalty, and skill shown by Technician Fifth Grade Altman reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from New York.

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Technician Fifth Grade Carmen J. Simonelli, (Army Serial Number 32592168), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 29 November 1944 in connection with military operations against the enemy. When food and ammunition ran low, Technician Fifth Grade Simonelli, being assigned as jeep driver, volunteered to drive through a heavy artillery barrage to secure these vital supplies. Realizing that his company would need further ammunition, he made several trips over muddy roads, constantly exposing himself to deadly sniper fire and often personally crawling to front line foxholes to deliver the ammunition. While on this mission he successfully evacuated several serious casualties. The courage and unselfish devotion to duty displayed by Technician Fifth Grade Simonelli reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from New Jersey.

Private First Class Joseph F. Byron, (Army Serial Number 12170242), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany from 16 November 1944 to 19 November 1944 in connection with military operations against the enemy. Performing duties as platoon messenger, Private First Class Byron assumed charge of communication lines and maintained a continual check regardless of enemy fire. In addition, when the enemy sprung a sudden counter attack, he volunteered to carry ammunition to his unit although he realized that he had to cross open terrain which was heavily mined. The courage, initiative, and devotion to duty displayed by Private First Class Byron reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from New York.

Private First Class Gaston J. Barbarisi, (Army Serial Number 32643514), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany in connection with military operations against the enemy. On 2 December 1944 while loading vital ammunition and supplies on his one-quarter ton truck, a heavy artillery barrage began to fall close by. Disregarding the danger which would have resulted from a direct hit in the ammunition stores, Private First Class Barbarisi continued to load his vehicle, thereby insuring that the men of his company had sufficient supplies to continue in their attack. The courage, coolness, and devotion to duty shown by Private First Class Barbarisi reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from New York.

Private First Class Richard M. Callis, (Army Serial Number 36411301), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 29 November 1944 in connection with military operations against the enemy. After a successful attack, Private First Class Callis' company had reached the battalion objective and dug in for defense. When important plans and overlays had to be taken back to the battalion command post, Private First Class Callis volunteered to undertake the hazardous trip over fifteen hundred yards of open terrain. With utter disregard for his personal safety, he went back and forth three times in spite of the heavy enemy artillery concentration. The fortitude and courageous action displayed by Private First Class Callis reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Michigan.

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Private First Class Richard E. Nelson, (Army Serial Number 35394512), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 2 December 1944 in connection with military operations against the enemy. When communications were severed by heavy artillery fire and no communication personnel were available, Private First Class Nelson volunteered to undertake the repairs. With utter disregard for his personal safety, he made his way over about one-hundred fifty yards of open ground and under a hail of enemy fire, successfully reestablishing communications. His courageous action materially aided the accomplishment of the military operation and reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Indiana.

Private First Class Carl Pitts, (Army Serial Number 36416525), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany from 27 November 1944 to 2 December 1944 in connection with military operations against the enemy. Private First Class Pitts, scout and observer, manned a battalion observation post which was exposed to heavy enemy fire. Although the building was hit several times and he was advised to retire to a safer place, he elected to remain at his post to report vital information concerning enemy activity. The extreme devotion to duty and tenacity shown by Private First Class Pitts in this action reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Michigan.

Private Arvot O. C. Asmus, (Army Serial Number 39614315), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany in connection with military operations against the enemy. On 17 December 1944 when heavy enemy shell fragments had cut the telephone lines to the fire direction center of his company, Private Asmus volunteered to check the lines in spite of heaviest enemy fire. After having crossed one hundred yards of shell swept terrain, he found the break and repaired the lines, thereby enabling his company to deliver effective supporting fire. The courageous devotion to duty and utter disregard for his personal safety shown by Private Asmus reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Montana.

The following named enlisted men, Medical Department, 327th Medical Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany from 3 November 1944 to 30 November 1944 in connection with military operations against the enemy:

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Army Serial Number</u>	<u>Entered Military Service From</u>
Technician Fifth Grade	Robert E. Begraft	38394689	New Jersey
Technician Fifth Grade	Wayne E. Fierbert	33244758	Pennsylvania
Technician Fifth Grade	Alton J. Oltjenbruns	37337054	Colorado
Private First Class	John T. Payne	38475829	Texas
Private First Class	George J. Salsalt	33716013	Pennsylvania
Private First Class	William J. T. O	42120897	New York
Private First Class	Edwin G. Tinsman	37465637	South Dakota
Private	Charles M. Tervio	38286317	Texas

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These enlisted men, acting as ambulance drivers and orderlies, made numerous trips to forward aid stations during active combat with the enemy to evacuate the wounded. Oftentimes they traveled over roads which were heavily shelled or mined to such an extent that they were considered impassable. At other times, with utter disregard for their personal safety, they went forward of battalion aid stations to evacuate casualties directly from the battlefield. The courage, untiring efforts, and devotion to duty displayed by each of the above named men reflect great credit upon themselves and the military service.

The following named enlisted men, Field Artillery, 380th Field Artillery Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany from 17 November 1944 to 21 December 1944 in connection with military operations against the enemy:

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Army Serial Number</u>	<u>Entered Military Service From</u>
✓ Corporal	St Elmo Williams	17006084	Texas
✓ Private First Class	William E. Carlson	19193095	Washington

Working as a wire team, these enlisted men laid and serviced wire day and night under continued enemy artillery barrages to establish and maintain communication lines. Oftentimes during attacks against fortified enemy positions, when it appeared almost impossible to venture into the open they voluntarily left their secure positions to repair breaks in the lines. The skill and courageous devotion to duty displayed by these men reflect great credit upon themselves and the military service.

The following named enlisted men, Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 16 November 1944 in connection with military operations against the enemy:

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Army Serial Number</u>	<u>Entered Military Service From</u>
✓ Private First Class	Frank A. Socha	33474479	Pennsylvania
✓ Private First Class	Harold S. Cohen	13178119	Pennsylvania

Shortly after dark, these enlisted men crawled over two-hundred yards of open terrain to establish a forward listening post, laying a telephone line as they proceeded. They remained in their position fifty yards from the enemy for many hours reporting increased enemy activities, finally warning of the approach of an enemy patrol. After having dispersed the patrol with hand grenades, they crawled through a hail of fire to rejoin their outfits and give them additional information of a suspected imminent attack. Because of their warning, the company was alerted and the attack, which actually followed, was beaten back with severe losses to the enemy. The courage and heroic devotion to duty displayed by these enlisted men reflect great credit upon themselves and the military service.

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The following named officers and enlisted men for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy during the respective periods indicated:

- ✓ MAJOR JOE B. SMARTT, (Army Serial Number 0406919), Field Artillery, 330th Field Artillery Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, 17 November 1944 to 31 December 1944.
- ✓ CAPTAIN JESSE D. TURNIPSEED, (Army Serial Number 01299146), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, 16 November 1944 to 10 January 1945.
- ✓ CAPTAIN CLARENCE T. ISENSEE, (Army Serial Number 01288233), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, 26 October 1944 to 10 January 1945.
- ✓ CAPTAIN CHARLES P. BLEOUSKY, (Army Serial Number 01299671), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, 24 September 1944 to 20 January 1945.
- ✓ Technical Sergeant Finston M. Blevins, (Army Serial Number 15003695), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, 24 September 1944 to 15 January 1945.
- ✓ Staff Sergeant Earnest C. Cook, (Army Serial Number 15013051), Medical Department, 327th Medical Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, 21 December 1944 to 15 January 1945.
- ✓ Staff Sergeant Edward R. Burt, (Army Serial Number 36409991), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, 16 November 1944 to 6 January 1945.
- ✓ Staff Sergeant Francis E. Thomas, (Army Serial Number 37337807), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, 26 October 1944 to 7 January 1945.
- ✓ Private First Class Raymond F. Yanniok, (Army Serial Number 32040726), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, 16 November 1944 to 1 January 1945.

3. So much of Section III, General Orders Number 11, this Headquarters, current series, as pertains to CAPTAIN WILLIAM C. PETERSON, (Army Serial Number 01283112), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, is revoked.

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

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, and Memorandum Number 34, Headquarters Ninth United States Army, 8 September 1944, as amended, an OAK LEAF CLUSTER to the PURPLE HEART MEDAL is awarded to the following enlisted men for wounds received as a result of enemy action in Germany on the dates indicated:

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✓ Private David M. Redstone, (Army Serial Number 42025575), Infantry,
406th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 19 January 1945. Entered military
service from New York.

✓ Private Alberto V. Ramirez, (Army Serial Number 39689327), Infantry,
405th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 18 January 1945. Entered military
service from California.

V. AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART MEDAL.

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regula-
tions 600-45, as amended, and Memorandum Number 34, Headquarters Ninth United
States Army, 8 September 1944, as amended, the PURPLE HEART MEDAL is awarded
to the following enlisted men for wounds received as a result of enemy action
in Germany on the dates indicated:

✓ Sergeant Otis C. Johnson, Jr. (Army Serial Number 33527092), In-
fantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 2 January 1945. Entered
military service from Virginia.

✓ Private First Class Frank Grohosky, (Army Serial Number 33457752),
Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 21 December 1944. En-
tered military service from Pennsylvania.

✓ Private Cornelious M. Degg, (Army Serial Number 39579133), Infantry,
406th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 24 December 1944. Entered mili-
tary service from California.

✓ Private First Class Louis DeSarno, (Army Serial Number 31169344),
Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 20 January 1945. En-
tered military service from Connecticut.

✓ Private F. G. Crofford, (Army Serial Number 38697842), Infantry,
405th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 23 January 1945. Entered mili-
tary service from Texas.

✓ Sergeant Paul E. Fleissner, (Army Serial Number 18147961), Infantry,
405th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 23 January 1945. Entered military
service from Oklahoma.

✓ Staff Sergeant Peter P. Meizies, Jr. (Army Serial Number 31249740),
Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 24 November 1944.
Entered military service from Connecticut.

✓ Staff Sergeant Ira J. Toups, (Army Serial Number 18118728), Infantry,
406th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 18 January 1945. Entered military
service from Texas.

✓ Private First Class Thomas D. Camp, (Army Serial Number 3823846),
Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 18 January 1945. En-
tered military service from Texas.

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✓ Corporal Davis M. Kerr, (Army Serial Number 33469657), Infantry,
406th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 20 January 1945. Entered
military service from Pennsylvania.

✓ Staff Sergeant Joseph A. Grant, (Army Serial Number 33359038), In-
fantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 20 January 1945. Entered
military service from Pennsylvania.

✓ Technician Fifth Grade Donald F. Laudenschlager, (Army Serial Number
33464625), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 20 January
1945. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

✓ Private First Class Paul A. Westmoreland, (Army Serial Number
34170164), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 20 Janu-
ary 1945. Entered military service from North Carolina.

✓ Private First Class Lewis E. Johnson, (Army Serial Number 34490473),
Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 20 January 1945. En-
tered military service from Tennessee.

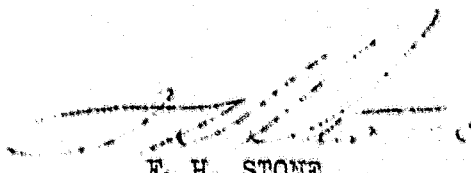
✓ Private First Class William J. Crooks, (Army Serial Number
36944130), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 23 January
1945. Entered military service from Michigan.

✓ Private First Class Kenneth E. Robin, Jr, (Army Serial Number
33722163), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 24 January
1945. Entered military service from Maryland.

By command of the DIVISION COMMANDER:

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

OFFICIALS:


F. H. STONE,
Lieutenant Colonel, Adjutant General's Department,
Adjutant General.

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- VI. AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART MEDAL.

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

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, and Memorandum Number 34, Headquarters Ninth United States Army, 8 September 1944, as amended, an OAK LEAF CLUSTER to the SILVER STAR MEDAL is POSTHUMOUSLY awarded the following enlisted man:

Technical Sergeant Howard F. Dolwo, (Army Serial Number 36623174), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany. On 22 November 1944 during operations against the enemy, the platoon leaders and platoon sergeants of two platoons had become casualties and the company was halted by intense enemy fire. On his own initiative, Technical Sergeant Dolwo turned his platoon over to another noncommissioned officer and made his way over several hundred yards of open terrain braving heavy concentrated enemy artillery and small arms fire. Perceiving that further advance was impossible, Technical Sergeant Dolwo returned to his lines and, assuming command also of the adjacent sector, reorganized the men in such a way that they formed a powerful defense line. Having personally supervised the organization of the defensive position, he turned his attention to the wounded, personally leading litter squads across exposed ground until all stricken men had been evacuated. His utter disregard for personal safety and calm leadership reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Illinois.

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

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, and Memorandum Number 34, Headquarters Ninth United States Army, 8 September 1944, as amended, the SILVER STAR MEDAL is POSTHUMOUSLY awarded the following officer:

CAPTAIN GEORGE L. KINSEY, (Army Serial Number 01299756), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany. On 30 November 1944 when withering fire from an enemy machine gun held up the advance of his unit, CAPTAIN KINSEY, with utter disregard for his personal safety, charged the emplacement with grenades and killed the enemy gunners. Although he made the supreme sacrifice in this daring action, he enabled his company to advance and complete its mission. His gallantry

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and faithful devotion to duty reflect high credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from New Jersey.

III. AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR MEDAL.

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-145, as amended, and Memorandum Number 34, Headquarters Ninth United States Army, 8 September 1944, as amended, the SILVER STAR MEDAL is awarded the following officers and enlisted men:

CAPTAIN WALTER C. WILSON, (Army Serial Number 01167697), Field Artillery, 927 Field Artillery Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany. On 2 December 1944, CAPTAIN WILSON, serving as Artillery Liaison Officer with an Infantry Battalion, proceeded with the advance elements in order to direct artillery support as effectively as possible. When enemy machine guns opened up from the flank and began to cause heavy casualties among men who had gathered between tanks, he left the comparative safety of his foxhole. Exposing himself to the withering enemy fire, he ran from tank to tank to encourage the disorganized men and to direct them to disperse without delay. Proceeding on his mission, he assisted in wiping out a number of snipers, and rounding up civilians who had been impeding the attack. His brave action materially aided the battalion in its mission. His gallantry and coolness under fire reflect highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Missouri.

FIRST LIEUTENANT ROBERT E. DICKINSON, (Army Serial Number 01318520), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany on 20 November 1944. FIRST LIEUTENANT DICKINSON advanced with the forward elements of an assault battalion to set up his observation post in a church steeple. Although this prominent and exposed point drew heavy artillery fire, FIRST LIEUTENANT DICKINSON remained at his post and successfully continued to direct friendly artillery and small arms fire against the enemy. In spite of the fact that enemy fire fell so close to his position that he was advised to abandon his post, he remained and successfully directed destruction of enemy positions which had been holding up the advance. His gallantry and courageous coolness under fire reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Indiana.

SECOND LIEUTENANT FREDERICK A. CATRELL, (Army Serial Number 01315266), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany. On 1 December 1944 when heavy mortar fire harassed his platoon, SECOND LIEUTENANT CATRELL exposed himself to enemy observation so that he could more effectively direct counter fire. Although his weapon was shot from his hand, he courageously attacked an enemy sniper with a trench knife and subdued him. When the increased enemy fire slowed his men down, he personally rallied and encouraged them so that they finally captured their objective. His gallant leadership and complete disregard for his personal safety reflect high credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Michigan.

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Staff Sergeant Richard D. Alexander, (Army Serial Number 3472772), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany on 30 December 1944. During an artillery barrage, a dud landed in the house in which his platoon was billeted. Realizing the consequences which might arise from a delayed explosion and at the same time knowing the dangers involved, Staff Sergeant Alexander (then Sergeant) quickly carried the dud on his own volition out of range through heavy enemy fire to insure the safety of his men. His thoughtfulness for the safety of others and gallant courage in the performance of this heroic act reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Oklahoma.

IV. AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL.

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, and Memorandum Number 34, Headquarters Ninth United States Army, 8 September 1944, as amended, the BRONZE STAR MEDAL is awarded the following officers and enlisted men:

Technical Sergeant Lester R. Richardson, (Army Serial Number 6284304), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany from 26 October 1944 to 15 January 1945 in connection with military operations against the enemy. As Battalion Ammunition and Pioneer Platoon Sergeant, he was of inestimable assistance to the platoon leader. In defensive situations he often worked forward of the front lines to install mines and booby traps, and to locate, disarm, and remove enemy mines. He also supervised and assisted in supplying ammunition to forward elements. Although frequently under enemy fire, he never failed in his mission. His exemplary leadership and devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Texas.

Technical Sergeant Werner Eisen, (Army Serial Number 32647065), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 23 November 1944 in connection with military operations against the enemy. When his platoon leader, platoon sergeant, and platoon guide became casualties, Technical Sergeant Eisen (then Staff Sergeant) unhesitatingly assumed command of the platoon and continued in the assault against fortified enemy positions on high ground. After his platoon had been halted by a hail of enemy fire, he crawled forward to reconnoiter. He then maneuvered his platoon through a slight depression to a position from which he could outflank the enemy. By his tactically sound action he drove the enemy from their position. His courage, leadership, and coolness under fire reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from New York.

Private First Class Wayne R. Myllerard, (Army Serial Number 18059649), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 16 November 1944 in connection with military operations against the enemy. During a heavy artillery barrage, Private First Class (then Private) Myllerard noted that a shell exploded close to an occupied foxhole forty yards to his front. With utter disregard for his personal safety, he crawled

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through a hail of enemy fire, dug into the position and carefully removed the sole survivor of the shell blast. With great courage he exposed himself to intense enemy fire while carrying the stricken fellow-soldier from the battlefield and successfully evacuated him to medical channels. His courageous action saved the life of a soldier and reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from New Mexico.

Private First Class Otis L. Hudson, (Army Serial Number 34398428), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 18 January 1945 in connection with military operations against the enemy. When the enemy placed a heavy artillery concentration on the line held by his squad, Private First Class Hudson left his foxhole and crawled to his squad leader's position to check whether he had been wounded. Seeing that he was not hurt, he returned to his foxhole. While on his way back he noticed that several hand grenades had been set off by the explosion. In spite of the great danger, he removed the remaining grenades to a position where they could not endanger other members of the platoon. His courage and devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Alabama.

Private First Class Donald D. Schueneramm, (Army Serial Number 37561250), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany from 16 to 18 November 1944 in connection with military operations against the enemy. Private First Class Schueneramm made many trips over exposed ground to carry ammunition loads to his unit. In addition to performing this vital task, he carried messages back and forth, thereby enabling higher headquarters to coordinate the attack. His willingness to undertake dangerous missions and his unflinching devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Minnesota.

The following named enlisted men, Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 23 November 1944 in connection with military operations against the enemy:

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Army Serial Number</u>	<u>Entered Military Service From</u>
Private First Class	Lawrence W. Stewartson	36976082	Illinois
Private First Class	James C. Reear	38562395	Texas

During an attack by their regiment, two forward observers had become casualties. Although the enemy maintained heavy fire over the contested area, these two enlisted men volunteered to assist another forward observer over twelve hundred yards of open terrain to the front line positions. Well aware of the intense danger, and continually fired at by enemy snipers, they proceeded on their mission and successfully reached the forward observation point. Their courage and aggressiveness reflect great credit upon themselves and the military service.

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The following named enlisted men, Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 19 November 1944 in connection with military operations against the enemy:

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Army Serial Number</u>	<u>Entered Military Service From</u>
Private First Class	John D. Bohanan	35582480	Indiana
Private First Class	Paul T. Million, Jr	18059629	New Mexico

During a strong enemy counter attack, all communications were disrupted. These two enlisted men, leaving the comparative safety of their observation point, made their way forward to ascertain the tactical situation. Though the ground was infested by mines, and the intense darkness made any advance extremely dangerous, they proceeded on their mission, located front line company command posts, and finally returned to the battalion command post with most valuable information. The courage, resourcefulness, and determination displayed by these enlisted men reflect great credit upon themselves and the military service.

The following named officers and enlisted men for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy during the respective periods indicated:

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* COLONEL JAMES G. REED, (Army Serial Number 08337), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, 23 September 1944 to 29 November 1945.
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MAJOR FLOYD E. REES, (Army Serial Number 0116709), Field Artillery, 381st Field Artillery Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, 19 November 1944 to 31 December 1944.

CHAPLAIN (CAPTAIN) ALFRED B. SIDENOTHAM, (Army Serial Number 0517856), Chaplain Corps, 406th Infantry, United States Army, 16 November 1944 to 10 January 1945.

FIRST LIEUTENANT HAROLD A. LAY, (Army Serial Number 01113474), Corps of Engineers, 737th Engineer Combat Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, 14 December 1944 to 17 December 1944.

FIRST LIEUTENANT JOHN E. BLAIR, (Army Serial Number 01288170), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, 19 November 1944 to 1 January 1945.

FIRST LIEUTENANT ALMO P. ZAMPIERI, (Army Serial Number 01030735), Cavalry, 102d Reconnaissance Troop Mechanized, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, 22 December 1944 to 16 January 1945.

SECOND LIEUTENANT JOHN F. EMERY, (Army Serial Number 01176324), Field Artillery, 381st Field Artillery Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, 5 November 1944 to 1 January 1945.

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SECOND LIEUTENANT HARRY C. PRICE, (Army Serial Number 0524357),
Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, 26 October 1944 to 8 January
1945.

Technical Sergeant Harry Sheard, Jr, (Army Serial Number 38028892),
Medical Department, Medical Detachment, Special Troops, 103d Infantry Division,
United States Army, 1 November 1944 to 23 January 1945.

Staff Sergeant Rudolph A. Swedborg, (Army Serial Number 15353989),
Medical Department, 406th Infantry, United States Army, 16 November 1944 to
1 January 1945.

Staff Sergeant Roy M. Pappo, (Army Serial Number 38187525), Corps
of Engineers, 387th Engineer Combat Battalion, 103d Infantry Division, United
States Army, 24 September 1944 to 1 January 1945.

Technician Fifth Grade Wendell E. Shown, Jr, (Army Serial Number
33733263), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, 30 October 1944 to
1 January 1945.

Technician Fifth Grade Ralph S. Graham, (Army Serial Number 17090962),
Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, 16 November 1944 to 15 January
1945.

Private First Class William F. Smith, Jr, (Army Serial Number
14192247), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, 16 November 1944 to
1 January 1945.

Private First Class Joseph G. O'Brien, (Army Serial Number 33620854),
Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, 16 November 1944 to 1 January
1945.

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

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regula-
tions 600-45, as amended, and Memorandum Number 34, Headquarters Ninth United
States Army, 8 September 1944, as amended, an OAK LEAF CLUSTER to the PURPLE
HEART MEDAL is awarded the following enlisted men for wounds received as a
result of enemy action in Germany on the dates indicated:

Private First Class Frank Crestini, (Army Serial Number 31249351),
Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 25 January 1945. En-
tered military service from Connecticut.

Corporal Jimmie Hannon, (Army Serial Number 35432444), Chemical
Warfare Service, 92d Chemical Mortar Battalion, United States Army, wounded
25 January 1945.

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VI. AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART MEDAL.

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, and Memorandum Number 34, Headquarters Ninth United States Army, 8 September 1944, as amended, the PURPLE HEART MEDAL is awarded to the following officers and enlisted men for wounds received as a result of onear action in Germany on the dates indicated:

FIRST LIEUTENANT WILLIAM E. NOBLE, (Army Serial Number 01236284), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 19 December 1944. Entered military service from California.

SECOND LIEUTENANT ALFRED E. MORRISON, (Army Serial Number 01996653), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 24 January 1945. Entered military service from Texas.

Sergeant Travis E. Tomlow, (Army Serial Number 18011946), Field Artillery, 987th Field Artillery Battalion, 103d Infantry Division, United States Army, wounded 31 January 1945. Entered military service from Texas.

Sergeant Charles P. Campbell, (Army Serial Number 37145839), Field Artillery, 771st Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army, wounded 16 November 1944. Entered military service from Nebraska.

Private First Class Clifford E. Solvare, (Army Serial Number 37231438), Field Artillery, 771st Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army, wounded 28 January 1945. Entered military service from Kansas.

Private First Class Sidney Horvitz, (Army Serial Number 31094966), Field Artillery, 771st Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army, wounded 16 November 1944. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

Private First Class Paul A. Hoffman, (Army Serial Number 37338393), Field Artillery, 987th Field Artillery Battalion, 103d Infantry Division, United States Army, wounded 29 January 1945. Entered military service from Kansas.

Private John W. Eason, (Army Serial Number 34449814), Field Artillery, 978th Field Artillery Battalion, 103d Infantry Division, United States Army, wounded 29 January 1945. Entered military service from Georgia.

Private Paul H. Althizer, (Army Serial Number 13038914), Chemical Warfare Service, 92d Chemical Mortar Battalion, United States Army, wounded 23 January 1945.

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By command of the DIVISION COMMANDER:

G. P. LYNCH,
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