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CAPTAIN EDGAR F. PAUL, (Army Serial Number 01015705), Infantry, 701st Tank Battalion, United States Army, 24 February 1945 to 28 February 1945. Entered military service from Illinois.

Technical Sergeant Patrick F. Brennan, (Army Serial Number 11045499), Infantry, 701st Tank Battalion, United States Army, 24 February 1945 to 28 February 1945. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

Technical Sergeant Robert H. Excell, (Army Serial Number 35014928), Infantry, 701st Tank Battalion, United States Army, 24 February 1945 to 28 February 1945. Entered military service from Ohio.

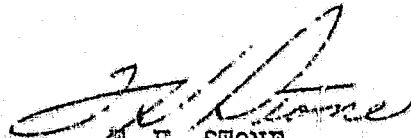
Corporal Irving B. Eisenmeyer, (Army Serial Number 32801038), Infantry, 701st Tank Battalion, United States Army, 24 February 1945 to 28 February 1945. Entered military service from New York.

Technician Fifth Grade Thomas M. Hogan, (Army Serial Number 32808176), Infantry, 701st Tank Battalion, United States Army, 24 February 1945 to 28 February 1945. Entered military service from New York.

By command of the DIVISION COMMANDER:

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ORIGINAL ORDER

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- I. AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART MEDAL (OAK LEAF CLUSTER).
- II. 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 following officers and enlisted men are awarded decorations as indicated:

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

For wounds received as a result of enemy action in Germany on dates indicated:

Technician Fifth Grade Emmit R. Hudspeth, (Army Serial Number 34475426), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 24 March 1945. Entered military service from Mississippi.

Private First Class Alberto A. Lopez, (Army Serial Number 38348062), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 23 March 1945. Entered military service from New Mexico.

II. AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART MEDAL.

For wounds received as a result of enemy action in Germany on dates indicated:

Private First Class Robert L. Rein, (Army Serial Number 35881762), Medical Department, 407th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 23 March 1945. Entered military service from Ohio.

Staff Sergeant Edwin J. Wingen, (Army Serial Number 37324417), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 24 March 1945. Entered military service from Minnesota.

FIRST LIEUTENANT FRED A. HICKS, (Army Serial Number 01323430), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 27 March 1945. Entered military service from California.

Sergeant Howard Routman, (Army Serial Number 35013148), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 25 February 1945. Entered military service from Ohio.

Staff Sergeant Emerson B. Baker, (Army Serial Number 36622906), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 25 February 1945. Entered military service from Illinois.

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Private First Class Richard J. Decker, (Army Serial Number 32595114), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 25 February 1945. Entered military service from New Jersey.

Private First Class George C. Heavner, (Army Serial Number 36975969), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 25 February 1945. Entered military service from Illinois.

Sergeant Raymond Kelliher, (Army Serial Number 31213867), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 25 February 1945. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

Technical Sergeant John H. Grisham, (Army Serial Number 6955334), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 24 February 1945. Entered military service from Texas.

Private First Class Robert C. Bolon, (Army Serial Number 35602843), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 25 February 1945. Entered military service from Ohio.

Private First Class Robert T. Fisher, (Army Serial Number 36623121), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 12 December 1944. Entered military service from Illinois.

Private First Class Stewart W. Clark, (Army Serial Number 31234053), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 16 December 1944. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

Corporal Victor J. Brown, Jr., (Army Serial Number 12204189), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 16 October 1944. Entered military service from New Jersey.

FIRST LIEUTENANT ROBERT E. DICKINSON, (Army Serial Number 01318520), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 29 March 1945. Entered military service from Indiana.

Private John W. Slush, (Army Serial Number 20610762), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 25 March 1945. Entered military service from Illinois.

Staff Sergeant Rufus E. Burgess, (Army Serial Number 34570156), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 25 February 1945. Entered military service from Georgia.

Staff Sergeant Guy P. Mazzocca, (Army Serial Number 33406670), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 23 November 1944. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

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Private First Class William S. Jennings, (Army Serial Number 6150595), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 22 March 1945. Entered military service from Connecticut.

Staff Sergeant Richard J. Westra, (Army Serial Number 37325171), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 24 March 1945. Entered military service from Minnesota.

Revoked by GO #50 - Apr. 15, 1945
~~*Private First Class Robert M. Byers, (Army Serial Number 35761802), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 23 March 1945. Entered military service from West Virginia.~~

Corporal William D. Livingston, (Army Serial Number 36680208), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 23 March 1945. Entered military service from Illinois.

Private First Class Leroy Stoker, (Army Serial Number 38667458), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 23 March 1945. Entered military service from Arkansas.

Revoked by GO #50 - Apr. 15, 1945
~~*Technical Sergeant Wilbur Weber, (Army Serial Number 34081479), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 23 March 1945. Entered military service from Tennessee.~~

FIRST LIEUTENANT THOMAS F. LINDSEY, (Army Serial Number 01182896), Field Artillery, 380th Field Artillery Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, wounded 25 February 1945. Entered military service from Oklahoma.

Corporal John D. Regetz, (Army Serial Number 42120685), Corps of Engineers, 327th Engineer Combat Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, wounded 2 February 1945. Entered military service from New York.

CAPTAIN FRANK A. BYERS, Jr., (Army Serial Number 01167351), Field Artillery, 381st Field Artillery Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, wounded 25 February 1945. Entered military service from Colorado.

Private First Class Casper M. Wisniewski, (Army Serial Number 33400453), Field Artillery, 381st Field Artillery Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, wounded 25 February 1945. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Staff Sergeant George Jenkins, (Army Serial Number 20253321), Field Artillery, 771st Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army, wounded February 1945. Entered military service from New York.

So much of Section X, General Orders Number 37, this Headquarters, 26 March 1945, AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART MEDAL, as pertains to the following officer and enlisted men is revoked:

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OK Sergeant Erwald E. Davidson, (Army Serial Number 16088294), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 7 March 1945. Entered military service from Michigan.

OK Private First Class Ernest A. Smith, (Army Serial Number 42140), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 23 February 1945. Entered military service from New York.

OK Private Donald P. Smith, (Army Serial Number 15109877), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 26 February 1945. Entered military service from Indiana.

OK FIRST LIEUTENANT OSCAR H. LEWIS, (Army Serial Number 0537800), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 9 March 1945. Entered military service from Florida.

OK Private First Class George D. Georgiou, (Army Serial Number 32645283), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 9 March 1945. Entered military service from New York.

OK Private First Class Kenneth F. Baur, (Army Serial Number 33904451), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 24 February 1945. Entered military service from Maryland.

OK Private First Class Everett L. George, (Army Serial Number 37639219), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 30 November 1944. Entered military service from Missouri.

OK Private Tony A. Verge, (Army Serial Number 35843293), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 11 March 1945. Entered military service from Indiana.

OK Private First Class Joseph W. DeMarco, (Army Serial Number 12060507), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 11 March 1945. Entered military service from New York.

OK Staff Sergeant Thomas J. Petraglia, (Army Serial Number 32639922), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 11 March 1945. Entered military service from New York.

OK Private Tony D. DeHart, (Army Serial Number 33664224), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 14 March 1945. Entered military service from Virginia.

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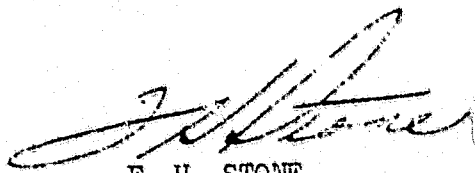
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OK Sergeant Myron J. Bishop, (Army Serial Number 33406658), Infantry,
407th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 14 March 1945. Entered military
service from Pennsylvania.

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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 following officers and enlisted men are awarded the BRONZE STAR MEDAL:

MAJOR THOMAS W. BROWN, (Army Serial Number 0302808), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 24 February 1945 in connection with military operations against the enemy. When an enemy shell set an ammunition truck on fire, MAJOR BROWN rushed from his command post to direct counter measures. Noticing two wounded soldiers only twenty-five yards from the burning vehicle, he unhesitatingly assisted in their evacuation. Enlisting the aid of several soldiers, he began removing other ammunition trucks from the danger zone even though another truck had caught on fire and the ammunition had started to explode. Again braving the intense danger in a final effort, he secured a fire extinguisher and successfully put out the fire in two vehicles which had not been removed. His courage and keen presence of mind prevented loss of much valuable government property and reflect highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Texas.

CAPTAIN RICHARD F. WHITLOCK, (Army Serial Number 01756290), Medical Corps, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 24 February 1945 in connection with military operations against the enemy. When an ammunition truck was set on fire by enemy air bombardment, CAPTAIN WHITLOCK unhesitatingly ran to the scene to administer first aid to the injured men. Fully aware of the danger resulting from continual explosions, he remained in the danger zone until all men were evacuated. His courage and unselfish devotion to duty reflect the highest credit upon himself, his country, and the military service. Entered military service from Illinois.

FIRST LIEUTENANT WALTER A. FLETCHER, (Army Serial Number 01318148), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 23 February 1945 in connection with military operations against the enemy. When contact was lost with neighboring elements during a fast moving attack, FIRST LIEUTENANT FLETCHER, with utter disregard for his personal safety, crossed shell-swept terrain to re-establish communications. While on this mission, he noticed enemy forces massing to the flank. Having taken cool estimate of the situation, he quickly returned to his lines, reorganized his men and successfully repulsed the enemy threat. The courage and devotion to duty displayed by FIRST LIEUTENANT FLETCHER reflect highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Washington.

FIRST LIEUTENANT JOHN P. MCNEELAN, (Army Serial Number 01170873), Field Artillery, 771st Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany from 25 February 1945 to 2 March 1945 in connection with military operations against the enemy. During a rapid attack, FIRST LIEUTENANT

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MONAHAN insisted on moving his tank destroyers with the assaulting infantry units. Although the advance was so fast that maps were frequently unavailable, he courageously led his men forward so that enemy armor could be repulsed even while the infantry was attempting to take its objective. By his courage and initiative, he materially contributed to the success of the organization. Entered military service from New York.

SECOND LIEUTENANT ROBERT F. BESEL, (Army Serial Number 02000491), Corps of Engineers, 327th Engineer Combat Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 23 February 1945 in connection with military operations against the enemy. After a successful river crossing, SECOND LIEUTENANT BESEL proceeded on his mission of clearing roads of enemy mines and other obstacles. Encountering more difficulties than anticipated, he boldly moved to the front lines to personally reconnoiter road blocks which were still held by the enemy. Upon his return, he organized his personnel so skillfully that the roads were cleared in time for the advancing tanks. His inspiring courage and leadership materially contributed to the success of the organization. Entered military service from Colorado.

SECOND LIEUTENANT THOMAS C. OLIVER, (Army Serial Number 01183382), Field Artillery, 380th Field Artillery Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 2 March 1945 in connection with military operations against the enemy. When heavy fire from eight enemy machine guns held up attacking elements and caused many casualties, SECOND LIEUTENANT OLIVER, at great personal risk, moved to an exposed point from which he could observe the enemy positions. Although constantly in great danger of life, he courageously called for such accurate artillery support that the machine guns were destroyed and many prisoners taken. The initiative and courage displayed by SECOND LIEUTENANT OLIVER reflect highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Minnesota.

SECOND LIEUTENANT MARSHALL L. TERRY, (Army Serial Number 01042444), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 23 February 1945, in connection with military operations against the enemy. While leading his platoon during a fast moving attack, SECOND LIEUTENANT TERRY was suddenly confronted with enemy fire, emanating from a strongly fortified position. With complete disregard for his personal safety, he crawled over open terrain and, approaching the emplacement, throw a hand grenade so skillfully that the enemy position was neutralized. His outstanding courage and devotion to duty enabled his platoon to continue its advance. Entered military service from New York.

Technical Sergeant Allen R. Stevens, (Army Serial Number 34078804), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 23 February 1945 in connection with military operations against the enemy. Although wounded in the initial phase of an attack, Technical Sergeant Stevens refused to be evacuated and continued in command of his men. After his platoon had become pinned down, he maneuvered it so skillfully into a position of van-

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tage that effective fire was brought on the enemy, neutralizing his position and enabling the advance to continue. The leadership and devotion to duty displayed by this enlisted man reflect the highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Louisiana.

Staff Sergeant Thomas J. Petraglia, (Army Serial Number 32639922), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 24 February 1945 in connection with military operations against the enemy. During an attack, enemy sniper fire pinned down the rifle unit to which Staff Sergeant Petraglia's machine gun section was attached. In an endeavor to locate the harassing sniper, Staff Sergeant Petraglia boldly exposed himself by standing upright on the crest of a hill, to draw direct fire. Having detected the sniper's position, he unhesitatingly directed machine gun fire upon him until the sniper was killed, thereby enabling the further advance of the rifle unit. His great courage, unselfishness and diligent devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from New York.

Staff Sergeant Edwin Last, (Army Serial Number 32594848), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 23 February 1945 in connection with military operations against the enemy. Performing duties as a squad leader in an anti-tank gun platoon, Staff Sergeant Last constantly rendered effective and close support to assault elements during the crossing of a major river barrier. When the need for ammunition became acute, he voluntarily strapped the ammunition to his back and with utter disregard for his personal safety, grasped a cable which spanned the river and pulled himself hand over hand while his body was immersed waist deep in the icy water, successfully reaching the far shore. The courage, initiative and devotion to duty displayed by Staff Sergeant Last reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from New Jersey.

Staff Sergeant Wilbur K. Jacoby, (Army Serial Number 20204285), Field Artillery, 771st Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 1 March 1945 in connection with military operations against the enemy. When an infantry unit was held up by a skillfully concealed machine gun position, Staff Sergeant Jacoby cleverly maneuvered his tank destroyers into a position from which the gun emplacements were neutralized. Noticing a number of enemy attempting to escape, he unhesitatingly organized a patrol, overtook the enemy and captured them. His intrepidity and unflinching devotion to duty reflect highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from New York.

Sergeant Samuel Nicolette, (Army Serial Number 33385130), Corps of Engineers, 327th Engineer Combat Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 23 February 1945 in connection with military operations against the enemy. Sergeant Nicolette crossed a dangerous river with the assault elements in an effort to select the best location for a bridge. Despite heavy enemy fire, he secured an anchor cable on the far shore so that the construction could be started without delay. When the enemy suc-

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ceeded in destroying the first structure, he courageously returned and by fixing the cable a second time insured that the bridge could finally be completed. His skill and unflinching bravery reflect highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Maryland.

Sergeant James K. Long, Jr., (Army Serial Number 33474423), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 25 February 1945 in connection with military operations against the enemy. When his company became subjected to heavy enemy fire, Sergeant Long led the headquarters group to a position of relative safety. Quickly establishing an observation post in the shelter of a prominent building, he was able to call for artillery support to relieve the pressure. Realizing that armor might break the enemy resistance, he unhesitatingly contacted a tank unit, and made his way over open terrain so that he could lead the armored column to a point of vantage from which they could coordinate their action with the infantry. His courage and initiative reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Sergeant John P. Fraher, (Army Serial Number 31233317), Field Artillery, 380th Field Artillery Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany in connection with military operations against the enemy on 2 March 1945. When the assault elements were held up by intense enemy fire, Sergeant Fraher, acting as assistant to the artillery forward observer, courageously set up an observation post in the second story of a lone farm building. Although constantly exposed to enemy fire, he continued to operate his radio set from his exposed position so that best reception was insured. Because of his devotion to duty and outstanding courage, he greatly contributed to the success of his unit's operations. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

Private First Class Walter R. Utter, (Army Serial Number 33670933), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 24 February 1945, in connection with military operations against the enemy. When his company was taken under intense enemy fire, Private First Class Utter volunteered to locate and contact the support platoons. Alternately running and crawling, he successfully covered two hundred yards, contacted the reinforcements and brought them to their position at the precise moment when the enemy attempted to counter-attack. His brilliant courage and utter disregard for his personal safety reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Private First Class Chester A. Ravenscraft, (Army Serial Number 37362615), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 28 February 1945, in connection with military operations against the enemy. When all radio communication to platoons ceased functioning and all company runners became pinned down by intense enemy fire, Private First Class Ravenscraft, with utter disregard for his personal safety, left the shelter of the platoon command post and made his way over open terrain to the widely

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dispersed platoon positions. Despite the danger, he successfully notified all elements of his company concerning the move, making possible the successful re-organization of his company. The courage and devotion to duty displayed by Private First Class Ravenscraft reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Colorado.

Private First Class Edwin R. Merritt, (Army Serial Number 31468821), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 26 February 1945 in connection with military operations against the enemy. During the early phase of an attack, when his squad leader and assistant squad leader became casualties, Private First Class Merritt unhesitatingly assumed command of the squad and led it forward in the face of intense enemy fire. Though painfully wounded, he refused evacuation and remained in command. When he was wounded again and sent to the rear, he directed litter bearer squads to the more seriously wounded, undoubtedly saving their lives. The courage and devotion to duty displayed by Private First Class Merritt reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

The following named enlisted men, Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 23 February 1945 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	Warren E Dabb	32505067	New Jersey
Private First Class	John W Smith	36639820	Illinois

When an enemy armored column had infiltrated into the front lines, the above enlisted men voluntarily left their position to regain contact with neighboring units. Although they had to travel in plain view of the enemy they courageously continued on their way until contact was reestablished. Because of their fortitude and undaunted determination, counter-measures were initiated and hard gained ground successfully defended.

The following named enlisted men, Corps of Engineers, 327th Engineer Combat Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 17 February 1945 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	Robert E Shanshan	11068238	Maine
Private First Class	James F Burke	39575686	California
Private First Class	Garmine G Tripodi	32466207	New Jersey

While ferrying an infantry platoon across a dangerously swollen river, the above enlisted men were suddenly subjected to such intense enemy fire that

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the boat capsized. Undaunted by the failure, they quickly swam back to the friendly shore, secured another boat and proceeded successfully across the river for the second time. Because of their unflinching devotion to duty and courage, valuable information was gathered which contributed materially to the success of future operations.

The following named enlisted men, Medical Department, 327th Medical Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, for heroic action in Germany from 23 February 1945 to 4 March 1945 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	Roy A. Anderson	37385275	Minnesota
Private First Class	Arnold P. Gussford	35757175	West Virginia
Private First Class	Henry R. Trautman	34397553	Alabama
Private First Class	Harold Gilbert	18005793	Texas
Private First Class	Manuel H. Lara	37354330	Colorado
Private First Class	George W. Lemmon	19006175	Washington
Private First Class	Leo S. Owens	35757227	West Virginia
Private First Class	Gerald D. Ramseyer	35569590	Indiana
Private First Class	George H. Keldar	42120768	New York

Following the crossing of a dangerous river, the above enlisted men worked untiringly to evacuate casualties to medical rear installations. Although subjected to intense enemy fire, they cheerfully re-crossed the stream a great number of times to insure that all wounded men received immediate medical attention. Their unflinching devotion to duty and willingness to work long hours without sleep reflect great credit upon themselves and the military service.

The following named enlisted men, Coast Artillery Corps, 548th Anti-aircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion (Mobile), United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 24 February 1945 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	Max L. McLaughlin	36558576	Michigan
Private First Class	Donald J. Emsar	36419996	Michigan

The above enlisted men proceeded with an assault wave of infantry across a dangerous river to clear a mine field on the far shore so that their battery could go into position without delay. Although constantly exposed to enemy fire, they courageously continued on their mission until the area had been cleared. By their outstanding initiative and devotion to duty, they contributed materially to the success of their organization.

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The following named enlisted men, Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 23 February 1945 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	Robert D. Rhodes	35004077	Ohio
Staff Sergeant	Harold F. Scott	33384178	Maryland
Staff Sergeant	Homar Adkins	35640918	Kentucky
Private First Class	Pierce R. Hulsey	34838876	Georgia
Private First Class	Luther N. Keltner	37639377	Missouri
Private First Class	Joseph M. Langan	32386337	New Jersey
Private First Class	Durward E. Lawrence	38699786	Texas
Private First Class	Lonnie H. Maxwell	34904183	Tennessee
Private First Class	David L. Parker	35243612	Indiana

When the enemy assaulted with strong armored units prior to the arrival of our tanks, the above enlisted men courageously set up a defensive position in an attempt to stop the armored threat. Skillfully covering their bazooka teams, they allowed the vehicles to approach and then disorganized them with an intense hail of fire. Having thus repulsed the enemy tanks, they continued to pour withering fire on the on-rushing enemy infantrymen until many of them lay wounded or dead on the battlefield. By their outstanding determination and heroic action they were instrumental in breaking the enemy's attack.

The following named enlisted men, Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic action in Germany on 23 February 1945, 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	William A. Steele	39338888	Oregon
Private First Class	Jacob Maznor	31234023	Massachusetts

During a fast moving attack, the above enlisted men ran six hundred yards over open terrain through heavy enemy fire to set up their machine gun. Although their unit was pinned down by enemy fire, they courageously remained at their position. Firing rapidly, they cleverly concealed a flank movement by one of their platoons until it had reached a suitable position from which it rolled up the enemy front. The courage and skill displayed by these enlisted men reflect highest credit upon themselves and the military service.

The following named enlisted men, Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 24 February 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>
Private First Class	Wilfred G. Carpenter	38606731	Texas
Private First Class	Castillo Cardone	42110040	New Jersey

During a fast moving attack, the company's right flank was subjected to intense enemy fire at the time when the machine gun section's supply of ammunition was critically low. Fully aware of the gravity of the situation, the above enlisted men, with utter disregard for their personal safety, made their way over several hundred yards of open terrain to supporting tanks, procured a supply of ammunition and returned to their section, repeating these trips until the supply of ammunition had been replenished. Their undaunted courage and devotion to duty reflect great credit upon themselves and the military service.

By command of the DIVISION COMMANDER:

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AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

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

For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany during the respective periods indicated:

MAJOR JAMES J. LAFASA, (Army Serial Number 0381294), Medical Corps, 327th Medical Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, 3 November 1944 to 4 March 1945, includes service in Holland. Entered military service from Mississippi.

CHAPLAIN (CAPTAIN) BERNARD G. BOUDREAU, (Army Serial Number 0541583), Corps of Chaplains, 405th Infantry, United States Army, 24 September 1944 to 20 March 1945, includes service in France and Holland. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

CAPTAIN GILFORD T. CRISTOFFER, (Army Serial Number 01546757), Medical Administrative Corps, 327th Medical Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, 3 November 1944 to 4 March 1945, includes service in Holland. Entered military service from South Dakota.

CAPTAIN RUSSELL G. CONNOLLY, (Army Serial Number 01167371), Field Artillery, 380th Field Artillery Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, 24 November 1944 to 25 March 1945. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

CAPTAIN RICHARD E. DUSEK, (Army Serial Number 01167405), Field Artillery, 380th Field Artillery Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, 24 November 1944 to 25 March 1945. Entered military service from Texas.

CAPTAIN CLARENCE B. KEVITT, (Army Serial Number 01177837), Field Artillery, 380th Field Artillery Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, 24 November 1944 to 25 March 1945. Entered military service from Texas.

CAPTAIN (CAPTAIN) CHARLIE E. HILL, (Army Serial Number 0251044), Corps of Chaplains, 405th Infantry, United States Army, 24 September 1944 to 20 March 1945, includes service in France and Holland. Entered military service from South Carolina.

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CAPTAIN KESLER I. JUNE, Jr. (Army Serial Number 01001590),
General's Department, Headquarters 103d Infantry Division, United States Army,
23 September 1944 to 29 March 1945, includes service in France and Holland.
Entered military service from Texas.

CAPTAIN BILLY J. ELLING, (Army Serial Number 01175194), Field Artillery,
Headquarters 103d Division Artillery, 103d Infantry Division, United States Army,
4 November 1944 to 20 March 1945. Entered military service from Texas.

CAPTAIN CHARLES H. FARSON, (Army Serial Number 0449226), Field Artillery,
300th Field Artillery Battalion, 103d Infantry Division, United States Army,
24 November 1944 to 25 March 1945. Entered military service from Kansas.

CAPTAIN HAROLD L. MCCOY, (Army Serial Number 02047738), Medical Administrative Corps,
387th Medical Battalion, 103d Infantry Division, United States Army,
3 November 1944 to 4 March 1945, includes service in Holland.
Entered military service from Massachusetts.

CAPTAIN RAIF J. McDONOUGH, (Army Serial Number 0378765), Field Artillery,
300th Field Artillery Battalion, 103d Infantry Division, United States Army,
24 November 1944 to 25 March 1945. Entered military service from Louisiana.

CAPTAIN RICHARD E. MITCHELL, (Army Serial Number 01287927), Infantry,
405th Infantry, United States Army, 28 October 1944 to 3 March 1945. Entered military service from California.

FIRST LIEUTENANT JOHN J. MACIEL, (Army Serial Number 02047726), Medical Administrative Corps,
387th Medical Battalion, 103d Infantry Division, United States Army,
3 November 1944 to 4 March 1945, includes service in Holland. Entered military service from Rhode Island.

FIRST LIEUTENANT JACK C. LONGLEY, (Army Serial Number 02046557), Medical Administrative Corps,
387th Medical Battalion, 103d Infantry Division, United States Army,
3 November 1944 to 4 March 1945, includes service in Holland. Entered military service from Texas.

FIRST LIEUTENANT NYRON B. SCHEFF, (Army Serial Number 01177971), Field Artillery,
381st Field Artillery Battalion, 103d Infantry Division, United States Army,
23 November 1944 to 20 March 1945. Entered military service from Nebraska.

SECOND LIEUTENANT WERDENE B. CRENTS, (Army Serial Number 01117085), Corps of Engineers,
307th Engineer Combat Battalion, 103d Infantry Division, United States Army,
24 September 1944 to 1 February 1945, includes service in France and Holland. Entered military service from Illinois.

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Technical Sergeant Joseph L. LaNone, (Army Serial Number 13134325), Infantry, Headquarters 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, 23 September 1944 to 29 March 1945, includes service in France and Holland. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Technical Sergeant Francis M. Murray, (Army Serial Number 32021396), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, 24 September 1944 to 24 March 1945, includes service in France and Holland. Entered military service from New York.

Staff Sergeant Kenneth M. Breano, (Army Serial Number 36544195), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, 27 October 1944 to 15 March 1945. Entered military service from Michigan.

Staff Sergeant Michael A. DuJacoimo, (Army Serial Number 35023039), Infantry, Headquarters 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, 15 November 1944 to 24 March 1945. Entered military service from Ohio.

Staff Sergeant Thomas F. Ellington, (Army Serial Number 32235105), Field Artillery, 380th Field Artillery Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, 23 November 1944 to 17 March 1945. Entered military service from New Jersey.

Staff Sergeant Russell Voochio, (Army Serial Number 36031255), Coast Artillery Corps, 548th Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion (Mobile), United States Army, 24 November 1944 to 14 March 1945. Entered military service from Illinois.

Sergeant Walter E. Kenlow, (Army Serial Number 38349889), Coast Artillery Corps, 548th Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion (Mobile), United States Army, 24 November 1944 to 14 March 1945. Entered military service from Texas.

Sergeant Joseph T. Kloza, (Army Serial Number 38522941), Field Artillery, 360th Field Artillery Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, 23 February 1945 to 17 March 1945. Entered military service from New Jersey.

Technician Fourth Grade John P. Calamari, (Army Serial Number 36523405), Ordnance Department, 802d Ordnance Light Maintenance Company, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, 1 November 1944 to 21 March 1945, includes service in Holland. Entered military service from Illinois.

Technician Fourth Grade Thomas E. Gurnoy, (Army Serial Number 36347135), Field Artillery, 375th Field Artillery Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, 3 November 1944 to 23 March 1945, includes service in Holland. Entered military service from Texas.

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Technician Fourth Grade Marvin O. Neameyer, (Army Serial Number 37385165), Field Artillery, 361st Field Artillery Battalion, 103d Infantry Division, United States Army, 4 November 1944 to 15 March 1945. Entered military service from Minnesota.

Technician Fourth Grade Wilfred P. Unman, (Army Serial Number 37085248), Coast Artillery Corps, 546th Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion (Mobile), United States Army, 24 November 1944 to 14 March 1945. Entered military service from Minnesota.

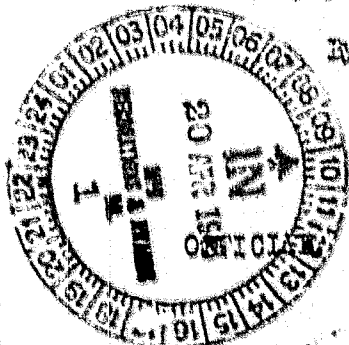
Technician Fifth Grade Walter H. Bortzfeld, (Army Serial Number 33241380), Field Artillery, 380th Field Artillery Battalion, 103d Infantry Division, United States Army, 16 November 1944 to 17 March 1945. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Technician Fifth Grade Albert W. Snolson, (Army Serial Number 32482215), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, 27 October 1944 to 15 March 1945. Entered military service from New Jersey.

Private First Class R. B. Coleman, (Army Serial Number 34477353), Field Artillery, 379th Field Artillery Battalion, 103d Infantry Division, United States Army, 3 November 1944 to 23 March 1945, includes service in Holland. Entered military service from Mississippi.

Private First Class Walter C. Roussou, (Army Serial Number 37543072), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, 27 October 1944 to 15 March 1945. Entered military service from North Dakota.

By command of the DIVISION COMMANDER:



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- I. AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL.
- II. AWARD OF THE AIR MEDAL.
- 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, the following officers and enlisted men are awarded decorations as indicated:

I. AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL.

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

MAJOR HOWARD D. PORTER, (Army Serial Number 0183055), Corps of Military Police, Headquarters 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, 1 December 1944 to 27 March 1945. Entered military service from Ohio.

CAPTAIN HENRY T. AGEE, (Army Serial Number 0420214), Field Artillery, 927th Field Artillery Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, 4 November 1944 to 1 March 1945. Entered military service from West Virginia.

CAPTAIN JOSEPH M. FOREJT, (Army Serial Number 0416626), Medical Corps, 327th Medical Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, 6 February 1945 to 4 March 1945. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

CAPTAIN HARVEY KRIEGER, (Army Serial Number 0408522), Medical Corps, 327th Medical Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, 16 November 1944 to 4 March 1945. Entered military service from Ohio.

CAPTAIN JOSEPH I. McMAHON, (Army Serial Number 01288268), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, 11 October 1944 to 24 March 1945, includes service in France and Holland. Entered military service from District of Columbia

FIRST LIEUTENANT DONALD A. CHAIK, (Army Serial Number 0443959), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, 27 October 1944 to 27 March 1945. Entered military service from Minnesota.

FIRST LIEUTENANT MEREL P. ISHAM, (Army Serial Number 01301640), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, 8 December 1944 to 24 March 1945. Entered military service from Utah.

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FIRST LIEUTENANT JOHN R. VINYARD, (Army Serial Number 01183782), Field Artillery, 381st Field Artillery Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, 4 November 1944 to 30 March 1945. Entered military service from Texas.

WARRANT OFFICER JUNIOR GRADE SAUL GOLDSTEIN, (Army Serial Number W2119630), United States Army, 327th Medical Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, 3 November 1944 to 4 March 1945, includes service in Holland. Entered military service from New Jersey.

WARRANT OFFICER JUNIOR GRADE VERNON L. TOWNSEND, (Army Serial Number W2132120), United States Army, 406th Infantry, United States Army, November 1944 to 31 March 1945. Entered military service from Texas.

First Sergeant William J. Ryder, Jr., (Army Serial Number 31249995), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, 27 October 1944 to 28 January 1945. Entered military service from Connecticut.

Technical Sergeant Edward J. Leahy, (Army Serial Number 36623416), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, 27 October 1944 to 28 January 1945. Entered military service from Illinois.

Staff Sergeant Erwin Lenke, (Army Serial Number 18009970), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, 27 October 1944 to 15 March 1945. Entered military service from Texas.

Staff Sergeant Howard W. Mason, (Army Serial Number 35024817), Field Artillery, 381st Field Artillery Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, 4 November 1944 to 29 March 1945, includes service in Holland. Entered military service from Ohio.

Staff Sergeant Jerry Salvatoriello, (Army Serial Number 32594365), Field Artillery, 380th Field Artillery Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, 4 November 1944 to 25 March 1945. Entered military service from New Jersey.

Staff Sergeant Russell S. Smith, (Army Serial Number 38353295), Field Artillery, 380th Field Artillery Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army 4 November 1944 to 18 March 1945. Entered military service from Arkansas.

Staff Sergeant Charles Stayduhar, (Army Serial Number 35588351), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, 16 November 1944 to 3 March 1945. Entered military service from Ohio.

Staff Sergeant Ira J. Toups, (Army Serial Number 18118728), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, 30 October 1944 to 15 March 1945. Entered military service from Texas.

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Sergeant Walter F. Sharp, (Army Serial Number 31244331), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, 16 November 1944 to 15 March 1945. Entered military service from Rhode Island.

Sergeant Charles W. Meyer, (Army Serial Number 35499008), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, 27 October 1944 to 25 January 1945. Entered military service from Kentucky.

Sergeant Roy D. Hofstetter, (Army Serial Number 39179702), Corps of Engineers, 327th Engineer Combat Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, 1 November 1944 to 1 February 1945. Entered military service from Washington.

Sergeant Paul L. Alexander, (Army Serial Number 20832415), Field Artillery, 380th Field Artillery Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, 16 November 1944 to 27 March 1945. Entered military service from Oklahoma.

Technician Fourth Grade Knud Rahr, (Army Serial Number 32645762), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, 16 November 1944 to 31 March 1945. Entered military service from New York.

Technician Fourth Grade Carl E. Goodman, (Army Serial Number 18012750), Field Artillery, 381st Field Artillery Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, 4 November 1944 to 27 March 1945. Entered military service from Texas.

Technician Fourth Grade William M. Brown, (Army Serial Number 32645492), Medical Department, 405th Infantry, United States Army, 28 October 1944 to 3 March 1945. Entered military service from New York.

Corporal William F. Buckner, (Army Serial Number 33518847), Field Artillery, 380th Field Artillery Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, 4 November 1944 to 25 March 1945. Entered military service from Virginia.

Technician Fifth Grade Osbern O. Harkey, (Army Serial Number 38353177), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, 27 October 1944 to 15 March 1945. Entered military service from Arkansas.

Private First Class Douglas L. Myers, (Army Serial Number 33722074), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, 16 November 1944 to 3 March 1945. Entered military service from Maryland.

Private First Class Stanley H. Fischer, Jr., (Army Serial Number 33449272), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, 27 October 1944 to 13 March 1945. Entered military service from District of Columbia.

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The following named enlisted men, Field Artillery, 927th Field Artillery Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, for meritorious service in Germany from 23 November 1944 to 2 March 1945 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 Technician	Robert H. Kolb	36542579	Michigan
Fifth Grade	Seth O. Ormsbee	37354875	Colorado
Private First Class	Edward J. Magner	33474404	Pennsylvania
Private	Roy D. Fink	33259772	Pennsylvania
Private	Lawrence D. Snyder	36623103	Illinois

II. AWARD OF THE AIR MEDAL.

For meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany between the dates indicated:

FIRST LIEUTENANT WILLIAM G. WOODRING, (Army Serial Number O1175365), Field Artillery, 379th Field Artillery Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, 5 January 1945 to 20 February 1945. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

III. AWARD OF THE AIR MEDAL (OAK LEAF CLUSTER).

For meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany between the dates indicated:

1. Second Oak Leaf Cluster.

FIRST LIEUTENANT EDWIN P. WOMACK, (Army Serial Number O531624), Field Artillery, 381st Field Artillery Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, 7 February 1945 to 21 March 1945. Entered military service from Illinois.

FIRST LIEUTENANT RICHARD H. SCOTT, (Army Serial Number O529755), Field Artillery, 380th Field Artillery Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, 20 February 1945 to 20 March 1945. Entered military service from Illinois.

FIRST LIEUTENANT ARCHIBALD S. WARE, Jr., (Army Serial Number O519216), Field Artillery, 927th Field Artillery Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, 25 January 1945 to 11 March 1945. Entered military service from Texas.

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FIRST LIEUTENANT LOUIS R. SCARBROUGH, (Army Serial Number 01177965),
Field Artillery, 381st Field Artillery Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United
States Army, 8 February 1945 to 17 March 1945. Entered military service from
Alabama.

FIRST LIEUTENANT WINFIELD J. BOILLEAU, (Army Serial Number 01169868),
Field Artillery, 381st Field Artillery Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United
States Army, 7 February 1945 to 20 March 1945. Entered military service from
New Jersey.

FIRST LIEUTENANT DUNTON M. BROUGHTON, (Army Serial Number 01179733),
Field Artillery, 927th Field Artillery Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United
States Army, 10 February 1945 to 21 March 1945. Entered military service from
Virginia.

FIRST LIEUTENANT ROBERT S. PLANTZ, (Army Serial Number 0464675),
Field Artillery, 379th Field Artillery Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United
States Army, 30 January 1945 to 21 March 1945. Entered military service from
Michigan.

FIRST LIEUTENANT JACK J. MELHAN, (Army Serial Number 0408459), Field
Artillery, Headquarters 102d Division Artillery, 102d Infantry Division, United
States Army, 2 January 1945 to 26 March 1945. Entered military service from New
York.

2. Third Oak Leaf Cluster:

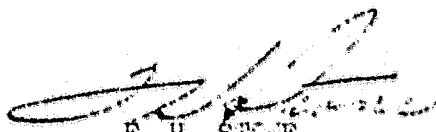
FIRST LIEUTENANT BERTRAM J. NORLAND, (Army Serial Number 01182312),
Field Artillery, 380th Field Artillery Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United
States Army, 23 February 1945 to 20 March 1945. Entered military service from
Kentucky.

FIRST LIEUTENANT ROY T. MYERS, Jr., (Army Serial Number 0515616),
Field Artillery, 379th Field Artillery Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United
States Army, 27 February 1945 to 24 March 1945. Entered military service from
Missouri.

By command of the DIVISION COMMANDER:

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Chief of Staff



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Lieutenant Colonel, Adjutant General's Department
Adjutant General

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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 following officers and enlisted men are awarded the BRONZE STAR MEDAL:

CAPTAIN WILLIAM H. ELLIOTT, (Army Serial Number 01102229), Corps of Engineers, 327th Engineer Combat Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 23 February 1945 in connection with military operations against the enemy. Advancing with the forward infantry elements, CAPTAIN ELLIOTT rendered invaluable assistance in directing engineer support while the attack proceeded. Although frequently subjected to harassing enemy fire, he remained at the front and by his brilliant foresight and outstanding alertness, materially contributed to the success of the operation. Entered military service from Texas.

FIRST LIEUTENANT ROBERT L. PARKER, (Army Serial Number 0531884), Field Artillery, 380th Field Artillery Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany from 28 February 1945 to 2 March 1945 in connection with military operations against the enemy. Performing duties as artillery forward observer, FIRST LIEUTENANT PARKER advanced with the assault elements so that he could deliver effective fire whenever needed. When one of his men was wounded, he unhesitatingly exposed himself to enemy fire to carry him to an aid station. Quickly returning to his post, he continued on his job thereby materially aiding the advancing infantry units. Entered military service from Texas.

FIRST LIEUTENANT ROBERT E. HERRICK, (Army Serial Number 0514597), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 27 February 1945 in connection with military operations against the enemy. When the company was taken under intense enemy fire and attempts to continue the advance were frustrated, FIRST LIEUTENANT HERRICK, with utter disregard for his personal safety, moved ahead of his lead squad, scouring the area for enemy strongholds. By skillful maneuvers he placed his guns in position, brought effective fire on the town and enabled the assault elements to force their way into the town and capture several prisoners and vehicles. The sound judgment, courage and initiative displayed by FIRST LIEUTENANT HERRICK reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from California.

FIRST LIEUTENANT JOSEPH B. MORRIS, (Army Serial Number 01323466), 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 halted by enemy machine gun fire during an assault on high ground,

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FIRST LIEUTENANT MORRIS courageously exposed himself to draw fire so that his squads could move undetectedly to safer positions. After he had successfully reimplaced his weapons, he risked his life again to evacuate wounded men from the battlefield. His courage and unflinching devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from California.

SECOND LIEUTENANT ALBERT J. MELUGIN, (Army Serial Number 02012005), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 24 February 1945 in connection with military operations against the enemy. With utter disregard for his personal safety, SECOND LIEUTENANT MELUGIN (then Technical Sergeant) made his way over several hundred yards of open terrain subjected to intense enemy fire to reconnoiter an enemy mine field. After having determined the exact location he returned and led two squads forward to remove the mines from the high ground, enabling supporting armor to move into position and to repulse enemy counter attacks. His skill and courage reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Oklahoma.

Technical Sergeant Elmer G. Rosage, (Army Serial Number 33258527), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 2 December 1944 in connection with military operations against the enemy. When all members of his section became casualties, Technical Sergeant Rosage (then Staff Sergeant) skillfully organized a group of inexperienced wiremen and messengers into an efficient machine gun section and led them in an attack against a fortified enemy town. His ingenuity and resourcefulness were instrumental in the elimination of numerous enemy strongpoints and contributed materially to the success of the operations. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Technical Sergeant Jesse M. Jones, (Army Serial Number 18012238), Field Artillery, 927th Field Artillery Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 23 February 1945 in connection with military operations against the enemy. When a heavy artillery barrage severed light and communication wires, Technical Sergeant Jones unhesitatingly left the relative safety of his command post to string new wire. By his calm, efficient and aggressive manner he obtained auxiliary lighting equipment, started the generators and also reestablished telephone communications. His courage and devotion to duty reflect highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Texas.

Staff Sergeant Eddie Chudalla, (Army Serial Number 18009799), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 23 February 1945 in connection with military operations against the enemy. During a dangerous river crossing, Staff Sergeant Chudalla worked untiringly to keep his unit supplied with ammunition and other materiel necessary to maintain the bridgehead. While the battle still raged he carried heavy loads to the front line elements despite intense small arms and artillery fire. By his great courage and untiring efforts he was instrumental in enabling his unit to press forward with the attack. Entered military service from Texas.

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Staff Sergeant John S. Langdon, (Army Serial Number 18232710), 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 unit was halted by heavy enemy fire Staff Sergeant Langdon, with utter disregard for his personal safety, left the comparative safety of his sheltered position and moved freely over open terrain to administer first aid to three wounded comrades and evacuate them to positions of comparative safety. After assuring himself that the wounded were properly cared for, he returned to his platoon and unhesitatingly continued in the attack when the enemy fire lifted. His courage and initiative reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Texas.

Staff Sergeant William W. Whitehead, (Army Serial Number 33518565), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 2 December 1945 in connection with military operations against the enemy. Despite the intense enemy mortar fire, Staff Sergeant Whitehead led a patrol through enemy territory and succeeded in finding a suitable route of approach for medium tanks attached to his battalion. Through his skill and undaunted courage, he enabled his battalion to attack as planned and contributed materially to the subsequent successful operations of the unit. Entered military service from Virginia.

Staff Sergeant Carl A. Thorsnes, (Army Serial Number 39471589), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 2 March 1945 in connection with military operations against the enemy. In an effort to reconnoiter an enemy strongpoint, Sergeant Thorsnes voluntarily went forward of the advance elements. Moving cautiously, he threw several hand grenades with such telling effectiveness that he captured twelve prisoners, killed and wounded several others. By his courage and aggressiveness, he neutralized the enemy position and enabled the attack to proceed successfully. Entered military service from Oregon.

Staff Sergeant Alfred D. Kemper, (Army Serial Number 38661108), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 23 February 1945 in connection with military operations against the enemy. When an armored enemy counter attack threatened the position of his battalion, Staff Sergeant Kemper (then Private First Class) left the comparative safety of his command post to man an observation post in a nearby building. Despite intense enemy fire, he remained in his precarious position, successfully gave fire direction and adjusted supporting fire until the enemy was forced to retreat. His undaunted courage and devotion to duty reflect the highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Arkansas.

Sergeant Edward A. Malinoski, (Army Serial Number 32592978), 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 pinned down by artillery and machine gun fire, Sergeant Malinoski courageously moved his mortar section across one thousand yards of open terrain into positions from which he could place effective fire upon the enemy. When ammunition supply was almost exhausted, he collected the remaining rounds and moved to an exposed position so that he could place more accurate rifle

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the enemy. Although the enemy returned heavy fire he continued to inflict casualties until he was wounded himself. The undaunted courage, leadership, devotion to duty displayed by this enlisted man reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from New Jersey.

Sergeant Ernest F. George, (Army Serial Number 33885076), Infantry, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 26 February 1945 in connection with military operations against the enemy. When a friendly armored column inadvertently placed heavy fire on his company sector, Sergeant George (then Private First Class) unhesitatingly left the relative safety of his foxhole to contact the armored unit. Making his way from shell hole to shell hole despite the intense fire, he successfully reached the tank commander and informed him of the location of his company. By his quick thinking and courage he stopped the fire and prevented many casualties. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Technician Fourth Grade William J. Kirchgessner, Jr., (Army Serial Number 32932105), Medical Department, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 26 February 1945 in connection with military operations against the enemy. During a fast moving attack, a platoon of riflemen suffered many casualties when they unknowingly entered an area densely covered with anti-personnel mines. Despite the intense enemy fire, Technician Fourth Grade Kirchgessner (then Private First Class), unhesitatingly rushed into the mine field administering first aid to the wounded and evacuating them to positions of relative safety. His extraordinary courage and valiant devotion to duty served as an inspiration to all who witnessed it. Entered military service from New York.

Corporal Joseph P. Ferriell, (Army Serial Number 35499173), Field Artillery, 379th Field Artillery Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 1 March 1945 in connection with military operations against the enemy. While performing duties with the artillery forward observer, Corporal Ferriell noticed that an officer lay wounded on an open field. With utter disregard for his personal safety, he made his way through intense enemy fire to the stricken officer. Although constantly exposed to great danger of life, he administered first aid and removed him to a place of relative safety. His courage and great devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Kentucky.

Corporal John Korback, (Army Serial Number 32592784), Field Artillery, 380th Field Artillery Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 28 February 1945 in connection with military operations against the enemy. Despite the continuous fire from four enemy tanks about four hundred yards distant, Corporal Korback advanced unhesitatingly across open terrain and established radio communications so that requests for artillery fire missions could be transmitted. On another occasion he assembled a radio in an unprotected area and with utter disregard for his personal safety acted as a

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relay station for another observer's radio. His calmness and outstanding devotion to duty materially contributed to the successful advance of the supported infantry. Entered military service from New Jersey.

Technician Fifth Grade Ben C. Worcester, Jr., (Army Serial Number 11080027), 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. As radio operator with an artillery forward observed section, Technician Fifth Grade Worcester, without regard for his personal safety, carried a radio over open terrain to a position in the front line. When the supported company was ordered to withdraw because of a sudden counter attack, Technician Fifth Grade Worcester remained at his post and continued operating his radio. During the withdrawal he called for a smoke mission which effectively blanketed the withdrawal and prevented heavy casualties. His courage and devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

Technician Fifth Grade Peter Razzano, (Army Serial Number 12186876), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 25 February 1945 in connection with military operations against the enemy. When ambulances were unavailable, Technician Fifth Grade Razzano drove his truck through heavy enemy fire to evacuate seriously wounded men to safety. Even though the fire was so intense that he had to halt numerous times to seek shelter, he courageously continued on his mission braving deadly fire. His courage and unselfish devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from New York.

Private First Class William D. Holt, (Army Serial Number 38345657), Medical Department, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 25 February 1945 in connection with military operations against the enemy. When a heavy artillery barrage buried six men beneath a pile of debris, Private First Class Holt, despite the continued concentration of hostile artillery fire, quickly went to their rescue. Working with untiring energy, he was successful in extricating and treating all men and saving the life of one who had been seriously wounded. His determination and undaunted courage reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Texas.

Private First Class Edward Gora, (Army Serial Number 12131713), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 25 February 1945 in connection with military operations against the enemy. When his unit was pinned down by extremely heavy fire from the well-entrenched enemy, Private First Class Gora volunteered to return to the rear to secure fire support. Although wounded on his way, he kept going until he had contacted the support units. Because of his courageous determination, effective support was delivered and his unit relieved. Entered military service from New Jersey.

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Private First Class Herbert E. Gundlach, (Army Serial Number 32631652), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 23 February 1945 in connection with military operations against the enemy. During the crossing of a strategic river, Private First Class Gundlach provided effective support to assault elements. When the need for ammunition became acute, he voluntarily strapped the ammunition to his back and with utter disregard for his personal safety, grasped a cable which spanned the river and pulled himself hand over hand, while his body was immersed waist deep in the icy water. He successfully reached the far bank and delivered the ammunition to the assault units. His courage, initiative and devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

Private First Class William W. Giese, (Army Serial Number 32631652), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army for heroic achievement in Germany from 23 February 1945 to 2 March 1945 in connection with military operations against the enemy. During a fast moving attack, Private First Class Giese worked unceasingly to deliver vital ammunition to front line troops. Despite the intense enemy fire, he constantly risked his life making his way across a dangerous river in an unused assault boat in order to insure a steady flow of the sorely needed supplies. His willingness and keen devotion to duty materially contributed to the successful operations of his unit. Entered military service from New York.

Private First Class Albert A. Frable, (Army Serial Number 33481612), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 23 February 1945 in connection with military operations against the enemy. During an assault when enemy machine gun fire succeeded in pinning down his platoon inflicting many casualties, Private First Class Frable unhesitatingly ran to a wounded comrade. Although he became a casualty himself when he stepped on an anti-personnel mine, he disregarded his own pain, probed his way out of the mine field, and administered first aid to the wounded man, even before attending to his own wound. His outstanding unselfishness won the admiration of his comrades. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Private First Class John Bamburak, (Army Serial Number 6907639), Medical Department, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 1 March 1945 in connection with military operations against the enemy. Private First Class Bamburak worked fearlessly throughout a fast moving attack to treat wounded men on the field of battle so that their pain could be relieved. On one occasion when men lay wounded on a shell swept open field, he braved the intense danger to rush toward them and evacuate them to safer positions. His courage and unselfish devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from New Jersey.

Private First Class James D. Willis, (Army Serial Number 14164018), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 27 February 1945 in connection with military operations against the enemy. Despite heavy enemy shell fire, Private First Class Willis left the comparative safety of his foxhole on two occasions to effect repairs in wire lines vital to the

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continuation of accurate cannon fire. As a result of his courage and initiative, the gun position was able to fire an urgent mission in support of assaulting rifle troops. Entered military service from Georgia.

Private First Class Winslow E. Uebel, (Army Serial Number 16121343), Medical Department, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany from 23 February 1945 to 3 March 1945 in connection with military operations against the enemy. With utter disregard for his personal safety, Private First Class Uebel made his way through enemy mine fields thickly sown with anti-tank and anti-personnel mines to administer first aid to the wounded and evacuated them to comparative safety. During the following days he worked untiringly in administering aid to the wounded, despite the intense enemy fire. The undaunted courage, consideration for his fellow men and diligent devotion to duty displayed by Private First Class Uebel was instrumental in the saving of many lives. Entered military service from Illinois.

Private First Class Alver C. Soderlund, (Army Serial Number 31250082), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 25 February 1945 in connection with military operations against the enemy. When a rifle platoon suffered many casualties from anti-personnel mines, Private First Class Soderlund, a runner for his company, courageously ran into the mine field and despite the heavy enemy artillery fire, administered first aid to the wounded and carried them to positions of relative safety. His intrepidity and coolness under fire reflect the highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Connecticut.

Private First Class Paul Pigman, (Army Serial Number 35767560), Medical Department, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany from 27 February 1945 to 2 March 1945 in connection with military operations against the enemy. Performing duties as company aid man, Private First Class Pigman deliberately faced enemy fire in order to administer first aid on the battlefield. By his quick and unselfish action he evacuated many comrades and saved their lives. The skill and devotion to duty displayed by Private First Class Pigman reflect highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Kentucky.

Private First Class Elmer E. Milligan, (Army Serial Number 39034375), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany from 23 February 1945 to 3 March 1945 in connection with military operations against the enemy. With utter disregard for his personal safety, Private First Class Milligan made his way through enemy mine fields thickly sown with anti-tank and anti-personnel mines to administer first aid to the wounded and evacuated them to positions of comparative safety. During the following days he worked tirelessly in administering aid to the wounded in the face of enemy fire. His undaunted courage and consideration for his fellow men were instrumental in saving many lives. Entered military service from California.

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Private Lee A. Lewis, (Army Serial Number 35878519), Medical Department, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 25 February 1945 in connection with military operations against the enemy. When his unit was cut off by enemy artillery fire, Private Lewis displayed considerable initiative by establishing an emergency aid station. Enemy fire ripped through the building as he worked, but Private Lewis calmly worked on, administering first aid and organizing teams of walking wounded to carry the more seriously stricken men to better cover. His skill and fearlessness reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Ohio.

Private Hugh E. Holcombe, (Army Serial Number 14163958), Field Artillery, 927th Field Artillery Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 25 February 1945 in connection with military operations against the enemy. When a heavy artillery barrage severed communications between the forward observer and battalion headquarters, Private Holcombe unhesitatingly braved intense enemy fire to repair the damaged wire. While the barrage continued, he remained on his mission, thereby insuring a continuous flow of vital information. The courage and devotion to duty displayed by Private Holcombe reflect highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Georgia.

Private Frank S. Worthington, Jr., (Army Serial Number 14191906), Medical Department, 406th Infantry, for heroic achievement in Germany on 27 February 1945 in connection with military operations against the enemy. Performing duty as company aid man, Private Worthington worked untiringly to administer first aid on the battlefield. Although constantly exposed to intense enemy fire, he continued on his mission until all stricken men had been evacuated. The courage and unselfish devotion to duty displayed by this enlisted man reflect highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from North Carolina.

Private Frank Urban, (Army Serial Number 6559217), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 23 February 1945 in connection with military operations against the enemy. Although painfully wounded during the initial stages of an attack, Private Urban insisted on moving forward with his platoon. When heavy fire was encountered, he courageously exposed himself to ascertain its direction. Having thus enabled his unit to neutralize enemy positions, he proceeded until the objective was reached. Only then did he submit to medical treatment. The unflinching courage and devotion to duty displayed by this enlisted man reflect highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Minnesota.

First Sergeant Richard E. Wardlow, (Army Serial Number 17159427), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 25 February 1945 in connection with military operations against the enemy. When his company was held up by heavy enemy fire and a concentrated mortar barrage began to shower the sector, First Sergeant Wardlow, in the absence of commissioned officers, moved courageously from one platoon to the other to lead them out of the

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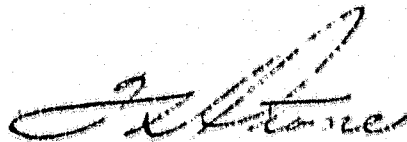
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endangered area. With utter disregard for his personal safety, he exposed himself to intense danger of life until his men had reached the safety of buildings and the wounded men had been evacuated. The heroism and initiative displayed by this enlisted man reflect highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Missouri.

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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 Fifth United States Army, 8 September 1944, as amended, the following officers and enlisted men are awarded the BRONZE STAR MEDAL:

The following officer and enlisted men, Corps of Engineers, 327th Engineer Combat Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 29 January 1945 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>
FIRST LIEUTENANT	WILLIAM P. O'BRIEN	01117095	Massachusetts
Staff Sergeant	Gene M. Ellis	37444678	Iowa
Sergeant	John A. Ford	38297808	Arkansas
Sergeant	Ivy L. Hookin	34490260	Tennessee
Sergeant	Nicholas F. Lolla	42067727	New York
Corporal	Albert H. Reposky	33399295	Pennsylvania
Private	Lundy E. Ainsworth	18013223	Texas

The above officer and enlisted men courageously crossed a dangerous river with the mission of constructing a foot bridge so that reconnaissance patrols might cross safely and expeditiously. Although they were subjected to harassing enemy fire upon their arrival at the far shore, they unhesitatingly proceeded with their work despite the extreme cold, the swiftness of the river, and the constant danger of life. They successfully constructed the bridge and maintained it until all patrols had returned. Their courageous devotion to duty and excellent coordination reflect highest credit upon themselves and the military service.

The following enlisted men, Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 26 February 1945 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	John H. Grisham	6955334	Texas
Staff Sergeant	Frank Luff	33474610	Pennsylvania
Private First Class	John D. Emrich	12198304	New York
Private First Class	Karl E. Kitchen	35537415	Ohio

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When their company was suddenly halted by enemy tanks and halftracks, the above enlisted men voluntarily formed an assault squad and courageously proceeded to a position of vantage from which they could open fire on the enemy. Their unexpected display of coordinated firepower disorganized the armored column and forced the enemy to withdraw. The courage and resourcefulness displayed by these enlisted men reflect highest credit upon themselves and the military service.

The following named enlisted men, Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany from 23 February 1945 to 26 February 1945 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 Technician	Robert A. Martin	33401233	Pennsylvania
Fourth Grade Technician	Robert E. Garunor	18032574	Oklahoma
Fourth Grade Technician	Eldon L. Hamilton	74477496	Mississippi
Fifth Grade	Martin H. Somorjian	33469551	Pennsylvania

During a dangerous river crossing and throughout the subsequent fast moving attack, the above enlisted men as members of an ammunition bearing party worked untiringly and at great risk of life keeping front line troops supplied with vital ammunition. Despite heavy enemy fire and lack of suitable vehicular bridges early in the attack, they cheerfully carried the much needed ammunition across the river so that the attack could continue. Their untiring efforts and exemplary performance of duty reflect great credit upon themselves and the military service.

The following named enlisted men, Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 23 February 1945 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	Willard R. Nothstein	33481591	Pennsylvania
Corporal	Kenneth W. Hastay	33910712	New Jersey
Corporal	Vincent J. Vaccaro	33457501	Pennsylvania

When an enemy armored counter attack threatened to overrun their battalion area, the above enlisted men hastily formed a tank fighter squad and moved forward into position to fend off the penetration. By their prompt and courageous action, they secured their unit's sector at a crucial moment. The leadership and courage displayed by these enlisted men reflect highest credit

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upon themselves and the military service.

The following named enlisted men, Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany from 23 February 1945 to 3 March 1945 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	Albert B. Bostic	35447605	West Virginia
Sergeant	Eugene E. King	34397646	Alabama
Sergeant	Oliver P. Volpert	35035818	Ohio
Technician Fourth Grade	Joe O. Robuck, Jr.	36623148	Illinois
Technician Fifth Grade	Noel W. Chauncey	37477055	South Dakota
Technician Fifth Grade	Frank J. Lempla	31250599	Connecticut
Private First Class	Lawrence E. Anderson	37552148	Minnesota
Private First Class	Bob Arbaugh	39040165	California
Private First Class	John A. Baldwin	39708570	California
Private First Class	Billy D. Barnett	18107290	Oklahoma
Private First Class	Richard P. Barnett	38232310	Texas
Private First Class	Shepherd Zell	32783736	New York
Private First Class	Lloyd H. Bonnell	33299385	Pennsylvania
Private First Class	Noel L. Brotherton	35663513	Ohio
Private First Class	Archie B. Coffman	38297350	Arkansas
Private First Class	Koller E. Evans	33259984	Pennsylvania
Private First Class	William R. Fomstormacher	13174888	Pennsylvania
Private First Class	Robert E. Fleming	37565397	Minnesota
Private First Class	Trinidad M. Minor	38247162	Texas
Private First Class	Bryce C. Owens	35687188	Kentucky
Private First Class	Jose J. Perez	38359196	Texas
Private First Class	Gordon M. Romig	35055131	Ohio
Private First Class	Francis W. Shannon	37457671	Pennsylvania
Private First Class	Alvin S. Shiflott	33901074	Maryland
Private First Class	Fred F. Yackman	33055215	Pennsylvania

As members of a mine platoon of an anti-tank company, the above enlisted men moved freely over open terrain and with utter disregard for their personal safety removed mines from roads to enable tanks and armored vehicles to render close and effective support to assault elements. Despite the intense enemy fire, they worked at times ahead of the assault troops clearing mines, thereby saving many lives and facilitating the transportation of vital supplies. The skill and courageous devotion to duty displayed by these men reflect great credit upon themselves and the military service.

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The following named enlisted men, Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 23 February 1945 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	Joseph A. Yonotti	32639099	New York
Private First Class	Loy W. Rudisill	4591287	North Carolina
Private First Class	Robert W. Smith	35061394	Ohio

When contact between front line elements was lost during a fast moving attack, the above enlisted men risked their lives by braving intense enemy fire to reestablish communications. While searching for the adjacent unit, they encountered an enemy bunker and, despite the harassing small arms fire, overpowered two guards and captured the fourteen occupants. Then they proceeded on their mission and successfully located the unit. The outstanding courage and resourcefulness displayed by the above enlisted 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 from 23 February 1945 to 2 March 1945 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 Fourth Grade	Olivet M. Kurtz	35348509	Ohio
Private First Class	Kenneth W. Bradley	35797522	Kentucky
Private First Class	James H. Shaw	32564746	New Jersey

Performing duties as radio operators, the above enlisted men worked untiringly to maintain constant and efficient communications with their battalion and higher headquarters. When vehicular traffic was impossible, they carried their radios and operated in close proximity of assault elements, thereby insuring uninterrupted communications throughout the attack. Because of their tireless energy and outstanding technical skill, they contributed materially to the success of the operations.

The following enlisted men, Medical Department, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 9 February 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>
Technician			
Fifth Grade	Bernard R. Rusiaki	33401295	Pennsylvania
Private First Class	Max Feld	32644240	New York

When two soldiers lay wounded on the banks of a dangerous river, the above enlisted men unhesitatingly went forward, fully aware of the intense danger. As they descended the slope, the enemy began firing at them with machine guns. Undaunted by the threat, they proceeded to their wounded comrades and calmly administered first aid. Although remaining under enemy fire, they bravely carried the stricken men back to the aid station so they could be evacuated without further delay. Their courage and unflinching devotion to duty reflect great credit upon themselves and the military service.

The following named enlisted men, Coast Artillery Corps, 548th Anti-aircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion (Mobile), United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 24 February 1945 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	Richard P. Pollock	33730714	Arkansas
Private	Jay G. Slonecker	33730714	Maryland

When their truck sustained two direct hits from enemy artillery, wounding several men and setting the truck afire, the above enlisted men unhesitatingly dismounted to administer first aid and assist in extinguishing the blaze. Even when ammunition on a nearby truck began to explode, they proceeded on their mission until all casualties had been removed to safety. The outstanding courage and devotion to duty displayed by these 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 24 February 1945 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	Joseph W. Cagle	34477461	Mississippi
Private First Class	William C. Roy	34477295	Mississippi

During a fast moving attack when their platoon was harassed by enemy machine gun fire, the above enlisted men moved rapidly toward the enemy weapon

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in dangerously exposed positions. With utter disregard for their personal safety they commenced firing, loading and reloading their weapon until they had silenced the enemy gun, killed two of the crew, and captured seven prisoners. The intrepidity and determination displayed by these men materially contributed to the success of the operations.

The following named enlisted men, Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 26 February 1945 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 A. Fries	31407596	Connecticut
Private First Class	James F. Lollar	34397260	Alabama
Private First Class	Robert C. Ramsey	33412319	Pennsylvania

When contact between front line elements was lost during a fast moving attack, the above enlisted men moved through heavy fire to reestablish communication. Returning from this mission, they came across a fortified enemy gun emplacement. With undaunted courage they overpowered and captured twelve occupants. Then they proceeded with their prisoners and successfully rejoined their unit. The outstanding courage and resourcefulness displayed by the above enlisted men reflect highest credit upon themselves and the military service.

The following enlisted men, Field Artillery, 927th Field Artillery Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany from 23 February 1945 to 25 February 1945 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	Charles E. Cook	34490680	Tennessee
Private	Robert F. Engelman	20328906	Pennsylvania
Private	John J. Michalic	33474451	Pennsylvania

As members of a wire section, the above enlisted men assisted in laying cable under a dangerous river shortly after the assault troops had accomplished a crossing. Although exposed to intense enemy fire, they remained on the job for two days without rest, maintaining communication lines. Their courage and endurance enabled the battalion to furnish efficient support to the attacking infantry units.

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

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FIRST LIEUTENANT CLYDE ELLIOTT, (Army Serial Number 0104871), Coast Artillery Corps, 548th Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion (Mobile), United States Army, 24 February 1945 to 2 March 1945. Entered military service from Texas.

FIRST LIEUTENANT JOHN E. HOFFMAN, (Army Serial Number 01053640), Coast Artillery Corps, 548th Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion (Mobile), United States Army, 24 February 1945 to 2 March 1945. Entered military service from Nebraska.

Staff Sergeant Leroy Baldwin, (Army Serial Number 35377593), Field Artillery, 380th Field Artillery Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, 23 November 1944 to 17 March 1945. Entered military service from Ohio.

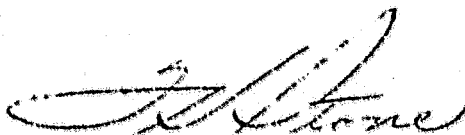
Technician Fourth Grade Elbert D. Edens, Jr., (Army Serial Number 3329543), Field Artillery, 379th Field Artillery Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, 3 November 1944 to 23 March 1945, includes service in Holland. Entered military service from Virginia.

Technician Fourth Grade John A. Nordin, (Army Serial Number 39829091), Coast Artillery Corps, 548th Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion (Mobile), United States Army, 24 February 1945 to 2 March 1945. Entered military service from Utah.

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- IV. AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL (OAK LEAF CLUSTER).
- 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 following officers and enlisted men are awarded decorations as indicated:

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

Staff Sergeant William J. Asher, (Army Serial Number 35673430), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany on 25 February 1945. Having successfully cleared pockets of enemy resistance from a densely wooded area, Staff Sergeant Asher's squad was suddenly subjected to an artillery barrage. Thinking only of the safety of his men, he ordered them to withdraw quickly. The men were too widely dispersed to hear the orders, so he ran through the woods, shouting his orders while fire burst overhead. Although he made the supreme sacrifice in the performance of this gallant act, he set an inspiring example which will live on in the memory of his comrades. Entered military service from Ohio.

II. AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL (POSTHUMOUSLY).

Corporal Casper J. Scarpacc, (Army Serial Number 36544030), 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. While in the attack with an infantry company, Corporal Scarpacc, a noncommissioned officer with a forward observer section, without regard for his own safety carried a radio over open terrain to a position in the front line. When the supported company was ordered to withdraw because of a strong enemy counter attack, Corporal Scarpacc remained at his post and called for a smoke mission which effectively blanketed the withdrawal and prevented heavy casualties. His courage, initiative, and diligent devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Michigan.

Technician Fifth Grade John G. Pinto, (Army Serial Number 2023459), Field Artillery, 771st Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 10 December 1944 in connection with military operations

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against the enemy. When an ammunition truck caught on fire, Technician Fifth Grade Pinto unhesitatingly rushed to the vehicle to extinguish the flames. Although constantly exposed to intense enemy fire, he continued with his work fully aware of a possible explosion. By his courage and outstanding devotion to duty, he prevented destruction of valuable government property. Entered military service from New York.

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

Sergeant James P. Leahy, (Army Serial Number 32466260), Corps of Engineers, 327th Engineer Combat Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 23 February 1945 in connection with military operations against the enemy. Although his duties required him to work without supervision, Sergeant Leahy performed outstanding work during a dangerous river crossing. Being constantly harassed by enemy fire, he courageously proceeded on his mission removing mines and clearing road blocks from newly taken terrain so that vehicles could advance to within close support of the forward units. His courage and outstanding devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself, his country, and the military service. Entered military service from New Jersey.

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

CAPTAIN LEROY OSBURN, (Army Serial Number 01295262), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 28 February 1945 in connection with military operations against the enemy. While leading a quartering party to a new location, CAPTAIN OSBURN ran into unexpected direct artillery fire. Realizing that the suddenness of the fire caused consternation and confusion, he quickly reorganized his group, directed that the vehicles be turned around, and prepared to fall back. By his courage and determination, CAPTAIN OSBURN saved many lives and prevented destruction of government property. Entered military service from Kentucky.

CAPTAIN NED R. BETHEA, (Army Serial Number 0439003), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 25 February 1945 in connection with military operations against the enemy. As Operations Officer for his battalion, CAPTAIN BETHEA learned that his company was held up by intense enemy fire. Courageously he went forward to the front lines, setting up an observation post in clear view of the enemy. Taking calm estimate of the situation, he unhesitatingly changed assault plans. Contacting the units by radio, he issued new instructions and while remaining under enemy fire continued to supervise the execution of his brilliant maneuver. His outstanding courage and sound tactical knowledge reflect highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Arkansas.

FIRST LIEUTENANT BARRY Q. SHIFFLET, Jr., (Army Serial Number 0535037), Field Artillery, 927th Field Artillery Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany from 23 February 1945 to 3 March 1945 in

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Private First Class Richard A. Cousins, (Army Serial Number 18150638), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 23 February 1945 in connection with military operations against the enemy. Having successfully crossed a major river barrier with the first wave of the assault troops and established wire communications between the forward elements and the battalion commander, Private First Class Cousins undertook to bring prisoners to the rear. Even when an enemy artillery shell burst so close to him that it killed one of his prisoners, he courageously moved on until they were placed in the proper hands. His intrepidity, determination, and constant devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Louisiana.

Private First Class Manuel Faria, (Army Serial Number 31244830), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany from 23 February 1945 to 2 March 1945 in connection with military operations against the enemy. During a dangerous river crossing and throughout the subsequent fast moving attack, Private First Class Faria, as a member of an ammunition carrying party, worked untiringly and at great risk of life keeping front line troops supplied with vital ammunition. Despite the heavy enemy fire early in the attack and the lack of suitable transportation bridges, Private First Class Faria continued supplying the front line elements by manually carrying the much needed ammunition across the river. His untiring efforts, exemplary performance of duty, and courageousness reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Rhode Island.

The following named enlisted men, Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, from 23 February to 3 March 1945:

operations against the enemy in Germany during the period indicated:

FIRST LIEUTENANT STANLEY L. MATTHEWS, (Army Serial Number 0448374), Field Artillery, 380th Field Artillery Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, 23 February 1945 to 17 March 1945. Entered military service from New York.

V. AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART MEDAL.

For wounds received as a result of enemy action in Germany on dates indicated:

FIRST LIEUTENANT JACK I. WEIGAND, (Army Serial Number 01322743), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 31 March 1945. Entered military service from California.

Private First Class Jesus Zamudio, (Army Serial Number 36558682), Coast Artillery Corps, 548th Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion (Mobile), United States Army, wounded 30 March 1945. Entered military service from Michigan.

Private Kenneth J. McDonald, (Army Serial Number 36558985), Coast Artillery Corps, 548th Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion (Mobile), United States Army, wounded 30 March 1945. Entered military service from Michigan.

COLONEL JAMES G. RYD, (Army Serial Number 08337), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 28 November 1944. Entered military service from Arkansas.

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connection with military operations against the enemy. Serving as artillery forward observer, FIRST LIEUTENANT SHIFLETT (then SECOND LIEUTENANT) accompanied infantry assault elements so that he could call for effective fire whenever needed. Even though the enemy fire grew so heavy that he had to man a machine gun in order to silence a number of snipers, he calmly remained in his forward position. By his cool courage and devotion to duty, he materially contributed to the success of his organization. Entered military service from Alabama.

Staff Sergeant Morris J. Bakken, (Army Serial Number 36204165), Medical Department, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 24 February 1945 in connection with military operations against the enemy. When an ammunition truck was set on fire by enemy air bombardment, Staff Sergeant Bakken unhesitatingly ran to the scene to administer first aid to injured men. Fully aware of the danger resulting from continual explosions, he remained in the danger zone until all men were evacuated. His courage and unselfish devotion to duty reflect the highest credit upon himself, his country, and the military service. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

Staff Sergeant Joseph A. Corsaro, (Army Serial Number 32594843), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 23 February 1945 in connection with military operations against the enemy. When an armored enemy counter attack threatened the position of his battalion, Staff Sergeant Corsaro left the comparative safety of his command post to man an observation post in a nearby building. Despite intense enemy fire, he remained in his precarious position, successfully gave fire direction, and adjusted supporting fire until the enemy was forced to retreat. The undaunted courage and devotion to duty displayed by this enlisted man reflect the highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from New Jersey.

Staff Sergeant Phillip J. Berger, (Army Serial Number 35292994), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 26 February 1945 in connection with military operations against the enemy. During a fast moving attack when contact between elements was lost, Staff Sergeant Berger (then Private First Class), a member of a four man patrol, moved through heavy enemy fire across open terrain to successfully reestablish contact. Returning to his unit, the patrol was subjected to fierce small arms fire from an enemy emplacement. Manuevering to favorable positions, he destroyed the emplacement and captured twelve enemy soldiers, thereby materially contributing to the further advance of the unit. Entered military service from Ohio.

Sergeant Milton McDonald, (Army Serial Number 38524504), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 28 February 1945 in connection with military operations against the enemy. When his company was suddenly halted by enemy tanks and halftracks, Sergeant McDonald (then Private First Class) voluntarily joined an assault squad and proceeded to a position of vantage from which he could open fire on the enemy. The unexpected display of coordinated fire power disorganized the enemy.

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and forced the enemy to withdraw. The courage and resourcefulness of this enlisted man reflect highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Louisiana.

Sergeant Armando N. Tognino, (Army Serial Number 32643322), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany from 23 February 1945 to 2 March 1945 in connection with military operations against the enemy. When ammunition began to run low following a successful crossing of a dangerous river, Sergeant Tognino unhesitatingly carried heavy loads across the shell swept foot bridge. As long as the attack proceeded, he continued on his mission and delivered vitally needed supplies to the front line units despite constant danger of life. His courage and exemplary performance of these duties reflect highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from New York.

Technician Fourth Grade Carl Heimback, (Army Serial Number 37334604), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany from 23 February 1945 to 2 March 1945 in connection with military operations against the enemy. With tireless energy and great skill, Technician Fourth Grade Heimback maintained constant and efficient radio communication with his battalion and higher headquarters. When vehicular traffic was impossible, he carried his radio and operated in close proximity to assault elements despite intense enemy fire, thereby insuring the most efficient radio communications throughout the entire operations. The courage and great technical skill displayed by Technician Fourth Grade Heimback reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Colorado.

Corporal Max J. Shaffer, (Army Serial Number 34242599), Field Artillery, 927th Field Artillery Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany from 23 February 1945 to 25 February 1945 in connection with military operations against the enemy. As member of a wire section, Corporal Shaffer assisted in laying cable under a dangerous river shortly after the assault troops had accomplished a crossing. Although exposed to intense enemy fire, he remained on his job for two days without rest, maintaining communication lines. His courage and endurance enabled his battalion to furnish efficient support to the attacking infantry units. Entered military service from Florida.

Technician Fifth Grade Wabern J. Vaden, (Army Serial Number 38511214), Medical Department, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 26 February 1945 in connection with military operations against the enemy. During a fast moving attack, a platoon of riflemen suffered many casualties when they unknowingly entered an area densely covered with anti-personnel mines. Despite intense enemy fire, Technician Fifth Grade Vaden unhesitatingly drove his ambulance over the treacherous terrain and assisted in carrying the wounded from the mine field to positions of relative safety. His extraordinary courage and devotion to duty served as an inspiration to all with whom he came in contact. Entered military service from Arkansas.

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Sergeant Leo D. McCarrell, (Army Serial Number 39710256), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 4 November 1944. Entered military service from California.

Sergeant William F. Whitmarsh, (Army Serial Number 31244361), Cavalry, 102d Reconnaissance Troop Mechanized, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, wounded 11 March 1945. Entered military service from Connecticut.

Corporal John R. Anderson, Jr., (Army Serial Number 31250436), Cavalry, 102d Reconnaissance Troop Mechanized, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, wounded 13 March 1945. Entered military service from Connecticut.

Corporal Thuro E. Walton, (Army Serial Number 37544272), Cavalry, 102d Reconnaissance Troop Mechanized, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, wounded 11 March 1945. Entered military service from Minnesota.

Technician Fourth Grade Millard H. Letts, (Army Serial Number 31250412), Cavalry, 102d Reconnaissance Troop Mechanized, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, wounded 13 March 1945. Entered military service from Connecticut.

Technician Fifth Grade John R. Ewer, (Army Serial Number 31222668), Cavalry, 102d Reconnaissance Troop Mechanized, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, wounded 13 March 1945. Entered military service from Maine.

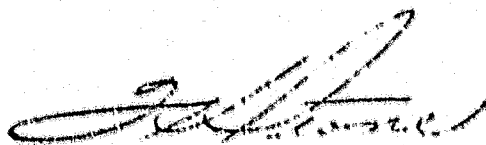
Private Johnnie C. Eutrum, (Army Serial Number 35079692), Cavalry, 102d Reconnaissance Troop Mechanized, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, wounded 13 March 1945. Entered military service from Indiana.

Private John T. Mullon, (Army Serial Number 33920838), Cavalry, 102d Reconnaissance Troop Mechanized, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, wounded 13 March 1945. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Private Charles A. Reed, Jr., (Army Serial Number 37403946), Cavalry, 102d Reconnaissance Troop Mechanized, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, wounded 13 March 1945. Entered military service from Missouri.

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

Staff Sergeant John C. Roell, Jr., (Army Serial Number 39204990), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany on 23 February 1945. When the enemy launched a counter attack, Staff Sergeant Roell, with utter disregard for his personal safety, led his squad forward to a position from which he directed effective fire on the approaching enemy columns. Despite the intense enemy fire, he remained in his precarious position even when the enemy tank outflanked his gun position. His coolness under fire and undaunted courage and determination resulted in the capture of two enemy machine gun crews and materially contributed to the ultimate disorganization of the enemy counter attack. Entered military service from Washington.

Private First Class Ralph P. Cyphers, Jr., (Army Serial Number 12187580), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany on 27 February 1945. When his company was pinned down by intense enemy fire, Private First Class Cyphers voluntarily climbed a tree in the face of intense enemy fire to locate enemy strongpoints and determine safe routes of approach to these points. His observations enabled the platoon leaders to change their attack order and capture the objectives with a minimum of casualties. His gallantry and determination reflect highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from New York.

Private First Class John A. Jordan, (Army Serial Number 33283213), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany on 23 February 1945. During the crossing of a major river barrier, when his forward observer became a casualty, Private First Class Jordan, a radio man, instantly assumed the observer's tasks. Despite the intense enemy fire, he carried his radio in front of the rifle company, located the harassing enemy gun position and directed accurate and effective mortar fire on the enemy emplacement. It was during this gallant and courageous action that Private First Class Jordan was mortally wounded. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Private First Class Lester H. Titon, (Army Serial Number 33853023), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany on 25 February 1945. Although painfully wounded during the ini-

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tial stages of an attack, Private First Class Tatem declined evacuation so that he could advance with his company. When his platoon became pinned down by intense enemy fire, he courageously rushed the enemy position and surprised and captured gun and crew. By his gallantry and determination he enabled his company to continue the attack and take the objective. Entered military service from Virginia.

II. AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR MEDAL.

LIEUTENANT COLONEL JOHN H. WOHNER, (Army Serial Number 023142), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany on 24 February 1945. When an enemy bomb landed in the midst of several parked vehicles, setting an ammunition truck ablaze, LIEUTENANT COLONEL WOHNER, at great risk to his life, organized and directed the rescue work, and personally assisted in the evacuation of injured men. Despite constant explosions all around he personally drove one burning truck into a water-hole, thereby extinguishing the fire. His coolness and intrepidity at a time of crisis successfully prevented much loss of life and government property, and reflect highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Mississippi.

MAJOR WILSON SANDERS, (Army Serial Number 0301033), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany on 28 February 1945. During an attack against a German village, MAJOR SANDERS, as battalion commander, risked his life innumerable times moving from one unit to another, directing and coordinating the movement of support and front line elements of his battalion. Ingeniously, he succeeded in leading two rifle companies from positions endangered by enemy fire from tanks to a swift capture of their objective. In addition, MAJOR SANDERS skillfully used his reserve elements to protect an exposed flank, and later engineered the relief of his battalion on the line. His courage, ingenuity and devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Florida.

CAPTAIN HEBER G. WINFIELD, JR., (Army Serial Number 01165988), Field Artillery, 771st Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy on 24 February 1945. When the supported infantry unit was halted by intense enemy fire, CAPTAIN WINFIELD led his tank destroyers into an exposed fire position and directed fire so skillfully that a great number of enemy guns was silenced. Although riding an unarmored vehicle himself, he remained in the thick of battle to furnish valuable support until the danger was eliminated. His skill and gallant leadership reflect the highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from North Carolina.

FIRST LIEUTENANT RAYMOND O. AMLING, (Army Serial Number 0510185), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy on 23 February 1945. When his company was threatened with disorganization following the assault crossing of a major river barrier, FIRST LIEUTENANT AMLING unhesitatingly moved from man to man to spread reassurance and encouragement. Having thus rallied his men, he regrouped the squads and led them boldly forward.

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Noticing that an enemy machine gun firing from a pillbox was inflicting heavy casualties, he courageously advanced and singlehandedly destroyed the enemy weapon. His inspiring leadership and gallant intrepidity reflect the highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from California.

FIRST LIEUTENANT JOHN DAVIDSON, (Army Serial Number 01300611), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany on 26 February 1945. After having moved his heavy machine guns into position during a furious attack, FIRST LIEUTENANT DAVIDSON was informed that the platoon leader and most of the noncommissioned officers of the supported company had become casualties. With unhesitating courage, he moved across shell swept terrain to direct operations of the attacking platoon as well as his own. Never relinquishing command of his machine gun section, he deployed his mortar and rifle squads so efficiently that the objective was taken. His extreme courage and gallantry reflect the highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Illinois.

FIRST LIEUTENANT WILLIAM J. LAMM, (Army Serial Number 0537420), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany on 23 February 1945. During a fast moving attack, when rifle companies were pinned down by enemy machine gun fire, FIRST LIEUTENANT LAMM unhesitatingly crawled to the rear of the new position and killed the two man crew. Later in the attack, although painfully wounded, he skillfully maneuvered his machine gun section to the objective and routed the enemy even before the arrival of the rifle troops. His extraordinary heroism and devotion to duty reflect the highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from South Carolina.

FIRST LIEUTENANT OSOAR H. LEWIS, (Army Serial Number 0537800), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany on 23 February 1945. After he had been evacuated because of a wound suffered during a dangerous river crossing, FIRST LIEUTENANT LEWIS realized that his platoon was threatened with disorganization. Disregarding his pain, he rejoined his men and reformed the platoon. After supervising the evacuation of all casualties, he skillfully maneuvered a machine gun section to a position of vantage from which he directed effective fire against the enemy. His gallantry and determination enabled the balance of his unit to make a frontal attack and to gain their objective with a minimum of casualties. Entered military service from Florida.

FIRST LIEUTENANT WILLIAM E. REESE, (Army Serial Number 01013509), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against enemy in Germany from 23 February 1945 to 4 March 1945. With utter disregard for his personal safety, FIRST LIEUTENANT REESE moved closely behind front line troops, clearing the roads of all mines to enable tanks and motor vehicles to render close support to foot troops and to facilitate the transportation

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of vital supplies to assault elements. When taken under intense enemy fire, he laid down an effective base of fire, thereby gaining fire superiority and recapturing one of his vehicles which he had previously been forced to abandon. The courage, gallantry, and devotion to duty displayed by FIRST LIEUTENANT REEDER reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from California.

SECOND LIEUTENANT HARRY W. REECE, (Army Serial Number 02010937), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany on 25 February 1945. During an attack on the suburbs of a strongly defended enemy city, SECOND LIEUTENANT REECE (then Technical Sergeant) noticed enemy tanks in the distance. With utter disregard for his personal safety, he ran through heavy enemy fire which kept two forward platoons pinned down in order to find bazooka men and automatic riflemen. Still subjected to the intense fire, he led his men forward and deployed them so skillfully that their concentrated fire forced the enemy to withdraw. His outstanding gallantry and courage relieved the plight of his company and enabled them to successfully capture the objective. Entered military service from New York.

Technical Sergeant Lee Powell, (Army Serial Number 16150937), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany on 28 February 1945. During a fast moving attack, Technical Sergeant Powell (then Staff Sergeant) Powell's platoon suffered numerous casualties from a harassing enemy machine gun position. With utter disregard for his personal safety, he unhesitatingly made his way through several buildings with great difficulty and, having reached a suitable position, silenced the enemy weapon with effective rifle fire. His intrepidity and gallantry reflect the highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Michigan.

Staff Sergeant Robert Miller, Jr., (Army Serial Number 34942130), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany on 3 March 1945. During a fast moving attack, Staff Sergeant Miller (then Private First Class) boldly led his squad across an anti-tank ditch to capture an enemy machine gun and its crew. Noticing a pillbox in the vicinity, he skillfully deployed his men so that they could cover him while he advanced. He entered the pillbox and, by his singular intrepidity, forced the surrender of forty four enemy. His outstanding courage and aggressiveness materially contributed to the success of the organization. Entered military service from New York.

Staff Sergeant Lewis E. Riley, (Army Serial Number 18010473), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany on 23 February 1945. During the crossing of a dangerous river barrier, Staff Sergeant Riley braved intense enemy fire to deliver vital ammunition to front line units. Although he was rendered unconscious by a near shell burst and was evacuated to an aid station, he insisted on returning to

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duty without delay so that he could continue on his mission. On one of his trips in the forward area, he came across a German bazooka man who was trying to attack our troops from the rear. Charging the enemy with a trench knife, he killed him and continued to carry his load of ammunition forward. The courage and intrepidity of Staff Sergeant Riley reflect highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Texas.

Staff Sergeant William R. Pryor, (Army Serial Number 36481174), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany on 27 February 1945. When his platoon was pinned down by machine gun fire from a strongly defended house, Staff Sergeant Pryor (then Sergeant), using two riflemen as a covering force, bravely ran to an enemy trench in front of the house and killed three of the enemy with his rifle fire. Moving quickly to the house, he threw several hand grenades into a window, killing four more of the enemy and causing twenty five others to surrender. His intrepidity, courageous daring, and stubborn determination were in no small measure responsible for the ultimate capture of the enemy stronghold. Entered military service from Illinois.

Staff Sergeant Carl E. Cook, (Army Serial Number 6255426), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany on 1 March 1945. While preparing to move his gun to a new position, Staff Sergeant Cook noticed a crippled Allied plane overhead which was hotly pursued by an enemy plane. Although the area was sprayed with bullets, Staff Sergeant Cook adjusted his gun and placed a volley of machine gun fire straight into the enemy plane so that it burst into flame and crashed to the ground. By his gallantry and determined action, he saved the Allied pilot and plane, and his actions reflect highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Texas.

Private First Class Mell R. Matchen, (Army Serial Number 30975705), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany on 3 March 1945. When his platoon sergeant became a casualty, Private First Class Matchen unhesitatingly assumed his duties in the heat of battle and led his men forward in a bold frontal attack. With great skill and courage he captured forty prisoners and, although wounded during this assault, continued in charge until the operations were successfully concluded. The initiative and bravery displayed by Private First Class Matchen reflect the highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Oklahoma.

Private First Class Benita G. Urban, (Army Serial Number 16157573), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany on 28 February 1945. When two platoons of his company were pinned down by intense enemy fire, Private First Class Urban promptly interdicted a prisoner and ascertained the exact location of the enemy machine gun. Unhesitatingly, he crawled to the position and singlehandedly captured the gunner and two enemy soldiers. His brave action and courage merited

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the position and enabled his company to continue its attack and secure its objective. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

Private First Class Clifford E. Ryan, (Army Serial Number 31468362), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany on 23 February 1945. During an enemy counter attack, Private First Class Ryan voluntarily accompanied his platoon sergeant over open terrain to cover him while the sergeant delivered effective bazooka fire against enemy tanks. Although painfully burned by a bazooka blast, he refused to be evacuated and continued to assist and cover his sergeant. By his coolness and undaunted courage, he aided in the destruction of two enemy tanks and in the disorganization of the enemy attack. Entered military service from Connecticut.

Private First Class James J. McMahon, (Army Serial Number 31454630), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany on 25 February 1945. When subjected to intense fire from an enemy dugout, Private First Class McMahon was forced to take cover in a nearby trench. By delivering his fire from different locations along the trench, he misled the enemy and was able to capture the six occupants. He destroyed the enemy weapons with a hand grenade and continued on his mission, taking the prisoners with him. His gallantry, determination, and unselfish devotion to duty reflect the highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Connecticut.

The following named enlisted men, Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany on 27 February 1945:

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Army Serial Number</u>	<u>Entered Military Service From</u>
Staff Sergeant (then Sergeant)	Oscar H. Bata	38353387	Arkansas
Sergeant (then Private First Class)	Charles L. Owens	35725795	Indiana

When their platoon was pinned down by intense enemy fire, forcing them to take shelter in an abandoned trench, the above enlisted men unhesitatingly crawled over one hundred fifty yards to a vantage point where they were able to observe the enemy covering force for five enemy mortars. With utter disregard for their personal safety, they placed effective fire on the enemy, successfully neutralized the covering force, and assaulted the mortar positions, capturing all five weapons and taking twenty three prisoners. Their initiative and undaunted courage 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 gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany on 24 February 1945:

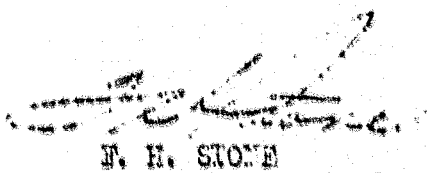
<u>Grade</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Army Serial Number</u>	<u>Entered Military Service From</u>
Sergeant	Earnest R. Croyle	33712110	Pennsylvania
Sergeant (then Private First Class)	Leo D. McCarrell	39710256	California

When their company became pinned down by intense enemy fire coming from a house on the edge of town, the above enlisted men with utter disregard for their personal safety unhesitatingly advanced over open terrain to eliminate the danger to the men of their company. Firing into the windows of the house to divert the attention of the enemy, they quickly assaulted the house, surprised the occupants, and successfully captured fourteen prisoners. The courage, skill, and diligent devotion to duty displayed by the above enlisted men reflect great credit upon themselves and the military service.

By command of the DIVISION COMMANDER:

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ORIGINAL ORDER

- I. AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL.
- II. AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART MEDAL.
- III. 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, the following officers and enlisted men are awarded decorations as indicated:

I. AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL.

CAPTAIN PAUL F. CLEMENTS, (Army Serial Number 01102189), Corps of Engineers, 327th Engineer Combat Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 23 February 1945 in connection with military operations against the enemy. While assault units set out to cross a dangerous river, CAPTAIN CLEMENTS led his company to the shell swept river bank to construct a support bridge. When the virtually completed bridge was demolished by enemy action, he inspired his disappointed men by his courageous and resolute leadership so that they started anew and completed their task with great dispatch. Entered military service from Maryland.

CAPTAIN DOUGLAS C. MURRAY, (Army Serial Number 024899), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany from 23 February 1945 to 3 March 1945, in connection with military operations against the enemy. In the initial crossing of a dangerous river, CAPTAIN MURRAY emplaced his guns well forward so that close and effective support could be rendered to the assault elements. Continuing to keep his guns near the front line despite harassing enemy fire, he provided invaluable assistance by speedily repulsing enemy counter attacks. His outstanding leadership and superior tactical and technical knowledge reflect the highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from New York.

CAPTAIN ROLEN B. USHER, (Army Serial Number 01167683), Field Artillery, 927th Field Artillery Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 28 February 1945 in connection with military operations against the enemy. When the infantry battalion commander's party was subjected to heavy enemy fire, CAPTAIN USHER, performing duties as artillery liaison officer, courageously exposed himself to great danger to secure better observation. Having reached a suitable position, he called for accurate artillery fire with such skill that the enemy was quickly forced to abandon his positions. His outstanding technical knowledge and great courage reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Kansas.

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SECOND LIEUTENANT JAMES E. HALLOWELL, (Army Serial Number 01180525), Field Artillery, 927th Field Artillery Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany from 23 February 1945 to 25 February 1945 in connection with military operations against the enemy. During a fast moving attack, SECOND LIEUTENANT HALLOWELL efficiently supervised the laying and maintenance of wire communications across a strategic river. Despite the intense enemy fire, he crossed the river five times in order to coordinate the activities of his crew. His tireless efforts in the face of great danger enabled the artillery to maintain vital communications with its forward observer. Entered military service from Illinois.

Technical Sergeant Alfred Dymowski, (Army Serial Number 32481028), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 1 March 1945 in connection with military operations against the enemy. When his platoon leader had become a casualty, Technical Sergeant Dymowski (then Staff Sergeant) unhesitatingly assumed command. Despite withering enemy fire, he courageously moved among his men, calmly reorganized them into such an effective assault force that they followed him in the attack and successfully captured the objective. His courage and exemplary leadership reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from New Jersey.

Technical Sergeant Ernon L. Dixon, (Army Serial Number 6293063), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 28 February 1945 in connection with military operations against the enemy. When his platoon leader became a casualty, Technical Sergeant Dixon unhesitatingly assumed command. Having reorganized his men, he called for artillery fire to pave the way for an assault, then led his men forward in a bold attack and quickly took the objective. The coolness under fire and leadership displayed by Technical Sergeant Dixon reflect highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Texas.

Technical Sergeant Leman L. Humphres, (Army Serial Number 34397446), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 2 March 1945 in connection with military operations against the enemy. After his platoon leader had become a casualty, Technical Sergeant Humphres unhesitatingly assumed command. Moving freely over open terrain despite enemy fire, he reorganized his platoon in preparation for the resumption of the attack. When the time had arrived, he led his men forward with such consummate skill that a great number of enemy were killed. By his coolness under fire and outstanding leadership, the objective was secured. Entered military service from Alabama.

Sergeant Giulio Bontempi, (Army Serial Number 32504367), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 20 November 1944 in connection with military operations against the enemy. When a wounded soldier was brought to the battalion aid station for treatment, Sergeant Bontempi observed a fragmentation grenade in the pocket of the stricken man. Fully aware that the pressure of the man's body was the only factor preventing the striker from igniting the grenade, Sergeant Bontempi, with great courage and skill managed

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to neutralize it. He then quickly administered medical attention to the wounded man and saved his life. His outstanding courage and initiative reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from New York.

Private First Class Henry T. Roche, (Army Serial Number 36523577), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 24 February 1945 in connection with military operations against the enemy. When he noticed that a platoon which tried to outflank an enemy unit was coming precariously close to a hostile machine gun position, Private First Class Roche immediately realized that prompt action was necessary to prevent heavy casualties. With utter disregard for his personal safety he made his way over five hundred yards of open terrain to contact the platoon. He reached it successfully and appraised the platoon leader of the danger. His courage and determination reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Michigan.

The following named officer and enlisted men, Corps of Engineers, 327th Engineer Combat Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 23 February 1945 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>
FIRST LIEUTENANT	ROBERT E. MASSA	01114634	New York
Staff Sergeant	Charles E. Smyth	33229858	Virginia
Staff Sergeant	Billy L. Guy	20817509	Texas

Shortly after an assault river crossing, the above officer and enlisted men led their platoon to the river bank to start the construction of an infantry support bridge. After they had almost completed construction of a bridge, in the face of intense enemy fire, the bridge broke loose and was carried downstream. Although greatly disappointed themselves, they promptly rallied their men by moving freely among them and starting them on the construction of another bridge. By their brilliant and inspiring leadership, they completed the task without delay and insured the progress of the operation.

The following enlisted men, Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 26 February 1945 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	Gordon W. Ryan	6273752	Oklahoma
Private First Class	Robert A. Schmidt	37733523	Missouri
Private First Class	Albert Ashton	33603533	Pennsylvania
Private First Class	Edward R. Garcia	36971950	Illinois

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During an attack on a fortified village when their platoon was stopped by mortar and machine gun fire, the above enlisted men disregarded all thought of personal safety by creeping and crawling forward toward an enemy communication trench. Having successfully reached it, they ran across an open stretch of fifty yards and entered a building which housed a mortar observation post and a harassing enemy machine gun. Skillfully throwing hand grenades, they killed a number of enemy and captured many others. By their outstanding courage and aggressiveness they relieved their platoon and insured the success of the attack.

The following named enlisted men, Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany from 23 February 1945 to 2 March 1945 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	Isaac C. Caballero	38216165	Texas
Private First Class	Joseph M. Govan	36537454	Michigan
Private First Class	Joseph R. Palmisano	31249807	Connecticut
Private First Class	Alonzo Spain, Jr.	34329508	Tennessee
Private First Class	Robert B. Wehrman	35628567	Ohio

During a dangerous river crossing and throughout the subsequent fast moving attack, the above enlisted men, members of an ammunition bearing party, worked untiringly and at great risk of life to keep front line troops supplied with vital ammunition. Despite the heavy enemy fire and the lack of vehicular bridges early in the attack, they continued on their mission by manually carrying the much needed ammunition across the river. Their untiring efforts, exemplary performance of duty and courageousness reflect great credit upon themselves and the military service.

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

LIEUTENANT COLONEL ERIC E. BISCHOFF, (Army Serial Number 0420287), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, 23 February 1945 to 3 March 1945. Entered military service from Illinois.

CAPTAIN WILLOUGHBY G. TRIPLETT, (Army Serial Number 01169371), Field Artillery, 380th Field Artillery Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, 24 February 1945 to 17 March 1945. Entered military service from Kentucky.

CAPTAIN CLARENCE J. FEISTEAD, (Army Serial Number 01167415), Field Artillery, 380th Field Artillery Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, 24 February 1945 to 17 March 1945. Entered military service from Illinois.

CAPTAIN RONALD G. WATSON, (Army Serial Number 01167688), Field Artillery, 380th Field Artillery Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, 24

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February 1945 to 17 March 1945. Entered military service from Michigan.

SECOND LIEUTENANT JOHN W. NAVIN, (Army Serial Number 01182433), Field Artillery, 379th Field Artillery Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, 25 February 1945 to 1 March 1945. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

Technical Sergeant Francis J. Smith, (Army Serial Number 33407668), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, 24 February 1945. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Staff Sergeant Richard H. Hohen, (Army Serial Number 37274617), Field Artillery, 771st Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army, 23 February 1945 to 3 March 1945. Entered military service from Minnesota.

Staff Sergeant Charles E. Fitzpatrick, (Army Serial Number 38035480), Field Artillery, 379th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, 4 November 1944 to 3 March 1945, includes service in Holland. Entered military service from Texas.

Private First Class J. E. Ater, (Army Serial Number 35687877), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, 23 February 1945. Entered military service from Kentucky.

The following named enlisted men, Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in Germany from 23 February 1945 to 3 March 1945 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	John H. McNulty	31234071	Massachusetts
Sergeant	Rudolph J. Beniak	37302873	Minnesota
Technician Fourth Grade	Fortunate G. Amante	31433290	Massachusetts
Technician Fifth Grade	John Cawner, Jr.	38276251	Oklahoma
Technician Fifth Grade	Elmer G. Grette	17157223	Minnesota
Technician Fifth Grade	Charles M. Voss	12164012	New Jersey

II. AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART MEDAL.

1. For wounds received as a result of enemy action in Germany on dates indicated:

Private First Class Leonard C. Cantor, (Army Serial Number 33664040), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 28 March 1945. Entered military service from Virginia.

Staff Sergeant Rufus M. Wilkes, (Army Serial Number 34686708), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 11 February 1945. Entered military service from Georgia.

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Private First Class Richard L. Gaither, (Army Serial Number 34935578), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 1 April 1945. Entered military service from North Carolina.

FIRST LIEUTENANT JOSEPH F. KILCULLEN, (Army Serial Number 01315324), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 2 April 1945. Entered military service from Virginia.

Private First Class Daniel C. Bralove, (Army Serial Number 13156896), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 24 March 1945. Entered military service from Maryland.

Private First Class Joseph F. Bellay, (Army Serial Number 32970336), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 29 November 1944. Entered military service from New York.

SECOND LIEUTENANT ANGUS V. D. STRONACH, (Army Serial Number 02000979), Field Artillery, 380th Field Artillery Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, wounded 9 April 1945. Entered military service from North Carolina.

Private Roy V. Hinkle, (Army Serial Number 34148649), Field Artillery, 771st Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army, wounded 8 April 1945. Entered military service from Tennessee.

Sergeant Joseph Scala, (Army Serial Number 32807122), Infantry, 701st Tank Battalion, United States Army, wounded 31 March 1945. Entered military service from New York.

Technician Fifth Grade Harry C. Morin, (Army Serial Number 36150059), Infantry, 701st Tank Battalion, United States Army, wounded 29 March 1945. Entered military service from Michigan.

Private First Class James H. Crews, (Army Serial Number 31287912), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 28 February 1945. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

Private First Class Ober E. Moffit, (Army Serial Number 36859882), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 1 April 1945. Entered military service from Michigan.

Private First Class Robert A. Peck, (Army Serial Number 17156529), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 10 April 1945. Entered military service from Minnesota.

MAJOR WILLIAM A. MILLER, (Army Serial Number 01287926), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 6 April 1945. Entered military service from California.

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SECOND LIEUTENANT ROY C. BRICHETT, (Army Serial Number 02001020), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 10 April 1945. Entered military service from Texas.

Private Eldon F. Insler, (Army Serial Number 33482189), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 10 April 1945. Entered military service from New Jersey.

Private First Class Guy Gagnano, (Army Serial Number 31231968), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 10 April 1945. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

Corporal Mills E. Minther, (Army Serial Number 39283823), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 6 April 1945. Entered military service from California.

8X 2. So much of Section II, General Orders Number 41, this Headquarters, 2 April 1945, AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART MEDAL, as pertains to Technical Sergeant Wilbur Weber, (Army Serial Number 24081479), Infantry, 406th Infantry, and Private First Class Robert M. Lyons, (Army Serial Number 35761802), Infantry, 406th Infantry, is revoked.

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

For wounds received as a result of enemy action in Germany on date indicated:

SECOND LIEUTENANT EYDOR E. WILLIAMS, (Army Serial Number 01327695), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 23 February 1945. Entered military service from Ohio.

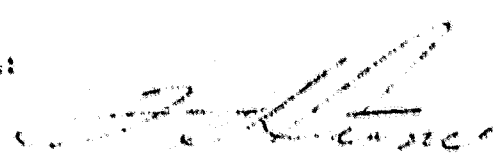
Technician Fifth Grade John Harding, (Army Serial Number 33484654), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 25 March 1945. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Private First Class Arthur E. Neal, (Army Serial Number 6951003), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 3 April 1945. Entered military service from Texas.

By command of the DIVISION COMMANDER:

OFFICIAL:

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Colonel, General Staff Corps
Chief of Staff


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Lieutenant Colonel, Adjutant General's Department
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- I. AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL.
- II. AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL (OAK LEAF CLUSTER).

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, and Circular Number 32, Headquarters European Theater of Operations United States Army, 1944, as amended, the following officer and enlisted man are awarded decorations as indicated:

I. AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL.

The following enlisted man for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany during the period indicated:

Staff Sergeant Victor L. Van Hook, (then Private First Class) (Army Serial Number 37568274), Infantry, Headquarters 102d Infantry Division, United States Army 23 October 1944, to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Missouri.

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

The following officer for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany during the period indicated:

LIEUTENANT COLONEL JOSEPH H. CHAILLE, (Army Serial Number 0239434), Infantry, Headquarters 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, 17 April 1945, to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from New York.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL HAMILTON:

CHARLES E. BALTHIS, JR.
Lieutenant Colonel, General Staff Corps,
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- I. AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR MEDAL.
- II. AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL.
- III. AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART MEDAL.
- IV. AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART MEDAL (OAK LEAF CLUSTER).
- V. AMENDMENT.

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, and Circular Number 32, Headquarters European Theater of Operations United States Army, 1944, as amended, the following officer and enlisted men are awarded decorations as indicated:

I. AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR MEDAL.

Staff Sergeant Forrest D. Hall, (Army Serial Number 39908219), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany on 28 February 1945. During an attack, Staff Sergeant Hall valiantly risked his life in destroying an enemy machine gun nest. When his company became pinned down by intense enemy machine gun fire, he with three others, started in the direction of the menacing gun. On the way, his three comrades were hit by sniper fire, but he continued on, until he came to a ditch which led to within a few yards of the emplacement. Then, with complete disregard for personal safety, he rushed the continuously firing gun and succeeded in killing the gunner and dispersing the rest of the gun crew. The outstanding courage, initiative, and leadership displayed by Staff Sergeant Hall reflect the highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Idaho.

II. AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL.

Staff Sergeant George Gugich, (Army Serial Number 36906282), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany on 16 April 1945. While serving as dismounted messenger, Staff Sergeant Gugich (then Private) volunteered to carry a large radio on his back and accompany a forward observer into the face of intense fire from a large number of enemy tanks. Owing to the heavy hostile fire, the right flank rifle company was ordered to withdraw; but Staff Sergeant Gugich remained with the forward observer alone and five hundred yards from friendly troops. Notwithstanding the fact that his radio made an excellent target for enemy fire, he remained to transmit the position of the hostile forces. His disregard for his own life and his undaunted bravery and fortitude reflect the highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Illinois.

Staff Sergeant Thomas J. LaRovera, (Army Serial Number 31406576), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany on 25 February 1945. During an attack our troops were forced to cross an area under accurate small arms and direct artillery fire. Staff Sergeant LaRovera (then Private First Class) noted a wounded comrade bleeding profusely. Leaving his place of comparative safety, he rushed forward to

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aid the wounded man, amid bursting shells, and carried him to safety. In the course of this action, Staff Sergeant Lahovera was wounded. Ignoring his own wounds, he administered aid which saved the man's life. This display of heroism and commendable devotion to duty and comrades reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Connecticut.

4 Sergeant William J. Burke, (Army Serial Number 33579062), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany on 26 January 1945. In the course of an attack, the soldier at Sergeant Burke's side inadvertently detonated an anti-personnel mine, wounding both of them. Without thought for himself, Sergeant Burke (then Private First Class) administered first-aid to the wounded man and placed him in a safe position. Displaying great courage and personal fortitude, Sergeant Burke returned under heavy enemy artillery fire to guide his company around the mine field, refusing to be evacuated until every man was safely by. Owing to this heroic action, the entire company was able to advance without further casualties. His dauntless bravery reflect the highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered the military service from Pennsylvania.

1 Sergeant Fred C. Daley, (Army Serial Number 31233287), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany on 1 December 1944. During an attack on a strongly defended town, the company of which Sergeant Daley (then Private First Class) was a member became pinned down by extremely heavy and accurate small arms fire on the left flank. Being on the extreme left side, he immediately spotted the source of trouble. With complete fearlessness, he maneuvered into a position from which he was able to wound two of the enemy and force four others to surrender. This courageous action permitted the company to continue and ultimately reach their objective. Sergeant Daley's outstanding fortitude and resourcefulness reflect much credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

Sergeant Francis C. Fallosco, (Army Serial Number 39556125), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany on 23 February 1945. When, during the push across the Roer River, our own artillery began falling dangerously close to our rifle troops, attempts to notify the artillery were unsuccessful due to weak radio batteries and knocked out telephone lines. Sergeant Fallosco (then Private First Class) volunteered to rush the message back across the river to lift fire. In crossing, he was forced to run through a terrific barrage the enemy was laying on the narrow footbridge. He was successful in delivering the vital message, and returned through the gauntlet of fire carrying fresh radio batteries. Sergeant Fallosco's disregard for personal safety and his fearless devotion to duty reflect the highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from California.

Sergeant Donald D. Mielke, (Army Serial Number 4551371), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany on 10 December 1944. While moving to fox-holes to relieve another squad, Sergeant Mielke's mortar squad was caught in a terrific barrage of heavy enemy mortar and artillery fire, which wounded five of his

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comrades. With great presence of mind, Sergeant Misake (then Private First Class), observing that the squad leader had been hit, took command and led the remainder of the men to safety. He then returned, through a hail of enemy fire, to personally render first aid to the wounded. After the casualties had been attended to, he moved to his gun position, prepared to inflict fire upon the enemy. His courageous leadership and magnificent fortitude reflect the highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from California.

Private First Class Albert G. Huon, (Army Serial Number 31244835), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany on 24 February 1945. During a heavy barrage, Private First Class Huon's mortar tube became overcooked, causing a white phosphorus shell to drop a few feet from the crew and perilously close to the ammunition pile. With complete disregard for personal safety, he rushed to the burning shell and threw it into a vacant foxhole. Despite serious burns on his hands, he returned to his mortar and continued firing. Private First Class Huon's heroism and dauntless bravery reflect the highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Moore Island.

Private First Class Victor I. Miller, (Army Serial Number 34439367), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany on 1 December 1944. While serving as a unaccounted team leader, Private First Class Miller was given the mission of carrying a vital message from the platoon to his company commander. Upon reaching the former location of his company rear quarters, he found it had been moved, so set off to find it. Reaching the new location to find his comrades pinned down under heavy hostile fire he, with utter disregard for his personal safety, stood up in the face of the intense fire until he located his commander. After delivering the message, he proceeded to return, when he discovered three wounded. Despite the heavy artillery fire, he rendered first-aid to his comrades and helped carry them to the aid station. Private First Class Miller's extraordinary fortitude and tireless devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from North Carolina.

Private First Class Claude G. Redwood, (Army Serial Number 32696903), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany on 23 February 1945. During the crossing of the treacherous Roar River, when the boat in which Private First Class Redwood was riding was caught against a submerged log, he unhesitatingly removed his equipment and jumped into the freezing, swirling waters to free the craft. After several minutes in the agonizing cold, and despite the fact that he was carried beneath the surface twice by the rushing current and was laboring under intense enemy fire, he succeeded in dislodging the boat and remained in the icy waters to guide it to the east bank. Private First Class Redwood's commendably aggressive action and dauntless bravery reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from New York.

Private First Class Marion Stewart, (Army Serial Number 34938872), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany on 24 February 1945. When his company was suddenly confronted by intense enemy fire from pillboxes and trenches to both

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flanks and to the front, Private First Class Stewart valiantly continued, despite the hail of lead, firing his automatic rifle as he advanced. Disregarding the fact that three fourths of his squad were either dead or wounded, he courageously charged on until he was seriously hit in the leg, and could no longer stand. Even then he kept firing until he was physically incapable of holding his weapon. Private First Class Stewart's heroic devotion to duty and his outstanding fortitude reflect the highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Mississippi.

Private First Class Francis R. Welles, (Army Serial Number 33652680), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany on 30 November 1944. During the attack on a strongly defended town, Private First Class Welles was wounded in the face by a sniper, but before he could return to the rear for treatment, he and his squad were pinned down by an enemy machine gun. Despite his wound and serious loss of blood, he moved in the face of the enemy fire until he was in a position from which he could bring fire from his automatic rifle on the menacing emplacement. He succeeded in silencing the enemy gun long enough for his squad to move back to safety and not until then did he go to the company command post for medical treatment. Private First Class Welles' valiant display of devotion to duty, and his great bravery, reflect the highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Virginia.

The following enlisted men for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany for the periods indicated:

Technician Third Grade Lowell M. Adelson (then Private First Class), (Army Serial Number 39147240), Infantry, Headquarters 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, 23 September 1944, to 8 May 1945. Includes service in France and Holland. Entered military service from California.

Technician Fifth Grade Walter H. Burden, (Army Serial Number 34570225), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, 27 February 1945. Entered military service from Georgia.

Technician Fifth Grade Leo F. Feasley (then Private First Class), (Army Serial Number 34397488), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, 27 February 1945. Entered military service from Tennessee.

III. AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART MEDAL.

For wounds received as a result of enemy action in Germany on dates indicated:

CHAPLAIN (CPT. IN) JAMES M. GUDY, (Army Serial Number 0534709), ^{Chaplain Corps} 406th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 21 February 1945. Entered military service from Texas.

Staff Sergeant Richard W. Collins, (Army Serial Number 17088729), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 23 November 1944. Entered military service from Colorado.

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Staff Sergeant John E. Faust, (Army Serial Number 14131824), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 1 December 1944. Entered military service from Virginia.

Staff Sergeant Albert A. Witt, (Army Serial Number 33876029), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 2 April 1945. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Sergeant Casimir E. Dziedzic, (Army Serial Number 36977198), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 21 December 1944. Entered military service from Michigan.

IV. A-ARE OF THE PURPLE HEART (OAK LEAF CLUSTER).

For wounds received as a result of enemy action in Germany on date indicated:

Staff Sergeant Lilient E. Coonan, (Army Serial Number 32544465), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 17 March 1945. Entered military service from New Jersey.

V. So much of Section II, General Orders Number 115, this headquarters, dated 13 December 1945, as awards of the Bronze Star Medal, (Army Serial Number 2000445), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, and Bronze Star Medal is revoked. Subject officer was previously awarded the Bronze Star Medal by General Orders Number 26, this headquarters, dated 13 Dec. 1945.

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- I. AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL.
- II. AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART MEDAL.
- III. AMENDMENT.

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By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, and Circular Number 32, Headquarters European Theater of Operations United States Army, 1944, as amended, the following officers and enlisted men are awarded decorations as indicated:

I. AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL.

Technician Fifth Grade Francis J. Benoit, (Army Serial Number 31233397), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany on 10 April 1945. When his platoon was ambushed by the enemy, it became necessary to find a means of communication to procure help so that the well dug-in enemy could be beaten off. With utter disregard for personal safety, Technician Fifth Grade Benoit (then Private First Class) courageously exposed himself and crawled approximately thirty yards under intense sniper and machine gun fire to his vehicle, from which he secured a radio. This heroic action enabled the platoon leader to procure medical aid for the wounded and a vitally necessary artillery and mortar fire support with which to repulse the hostile assault, and reflects great credit upon Technician Fifth Grade Benoit and the military service. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

Technician Fifth Grade Joseph C. Ciesinski, (Army Serial Number 33400566), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany on 28 February 1945. During attack, Technician Fifth Grade Ciesinski (then Private) valiantly risked his life in order to relieve his unit, which had been completely pinned down by strong enemy machine gun fire from both flanks. With the rest of his heavy machine gun squad, he charged one hundred yards under fire, to a large ditch where they could maneuver. Since the ditch did not afford a view of the enemy he, alone and unarmed, dashed to a hedge row from which he could see the enemy. He then returned, picked up his gun, led the men to a new position and, before the hostile force could inflict any more casualties on his comrades, silenced them with a withering hail of fire. The great initiative, courage, and utter disregard for personal safety displayed by Technician Fifth Grade Ciesinski reflect credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Private First Class Albert Forish, (Army Serial Number 33469317), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany on 23 February 1945. When the assault wave crossed the Roer River, all boats were either swept downstream or knocked out by enemy artillery and small arms fire. Private First Class Forish quickly recovered one of the boats and, despite the many hazards, he and the rest of his squad were successful in a second crossing. He then courageously led his squad deep into enemy

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territory, until a shell burst practically in their midst, wounding the ammunition bearer. Private First Class Parish crawled to the side of the seriously wounded man, administered aid, and evacuated him to a place of comparative safety. The undaunted courage and devotion to duty displayed by Private First Class Parish in the performance of these heroic acts reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

The following enlisted men, Medical Department, 427th Medical Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany 23 November 1944 to 25 November 1944:

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Army Serial Number</u>	<u>Entered Military Service From</u>
Staff Sergeant (then Private)	Jack D. Henderson	39726732	California
Sergeant (then Private)	Jerold S. Hansen	42120620	New York
Infantry Third Grade (then Private)	Kent D. Miller	36891606	Michigan

During an attack on a heavily fortified town, these enlisted men, acting as a squad, cleared the battlefield of casualties under intense enemy fire, at times they were pinned down by direct hostile fire for long periods of time. On one occasion they went into a mined field to evacuate comrades wounded by an exploding mine. The courage and devotion to duty displayed by these enlisted men reflect great credit upon themselves and the military service.

The following officers for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France, Holland, and Germany during the periods indicated:

FIRST LIEUTENANT ROBERT G. ROSS, (Army Serial Number 01935797), Quartermaster, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, 23 September 1944, to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from New York.

FIRST LIEUTENANT MARY G. STANSON, (Army Serial Number 0549582), Signal Corps, 1st Signal Company, United States Army, 1 November 1944, to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Ohio.

II. AWARD OF THE VICTIM'S LAST MEDAL.

For wounds received as a result of enemy action in Germany on dates indicated:

FIRST LIEUTENANT MARY E. LAWRENCE, (Army Serial Number 0517557), Field Artillery, 472nd Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, wounded 2 April 1945.

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FIRST LIEUTENANT HAROLD E. MADAR, (Army Serial Number 0531209), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 24 March 1945.

III. So much of Section III, General Orders Number 4, this headquarters, dated 10 January 1946, as reads "CHAPLAIN JAMES M. MOUDY, (Army Serial Number 0534709) Infantry" is amended to read "CHAPLAIN (CAPTAIN) JAMES M. MOUDY, (Army Serial Number 0534709) Chaplain Corps."

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- I. AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL.
- II. AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART MEDAL.
- III. AMENDMENT.

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, and Circular Number 32, Headquarters European Theater of Operations United States Army, 1944, as amended, the following enlisted men are awarded decorations as indicated:

I. AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL.

The following enlisted man for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany during the period indicated:

Master Sergeant Lester F. Grones (then Corporal), (Army Serial Number 16154901), Infantry, Headquarters, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, 17 November 1944, to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from New Jersey.

II. AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART MEDAL.

For wounds received as a result of enemy action in Germany on dates indicated:

Sergeant Philip B. Herzog, (Army Serial Number 42135400), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 28 December 1944.

Sergeant Vito A. Magistrali, (Army Serial Number 39466128), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 13 November 1944.

III. So much of Section II, General Orders Number 100, this headquarters, dated 21 December 1945, as awards Private First Class George H. Fingers, (Army Serial Number 35284829), Infantry, 406th Infantry, the Bronze Star Medal is revoked. Subject enlisted man was previously awarded the Bronze Star Medal by Section I, General Orders Number 156, this headquarters, dated 14 December 1945.

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- I. AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR MEDAL.
- II. AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL (POSTHUMOUSLY).
- III. AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL.
- IV. AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART MEDAL.
- V. AMENDMENT TO UNIT CITATION.

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, and Circular Number 32, Headquarters European Theater of Operations United States Army, 1944, as amended, the following officers and enlisted men are awarded decorations as indicated:

I. AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR MEDAL.

Private First Class Benjamin J. Zaleski, (Army Serial Number 32696803), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany on 23 February 1945. Private First Class Zaleski, dug in with a Browning Automatic Rifle, spotted six German tanks, with supporting infantry, approaching his position. He held his fire until they had reached a position about thirty yards away. With immediate and decisive action, he fired continuously until the enemy was forced to withdraw. Following a subsequent artillery barrage, intended to weaken our defenses, the hostile forces attacked again, and several of their tanks managed to break through. With utter disregard for his own personal safety, Private First Class Zaleski continued firing, killing twelve of the enemy and wounding many others. The undaunted courage and devotion to duty displayed by Private First Class Zaleski reflect the highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from New York.

II. AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL (POSTHUMOUSLY).

Private First Class Clifton H. Power, (Army Serial Number 31233387), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany on 2 March 1945. When his company was pinned down by a heavy barrage of artillery, machine gun, and rifle fire, Private First Class Power located the enemy positions and, with utter disregard for personal safety, volunteered to carry this vital information to a squad who had advanced to the edge of the town of Krefeld. He had traversed about three hundred yards of the dangerous, shell-swept terrain, and was only seventy-five yards from his objective, when he suffered a direct hit from a German 88 and was instantly killed. Although he never reached his objective, he showed great courage in attempting such a hazardous task. The bravery and devotion to duty and comrades displayed by Private First Class Power reflect the highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

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III. AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL.

FIRST LIEUTENANT JOSEPH F. KILCULLEN, (Army Serial Number 01315324), Infantry, 802d Ordnance Light Maintenance Company, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Lovenich, Germany on 26 February 1945. On this date, LIEUTENANT KILCULLEN had his mortar platoon firing on enemy targets as the Battalion began an attack. Following an advance of one thousand yards, the Battalion was pinned down so that no elements could advance. Observing the immediate need for fire support, LIEUTENANT KILCULLEN displaced his platoon through heavy artillery, mortar and machine gun fire, to an anti-tank ditch, where the guns were again put into action. He then advanced to a good observation post, from which he directed fire that enabled the Battalion to move forward to wipe out the enemy positions, and saved many American lives. The skill, fortitude, efficiency, and devotion to duty displayed by LIEUTENANT KILCULLEN reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Virginia.

FIRST LIEUTENANT JOE L. SKOCZYLAS, (Army Serial Number 02012011), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany on 28 February 1945. While serving as platoon sergeant during the attack on the outskirts of a large German city, LIEUTENANT SKOCZYLAS (then Technical Sergeant) and his weapons platoon were pinned down by heavy enemy machine gun fire. Displaying great courage, he crawled forward alone, and located the menacing enemy position. Returning to his men, he picked up a light machine gun, and with utter fearlessness, advanced, firing the weapon from his hip, and calling to his comrades to follow him. The withering fire which he directed upon the enemy forced the hostile force to abandon its position, and permitted his platoon to reach its objective. FIRST LIEUTENANT SKOCZYLAS' outstanding bravery and heroic determination won for him the complete confidence of all and reflect the highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Michigan.

Sergeant Frank V. Esposito, (Army Serial Number 31249979), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany on 17 November 1944. In order to prevent enemy armor from breaking through his company's main line of resistance, Sergeant Esposito, with utter disregard for personal safety, left the comparative protection of his foxhole and set out anti-tank mines in front of his company's defenses. This courageous action resulted in the neutralization of two enemy tanks. He also repulsed two enemy infantry attacks with a Browning Automatic Rifle. The undaunted courage and devotion to duty displayed by Sergeant Esposito reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Connecticut.

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Sergeant Franklin H. Fischer, (Army Serial Number 36759179), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany on 27 February 1945. During an attack, Sergeant Fischer's infantry unit was halted by well-directed, intense machine gun fire from a camouflaged enemy tank. With utter disregard for personal safety, he exposed himself to possible wounds or death to quickly and skillfully crawl forward forty yards under intense enemy fire to a position of vantage from which he directed, by radio, effective artillery fire upon the enemy tank. The hostile tank was soon neutralized, enabling our assault elements to advance, and permitting aid men to administer to the wounded. The undaunted courage and devotion to duty displayed by Sergeant Fischer reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Illinois.

Technician Fourth Grade Albert Rosenberg, (Army Serial Number 33334717), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany on 30 November 1944. When his platoon leader was critically wounded and fell in the direct line of fire during an attack upon an enemy pillbox. Technician Fourth Grade Rosenberg (then Private First Class), with utter disregard for personal safety, moved over open terrain, under hostile observation and fire, to the side of his fallen comrade, and carried him to a sheltered position. Subsequently, he crawled to the top of the enemy pillbox and dropped two hand grenades inside, inflicting numerous casualties and causing fifteen of the enemy to surrender. The outstanding heroism and devotion to duty displayed by Technician Fourth Grade Rosenberg reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Technician Fifth Grade Robert Icyak, (Army Serial Number 35609490), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany on 23 November 1944. During an attack, Technician Fifth Grade Icyak observed a wounded comrade lying half way between he and the enemy lines. Although four enemy tanks were spraying the area with machine gun fire, he crawled from his foxhole and worked his way to the aid of his friend. He carried the wounded soldier to the collecting point and there assisted the medics in caring for other wounded men. His actions saved the lives of many of the wounded, and reduced the suffering of numerous others. The undaunted courage and devotion to duty and comrades displayed by Technician Fifth Grade Icyak reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Ohio.

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

FIRST LIEUTENANT WILLIAM B. STARK, (Army Serial Number 02012013), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, 23 February 1945, to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Georgia.

SECOND LIEUTENANT WILLIAM A. McDONALD, (Army Serial Number 02000911), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, 5 December 1944, to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Michigan.

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First Sergeant Roscoe F. Collier, (Army Serial Number 36544636), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, 24 September 1944, to 8 May 1945. Includes service in France and Holland. Entered military service from Michigan.

First Sergeant Jerry E. Kashuk, (Army Serial Number 32634217), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, 27 October 1944, to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from New York.

Staff Sergeant Paul R. Davisson, (Army Serial Number 35447671), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, 27 October 1944, to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from West Virginia.

Staff Sergeant Walter E. Ruff, (Army Serial Number 18073912), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, 27 October 1944, to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Texas.

Staff Sergeant William V. Smith, (Army Serial Number 37543844), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, 24 September 1944, to 8 May 1945. Includes service in France and Holland. Entered military service from Minnesota.

Technician Fourth Grade James C. Bristow, (Army Serial Number 34438272), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, 27 October 1944, to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from North Carolina.

Technician Fourth Grade Gerald P. Hodosh, (Army Serial Number 31183861), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, 28 October 1944, to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Rhode Island.

Private First Class Robert J. Hughes, (Army Serial Number 34438276), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, 27 October 1944, to 15 March 1945. Entered military service from Virginia.

Private First Class Herbert N. Schoen, (Army Serial Number 32647497), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, 1 November 1944, to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from New York.

IV. AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART MEDAL.

For wounds received as a result of enemy action in Germany on date indicated:

FIRST LIEUTENANT JOHN W. COX, (Army Serial Number 01299695), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 14 January 1945. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

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V. Section I, General Orders Number 83, this headquarters, dated 7 June 1945, citation of Company G, 771st Tank Destroyer Battalion, for outstanding performance of duty in action against the enemy from 16 November to 20 November 1944, is amended to include the following troops who were attached to Company G, 771st Tank Destroyer Battalion, during subject action:

Third Reconnaissance Platoon, Reconnaissance Company, 771st Tank Destroyer Battalion.

Two aid men of Medical Detachment, 771st Tank Destroyer Battalion.

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- I. AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL.
- II. AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART MEDAL.

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, and Circular Number 32, Headquarters European Theater of Operations United States Army, 1944, as amended, the following officer and enlisted man are awarded decorations as indicated:

I. AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL.

The following enlisted man for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany during the period indicated:

Technician Fifth Grade Eugene R. Williams, (Army Serial Number 37241522), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, 17 November 1944, to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Missouri.

II. AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART MEDAL.

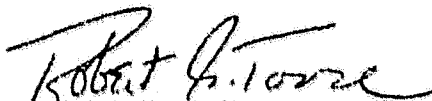
For wounds received as a result of enemy action in Germany on date indicated:

FIRST LIEUTENANT DONALD E. HUSTLEBY, (Army Serial Number 01324416), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 25 February 1945. Entered military service from New York.

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- I. AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART MEDAL.
- II. 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 3, Headquarters Fifth United States Army, 8 September 1944, as amended, the following officers and enlisted men are awarded decorations as indicated:

I. AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART MEDAL.

For wounds received as a result of enemy action in Germany on dates indicated:

Private First Class Wm. W. Davis, (Army Serial Number 33526558), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 6 January 1945. Entered military service from Virginia.

Private First Class William D. Johnson, (Army Serial Number 14116397), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 6 January 1945. Entered military service from South Carolina.

Private First Class Joseph A. Kinman, (Army Serial Number 33683601), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 26 February 1945. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Private Montague E. Acott, (Army Serial Number 37692425), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 27 January 1945. Entered military service from Iowa.

Private First Class Carter E. Gibbs, (Army Serial Number 44031879), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 14 April 1945. Entered military service from Alabama.

Private First Class Anthony A. Hunthausen, (Army Serial Number 39622599), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 15 April 1945. Entered military service from Montana.

Staff Sergeant Eugene E. Gray, (Army Serial Number 38336861), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 15 April 1945. Entered military service from Louisiana.

Private First Class William A. Stephens, (Army Serial Number 39346112), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 17 April 1945. Entered military service from Oregon.

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✓ SECOND LIEUTENANT RICHARD C. KEER, (Army Serial Number 02012103), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 10 April 1945. Entered military service from Michigan.

✓ Private Woodroe W. Spears, (Army Serial Number 38731329), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 10 April 1945. Entered military service from Arkansas.

✓ Private Raymond F. Koch, (Army Serial Number 39606796), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 10 April 1945. Entered military service from Montana.

✓ Staff Sergeant William E. Vint, (Army Serial Number 13186228), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 10 April 1945. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

✓ Private First Class James V. L. Pon, (Army Serial Number 38520401), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 10 April 1945. Entered military service from New York.

✓ Private First Class Andrew G. Skalkos, (Army Serial Number 35806023), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 10 April 1945. Entered military service from Ohio.

✓ Private Aron E. Coon, (Army Serial Number 44037127), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 10 April 1945. Entered military service from Georgia.

✓ Private Otis V. Kirby, (Army Serial Number 44031915), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 10 April 1945. Entered military service from Alabama.

✓ First Sergeant Sidney Stiles, (Army Serial Number 33015274), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 17 April 1945. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

✓ Private First Class Jack E. Youngs, (Army Serial Number 37751780), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 12 April 1945. Entered military service from Kansas.

✓ Private First Class Frank H. Koger, Jr., (Army Serial Number 34731868), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 11 April 1945. Entered military service from Florida.

✓ Private First Class Robert W. Moran, (Army Serial Number 37580292), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 11 April 1945. Entered military service from Minnesota.

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Technician Fifth Grade Bernard H. Buelt, (Army Serial Number 37675426), Medical Department, 406th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 10 April 1945. Entered military service from Iowa.

Private First Class James E. Weeks, (Army Serial Number 44036274), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 11 April 1945. Entered military service from Georgia.

FIRST LIEUTENANT ROBERT A. ROEMICK, (Army Serial Number 01302353), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 9 April 1945. Entered military service from Ohio.

Private First Class Peter O. Rodol, (Army Serial Number 37634348), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 9 April 1945. Entered military service from Missouri.

SECOND LIEUTENANT GERALD E. CARTER, (Army Serial Number 0555469), Corps of Engineers, 327th Engineer Combat Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, wounded 14 April 1945. Entered military service from Illinois.

Technician Fourth Grade Rudolf O. Briggman, (Army Serial Number 33474660), Corps of Engineers, 327th Engineer Combat Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, wounded 14 April 1945. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Technician Fifth Grade Donald E. Martin, (Army Serial Number 36413082), Corps of Engineers, 327th Engineer Combat Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, wounded 14 April 1945. Entered military service from Michigan.

Private Douglas A. Logan, (Army Serial Number 36543584), Corps of Engineers, 327th Engineer Combat Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, wounded 14 April 1945. Entered military service from Michigan.

Cornoral Arthur Lamb, (Army Serial Number 36544235), Cavalry, 102d Reconnaissance Troop Mechanized, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, wounded 10 April 1945. Entered military service from Michigan.

Technician Fifth Grade Keith P. Hedge, (Army Serial Number 34021829), Field Artillery, 771st Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army, wounded 8 April 1945. Entered military service from Alabama.

Private First Class Louis F. Illiano, (Army Serial Number 20253437), Field Artillery, 771st Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army, wounded 9 April 1945. Entered military service from New York.

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Private Francis E. Achenbach, (Army Serial Number 3374213), Field Artillery, 771st Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army, wounded 3 April 1945. Entered military service from Maryland.

Private First Class Joseph P. Purcell, (Army Serial Number 20248393), Field Artillery, 771st Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army, wounded 4 April 1945. Entered military service from New York.

Staff Sergeant William E. Moxot, (Army Serial Number 20248360), Field Artillery, 771st Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army, wounded 10 April 1945. Entered military service from New York.

FIRST LIEUTENANT MAX RINGER, Jr., (Army Serial Number 01174121), Field Artillery, 771st Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army, wounded 10 April 1945. Entered military service from New York.

Sergeant Joseph J. Stora, (Army Serial Number 32089281), Field Artillery, 771st Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army, wounded 8 April 1945. Entered military service from New York.

CAPTAIN HEBER G. WHEELER, Jr., (Army Serial Number 01165988), Field Artillery, 771st Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army, wounded 9 April 1945. Entered military service from North Carolina.

Technician Fifth Grade Julian Paoul, (Army Serial Number 32089275), Field Artillery, 771st Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army, wounded 7 April 1945. Entered military service from New York.

Corporal Glen M. Lachry, (Army Serial Number 74420193), Field Artillery, 771st Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army, wounded 10 April 1945. Entered military service from Mississippi.

Private First Class Warren S. Stoolton, (Army Serial Number 37532618), Field Artillery, 771st Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army, wounded 9 April 1945. Entered military service from Missouri.

Technician Fourth Grade Kenneth H. Dolan, (Army Serial Number 34782487), Infantry, 701st Tank Battalion, United States Army, wounded 11 April 1945. Entered military service from Florida.

Staff Sergeant Robert W. Parkmecht, (Army Serial Number 35145727), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 10 April 1945. Entered military service from Indiana.

II. AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART MEDAL (ONE LEAF CLUSTER).

For wounds received as a result of enemy action in Germany on dates indicated:

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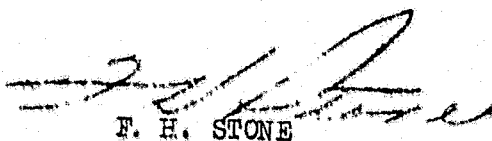
✓ Technician Fifth Grade August W. Shortner, (Army Serial Number 38030428), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 15 April 1945. Entered military service from Texas.

✓ Technical Sergeant Edward D. Lassahn, (Army Serial Number 13185062), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 10 April 1945. Entered military service from Maryland.

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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 following officers and enlisted men are awarded the BRONZE STAR MEDAL:

For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany during the respective periods indicated:

✓ LIEUTENANT COLONEL BUFORD M. BRYANT, (Army Serial Number 0293789), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, 23 February 1945 to 3 March 1945. Entered military service from Kansas.

✓ MAJOR RICHARD F. LAFORCE, (Army Serial Number 0353170), Medical Corps, 327th Medical Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, 3 November 1944 to 6 April 1945, includes service in Holland. Entered military service from Missouri.

✓ MAJOR CHARLES L. DOWNEY, (Army Serial Number 0361789), Quartermaster Corps, 102d Quartermaster Company, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, 15 September 1944 to 30 March 1945, includes service in France and Holland. Entered military service from Maryland.

✓ CAPTAIN LAWRENCE F. HAHN, (Army Serial Number 0335695), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, 23 January 1945 to 5 March 1945. Entered military service from Maryland.

✓ CAPTAIN LOUIS H. SWANN, (Army Serial Number 0293209), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, 15 December 1944 to 23 March 1945. Entered military service from Louisiana.

✓ CHAPLAIN (CAPTAIN) JAMES J. GLYNN, (Army Serial Number 0548849), Corps of Chaplains, Headquarters 102d Division Artillery, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, 4 November 1944 to 25 March 1945. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

✓ CAPTAIN THOMAS E. ARMSTRONG, (Army Serial Number 01533721), Medical Administrative Corps, 327th Medical Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, 3 November 1944 to 4 March 1945, includes service in Holland. Entered military service from Michigan.

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CHAPLAIN (CAPTAIN) HAROLD B. WRIGHT, (Army Serial Number 0523680), Corps of Chaplains, Headquarters 102d Division Artillery, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, 4 November 1944 to 25 March 1945. Entered military service from Maryland.

CAPTAIN WILLIAM F. KIDDER, (Army Serial Number 0347047), Infantry, Headquarters Company 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, 23 September 1944 to 31 March 1945, includes service in France and Holland. Entered military service from New Hampshire.

CAPTAIN KENT F. GRAYBELL, (Army Serial Number 0449045), Field Artillery, 381st Field Artillery Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, 4 November 1944 to 26 March 1945, includes service in Holland. Entered military service from Virginia.

CAPTAIN RALPH F. LEE, (Army Serial Number 0404466), Field Artillery, 381st Field Artillery Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, 4 November 1944 to 26 March 1945, includes service in Holland. Entered military service from Oklahoma.

CAPTAIN KENNETH J. FIEDLER, (Army Serial Number 01167417), Field Artillery, 381st Field Artillery Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, 4 November 1944 to 27 March 1945, includes service in Holland. Entered military service from Texas.

FIRST LIEUTENANT JAMES J. JONES, (Army Serial Number 01171618), Field Artillery, 380th Field Artillery Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, 15 November 1944 to 15 February 1945. Entered military service from Arkansas.

FIRST LIEUTENANT EDWIN A. MILLER, JR., (Army Serial Number 0315143), Field Artillery, 927th Field Artillery Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, 8 November 1944 to 27 February 1945. Entered military service from Connecticut.

FIRST LIEUTENANT MYRON McCLURE, (Army Serial Number 01288261), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, 15 December 1944 to 20 March 1945. Entered military service from California.

FIRST LIEUTENANT FRANKLIN E. GERHOLTZ, (Army Serial Number 01288041), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, 18 December 1944 to 2 March 1945. Entered military service from Minnesota.

FIRST LIEUTENANT VINCENT H. PETERSEN, (Army Serial Number 01323608), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, 28 October 1944 to 22 March 1945. Entered military service from New Jersey.

WARRANT OFFICER JUNIOR GRADE PASCAL A. ENGLISH, (Army Serial Number W2119301), United States Army, 327th Medical Battalion, 102d Infantry Division,

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✓ United States Army, 3 November 1944 to 4 March 1945, includes service in Holland.
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✓ WARRANT OFFICER JUNIOR GRADE JAMES W. PARISH, (Army Serial Number W2121217), United States Army, 405th Infantry, United States Army, 23 October 1944 to 22 March 1945. Entered military service from Texas.

Master Sergeant Harry Forbes, (Army Serial Number 35124563), Infantry, Headquarters 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, 3 November 1944 to 19 April 1945. Entered military service from Kentucky.

First Sergeant Ollie K. McKeehan, (Army Serial Number 6254143), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, 27 October 1944 to 25 March 1945. Entered military service from Colorado.

First Sergeant Herbert C. Henderson, (Army Serial Number 20443536), Field Artillery, 927th Field Artillery Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, 24 September 1944 to 31 December 1944, includes service in France and Holland. Entered military service from Georgia.

First Sergeant Charles D. Hedge, (Army Serial Number 6273935), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, 27 October 1944 to 20 March 1945. Entered military service from Texas.

Technical Sergeant Frank A. Schatzel, Jr., (Army Serial Number 35663564), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, 3 December 1944 to 15 March 1945. Entered military service from Ohio.

Technical Sergeant Frederick H. Deconvout, (Army Serial Number 6143800), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, 27 October 1944 to 20 March 1945. Entered military service from New Hampshire.

Staff Sergeant Whitney J. Hunt, (Army Serial Number 31142698), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, 28 October 1944 to 21 March 1945. Entered military service from Connecticut.

Staff Sergeant Carl R. Yount, (Army Serial Number 35498289), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, 28 October 1944 to 21 March 1945. Entered military service from Kentucky.

Staff Sergeant Steve J. Varga, (Army Serial Number 36544405), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, 27 October 1944 to 25 March 1945. Entered military service from Michigan.

Staff Sergeant Terry H. Stephenson, (Army Serial Number 37239694), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, 27 October 1944 to 20 March 1945. Entered military service from Missouri.

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✓ Staff Sergeant Edward T. Robbins, (Army Serial Number 6255718), Field Artillery, 380th Field Artillery Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, 24 November 1944 to 17 March 1945. Entered military service from Texas.

✓ Technician Third Grade Edward G. Hennrikus, (Army Serial Number 31233036) Medical Department, 406th Infantry, United States Army, 23 February 1945 to 3 March 1945. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

✓ Sergeant Andrew H. Barbieri, Jr., (Army Serial Number 12188932), Infantry 405th Infantry, United States Army, 27 October 1944 to 15 March 1945. Entered military service from New York.

✓ Technician Fourth Grade Carl L. Camp, (Army Serial Number 38105128), Infantry, Headquarters 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, 3 November 1944 to 19 April 1945. Entered military service from Texas.

✓ Corporal John E. Deloney, (Army Serial Number 14115471), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, 28 October 1944 to 21 March 1945. Entered military service from Alabama.

✓ Technician Fifth Grade Harold R. Young, (Army Serial Number 33484679), Ordnance Department, 802d Ordnance Light Maintenance Company, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, 25 November 1944 to 30 March 1945, includes service in Holland. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

✓ Technician Fifth Grade Charles H. Beal, (Army Serial Number 33694663), Medical Department, 405th Infantry, United States Army, 28 October 1944 to 3 March 1945. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

✓ Private First Class William A. Davy, (Army Serial Number 37704441), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, 27 October 1944 to 25 March 1945. Entered military service from Colorado.

✓ Private First Class Roland F. Shanblin, (Army Serial Number 39725195), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, 27 October 1944 to 23 February 1945. Entered military service from California.

✓ Private First Class Laurence W. Walker, (Army Serial Number 32736658), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, 27 October 1944 to 20 March 1945. Entered military service from New York.

✓ Private Joseph J. Oliver, Jr., (Army Serial Number 31188489), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, 28 October 1944 to 21 March 1945. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

✓ Private Doyle D. Bell, (Army Serial Number 34717862), Medical Department, 405th Infantry, United States Army, 27 October 1944 to 25 March 1945. Entered military service from Tennessee.

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The following named enlisted men, Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in Germany from 16 November 1944 to 3 March 1945 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	Frank P. Parsitka	34591069	New Jersey
Private First Class	Frederick L. Kark	36544554	Michigan

By command of the DIVISION COMMANDER:

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

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

I. AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR MEDAL.

FIRST LIEUTENANT ROBERT P. MARKMAN, (Army Serial Number 01179140), Field Artillery, 380th Field Artillery Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany on 2 March 1945. Acting as artillery forward observer, FIRST LIEUTENANT MARKMAN remained with the forward infantry elements so that he could call for effective fire whenever needed. When radio conditions were unfavorable, he courageously left the shelter of a shell crater and calmly set up his radio in an exposed position in full view of the enemy. By his outstanding intrepidity and gallantry, he successfully contacted his unit and called for effective artillery fire. Entered military service from Illinois.

Technical Sergeant John E. Clouser, (Army Serial Number 33299217), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany on 23 February 1945. When the platoon leader and the platoon sergeant became casualties, Technical Sergeant Clouser (then Staff Sergeant) unhesitatingly assumed command of the men. When the platoon became pinned down by enemy fire, he boldly exposed himself in order to determine the enemy's positions. Having thus located them he fired tracers toward their direction. His clever action enabled his platoon to bring effective fire on the enemy which neutralized their position and killed three, while five of them were captured. The courage and devotion to duty displayed by Technical Sergeant Clouser reflect highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Staff Sergeant Eli Saunders, (Army Serial Number 38248272), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany on 25 February 1945. When his platoon was exposed to the direct fire of an enemy artillery piece, Staff Sergeant Saunders, using two automatic riflemen as a covering force, ran from cover to cover across open terrain for four hundred yards, charged the gun position with his rifle, and destroyed the enemy gun with hand grenades. Following this gallant action, and with utter disregard for his personal safety, he killed five enemy who had retreated to a dugout in order to emplace a machine gun. His courageous daring and determination reflect the

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highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Texas.

Private First Class Leon G. Lucio, (Army Serial Number 38257690), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany on 26 February 1945. While on a mission to contact a nearby unit, Private First Class Lucio noticed enemy machine gunners preparing to emplace a gun. He yelled at them loudly to attract their attention, quickly jumped into a communication trench and crawled through it to a point fifteen yards from the enemy. Then, with complete disregard for his personal safety, he charged their position, killed the gunner and took the other prisoner. The indomitable courage and keen presence of mind displayed by Private First Class Lucio reflect highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Texas.

II. AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL. (POSTHUMOUSLY)

The following named enlisted men, Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 26 February 1945 in connection with military operations against the enemy:

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Army Serial Number</u>	<u>Entered Military Service From</u>
Private	John L. Isighty	42080783	Delaware
Private	Edward F. Keller	36595850	Michigan

When their platoon was stopped by mortar and machine gun fire during an attack on a fortified village, the above enlisted men disregarded all thought of personal safety by crawling and crawling forward toward an enemy communication trench. Having successfully reached it, they ran across an open stretch of fifty yards and entered a building which housed a mortar observation post and a harassing enemy machine gun. Skillfully throwing hand grenades, they killed a number of enemy and captured many others. By their outstanding courage and aggressiveness they relieved their platoon and insured the success of the attack.

The following officer for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany during the period indicated:

FIRST LIEUTENANT PAUL D. MEYER, (Army Serial Number 01316702), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, 27 October 1944 to 25 February 1945. Entered military service from Maryland.

III. AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL.

FIRST LIEUTENANT CHESTER E. MADLEY, (Army Serial Number 01321353), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany on 26 February 1945. When his men were pinned down by withering machine gun fire during a fast moving attack, FIRST

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LIEUTENANT WADLEY though wounded himself, regrouped elements of his platoon, directed effective fire upon harassing enemy gun positions, and led his men to the complete rout of the enemy. By his leadership and heroic devotion to duty he insured the ultimate capture of the objective. Entered military service from Illinois.

Staff Sergeant James O. Holman, (Army Serial Number 18148123), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany in connection with military operations against the enemy on 23 February 1945. When his squad leader became a casualty, Staff Sergeant Holman (then Sergeant), unhesitatingly assumed command. Noticing that his men had come under intense enemy fire he quickly assembled his bazooka team and skillfully maneuvered them to the flank of the enemy's position. From this vantage point, he directed effective fire on the enemy, killing two and capturing many others. His initiative and leadership reflect highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Oklahoma.

Private First Class Frank R. Roilly, (Army Serial Number 31249899), Field Artillery, 927th Field Artillery Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany in connection with military operations against the enemy on 30 December 1944. When a heavy concentration of enemy artillery severed all communication lines with the forward observer, Private First Class Roilly volunteered to join a group of wire men to check the lines. While proceeding on their mission, despite the continued barrage, he and a companion were seriously wounded. Disregarding his own pain, he went to the aid of his friend and while still exposed to danger managed to stop the flow of blood. When the fire decreased he called for medical aid so that his companion could be evacuated without delay. His unselfishness and coolness under fire reflect the highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Connecticut.

Private First Class Edgar M. M. Goedeke, (Army Serial Number 42142441), Medical Department, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 26 February 1945 in connection with military operations against the enemy. During a fast-moving attack many members of an infantry platoon suffered injuries when they unknowingly entered an area densely covered with antipersonnel mines. Despite the intense enemy fire, Private First Class Goedeke unhesitatingly ventured into the dangerous area on four separate occasions, administering emergency first aid to his wounded comrades and evacuating them to positions of relative safety. His extraordinary courage and unselfish devotion to duty served as an inspiration. Entered military service from New Jersey.

Private First Class Ira S. Schum, (Army Serial Number 33806109), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 26 February 1945 in connection with military operations against the enemy. While Private First Class Schum assisted in setting up a machine gun, an artillery shell hit nearby, instantly killing several crew members and wounding others.

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Although he had received numerous painful wounds, Private First Class Schum declined to be evacuated; having received first aid, he insisted on manning a machine gun until his platoon had completed a reorganization. His outstanding loyalty and devotion to duty was an inspiration to his comrades and imbued them with increased determination to press forward with the attack. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

The following named enlisted men, Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 26 February 1945 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	James O. Finney	38297719	Arkansas
Private First Class	Robert V. Vanderbilt	42142980	New Jersey
Private First Class	Donald J. Young	36864689	Michigan

When one platoon of their company was threatened seriously by heavy enemy machine gun fire, the above enlisted men boldly risked their lives by advancing over open terrain to emplace their machine gun in an exposed position. By this intrepid and courageous act they were successful in neutralizing the harassing weapon, killed four of the enemy and captured the remaining eight.

The following officer for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany during the period indicated:

LIEUTENANT COLONEL FELIX C. FEAMSTER, (Army Serial Number 025145), Medical Corps, 327th Medical Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, 25 January 1945 to 15 April 1945. Entered military service from Virginia.

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

FIRST LIEUTENANT GLENN J. GORE, (Army Serial Number 0537764), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 28 February 1945 in connection with military operations against the enemy. When heavy enemy fire pinned down the rifle elements of an assault unit, FIRST LIEUTENANT GORE, a cannon company forward observer, unhesitatingly made his way forward to locate the enemy positions. With great skill he called for effective fire which wiped out the obstacle and allowed the unit to take the objective. Later, while manning an exposed observation post under constant shell fire, he directed fire which was instrumental in shattering an enemy counter attack. His courage and coolness under fire reflect the highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Illinois.

Technician Third Grade Robert E. Burns, (Army Serial Number 32645641), Medical Department, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 24 February 1945 in connection with military operations against the enemy. When an incendiary bomb set fire to a truck loaded with ammunition, causing

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casualties among the men in the vicinity, Technician Third Grade Burns left the aid station, courageously ran past the blazing truck, and administered first aid to the wounded men. Risking his life again by venturing close to the burning vehicle, he assisted in extinguishing a fire which had started in the aid station, then returning to the casualties again, he assisted in their evacuation. The courage and unceasing devotion to duty displayed by Technician Third Grade Burns reflect the highest credit upon himself, his country and the military service. Entered military service from New York.

Sergeant Merle M. Arnold, (Army Serial Number 37444765), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 2 March 1945 in connection with military operations against the enemy. When his platoon came under intense enemy fire, Sergeant Arnold (then Private First Class), unhesitatingly moved over shell swept terrain to reconnoiter for a suitable position from which he could place effective fire on the enemy. Having successfully established his Browning Automatic Rifle team in a point of vantage, he brought such successful fire on the enemy that the hostile positions were neutralized. His outstanding courage and initiative enabled his platoon to resume its advance. Entered military service from Iowa.

Technician Fifth Grade Chester E. Knaub, Jr., (Army Serial Number 32482498), Medical Department, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 26 February 1945 in connection with military operations against the enemy. During a fast-moving attack many members of an infantry platoon suffered injuries when they unknowingly entered an area densely covered with antipersonnel mines. Despite the intense enemy fire, Technician Fifth Grade Knaub unhesitatingly ventured into the dangerous area on four separate occasions, administering emergency first aid to his wounded comrades and evacuating them to positions of relative safety. His extraordinary courage and unselfish devotion to duty served as an inspiration. Entered military service from New Jersey.

Technician Fifth Grade Peter Razzano, (Army Serial Number 12186876), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 24 November 1945 in connection with military operations against the enemy. When a motor column was heavily damaged by fire from enemy planes and artillery, Technician Fifth Grade Razzano turned over the truck to the assistant driver in order to drive an ambulance, thereby releasing the medical driver to treat the wounded. Even when the fire grew so intense that a tire was punctured, he courageously continued on his mission, repaired the tire and proceeded to evacuate casualties. His courageous devotion to duty reflects the highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from New York.

Private First Class Arthur H. Krout, (Army Serial Number 33510381), Medical Department, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 2 March 1945 in connection with military operations against the enemy. During an attack across flat terrain, Private First Class Krout's company met grazing enemy fire and suffered many casualties. Although aware of the intense

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danger, he unhesitatingly crept forward to reach the stricken men. Remaining in exposed positions, he administered first aid; and when litter squads began to arrive he courageously led them forward and supervised speedy evacuation. The coolness under fire and unselfish devotion to duty displayed by Private First Class Krout reflect highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

The following officer and enlisted man for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany during the respective periods indicated:

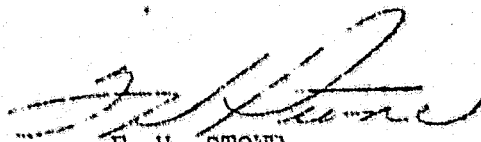
FIRST LIEUTENANT RICHARD S. CORNELL, (Army Serial Number 01177746), Field Artillery, 380th Field Artillery Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, 23 February 1945 to 17 March 1945. Entered military service from New York.

Private First Class Raymond P. Small, (Army Serial Number 32594898), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, 23 February 1945 to 2 March 1945. Entered military service from New Jersey.

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- I. AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR MEDAL (POSTHUMOUSLY).
- II. AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR MEDAL.
- III. 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 ^{102d} United States Army, 8 September 1944, as amended, the following officers and enlisted men are awarded decorations as indicated:

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

Staff Sergeant Raymond E. Stone, (Army Serial Number 38359421), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany on 24 February 1945. During a fast-moving attack, Staff Sergeant Stone noticed enemy movement toward his company's right flank. With utter disregard for his personal safety, he unhesitatingly made his way across several hundred yards of shell-swept terrain in order to more accurately ascertain the exact location of the hostile forces. Remaining at his exposed position, he proceeded to direct effective fire on the enemy until he was mortally wounded. His gallant actions and unselfish devotion to duty were instrumental in repelling the counterattack. Entered military service from Texas.

Sergeant Kenneth J. Rasch, (Army Serial Number 36813351), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany on 2 March 1945. While advancing on a fortified enemy position, Sergeant Rasch's squad suddenly came under intense machine gun fire. Disregarding his personal safety, he rose up and exposed himself to the fire until he had located the gun position. Then, moving courageously across shell-swept terrain, he skillfully fired his carbine until the position had been neutralized. Although he was mortally wounded during this daring act, his gallantry and intrepidity set an inspiring example to his comrades. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

Private First Class Serafin C. Lopez, (Army Serial Number 38257914), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy on 29 November 1945. When the assault units were pinned down by intense enemy machine gun fire, Private First Class Lopez crawled seventy-five yards ahead of the troops with his machine gun. Firing his weapon with great determination and skill, he successfully neutralized the enemy positions and enabled his unit to continue its attack. After his squad leader had become a casualty, he unhesitatingly assumed command and boldly led his men forward to the successful accomplishment of the mission. While furnishing effective fire cover for the organization of a strong defensive position, he was mortally wounded by the enemy. His gallantry and determined leadership reflect highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Texas.

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Private First Class Gonifacio de la Cruz, (Army Serial Number 38359436), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy on 2 March 1945. When the leading scout was wounded during an attack on an enemy town, Private First Class de la Cruz, with utter disregard for his personal safety, rushed through heavy fire across a street to evacuate him to a position of relative safety. Realizing that his unit could not advance until the obstacle was eliminated, he courageously made his way forward again and fired his weapon so skillfully that the enemy gun was momentarily silenced. Although he was mortally wounded in the performance of this heroic act, his gallantry and intrepidity enabled his company to successfully capture its objective. Entered military service from Texas.

II. AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR MEDAL.

CAPTAIN CHESTER H. TWENTYMAN, (Army Serial Number 0403791), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy on 23 February 1945. When his unit became pinned down by intense enemy fire, CAPTAIN TWENTYMAN courageously made his way across shell swept terrain to within close proximity of the enemy emplacement. As his men covered his movements, he boldly assaulted the enemy position, successfully neutralized the hostile fire, and captured nine prisoners. His undaunted courage and gallant devotion to duty contributed materially to the successful operations of his unit. Entered military service from Georgia.

FIRST LIEUTENANT GILBERT J. MARTIN, (Army Serial Number 02000932), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany on 2 March 1945. Having established a suitable base of fire during a fast-moving attack, FIRST LIEUTENANT MARTIN infiltrated his men forward so that an effective fire cover could be furnished. Maneuvering close to the enemy position, he personally rushed a machine gun emplacement and neutralized it with hand grenades and rifle fire. His outstanding leadership and coolness under fire inspired his men to such an extent that they quickly took their objective and established a firm defensive position. Entered military service from Louisiana.

FIRST LIEUTENANT JOHN C. SORENSON, (Army Serial Number 02048490), Medical Administrative Corps, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany on 26 February 1945. During a fast-moving attack, one platoon of a rifle company sustained numerous casualties when they unknowingly entered an area thoroughly covered with anti-personnel mines. Fully aware of the great risk to his own life, FIRST LIEUTENANT SORENSON organized a litter bearer squad and made five separate journeys into the mined area in order to treat and evacuate the wounded men. His extraordinary courage and calmness despite the constant and intense enemy fire throughout the entire action reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from New York.

Technical Sergeant Robert J. Walsh, (Army Serial Number 36543508), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy

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on 23 February 1945. When his platoon became pinned down by intense fire from an undetermined gun position, Technical Sergeant Walsh (then Staff Sergeant) courageously exposed himself in an effort to determine its exact location. He then directed effective fire on the enemy, successfully neutralized the position and enabled his platoon to continue its advance with a minimum of casualties. After capturing the objective, he actively supervised the preparation of the defense position. His brilliant leadership and courage reflect highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Michigan.

Staff Sergeant Sheldon T. Clark, (Army Serial Number 15078637), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany on 23 March 1945. Observing an enemy shell exploding in the vicinity of an occupied foxhole, Staff Sergeant Clark, with utter disregard for his personal safety, made his way across shell-swept terrain to the impact area. Despite the intense enemy fire, he worked feverishly digging out his wounded comrades and evacuating them to a position of relative safety, thereby saving their lives. His great courage and gallant devotion to duty reflect the highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Ohio.

Staff Sergeant Calvin E. Lambert, (Army Serial Number 33888418), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany on 2 March 1945. When his platoon was halted by harassing enemy fire, Staff Sergeant Lambert (then Private First Class) crawled over two hundred yards along a shallow trench position from which he was able to silence snipers who had fired from a house. Quickly assuming a position in the attic of the building, he fired his weapon from his elevated position with such skill that several entrenched enemy emplacements were neutralized. His great daring and gallant determination paved the way for his comrades so that the objective was taken without loss of life. Entered military service from Virginia.

Sergeant Carl Taylor, (Army Serial Number 14008175), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany on 23 February 1945. When his squad leader and assistant squad leader became casualties during a fast-moving attack, Sergeant Taylor (then Private First Class) unhesitatingly assumed command. Although subjected to intense fire, he daringly exposed himself to determine the exact location of the enemy. Then regrouping his men, he maneuvered them to the flank and placed effective fire on the emplacement, killing three and capturing eight. His undaunted courage and devotion to duty materially contributed to the further advance of his unit with a minimum of casualties. Entered military service from Tennessee.

Technician Fifth Grade George A. Hueber, (Army Serial Number 32594438), Field Artillery, 927th Field Artillery Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany on 24 February 1945. When a truck received a direct hit from enemy artillery, causing several casualties, Technician Fifth Grade Hueber unhesitatingly ran through the intense fire to administer first aid. Although he was knocked to the ground by another

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shell concussion, he declined to seek shelter and stayed with the wounded men until they could be evacuated. The gallantry and outstanding devotion to duty displayed by this enlisted man reflect highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from New Jersey.

Private First Class Charles R. Hancock, (Army Serial Number 39864975), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy on 27 February 1945. When assault units became pinned down by intense fire, Private First Class Hancock courageously made his way across the open terrain to a row of buildings occupied by the enemy. Singlehandedly, he pressed the assault, took the enemy by surprise, killed one and captured two prisoners. By his heroic action he forced the hostile troops to retreat and enabled his platoon to advance and gain their objective with a minimum of casualties. Entered military service from Arizona.

Private First Class Forest Evans, (Army Serial Number 35765054), Medical Department, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany on 23 February 1945. When his company suffered many casualties from intense artillery and small arms fire, Private First Class Evans unhesitatingly braved the intense danger to render aid to the stricken men. With utter disregard for his personal safety he crawled through a thickly sown mine field, and while still exposed to hostile fire, dressed their wounds and evacuated them to positions of relative safety. Even after he was painfully wounded himself he continued his work, until he had taken care of all casualties. His gallantry and unselfish devotion to duty reflect highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Ohio.

Private First Class Gus Avato, (Army Serial Number 32917905), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany on 2 March 1945. Although wounded during the early stages of an attack, Private First Class Avato declined evacuation and pressed forward with the assault elements. When his unit was halted by intense enemy machine gun fire, he worked his way forward over one hundred yards of open terrain firing his rifle and throwing hand grenades with such telling effect that he killed four of the enemy and neutralized their emplacement. By his courage and unflinching devotion to duty, he enabled his company to take its objective. Entered military service from New Jersey.

Private First Class Marshal Stacy, (Army Serial Number 35638521), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy on 25 February 1945. When his company became pinned down by grazing fire, Private First Class Stacy unhesitatingly made his way to an exposed position from which he could observe several enemy emplacements. With utter disregard for his personal safety, he fired into their positions, killing and wounding numerous enemy soldiers. By his undaunted courage and determination, he forced the enemy to withdraw and enabled his company to continue the attack and to secure its objective. Entered military service from Kentucky.

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Private First Class Jose Martinez, (Army Serial Number 38232823), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany on 2 March 1945. When his unit was pinned down by intense fire during a fast moving attack, Private First Class Martinez courageously continued to move forward until he reached a position from which he could place effective automatic rifle fire on the enemy. With utter disregard for his personal safety, he remained in his exposed position and continued to fire his weapon until he had killed several of the enemy and forced the surrender of several others. His undaunted courage and aggressiveness materially contributed to the successful advance of his unit. Entered military service from Texas.

Private First Class Manuel Apodaca, (Army Serial Number 38169866), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany on 23 February 1945. When the enemy launched a strong armored counter attack against his sector, Private First Class Apodaca remained alone in his exposed position until the leading tanks had passed. As the enemy infantry columns approached, he quickly opened fire, inflicted severe casualties on the hostile troops and successfully forced their withdrawal. His undaunted courage and unselfish devotion to duty contributed materially to the successful repulse of the enemy counter attack and prevented serious casualties. Entered military service from New Mexico.

Private First Class Gilio S. Trujillo, (Army Serial Number 39855475), Medical Department, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany on 1 March 1945. During a fast moving attack, Private First Class Trujillo observed a friendly tank bursting into flames from a direct hit by an enemy shell. With utter disregard for his personal safety, he courageously made his way across shell swept terrain in an attempt to rescue the wounded tankmen. Unhesitatingly, he climbed into the burning vehicle, extricated the wounded men and after administering emergency first aid succeeded in evacuating them to positions of comparative safety. His gallantry and unselfishness reflect highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Arizona.

The following named enlisted men, Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany on 2 March 1945:

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Army Serial Number</u>	<u>Entered Military Service From</u>
Technical Sergeant	John C. Harber	31305795	Massachusetts
Private First Class	John F. Murty	37628333	Missouri

When contact between front line elements was broken, the above enlisted men infiltrated through enemy territory over open terrain in an effort to re-establish communications with the adjacent unit. Subjected to intense enemy fire from a machine gun only fifty yards away, they quickly flanked the hostile position, killed two of the enemy, and successfully neutralized the enemy fire.

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Their undaunted courage and gallantry enabled them to continue and successfully re-establish contact with the adjacent unit, thereby contributing materially to the success of the operations.

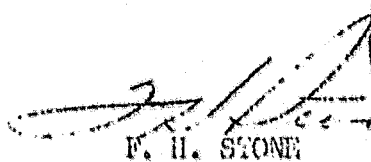
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CAPTAIN GEORGE F. SCHROEDER, (Army Serial Number 0444162), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany on 23 February 1945. During the crossing of a major river barrier, CAPTAIN SCHROEDER courageously led his company across in the first wave. Making a successful landing on the opposite shore, he immediately regrouped his men and boldly moved forward despite the intense enemy fire. When he became a casualty, he administered emergency first aid to his wound and continued to direct operations until his executive officer came forward and assumed command. His gallant leadership and devotion to duty contributed materially to the success of his unit. Entered military service from South Dakota.

Staff Sergeant Frank E. Drake, Sr., (Army Serial Number 18107283), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany on 2 March 1945. After a successful attack, Staff Sergeant Drake volunteered to go on patrol through the outskirts of a hotly contested city in order to establish contact with the adjacent battalion. When the patrol came under sudden enemy fire, Staff Sergeant Drake boldly assaulted the position and neutralized it, thereby enabling his men to continue with their mission. Because of his undaunted courage and brilliant determination, contact was re-established so that the operation could proceed without interruption. Entered military service from Oklahoma.

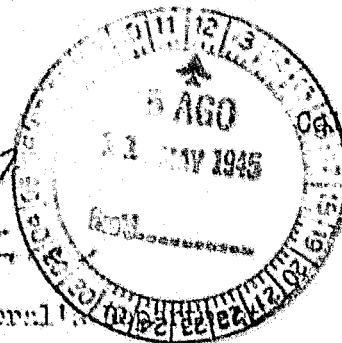
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AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

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 following officers and enlisted men are awarded the BRONZE STAR MEDAL:

FIRST LIEUTENANT MORRIS D. MOORE, JR., (Army Serial Number 0537432), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 23 February 1945 in connection with military operations against the enemy. During the crossing of a dangerous river, FIRST LIEUTENANT MOORE volunteered to accompany the assault waves in order to reconnoiter possible anti-tank gun positions. Moving freely over shell swept terrain and through enemy mine fields, he returned with a detailed and accurate report which enabled his company to render effective protecting fire throughout the subsequent operations. The undaunted courage and devotion to duty displayed by FIRST LIEUTENANT MOORE reflect highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from South Carolina.

SECOND LIEUTENANT EDWARD SHUMLANSKI, (Army Serial Number 02000588), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 2 March 1945 in connection with military operations against the enemy. When his company was halted by intense enemy fire in the street of an enemy town, SECOND LIEUTENANT SHUMLANSKI risked his life by moving around an exposed street corner to a position where he could engage the enemy with his automatic rifle and successfully neutralize their weapon. His daring action enabled his platoon to continue its advance and to accomplish its mission. The initiative and devotion to duty displayed by SECOND LIEUTENANT SHUMLANSKI reflect highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Michigan.

First Sergeant John G. McCann, (Army Serial Number 39400443), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 2 March 1945 in connection with military operations against the enemy. When his company was pinned down by intense enemy fire, First Sergeant McCann dashed across forty yards of shell swept terrain to capture an enemy sniper who was holding up part of his company. His daring act enabled other members of his company to flank the enemy and neutralize several positions so that the company could advance to its objective. The undaunted courage and devotion to duty displayed by First Sergeant McCann reflect highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Staff Sergeant John A. Mazza, (Army Serial Number 15323094), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 2 March 1945 in connection with military operations against the enemy. When his company

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was subjected to intense enemy fire and numerous casualties were sustained, Staff Sergeant Mazza moved freely over the shell swept terrain to administer first aid to the wounded and to evacuate them to positions of comparative safety. By his undaunted courage and unselfish devotion to duty, he saved many lives and alleviated the suffering of his fellow soldiers. Entered military service from West Virginia.

Staff Sergeant Willis E. Powell, (Army Serial Number 33385131), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 23 February 1945 in connection with military operations against the enemy. When his platoon leader and platoon sergeant became casualties during a fast moving attack, Staff Sergeant Powell (then Sergeant) unhesitatingly assumed command. Despite the intense enemy fire, he immediately regrouped his men and led them forward in the attack. Singlehandedly, he charged an enemy machine gun position and stunned the enemy into surrender. His undaunted courage and gallant leadership were instrumental in the rout of the enemy forces and materially contributed to the success of the operations. Entered military service from Maryland.

Staff Sergeant Floyd W. Usher, (Army Serial Number 36807320), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 23 February 1945 in connection with military operations against the enemy. Leading a combat patrol into enemy territory, Staff Sergeant Usher (then Sergeant) risked his life by bravely exposing himself to sniper fire in order to ascertain enemy positions and eliminate them. With great skill he directed fire upon them which killed most of the enemy and enabled his company to successfully capture its objective. The daring leadership and devotion to duty displayed by Staff Sergeant Usher reflect highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

Staff Sergeant Robert Russell, (Army Serial Number 20109510), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 1 March 1945 in connection with military operations against the enemy. When the shortage of ammunition became acute, Staff Sergeant Russell (then Private First Class) volunteered to deliver the ammunition from a rear supply dump. Despite intense enemy fire, he made repeated trips across shell swept terrain to secure and deliver the ammunition. His initiative and undaunted courage enabled his company to deliver effective supporting fire for assault elements and contributed materially to the success of the operations. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

Staff Sergeant Darwin H. Browell, (Army Serial Number 33679038), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 23 February 1945 in connection with military operations against the enemy. When his squad leader became a casualty, Staff Sergeant Browell (then Sergeant) unhesitatingly assumed command. Coming upon a mine field, he bravely cleared a path through the danger area so that his men could follow without incurring casualties. He then maneuvered his squad farther on with such skill that he

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neutralized several positions, killed two enemies and captured many others. The undaunted courage and leadership displayed by Staff Sergeant Browell reflect highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Staff Sergeant James A. Holshouser, (Army Serial Number 34774149), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 23 February 1945 in connection with military operations against the enemy. During a fast moving attack when his company was pinned down by intense machine gun fire, Staff Sergeant Holshouser (then Sergeant) courageously crawled across the open terrain to a position from which he could effectively engage the enemy. Throwing several hand grenades he successfully destroyed the harassing weapon, and enabled his company to continue its attack and gain the objective. His undaunted courage and unselfish devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from North Carolina.

Staff Sergeant Jimmy G. McDonald, (Army Serial Number 18248031), 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 McDonald (then Private First Class) unhesitatingly assumed the duties of assistant squad leader. Although he became painfully wounded, he refused evacuation, and when he saw a wounded comrade lying in an exposed position, he made his way through intense enemy fire to reach him. After administering first aid, he evacuated him to an aid station and remained on duty until ordered to the rear by his company commander. The initiative and undaunted courage displayed by Staff Sergeant McDonald reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Oklahoma.

Sergeant Edward C. Ellis, (Army Serial Number 33709812), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 23 February 1945 in connection with military operations against the enemy. Following the crossing of a major river barrier, when his company was held up by a thickly sown enemy mine field, Sergeant Ellis (then Private First Class) unhesitatingly advanced to breach the mine field. Fully aware of the imminent danger to his life, he successfully cleared a path for the rest of his company and enabled his unit to continue its attack and gain the objective with a minimum of casualties. His undaunted courage and devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Sergeant Arnold F. Eyssell, (Army Serial Number 37502450), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 28 February 1945 in connection with military operations against the enemy. When the assault troops were pinned down by enemy fire, Sergeant Eyssell courageously manned his machine gun and fired it so effectively from a dangerously exposed position that the rifle troops were able to continue their advance. Even after he was wounded, he remained at his post with complete disregard for his pain

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until the objective was secured. His intrepidity and unselfish devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Missouri.

Corporal Inl D. Miller, (Army Serial Number 18023436), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 23 February 1945 in connection with military operations against the enemy. When a cellar occupied by several members of his platoon caved in as a result of enemy action, Corporal Miller, with utter disregard for his personal safety proceeded to the danger area to free the trapped men. Having succeeded in his endeavors, he administered emergency first aid to those who were wounded and evacuated them to positions of comparative safety. His unselfish action saved several lives and alleviated the suffering of his comrades. Entered military service from Oklahoma.

Corporal William C. Medemann, (Army Serial Number 32482130), Infantry, 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 was pinned down by intense fire, Corporal Medemann (then Private First Class) crawled several hundred yards across shell swept terrain to a suitable position from which he directed effective fire on the enemy. By his courageous action he succeeded in neutralizing several positions and enabled the assault elements to advance to their objective with a minimum of casualties. Entered military service from New Jersey.

Technician Fifth Grade William S. Johns, (Army Serial Number 34397213), Medical Department, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 23 February 1945 in connection with military operations against the enemy. When the enemy launched a strong counter attack, inflicting numerous casualties, Technician Fifth Grade Johns, with utter disregard for his personal safety, organized litter bearer teams and led them across open terrain to carry the wounded to safety. Since evacuation was unfeasible, he quickly set up an improvised aid station and worked untiringly to administer emergency first aid and relieve the suffering of his wounded comrades. His undaunted courage and devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Alabama.

Technician Fifth Grade Eusebio Salas, (Army Serial Number 38247214), Medical Department, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 27 February 1945 in connection with military operations against the enemy. When his company was pinned down by intense enemy fire and many casualties were inflicted, Technician Fifth Grade Salas, with utter disregard for his personal safety, moved freely over shell swept terrain, administered emergency first aid to his wounded comrades and evacuated them to positions of comparative safety. His undaunted courage and unselfish devotion to duty saved many lives and alleviated the suffering of his fellow soldiers. Entered military service from Texas.

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Technician Fifth Grade Lewis A. Jones, (Army Serial Number 32462281), Medical Department, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 25 February 1945 in connection with military operations against the enemy. When the members of one platoon suffered heavy casualties from an intense artillery barrage, Technician Fifth Grade Jones unhesitatingly made his way across shell swept terrain to alleviate the suffering of the wounded men. After administering emergency first aid he assisted in their evacuation, while still exposed to heavy fire. His determination and unflinching courage reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from New Jersey.

Technician Fifth Grade Richard J. Decker, (Army Serial Number 32595114), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 24 February 1945 in connection with military operations against the enemy. When an enemy shell landed in the midst of a wire laying party, killing the non-commissioned officer in charge and wounding the remainder of the group, Technician Fifth Grade Decker, although painfully wounded himself, courageously made his way to the rear and brought medical aid to his comrades. After assuring himself of the safety of his fellow soldiers, he unhesitatingly crossed a mile and a half of open terrain under constant enemy fire to report the successful accomplishment of the mission. Entered military service from New Jersey.

Private First Class Harold E. Callahan, (Army Serial Number 37239782), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany from 23 February 1945 to 2 March 1945 in connection with military operations against the enemy. During the crossing of a major river barrier and the subsequent rapid advance of his unit, Private Callahan maintained a continuous flow of vital ammunition to front line troops. In the initial phase of the attack it was necessary for him to manually carry the ammunition across the river because of the lack of suitable vehicular bridges. His untiring energy and unselfish devotion to duty insured a sufficient supply of vital ammunition to all fighting units and contributed materially to the success of the operations. Entered military service from Kansas.

Private First Class Lewis S. Fisher, (Army Serial Number 32482174), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 23 February 1945 in connection with military operations against the enemy. When elements of his platoon became scattered, following a successful river crossing, Private First Class Fisher moved freely up and down the shell swept river bank regrouping the stragglers. Realizing that contact with his company was broken, he courageously made his way forward through densely sown mine fields until he successfully located his company. Having returned over the same hazardous route, he guided his platoon to the company assembly point. By his initiative and unflinching courage, he materially contributed to the success of the operations. Entered military service from New Jersey.

Private First Class Pedro A. Zamudio, (Army Serial Number 38124670), Medical Department, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement

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in Germany on 23 February 1945 in connection with military operations against the enemy. When assault elements were taken under intense enemy fire, Private First Class Armendariz, with utter disregard for his personal safety, left the comparative safety of his position and ran across shell swept terrain to reach a wounded man. After administering first aid, he evacuated him to a nearby building, thereby saving him from further injury and pain. The undaunted courage and devotion to duty displayed by Private First Class Armendariz reflect highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Texas.

Private First Class Roscoe G. Bonner, Jr., (Army Serial Number 12043297), Medical Department, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 23 February 1945 in connection with military operations against the enemy. When his squad bravely advanced through a thickly sown enemy mine field, and numerous casualties were suffered, Private First Class Bonner unhesitatingly made his way to the wounded man. With utter disregard for his personal safety, he immediately administered emergency first aid and succeeded in evacuating them to positions of comparative safety. His undaunted courage and devotion to duty served as an inspiration to all and reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from New York.

Private First Class Roberts E. Brown, (Army Serial Number 18074099), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 2 March 1945, in connection with military operations against the enemy. During a fact saving attack when his company was pinned down by intense enemy fire several casualties were inflicted in his section. Although painfully wounded himself, Private First Class Brown unhesitatingly made his way across the shell swept terrain, administered first aid to his stricken comrades and succeeded in evacuating them to the rear. Only after insuring himself that all of his comrades had been cared for did he submit to medical treatment. His undaunted courage and unselfish devotion to duty served as an inspiration to all. Entered military service from Texas.

Private First Class LeRoy W. Goste, (Army Serial Number 31466590), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 2 March 1945 in connection with military operations against the enemy. When his platoon became pinned down by intense enemy fire, Private First Class Goste, with utter disregard for his personal safety, exposed himself in an effort to determine the exact location of the hostile position. Using his rifle and hand grenades, he singlehandedly assaulted the emplacement, killed three of the enemy and succeeded in silencing the fire. His courageous actions and unselfish devotion to duty enabled his unit to continue the advance. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

Private First Class Robert E. Gross, (Army Serial Number 36917721), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 26 February 1945 in connection with military operations against the enemy.

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Volunteering to act as observer for his squad, Private First Class Gross proceeded to a house where he climbed to the attic for a better view of the enemy's position. When a shell hit the house and started a fire, he risked his life to extinguish it and continued directing fire on the enemy, thus providing constant protection for the elements of his regiment. The undaunted courage and commendable devotion to duty he displayed reflect the highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

Private First Class Robert C. Hacker, (Army Serial Number 35148197), Medical Department, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 26 February 1945 in connection with military operations against the enemy. When numerous casualties were sustained by the members of two platoons during a fast moving attack, Private First Class Hacker courageously exposed himself to the intense enemy fire to administer first aid to the wounded men. With utter disregard for his personal safety he made repeated trips across the open terrain and successfully evacuated all the wounded to positions of comparative safety. His undaunted courage and unselfish devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Indiana.

Private First Class John E. Kalpin, (Army Serial Number 42142649), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 23 February 1945 in connection with military operations against the enemy. When his company was pinned down by intense enemy fire during a fast moving attack, Private First Class Kalpin courageously advanced to an exposed position in an effort to eliminate the harassing enemy machine gun. Despite the intense artillery and small arms fire, he remained in his exposed position until he successfully neutralized the enemy fire and enabled his company to continue its attack. Entered military service from New Jersey.

Private First Class William A. Lynch, (Army Serial Number 37242282), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 23 February 1945 in connection with military operations against the enemy. When his platoon encountered a densely sown enemy mine field which held up its advance, Private First Class Lynch voluntarily made his way through the danger area in an attempt to breach the field. After successfully clearing a path, he returned and guided the remainder of the platoon safely across. By his unflinching courage and unselfish devotion to duty he prevented numerous casualties and enabled his platoon to continue its attack. Entered military service from Kansas.

Private First Class Guilmer C. McHenry, (Army Serial Number 36544708), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 23 November 1944 in connection with military operations against the enemy. When the need for ammunition became acute, Private First Class McHenry courageously volunteered to lead three other jeeps over almost impassable roads which were subjected to intense enemy fire to deliver the vital ammunition to the front line troops. Later, when his company was ordered to withdraw, he assisted dili-

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gently in the evacuation of numerous casualties. The courage and devotion to duty displayed by Private First Class McHenry reflect highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Michigan.

Private First Class Charles H. McAdams, (Army Serial Number 19188651), Infantry, 495th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 23 February 1945 in connection with military operations against the enemy. When the enemy launched an attack against the hastily prepared defense positions of his company, Private First Class McAdams courageously remained at his post and fired relentlessly on the hostile troops, inflicting numerous casualties and forcing their withdrawal. While lying anti-tank mines in front of his position, in preparation for any further attempted counterattacks, he killed an entire tank crew who were fleeing from their disabled tank. By his undaunted courage and aggressiveness, he materially contributed to the success of the operations. Entered military service from California.

Private First Class Lynn E. Richmond, (Army Serial Number 37444748), Infantry, 495th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 1 March 1945 in connection with military operations against the enemy. When the shortage of ammunition became acute, Private First Class Richmond volunteered to deliver ammunition from a rear supply dump. Despite the intense enemy fire, he made repeated trips across shell swept terrain to secure and deliver the ammunition. His initiative and undaunted courage enabled his company to deliver effective supporting fire for assault elements and contributed materially to the success of the operations. Entered military service from Iowa.

Private First Class Horace De Sousa, (Army Serial Number 32645549), Infantry, 495th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 2 December 1944 in connection with military operations against the enemy. Noting a seriously wounded comrade lying in an exposed position, Private First Class De Sousa, with utter disregard for his personal safety, left the comparative safety of his sheltered position and made his way across several hundred yards of shell swept terrain to reach the stricken man. He administered first aid and evacuated him to a position of comparative safety, thereby saving his life. The undaunted courage and unselfish devotion to duty displayed by Private First Class De Sousa reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from New York.

Private First Class Delvin R. Scott, (Army Serial Number 33543539), Infantry, 495th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 26 February 1945 in connection with military operations against the enemy. While en route to front line positions with a supply of ammunition, Private First Class Scott observed an enemy sniper inflicting numerous casualties on the men in his company. With utter disregard for his personal safety, he skillfully maneuvered to the rear of the sniper and killed him with a well aimed rifle shot. Assured that any further threat had been removed, he continued forward and delivered the vital ammunition to his squad. His initiative and undaunted courage

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

Private First Class Thomas F. Seip, (Army Serial Number 36544886), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 27 February 1945 in connection with military operations against the enemy. When Private First Class Seip observed enemy armored vehicles approaching, he unhesitatingly left the comparative shelter of his position and courageously made his way across the shell swept terrain to inform his company commander of the impending threat. By his initiative and undaunted courage he enabled his company commander to radio for effective fire which resulted in the repulse of the counterattack with a minimum of casualties. Entered military service from Michigan.

Private First Class Joseph Tavares, (Army Serial Number 11111889), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 23 February 1945 in connection with military operations against the enemy. Noting a seriously wounded comrade lying in an exposed position, Private First Class Tavares, with complete disregard for his personal safety, made his way across shell swept terrain to reach the stricken man. After administering first aid, he evacuated him to the comparative safety of a house, summoned an aid man and assisted in carrying the stricken man to an aid station. The initiative and unwavering devotion to duty reflect highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Rhode Island.

Private First Class Joseph G. Wahry, (Army Serial Number 32594264), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 24 February 1945 in connection with military operations against the enemy. When his truck and attached anti-tank gun was suddenly placed under direct enemy machine gun fire, Private First Class Wahry instructed his comrades to dismount and disperse, and with utter disregard for his personal safety, he drove the vehicle to an advantageous position, properly emplacing the weapon. By his undaunted courage and initiative he enabled the gun crew to fire effectively on the enemy position and successfully neutralize the intense fire. Entered military service from New Jersey.

Private First Class Horace P. Wagner, (Army Serial Number 37550352), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 28 February 1945 in connection with military operations against the enemy. In the absence of the forward observer, Private First Class Wagner unhesitatingly assumed his duties. Crawling across shell swept terrain until he found a suitable position, he established an observation post and directed effective fire on the enemy positions. When his radio ceased to function properly, he again made his way back, secured another radio and continued to call for supporting fire whenever needed. By his determination and devotion to duty, several enemy positions were neutralized. Entered military service from South Dakota.

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Private First Class John D. Wefler, (Army Serial Number 35907600), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 23 February 1945 in connection with military operations against the enemy. Noting a seriously wounded comrade in an open field, Private First Class Wefler (then Private), with utter disregard for his personal safety, made his way over the shell swept terrain to administer first aid and evacuate him to a position of comparative safety. He then returned to his machine gun and continued to fire until he had successfully neutralized the enemy position. The undaunted courage and devotion to duty displayed by this enlisted man reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Indiana.

The following enlisted men, Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 23 February 1945 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	Ollen W. Ramey	36949919	Illinois
Private First Class	Salvatore F. Cassano	32638562	New York
Private First Class	Troy Jackson	34398671	Alabama
Private First Class	William F. McNutt	33905151	Maryland
Private First Class	Rolph B. Myers	33941099	Pennsylvania
Private First Class	Mervin W. Poelman	36566224	Michigan

After establishing the battalion command post, the above enlisted men and three others entered an enemy pocket of resistance which was previously by-passed by the assault elements. With utter disregard for their personal safety, they assaulted the position and successfully neutralized the enemy fire. Because of their undaunted courage and devotion to duty they captured and killed numerous enemy soldiers and liberated an American officer and non-commissioned officer who had been captured earlier that day.

The following enlisted men, Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 26 February 1945 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	John Plopan	36544366	Michigan
Sergeant	Leroy S. Auccin	18027092	Louisiana

When their platoon encountered a thickly sown mine field, which forced it to halt its advance, the enemy immediately opened fire on them from a well fortified building. Fully aware of the extreme danger to which the entire platoon was subjected, the above enlisted men unhesitatingly crawled over open terrain to a position from which they successfully neutralized the enemy fire. By their undaunted courage and initiative, they were instrumental in the killing

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or capturing of all of the enemy, thereby contributing materially to the successful advance of their platoon.

The following enlisted men, Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 25 February 1945 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 (then Sergeant)	Leonard F. Barkee	39344000	Oregon
Private First Class	Richard S. Aberg	37559132	Minnesota

When hostile artillery fire threatened to inflict serious casualties, the above enlisted men unhesitatingly crawled to suitable positions from which they could direct effective fire against the enemy emplacements. Although subjected to intense enemy fire, they advanced courageously and successfully destroyed the enemy gun, killing the entire crew and several others in nearby trenches. Their undoubted courage and unselfish devotion to duty prevented heavy casualties and contributed materially to the further advance of their unit.

The following named enlisted men, Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 2 March 1945 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 (then Private First Class)	Windham W. Reeves	34477423	Mississippi
Private First Class	Donald R. Franklin	35893969	Indiana

When their company was pinned down by intense fire, the above enlisted men courageously set up their mortar in an exposed position and delivered effective fire on the enemy. With utter disregard for their personal safety, they continued firing their weapon, successfully neutralized the enemy emplacement and enabled their company to renew the attack. Their initiative and courageous devotion to duty reflect great credit upon themselves and the military service.

The following enlisted men, Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 23 February 1945 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	Jack H. Hales	37325449	North Dakota
Private First Class	Harold L. Mills	35569479	Indiana

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When a platoon of their company was pinned down by enemy sniper fire, the above enlisted men voluntarily advanced to an exposed position, where their presence diverted the snipers' attention from the platoon to themselves. Locating the positions of the snipers, they brought effective fire to bear on them and succeeded in killing one and capturing three. By their intrepidity and unselfish devotion to duty, the above enlisted men silenced the harassing fire and enabled the platoon to continue its attack.

The following enlisted men, Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 15 February 1945 in connection with military operations against the enemy:

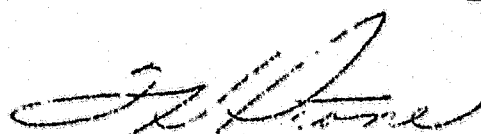
<u>Grade</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Army Serial Number</u>	<u>Entered Military Service From</u>
Private First Class	Hyman Markowitz	32595407	New Jersey
Private First Class	Arthur B. Soddeck	11132812	Massachusetts

As members of a reconnaissance patrol, the above enlisted men crossed a dangerous river and made their way deep into enemy territory. When they encountered thickly sown enemy mine fields, they courageously continued on their mission fully aware of the imminent danger from the anti-personnel and anti-tank mines. Returning to their lines safely, they contributed vital information which aided considerably in the planning and strategy of future operations.

By command of the DIVISION COMMANDER:

JOSEPH H. CHAILLE
Lieutenant Colonel, General Staff Corps
Acting Chief of Staff

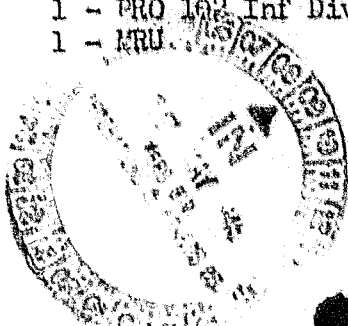
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- I. AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL.
- II. AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART MEDAL.
- III. AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART MEDAL (OAK LEAF CLUSTER).

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, the following officers and enlisted men are awarded decorations as indicated:

I. AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL.

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

MAJOR JAMES R. MYERS, (Army Serial Number 022209), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, 28 February 1945 to 2 April 1945. Entered military service from Ohio.

MAJOR WILLIAM A. MILLER, (Army Serial Number 01287926), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, 15 December 1944 to 22 March 1945. Entered military service from California.

MAJOR OLIVER J. ROFFINA, (Army Serial Number 0453900), Field Artillery, Headquarters 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, 17 October 1944 to 20 April 1945. Entered military service from California.

CAPTAIN HENRY E. MOONEY, (Army Serial Number 0321908), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, 3 December 1944 to 28 March 1945. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

CAPTAIN JAMES H. GILLEY, (Army Serial Number 0462838), Field Artillery, 381st Field Artillery Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, 4 November 1944 to 15 April 1945. Entered military service from Alabama.

CAPTAIN JAMES E. PRIDGEN, (Army Serial Number 0438870), Medical Corps, 327th Medical Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, 23 February 1945 to 15 April 1945. Entered military service from Texas.

CAPTAIN JAMES R. CRAIN, (Army Serial Number 01167381), Field Artillery, 381st Field Artillery Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, 4 November 1944 to 15 April 1945. Entered military service from Illinois.

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FIRST LIEUTENANT SIDNEY V. SMITH, (Army Serial Number 0531601), Field Artillery, 31st Field Artillery Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, 4 November 1944 to 15 April 1945. Entered military service from Texas.

FIRST LIEUTENANT EDWARD C. BAUER, (Army Serial Number 02048844), Medical Administrative Corps, 37th Medical Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, 23 February 1945 to 15 April 1945. Entered military service from New York.

FIRST LIEUTENANT LINLIE N. WRIGHT, (Army Serial Number 0527886), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, 2 November 1944 to 4 April 1945. Entered military service from Oklahoma.

WARRANT OFFICER JUNIOR GRADE IEO C. WILLIAMS, (Army Serial Number W2119341), United States Army, 405th Infantry, United States Army, 23 October 1944 to 27 March 1945. Entered military service from Oklahoma.

Master Sergeant Emil F. Peterson, (Army Serial Number R-467280), Infantry, Headquarters 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, 23 September 1944 to 20 April 1945, includes service in France and Holland. Entered military service from Illinois.

Master Sergeant Lawrence P. Stacks, (Army Serial Number 34257483), Field Artillery, Headquarters 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, 1 January 1945 to 20 April 1945. Entered military service from North Carolina.

Master Sergeant Paul J. Abernathy, Jr., (Army Serial Number 34570354), Infantry, Headquarters 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, 1 January 1945 to 20 April 1945. Entered military service from Georgia.

Technical Sergeant Sidney F. Huchton, (Army Serial Number 18037758), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, 28 October 1944 to 3 March 1945. Entered military service from Texas.

Technical Sergeant Walter L. Steinhilber, (Army Serial Number 31249002), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, 17 January 1945 to 31 March 1945. Entered military service from Connecticut.

Staff Sergeant Kurt Scheuer, (Army Serial Number 36544113), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, 25 September 1944 to 30 March 1945. Entered military service from Michigan.

Staff Sergeant Hugh J. Davoy, (Army Serial Number 32017131), Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery 102d Division Artillery, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, 15 December 1944 to 15 March 1945. Entered military service from New York.

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Staff Sergeant Terry L. Rogers, (Army Serial Number 18006933), Field Artillery, 381st Field Artillery Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, 25 November 1944 to 20 March 1945. Entered military service from Texas.

Staff Sergeant John F. Sisco, (Army Serial Number 36543161), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, 24 November 1944 to 27 March 1945. Entered military service from Michigan.

Technician Third Grade John J. Celovsky, Jr., (Army Serial Number 33395079), Medical Department, 405th Infantry, United States Army, 27 October 1944 to 8 April 1945. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Technician Third Grade Sylvio R. Feola, (Army Serial Number 33468493), Medical Department, 405th Infantry, United States Army, 27 October 1944 to 27 March 1945. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Technician Third Grade William A. Wood, (Army Serial Number 32594647), Medical Department, 405th Infantry, United States Army, 28 October 1944 to 3 March 1945. Entered military service from New Jersey.

Technician Fourth Grade Vincent A. Carroccia, (Army Serial Number 32481196), Medical Department, 405th Infantry, United States Army, 27 October 1944 to 2 April 1945. Entered military service from Delaware.

Technician Fourth Grade Vern Dingess, (Army Serial Number 35636823), Medical Department, 405th Infantry, United States Army, 27 October 1944 to 2 April 1945. Entered military service from West Virginia.

Corporal Martin J. Milton, (Army Serial Number 35663604), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, 27 October 1944 to 20 March 1945. Entered military service from Ohio.

Private First Class George D. Morrison, (Army Serial Number 38297914), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, 27 October 1944 to 5 April 1945. Entered military service from Arkansas.

The following named enlisted men, Medical Department, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in Germany from 27 October 1944 to 2 April 1945 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	Leon Friedman	33903163	Maryland
Private First Class	Joseph J. Heleconech	33829847	Pennsylvania

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II. AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART MEDAL.

For wounds received as a result of enemy action in Germany on dates indicated:

Corporal Carl T. Nystrom, (Army Serial Number 39421693), Corps of Engineers, 327th Engineer Combat Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, wounded 20 February 1945. Entered military service from California.

Private Edward Kappelman, (Army Serial Number 35063372), Medical Department, 327th Medical Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, wounded 17 April 1945. Entered military service from Ohio.

Private Daniel W. LaFontaine, (Army Serial Number 36899030), Medical Department, 327th Medical Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, wounded 22 February 1945. Entered military service from Michigan.

Private First Class George L. Monroe, (Army Serial Number 33823256), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 21 April 1945. Entered military service from Virginia.

Private First Class Everett V. Beerbower, (Army Serial Number 37389711), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 21 April 1945. Entered military service from Missouri.

Private First Class James W. Aaron, (Army Serial Number 34811330), Medical Department, 405th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 21 April 1945. Entered military service from Alabama.

Technician Fourth Grade Vincent A. Carroccia, (Army Serial Number 32481196), Medical Department, 405th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 21 April 1945. Entered military service from Delaware.

Private First Class Stanley F. Grabowski, (Army Serial Number 33354419), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 24 February 1945. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Technician Fourth Grade Walter D. Harris, (Army Serial Number 14022132), Infantry, 701st Tank Battalion, United States Army, wounded 9 April 1945. Entered military service from Alabama.

Sergeant Linwood Tipton, (Army Serial Number 34162321), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 19 April 1945. Entered military service from Alabama.

Private First Class Glell Waldron, (Army Serial Number 37637851), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 20 April 1945. Entered military service from Missouri.

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Private First Class Oscar D. Barrington, (Army Serial Number 11103164), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 18 April 1945. Entered military service from Connecticut.

FIRST LIEUTENANT ROBERT W. RANNEY, (Army Serial Number 0535877), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 18 April 1945. Entered military service from Arkansas.

Private First Class James J. Wagon, (Army Serial Number 35559948), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 18 April 1945. Entered military service from Kentucky.

Private First Class Clarendon R. Phelps, (Army Serial Number 35711506), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 21 April 1945. Entered military service from Kentucky.

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

For wounds received as a result of enemy action in Germany on dates indicated:

Private First Class Melvin E. Blanchard, (Army Serial Number 36525743), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 14 April 1945. Entered military service from Michigan.

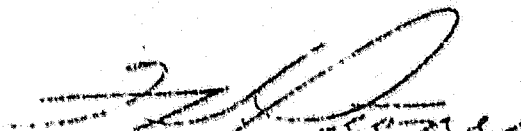
Sergeant Linwood Tipton, (Army Serial Number 34162321), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 20 April 1945. Entered military service from Alabama.

Private First Class F. G. Crofford, (Army Serial Number 38697342), Field Artillery, 379th Field Artillery Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, wounded 22 April 1945. Entered military service from Texas.

By command of the DIVISION COMMANDER:

OFFICIAL:

JOSEPH H. CHAILLE
Lieutenant Colonel, General Staff Corps
Acting Chief of Staff



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

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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 following officers and enlisted men are awarded the BRONZE STAR MEDAL:

FIRST LIEUTENANT JACK L. WEIGAND, (Army Serial Number 0132743), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 23 February 1945 in connection with military operations against the enemy. When the assault boat in which he and several other men were passengers capsized, FIRST LIEUTENANT WEIGAND hurriedly shed his equipment and assisted those who could not swim to the shore. In order to alleviate their physical discomfort, he quickly contacted his supply section and secured dry clothing and weapons. Later he personally checked the field of battle to insure that all casualties received medical attention. His initiative and unselfish devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from California.

FIRST LIEUTENANT JOHN E. JOHNSTON, (Army Serial Number 02001009), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 2 March 1945 in connection with military operations against the enemy. When his company became pinned down by intense enemy fire, FIRST LIEUTENANT JOHNSTON (then SECOND LIEUTENANT), with utter disregard for his personal safety, made his way over shall swept terrain to contact the supporting tanks. Furnishing the tank commander with vital information as to the safe routes of approach, he directed the tank fire and successfully neutralized several enemy positions, thereby enabling the assault units to continue their advance. His outstanding courage and devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Texas.

Technical Sergeant Bernard E. Horowitz, (Army Serial Number 36533458), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 26 February 1945 in connection with military operations against the enemy. Hearing the sound of enemy tanks and suspecting they were ready to attack, Technical Sergeant Horowitz, with utter disregard for his personal safety, went forward with his radio to within a few hundred yards of them. He then called for and directed fire upon the tanks which forced them to withdraw, thereby enabling his company to advance. The undaunted courage and sound judgment displayed by Technical Sergeant Horowitz contributed materially to the success of his organization and reflect highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Michigan.

Technical Sergeant Albert Cavolla, (Army Serial Number 3358513), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 24 February 1945 and 28 February 1945 in connection with military operations

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against the enemy. When fierce enemy artillery fire caused many casualties in his platoon, Technical Sergeant Cavolla bravely led his men through the intense fire to positions from which they could deliver effective supporting fire for the rifle troops. When the objective had been reached, he assisted in clearing the town of enemy snipers. The skilled leadership and devotion to duty displayed by this enlisted man reflect highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Staff Sergeant Henry B. Henritzy, (Army Serial Number 33484437), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 23 February 1945 in connection with military operations against the enemy. When his platoon leader, platoon sergeant, and platoon guide became casualties during a fast moving attack, Staff Sergeant Henritzy unhesitatingly assumed command of the platoon. He immediately regrouped his men and with utter disregard for his personal safety led them boldly forward toward their objective over shell swept terrain. Although painfully wounded, he refused evacuation until he had actively supervised his platoon's organization of a defensive position. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Staff Sergeant Elwood G. Shono, (Army Serial Number 32482643), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 23 February 1945 in connection with military operations against the enemy. When his platoon was held up in its advance by a thickly sown enemy mine field, Staff Sergeant Shono unhesitatingly volunteered to guide the platoon through the dangerous area. Despite the intense enemy fire, he courageously made his way forward and successfully cleared a path for the remainder of the platoon. His undaunted courage and initiative contributed materially to the successful operations of his unit. Entered military service from New Jersey.

Staff Sergeant Bill L. Pratt, (Army Serial Number 38395057), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 23 February 1945 in connection with military operations against the enemy. When his squad leader became a casualty, Staff Sergeant Pratt (then Private First Class) unhesitatingly assumed command and led his men forward to a well fortified enemy position where he skillfully directed their deployment. At great risk of life, he set out to crawl alone through an intense barrage of enemy fire and destroyed a machine gun which had been menacing the squad. He then directed his men in a successful attack upon the first position, neutralized it, and captured fifteen prisoners, thereby enabling his company to take its objective. The brilliant leadership and courageous devotion to duty displayed by Staff Sergeant Pratt reflect highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Oklahoma.

Staff Sergeant Louis Ledrich, (Army Serial Number 32482196), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 23 February 1945 in connection with military operations against the enemy. When the leader of an adjacent squad became a casualty, Staff Sergeant Ledrich unhesitatingly assumed command of the two assault squads. Despite the intense enemy fire,

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he boldly led his men forward through thickly sown mine fields fully aware of the imminent danger involved. By his outstanding leadership and undaunted courage, he inspired his men so that they successfully accomplished their mission. Entered military service from New Jersey.

Staff Sergeant Ralph F. Ianagan, (Army Serial Number 31464350), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 26 February 1945 in connection with military operations against the enemy. When his squad leader and assistant squad leader became casualties during a fierce engagement, Staff Sergeant Ianagan (then Private First Class) unhesitatingly assumed command. Despite the intense enemy fire, he exposed himself in an effort to determine the exact location of the hostile position. Boldly maneuvering to the flank, he killed three of the enemy and silenced the fire. By his daring action and determination, he contributed materially to the success of the operations. Entered military service from Connecticut.

Staff Sergeant John M. Harrington, (Army Serial Number 34863368), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 23 February 1945 in connection with military operations against the enemy. When his company was held up by a thickly sown enemy mine field following the crossing of a major river barrier, Staff Sergeant Harrington (then Private First Class) unhesitatingly advanced to clear a path, fully aware of the imminent danger to his life. With great skill he successfully breached the field and enabled his unit to continue its attack and gain the objective with a minimum of casualties. His undaunted courage and devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from North Carolina.

Sergeant George W. Parsons, Jr., (Army Serial Number 31299726), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 23 February 1945 in connection with military operations against the enemy. When his squad leader and assistant squad leader had become casualties, Sergeant Parsons (then Private First Class) unhesitatingly assumed command. With utter disregard for his personal safety, he moved over shell swept terrain to reorganize his men and supervise their deployment for defense. His courage and leadership contributed materially to the successful repulsion of an enemy counter attack and reflect highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

Sergeant Norman A. Favreau, (Army Serial Number 31255086), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 26 February 1945 in connection with military operations against the enemy. When his squad came under heavy fire during an attack on an enemy town, Sergeant Favreau ordered his men to seek cover while he remained in the open in order to provide machine gun fire in support of assaulting infantry units. The devotion to duty and courage displayed by Sergeant Favreau inspired his men to redouble their efforts so that the objective was speedily taken. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

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Sergeant Anthony G. Brann, (Army Serial Number 32779276), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 26 February 1945 in connection with military operations against the enemy. When assault units were held up by a thickly sown enemy mine field during a fast moving attack, Sergeant Brann courageously entered the danger area in an attempt to clear a path for the rest of his unit. Despite the intense enemy fire, he successfully breached the mine field and enabled his unit to continue its attack. By his undaunted courage and initiative, he contributed materially to the success of the operations. Entered military service from New Jersey.

Technician Fifth Grade Charles J. Hascher, (Army Serial Number 33481300), Field Artillery, 927th Field Artillery Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 23 and 24 February 1945 in connection with military operations against the enemy. When a cable had to be laid across a strategic river which had just been crossed, Technician Fifth Grade Hascher joined a wire team so that the work could be accomplished with greater dispatch. Although he had to work under intense fire, he courageously continued on his mission until a switching central had been established on the far shore. He then continued for two successive days to maintain communication wires so that artillery support could be requested and furnished at all times. His courage and untiring devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Private First Class Allen Drayton, (Army Serial Number 11024718), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 28 February 1945 in connection with military operations against the enemy. Serving as a machine gunner, Private First Class Drayton moved forward with the attacking rifle companies to furnish effective supporting fire. When a platoon became pinned down by intense enemy fire, he completely disregarded his personal safety by moving to an exposed defensive position from which he could successfully neutralize the enemy emplacement. By his intrepidity and initiative, he enabled the platoon to continue in the attack. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

Private First Class Samuel D. Egolf, (Army Serial Number 33813751), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 2 March 1945 in connection with military operations against the enemy. While fighting in the outskirts of an enemy town, Private First Class Egolf (then Private) noted three seriously wounded comrades lying helplessly in the street. With utter disregard for his personal safety, he made his way forward in the face of intense enemy fire to reach the stricken men. He succeeded in removing them to the comparative safety of a nearby house where he administered first aid before evacuating them to the rear for further medical treatment. The undaunted courage and unselfish devotion to duty displayed by Private First Class Egolf reflect highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

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Private First Class Jacob A. Ettelson, (Army Serial Number 37505806), Medical Department, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany from 23 February 1945 to 3 March 1945 in connection with military operations against the enemy. When intense enemy fire caused extremely heavy casualties during a fast moving attack, Private First Class Ettelson courageously made his way across open terrain and through densely sown mine fields to administer first aid to his wounded comrades and evacuate them to positions of relative safety. His skill and undaunted courage undoubtedly saved the lives of many men and alleviated the suffering of his fellow soldiers. Entered military service from Iowa.

Private First Class Henry E. Fulton, (Army Serial Number 38906721), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 29 November 1944 in connection with military operations against the enemy. Noting a wounded man some distance away, Private First Class Fulton left the comparative safety of his position and made his way through intense enemy fire to the stricken man. After administering first aid, he evacuated him to a sheltered place, thereby saving his life. His courage and devotion to duty reflect highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from New York.

Private First Class William R. Hartlieb, (Army Serial Number 33513094), Medical Department, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany from 23 February 1945 to 3 March 1945 in connection with military operations against the enemy. Performing duties as battalion litter bearer, Private First Class Hartlieb crossed a strategic river with the assault elements so that medical facilities could be available without delay. When heavy casualties were suffered, he courageously braved the dangers of enemy mines and artillery fire to administer first aid and evacuate the stricken men to positions of relative safety. His great skill and courage undoubtedly saved many lives and alleviated suffering. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Private First Class John A. Mackin, (Army Serial Number 33469453), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 24 February 1945 in connection with military operations against the enemy. Although exhausted from physical exertion and suffering from a leg injury, Private First Class Mackin carried his radio over fifteen hundred yards of shell swept terrain to enable his company commander to maintain direct contact with supporting tanks. His untiring efforts and unselfish devotion to duty contributed materially to the successful accomplishment of his unit's mission. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Private First Class Bilbo Robison, (Army Serial Number 34475522), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 27 February 1945 in connection with military operations against the enemy. Acting as a scout, Private First Class Robison was making his way over the shell swept terrain when he encountered an enemy position. Having forced the enemy to withdraw by accurate fire and having rejoined his company, he learned

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that his squad leader and assistant squad leader had been evacuated. Unhesitatingly he assumed command and led his squad forward through an enemy town, cleaning up pockets of resistance as they advanced. The undaunted courage and skillful leadership displayed by Private First Class Robison reflect highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Mississippi.

Private First Class Legend C. Watson, (Army Serial Number 36977501), Medical Department, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 2 March 1945 in connection with military operations against the enemy. During fighting in the outskirts of an enemy town, Private First Class Watson noted two seriously wounded comrades lying helplessly in the street. With utter disregard for his personal safety, he made his way forward in the face of intense enemy fire to reach the stricken men. He succeeded in removing them to the comparative safety of a nearby house where he administered first aid before evacuating them to the rear for further medical treatment. The undaunted courage and unselfish devotion to duty displayed by Private First Class Watson reflect highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Michigan.

Private First Class Henry L. Yokum, (Army Serial Number 37558748), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 28 February 1945 in connection with military operations against the enemy. When two platoons of his company were pinned down by intense fire, Private First Class Yokum courageously made his way to a friendly light machine gun section to act for supporting fire. Returning through the heavy fire, he led the section to suitable positions from which they placed effective fire on the enemy. His courageous action was instrumental in neutralizing the enemy fire and contributed materially to the advance of his company. Entered military service from North Dakota.

Private First Class William L. Broth, (Army Serial Number 33757260), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany from 22 November 1944 to 24 November 1944 in connection with military operations against the enemy. When communication between the battalion commander and the battalion observation post was severed by enemy action, Private First Class Broth, with utter disregard for his personal safety, moved freely over shell swept terrain for more than seventy two hours without sleep or relief to deliver messages and plans vital to the progress of the operations. The undaunted courage and devotion to duty he displayed reflect highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Private First Class J. B. Baker, (Army Serial Number 38562156), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 23 February 1945 in connection with military operations against the enemy. When his squad became helplessly pinned down by intense enemy machine gun and small arms fire, Private First Class Baker courageously made his way across the

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open terrain to call for supporting mortar fire. Since this fire proved unsuccessful because of the well emplaced enemy positions, he exercised keen judgment in ordering his men to fall back so that a different route could be used. By the use of smoke grenades, he succeeded in evacuating all the members of his squad safely, although he himself was wounded in the attempt. His initiative and courage reflect highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Texas.

Private First Class Douglas A. Carr, (Army Serial Number 18073768), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 23 February 1945 in connection with military operations against the enemy. When contact between elements was broken, Private First Class Carr, with utter disregard for his personal safety, made his way across shell swept terrain and successfully established contact with the adjacent unit. Returning over the same precarious route, he checked the deployment of the platoon and reorganized a strong defensive position which contributed materially to the successful repulse of the ensuing counter attack. Entered military service from Texas.

Private First Class Jack F. Whitney, (Army Serial Number 36170755), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 23 February 1945 in connection with military operations against the enemy. When his company was held up by an enemy mine field, Private First Class Whitney unhesitatingly advanced to breach the field, fully aware of the imminent danger involved. Making his way through the thickly sown area, he successfully cleared a path which enabled his company to continue the attack and gain its objective with a minimum of casualties. His undaunted courage and devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Michigan.

Private First Class Inthor G. Owens, (Army Serial Number 33217956), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 24 February 1945 in connection with military operations against the enemy. During a fast moving attack, when his company found itself far in advance of adjacent assault elements on its right, Private First Class Owens unhesitatingly made his way across the shell swept terrain in an effort to protect the company's flank. When the enemy attempted to penetrate his exposed position, he fired his weapon so skillfully that he forced them to retreat. His initiative and courage reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Virginia.

Private First Class Clarence E. Jenkins, (Army Serial Number 33445986), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 30 November 1944 in connection with military operations against the enemy. While furnishing covering machine gun fire during a flanking movement of his company, Private First Class Jenkins was painfully wounded. Realizing the importance of his mission, he ignored his pain and remained with his gun for many hours until the movement had been completed. Noticing that his likewise wounded section leader was unable to walk back to the aid station, he unselfishly

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carried him over the shell swept terrain to the rear installation. His determination and unselfishness reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Virginia.

Private First Class Harvey S. Hensley, (Army Serial Number 17121856), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 18 February 1945 in connection with military operations against the enemy. Although painfully wounded himself, Private First Class Hensley, upon observing a seriously wounded comrade in dire need of medical attention, unhesitatingly made his way across shell swept terrain and administered emergency first aid. With utter disregard for his personal safety, he unselfishly assisted in his fellow soldier's evacuation to a rear installation and only then submitted to medical treatment himself. His courage and coolness reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Virginia.

Private First Class Richard E. Del Principe, (Army Serial Number 33435639), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 23 February 1945 in connection with military operations against the enemy. Although painfully wounded during the initial phases of the attack, Private First Class Del Principe declined evacuation and remained with his section. With utter disregard for his personal safety, he moved freely over shell swept terrain procuring ammunition until the assault elements had captured their objective. When the preparations for the defense of the position had been completed, he then allowed himself to be evacuated. His undaunted courage and unselfish devotion to duty materially contributed to the success of the operations. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Private First Class Thomas W. Settle, Jr., (Army Serial Number 1530696), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 25 February 1945 in connection with military operations against the enemy. When an artillery barrage set a building on fire and cries were heard coming from the inside, Private First Class Settle courageously entered it to investigate whether personnel had been caught under the debris. Finding an injured man, he quickly summoned a comrade and carried him to safety. The courage and initiative displayed by this enlisted man reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Kentucky.

Private First Class Roy E. Elenbaum, (Army Serial Number 36541274), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 23 February 1945 in connection with military operations against the enemy. When his battalion encountered fierce enemy resistance and numerous casualties were sustained, Private First Class Elenbaum unhesitatingly made his way across twelve hundred yards of open terrain in an effort to reach his wounded comrades. He worked untiringly despite the intense enemy fire, administering emergency first aid to the stricken men and evacuating them to positions of comparative safety. His undaunted courage and unselfish devotion to duty undoubtedly saved many lives and reduced the suffering. Entered military service from Michigan.

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Private William A. Cramer, (Army Serial Number 36545032), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 27 February 1945 in connection with military operations against the enemy. Observing a seriously wounded man lying in an exposed position during an intense artillery barrage, Private Cramer courageously made his way over several hundred yards of open terrain, administered first aid to his helpless comrade, and succeeded in evacuating him to a position of comparative safety. As assault elements moved forward in the attack and secured their objective, Private Cramer effectively supervised the emplacement of his mortar squad, and later under cover of darkness evacuated the wounded man to the rear for further medical attention. His unselfish action and initiative reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Michigan.

The following named officer and enlisted men, Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 20 February 1945 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>
FIRST LIEUTENANT	THOMAS W. HENRY	0189 3587	Kentucky
Staff Sergeant	Joromo P. Roos	38594237	New Jersey
Technician Fifth Grade	Robert S. Jones	36623444	Illinois

When an enemy shell set an ammunition truck afire, the above officer and enlisted men unhesitatingly left the comparative safety of their positions and made their way to a nearby house to warn the occupants of the imminent danger. Despite intense enemy mortar fire and explosions occurring from ammunition stacked in and around the blazing vehicle, they worked fearlessly and untiringly until all unexploded ammunition, weapons, and other vital equipment were moved away from the danger zone. Their undaunted courage and devotion to duty prevented many casualties and the loss of valuable government property.

The following named enlisted men, Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 23 February 1945 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	Harvey J. Parmontor	31200278	Vermont
Private First Class	Melvin N. Dow	32482262	New Jersey

When the need for rations and ammunition became acute, the above enlisted men voluntarily left the comparative safety of the command post and drove over almost impassable roads to deliver the vital supplies to the forward elements of their company. They then assisted in the distribution of the supplies

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to the widely dispersed positions. The initiative and devotion to duty displayed by these enlisted men reflect highest credit upon themselves and the military service.

The following named enlisted men, Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 28 January 1945 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	Juan Dominguez	38215829	Texas
Sergeant	Herbert McCormick	36554262	Michigan
Private First Class	Samuel S. Mossick, Jr	33733841	Maryland

During a fast moving attack, when the situation required reconnaissance deep into enemy territory, the above enlisted men unhesitatingly volunteered to form the patrol. Making their way forward under cover of darkness, they suddenly encountered fierce enemy fire from a nearby building. With utter disregard for their personal safety they boldly assaulted the position, neutralized the enemy fire, and succeeded in killing four of the enemy and capturing one. Their great skill and daring resulted in the return of invaluable information vital to the success of future operations.

The following enlisted men, Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 28 February 1945 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 Fourth Grade	Charles T. Fithian	32482163	New Jersey
Private First Class	Richard J. Hurley	37324532	North Dakota

During attacks on enemy towns, the above named enlisted men performed duties as radio operators and assisted in maintaining communications between the assault elements and their battalion commander. With utter disregard for their personal safety, they exposed themselves to intense enemy artillery and machine gun fire so that communications would not be interrupted. The initiative and devotion to duty displayed by these enlisted men enabled the battalion commander to direct his unit in successfully taking the objective and reflect highest credit upon themselves and the military service.

The following named enlisted men, Medical Department, 701st Tank Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 10 April 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>
Technician Fifth Grade	Thomas H. Horron	34107868	Alabama
Private First Class	Nicholas S. De Lucia	32808122	New York

When entering an area where enemy snipers were causing many casualties, the above enlisted men unhesitatingly exposed themselves to the fire in order to administer first aid to the wounded and evacuate them to medical installations. Although they were directly fired upon, they bravely continued with their work of alleviating the suffering of their comrades. The courage and devotion to duty displayed by these enlisted men reflect highest credit upon themselves and the military service.

The following enlisted men, Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 24 February 1945 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	Vinconzo J. DeLisi	32634610	New York
Private First Class	William R. Manning	39618832	Montana

When communications lines were severed by enemy mortar fire, the above enlisted men moved freely over open terrain to repair the lines. Although constantly subjected to harassing enemy fire, they continued their work with untiring energy, thereby insuring that communications were maintained within the company as well as to higher echelons. Their skill and undaunted courage materially contributed to the success of the operations.

The following enlisted men, Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 23 February 1945 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	Harry R. Farnor	35263018	Ohio
Private First Class	Frank Melillo	31249182	Connecticut
Private First Class	William H. Miller	36867596	Michigan
Private	George Bizick	36544935	Michigan

Learning that two wounded men were lying in a nearby field, the above named enlisted men, with utter disregard for their personal safety, made their way through an enemy mine field in darkness in an effort to locate them. Upon reaching them, they administered first aid and evacuated them to a position of comparative safety. The undaunted courage and devotion to duty displayed by

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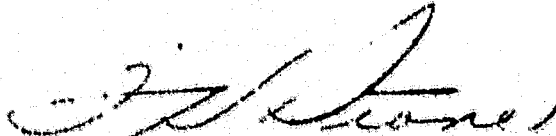
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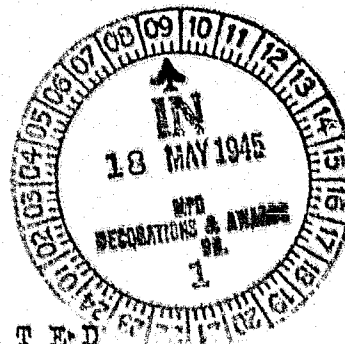
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- I. AWARD OF THE SOLDIER'S MEDAL.
- II. AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL (POSTHUMOUSLY).
- III. AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL (MISSING IN ACTION).
- IV. AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL (OAK LEAF CLUSTER) (POSTHUMOUSLY).
- V. AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL (OAK LEAF CLUSTER).
- VI. AWARD OF THE AIR MEDAL (OAK LEAF CLUSTER).
- VII. AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART MEDAL.
- VIII. 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, the following officers and enlisted men are awarded decorations as indicated:

I. AWARD OF THE SOLDIER'S MEDAL.

Technician Fourth Grade Carl L. Pugh, (Army Serial Number 33216682), Field Artillery, 379th Field Artillery Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, for heroism in Germany on 2 April 1945 not involving actual combat with the enemy. When a gasoline line of a kitchen stove burst and caught on fire, spraying burning gasoline throughout the kitchen, Technician Fourth Grade Pugh, though fully aware that the gasoline tank might explode at any moment, unhesitatingly carried the blazing unit outdoors and successfully extinguished the flames. By his courageous action, he prevented serious injuries to seventy five men who were asleep in the building at the time. Entered military service from Virginia.

II. AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL (POSTHUMOUSLY).

Technician Third Grade Frank Farinella, (Army Serial Number 36034285), Medical Department, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 23 February 1945 in connection with military operations against the enemy. While the bridgehead was secured after an assault crossing of a major river barrier, Technician Third Grade Farinella observed a group of wounded men lying in exposed positions. Despite the intense enemy fire, he unhesitatingly rushed to their side and administered emergency first aid to relieve their suffering. Even when he was wounded by a shell fragment, he declined medical assistance, continued with his work, and successfully evacuated all his stricken comrades to positions of comparative safety. His undaunted courage and unselfish devotion to duty served as an inspiration. Entered military service from Illinois.

Private First Class Robert J. Holman, (Army Serial Number 13137153), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany

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on 23 February 1945 in connection with military operations against the enemy. Observing two seriously wounded comrades lying in an exposed position, Private First Class Rohman, with utter disregard for his personal safety, made his way across shell swept terrain to reach them. Although painfully wounded himself, he succeeded in administering emergency first aid to the stricken men and evacuated them to positions of comparative safety. His undaunted courage and unselfish devotion to duty served as an inspiration to all and reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Maryland.

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

Technical Sergeant Emerson D. Pobicher, (Army Serial Number 33076027), Infantry, Headquarters Special Troops, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, 15 November 1944 to 9 April 1945, includes service in Holland. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Private First Class Bernard J. Oliver, (Army Serial Number 35068316), Medical Department, 405th Infantry, United States Army, 27 October 1944 to 23 February 1945. Entered military service from Ohio.

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

SECOND LIEUTENANT ROBERT H. SCHMIDT, (Army Serial Number 01323620), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 6 December 1944 in connection with military operations against the enemy. Having successfully led a reconnaissance patrol across a dangerous river, SECOND LIEUTENANT SCHMIDT was suddenly caught with his men in an intense artillery barrage. When he observed a wounded comrade lying helplessly in the danger zone, he unhesitatingly rushed to his side, administered first aid, and evacuated him to a position of comparative safety. He then resumed command of the patrol, led it to the successful completion of its mission, and returned it safely across the river to the friendly shore. His undaunted courage and aggressiveness reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from District of Columbia.

IV. AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL (OAK LEAF DISTINGUISHED) (POSTHUMOUSLY).

SECOND LIEUTENANT THOMAS J. BRIDGEMAN, (Army Serial Number 01996681), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 23 February 1945 in connection with military operations against the enemy. During a fast moving attack following a successful river crossing, SECOND LIEUTENANT BRIDGEMAN'S platoon encountered a mine field thickly sown with anti-tank and anti-personnel mines. With utter disregard for his personal safety, he unhesitatingly moved through the field clearing a path for his men until he was mortally wounded. His undaunted courage and leadership so inspired his men that they continued their advance and successfully accomplished their mission. Entered military service from Iowa.

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Staff Sergeant James H. Parker, (Army Serial Number 14091970), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 29 January 1945 in connection with military operations against the enemy. During a fast moving attack, when the situation required that a reconnaissance patrol be sent deep into enemy territory, Staff Sergeant Parker unhesitatingly volunteered for the hazardous mission. Making his way forward under cover of darkness, he suddenly encountered fierce enemy resistance from a nearby building. With utter disregard for his personal safety, he boldly assaulted the position, neutralized the enemy fire, and succeeded in killing four of the enemy and capturing one prisoner. His great skill and daring resulted in the return of invaluable information vital to the success of future operations. Entered military service from Mississippi.

Sergeant John H. Davis, (Army Serial Number 3299707), Cavalry, 102d Reconnaissance Troop (Mechanized), 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 5 April 1945 in connection with military operations against the enemy. While Sergeant Davis led a mounted reconnaissance patrol deep into enemy territory, he was suddenly ambushed and became wounded during the fierce engagement which followed. Despite his pains, he remained with his comrades, fighting furiously in an attempt to cover the withdrawal of the troops into a column. Observing two wounded crew members unable to leave their burning vehicle, Sergeant Davis unhesitatingly sacrificed his own life in a valiant but vain attempt to assist them. His heroism and unflinching devotion to duty reflect the highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

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

SECOND LIEUTENANT RUDOLPH S. BELLER, (Army Serial Number 02010909), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 29 November 1944 in connection with military operations against the enemy. When he saw a wounded man lying in an exposed position, SECOND LIEUTENANT BELLER (then Staff Sergeant), at the risk of his life, went to the stricken man and carried him across shell swept terrain to a forward aid station. Then he directed the deployment of his platoon and, when assault units were delayed by intense enemy fire, cleverly flanked the German position and brought such effective fire upon it that he destroyed the emplacement and enabled the assault units to advance. The unflinching courage and devotion to duty displayed by SECOND LIEUTENANT BELLER reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Ohio.

SECOND LIEUTENANT ERNEST T. BASSARO, (Army Serial Number 02009935), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 2 March 1945 in connection with military operations against the enemy. When assault elements were preparing for defense, SECOND LIEUTENANT BASSARO volunteered to lead a patrol in order to establish contact with the adjacent unit on his right. With utter disregard for his personal safety, he made his way over shell swept terrain and succeeded in rejoining the neighboring company. His undaunted courage and initiative were decisive in a coordinated attack and materially

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contributed to the success of the operations. Entered military service from New Jersey.

Staff Sergeant Elwood W. Schumacher, (Army Serial Number 36544612), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 23 February 1945 in connection with military operations against the enemy. Learning that two wounded men were lying in a nearby field, Staff Sergeant Schumacher, with utter disregard for his personal safety, made his way through an enemy mine field in darkness in an effort to locate the stricken comrades. Carefully avoiding all obstacles, he reached them, administered first aid, and evacuated them to a position of comparative safety. He then rejoined his company and continued in the assault. The undaunted courage and devotion to duty displayed by Staff Sergeant Schumacher reflect highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Michigan.

Technician Third Grade Samuel F. Porter, (Army Serial Number 3329E495), Medical Department, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 24 February 1945 in connection with military operations against the enemy. When an incendiary bomb set fire to a loaded ammunition truck and caused many casualties, Technician Third Grade Porter courageously ran past the burning truck to administer first aid. Having cared for the injured men, he again risked his life to assist in extinguishing a blaze which had started in the aid station. Then he quickly returned to the stricken men to render further aid and assist in the evacuation. The courage and unflinching devotion to duty displayed by Technician Third Grade Porter reflect highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Sergeant William A. King, (Army Serial Number 14141E65), Cavalry, 102d Reconnaissance Troop Mechanized, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 9 April 1945 in connection with military operations against the enemy. When the lead vehicles of his armored reconnaissance patrol were pinned down by grazing machine gun fire, Sergeant King immediately organized a rescue party and boldly led it to the scene of ambush. Fully aware of the intense danger, he unhesitatingly exposed himself and by drawing the hostile fire on himself enabled two of his helpless comrades to withdraw from their precarious positions. By his intrepid leadership and unflinching devotion to duty, he set a personal example which was an inspiration to all. Entered military service from Georgia.

Corporal Frank Scalfone, Jr., (Army Serial Number 32643306), Medical Department, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 24 February 1945 in connection with military operations against the enemy. When a platoon of his company became pinned down, Corporal Scalfone unhesitatingly made his way over the crest of a hill and, while exposed to intense enemy machine gun fire, courageously administered first aid to a wounded comrade lying helplessly on the battlefield. Assisted by another man, he carried the stricken comrade over thirty yards of open terrain to the reverse slope so that he could be evacuated. His outstanding courage and devotion to duty reflect

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great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from New York.

Technician Fifth Grade Roy E. Shukera, (Army Serial Number 18032427), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 29 February 1945 in connection with military operations against the enemy. When an enemy T1 exploded and set an ammunition truck afire, Technician Fifth Grade Shukera unhesitatingly left his comparatively safe position and made his way to a nearby house to warn the occupants of the imminent danger. Despite the intense enemy mortar fire and the explosions occurring from ammunition stacked in and around the blazing vehicle, he worked fearlessly and untiringly until all unexploded ammunition, weapons, and other vital equipment were removed away from the danger zone. His unflinching courage and devotion to duty prevented many casualties and the loss of valuable government property. Entered military service from Oklahoma.

Private First Class Quentin E. Shaffer, (Army Serial Number 35625187), Medical Department, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 29 February 1945 in connection with military operations against the enemy. When his company came under intense enemy fire and suffered numerous casualties, Private First Class Shaffer made his way across several hundred yards of shell swept terrain to reach the wounded men. With utter disregard for his personal safety, he remained in an exposed position for more than two hours administering first aid and carrying stricken comrades to the safety of a nearby trench. The unflinching courage and devotion to duty displayed by Private First Class Shaffer reflect highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Ohio.

Private First Class John G. Summers, (Army Serial Number 34606258), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany from 23 February 1945 to 2 March 1945 in connection with military operations against the enemy. During the crossing of a dangerous river and the subsequent fast moving attack, Private First Class Summers rendered invaluable service to his organization as an ammunition bearer. When suitable vehicular bridges were not available, he secured an unused assault boat and, despite the intense enemy fire, successfully delivered vital machine gun and mortar ammunition to front line troops. By his determination and untiring energy, he insured an ever ready supply of ammunition, thereby contributing materially to the success of the operations. Entered military service from North Carolina.

Private First Class Stanley E. Golombiewski, (Army Serial Number 3474394), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 26 February 1945 in connection with military operations against the enemy. When his company was pinned down by intense enemy fire, Private First Class Golombiewski bravely exposed himself to the barrage by crawling forward to a position where he could fire a bazooka at the harassing weapons. His courage and devotion to duty were of material assistance in eliminating this hazard and enabled his company to resume the advance and capture its objective. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

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Private Ossar D. Harvor, Jr. (Army Serial Number 34197262), Medical Department, 40th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 27 February 1945 in connection with military operations against the enemy. During a fast moving attack when his company suffered numerous casualties from the intense enemy fire, Private Harvor unhesitatingly went to the aid of his wounded comrades. With utter disregard for his personal safety, he administered treatment to twelve stricken men and succeeded in evacuating them to positions of relative safety. His untiring energy and unselfish devotion to duty saved the lives of many men and alleviated the suffering of his fellow soldiers. Entered military service from Georgia.

The following enlisted men, Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 28 January 1945 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	Thomas G. Bajewski, Jr	35771603	Michigan
Sergeant	Robert H. Lashon	34734238	Tennessee
Private First Class	Ray A. Puerta	30552387	Texas
Private First Class	Tony S. Alvarez	39587591	California

When the situation required that a reconnaissance patrol be sent deep into enemy territory, the above enlisted men unhesitatingly volunteered for the hazardous mission. Under cover of darkness, they moved across eighteen hundred yards of open terrain. When they encountered fierce resistance from an enemy patrol sheltered in a nearby building, they boldly assaulted the position, killed four of the enemy, and succeeded in taking one prisoner. By their great skill and spirit, they were instrumental in securing valuable information which contributed materially to the success of future operations.

The following officer for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany during the period indicated:

MAJOR WALTER H. HARRIS, (Army Serial Number 04048911), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, 20 February 1945 to 3 March 1945. Entered military service from Illinois.

VI. AWARD OF THE AIR MEDAL (OFFICER ENLISTED).

For a meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany between the dates indicated:

PILOT FIRST CLASS MILWAUKEE C. ROYAL, (Army Serial Number 01175365), Field Artillery, 79th Field Artillery Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, 22 January 1945 to 23 March 1945. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

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VII. AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART MEDAL.

For wounds received as a result of enemy action in Germany on dates indicated:

SECOND LIEUTENANT JOHN A. MARTUCCI, (Army Serial Number 02000495), Field Artillery, 71st Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army, wounded 24 April 1945. Entered military service from New York.

Private First Class Henry J. Mahoney, (Army Serial Number 32296070), Medical Department, 771st Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army, wounded 2 March 1945. Entered military service from New York.

Private First Class Charlie R. Keener, (Army Serial Number 34739363), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 16 April 1945. Entered military service from South Carolina.

Private First Class Thomas F. McElroy, (Army Serial Number 34397645), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 23 February 1945. Entered military service from Alabama.

Corporal Edwin H. Branning, (Army Serial Number 36447772), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 21 April 1945. Entered military service from Illinois.

Private First Class Donald G. Geyer, (Army Serial Number 3952760), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 21 April 1945. Entered military service from California.

Private First Class Arvil Pace, (Army Serial Number 16010772), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 20 April 1945. Entered military service from Texas.

Private First Class Robert D. Boone, (Army Serial Number 33218906), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 21 April 1945. Entered military service from Virginia.

Private First Class Lawrence F. Meyer, (Army Serial Number 33164002), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 21 April 1945. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Sergeant Joe G. Weatherly, (Army Serial Number 13121404), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 21 April 1945. Entered military service from Virginia.

Private Troy Mac, (Army Serial Number 33218534), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 21 April 1945. Entered military service from Virginia.

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Private First Class Brian T. O'Keefe, (Army Serial Number 36674564),
Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 21 April 1945. Entered
military service from Michigan.

Technician Fifth Grade Fred C. Cole, (Army Serial Number 32594444),
Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 20 April 1945. Entered
military service from New Jersey.

VIII. AWARD OF THE PEOPLE HEART MEDAL (OAK LEAF CLUSTER).

For wounds received as a result of enemy action in Germany on date in-
dicated:

Staff Sergeant Sergio F. Francolini, (Army Serial Number 31255134),
Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 23 February 1945. En-
tered military service from Massachusetts.

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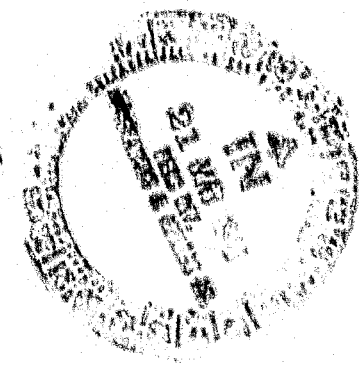
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- III. AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR MEDAL.
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By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations '00-45, as amended, and Memorandum Number 34, Headquarters Ninth United States Army, 8 September 1944, as amended, the following officers and enlisted men are awarded decorations as indicated:

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

Private First Class Wade H. Fulkerson, Jr., (Army Serial Number 39A06193), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany on 26 January 1945. When his platoon was pinned down by intense fire from a machine gun which was cleverly emplaced between two buildings, Private First Class Fulkerson boldly made his way across open stretches of ground toward the enemy weapon. Having reached an advantageous position, he placed effective fire on the enemy, neutralized the harassing fire, and killed the two man crew. By his daring and unflinching devotion to duty, he contributed materially to the further advance of his unit. Entered military service from California.

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

FIRST LIEUTENANT MIKE B. Zalka, (Army Serial Number 0447238), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany on 1 December 1944. During an attack against the enemy, FIRST LIEUTENANT Zalka's unit was pinned down by artillery and small arms fire. Bravely exposing himself, he charged the enemy position and succeeded in killing four of them. His bold action caused the remaining enemy to flee and thereby enabled his unit to take its objective with a minimum number of casualties. The gallantry and devotion to duty displayed by FIRST LIEUTENANT Zalka reflect highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from California.

SECOND LIEUTENANT ROBERT H. SCHNEPPE, (Army Serial Number 01323620), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany on 9 December 1944. While leading a reconnaissance patrol across a dangerous river, SECOND LIEUTENANT SCHNEPPE and his men were subjected to an intense enemy artillery barrage. After the assault boat had been laboriously guided to midstream, the swift current forced it to cao-size. Despite the great risk to his own life, he quickly grasped a rope attached to the boat and unselfishly assisted every man to safety although he himself failed in his final attempt to reach the boat and disappeared with the rapidly flowing current.

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The gallant action and unselfish devotion to duty displayed by SECOND LIEUTENANT SCHEPPE instilled in his men a lasting admiration and undying gratitude. Entered military service from District of Columbia.

III. AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR MEDAL.

CAPTAIN FRANK A. ICHRISE, (Army Serial Number 01267684), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany on 23 February 1945. When the enemy launched a strong counter attack and panic threatened to break out among the troops, CAPTAIN ICHRISE moved freely through the shell swept town to personally contact every member of his company. Despite the intense enemy fire, he walked from man to man spreading confidence and encouragement, thereby preventing confusion in the ranks. By his outstanding leadership and gallantry, he contributed materially to the successful repulse of the counter attack. Entered military service from Ohio.

FIRST LIEUTENANT JOSEPH D. GUERIN, (Army Serial Number 01628293), Field Artillery, 771st Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany on 27 February 1945. When ordered to eliminate a harassing enemy strong point, FIRST LIEUTENANT GUERIN skillfully moved his platoon to a ridge overlooking the enemy position. Dismounting, he surveyed the situation in plain view of the enemy. Bringing intensive small arms fire, he contacted the infantry commander and informed him what he could cover their advance and neutralize the enemy gun. His gallantry and courageous devotion to duty reflect highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Illinois.

Technical Sergeant Byron W. Riggan, (Army Serial Number 16200347), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany on 2 March 1945. While routing the enemy from streets and houses, Technical Sergeant (then Staff Sergeant) Riggan's squad suddenly encountered withering fire emanating from an upstairs window of a nearby building. With utter disregard for his personal safety, he made his way to the rear of the building, advanced cautiously up the stairs, and by using hand grenades and his rifle succeeded in neutralizing the enemy position, killing one and capturing two prisoners. His initiative and undaunted courage reflect the highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Illinois.

Staff Sergeant Edward B. Burr, (Army Serial Number 31261022), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany on 2 March 1945. When his platoon was pinned down by intense enemy fire, Staff Sergeant Burr (then Sergeant) courageously made his way across hundreds of yards of shell swept terrain to assault the enemy position. Using his rifle and hand grenades, he killed one and captured two of the enemy and successfully neutralized the position, thereby enabling his platoon to advance. Later, he regrouped stragglers from other organizations and deployed them intelligently in favorable positions. The initiative and devotion to duty

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displayed by Staff Sergeant Burr reflect highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

Staff Sergeant George E. Berry, (Army Serial Number 16194500), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany on 2 March 1945. During an attack against a strongly defended town, Staff Sergeant Berry, while leading his squad on a flanking movement, became separated from his men. Suddenly encountering intense enemy fire emanating from the cellar of a house one hundred fifty yards away, he single-handedly assaulted the position, killed two of the enemy, and captured a third. By his initiative and unselfish devotion to duty, he neutralized the enemy emplacement and enabled his company to continue its attack. Entered military service from Oklahoma.

Staff Sergeant Walter E. O. Freitas, (Army Serial Number 37575330), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany on 25 February 1945. When a nearby medical aid man had become a casualty, Staff Sergeant Freitas unhesitatingly assumed his duties. Bravely exposing himself to intense enemy fire, he rendered first aid and evacuated several of his wounded comrades to safety. Although wounded himself, he boldly entered a burning house and carried another stricken man to shelter. His courage and devotion to duty helped save the lives of at least eleven other men. Entered military service from Iowa.

Staff Sergeant Eugene R. Lillback, (Army Serial Number 39061000), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany on 23 February 1945. When his platoon sergeant had been evacuated, Staff Sergeant Lillback unhesitatingly assumed command. When the platoon became pinned down by intense enemy fire, he made his way fearlessly through mine fields to within a few feet of the enemy position and assaulted it. Using his rifle and hand grenades, he succeeded in killing several of the enemy and neutralized the position, thereby enabling the platoon to continue its advance and secure the objective. The initiative and gallantry displayed by Staff Sergeant Lillback reflect highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Ohio.

Sergeant Kenyon V. Crawford, (Army Serial Number 19183043), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany on 15 January 1945. When communication with his command post was severed, Sergeant Crawford moved freely over shell swept terrain to check the wires. Noting two seriously wounded men, he unhesitatingly administered first aid and made them as comfortable as possible. While enroute to the command post to secure aid, he stepped on a mine which severely injured him. Despite his wound, he crawled the remainder of the distance, reached the command post, and gave instructions as to the location of the wounded men. His undaunted courage and thoughtfulness of others reflect highest credit upon Sergeant Crawford and the military service. Entered military service from California.

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Sergeant Dailord H. Lacombe, (Army Serial Number 37554359), Infantry, 409th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany on 24 February 1945 in connection with military operations against the enemy. When his squad became detached from the company and was exposed to intense enemy as well as friendly fire, Sergeant Lacombe directed his men to take cover in an abandoned trench. Courageously exposing himself to the heavy fire, he unhesitatingly crossed the open terrain, secured an aircraft signal panel, and succeeded in fastening it to a tree trunk. Quickly returning to his platoon, he assumed command when he learned that all officers and other noncommissioned officers had become casualties. His undaunted courage and gallant leadership reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Minnesota.

Corporal Aaryl W. Irish, (Army Serial Number 36543092), Cavalry, 102d Reconnaissance Troop Mechanized, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany on 10 and 11 April 1945. When the mounted reconnaissance patrol which he led was pinned down by intense machine gun fire emanating from an entrenched enemy ambush position, Corporal Irish calmly proceeded to direct his men in the fierce engagement which ensued. After all his men had become casualties and available ammunition was exhausted, he defied death and gallantly remained with his wounded comrades. Several hours later, he administered emergency first aid to the two remaining companions and, although injured himself, succeeded in evacuating one from the dangerous area. His intrepidity and gallant devotion to duty reflect the highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Michigan.

Private First Class John H. Stone, (Army Serial Number 12002385), Infantry, 409th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany on 23 February 1945. While crossing a dangerous river in the assault wave, one of the assault boats capsized, plunging all passengers into the icy water. After Private First Class Stone had successfully reached the shore, he noticed that two of his comrades were being swept downstream by the treacherous current. With praiseworthy unselfishness, he jumped back into the water and with great effort rescued his two comrades. He guided them to safety and then rejoined his company to participate in the attack. His gallantry and courage are in keeping with the highest traditions of the Army. Entered military service from New Mexico.

Private First Class Manuel Brito, (Army Serial Number 30023410), Infantry, 409th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany on 23 February 1945. When his platoon was halted by intense enemy fire, Private First Class Brito fearlessly risked his life in making his way over small swept terrain to get within twenty yards of the enemy position. Armed only with his rifle, he charged the emplacement, killed two members of the machine gun crew, and captured two others. The undaunted courage and gallantry displayed by Private First Class Brito neutralized the enemy position and enabled his platoon to capture its objective. Entered military service from Texas.

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Private First Class Herbert M. Hanson, (Army Serial Number 32808395), Infantry, 761st Tank Battalion, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany on 9 April 1945. When a tank from his company was disabled by enemy bazooka fire and all crew members were wounded, Private First Class Hanson courageously left the shelter of his position to assist his stricken comrades. Although the enemy directed intense sniper and automatic weapons fire at him, he succeeded in evacuating three of the men. Observing an enemy soldier throw a hand grenade toward his position, he quickly seized it from the ground and defiantly hurled it back at the hostile troops. His intrepidity and unflinching tenacity reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from New York.

Private First Class Marshall L. Oliver, (Army Serial Number 38608469), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany on 15 February 1945. When a combat patrol of which Private First Class Oliver was a member was pinned down by intense enemy fire, he courageously remained in his dangerous position to cover the withdrawal of his comrades with his automatic rifle. Although he became wounded, he held his ground and succeeded in killing two and wounding three of the enemy, thereby enabling the patrol to return without further casualties. The initiative and indomitable spirit displayed by Private First Class Oliver reflect highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Texas.

The following officer and enlisted men, Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany on 15 March 1945:

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Army Serial Number</u>	<u>Entered Military Service From</u>
SECOND LIEUTENANT	ROBERT T. WHITE	01946155	Texas
Staff Sergeant	Edward J. Pratt	31015559	Massachusetts
Private First Class	Dominic Lango	31042904	Connecticut
Private First Class	Santer P. A. Harter	36959008	Illinois

Under cover of darkness, the above officer and enlisted men, accompanied by twelve others, crossed a dangerous river for purposes of determining the strength and disposition of enemy forces. Although a second boat was unable to reach the far shore, they courageously continued on the hazardous mission. While part of the patrol was left behind to act as a base of fire, the officer and enlisted men mentioned above boldly advanced deep into enemy territory, cautiously making their way over nine thousand yards of hostile terrain, they successfully reconnoitered several towns, railway nets and strategic highways, and observed vital movements of enemy mechanized forces. By their intrepid actions and unfaltering devotion to duty, they secured invaluable information which contributed materially to the success of future operations.

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IV. AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR MEDAL (GOLD LEAF CLUSTER).

Staff Sergeant John E. Garbutt, Jr. (Army Serial Number 11110160), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany on 15 March 1945. Under cover of darkness, Staff Sergeant Garbutt, accompanied by sixteen others, crossed a dangerous river for purposes of determining the strength and disposition of enemy forces. Although a second boat was unable to reach the far shore, he courageously continued on the hazardous mission. While part of the patrol was left behind to act as a base of fire, he and four others boldly advanced deep into enemy territory. Cautiously making his way over nine thousand yards of hostile terrain, he successfully reconnoitered several towns, railway nets and strategic highways, and observed vital movements of enemy mechanized forces. By his intrepid actions and unfaltering devotion to duty, he secured invaluable information which contributed materially to the success of future operations. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

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- 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, the following officers and enlisted men are awarded decorations as indicated:

I. AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR MEDAL.

↓
SECOND LIEUTENANT VLADIMIR J. VNOUCEK, (Army Serial Number 02000436), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany on 28 February and 1 March 1945. When his unit was held up by heavy concentrations of artillery and tank fire, SECOND LIEUTENANT VNOUCEK advanced to within a few yards of the harassing enemy positions and placed effective fire on the hostile forces. Having thus relieved the pressure on his men, he quickly formed an assault team, boldly attacked the emplacements, and forced the surrender of many prisoners. Although wounded twice in the furious engagement, SECOND LIEUTENANT VNOUCEK courageously persisted in carrying out the relentless attack which ended in the complete rout of the enemy forces. His daring and gallantry reflect highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Illinois.

↓
First Sergeant George E. Smith, (Army Serial Number 33384175), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany on 23 February 1945. When his platoon came under intense enemy fire, First Sergeant Smith (then Staff Sergeant), realizing that the fire endangered rear elements of assault troops, made his way through dense woods to within a few yards of the enemy position. Using his rifle, he assaulted the emplacement and killed the occupants. Because of his undaunted courage, his platoon was able to advance and captured a large number of prisoners. Entered military service from Maryland.

↓
Technical Sergeant Robert D. Rhodes, (Army Serial Number 35004077), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany on 27 February 1945. When his platoon leader and all noncommissioned officers had become casualties and were evacuated, Technical Sergeant Rhodes (then Private First Class) unhesitatingly assumed command. Despite the intense enemy fire, he moved freely among his men, reorganized the platoon, and led it forward in a bold assault against strongly fortified positions. Moving rapidly across the shell swept terrain, he directed effective fire on the hostile forces and successfully neutralized their fire. By his intrepidity and coolness under fire, he contributed materially to the successful operations of his unit. Entered military service from Ohio.

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The following named enlisted men, Medical Department, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany on 28 February 1945:

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Army Serial Number</u>	<u>Entered Military Service From</u>
Staff Sergeant	William C. Purvis	18016702	New Mexico
Private First Class	Dale H. Mowrey	35082601	Ohio

Hearing of three wounded men who needed immediate attention, the above enlisted men volunteered to go to their aid. Although the town was still under intense small arms and mortar fire, they courageously entered it, gave first aid to the casualties, and succeeded in evacuating them to safety. The prompt and courageous action of these men reflects highest credit upon themselves and the military service.

The following enlisted men, Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany on 27 February 1945:

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Army Serial Number</u>	<u>Entered Military Service From</u>
Staff Sergeant (then Private First Class)	Alfred D. Kemper	38661108	Arkansas
Private First Class	Lonnie H. Maxwell	34904183	Tennessee

When assault elements of their unit became pinned down by intense fire, the above enlisted men fearlessly crawled to within a few yards of the harassing enemy emplacements. Relentlessly firing their weapons, they killed several of the enemy and forced the remainder to withdraw. Proceeding with their attack, they assaulted a number of houses occupied by snipers, surprised them, and succeeded in capturing twenty prisoners. By their intrepidity and determination, they neutralized all enemy positions and enabled assault elements to continue their advance.

II. AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL.

↓ FIRST LIEUTENANT MIKE MONCHLOVICH, (Army Serial Number 01298271), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 25 February 1945 in connection with military operations against the enemy. When his company commander and executive officer became casualties, FIRST LIEUTENANT MONCHLOVICH unhesitatingly assumed command. With utter disregard for his personal safety, he moved freely over shell swept terrain reorganizing his platoons and directing their deployment for a strong defense position. During the subsequent fast moving attacks, he constantly exercised sound judgment and daring leadership and secured all objectives with a minimum of casualties to the men in his company. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

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✓ FIRST LIEUTENANT VIRGIL B. PAYNE, (Army Serial Number 01185378), Field Artillery, 927th Field Artillery Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany from 23 February 1945 to 3 March 1945 in connection with military operations against the enemy. Advancing with the assault infantry elements during a fast moving attack, FIRST LIEUTENANT PAYNE (then SECOND LIEUTENANT) frequently exposed himself to heavy enemy fire in order to obtain best possible observation so that he could call for accurate artillery support. When his radio was rendered useless and he was unable to carry out his primary mission of adjusting artillery fire, he unhesitatingly continued fighting as an infantryman. After the objective had been taken, he assisted the only remaining officer in reorganizing the company. The cool courage and brilliant leadership displayed by this officer reflect highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Illinois.

↓ Staff Sergeant Wayne D. Bradbury, (Army Serial Number 37239565), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 27 February 1945 in connection with military operations against the enemy. When his squad leader became a casualty, Staff Sergeant Bradbury (then Sergeant) unhesitatingly assumed command. With utter disregard for his personal safety, he exposed himself to intense enemy fire in order to find the enemy position. Having located it, he fired tracers to designate the direction to his squad and enable it to deliver effective fire which neutralized the position and permitted the squad to advance. The indomitable courage and initiative displayed by Staff Sergeant Bradbury reflect highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Kansas.

↓ Staff Sergeant Stanley E. Thims, (Army Serial Number 31117683), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 23 February 1945 in connection with military operations against the enemy. When his squad became pinned down by intense enemy fire, Staff Sergeant Thims (then Sergeant), with utter disregard for his personal safety, rose up in an effort to determine their location. Upon finding it, he skillfully maneuvered his squad into positions from which they brought effective fire on the enemy, killing two and capturing thirteen. His initiative and undaunted courage enabled the squad to advance and capture the enemy. Entered military service from Maine.

↓ Staff Sergeant James H. Wagstaff, (Army Serial Number 6262384), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 24 February 1945 in connection with military operations against the enemy. When his squad leader and assistant squad leader became casualties, Staff Sergeant Wagstaff (then Private First Class) unhesitatingly assumed command. Despite the intense enemy fire, he reorganized his squad and led it boldly forward to gain its objective. He then moved freely over open terrain, regrouping his men a second time and personally supervising the establishment of fixed defense positions in anticipation of an enemy counter attack. Entered military service from Louisiana.

↓ Sergeant John D. Vella, (Army Serial Number 32765328), Infantry, 701st Tank Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 14

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April 1945 in connection with military operations against the enemy. When a round of seventy five millimeter ammunition became jammed in the gun of his tank, Sergeant Vella, with complete disregard for his personal safety, dismounted in the midst of intense enemy fire. By using an ordinary cleaning staff, at the risk of setting off the round, he removed it, thereby enabling the tank to return to battle. The praiseworthy courage and devotion to duty displayed by Sergeant Vella reflect highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from New Jersey.

↓ Corporal Gerard J. White, (Army Serial Number 32807119), Infantry, 701st Tank Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 14 April 1945 in connection with military operations against the enemy. Noticing some wounded soldiers approximately fifty yards from his tank, Corporal White voluntarily dismounted and braved intense enemy fire to go to their assistance. His courage and unselfish devotion to duty greatly alleviated the suffering of his wounded comrades and reflect highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from New York.

↓ Technician Fifth Grade Robert C. Gonzales, (Army Serial Number 38531629), Medical Department, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 1 March 1945 in connection with military operations against the enemy. When the enemy inflicted numerous casualties during the capture of an enemy town, Technician Fifth Grade Gonzales, with utter disregard for his personal safety, left the shelter of a house and made his way through shell swept streets to evacuate six stricken men to positions of safety. After dark, he again fearlessly made his way to the wounded and succeeded in evacuating two others. The indomitable courage and devotion to duty displayed by Technician Fifth Grade Gonzales reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Texas.

↓ Private First Class Armond D. Arnsion, (Army Serial Number 35060769), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 23 February 1945 in connection with military operations against the enemy. While trying to rejoin their unit after an assault river crossing, Private First Class Arnsion and his comrades suddenly encountered a three man enemy patrol. With utter disregard for his personal safety, he remained in an exposed position and fired on the enemy to cover the withdrawal of the others. Despite his unfavorable position, he succeeded in wounding one and capturing the remaining two enemy. His great initiative and unselfish devotion to duty enabled his comrades to join their company and participate in the subsequent attack. Entered military service from Ohio.

↓ Private First Class Albert Trusta, (Army Serial Number 39926136), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 25 February 1945 in connection with military operations against the enemy. During the capture of an enemy town when his platoon was helplessly pinned down by withering enemy fire emanating from a strongly fortified building, Private First Class Trusta daringly made his way across the shell torn streets to out-flank the enemy position. Using hand grenades, he boldly assaulted the occupied

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building and successfully neutralized the harassing fire. By his undaunted courage and devotion to duty, he greatly contributed to the successful advance of his unit with a minimum of casualties. Entered military service from Idaho.

The following named enlisted men, Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 25 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	Wiley J. Karrh	20416680	Alabama
✓ Sergeant	Frank V. Spitzman	33680769	Pennsylvania
✓ Sergeant	John Weber	36623793	Illinois

When contact was lost with the neighboring battalion, the above named enlisted men courageously volunteered to reestablish it. Making their way over hundreds of yards of shell swept terrain, they located the unit and reestablished communications. Then, although exposed to sniper fire, they reconnoitered enemy positions and were able to return with vital information which greatly facilitated the planning for future operations. The initiative and devotion to duty displayed by these enlisted men reflect highest credit upon themselves and the military service.

The following enlisted men, Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 2 March 1945 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 (then Private First Class)	Bruce H. Baily	16102647	Illinois
✓ Sergeant (then Private First Class)	Homer L. Anderson	33888383	Virginia

When their company was pinned down by intense enemy small arms fire, the above enlisted men unhesitatingly moved to an exposed position on the company's right flank and placed effective machine gun fire on the enemy positions. Although this courageous action brought a heavy concentration of enemy mortar fire on their own position, they continued firing with utter disregard for their personal safety and were successful in silencing several weapons, killing twelve of the enemy, and capturing of a like number. Their undaunted courage materially contributed to the further advance of their company and the successful completion of their mission.

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

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✓ FIRST LIEUTENANT GEORGE A. CARLSON, (Army Serial Number 01594086), Quartermaster Corps, 3046th Quartermaster Graves Registration Company, United States Army, 25 March 1945 to 25 April 1945. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

✓ FIRST LIEUTENANT HARRY L. KANE, (Army Serial Number 01823607), Field Artillery, 771st Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army, 1 January 1945 to 3 March 1945. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

✓ FIRST LIEUTENANT ROBERT E. LEE, (Army Serial Number 01823616), Field Artillery, 771st Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army, 22 October 1944 to 31 March 1945. Entered military service from New Hampshire.

✓ FIRST LIEUTENANT JOSEPH A. O'NEILL, (Army Serial Number 0266972), Coast Artillery Corps, 771st Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army, 1 January 1945 to 3 March 1945. Entered military service from New York.

✓ FIRST LIEUTENANT GUSTAVE W. SODERSTROM, (Army Serial Number 01017527), Infantry, 701st Tank Battalion, United States Army, 24 February 1945 to 15 April 1945. Entered military service from Connecticut.

✓ Master Sergeant Sollie H. Gilley, (Army Serial Number 6358440), Infantry, 701st Tank Battalion, United States Army, 23 February 1945 to 15 April 1945. Entered military service from Georgia.

✓ Technical Sergeant William T. DiSabato, (Army Serial Number 32766646), Infantry, 701st Tank Battalion, United States Army, 24 February 1945 to 19 April 1945. Entered military service from New Jersey.

✓ Technical Sergeant Alfred W. Crossklaus, (Army Serial Number 32116834), Field Artillery, 771st Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army, 22 November 1944 to 1 April 1945. Entered military service from New York.

✓ Staff Sergeant Gerald F. McCormack, (Army Serial Number 12041691), Infantry, 701st Tank Battalion, United States Army, 31 March 1945. Entered military service from New York.

✓ Staff Sergeant John J. McMonagle, (Army Serial Number 20204683), Field Artillery, 771st Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army, 22 November 1944 to 1 April 1945. Entered military service from New York.

✓ Sergeant Walter Florek, (Army Serial Number 36161571), Field Artillery, 771st Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army, 1 February 1945 to 3 March 1945. Entered military service from Michigan.

✓ Technician Fifth Grade Raymond G. Wemer, (Army Serial Number 32808376), Infantry, 701st Tank Battalion, United States Army, 23 February 1945 to 15 April 1945. Entered military service from New York.

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So much of Section V, General Orders Number 61, Headquarters 102d Infantry Division, dated 3 May 1945, as awards an OAK LEAF CLUSTER to the BRONZE STAR MEDAL to SECOND LIEUTENANT DANIEL S. EBELING, (Army Serial Number 02010909), Infantry, 405th Infantry, is amended to award him the BRONZE STAR MEDAL.

III. AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART MEDAL.

1. For wounds received as a result of enemy action in Germany on dates indicated:

↓ Staff Sergeant Leonard T. Lamcken, (Army Serial Number 12009040), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 30 April 1945. Entered military service from New Jersey.

↓ Sergeant Harold T. Sage, (Army Serial Number 16150950), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 29 April 1945. Entered military service from Michigan.

↓ Technician Fourth Grade Harry Feuerstadt, (Army Serial Number 32539138), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 27 December 1944. Entered military service from New York.

↓ Private First Class LaVerne M. Laux, (Army Serial Number 16176233), Medical Department, 406th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 2 March 1945. Entered military service from Michigan.

↓ Private First Class Mack Gunn, Jr, (Army Serial Number 38524662), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 17 November 1944. Entered military service from Louisiana.

Amend award to read OLC by Sect 73 - 7 May 23 1945
↓ Sergeant Harold E. Beecher, (Army Serial Number 32647277), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 22 April 1945. Entered military service from New York.

↓ Staff Sergeant Arden H. Soltau, (Army Serial Number 16021076), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 27 April 1945. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

↓ Private First Class Haldor R. Burden, (Army Serial Number 36544714), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 27 April 1945. Entered military service from Michigan.

2. So much of Section IV, General Orders Number 23, this Headquarters, dated 2 March 1945, AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART MEDAL, as pertains to Private First Class Harold V. Greathouse, (Army Serial Number 20320946), Infantry, 407th Infantry, is revoked.

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3. So much of Section V, General Orders Number 9, this Headquarters, dated 16 January 1945, AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART MEDAL, as pertains to Private First Class Joseph Wyzga, (Army Serial Number 31213643), Infantry, 405th Infantry, is revoked.

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

For wounds received as a result of enemy action in Germany on dates indicated:

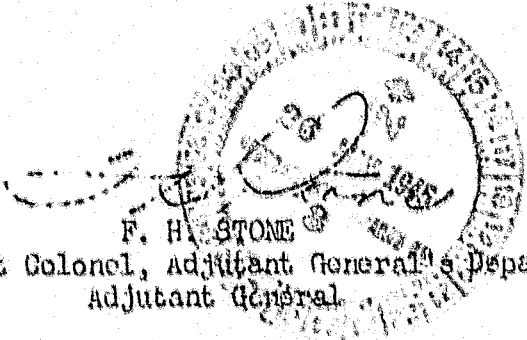
↓ Private First Class Joseph Wyzga, (Army Serial Number 31213643), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 11 January 1945. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

↓ Private First Class Charles A. Drozda, (Army Serial Number 36904763), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 27 April 1945. Entered military service from Illinois.

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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 following officers and enlisted men are awarded the BRONZE STAR MEDAL:

FIRST LIEUTENANT ROBERT A. FLANAGAN, (Army Serial Number 0552349), Corps of Engineers, 327th Engineer Combat Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany from 10 December 1944 to 3 March 1945 in connection with military operations against the enemy. Prior to the assault crossing of a dangerous river, FIRST LIEUTENANT FLANAGAN led his platoon in countless night reconnaissance patrols across the treacherous river to determine its swiftness, approaches, and displacement of enemy positions on the opposite shore. Despite the danger of a formidable water obstacle and the frequent harassing enemy fire, FIRST LIEUTENANT FLANAGAN imbued his men with the confidence and determination necessary for the accomplishment of their hazardous missions. Successfully gathering invaluable information, he facilitated immeasurably the planning for the crossing. Entered military service from New York.

FIRST LIEUTENANT EDWIN T. MOFFITT, (Army Serial Number 01323453), 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 pinned down by intense enemy fire, FIRST LIEUTENANT MOFFITT courageously crossed the shell swept terrain in an attempt to summon armored support. Returning with the tanks, he led them to suitable positions from which they effectively silenced the harassing enemy fire. By his tenacity and undaunted courage, he prevented numerous casualties and contributed greatly to the further advance of his company. Entered military service from New Hampshire.

Technical Sergeant Henry Ferro, (Army Serial Number 32395999), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 23 February 1945 in connection with military operations against the enemy. When his platoon leader became separated from the men after crossing a dangerous river, Technical Sergeant Ferro unhesitatingly assumed command, reorganized his platoon, and courageously led it forward. By laying down a base of fire, he forced the enemy to seek cover, thereby enabling the assault units to advance and capture a large number of prisoners. The initiative and devotion to duty displayed by Technical Sergeant Ferro reflect highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from New York.

Staff Sergeant John L. Gemberlein, Jr., (Army Serial Number 33693282), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 23 February 1945 in connection with military operations against the enemy.

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When his squad leader was wounded by sniper fire, Staff Sergeant Gemperlein (then Private First Class) unhesitatingly assumed command. Realizing that his men were subjected to extreme danger by the harassing fire, Staff Sergeant Gemperlein crawled at great risk of life to a favorable position and successfully eliminated the enemy sniper. Returning to his squad, he regrouped his men and led them forward in a bold and successful attack against strong enemy opposition. His brilliant leadership and undaunted courage reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Staff Sergeant Donald W. Lambert, (Army Serial Number 37347135), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 23 February 1945 in connection with military operations against the enemy. Having crossed a dangerous river with the assault wave, Staff Sergeant Lambert's squad was met by ferocious enemy resistance. Realizing that attempts to contact his platoon would be futile, he quickly led his men to the top of a ridge in order to take the strategic heights. When the enemy began to concentrate heavy mortar and machine gun fire on his squad, he boldly rushed the hostile emplacement, fired a rifle grenade, and forced the enemy to surrender. The courage and resourcefulness displayed by Staff Sergeant Lambert reflect highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Colorado.

Technical Sergeant Eugene E. Gray, (Army Serial Number 36336861), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 25 February 1945 in connection with military operations against the enemy. When intense enemy action severed communication lines between his platoon and the company command post, Technical Sergeant Gray (then Staff Sergeant), disregarding his personal safety, made his way over several hundred yards of shell swept terrain to locate and repair the break. As a result of his determined action, the company was able to order effective fire on the enemy, thereby repelling their attack and inflicting many casualties. The initiative and undaunted courage displayed by Technical Sergeant Gray reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Louisiana.

Staff Sergeant Robert L. Fisher, (Army Serial Number 36411196), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 14 April 1945 in connection with military operations against the enemy. When his squad became pinned down by intense fire, Staff Sergeant Fisher maneuvered his squad to a position of vantage from which he could bring effective fire on the harassing weapons. When his initial attempt to neutralize the enemy positions failed, he courageously crawled forward through intense fire to within twenty five yards of the emplacement. Using his rifle and hand grenades, he dashed forward in a bold assault and successfully annihilated the enemy position. The undaunted courage and devotion to duty displayed by Staff Sergeant Fisher reflect highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Michigan.

Staff Sergeant Tommie Harlo, (Army Serial Number 38593026), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 27

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February 1945 in connection with military operations against the enemy. When his squad leader and assistant squad leader were evacuated, Staff Sergeant Harjo (then Private First Class) unhesitatingly assumed command. Moving freely over shell swept terrain, he reorganized his squad and supervised the establishment of a defensive position. The leadership and devotion to duty displayed by Staff Sergeant Harjo reflect highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Oklahoma.

Sergeant William B. Robison, (Army Serial Number 34477335), Medical Department, 327th Medical Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, 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 an attack on an enemy town, Sergeant Robison courageously volunteered to act as a litter bearer to aid in the removal of casualties from the shell swept battlefield. In order to expedite the evacuation, he worked for thirty six hours without rest until all wounded men had received medical attention. His commendable efforts and praiseworthy devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Mississippi.

Corporal Eugene F. Angell, (Army Serial Number 18020385), Field Artillery, 300th 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. During a fast moving attack, Corporal Angell was directed to move into the outskirts of an enemy held town with wire and radio equipment. Although he became detached from the remainder of his section, he courageously moved across the shell swept terrain and established communications so that supporting artillery fire could be requested without delay. By his intrepidity and unselfish devotion to duty, he aided immeasurably in the successful advance of the assault elements. Entered military service from Oklahoma.

Technician Fifth Grade George A. Alstead, (Army Serial Number 36120464), Field Artillery, 771st Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 3 and 4 April 1945 in connection with military operations against the enemy. While on a liaison mission, Technician Fifth Grade Alstead arrived at an enemy town which had not yet been taken. With utter disregard for his personal safety, he remained in the town and established contact with higher headquarters. He later vent through enemy held territory in attempting to return to his unit and subjected himself to heavy enemy fire while establishing radio communication with his battalion. The initiative and courage which he displayed reflect highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Michigan.

Private First Class Willie L. Murphy, (Army Serial Number 35661510), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 26 February 1945 in connection with military operations against the enemy. While driving a load of ammunition to front line troops, Private First Class Murphy's vehicle was hit by enemy shell fragments which rendered it useless. Realizing the vital importance of his assignment, he repeatedly risked his

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by carrying ammunition boxes over eight hundred yards of shell swept terrain, returning again and again until he had successfully delivered the entire load to the front lines. The unflinching courage and resourcefulness displayed by Private First Class Murphy reflect highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Kentucky.

Private First Class Nedric R. Merrill, (Army Serial Number 11051495), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 2 March 1945 in connection with military operations against the enemy. When his company's advance had been halted by enemy machine gun fire, Private First Class Merrill, with complete disregard for his personal safety, crawled forward to a point of vantage from which he could fire effectively upon the harassing position. By his courage and initiative, he forced the enemy to withdraw and enabled the company to continue in its attack. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

Private First Class Harold P. Godfrey, (Army Serial Number 37251339), 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 an attack against an enemy town, Private First Class Godfrey was aiding several wounded men on the battlefield when he noticed another stricken man lying helplessly near the enemy lines. With complete disregard for his personal safety, he rushed through intense enemy fire to the assistance of the injured man, rendered first aid and carried him to cover. The courage and consideration for others displayed by Private First Class Godfrey reflect highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Iowa.

Private First Class Robert L. Dicks, (Army Serial Number 36543547), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 27 February 1945 in connection with military operations against the enemy. When his unit became separated from his company and was pinned down by a heavy artillery and mortar barrage, Private First Class Dicks voluntarily made his way through an enemy held town to re-establish contact. Having successfully accomplished his task, he returned to his comrades and led them out of the shell swept area to safety. The outstanding courage and devotion to duty displayed by Private First Class Dicks reflect the highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Michigan.

Private First Class Forest Q. Bell, (Army Serial Number 17460500), Medical Department, 327th Medical Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany from 1 December 1944 through 3 December 1944 in connection with military operations against the enemy. As a liaison agent between his battalion aid station and the collecting company, Private First Class Bell courageously made innumerable trips through intense enemy fire to lead jeeps and ambulances to casualty collecting points and aid stations. His expert leadership under harassing conditions resulted in the expeditious evacuation of casualties and reflects highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Nebraska.

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Private First Class Luther J. Layne, (Army Serial Number 34520407), 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. During an attack on an enemy town, Private First Class Layne continually risked his life by driving an ambulance through heavily shelled areas to evacuate casualties. When his vehicle was damaged by an artillery shell, he courageously exposed himself to further danger by repairing the ambulance under fire and continuing the evacuations. The courage and resourcefulness displayed by Private First Class Layne reflect highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Tennessee.

Private First Class Chester V. Lewandowski, (Army Serial Number 36544435), Medical Department, 327th Medical Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, 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 an attack on an enemy town, Private First Class Lewandowski led his litter squad through intense enemy fire in order to render first aid to casualties. On one occasion, while treating a wounded man, he was pinned down by sniper fire but continued to give first aid; later he succeeded in evacuating the stricken comrade to safety. The courage and initiative displayed by Private First Class Lewandowski reflect highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Michigan.

Private First Class LaVerne M. Laux, (Army Serial Number 16176233), Medical Department, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 28 February 1945 in connection with military operations against the enemy. During a fast moving attack, Private First Class Laux remained with the front line elements so that he could render first aid as soon as casualties occurred. With utter disregard for his personal safety, he set up a temporary aid station despite heavy enemy fire and in plain view of the enemy. By his initiative and great courage, he greatly reduced suffering and saved the lives of many men. Entered military service from Michigan.

Private First Class Vincent J. Castor, (Army Serial Number 33772618), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 28 February 1945 in connection with military operations against the enemy. Serving as a lead scout for his platoon during a fast moving attack, Private First Class Castor encountered a densely sown mine field and skillfully guided the remainder of the platoon safely through the danger area. When sniper and machine gun fire pinned down the entire platoon, he courageously risked his life by exposing himself to ascertain the exact location of the enemy positions. By his intrepidity and unswerving devotion to duty, he prevented numerous casualties and contributed materially to the successful accomplishment of the mission. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Private First Class Frank M. Dunstan, (Army Serial Number 13122843), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 23 February 1945 in connection with military operations against the enemy.

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Following the successful crossing of a major river barrier when the leader of his observation party was killed, Private First Class Dunstan unhesitatingly crawled through heavy enemy fire in an attempt to locate the concealed hostile emplacements. Successfully ascertaining the positions of two enemy soldiers, he killed them and returned to his observation post, where he continued directing effective fire upon the enemy. By his indomitable courage and aggressiveness, he contributed materially to the success of the operations. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Private First Class Donald E. Heyburn, (Army Serial Number 12171399), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany from 22 February 1945 to 26 February 1945 in connection with military operations against the enemy. When the radio operator of a forward observation party became a casualty, Private First Class Heyburn voluntarily assumed his duties. During the dangerous crossing of a strategic river and throughout the subsequent fast moving attack, he worked calmly in the heat of battle assisting in directing effective supporting fire upon the enemy. Through his indefatigable efforts and brilliant initiative, he contributed materially to the successful advance of the assault elements. Entered military service from New York.

Private First Class William G. Munn, (Army Serial Number 39183436), Medical Department, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 2 March 1945 in connection with military operations against the enemy. During an assault on an enemy town, Private First Class Munn moved freely through the shell swept streets to administer first aid and evacuate the wounded to positions of comparative safety. Noting one casualty lying in an exposed position, he worked for over thirty minutes under intense enemy fire to stop the flow of blood and evacuate the man to safety. The skill and devotion to duty displayed by Private First Class Munn not only saved lives and reduced suffering, but also reflect highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Washington.

Private First Class Warren W. Simmons, (Army Serial Number 12191606), Medical Department, 327th Medical Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, 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 an attack upon an enemy town, Private First Class Simmons (then Private) proceeded with the first rifle troops to evacuate casualties. While other litter squads were pinned down by the intense enemy fire, Private First Class Simmons disregarded his personal safety and supervised the removal of casualties by his own squad. At night he led other squads into the town to complete the evacuation. His courage and devotion to duty reflect highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from New York.

Private William May, (Army Serial Number 36483218), Medical Department, 327th Medical Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 24 February 1945 in connection with military operations against the enemy. When an enemy incendiary bomb set fire to an ammunition truck, Private May courageously risked his life by driving four vehicles

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from the danger area. Despite continuously exploding shells, he attempted to extinguish the fire with an apparatus which he located. His intrepidity and devotion to duty saved valuable government property and reflect highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Illinois.

The following enlisted men, Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 1 April 1945 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	Joseph Garcia	42143071	New Jersey
Private First Class	John E. Kay	12050581	New Jersey

In an effort to induce the enemy to surrender, the above enlisted men volunteered to cross a dangerous river during daylight hours. After reaching the opposite shore, they were met by three of the enemy who not only refused to surrender but ordered them to submit to interrogation. Upon convincing the hostile troops that they should be allowed to return to their own lines, they made their way back and furnished higher headquarters with vital information relative to enemy positions which enabled supporting artillery to deliver effective fire on the hostile emplacements. By their daring and resourcefulness, they contributed materially to the success of the operations.

The following named enlisted men, Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany from 27 February 1945 to 3 March 1945 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	Samuel P. Coscia	34643328	New York
Technician Fourth Grade	William F. Cooper, Jr	34490436	Tennessee
Technician Fourth Grade	Clifford J. Grile	37443537	Iowa
Technician Fifth Grade	Harold Blum	36304105	Texas
Technician Fifth Grade	Nicholas Tapyrik	32570786	New Jersey
Private First Class	Frederick P. Andrews	11122837	Maine
Private First Class	Maurice E. Saucier	31222674	Maine
Private First Class	Albert Catullo	12169040	New York

As members of a wire section, the above enlisted men carried vital communications equipment during a dangerous river crossing while under intense enemy shelling and, on succeeding days, worked uniringly without rest to accomplish their mission. Their loyalty and devotion to duty reflect highest credit upon these enlisted men and the military service.

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The following named unlisted men, Field Artillery, 771st Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 23 February 1945 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	Oral P. Longenecker	35469094	Ohio
Sergeant	Joseph G. Groff	32135168	New York

With complete disregard for their personal safety, the above named enlisted men braved intense enemy fire to select excellent firing positions for the destroyers of their company. Their courage and devotion to duty reflect highest 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 23 February 1945 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	Joseph F. Trunkely	35522683	Ohio
Private First Class	Arthur J. Byrd	34739500	Tennessee

Serving as aid men and litter bearers, the above named enlisted men accompanied a detachment to the shell swept bank of a dangerous river. When intense enemy fire inflicted numerous casualties on their group, these men courageously risked their lives in the terrific barrage by treating and evacuating eight wounded men. The courage and intrepidity displayed by the above named enlisted men reflect highest 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 from 1 December 1944 to 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>
Private First Class	William F. Haines	33491534	Pennsylvania
Private First Class	James I. Taylor	34520302	Tennessee

As ambulance drivers, the above enlisted men worked untiringly during an attack on an enemy town to evacuate the wounded. Driving through intense enemy fire at great risk of life, they transported casualties to the aid station throughout the entire engagement, thereby saving numerous lives. The intrepidity and devotion to duty displayed by these enlisted men reflect highest credit upon themselves and the military service.

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The following named enlisted men, Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 27 February 1945 in connection with military operations against the enemy:

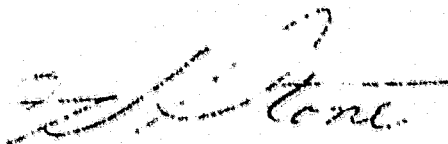
<u>Grade</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Army Serial Number</u>	<u>Entered Military Service From</u>
Private First Class	Albert N. Kishler, Jr	15308336	Ohio
Private First Class	Roland F. Polson	37742233	Missouri

When their unit lost contact with a nearby friendly element during an attack, the above named men courageously volunteered to venture through the shell swept streets of the town which was under attack in order to reestablish liaison. During their progress they killed five of the enemy and caused three more to flee, thereby clearing the way for their unit to advance in safety after the contact had been made. The outstanding courage and initiative displayed by these enlisted men reflect highest credit upon themselves and the military service.

By command of the DIVISION COMMANDER:

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

OFFICIAL:



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Lieutenant Colonel, Adjutant General's Department
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- II. AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL
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- 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 following officers and enlisted men are awarded decorations as indicated:

I. AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL (POSTHUMOUSLY)

Technical Sergeant Gordon L. Springsteen, (Army Serial Number 20949839), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany from 23 February 1945 to 3 March 1945, in connection with military operations against the enemy. During his unit's attack upon the enemy, Technical Sergeant Springsteen carried heavy equipment for long distances under intense enemy fire. Without regard for his personal safety, he worked diligently at all times, frequently for many hours without sleep, to accomplish his mission of furnishing the regiment with communications vital to its success. The initiative and courage displayed by Technical Sergeant Springsteen reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Wyoming.

II. AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL.

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

LIEUTENANT COLONEL EDWARD B. BEALE, (Army Serial Number 0162301), Judge Advocate General's Department, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, 22 February 1945 to 5 May 1945. Entered military service from Maryland.

LIEUTENANT COLONEL GEORGE E. SIMMONS, (Army Serial Number 0276427), Corps of Chaplains, Headquarters 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, 3 November 1944 to 16 April 1945. Entered military service from North Carolina.

LIEUTENANT COLONEL FRANK H. STONE, (Army Serial Number 024397), Adjutant General's Department, Headquarters 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, 3 November 1944 to 16 April 1945. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

MAJOR MELVIN G. CLODFELTER, (Army Serial Number 0251158), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, 10 March 1945 to 30 April 1945. Entered military service from Oklahoma.

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Technical Sergeant Robert E. Doughten, (Army Serial Number 35415356), Field Artillery, 771st Tank Destroyer Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, 23 February 1945 to 26 March 1945. Entered military service from Ohio.

Technical Sergeant Robert G. Stump, (Army Serial Number 33232232), Cavalry, 102d Reconnaissance Troops Mechanized, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, 5 November 1944 to 22 April 1945. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Technical Sergeant Graham B. Wade, (Army Serial Number 34570377), Infantry, Headquarters 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, 25 September 1944 to 25 April 1945. Entered military service from Georgia.

Staff Sergeant James P. Anderson, (Army Serial Number 6270095), Cavalry, 102d Reconnaissance Troops Mechanized, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, 5 November 1944 to 22 April 1945. Entered military service from Texas.

Staff Sergeant Robert A. Dunn, (Army Serial Number 35468773), Field Artillery, 771st Tank Destroyer Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, 23 February 1945 to 26 March 1945. Entered military service from Kentucky.

Staff Sergeant Lewis R. Mays, (Army Serial Number 33385132), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, 13 February 1945 to 3 April 1945. Entered military service from Maryland.

Staff Sergeant Adolph A. Rome, (Army Serial Number 37338386), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, 26 February 1945 to 16 April 1945. Entered military service from Kansas.

Staff Sergeant Alfred A. Swelgin, (Army Serial Number 33020744), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, 31 October 1944 to 15 March 1945. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Staff Sergeant Morton S. Zimetbaum, (Army Serial Number 32595170), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, 28 October 1944 to 15 April 1945. Entered military service from New Jersey.

Sergeant Timothy J. Lynch, (Army Serial Number 31213866), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, 28 October 1944 to 30 March 1945. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

Technician Fourth Grade Robert I. Haycock, (Army Serial Number 32594735), Medical Department, 405th Infantry, United States Army, 27 October 1944 to 8 April 1945. Entered military service from New Jersey.

Technician Fifth Grade John M. Dodson, (Army Serial Number 35870990), Medical Department, 405th Infantry, United States Army, 28 October 1944 to 30 March 1945. Entered military service from West Virginia.

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Technician Fifth Grade Clayton P. Sanders, (Army Serial Number 34180879), Field Artillery, 771st Tank Destroyer Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, 23 February 1945 to 26 March 1945. Entered military service from Tennessee.

Private First Class Anthony C. Capodanno, (Army Serial Number 31232239), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, 10 November 1944 to 15 April 1945. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

Private First Class Miles C. Henderson, (Army Serial Number 37222259), Field Artillery, 771st Tank Destroyer Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, 23 February 1945 to 26 March 1945. Entered Military Service from Missouri.

Private First Class Warren L. Lachman, (Army Serial Number 42118030), Medical Department, 405th Infantry, United States Army, 29 November 1944 to 16 April 1945. Entered Military service from New Jersey.

The following named enlisted men, Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in Germany from 16 November 1944 to 16 March 1945, 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	Matthew A. Vojvodich	36373411	Illinois
Staff Sergeant	Clarence A. Judson	36542993	Michigan

The following named enlisted men, Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in Germany from 27 October 1944 to 3 April 1945, 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	Joseph W. Stotts	37239938	Missouri
Technician Fifth Grade	Frank Lanzi	32592056	New Jersey
Technician Fifth Grade	Leonard A. Lipps	35663587	Ohio
Private First Class	James R. Deason	35496523	Indiana
Private First Class	Bicas P. Diana	32593871	New Jersey

III. AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL (OAK LEAF CLUST

FIRST LIEUTENANT EDWIN T. MOFFITT, (Army Serial Number 01323463), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 1 March 1945 in connection with military operations against the enemy. Prior to the movement of his battalion to a German town, FIRST LIEUTENANT MOFFITT, as S-2 for his battalion, accompanied the attacking rifle troops into the town and obtained vital information necessary for the movement. Later, when one flank of the battalion's positions was dangerously exposed, FIRST LIEUTENANT MOFFITT, assisted by an interpreter, made a complete reconnaissance of an enemy held town and located its strong points and fortified position. By his fearlessness and

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unselfish devotion to duty, he contributed immeasurably to the strengthening of his battalion's positions and the success of the operations. Entered military service from New Hampshire.

FIRST LIEUTENANT RAY C. SHERMAN, (Army Serial Number 01310511), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army for heroic achievement in Germany on 23 February 1945 in connection with military operations against the enemy. Directly following a furious enemy counter attack when elements of his company became detached from their unit, FIRST LIEUTENANT SHERMAN unhesitatingly undertook to locate the stranded group. Under cover of darkness he moved courageously over shell swept terrain to successfully locate the men and return them safely to their unit. By his courage and consideration for his fellow men, he set an example which served as an inspiration to all. Entered military service from New York.

Staff Sergeant Pasquale C. Carbone, (Army Serial Number 32322219), Field Artillery, 927 Field Artillery Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany from 23 February 1945 to 3 March 1945, in connection with military operations against the enemy. During an attack on an enemy town, Staff Sergeant Carbone's company was pinned down by intense hostile fire. In order to direct artillery fire upon the harassing position, he courageously volunteered to set up his radio in an exposed area. Although fired upon continuously, Staff Sergeant Carbone remained at his post relaying commands until the enemy weapons had been silenced. The indomitable bravery and resourcefulness shown by this enlisted man reflect highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from New York.

Corporal Robert F. Braden, (Army Serial Number 34682543), Field Artillery 380th Field Artillery Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 9 March 1945 in connection with military operations against the enemy. While carrying a radio for an artillery forward observer during a fast moving attack, Corporal Braden suffered a painful wound by enemy small arms fire. Despite the intense pain, he furnished effective cover fire for the remainder of the party's advance to a house which was used as an observation post. By his heroic action and tenacity, he was instrumental in the procurement of supporting artillery fire which enabled the assault elements to advance with a minimum of casualties. Entered military service from Georgia.

Technician Fifth Grade Walter H. Bortzfeld, (Army Serial Number 33276680), Field Artillery, 380th Field Artillery Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 9 March 1945 in connection with military operations against the enemy. During a furious attack, Technician Fifth Grade Bortzfeld, as radio operator for an artillery forward observer party, carried his radio across several hundred yards of open terrain in the face of withering enemy fire. Fully aware of the fact that all radio operators with the attacking company had become casualties by deadly sniper fire, he courageously established communications and directed effective artillery fire on the enemy positions. His determination and undaunted devotion to duty contributed immeasurably to the successful advance of the assault elements. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

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Technician Fifth Grade Malcolm S. Van de Water, (Army Serial Number 13019289), Medical Department, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 28 February 1945 in connection with military operations against the enemy. During a fast moving attack, Technician Fifth Grade Van de Water remained with the assault elements so that he could render first aid as soon as casualties occurred. With utter disregard for his personal safety, he set up a temporary aid station near the front lines despite heavy enemy fire and in plain view of the enemy. By his initiative and great courage, he greatly reduced suffering and saved the lives of many men. Entered military service from the District of Columbia.

Private First Class Leon Cartee, (Army Serial Number 34398673), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 23 February 1945 in connection with military operations against the enemy. During a fast moving attack when his observation party was subjected to intense enemy fire, Private First Class Cartee courageously persisted in operating his radio so that effective supporting fire could be furnished the assault elements. Despite several painful wounds which he received he continued to transmit fire orders until he could no longer operate his radio. By his indomitable courage and tenacity he contributed materially to the successful advance of the assault elements. Entered military service from Alabama.

The following named Enlisted Man, Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 13 March 1945, 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	Olav D. Halcomb	37371932	Missouri
Private First Class	Roy A. Huerta	38562387	Texas

Having volunteered to form a reconnaissance patrol, the above Enlisted Men crossed a dangerous river for the purpose of determining enemy strength and dispositions for subsequent large scale landings. Despite the revealing light from the flames of a burning building, they courageously crawled forward to at times less than ten yards from an enemy working party. After a thorough reconnaissance, they returned to their own side with a veritable wealth of information. The resourcefulness and prize-worthy devotion to duty displayed by these Enlisted Men reflect highest credit upon themselves and the military service.

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

FIRST LIEUTENANT JAMES L. H. WHITE, (Army Serial Number 0196682), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, 21 December 1944 to 15 April 1945. Entered Military service from Ohio.

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Technician Fourth Grade, Romeo O. Gamache, (Army Serial Number 31402916),
Infantry, 705th Infantry, United States Army, 15 January 1945 to 15 April 1945.
Entered military service from Vermont.

IV. AWARD OF THE AIR MEDAL (OAK LEAF CLUSTER).

For meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany between the dates indicated:

SECOND LIEUTENANT HADYN L. LESTER, (Army Serial Number 02000967), Field Artillery, 379th Field Artillery Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, 13 February 1945 to 11 April 1945. Entered military service from Illinois.

1. Second Oak Leaf Cluster.

CAPTAIN JAMES L. LOBBS, (Army Serial Number 01174275), Field Artillery, Headquarters 102d Division Artillery, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, 10 March 1945 to 21 April 1945. Entered military service from Texas.

FIRST LIEUTENANT RAFAEL A. GURRUA, (Army Serial Number 01169547), Field Artillery, Headquarters 102d Division Artillery, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, 3 March 1945 to 17 April 1945. Entered military service from Texas.

2. Third Oak Leaf Cluster

FIRST LIEUTENANT FRANK O. BARRETT, Jr., (Army Serial Number 0464621), Field Artillery, 380th Field Artillery Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, 3 March 1945 to 10 April 1945. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

FIRST LIEUTENANT WILLIAM D. MATHIAS, (Army Serial Number 01176423), Field Artillery, 327th Field Artillery Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, 26 February 1945 to 31 March 1945. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

FIRST LIEUTENANT BERTLIE J. NORLAND, (Army Serial Number 01182312), Field Artillery, 380th Field Artillery Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, 20 March 1945 to 17 April 1945. Entered military service from Kentucky.

3. Fourth Oak Leaf Cluster

FIRST LIEUTENANT JOHN E. SIMLEY, (Army Serial Number 0546015), Field Artillery, 380th Field Artillery Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, 12 March 1945 to 11 April 1945. Entered military service from Texas.

FIRST LIEUTENANT ROY T. JONES, Jr., (Army Serial Number 0515616), Field Artillery, 379th Field Artillery Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, 25 March 1945 to 17 April 1945. Entered military service from Missouri.

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V. AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART MEDAL.

1. For wounds received as a result of enemy action in Germany on dates indicated:

Award Amended to read OCC by HQ # 73 - May 23, 1945.

* FIRST LIEUTENANT WILLIAM G. TOOTHMAN, (Army Serial Number 0452719), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 4 May 1945. Entered military service from West Virginia.

SECOND LIEUTENANT GEORGE P. BOHLANDER, (Army Serial Number 0554013), Corps of Engineers, 327th Engineer Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, wounded 23 February 1945. Entered military service from New York.

SECOND LIEUTENANT MARSHALL T. MOFFITT, (Army Serial Number 02000500), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 4 May 1945. Entered military service from Texas.

Technical Sergeant Harold Kuehn, (Army Serial Number 36623708), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 18 April 1945. Entered military service from Illinois.

Staff Sergeant Lloyd F. Ballard, (Army Serial Number 36544843), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 23 February 1945. Entered military service from Michigan.

Private First Class Lewis L. Whitcomb, (Army Serial Number 11018992), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 9 February 1945. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

Private First Class William M. Stephens, (Army Serial Number 38154118), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 24 February 1945. Entered military service from Oklahoma.

Private First Class Irving Borchuck, (Army Serial Number 42033162), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 23 February 1945. Entered military service from New York.

Private First Class William L. Morrow, (Army Serial Number 31094715), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 24 February 1945. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

Private First Class Ernest B. Montague, (Army Serial Number 33406714), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 24 February 1945. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Private First Class Bruce A. Ratcliff, (Army Serial Number 33887386), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 21 April 1945. Entered military service from Virginia.

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Corporal Edward L. Gardner, (Army Serial Number 34872336), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 7 May 1945. Entered military service from Mississippi.

Private First Class Alexander J. Puskas, (Army Serial Number 33623603), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 29 December 1944. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Private First Class Sidney Newman, (Army Serial Number 32974831), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 4 May 1945. Entered military service from New York.

Private First Class Louis Falcetano, Jr., (Army Serial Number 32473421), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 21 April 1945. Entered military service from New Jersey.

Private First Class Charles W. Wallis, (Army Serial Number 15312713), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 23 February 1945. Entered military service from Indiana.

Private First Class Mervin E. Snyder, (Army Serial Number 35240510), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 23 February 1945. Entered military service from Ohio.

Private First Class Earl F. Eichen, (Army Serial Number 33049494), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 23 February 1945. Entered military service from Ohio.

Private First Class Louis W. Yussell, (Army Serial Number 36990527), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 23 February 1945. Entered military service from Illinois.

Private First Class William J. Greenhaw, (Army Serial Number 38599221), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 23 February 1945. Entered military service from Arkansas.

Private First Class Bernard J. Taylor, (Army Serial Number 42066901), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 23 February 1945. Entered military service from New York.

Private First Class George J. Harrie, Jr., (Army Serial Number 16191282), Corps of Engineers, 327 Engineer Combat Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, wounded 5 May 1945. Entered military service from Illinois.

Private Carlton B. Brown, (Army Serial Number 31091334), Coast Artillery Corps, 548th Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion (Mobile), wounded 9 August 1944. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

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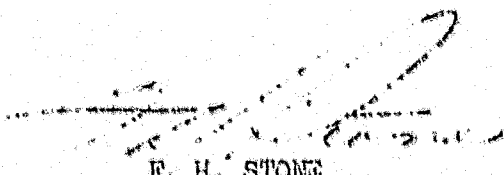
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OK } 2. So much of Section X, General Orders Number 37, Headquarters 102d Infantry Division, dated 26 March 1945, AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART MEDAL, as pertains to Staff Sergeant Edward D. Lassahn, (Army Serial Number 13185062), Staff Sergeant Emery A. Ivan, (Army Serial Number 32591642), Technician Fifth Grade Louis B. Buono, (Army Serial Number 32593103), Infantry, 406th Infantry, is revoked.

By command of the DIVISION COMMANDER:

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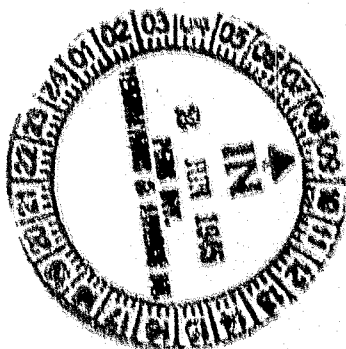


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- I. AWARD OF THE LEGION OF MERIT.
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I. AWARD OF THE LEGION OF MERIT.

1. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Legion of Merit, in the Degree of Officer, is awarded to:

COLONEL ANDREI NIKITITCH GERVASIEV, Army of the Soviet Union. For exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 8 July 1944 to 8 May 1945.

2. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Legion of Merit, in the Degree of Legionnaire, is awarded, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services during the respective periods indicated, to:

LIEUTENANT COLONEL PETER MICHAILOVITCH TACHROV, Army of the Soviet Union, 1 March 1945 to 8 May 1945.

MAJOR VICTOR IVANOVITCH CHIKOV, Army of the Soviet Union, 1 January 1944 to 8 May 1945.

CAPTAIN EUGENE PETROVITCH EGORIN, Army of the Soviet Union, 1 January 1945 to 8 May 1945.

CAPTAIN KERIM TAGANOVITCH MURADOV, Army of the Soviet Union, 1 January 1944 to 8 May 1945.

FIRST LIEUTENANT FELER SHELPAKOVITCH DUBOVITS III, Army of the Soviet Union, 1 March 1945 to 8 May 1945.

II. AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL.

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to:

Staff Sergeant Ilaman Iakachev, Army of the Soviet Union, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an armed enemy, from 2 May 1945 to 8 May 1945. Leading an assault unit during the attack for the capture of Berlin, Staff Sergeant Iakachev distinguished himself by his great personal courage and endurance. With utter disregard for his safety, he led his men forward through intense enemy fire and personally accounted for the destruction of three enemy armored cars, eight trucks, and five other vehicles, and

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captured more than two hundred officers and men. By his exemplary fulfillment of all assigned missions, he contributed materially to the destruction of the encircled enemy forces.

Sergeant Vasilii Andreev Pesterev, Army of the Soviet Union, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an armed enemy on 2 May 1945 and 3 May 1945. During the final phase of the battle for the approaches of the Elbe River, Sergeant Pesterev received orders to emplace his gun on a strategic height so that he could furnish effective support to the assault units. Although the enemy attacked five times in order to silence his weapon, he displayed indomitable courage in repelling each assault and killing approximately eighty officers and men. Sergeant Pesterev's courage and endurance contributed materially to the success of the operations.

Sergeant Vasilii Petrov Uchanen, Army of the Soviet Union, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an armed enemy. On 2 May 1945, when strong enemy forces thrust forward in a surprise attack, Sergeant Uchanen courageously assumed command of his group during the absence of his platoon leader. Skillfully using hand grenades and small arms fire, he inflicted heavy casualties on the enemy and forced them to retreat with many killed and wounded. During subsequent operations in connection with the battle for the approaches of the Elbe River, he captured one hundred twenty officers and men. By his courage and exemplary fulfillment of duty, he contributed materially to the success of the operations.

Private Archin Vasilievitch Tankovenko, Army of the Soviet Union, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an armed enemy on 22 April 1945. While on a reconnaissance during the difficult operations in connection with the encirclement of Berlin, Private Tankovenko noticed that an important bridge over the Hohenzollern Canal had been destroyed by the enemy. Although exposed to direct enemy fire, he quickly organized an engineer team and reconstructed the bridge. Because of his personal courage and initiative, he enabled his division to cross the canal and establish a bridgehead on the other side.

Private Valentine Filievitch Petrov, Army of the Soviet Union, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an armed enemy on 24 April 1945. During an attack on a heavily defended strongpoint near Genstedorf, Private Petrov's squad was halted by intense automatic weapons fire. Skillfully emplacing his machine gun, he delivered such effective fire on the enemy that he killed twelve officers and men. Although wounded during this act, he courageously continued on his mission until the emplacement was captured. His determination and heroism enabled his unit to continue its advance.

Private Nikolai Maximavitch Odnorojko, Army of the Soviet Union, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an armed enemy, from 6 to 7 May 1945. During the difficult operations in connection with the battle for the approaches of the Elbe River, Private Odnorojko volunteered to reconnoiter the location of enemy forces. With great daring and ingenuity, he

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penetrated deep into the enemy lines, captured three key prisoners, and secured invaluable information. By his personal courage and initiative, he contributed materially to the success of the subsequent operations.

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AWARD OF ~~GENERAL ORDER~~ 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 following officers and enlisted men are awarded the BRONZE STAR MEDAL:

FIRST LIEUTENANT ALBERTUS J. CONE, (Army Serial Number 0535458), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 10 April 1945 in connection with military operations against the enemy. When orders were received to clean out a pocket of enemy resistance, FIRST LIEUTENANT CONE personally led his unit forward. Although the enemy was well dug in and had an ample supply of weapons and ammunition, he directed his men with such inspiring leadership and courage that they made a furious frontal assault, climbed a steep slope, and annihilated the hostile position. Entered military service from Florida.

FIRST LIEUTENANT ROBERT G. KIMBALL, (Army Serial Number 01326053), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 13 March 1945 in connection with military operations against the enemy. Leading a highly important reconnaissance patrol across a dangerous river for the purpose of determining enemy strength and disposition, FIRST LIEUTENANT KIMBALL courageously infiltrated through the enemy lines. Oftentimes only a few yards from the enemy position, he directed his patrol so cleverly that they escaped detection and returned with valuable information to their organization. The skilled leadership and devotion to duty displayed by FIRST LIEUTENANT KIMBALL reflect highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Louisiana.

FIRST LIEUTENANT ALEXANDER J. NAGY, Jr., (Army Serial Number 01183936), Field Artillery, 927th Field Artillery Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 24 February 1945 in connection with military operations against the enemy. While serving as an artillery forward observer with an infantry company, FIRST LIEUTENANT NAGY'S company encountered heavy small arms fire. Realizing the great danger, he promptly requested a smoke screen from an exposed position and, completely disregarding his personal safety, adjusted the friendly fire. His determined action enabled the infantry to withdraw from a perilous position and reform for another attack. The leadership and initiative shown by FIRST LIEUTENANT NAGY reflect highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Indiana.

Private First Class Ralph E. Keith, (Army Serial Number 38593025), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 27 February 1945 in connection with military operations against the enemy. Volunteering as a one man patrol, Private First Class Keith made his way across

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shall swept terrain to reconnoiter the area on the outskirts of an enemy held town. Observing an enemy tank covering its approaches, he returned to his company with such accurate information that the supporting artillery could bring effective fire on the hostile positions. By his resourcefulness and unflinching courage, he contributed immeasurably to the advance of his company and the ultimate capture of the strongly fortified town. Entered military service from Oklahoma.

The following named officer and enlisted man, Arm or Service indicated, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 23 February 1945 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>
CHAPLAIN (CAPTAIN) (Corps of Chaplains)	JAMES M. MOUDY	0534709	Texas
Staff Sergeant (Infantry)	William R. Brodie	31250317	Connecticut

When a group of riflemen lost contact during an enemy counter attack, the above named officer and enlisted man voluntarily went out to locate them. Courageously searching shell torn enemy towns despite darkness, they eventually found the men and safely returned to their units. The unselfishness and devotion to duty exemplified by this officer and enlisted man reflect highest credit upon themselves and the military service.

The following named enlisted men, Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 13 March 1945 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 (then Staff Sergeant)	Edward J. Guditis	33186933	Pennsylvania
Staff Sergeant	Charles B. Gudaitis, Jr	31309679	Massachusetts
Staff Sergeant	Wendell H. Maddox	34812352	Alabama
Sergeant	Jackson E. Pryor	18060954	Texas
Private First Class	Bradford E. Phillips	16171462	Illinois
Private First Class	Berlin B. Potter	34893441	North Carolina
Private First Class	John E. Rutkowski	33714746	Pennsylvania
Private First Class	Trinidad F. Sandoval	39020180	California
Private First Class	John Slattery	32991813	New York
Private First Class	Norbert H. Valertine	36973362	Wisconsin
Private First Class	Donald T. Wildie	36544371	Michigan
Private First Class	Guy S. Wilson	37639305	Missouri
Private First Class	Sibley S. Shw	6959152	Texas
Private First Class	George B. Bratty	33776338	Pennsylvania

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Private First Class	Loyde K. Claussen	39464620	Washington
Private First Class	Ramon Y. Delgad	38678185	Texas
Private First Class	Gerardo Guerra, Jr	38561326	Texas
Private First Class	Russell A. Wirtz	15077517	Ohio
Private	George M. Rhodes	6388115	Georgia

Having volunteered for a highly important reconnaissance patrol, the above enlisted men crossed a dangerous river for the purpose of determining enemy strength and position. Courageously infiltrating through the enemy lines, oftentimes only a few yards from hostile positions, they proceeded so skillfully that they escaped detection and returned with valuable information to their shore. The courage and devotion to duty displayed by these enlisted men reflect great credit upon themselves and the military service.

The following named enlisted men, Field Artillery, 927th Field Artillery Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 23 February 1945 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 Technician	Odis M. Granger	18171649	Louisiana
Fourth Grade	Joseph A. Speranza	32638427	New York
Private First Class	Joseph F. Gianetto	42147050	New York

Performing duties as an artillery forward observer section with an assault company, the above enlisted men courageously took their place with the infantry troops to clear some woods of sniper fire. Later they assumed the regular responsibility for fire missions and also furnished support for another company. By using two radios and voice relay from a dangerously exposed position, they were able to maintain the vital communications and insured the success of the operations. Their outstanding courage and devotion to duty reflect highest credit upon themselves and the military service.

The following named enlisted men, Field Artillery, 927th Field Artillery Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany from 23 February 1945 to 3 March 1945 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	Americo F. Ermanni	36545108	Michigan
Private First Class	Edward P. Roe	37637120	Missouri

When their company was pinned down by hostile fire during an attack on an enemy town, the above enlisted men courageously volunteered to set up a radio in an exposed area in order to direct artillery fire upon the enemy. With utter disregard for their personal safety, they remained at their post to relay

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commands until the harassing weapons had been silenced. The courage and devotion to duty shown by these men reflect highest credit upon themselves and the military service.

The following named enlisted men, Field Artillery, 927th Field Artillery Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 23 February 1945 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	Sam Hoffner	37337937	Colorado
Corporal	Harry Lipner	12156209	New York
Private First Class	Anthony D. DiSpirito	12056126	New York
Private First Class	Nicholas Mastracchio, Jr	31249239	Connecticut

During an enemy night attack, the above named enlisted men, members of a wire party, voluntarily braved intense fire several times in order to repair disrupted communication lines. The courage and devotion to duty displayed by these men reflect highest credit upon themselves and the military service.

The following named enlisted men, Field Artillery, 927th Field Artillery Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 24 February 1945 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 F. Sellers	38232352	Texas
Private First Class	John S. Sparkes	11133409	Massachusetts

While serving as members of a forward observer section, the above named enlisted men and the infantry company to which they were attached were pinned down by intense enemy fire. When a smoke screen was being adjusted to cover their withdrawal, these men courageously exposed themselves to the hostile fire in order to operate the necessary communications and enable the company to withdraw successfully and reform for another attack. The intrepidity and loyalty with which they faced this perilous situation reflect highest credit upon themselves and the military service.

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

CAPTAIN JOHN M. PHIPPS, (Army Serial Number 0462885), Field Artillery, 379th Field Artillery Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, 4 November 1944 to 24 April 1945, includes service in Holland. Entered military service from Mississippi.

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FIRST LIEUTENANT HAROLD L. MILLER, (Army Serial Number 01292563), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, 23 February 1945. Entered military service from New Jersey.

FIRST LIEUTENANT SAMUEL REICH, (Army Serial Number 01110208), Corps of Engineers, Interrogation of Prisoners of War Team Number 103, attached to Headquarters 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, 15 November 1944 to 1 May 1945. Entered military service from New York.

FIRST LIEUTENANT WILLIAM R. IRWIN, (Army Serial Number 01175178), Field Artillery, 381st Field Artillery Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, 1 January 1945 to 24 April 1945. Entered military service from Nebraska.

Master Sergeant Arthur Little, (Army Serial Number 6269434), Field Artillery, 381st Field Artillery Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, 12 September 1944 to 15 April 1945, includes service in France and Holland. Entered military service from Texas.

Technical Sergeant Lyle E. Goodyear, (Army Serial Number 39382992), Infantry, 701st Tank Battalion, United States Army, 16 April 1945. Entered military service from Washington.

Technical Sergeant Angelo L. Aceto, (Army Serial Number 20253306), Field Artillery, 771st Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army, 1 December 1944 to 3 March 1945. Entered military service from New York.

Staff Sergeant Henry B. Grant, (Army Serial Number 32594657), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, 17 February 1945 to 25 February 1945. Entered military service from New Jersey.

Staff Sergeant Hearle C. Leventry, (Army Serial Number 33258493), Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery 102d Division Artillery, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, 4 November 1944 to 20 April 1945. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Staff Sergeant Wilmer C. Mayfield, (Army Serial Number 6957988), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, 28 October 1944 to 15 April 1945. Entered military service from Texas.

Technician Third Grade William C. Damiano, (Army Serial Number 32594586), Medical Department, Special Troops, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, 15 November 1944 to 30 April 1945, includes service in Holland. Entered military service from New Jersey.

Sergeant Clinton M. Whitley, (Army Serial Number 33518708), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, 23 February 1945. Entered military service from Virginia.

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Technician Fourth Grade George P. Silvea, Jr., (Army Serial Number 33446021), Field Artillery, 927th Field Artillery Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, 25 February 1945. Entered military service from Virginia.

Technician Fourth Grade Oran F. De Pue, (Army Serial Number 32595057), Infantry, Headquarters 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, 8 March 1945 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from New Jersey.

Corporal Richard B. Wolf, (Army Serial Number 32089307), Field Artillery, 771st Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army, 10 November 1944 to 20 April 1945. Entered military service from New York.

Corporal George D. Heintz, (Army Serial Number 32806729), Infantry, 701st Tank Battalion, United States Army, 24 February 1945 to 15 April 1945. Entered military service from New York.

Corporal Myrl H. Pearson, (Army Serial Number 18003137), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, 22 February 1945 to 26 February 1945. Entered military service from Oklahoma.

Technician Fifth Grade Gioachino J. Lanza, (Army Serial Number 32643316), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, 28 October 1944 to 10 April 1945. Entered military service from New York.

Technician Fifth Grade George L. Prairie, (Army Serial Number 31234114), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, 28 October 1944 to 15 April 1945. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

Technician Fifth Grade Adolph Harms, (Army Serial Number 36161397), Field Artillery, 771st Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army, 23 February 1945 to 3 March 1945. Entered military service from Michigan.

Private First Class George C. Allister, (Army Serial Number 31279047), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, 16 December 1944 to 26 February 1945. Entered military service from Connecticut.

The following named enlisted men, Infantry, 701st Tank Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious service in Germany on 24 February 1945 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	Michael J. Fancza, Jr	32763489	New Jersey
Technician Fifth Grade	John J. Racila	32765824	New Jersey
Technician Fifth Grade	George Kostick	32766595	New Jersey

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FIRST LIEUTENANT WILLIAM J. SEIBERT, (Army Serial Number 01321584), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, 7 April 1945 to 18 April 1945. Entered military service from Georgia.

SECOND LIEUTENANT JAMES C. WHITE, Sr., (Army Serial Number 01325785), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, 7 April 1945 to 18 April 1945. Entered military service from Ohio.

Staff Sergeant Frank J. Mathes, (Army Serial Number 36623662), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, 7 April 1945 to 18 April 1945. Entered military service from Illinois.

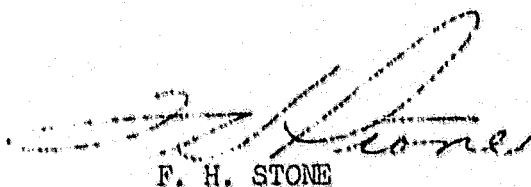
The following named enlisted men, Infantry, 701st Tank Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious service in Germany from 24 February 1945 to 28 February 1945 in connection with military operations against the enemy:

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Army Serial Number</u>	<u>Entered Military Service From</u>
Staff Sergeant	Nicholas Tymkin	12045473	New York
Sergeant	Reginald Salt	32240347	New Jersey
Sergeant	William Davidovich, Jr	32766462	New Jersey
Corporal	Encil A. Mizer	35339044	Ohio

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AWARD OF THE COMBAT INFANTRYMAN BADGE

Under the provisions of Circular Number 408, War Department, 1944, as amended by Section III, Circular Number 450, War Department, 1944, BRIGADIER GENERAL ALFONZO P. FOX, (Army Serial Number 08434), United States Army, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, is awarded the Combat Infantryman Badge for exemplary conduct in action against the enemy.

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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 following officers and enlisted men are awarded the BRONZE STAR MEDAL:

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FIRST LIEUTENANT RAYMOND J. FRIEDRICH, (Army Serial Number 01296194), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 23 February 1945 in connection with military operations against the enemy. As the assault elements moved toward their objective, FIRST LIEUTENANT FRIEDRICH led his machine gun section over 300 yards of shell swept terrain in support of the attacking riflemen. Personally reconnoitering for strategic positions despite the intense enemy fire, he quickly displaced his men forward to a pre-determined location and effectively covered the defense preparations of the assault units. His undaunted courage and devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

FIRST LIEUTENANT MICHAEL N. HOLMES, (Army Serial Number 01324335), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 20 February 1945 and 23 February 1945, in connection with military operations against the enemy. Ordered to emplace his antitank gun in a house on a shell swept river bank, FIRST LIEUTENANT HOLMES, unwilling to risk the lives of his men, personally drove his vehicle with the gun through the hail of fire. Later when he had put the weapon into operation and two of his men were wounded he courageously assumed the operation of the gun although constantly exposed to extreme danger. The initiative and high order of bravery exhibited by FIRST LIEUTENANT HOLMES reflect highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Oklahoma.

FIRST LIEUTENANT HERMAN E. VERNON, (Army Serial Number 0535254), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany from 16 February 1945 to 23 February 1945, in connection with military operations against the enemy. Assigned the task of emplacing nine heavy machine guns along the banks of a dangerous river, FIRST LIEUTENANT VERNON risked his life repeatedly in order to secure the most strategic positions. When the assault troops crossed the river despite a hail of enemy fire, he courageously remained at his dangerous observation post to direct supporting fire on the enemy. The bravery and devotion to duty displayed by FIRST LIEUTENANT VERNON materially contributed to the success of the crossing. Entered military service from North Carolina.

SECOND LIEUTENANT EDWARD M. WEBSTER, (Army Serial Number 066839), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany

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on 23 February 1945, in connection with military operations against the enemy. While serving as forward mortar observer well in front of the rifle troops, SECOND LIEUTENANT WEBSTER unhesitatingly assumed command of two rifle platoons whose leaders had become casualties. While leading them courageously in the attack and directing mortar fire simultaneously, he was wounded. For many hours he declined evacuation and continued to direct mortar fire until the enemy positions had been neutralized. The leadership and bravery displayed by SECOND LIEUTENANT WEBSTER reflect highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Staff Sergeant Robert W. Godshall, (Army Serial Number 33483825), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 23 February 1945, in connection with military operations against the enemy. Despite the approach of enemy columns, Staff Sergeant Godshall (then sergeant) courageously made his way over hundreds of yards of shell-swept terrain to a vantage point from which he could bring effective fire on the enemy. When communication to his platoon leader was severed, he crawled through the terrific barrage with complete disregard for his personal safety and succeeded in establishing contact. The initiative and determination displayed by Staff Sergeant Godshall reflect highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Staff Sergeant William G. Howard, (Army Serial Number 37325122), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 23 February 1945 in connection with military operations against the enemy. When the enemy launched a strong counter attack, Staff Sergeant Howard, with utter disregard for his personal safety, skillfully maneuvered his section to a position of vantage and brought effective fire to bear on the enemy. Because of his coolness under fire and brilliant leadership the counterattack was repulsed and the success of the subsequent operations insured. Entered military service from Minnesota.

Staff Sergeant Joseph M. Kelley, (Army Serial Number 37403575), Medical Department, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 23 February 1945, in connection with military operations against the enemy. Having crossed a dangerous river despite an intense enemy barrage, Staff Sergeant Kelley and a comrade courageously rushed to the assistance of some casualties. While administering first aid in the midst of the hostile fire, his comrade was hit by a shell fragment and Staff Sergeant Kelley carried him to the safety of a shell-hole. He then returned to the battlefield and continued to render aid to his stricken comrades. The bravery and consideration for the wounded reflect highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Missouri.

Staff Sergeant John Malinich, (Army Serial Number 36539812), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 23 February 1945, in connection with military operations against the enemy. During an attack on an enemy town, Staff Sergeant Malinich, while crawling forward to

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direct fire on the enemy, noticed two wounded companions. One at a time, he evacuated each to safety at considerable risk to himself. He then continued to direct neutralizing fire upon the position which had caused the casualties until it was wiped out. The courage and devotion to duty displayed by Staff Sergeant Malinich materially aided in the accomplishment of his unit's mission. Entered military service from Michigan.

Staff Sergeant Angelo Martello, (Army Serial Number 31234400), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 23 February 1945, in connection with military operations against the enemy. Having crossed a dangerous river, Staff Sergeant Martello courageously exposed himself to heavy enemy fire in order to observe enemy positions and direct fire of his mortar section. When telephone wires were severed and his radio was destroyed, he made his way through the intense barrage and repaired the lines, then returned to his forward position and resumed telephoning orders to his section. The courage and devotion to duty displayed by Staff Sergeant Martello reflect highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

Staff Sergeant Lawrence L. Nunes, Jr., (Army Serial Number 36544322), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army for heroic achievement in Germany on 23 February 1945 in connection with military operations against the enemy. Following a fast moving attack, when the enemy launched a strong counter attack, Staff Sergeant Nunes quickly and efficiently displaced his section, directed effective fire on the enemy and successfully repulsed the counter attack. Later when infiltrating enemy troops cut off his section from other elements of his platoon, he exposed himself to great danger to insure the supply of vital ammunition for his machine guns. His courage and devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Michigan.

Sergeant David A. Lusk, (Army Serial Number 34010115), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 23 February 1945, in connection with military operations against the enemy. When several assault boats capsized during the crossing of a dangerous river, and the occupants were thrown into the water, Sergeant Lusk led a rescue party to their aid. For several hours he supervised the work in the midst of intense enemy fire and at constant risk of life rescued and evacuated more than 40 men. The courage and leadership displayed by Sergeant Lusk reflect highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from South Carolina.

Technician Fourth Grade Thomas H. Archer, (Army Serial Number 32892432), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 23 February 1945, in connection with military operations against the enemy. Serving as radio operator for the Battalion Commander, Technician Fourth Grade Archer crossed a dangerous river under heavy enemy fire. For the next twenty hours he operated his radio under constant danger in order to maintain uninterrupted communication between the Battalion Commander and the assaulting company. The courage and technical skill displayed by Technician Fourth Grade Archer throughout these dangerous operations were a material contribution to the success of the attack. Entered military service from New Jersey.

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Private First Class Herman W. Brower, (Army Serial Number 440117), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 23 February 1945, in connection with military operations against the enemy. When members of his platoon were halted by snipers in their attack upon the enemy Private First Class Brower (then Private), risked his life by crawling to an exposed position from which he could effectively cope with the harassing fire thereby enabling his platoon to resume the attack. The courage and resourcefulness displayed by Private First Class Brower reflect highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from North Carolina.

Private First Class Raymond G. Crump, (Army Serial Number 35559945), 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, Private First Class Crump's company was pinned down by intense fire which inflicted numerous casualties. Noting several wounded comrades lying in an exposed position, he disregarded all thoughts of personal safety, crossed the shell-swept terrain, administered first aid and evacuated the casualties to the rear for further medical treatment. The undaunted bravery and consideration shown by Private First Class Crump reflect highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Kentucky.

Private First Class Chester A. Graczykowski, (Army Serial Number 33474652), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 23 February 1945, in connection with military operations against the enemy. When one platoon of his company was pinned down by heavy enemy artillery and machine gun fire, Private First Class Graczykowski courageously volunteered to deliver a vital message to the platoon leader. Disregarding his personal safety, he ran and crawled through the intense barrage and successfully delivered the important information. The bravery and outstanding devotion to duty displayed by Private First Class Graczykowski reflect highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Private First Class John J. Granata, (Army Serial Number 32731141), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 23 February 1945, in connection with military operations against the enemy. When communication between the elements of his company was disrupted after the crossing of a dangerous river, Private First Class Granata voluntarily risked his life in an attempt to reestablish contact between his platoon and the company commander. After his courageous action had enabled his company to move forward to its objective, he again risked his life in the intense enemy fire by administering first aid to casualties lying in exposed areas, and evacuating them to safety. The intrepidity and loyalty displayed by Private First Class Granata reflect highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from New York.

Private First Class Francis H. Humley, (Army Serial Number 31139401), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 23 February 1945, in connection with military operations against the enemy.

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When an acute ammunition shortage developed during the crossing of a dangerous river, Private First Class Healey courageously risked his life in heavy enemy fire to carry the vitally needed supplies to assault boats. When a support bridge had been constructed, he drove through mud, debris and smoke to deliver the ammunition to the battalion supply points. The courage and initiative shown by Private First Class Healey reflect highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

Private First Class Roy E. Jordan, (Army Serial Number 18176383), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 23 February 1945 in connection with military operations against the enemy. When the enemy launched a strong counter attack, Private First Class Jordan courageously remained at his outpost reporting movements of the hostile troops. Realizing that communications to the various platoon outposts were broken, he made his way over several hundred yards of shell swept terrain to the widely separated positions, determined the exact location of the enemy and returned over the same hazardous route to appraise his platoon leader of the precise movements of the opposing forces. By his intrepidity and tenacity, Private First Class Jordan contributed materially to the successful operations of his unit. Entered military service from Texas.

Private First Class Joseph Kiss, (Army Serial Number 31458226), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 23 February 1945, in connection with military operations against the enemy. When enemy machine gun fire threatened the exposed flank of his company, Private First Class Kiss boldly attacked the fortification, wounded several enemy soldiers and caused the remainder to surrender. He then advanced to another menacing pillbox and compelled the occupants to surrender. The ingenuity and heroism displayed by Private First Class Kiss contributed materially to the success of his unit. Entered military service from Connecticut.

Private First Class Floyd M. Lowe, (Army Serial Number 19127196), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 23 February 1945, in connection with military operations against the enemy. When the advance of the rifle company which his machine gun section was supporting was halted by fire from two enemy automatic weapons, Private First Class Lowe deliberately exposed himself in a courageous attempt to determine its exact direction. His bold action enabled his section to capture the emplacement. On another occasion, he bravely remained in a heavily shelled position to place fire from his own machine gun on an enemy pillbox which prevented his rifle platoon from advancing. His intrepidity and outstanding devotion to duty reflect highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from California.

Private First Class Joseph E. Widger, (Army Serial Number 31250574), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 23 February 1945, in connection with military operations against the enemy. During the crossing of a dangerous river, the boat in which Private First Class Widger and his squad were riding ran on an underwater obstacle. When flares lighted the reef, disclosing the position of the boat, Private First Class

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Widger, disregarding his inability to swim, courageously jumped overboard in order to free it and thereby enabled his squad to reach the shore and safety. The initiative and commendable devotion to duty shown by this enlisted man reflect highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Connecticut.

Private Anthony P. Mauro, (Army Serial Number 3254743), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 23 February 1945, in connection with military operations against the enemy. When enemy shells landed and exploded precariously close to his squad they ignited the propulsion charges on enemy rocket bombs stored near by. Realizing the danger to his squad Private Mauro unhesitatingly made his way over the shell swept area, secured buckets of water from a nearby farm house, extinguished the blast, and shoveled dirt on the smoldering fire. By his prompt action he prevented the rocket bombs from exploding and injuring members of his squad. The undaunted courage and devotion to duty displayed by Private Mauro reflect the highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from New Jersey.

The following named officers, Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 23 February 1945, 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>
FIRST LIEUTENANT	ROBERT J. BERRY, Jr.	6537365	South Carolina
FIRST LIEUTENANT	SHELLON H. SAMUELSON	01312651	Minnesota

During the crossing of a dangerous river, it was the responsibility of the above named officers to insure that their company crossed on schedule. When there were not enough assault boats because of numerous losses, these officers courageously risked their lives in the face of intense enemy fire to search for additional boats. After the crossing had been successfully effected, they aided in the reorganization of the scattered units. The courage and resourcefulness displayed by these officers reflect highest credit upon themselves and the military service.

The following named enlisted men, Field Artillery, 771st Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 12 April 1945 and 13 April 1945, 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	Alfonso Garcia	32088113	New York
Sergeant	Robert J. Conger	20248597	New York

The above named enlisted men made a thorough reconnaissance of enemy territory before escorting a supply train of vehicles through the area. Without regard for their personal safety, they courageously led the convoy bearing vital

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gas and ammunition through fire fights with the enemy. Because of their determination and outstanding leadership their company was able to repulse a heavy counterattack after the convoy had reached its destination:

The following named enlisted men, Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 24 February 1945, 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	Walter V. Baranski	36545072	Michigan
Private First Class	Alvin J. Simon	37692535	Iowa

When their squad was suddenly subjected to intense enemy fire, the above enlisted men saw that several wounded companions were being fired upon by snipers. With courageous disregard for their personal safety, they rushed to their comrades' assistance, rendered first aid, dug shelters and prepared them for evacuation. Then they rejoined their squad to continue on their original mission. The conspicuous bravery and consideration for their comrades reflect highest credit upon these enlisted men and the military service.

The following named enlisted men, Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 15 March 1945 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	James P. Wright	14019952	Tennessee
Private First Class	Herman C. Hengsvold	33484650	Pennsylvania
Private First Class	Fred Kermitas	31412194	Connecticut
Private First Class	Robert J. Mills	35238715	Ohio
Private First Class	Chester Scoggins	38232821	Texas
Private First Class	Clarence D. Sweet	36585298	Michigan
Private First Class	Kenneth Vegoren	39928952	Montana
Private First Class	Julius L. Welborn	14116327	South Carolina
Private First Class	William H. Wilson	31313353	Connecticut
Private	Royand Smith	35908551	Indiana

Under cover of darkness, the above enlisted men accompanied by five others, crossed a dangerous river for the purpose of determining the strength and disposition of enemy forces. Although seriously handicapped by the loss of half the original strength of the patrol, these men courageously continued on the hazardous mission. While part of the patrol penetrated deep into enemy territory, the above enlisted men remained on the river bank to protect the beach head and act as a base of fire for the reconnoitering group. During their absence, the above group, displaying genuine initiative and fearlessness, explored a nearby steel mill and the surrounding terrain, and secured invaluable information which contributed materially to the success of future operations.

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

CAPTAIN BENJAMIN KOSSIN, (Army Serial Number 0333306), Medical Corps, 927th Field Artillery Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, from 4 November 1944 to 25 March 1945. Entered military service from New York.

CAPTAIN (CHAPLAIN) EARL J. RAUSCH, (Army Serial Number 0543361), Corps of Chaplains, 406th Infantry, United States Army, from 18 November 1944 to 15 April 1945. Entered military service from Kentucky.

FIRST LIEUTENANT BEN L. BUBER, (Army Serial Number 025567), Signal Corps, 102d Signal Company, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, from 26 September 1944 to 2 May 1945, includes service in France and Holland. Entered military service from Oklahoma.

FIRST LIEUTENANT WILLIAM G. CHAMPLIN, (Army Serial Number 0535457), Infantry, Headquarters 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, from 23 October 1944 to 9 May 1945. Entered military service from Florida.

FIRST LIEUTENANT GEORGE C. HILTRICK, (Army Serial Number 01550401), Ordnance Department, 802d Ordnance Light Maintenance Company, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army from 3 November 1944 to 1 May 1945. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

FIRST LIEUTENANT FRANK E. WELVER, (Army Serial Number 0442109), Infantry, Headquarters 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, from 23 October 1944 to 9 May 1945. Entered military service from West Virginia.

CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER DANIEL J. SVOBADA, (Army Serial Number W2121062), United States Army, 381st Field Artillery Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, from 26 November 1944 to 26 April 1945. Entered military service from Texas.

Master Sergeant Frank Adams, (Army Serial Number 36062511), Signal Corps, 102d Signal Company, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, from 25 September 1944 to 30 April 1945, includes service in France and Holland. Entered military service from Illinois.

Master Sergeant Ford E. Taylor, (Army Serial Number 1803142d), Signal Corps, 102d Signal Company, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, from 3 November 1944 to 14 March 1945. Entered military service from Texas.

Technical Sergeant Kenneth A. Lindsay, (Army Serial Number 6795731), Coast Artillery Corps, 548th Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion (Mobile), United States Army, from 30 December 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Washington.

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Technical Sergeant James C. Loulard, (Army Serial Number 18031264), Signal Corps, 102d Signal Company, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, from 3 November 1944 to 4 March 1945. Entered military service from Texas.

* Staff Sergeant George E. Eberl, (Army Serial Number 33299170), Quartermaster Corps, 102d Quartermaster Company, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, from 23 September 1944 to 5 May 1945, includes service in France and Holland. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Staff Sergeant Edgar F. Jahnel, (Army Serial Number 36221483), Field Artillery, 380th Field Artillery Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, from 5 October 1944 to 16 April 1945, includes service in France and Holland. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

Staff Sergeant Richard N. Rees, (Army Serial Number 32007534), Field Artillery, 380th Field Artillery Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, from 15 January 1945 to 15 April 1945. Entered military service from New York.

Technician Third Grade Harold Cheatle, (Army Serial Number 33299204), Signal Corps, 102d Signal Company, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, from 26 September 1944 to 2 May 1945, includes service in France and Holland. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.


Sergeant Angelo M. Ciancaglini, (Army Serial Number 12173664), Medical Department, 327th Medical Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, from 3 November 1944 to 3 March 1945. Entered military service from New York.

Sergeant Arthur Lubriola, (Army Serial Number 32593118), Field Artillery, 380th Field Artillery Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, from 17 November 1944 to 23 April 1945. Entered military service from New Jersey.

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