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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 ROBERT A. RODRICK, (Army Serial Number 01302353), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 10 April 1945 in connection with military operations against the enemy. While on a mission to clear pockets of resistance, FIRST LIEUTENANT RODRICK and his men were suddenly pinned down by intense hostile fire. In an effort to contact friendly armor and direct their fire against the harassing emplacement, he courageously exposed himself to the dangerous barrage. Although wounded, he continued to lead his men with such outstanding skill that fifty prisoners and a considerable amount of enemy equipment were captured. The inspired leadership and exemplary devotion to duty displayed by FIRST LIEUTENANT RODRICK reflect highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Ohio.

SECOND LIEUTENANT WILLIAM E. MORROW, (Army Serial Number 01019222), Field Artillery, 771st Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 10 April 1945 in connection with military operations against the enemy. When the command post was subjected to a heavy artillery barrage, SECOND LIEUTENANT MORROW, with utter disregard for his personal safety, crossed four hundred yards of open, shell swept terrain to summon medical aid for a wounded member of his platoon. The courage and consideration displayed by SECOND LIEUTENANT MORROW relieved the man's suffering and reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Kentucky.

First Sergeant David C. Martin, (Army Serial Number 6222085), 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 sector was subjected to intense enemy fire, First Sergeant Martin led rear elements forward to strengthen the defenses of the command post. Personally deploying his men, he formed a strong defensive position which aided in the establishment of communication facilities. His outstanding leadership and initiative contributed materially to the success of the operation. Entered military service from Louisiana.

Technical Sergeant Donald Reardon, (Army Serial Number 31234087), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 14 April 1945 in connection with military operations against the enemy. After his platoon leader had become a casualty, Technical Sergeant Reardon unhesitatingly assumed command. When his men became pinned down by intense enemy fire,

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he moved freely over the shell swept terrain to reorganize the platoon and direct effective fire against the hostile emplacement. By his sound judgment and outstanding leadership, Technical Sergeant Reardon enabled his men to advance to the objective with a minimum of casualties. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

Staff Sergeant Gilbert W. Van Dyke, (Army Serial Number 35663477), 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 squad leader and assistant squad leader became casualties during a fast moving attack, Staff Sergeant Van Dyke (then Private First Class) unhesitatingly assumed command. With utter disregard for his personal safety, he moved freely over open terrain and despite the intense enemy fire successfully regrouped his squad and actively supervised its disposition for the defense. His prompt action and inspiring leadership materially contributed to the successful operations of his unit. Entered military service from Ohio.

Staff Sergeant James B. Martin, (Army Serial Number 36543503), 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 squad leader and assistant squad leader became casualties during a fast moving attack, Staff Sergeant Martin (then Private First Class) unhesitatingly assumed command. With utter disregard for his personal safety, he moved freely over open terrain and, despite the intense enemy fire, successfully regrouped his squad. He then maneuvered his squad to the flank in such a skillful manner that the enemy was forced to retreat. His prompt action and inspiring leadership materially contributed to the successful operations of his unit. Entered military service from Michigan.

Staff Sergeant Richard J. Wharton, (Army Serial Number 35628095), 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 halted by intense enemy fire, Staff Sergeant Wharton (then Sergeant) courageously led his squad forward despite the danger to place concentrated fire upon the harassing positions. When the company was again pinned down, he was the first to get to his feet and charge the enemy emplacements. His commendable bravery and leadership were an inspiration to his men who readily followed his splendid example. Entered military service from Ohio.

Staff Sergeant William E. Forget, (Army Serial Number 20252860), Field Artillery, 771st Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 10 April 1945 in connection with military operations against the enemy. During an attack by the enemy, Staff Sergeant Forget was wounded and went in search of medical aid. Noticing a severely injured man lying in an exposed area, he courageously went through the intense enemy fire to reach the casualty, administered first aid, and carried him to safety. The utter disregard for his personal safety in his efforts to assist another man reflect high credit upon Staff Sergeant Forget and the military service. Entered military service from New York.

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Sergeant Lee R. Foltz, (Army Serial Number 33938507), 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 units were pinned down by intense enemy fire, Sergeant Foltz (then Private First Class) unhesitatingly maneuvered his gun to a forward position from which he could bring effective fire to bear on the enemy. Remaining several hundred yards ahead of his own lines, he successfully neutralized a number of enemy positions and enabled the assault platoons to continue the attack. His coolness under fire and great courage reflect the highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Sergeant Linwood Tinton, (Army Serial Number 34162321), 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 had moved into a densely wooded area and was suddenly subjected to a heavy artillery barrage, Sergeant Tinton courageously moved across the shell swept terrain to reconnoiter for a suitable position where he could set up his radio. Although in plain view of the enemy, he established communications with his battalion and proceeded to transmit vital information from assault elements to higher echelons. His undaunted courage and technical skill reflect highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Alabama.

Technician Fourth Grade Garnet L. Hickman, (Army Serial Number 37369560), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 25 February 1945 in connection with military operations against the enemy. In order to maintain radio contact with all elements of his unit, Technician Fourth Grade Hickman accompanied his commanding officer across an open field which was exposed to heavy enemy artillery fire. When his antenna was shattered, he cleverly improvised a substitute and courageously moved to high ground in order to contact friendly artillery and call for counter fire to be placed on the enemy which shattered their position and permitted his unit to successfully take its objective. The indomitable bravery and initiative shown by Technician Fourth Grade Hickman reflect highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Missouri.

Technician Fifth Grade Edgar J. Mann, (Army Serial Number 6703002), Infantry, 701st Tank Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 4 April 1945 in connection with military operations against the enemy. While driving for his battalion supply center, Technician Fifth Grade Mann spotted a wounded soldier lying on the ground. Disregarding intense sniper fire, he courageously drove his vehicle close to the man, picked him up, and started for the nearest aid station. Enroute, he received direct fire from two enemy tanks, but continued on his mission until the casualty had been evacuated. The resourcefulness and bravery shown by Technician Fifth Grade Mann reflect highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Texas.

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Technician Fifth Grade Edward G. Johnson, (Army Serial Number 15303109), 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 wire chief became a casualty, Technician Fifth Grade Johnson assumed control of the section. With great courage he made his way through a mine field under heavy enemy artillery fire in order to lay wire and maintain communications throughout the engagement with the enemy. The efficiency and skill with which he accomplished his mission contributed materially to the high degree of coordination between elements of his unit and to the shattering of an attempted enemy counter attack. Entered military service from Ohio.

Technician Fifth Grade Arthur L. Sparks, (Army Serial Number 35369695), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 10 April 1945 in connection with military operations against the enemy. In order to enable his unit to continue its attack, Technician Fifth Grade Sparks drove his vehicle to front line positions to replenish supplies of ammunition. When he noticed five wounded soldiers lying in an exposed area, he courageously drove through intense enemy fire in order to reach and evacuate these casualties. The bravery and devotion to duty displayed by Technician Fifth Grade Sparks reflect highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Indiana.

Private First Class Frank Smith, (Army Serial Number 39472104), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 23 February 1945 in connection with military operations against the enemy. Although he had suffered a shrapnel wound during an assault river crossing, Private First Class Smith refused to leave his squad and remained on duty throughout the day. On one occasion he fired his rifle so effectively that his squad was enabled to destroy an enemy pillbox. The courageous efforts of Private First Class Smith and his praiseworthy devotion to duty were a material contribution to the success of the operation. Entered military service from Washington.

Private First Class Otha V. Loftis, (Army Serial Number 34148929), Medical Department, 71st Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 10 April 1945 in connection with military operations against the enemy. When his unit suffered several casualties during an attack, Private First Class Loftis courageously braved an intense barrage of artillery fire to secure medical equipment. Returning through a veritable hail of bullets, he then hurried to assist two wounded men some distance away and, having administered first aid to them, ran several hundred yards further through the fire to evacuate another casualty. The extreme bravery and devotion to duty displayed by Private First Class Loftis reflect highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Tennessee.

Private First Class Kevin P. Burton, (Army Serial Number 44005647), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 14 April 1945 in connection with military operations against the enemy. When supporting tanks were halted by intense enemy bazooka fire, Private First Class

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Burton, with utter disregard for personal safety, crawled forward under heavy fire. Advancing to within close proximity to the enemy, he fired his rifle and killed the bazooka men, thereby eliminating the danger and enabling the tanks to continue the assault. The undaunted courage and devotion to duty displayed by Private First Class Burton reflect highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Florida.

Private First Class William H. Young, (Army Serial Number 33709553), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 28 February 1945 in connection with military operations against the enemy. During an attack upon an enemy town, Private First Class Young courageously risked his life when his platoon was pinned down by enemy fire by continuing to advance firing his rifle as he progressed. Later in the attack when the platoon again faced intense fire, he courageously led it forward until he was wounded in the shoulder. His courage and leadership reflect highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Private First Class Henry J. Mahoney, (Army Serial Number 32298070), Medical Department, 771st Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 23 February 1945 in connection with military operations against the enemy. While his company was delivering an indirect fire mission, Private First Class Mahoney observed a direct artillery hit on a tank destroyer which injured two crew members. With complete disregard for his personal safety, he rushed through the intense artillery fire, administered first aid, and evacuated the two casualties to safety. The commendable bravery and initiative shown by Private First Class Mahoney reflect highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from New York.

Private Walter E. Lawrence, (Army Serial Number 37240087), 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 pinned down by intense enemy fire, Private Lawrence cleverly maneuvered his squad forward to fire into the enemy position, neutralize it, and enable the left flank to advance. Later, when the enemy staged a strong counter attack, he manned a machine gun and fired with such accuracy that he killed a large number of the enemy and forced the remainder to withdraw. The undaunted courage and leadership displayed by Private Lawrence reflect highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Missouri.

The following named enlisted men, Field Artillery, 771st Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 4 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	Wendell H. Ethington	32047773	New York
Technician Fifth Grade	James T. Craig	34655727	South Carolina
Private First Class	John F. Kandelowicz	30204712	New York

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New York

While on a patrolling mission, the above enlisted men were subjected to an intense barrage of enemy small arms fire. Hastily forming a strong defensive position, they returned the fire and succeeded in killing or capturing more than twenty of the enemy. The initiative and skill displayed by these enlisted men resulted in no loss among themselves and reflect highest credit upon their commendable resourcefulness.

The following named enlisted men, Medical Department, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany from 9 to 10 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	William C. Purvis	18016702	New Mexico
Technician Fourth Grade	Leslie T. Smith	35717500	Kentucky
Technician Fifth Grade	Bernard H. Buel	37375426	Iowa

During an engagement with the enemy, the above named enlisted men courageously drove over the battlefield under heavy artillery fire to evacuate casualties. Driving toward hostile lines to reach another wounded man, they were taken prisoners, but by shrewd persuasion they soon secured their release and immediately resumed their duties as aid men. The bravery and loyalty 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 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)	Norman G. Parks	14097537	Mississippi
Private First Class	Claude T. Iriok	34937130	Tennessee
Private First Class	Frank D. Henriksen	38379734	Texas

When enemy armor was encountered, the above named enlisted men went courageously forward to engage the tanks with their bazookas. Operating their weapons in the open without protection, they succeeded in scoring direct hits on two tanks and forced their retreat. The commendable bravery and devotion to duty of these enlisted men enabled their unit to continue the advance.

The following named enlisted men, 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:

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<u>Grade</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Army Serial Number</u>	<u>Entered Military Service From</u>
Private First Class	Donald Harris	15013771	West Virginia
Private First Class	Lale D. Saunders	35082298	Ohio
Private First Class	Frank A. Dutka	31142702	Connecticut
Private First Class	Frank J. Orsini	42068196	New York
Private First Class	Ray F. Hand	13371164	Pennsylvania

While working with a wire crew, the above enlisted men were confronted by enemy patrols on numerous occasions but despite harassing small arms fire, they courageously proceeded with their mission of establishing and maintaining vital channels of communication within their regiment. The indomitable bravery and 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:

MAJOR JOSEPH B. MCGEE Jr., (Army Serial Number 0294448), General Staff Corps, Headquarters 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, from 3 September 1944 to 1 May 1945, includes service in France and Holland. Entered military service from Georgia.

MAJOR ROBERT J. FLETCHER, (Army Serial Number 01165930), Field Artillery, 771st Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army, from 1 April 1945 to 22 April 1945. Entered military service from Montana.

CAPTAIN JAMES C. ALTIMUS, (Army Serial Number 0395034), Field Artillery, 771st Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army, from 1 April 1945 to 22 April 1945. Entered military service from New York.

CAPTAIN WOODWARD W. MITCHELL, (Army Serial Number 0443198), Aide-de-Camp (Infantry), Headquarters 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, from 24 September 1944 to 16 April 1945, includes service in France and Holland. Entered military service from Texas.

CAPTAIN JEROME E. BEIGHTON, (Army Serial Number 01287988), Infantry, Headquarters 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, from 23 September 1944 to 1 May 1945, includes service in France and Holland. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

CAPTAIN JOSEPH P. ELLIOTT, (Army Serial Number 01038372), Chemical Warfare Service, Headquarters 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, from 10 October 1944 to 1 May 1945, includes service in France and Holland. Entered military service from Minnesota.

CAPTAIN CHARLES E. CHAMBERLAIN, (Army Serial Number 01321855), Field Artillery, 771st Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army, from 1 April 1945

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to 22 April 1945. Entered military service from Wyoming.

CAPTAIN FREDERICK W. HERMJI, (Army Serial Number 0416724), Medical Corps, 327th Medical Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, from 3 November 1944 to 15 April 1945, includes service in Holland. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

CAPTAIN MORRIS A. MCMALOY, (Army Serial Number 0368075), Medical Corps, 327th Medical Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, from 4 April 1945 to 25 April 1945. Entered military service from New Jersey.

CAPTAIN WILLIAM A. PALDOCK, (Army Serial Number 0389307), Field Artillery, 771st Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army, from 25 February 1945 to 10 March 1945. Entered military service from New York.

FIRST LIEUTENANT ELIE D. FERRELL, (Army Serial Number 0538606), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, from 16 November 1944 to 24 February 1945. Entered military service from Oregon.

FIRST LIEUTENANT ROBERT J. GREENE, (Army Serial Number 0540068), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, from 1 November 1944 to 24 April 1945. Entered military service from Montana.

FIRST LIEUTENANT BERNARD J. MEGOLIS, (Army Serial Number 02047729), Medical Administration Corps, 327th Medical Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, from 4 November 1944 to 5 May 1945, includes service in Holland. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

FIRST LIEUTENANT ROBERT E. McQUADE, (Army Serial Number 01321798), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, from 1 November 1944 to 24 April 1945. Entered military service from Iowa.

FIRST LIEUTENANT CLAREE S. MULLIN, Jr., (Army Serial Number 0449064), Aide-de-Camp (Field Artillery), Headquarters 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, from 24 September 1944 to 16 April 1945, includes service in France and Holland. Entered military service from Virginia.

SECOND LIEUTENANT JESSE RUTNER, (Army Serial Number 02011839), Army of the United States, attached to Headquarters 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, from 7 December 1944 to 6 May 1945. Entered military service from New York.

First Sergeant Louie M. James, (Army Serial Number 0261080), Medical Department, 327th Medical Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, from 23 February 1945 to 4 March 1945. Entered military service from Texas.

Technical Sergeant Michael E. Sarno, (Army Serial Number 20253456), Field Artillery, 771st Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army, from 31 March 1945 to 23 April 1945. Entered military service from New York.

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Staff Sergeant William R. Stoddard, (Army Serial Number 34010482), Medical Department, 327th Medical Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, from 4 April 1945 to 23 April 1945. Entered military service from South Carolina.

Sergeant Arne J. Wannerstam, (Army Serial Number 39032417), Military Police Platoon, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, from 23 September 1944 to 30 April 1945, includes service in France and Holland. Entered military service from California.

Sergeant Edward A. Snuffer, (Army Serial Number 37338357), Military Police Platoon, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, from 23 February 1945 to 30 April 1945. Entered military service from Colorado.

Technician Fifth Grade Arthur D. Benkala, (Army Serial Number 33457537), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, from 16 November 1944 to 20 April 1945. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Technician Fifth Grade Kurt Holzer, (Army Serial Number 32648745), Infantry, attached to Headquarters 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, from 15 November 1944 to 6 May 1945, includes service in Holland. Entered military service from New York.

Technician Fifth Grade Lester L. Johnson, (Army Serial Number 36544014), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, from 26 February 1945 to 16 April 1945. Entered military service from Michigan.

Private First Class Harry Mack, (Army Serial Number 34459260), Medical Department, 405th Infantry, United States Army, from 27 October 1944 to 18 April 1945. Entered military service from Washington.

Private First Class Paul M. Ross, (Army Serial Number 38276067), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, from 28 October 1944 to 15 April 1945. Entered military service from Oklahoma.

Private First Class John H. Nieber, (Army Serial Number 39469746), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, from 28 October 1944 to 15 March 1945. Entered military service from Washington.

The following named enlisted men, Medical Department, 327th Medical Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, for meritorious service in Germany from 23 February 1945 to 26 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>
Priv to First Class	John Tuorinsky	32594725	Pennsylvania
Priv to First Class	Francis C. Chonsky	32592034	New Jersey

By command of Major General KEATING:

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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 decorations as indicated:

I. AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR MEDAL.

MAJOR HARRY S. HOVER, (Army Serial Number 0229630), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany on 27 February 1945. When MAJOR HOVER led a quartermaster party into a newly captured village, the group suddenly encountered unexpected sniper fire. With utter disregard for his personal safety, he personally led his two enlisted men from house to house to eliminate all enemy resistance. Although painfully wounded during this gallant action, he refused evacuation until all houses had been searched and cleared and twenty two prisoners had been taken. The gallantry and outstanding devotion to duty displayed by MAJOR HOVER reflect the highest credit upon himself, his country, and the military service. Entered military service from Louisiana.

CAPTAIN GORDON M. CAESAR, (Army Serial Number 01288177), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany on 2 March 1945. When enemy armor halted his battalion's advance and the forward observer's radio was destroyed, CAPTAIN CAESAR made his way to the head of the assault unit and directed artillery fire by SCR 300 radio while under direct hostile fire. Later he advanced again through the intense barrage, called for and adjusted artillery fire until one tank was damaged and the remainder withdrew. The undaunted courage and initiative displayed by CAPTAIN CAESAR reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from California.

FIRST LIEUTENANT M. NLEY W. CLARK, (Army Serial Number 01305896), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany on 23 February 1945. When his platoon was halted by enemy fire, FIRST LIEUTENANT CLARK made his way with three other men through heavy barrage to within thirty yards of the enemy position. Boldly rising, he assaulted the emplacement with rifle and hand grenades, and killed several of the

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enemy and captured many others. As a result of his heroic action, he neutralized the harassing weapon, thereby enabling his platoon to continue the advance. The undaunted courage and devotion to duty displayed by FIRST LIEUTENANT CLARK reflect highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from New York.

FIRST LIEUTENANT WILLIAM A. WOLFORTH, (Army Serial Number 01314865), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany on 2 March 1945. When his platoon was subjected to intense enemy fire, FIRST LIEUTENANT WOLFORTH unhesitatingly crawled over the shell swept terrain to reconnoiter for positions from which effective fire could be brought on the enemy. After selecting suitable places, he returned and boldly led his platoon forward. When a hand grenade landed at his feet, he picked it up and defiantly hurled it at the enemy, killing two Germans and destroying their position. By his intrepidity and gallant devotion to duty, he contributed materially to the successful advance of his platoon. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

SECOND LIEUTENANT RICHARD P. MANNING, (Army Serial Number 02000501), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany on 25 February 1945. While leading his men in the attack, SECOND LIEUTENANT MANNING was hit by a shell fragment. Although the wound was severe, he courageously disregarded his pain and remained in command. Leading his men forward over fifteen hundred yards, he directed their fire and rallied them at crucial moments until the objective was gained. Only after his mission had been successfully accomplished did SECOND LIEUTENANT MANNING allow himself to be evacuated. The gallantry and leadership shown by this officer reflect highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Staff Sergeant William J. Coleman, (Army Serial Number 33469802), 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 enemy sniper fire, Staff Sergeant Coleman, with utter disregard for his personal safety, rose to his feet and charged one of the buildings occupied by the enemy. Having succeeded in killing two snipers with his rifle and hand grenades, he proceeded to the next building and engaged two more snipers, killing one and capturing the other, thereby enabling his platoon to advance and capture the objective with a minimum of casualties. The undaunted courage and devotion to duty displayed by Staff Sergeant Coleman reflect highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Staff Sergeant Wilmont S. Osmun, (Army Serial Number 32594465), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany on 25 February 1945. Staff Sergeant Osmun was leading his men in the attack when they were caught in an intense artillery barrage. The group cleared the area to safety, but one soldier was hit and remained behind. As a result of the heavy shelling, Staff Sergeant Osmun was also hit, but he stayed with his comrade until he was certain that medical aid was forthcoming. Then,

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with complete disregard for his wounds, he rejoined his unit and successfully led them forward to gain their objective. Only then did he allow himself to be treated. His courage and gallantry reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from New Jersey.

Staff Sergeant Kenneth M. Lamb, (Army Serial Number 32808336), Infantry, 701st Tank Battalion, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany on 16 April 1945. During an attack on an enemy town, Staff Sergeant Lamb's tank came under heavy enemy artillery fire. Realizing that he could detract fire from the infantry by making his vehicle the principal target, he heroically reduced his speed. His tank was hit several times, but the assault troops were able to proceed without casualties. The courage and gallant leadership displayed by Staff Sergeant Lamb reflect highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from New York.

Sergeant Conrad P. Auer, (Army Serial Number 36257864), Field Artillery, 771st Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany on 18 November 1944. During a counter attack by five enemy tanks, Sergeant (then Technician Fifth Grade) Auer's destroyer was hit and set on fire. Disregarding his personal safety, he extricated all other members of the crew from the burning vehicle. Despite the intense heat and danger from exploding ammunition, he carried one wounded man from the danger area, suffering severe burns himself. The courage and gallantry displayed by Sergeant Auer reflect highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

Sergeant Raymond P. Griffin, (Army Serial Number 12209734), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany on 23 February 1945. When communication was disrupted between the company command post and the battalion during an enemy counter attack, Sergeant Griffin volunteered to brave the intense fire in order to reach the battalion command post and obtain vitally needed support. He then made several other trips through the barrage in an effort to locate groups which had also lost contact. The heroism and initiative displayed by Sergeant Griffin in reestablishing communication were a material contribution to the successful repelling of the enemy. Entered military service from New York.

Sergeant John A. Hanrahan, (Army Serial Number 32808002), Infantry, 701st Tank Battalion, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany on 9 April 1945. While performing the duties of tank commander, Sergeant Hanrahan's tank was knocked out by enemy fire, and he and his crew took refuge beneath the vehicle from a hail of small arms fire. Fully aware of the imminent danger, and with complete disregard for his personal safety, he left his position to return to the company commander and warn him of the situation. Although he encountered enemy snipers and suffered a painful wound, he steadfastly moved on. The courage and initiative displayed by Sergeant Hanrahan reflect highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from New York.

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Technician Fifth Grade Thurman Larze, (Army Serial Number 35614729), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany on 27 February 1945. While delivering vital ammunition to combat troops, Technician Fifth Grade Larze, with complete disregard for his personal safety, drove his vehicle through the shell swept streets of a town, firing his machine gun at the harassing emplacements. After distributing the supplies, he moved his vehicle into a position from which he brought such effective fire upon the enemy that his efforts were a material contribution to the successful neutralization of the hostile weapons. The undaunted courage and resourcefulness shown by Technician Fifth Grade Larze reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Ohio.

Private First Class Edward S. Fedak, (Army Serial Number 36871643), Infantry, 405th 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 from undisclosed positions, Private First Class Fedak, completely disregarding his personal safety, exposed himself in an effort to determine the exact location of the fire. He then used tracers to designate the position to his platoon and enable it to bring effective fire on the emplacement. The courage and initiative displayed by Private First Class Fedak were responsible for the capture of a large number of prisoners and permitted his platoon to advance to its objective. Entered military service from Michigan.

Private First Class Arthur P. Lindner, (Army Serial Number 39848048), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany on 1 December 1944. When his radio was destroyed by shell fragments, Private First Class Lindner volunteered to go for a replacement. Courageously he traveled over two thousand yards of open terrain under extremely heavy enemy fire to obtain the needed means of communication as well as medical supplies. The outstanding gallantry and devotion to duty displayed by Private First Class Lindner reflect highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Arizona.

Private First Class Harry Bellan, (Army Serial Number 3146663), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany on 14 April 1945. When his squad leader and assistant squad leader became casualties, Private First Class Bellan unhesitatingly assumed command. Though painfully wounded, he declined evacuation and remained with his squad, leading it forward in the attack. Noting a supporting tank moving within range of an enemy position, he courageously ran across seventy five yards of shell swept terrain and killed the occupant of the emplacement, thereby eliminating the threat to the tank, then continued leading his squad in the attack. His courage and outstanding devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

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

FIRST LIEUTENANT ROBERT M. LEACH, (Army Serial Number 0525257), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the

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enemy in Germany on 23 February 1945. During the initial crossing of the Roer River, FIRST LIEUTENANT LEACH remained on the east bank of the river in an extremely exposed position until all elements of his company were safely ashore. Actively supervising the regrouping of squads and platoons, he directed them to the company assembly point. When his company commander became a casualty, he courageously made his way through a densely sown mine field to reach him. Unhesitatingly, he then returned to his men and assumed command of the company. When the company was halted in its furious attack by intense enemy fire, he moved freely over the open terrain constantly checking and reorganizing his company in its dispositions for a strong defense. By his gallant actions and daring leadership, he contributed greatly to the successful advance of his unit. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

III. AWARD OF THE SOLIER'S MEDAL.

The following named enlisted men, Infantry, 701st Tank Battalion, United States Army, for heroism in Germany not involving actual conflict with the enemy on 20 April 1945:

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Army Serial Number</u>	<u>Entered Military Service From</u>
Technical Sergeant	Howard J. Kaschyk	35281760	Ohio
Technician Fourth Grade	Sisto P. Caliciotti	34766499	New Jersey
Technician Fourth Grade	Philip G. Johantgen	6676013	New York

When a truck and trailer loaded with ammunition caught on fire, the above named enlisted men courageously attempted to extinguish it. At the risk of their lives, they tore a blazing camouflage net and tarpaulin from the truck and drove it out of the danger area before the ammunition could explode. The coolness and courage displayed by these enlisted men not only saved valuable government property but prevented injury and possible death to both soldiers and civilians in the immediate area. Their heroism reflects great credit upon themselves and the military service.

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

Staff Sergeant Ralph A. Baldo, (Army Serial Number 32095208), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 15 March 1945 in connection with military operations against the enemy. As a member of a reconnaissance patrol which had crossed a dangerous river, Staff Sergeant Baldo and several companions remained on the river bank to protect the beachhead when the others went forward. Reconnoitering nearby, he obtained information of considerable value which assisted materially in the success of the mission. The initiative and courage displayed by Staff Sergeant Baldo reflect highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from New York.

SECOND LIEUTENANT DONALD A. HANBERRY, (Army Serial Number 02010944), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany from 24 February 1945 to 25 February 1945 in connection with military operations

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against the enemy. During an attack on an enemy town, SECOND LIEUTENANT HAN-BERRY (then Staff Sergeant) courageously risked his life to observe and direct mortar fire on enemy emplacements despite intense enemy fire. When his radio man became a casualty, he assumed the task of transmitting his orders as well as observing fire. For three days he declined to be relieved and diligently assisted his unit in accomplishing its mission. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

SECOND LIEUTENANT DANIEL S. EBELING, (Army Serial Number 02010909), 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, SECOND LIEUTENANT EBELING (then Staff Sergeant) made his way forward over open terrain and selected suitable positions from which his sections could render effective fire on the enemy. Despite an artillery barrage of unbelievable intensity, he continued to move about freely even though the area was sprayed with shell fragments. By his prompt, heroic action, he enabled his section to bring fire rapidly and accurately on the enemy columns and successfully repulse the attempted counter-attack. Entered military service from Ohio.

Staff Sergeant Floyd G. Long, (Army Serial Number 6805251), Signal Corps, 102d Signal Company, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany from 23 February 1945 to 26 February 1945 in connection with military operations against the enemy. During an attack against the enemy, Staff Sergeant Long (then Sergeant) installed wire circuits between military police traffic control posts in an exceedingly dangerous area. With disregard for his personal safety, he worked courageously in the midst of intense enemy fire and bombardment, often without rest, to successfully maintain vital communications. The outstanding loyalty and efficiency displayed by Staff Sergeant Long were a material contribution to the success of operations against the enemy. Entered military service from Maryland.

Sergeant John R. Erickson, (Army Serial Number 31362579), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 23 February 1945 in connection with military operations against the enemy. After the successful crossing of a dangerous river, Sergeant Erickson was wounded by hostile fire while he was leading his squad in an attack upon an enemy town. Declining medical aid, he moved forward for more than six hours against heavy enemy resistance, and reluctantly left his squad only after he had been ordered to an aid station by an officer. The courage and loyalty shown by Sergeant Erickson reflect highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

Private First Class Fred T. Vandervort, (Army Serial Number 35348698), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 24 December 1944 in connection with military operations against the enemy. When an enemy shell scored a direct hit on a truck loaded with ammunition and set it on fire, Private First Class Vandervort unhesitatingly ran to the assistance of the wounded driver of the truck. Bravely disregarding the danger from the

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flames and haphazardly exploding shells, he rendered first aid and assisted in evacuating the man to safety. The courage and consideration shown by Private First Class Vandervort reflect highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Ohio.

The following named warrant officer and enlisted men, arm or service indicated, 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:

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Army Serial Number</u>	<u>Entered Military Service From</u>
CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER (United States Army)	CLYDE O. STOVALL	W2119299	Texas
Technical Sergeant (Infantry) (then Staff Sergeant)	James T. Dimbaugh	34397592	Alabama
Technician Fifth Grade (Infantry)	Albert R. Wacker	13156964	Pennsylvania

While working with a wire crew, the above warrant officer and enlisted men were confronted by enemy patrols on numerous occasions, but despite harassing small arms fire they courageously proceeded with their mission of establishing and maintaining vital channels of communication within their regiment. The indomitable bravery and devotion to duty displayed by this warrant officer and enlisted 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>
Corporal	Robert D. Ratcliffe	33526625	Virginia
Technician Fifth Grade	Finis A. Prescott	36215535	Texas

While serving as members of a forward observer section, the above named enlisted men were pinned down by intense enemy fire. While a smoke screen was being adjusted to cover their withdrawal, they courageously exposed themselves to the hostile fire in order to operate the necessary communications which would 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 these enlisted men 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:

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LIEUTENANT COLONEL HAROLD G. LANG, (Army Serial Number 0290624), Field Artillery, 381st Field Artillery Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, 23 December 1944 to 20 April 1945. Entered military service from Ohio.

MAJOR HAMILTON M. WILLIAMS, Jr., (Army Serial Number 0316433), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, 23 February 1945 to 15 April 1945. Entered military service from Georgia.

MAJOR FRED A. PIERCE, Jr., (Army Serial Number 024172), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, 23 February 1945 to 15 April 1945. Entered military service from Texas.

MAJOR FOSTER F. KERR, (Army Serial Number 0308467), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, 23 February 1945 to 15 April 1945. Entered military service from Iowa.

CAPTAIN CLARENCE T. ISENSEE, (Army Serial Number 01280233), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, 23 February 1945 to 15 April 1945. Entered military service from Texas.

Private First Class William L. Broth, (Army Serial Number 33757250), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, 23 February 1945 to 3 March 1945. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Second Oak Leaf Cluster.

LIEUTENANT COLONEL CECIL R. EVERETT, (Army Serial Number 0146604), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, 23 February 1945 to 15 April 1945. Entered military service from Indiana.

V. 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 ROBERT G. HARDEN, (Army Serial Number 01180935), Field Artillery, Headquarters 102d Division Artillery, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, 13 January 1945 to 26 April 1945. Entered military service from Oklahoma.

VI. 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:

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1. Second Oak Leaf Cluster.

FIRST LIEUTENANT WILLIAM C. WOODRING, (Army Serial Number 0117365), Field Artillery, 379th Field Artillery Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, 23 March 1945 to 23 April 1945. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

FIRST LIEUTENANT FREDERICK E. CAMPBELL, (Army Serial Number 01182531), Field Artillery, 927th Field Artillery Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, 10 February 1945 to 30 April 1945. Entered military service from Missouri.

2. Third Oak Leaf Cluster.

FIRST LIEUTENANT ELMER V. MERRITT, (Army Serial Number 01179967), Field Artillery, 381st Field Artillery Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, 7 March 1945 to 1 May 1945. Entered military service from Texas.

FIRST LIEUTENANT ARCHIBALD S. WARE, Jr., (Army Serial Number 0519216), Field Artillery, 927th Field Artillery Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, 13 March 1945 to 25 April 1945. Entered military service from Texas.

3. So much of Section IV, General Orders Number 67, Headquarters 102d Infantry Division, dated 19 May 1945, awarding an OAK LEAF CLUSTER to the AIR MEDAL to FIRST LIEUTENANT BERTRAM J. MORLAND, (Army Serial Number 01182312), Field Artillery, 380th Field Artillery Battalion, as reads "Third Oak Leaf Cluster" is amended to read "Fourth Oak Leaf Cluster."

VII. AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART MEDAL.

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

Sergeant Edward W. McEzgle, (Army Serial Number 37221431), Field Artillery, 771st Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army, wounded 14 May 1945. Entered military service from Missouri.

Private First Class Cameron A. Farley, (Army Serial Number 35441420), Field Artillery, 771st Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army, wounded 14 May 1945. Entered military service from West Virginia.

CAPTAIN ANTHONY S. IPPOLITO, (Army Serial Number 0537676), Medical Corps, 327th Medical Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, wounded 23 February 1945. Entered military service from Illinois.

Corporal William O. Cruickshank, (Army Serial Number 32482504), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 20 March 1945. Entered military service from New Jersey.

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FIRST LIEUTENANT FRANK I. PUSATERI, (Army Serial Number 0391156), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 25 February 1945. Entered military service from Nebraska.

Private First Class Hans F. Pauls, (Army Serial Number 32705514), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 1 December 1944. Entered military service from New York.

Technician Fifth Grade Einar G. Grette, (Army Serial Number 17157223), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 28 January 1945. Entered military service from Minnesota.

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

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

FIRST LIEUTENANT CHARLES F. McKENNA, (Army Serial Number 01322061), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 11 May 1945. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

FIRST LIEUTENANT KARL E. AAMOT, (Army Serial Number 01310039), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 27 March 1945. Entered military service from North Dakota.

Staff Sergeant Edward J. Fallon, (Army Serial Number 31188523), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 23 November 1944. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

OK { 2. So much of Section II, General Orders Number 33, Headquarters 102d Infantry Division, dated 22 March 1945, pertaining to Staff Sergeant Walter H. O. Freitag, (Army Serial Number 37678330), and Private First Class Fred N. Hampe, Jr, (Army Serial Number 33920821), Infantry, 406th Infantry, as reads "AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART MEDAL" is amended to read "AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART MEDAL (OAK LEAF CLUSTER)."

OK { 3. So much of Section III, General Orders Number 64, Headquarters 102d Infantry Division, dated 8 May 1945, pertaining to Sergeant Harold R. Beecher, (Army Serial Number 32647277), Infantry, 406th Infantry, as reads "AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART MEDAL" is amended to read "AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART MEDAL (OAK LEAF CLUSTER)."

OK { 4. So much of Section V, General Orders Number 67, Headquarters 102d Infantry Division, dated 13 May 1945, pertaining to FIRST LIEUTENANT WILLIAM G. TOOTHMAN, (Army Serial Number 0452719), Infantry, 406th Infantry, as reads "AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART MEDAL" is amended to read "AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART MEDAL (OAK LEAF CLUSTER)."

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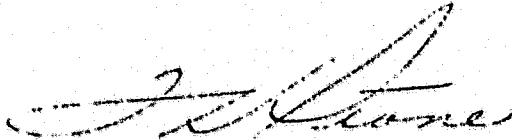
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I. AWARD OF THE LEGION OF MERIT.

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, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services during the respective periods indicated, to:

1945. MAJOR GENERAL MAKHMUD A. ABILOV, Red Army, 1 August 1943 to 8 May

1945. MAJOR GENERAL PETER S. TELKOV, Red Army, 1 August 1943 to 8 May

1945. COLONEL ALEXANDER G. BADERKO, Red Army, 1 August 1943 to 8 May

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:

1945. MAJOR GENERAL VASILII A. KONOVALOV, Red Army, 1 August 1943 to 8 May

1945. MAJOR GENERAL PETER T. MIRHALITSIN, Red Army, 5 July 1943 to 8 May

1945. MAJOR GENERAL FEDOR A. VEREVKIN, Red Army, 1 August 1943 to 8 May

COLONEL of the Guards SERGEI N. DELENIKOV, Red Army, 1 January 1945 to 8 May 1945.

COLONEL ALEXEI I. DMITRIEV, Red Army, 1 August 1943 to 8 May 1945.

COLONEL MICHAEL A. GREKOV, Red Army, 1 July 1944 to 8 May 1945.

COLONEL FEDOR A. YANDIDATOV, Red Army, 1 June 1943 to 8 May 1945.

COLONEL MICHAEL K. KRIVITSOV, Red Army, 1 July 1944 to 8 May 1945.

COLONEL ALEXEI I. LUTUNOV, Red Army, 29 December 1944 to 8 May 1945.

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COLONEL IVAN P. MISHIN, Red Army, 1 August 1943 to 8 May 1945.
COLONEL ILARION I. NESTERENKO, Red Army, 1 August 1944 to 8 May 1945.
COLONEL VASILII A. PETENKO, Red Army, 1 January 1944 to 8 May 1945.
COLONEL JACOB A. MOGANENKO, Red Army, 1 August 1943 to 8 May 1945.
COLONEL BENTSION I. TOKAR, Red Army, 27 March 1945 to 8 May 1945.
COLONEL NICKOLAUS A. VIASNIXOVITSEV, Red Army, 1 July 1944 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 the following officers for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an armed enemy during the respective periods indicated:

COLONEL VASILII N. BICHAN, Red Army, 1 August 1943 to 8 May 1945.
COLONEL PETER V. KACHUR, Red Army, 1 July 1943 to 8 May 1945.
COLONEL ALEXEI F. KUSOVKIN, Red Army, 12 November 1943 to 8 May 1945.
COLONEL PETER FEDOR E. SAKOILENKO, Red Army, 20 January 1944 to 8 May 1945.
LIEUTENANT COLONEL of the Guards NICHOLAS S. BUDAKOV, Red Army, 8 October 1944 to 8 May 1945.
LIEUTENANT COLONEL PETER I. BURELOVICH, Red Army, 21 July 1944 to 8 May 1945.
LIEUTENANT COLONEL PAVEL U. DEMCHENKO, Red Army, 9 February 1945 to 8 May 1945.
LIEUTENANT COLONEL MICHAEL P. GRIVSHU, Red Army, 1 October 1944 to 8 May 1945.
LIEUTENANT COLONEL MICHAEL G. KHOLULO, Red Army, 8 March 1944 to 8 May 1945.
MAJOR of the Guards SERGEI N. SIDOROV, Red Army, 15 August 1943 to 8 May 1945.
MAJOR GRIGORI F. BORGANNO, Red Army, 1 August 1943 to 8 May 1945.
MAJOR VICTOR P. FEDOROVICH, Red Army, 5 March 1945 to 8 May 1945.

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MAJOR STEPHEN N. GROMOSOV, Red Army, 5 July 1943 to 8 May 1945.

MAJOR KHADJI-MUSSA K. GUBIEV, Red Army, 1 August 1943 to 8 May 1945.

MAJOR IVAN J. PSURTSEV, Red Army, 23 April 1945 to 7 May 1945.

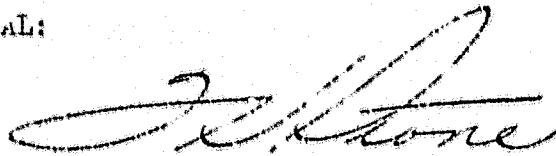
MAJOR GRIGORI T. SEVRYOUGIN, Red Army, 1 January 1945 to 8 May 1945.

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

MAJOR CALVIN M. ELITE, (Army Serial Number 0329280), Field Artillery, 381st Field Artillery Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, 4 November 1944 to 20 April 1945. Entered military service from California.

MAJOR ELLIOTT P. BROUGHTON, (Army Serial Number 0354459), Coast Artillery Corps, 548th Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion (Mobile), United States Army, 18 November 1944 to 7 May 1945. Entered military service from Alabama.

MAJOR COLEMAN D. ASHOF, (Army Serial Number 0364709), Field Artillery, 927th Field Artillery Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, 8 November 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from New York.

MAJOR SAMUEL O. ROBERTSON, (Army Serial Number 01634265), Signal Corps, 102d Signal Company, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, 8 September 1944 to 8 May 1945, includes service in France and Holland. Entered military service from South Carolina.

CAPTAIN SAMUEL L. PARKER, Jr., (Army Serial Number 0438217), Medical Corps, 548th Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion (Mobile), United States Army, 18 November 1944 to 7 May 1945. Entered military service from North Carolina.

CAPTAIN VICTOR G. GROMBELL, (Army Serial Number 01310288), Infantry, Headquarters 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, 24 September 1944 to 20 April 1945. Entered military service from New York.

CAPTAIN GEORGE L. ARENSMAN, (Army Serial Number 0441661), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, 10 February 1945 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Texas.

CAPTAIN JOHN S. LEDGERWOOD, (Army Serial Number 0312213), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, 19 February 1945 to 19 April 1945. Entered military service from Georgia.

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CAPTAIN ALBERT G. LUXER, (Army Serial Number 0376607), Adjutant General's Department, Headquarters 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, 3 November 1944 to 8 May 1945, includes service in Holland. Entered military service from South Dakota.

CAPTAIN ARNO W. BIEDERMANN, Jr, (Army Serial Number 01288168), Infantry, Headquarters 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, 24 September 1944 to 8 May 1945, includes service in France and Holland. Entered military service from New York.

FIRST LIEUTENANT ERNEST P. GEOFFRION, (Army Serial Number 01299032), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, 16 November 1944 to 24 April 1945. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

FIRST LIEUTENANT FELICE R. IPPOLITO, (Army Serial Number 01322788), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, 16 November 1944 to 29 April 1945. Entered military service from New York.

FIRST LIEUTENANT KATH M. ASKEW, (Army Serial Number 01325253), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, 19 January 1945 to 15 April 1945. Entered military service from California.

FIRST LIEUTENANT VINCENT R. BUSH, (Army Serial Number 01288004), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, 16 November 1944 to 20 April 1945. Entered military service from California.

FIRST LIEUTENANT ROBERT L. EASON, III, (Army Serial Number 0537920), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, 16 November 1944 to 24 April 1945. Entered military service from Florida.

FIRST LIEUTENANT WILLIAM H. MAYNARD, (Army Serial Number 01310473), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, 16 November 1944 to 20 April 1945. Entered military service from Texas.

FIRST LIEUTENANT GUY C. McCONNELL, (Army Serial Number 0518976), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, 27 February 1945. Entered military service from Kentucky.

FIRST LIEUTENANT CHARLES E. LORGSTROM, (Army Serial Number 0520951), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, 3 January 1945 to 15 April 1945. Entered military service from Texas.

FIRST LIEUTENANT ROSS H. HELPHILL, (Army Serial Number 01288227), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, 11 February 1945 to 15 April 1945. Entered military service from Texas.

SECOND LIEUTENANT ELTON D. FOLLOK, (Army Serial Number 02000948), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, 27 February 1945. Entered military service from Texas.

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CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER LANDO M. HADDOCK, (Army Serial Number W2113427), United States Army, 379th Field Artillery Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, 4 November 1944 to 25 April 1945, includes service in Holland. Entered military service from Oklahoma.

CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER PAUL J. MORGAN, (Army Serial Number W2113487), United States Army, Headquarters 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, 24 September 1944 to 8 May 1945, includes service in France and Holland. Entered military service from Maryland.

CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER JAMES L. BALDWIN, (Army Serial Number W2113426), United States Army, 405th Infantry, United States Army, 27 October 1944 to 21 April 1945. Entered military service from Texas.

WARRANT OFFICER JUNIOR GRADE FRANCIS C. GALLAGHER, (Army Serial Number W2122313), United States Army, 548th Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion (Mobile), United States Army, 11 November 1944 to 7 May 1945. Entered military service from California.

WARRANT OFFICER JUNIOR GRADE JOHN M. MCLIN, (Army Serial Number W2119303), United States Army, Headquarters 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, 1 January 1945 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Indiana.

First Sergeant Cecil L. Merrill, (Army Serial Number 18009315), Medical Department, 327th Medical Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, 3 November 1944 to 20 April 1945. Entered military service from Texas.

First Sergeant Louis H. deSilvia, (Army Serial Number 39322399), Infantry, Headquarters Company, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, 1 October 1944 to 8 May 1945, includes service in France and Holland. Entered military service from Oregon.

Master Sergeant Charles S. Hruzek, (Army Serial Number 6290152), Medical Department, 327th Medical Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, 26 February 1945 to 15 April 1945. Entered military service from Texas.

Master Sergeant William R. Reese, (Army Serial Number 6293027), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, 24 September 1944 to 7 May 1945, includes service in France and Holland. Entered military service from Texas.

Technical Sergeant Melvin L. Eane, (Army Serial Number 18029581), Field Artillery, 380th Field Artillery Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, 3 November 1944 to 22 April 1945. Entered military service from Oklahoma.

Technical Sergeant Lyle J. Carlisle, (Army Serial Number 36165248), Medical Department, 327th Medical Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, 23 February 1945 to 6 May 1945. Entered military service from Michigan.

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Technical Sergeant Louis M. Johnson, (Army Serial Number 38178552), Coast Artillery Corps, 545th Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion (Mobile), United States Army, 24 November 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Arkansas.

Technical Sergeant Milas J. Chasser, (Army Serial Number 20757958), Coast Artillery Corps, 545th Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion (Mobile), United States Army, 24 November 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Arkansas.

Staff Sergeant Roy H. Baker, (Army Serial Number 32226054), Coast Artillery Corps, 545th Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion (Mobile), United States Army, 24 November 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from New York.

Staff Sergeant William M. Bailey, (Army Serial Number 36236914), Corps of Engineers, 327th Engineer Combat Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, 23 September 1944 to 1 May 1945, includes service in France and Holland. Entered military service from Arkansas.

Staff Sergeant George S. Lirdwell, (Army Serial Number 38064836), Field Artillery, 380th Field Artillery Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, 4 November 1944 to 26 April 1945. Entered military service from Oklahoma.

Staff Sergeant Thomas K. Gombis, (Army Serial Number 36558991), Coast Artillery Corps, 545th Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion (Mobile), United States Army, 24 November 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Michigan.

Staff Sergeant Charles J. Dean, (Army Serial Number 6909160), Coast Artillery Corps, 545th Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion (Mobile), United States Army, 24 November 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from New Jersey.

Staff Sergeant Samuel J. Ferris, (Army Serial Number 18149265), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, 27 February 1945. Entered military service from Louisiana.

Staff Sergeant Gerald J. Fower, (Army Serial Number 36634742), Coast Artillery Corps, 545th Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion (Mobile), United States Army, 24 November 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Illinois.

Staff Sergeant Charles D. Garrett, (Army Serial Number 34438096), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, 20 October 1944 to 20 April 1945. Entered military service from North Carolina.

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Staff Sergeant Harry L. Jerome, (Army Serial Number 3740131), Ordnance Department, 802d Ordnance Light Maintenance Company, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, 1 October 1944 to 1 May 1945, includes service in France and Holland. Entered military service from Missouri.

Sergeant Robert W. Howeth, Jr., (Army Serial Number 3334105), Infantry, Headquarters 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, 15 October 1944 to 8 May 1945, includes service in France and Holland. Entered military service from Maryland.

Sergeant James F. Glack, (Army Serial Number 3446249), Coast Artillery Corps, 548th Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion (Mobile), United States Army, 24 November 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Arkansas.

Sergeant Daniel DeLuga, (Army Serial Number 3654857), Coast Artillery Corps, 548th Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion (Mobile), United States Army, 24 November 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Illinois.

Sergeant John W. Forbes, (Army Serial Number 36557742), Coast Artillery Corps, 548th Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion (Mobile), United States Army, 12 November 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Michigan.

Sergeant Duncan D. Freeman, (Army Serial Number 36456333), Coast Artillery Corps, 548th Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion (Mobile), United States Army, 24 November 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Texas.

Sergeant Thornton F. Godfrey, (Army Serial Number 3425639), Coast Artillery Corps, 548th Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion (Mobile), United States Army, 24 November 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Texas.

Technician Fourth Grade Fatsy Jordicea, (Army Serial Number 35917576), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army 15 November 1944 to 7 May 1945. Entered military service from Ohio.

Technician Fourth Grade Fred H. Jassera, (Army Serial Number 32117555), Field Artillery, 771st Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army, 15 March 1945 to 23 April 1945. Entered military service from New York.

Corporal Samuel S. Gohen, (Army Serial Number 3276350), Coast Artillery Corps, 548th Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion (Mobile), United States Army, 24 November 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from New Jersey.

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Technician Fifth Grade Gordon E. Campbell, (Army Serial Number 38567636), Coast Artillery Corps, 548th Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion (Mobile), United States Army, 24 November 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Oklahoma.

Technician Fifth Grade Merlin F. Martin, (Army Serial Number 35522706), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, 24 September 1944 to 7 May 1945, includes service in France and Holland. Entered military service from Ohio.

Technician Fifth Grade Sol E. Slavitt, (Army Serial Number 33791310), Coast Artillery Corps, 548th Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion (Mobile), United States Army, 12 November 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Technician Fifth Grade Melvin C. Sims, (Army Serial Number 34475523), Medical Department, 327th Medical Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, 23 February 1945 to 15 April 1945. Entered military service from Mississippi.

Technician Fifth Grade Robert L. Hoh!, (Army Serial Number 33618718), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, 24 September 1944 to 7 May 1945, includes service in France and Holland. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Technician Fifth Grade Robert F. Hartman, (Army Serial Number 37338317), Ordnance Department, 802d Ordnance Light Maintenance Company, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, 1 November 1944 to 1 May 1945, includes service in Holland. Entered military service from Colorado.

Technician Fifth Grade Donald W. Luckenyer, (Army Serial Number 18232121), Infantry, Headquarters 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, 14 November 1944 to 8 May 1945, includes service in Holland. Entered military service from Texas.

Private First Class Louis H. Casner, Jr., (Army Serial Number 33268225), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, 28 October 1944 to 15 April 1945. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Private First Class Carmine Ciccarelli, (Army Serial Number 42051145), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, 28 October 1944 to 10 April 1945. Entered military service from New York.

Private First Class Bertram Diamond, (Army Serial Number 12163626), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, 1 December 1944 to 20 April 1945. Entered military service from New Jersey.

Private First Class Walk H. Fong, (Army Serial Number 42118197), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, 28 October 1944 to 20 April 1945. Entered military service from New Jersey.

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17 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>
Technician Fifth Grade	Perry S. Smith	35687603	Kentucky
Technician Fifth Grade	James L. Tabler	35689242	Kentucky
Technician Fifth Grade	Winburn J. H. Bow	34739569	Tennessee

The following named enlisted men, Field Artillery, 771st Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious service in Germany from 2 April 1945 to 3 May 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	Malcolm A. Harvey	34353771	Tennessee
Technician Fifth Grade	Madrow J. Koss	38273335	California
Technician Fifth Grade	Vernon A. C. Williams	30513323	Texas
Private First Class	Frank J. Doyle	32975410	New York
Private First Class	Joe McKenzie	35210898	Ohio
Private First Class	Richard E. Verner	6978680	New York

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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 CYRIL J. THORPE, (Army Serial Number 01299494), Infantry, 405th 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, CAPTAIN THORPE quickly reorganized his company and moving to the head of his column, led it forward toward an enemy-held town. When pinned down by intense hostile fire, he disregarded his personal safety and moved ahead with such brilliant leadership that the position was overrun and forty of the enemy were killed or captured. His outstanding initiative and inspiring example reflect highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Maryland.

FIRST LIEUTENANT MAX RINGER Jr., (Army Serial Number 01174121), Field Artillery, 771st Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 10 April 1945 in connection with military operations against the enemy. When a heavy concentration of enemy artillery threatened the destruction of vehicles in a motor park, FIRST LIEUTENANT RINGER unhesitatingly exposed himself to successfully direct the removal of the vehicles from the danger zone. The courage and devotion to duty displayed by FIRST LIEUTENANT RINGER prevented a great loss of valuable government property and reflect the greatest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from New York.

FIRST LIEUTENANT KENNETH A. MORRISON, (Army Serial Number 01312479), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 23 February 1945 in connection with military operations against the enemy. During an attack for the capture of a fortified village, FIRST LIEUTENANT MORRISON boldly moved one of his mortar sections forward with the assault elements to select a suitable position for his weapons. When the enemy launched a strong counter attack, he went from house to house and personally assigned each man to a defense sector. His inspiring leadership and uncounted courage contributed materially to the repulse of the counter attack. Entered military service from New Jersey.

FIRST LIEUTENANT FRANCIS G. GOCHMAN, (Army Serial Number 0537380), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 23 February 1945, in connection with military operations against the enemy. After a successful attack, FIRST LIEUTENANT GOCHMAN was assigned the mission of constructing a road block for defense. While leading his platoon forward to

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the designated area, he was suddenly confronted by a thickly sown mine field. Courageously he made his way through the danger zone realizing that the slightest miscalculation would result in injury or death, and successfully cleared a path for his men. After constructing the road block, he returned to his headquarters to secure vitally needed ammunition for the assault troops. His courage and devotion to duty reflect highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from South Carolina.

FIRST LIEUTENANT WILLIAM P. SHALLCOO, Jr., (Army Serial Number 01325725), 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 fire hampered the crossing of a dangerous river and inflicted many casualties, FIRST LIEUTENANT SHALLCOO voluntarily moved his anti-tank gun into a front line position and fired his weapon so effectively that the hostile position was neutralized. Later, when communications were severed, he made his way over shell-swept terrain to repair the wires. The brilliant initiative and outstanding courage displayed by FIRST LIEUTENANT SHALLCOO reflect highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Puerto Rico.

FIRST LIEUTENANT ROBERT D. JERONIMUS, (Army Serial Number 01051210), 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 was pinned down by enemy fire from two positions, FIRST LIEUTENANT JERONIMUS ordered his men to concentrate their fire on one of the emplacements while he attacked the other. Dashing courageously over exposed terrain, he charged the position, killed the gunner and enabled his platoon to move forward and neutralize the other position. The outstanding bravery and daring displayed by FIRST LIEUTENANT JERONIMUS reflect highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Minnesota.

FIRST LIEUTENANT JOHN H. PETERSEN, (Army Serial Number 01023630), Field Artillery, 771st Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement against the enemy in Germany on 25 February 1945. When the attacking Infantry to which he was attached was halted by direct enemy artillery fire, FIRST LIEUTENANT PETERSEN courageously went through the intense barrage in search of positions from which his Tank Destroyers could neutralize the harassing weapons. Having led his destroyers through a wall of fire, annihilated several enemy batteries with a few well aimed rounds. His aggressiveness and leadership contributed materially to the success of the operations and enabled the Infantry to resume the advance. Entered military service from Iowa.

SECOND LIEUTENANT RALPH G. HOLLAND, (Army Serial Number 01996684), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 11 April 1945, in connection with military operations against the enemy. When the enemy inflicted serious casualties with fire from a well fortified position, SECOND LIEUTENANT HOLLAND skillfully maneuvered his heavy machine gun section into a strategic position and opened fire. His skillful maneuver was so effective that the emplacement was demolished, while the ammunition jeeps which

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had been the targets for enemy fire could be saved. The outstanding leadership and initiative displayed by SECOND LIEUTENANT HOLLAND reflect highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Missouri.

Technical Sergeant R. J. Duncan, (Army Serial Number 37398951), 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 platoon met heavy resistance, Technical Sergeant Duncan (then Staff Sergeant) rallied his men and courageously led them forward despite the intense enemy fire. Singlehandedly charging a machine gun nest, he captured fourteen prisoners and neutralized their weapon. After the objective had been taken he again risked his life to go to the aid of several wounded men. The outstanding courage and brilliant leadership shown by Technical Sergeant Duncan reflect highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Missouri.

Technical Sergeant John Hudak, Jr., (Army Serial Number 35591807), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany from 10 April 1945 to 12 April 1945, in connection with military operations against the enemy. When his platoon leader became a casualty during an attack, Technical Sergeant Hudak unhesitatingly assumed command and led the men forward until intense hostile fire pinned them down. Seeking his way to a vantage point, he placed such deadly fire on the enemy that he killed three and wounded two. The courage and exemplary leadership displayed by Technical Sergeant Hudak neutralized the enemy position and enabled his unit to proceed and take the objective. Entered military service from Ohio.

Staff Sergeant Walter E. Hembre, (Army Serial Number 34477717), 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 platoon leader was wounded and could not be reached by his men because of the intense enemy fire, Staff Sergeant Hembre (then Sergeant) moved across the shell-swept terrain to outflank the enemy position. Under fire on the emplacement to attract their attention, he enabled an aid man to reach the platoon leader and evacuate him to safety. The unflinching courage and devotion to duty shown by Staff Sergeant Hembre reflect highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Mississippi.

Staff Sergeant Joseph V. Graham, Jr., (Army Serial Number 32591546), Medical Department, 407th 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. Driving a vehicle through intense enemy fire, Staff Sergeant Graham worked untiringly to evacuate the wounded from the battlefield to the aid station and then to rear medical installations. He repeatedly risked his way forward over almost impassible roads to insure that all casualties received medical attention. His heroic action in the face of extreme danger reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from New Jersey.

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Staff Sergeant Russell H. Perkins, (Army Serial Number 37464162), Infantry, 759th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 20 February 1945, in connection with military operations against the enemy. When the squad leader of another squad was wounded, Staff Sergeant Perkins unhesitatingly went to his aid, rendered medical treatment and evacuated him to safety. He then set his gun into position, returned and assumed command of the wounded man's squad and supervised the setting up of their gun, thereby insuring adequate defense of the area against any possible enemy counter-attacks. The outstanding leadership and initiative displayed by Staff Sergeant Perkins were a material contribution to the successful operations against the enemy. Entered military service from Iowa.

Staff Sergeant Walter H. Krueger, (Army Serial Number 20361211), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 10 April 1945, in connection with military operations against the enemy. During a bitter attack, Staff Sergeant Krueger braved intense enemy fire to go to the aid of a wounded companion and carry him over seventy-five yards to a place of comparative safety. After administering first aid, he remained with him until he could turn him over to an aid man. Then he ran through the hail of fire once again to rejoin his squad in the attack. The courage and unselfishness displayed by Staff Sergeant Krueger reflect highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Virginia.

Staff Sergeant James J. Denning Jr., (Army Serial Number 3252378), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 22 November 1944, in connection with military operations against the enemy. When his unit was pinned down by intense enemy fire, Staff Sergeant Denning disregarded personal safety and deliberately exposed himself in order to draw fire upon himself so that he could locate the hostile position. His courageous action enabled his men to place such heavy fire on the enemy that they annihilated it, thereby enabling the unit to advance and gain its objective. The outstanding bravery and tenacity displayed by Staff Sergeant Denning reflect highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from New Jersey.

Sergeant Leonard M. Suite, (Army Serial Number 13906126), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 16 April 1945, in connection with military operations against the enemy. When the advance of his company was halted by intense enemy fire, and his squad leader had become a casualty, Sergeant Suite immediately assumed command. He cleverly maneuvered his squad to a position of vantage from which his men could deliver such effective fire on the enemy that a number of them were killed, so that his company could continue its advance. The courage and leadership and sound judgment displayed by Sergeant Suite reflect highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Maryland.

Sergeant Carl E. Schindler, (Army Serial Number 7004760), Field Artillery, 771st Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany in Germany on a search line. When an infantry outfit was held up by a terrifically intense enemy machine gun nest, Sergeant

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McCumiskey maneuvered his Tank Destroyer cleverly into a position from which he delivered point-blank fire on the position. When six of the enemy who had manned the emplacement fled into a nearby woods Sergeant McCumiskey courageously organized a two-man patrol and overtook and captured them. His leadership and indomitable bravery reflect highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from New York.

Sergeant Rauben E. Batson, (Army Serial Number 34988659), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 18 November 1944, in connection with military operations against the enemy. During a fierce engagement, Sergeant Batson (then Private First Class) noticed a group of enemy forming and moving toward his position to counter-attack. He fired upon them until his ammunition was spent, then crawled through the intense enemy fire to secure another weapon and resume his fire. The commendable courage and outstanding devotion to duty displayed by Sergeant Batson reflect highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Tennessee.

Sergeant Earl H. Baldwin, (Army Serial Number 31468894), 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 squad leader was killed and the assistant squad leader wounded, Sergeant Baldwin (then Private First Class) unhesitatingly assumed command and maneuvered the squad into firing position. Disregarding the intense enemy fire, he directed the attack so successfully that the hostile emplacement was neutralized. His undaunted courage and devotion to duty enabled his unit to resume the advance. Entered military service from Connecticut.

Sergeant Joseph M. Mora, (Army Serial Number 36544352), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 7 December 1944, in connection with military operations against the enemy. When assigned the mission to lay a mine field to protect against possible enemy penetration, Sergeant Mora acted courageously when the enemy began to shell the area. When the senior non-commissioned officer was wounded, he unhesitatingly assumed command of the detail, reorganized the group and evacuated the casualties. He persevered with the task until the protective field was established. The commendable courage and superior leadership displayed by Sergeant Mora reflect highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Michigan.

Sergeant Leslie L. Jensen, (Army Serial number 37547230), 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 was wounded and numerous other casualties within the company threatened to create disorganization, Sergeant Jensen unhesitatingly assumed command, regrouped his men and established a strong defense position. When enemy tanks broke through his sector, he remained in his fox hole allowing them to pass. When enemy infantry tried to exploit the break-through, he fired his gun so skillfully that he killed or wounded at least twenty. By his initiative and undaunted courage, he foiled the counter-attack. Entered military service from South Dakota.

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Technician Fourth Grade Charles V. Stone, (Army Serial Number 37222071), Field Artillery, 771st Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 10 April 1945 in connection with military operations against the enemy. During an intense enemy artillery barrage, when direct hits were scored upon the temporary command post of his unit, Technician Fourth Grade Stone remained in the communication vehicle in the adjacent motor park maintaining constant communication with the higher echelon. Upon two separate occasions he left his post and travelled over open terrain during the heavy enemy barrage to deliver important messages to the command post. By his outstanding devotion to duty and courageous actions, he contributed materially to the success of the operations. Entered military service from Kansas.

Technician Fourth Grade Roy G. Wood, (Army Serial Number 34508585), Field Artillery, 771st Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany from 26 November 1944 to 10 January 1945, in connection with military operations against the enemy. Technician Fourth Grade Wood, while under enemy observation and heavy artillery fire, disregarded his personal safety in his efforts to evacuate and salvage from a densely mined area nine Tank Destroyers and five tanks which had been disabled by enemy fire and mines. The courage and devotion to duty shown by Technician Fourth Grade Wood reflect highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Tennessee.

Corporal Joseph L. Hughes, (Army Serial Number 20204255), Field Artillery, 771st Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 13 April 1945, in connection with military operations against the enemy. When a bridge collapsed under the weight of his Tank Destroyer, plunging the vehicle and its crew members into the river, Corporal Hughes with complete disregard for his own personal safety, and with the utmost concern for his dazed and helpless companions, successfully assisted and guided them to the river bank. His unselfish consideration for his fellow men and his excellent judgment and quick thinking in a time of necessity reflect the highest credit upon himself and the entire armed forces. Entered military service from New York.

Technician Fifth Grade Anthony R. Ciraso, (Army Serial Number 31079533), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 11 April 1945, in connection with military operations against the enemy. When the ammunition shortage became acute, Technician Fifth Grade Ciraso drove his jeep over difficult mountain roads under heavy enemy fire to deliver the vital supplies to the assault units. As they continued their advance, Technician Fifth Grade Ciraso preceded them aiding considerably with withering fire from the machine gun mounted on his vehicle. He was wounded during the engagement, but chose to remain in the fight and by his heroic action contributed immeasurably to the successful taking of the objective. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

Technician Fifth Grade Edward J. Lakow, (Army Serial Number 12173630), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 9 April 1945, in connection with military operations against the enemy.

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When enemy armor approached his sector, Technician Fifth Grade LaKow immediately notified a friendly tank in the vicinity. In order to indicate the enemy's exact location, he courageously drove his own vehicle into the path of the approaching hostile column to draw fire. His heroic act enabled the tank to ascertain the position of the enemy and quickly destroy their vehicles. The outstanding bravery and devotion to duty displayed by Technician Fifth Grade LaKow reflect highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from New York.

Private First Class Bruce A. Ratcliff, (Army Serial Number 33387386), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 21 April 1945, in connection with military operations against the enemy. While on an outpost position, Private First Class Ratcliff saw two enemy scouts approaching. Cleverly he allowed them to come closer and to signal the balance of their patrol to approach. Then he stepped out courageously to open fire on them. Although wounded, he courageously continued to fire his weapon until the enemy was forced to disperse leaving one killed and several wounded behind. The bravery and devotion to duty displayed by Private First Class Ratcliff reflect highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Virginia.

Private First Class John T. Regan, (Army Serial Number 20252953), Field Artillery, 771st Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 13 April 1945, in connection with military operations against the enemy. While on outpost duty, guarding the approach to a very important cross-road, Private First Class Regan noticed that an enemy vehicle approached containing an officer and three enlisted men, who when challenged unleashed a murderous hail of fire in his direction. Taking a cool aim he killed one member of the patrol and assisted in the capture of the others. The outstanding bravery displayed by Private First Class Regan reflects the highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from New York.

Private First Class Ralph A. Marrello, (Army Serial Number 31405332), 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 platoon was taken under intense enemy fire which disrupted radio communications with the remainder of the company, Private First Class Marrello volunteered to contact his company commander. Without consideration for personal safety, he made his way across the shell-swept terrain and succeeded in his mission, then returned over the same precarious route with another radio. The initiative and devotion to duty displayed by Private First Class Marrello reflect highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Connecticut.

Private First Class Robert D. Boone, (Army Serial Number 33218906), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 21 April 1945, in connection with military operations against the enemy. When a strong enemy armored task force approached his unit's positions, Private First Class Boone immediately went to the assistance of several bazooka teams to furnish them supporting small arms fire. By his courageous determination, he destroyed

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an enemy command car and while disabling another vehicle inflicted several casualties on the enemy with hand grenades. The bravery and loyalty displayed by Private First Class Boone reflect highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Virginia.

Private First Class Alberto A. Lopez, (Army Serial Number 38348062), 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's advance was halted by cross-fire from enemy machine gun nests, Private First Class Lopez, disregarding all thoughts of safety, courageously abandoned his shelter and advanced to the head of his company. Amid the intense enemy fire directed at him, he stood up and destroyed the harassing enemy automatic weapons with shells from his bazooka. His exemplary courage and unselfish devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from New Mexico.

Private First Class Carl M. Grubb, (Army Serial Number 35717470), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 23 February 1945, in connection with military operations against the enemy. When intense enemy fire severed communication between the forward observation post and mortar positions, Private First Class Grubb volunteered to repair the line. Disregarding personal safety, he moved freely over shell-swept terrain and succeeded in locating and repairing the break, thereby enabling the forward observer to resume directing successful, neutralizing fire on enemy positions. The outstanding courage and devotion to duty shown by Private First Class Grubb reflect highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Kentucky.

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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:

Staff Sergeant George W. Ray, Jr., (Army Serial Number 37343412), 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 squad leader and assistant squad leader became casualties during a fast moving attack, Staff Sergeant Ray (then Private First Class) unhesitatingly assumed command. With utter disregard for his personal safety he moved freely over shell-swept terrain, regrouped his men and boldly led them forward in the attack. His complete confidence and coolness under fire exerted a steadying influence on his men and materially contributed to the successful accomplishment of their mission. Entered military service from Colorado.

Private First Class Robert P. Degan, (Army Serial Number 31250398), 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 was pinned down by intense enemy machine gun fire in a strongly defended town, Private First Class Degan courageously made his way forward through the terrific barrage to a position of vantage. Firing his automatic weapon in full view of the enemy, he killed the machine gunners and destroyed the harassing weapon, thereby enabling his platoon to continue its advance. The outstanding initiative and loyalty displayed by Private First Class Degan reflect highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Connecticut.

Private First Class Joe Williams, (Army Serial Number 33662320), 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 company was halted by intense enemy fire, Private First Class Williams disregarded his personal safety to make his way across the shell-swept terrain to out-flank the enemy position. He succeeded in killing two of the enemy and annihilated the emplacement, thereby enabling the assault units to advance to their objective with a minimum of casualties. The undaunted courage and devotion to duty displayed by Private First Class Williams reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Virginia.

Private First Class Roy E. Snow, (Army Serial Number 37362926), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 11 April 1945, in connection with military operations against the enemy. During a fast moving attack, Private First Class Snow unhesitatingly exposed himself to heavy

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enemy fire to eliminate resistance blocking his unit's advance. He made his way forward to a point of vantage from which to place automatic rifle fire on the enemy. In a series of actions he was able to eliminate eight of the enemy, neutralize several pockets of resistance, and enable his unit to move forward and gain the objective. His courage and aggressiveness reflect the highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Colorado.

Private First Class Samuel A. Hancock, (Army serial number 35672763), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 14 April 1945, in connection with military operations against the enemy. Noticing that an adjacent platoon was pinned down by intense enemy fire, Private First Class Hancock disregarded his personal safety and stood up in order to obtain a better field of fire. Making his way forward, he brought such effective fire on the enemy that their position was neutralized. The undaunted courage and devotion to duty displayed by Private First Class Hancock reflect highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Kentucky.

Private First Class Lloyd Adams, (Army Serial Number 35809332), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 2 March 1945, in connection with military operations against the enemy. When the advance of his company was halted by intense enemy fire, Private First Class Adams volunteered to contact the supporting mortar section. With complete disregard for his personal safety, he made his way through a hail of fire to reach them. He then directed and adjusted fire on the enemy positions, succeeded in wiping out their crew and enabled the assault units to resume their advance. The undaunted courage and loyalty displayed by Private First Class Adams reflect great credit upon him and the military service. Entered military service from Kentucky.

Private Malden S. Cobb, (Army Serial Number 6669820), 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 attacked by a superior enemy force, Private Cobb courageously volunteered to move through intense fire as guide for reinforcements. Making his way over exposed terrain, he contacted friendly units in a nearby town and secured support for his outfit. His undaunted bravery and devotion to duty, reflect highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Kentucky.

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	Eratt D. Keene	6289937	Texas

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Corporal

(then Private First Class)
Private First Class

Robert M. Purille
Loren V. Watson

39902638
34725609

Idaho
Tennessee

When intense enemy fire severed wire communication between the platoons and the command post, the above enlisted men courageously volunteered to act as repair team. Making their way over the shell-swept terrain, they reestablished connections and then continued to maintain wire communication, facilitating the transmission of firing data and permitting effective anti-tank fire to be delivered against the enemy emplacements. The courage and devotion to duty displayed by these men reflect highest credit upon themselves and the military service.

The following named enlisted men, Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement against the enemy in Germany on 13 March 1945:

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Army Serial Number</u>	<u>Entered Military Service From</u>
Staff Sergeant <i>July 25, 45 to</i>	Juan Dominguez <i>code 78911</i>	38215029	Texas
Private	Dewey J. Collins	39468145	Washington

As members of a reconnaissance patrol, the above named enlisted men courageously volunteered to cross a dangerous river to determine enemy strength and dispositions for subsequent crossings. Although the area was lighted by the flames from a burning building, which disclosed a working party of the enemy nearby, the patrol expertly reconnoitered the immediate territory and gathered such valuable information. The resourcefulness and bravery displayed by these enlisted men 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 10 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	Edward P. Curran	32047734	Massachusetts
Technician Fourth Grade	Maurice H. Lullen	32047760	New York
Corporal	James I. Hill	35040477	Ohio
Technician Fifth Grade	John J. Gasey	32117563	New York
Technician Fifth Grade	Nolan F. Cochran	34059460	Florida
Private First Class	Thomas P. Pacht	37906682	Minnesota

When a heavy concentration of enemy artillery threatened the destruction of vehicles in a motor park, the above enlisted men, taking cool estimate of the situation, unhesitatingly went to the danger zone and quickly removed the vehicles from the area to a place of safety. The courage and devotion to

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duty displayed by these enlisted men prevented loss of valuable government property and reflects the greatest credit upon themselves and the military service.

The following named enlisted men, Cavalry, 102d Reconnaissance Troop Mechanized, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 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	John. H. Vogel	12203130	New Jersey
Sergeant	Eugene F. Kicks	39900755	Idaho
Private First Class	Freeman Krausen	37324378	Minnesota

As members of a mounted reconnaissance patrol the above named enlisted men deliberately exposed themselves to enemy fire while searching for a demolition charge affixed to a bridge. After they had neutralized it they engaged the enemy so successfully, that they forced his withdrawal and took the bridge intact, thereby facilitating the swift advance of friendly troops and the capture of many enemy forces. The outstanding courage and initiative displayed by these men reflect highest credit upon themselves and the military service.

The following named enlisted men, Corps of Engineers, 327th Engineer Combat Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 17 December 1944, in connection with military operations against the enemy:

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Army Serial Number</u>	<u>Entered military Service From</u>
Sergeant	George F. Cronin	13130184	Pennsylvania
Technician Fourth Grade	Claud Carter	38236374	Arkansas
Private First Class	Harry A. Dittmar	32466941	New Jersey

As members of a rescue party, the above named enlisted men endeavored three times to cross a dangerous, shell-swept river to reach soldiers stranded on the enemy-held shore. Constructing a raft, they courageously proceeded to within a few feet of their goal when an obstruction in the water turned the raft over and threw them into the water. Swimming through the icy stream to the friendly shore, they procured a life line and returned with it to the stranded men. The outstanding determination and devotion to duty displayed by these men 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 in connection with military operations against the enemy:

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<u>Grade</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Army Serial Number</u>	<u>Entered Military Service From</u>
Sergeant	Walter E. Stoyan	20215028	New York
Private First Class	Frank G. Smith	38463405	Oklahoma

When their tank destroyer received a direct hit and was set afire during an enemy night attack, the above named enlisted men, assisted by a fellow soldier, courageously mounted the burning vehicle and extinguished the flames, despite the constant danger of an imminent explosion of the destroyers ammunition. By their valiant act imminent destruction of valuable government property was averted. Their outstanding courage and unselfish devotion to duty reflect great 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 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 Fourth Grade	Joseph Perkowski	20252983	New York
Technician Fourth Grade	Louis J. Braubilla	20252917	New York

While driving their ammunition vehicle through a heavy artillery barrage, their truck suddenly became mired in a shell hole. With utter disregard for their personal safety, the above enlisted men dismounted and unloaded the ammunition boxes. Having freed their vehicle they quickly reloaded it and proceeded on their way. Their prompt and courageous action insured that their batteries continued to have ample ammunition to be used in their successful battle. The exemplary behavior exhibited by these enlisted men reflect the 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 against the enemy in Germany on 9 April 1945:

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Army Serial Number</u>	<u>Entered Military Service From</u>
Technician Fourth Grade	Joseph E. Lazzaro	20205034	New York
Corporal	Walter Schracter	32115858	New York

When an artillery shell exploded in their company command post, the above enlisted men voluntarily left the protection of their Tank Destroyer and entered the building to administer first aid. They carried the casualties from the debris and having treated the wounded, remained with them for the rest of the night. The unselfishness and devotion to duty displayed by these men in alleviating much suffering, reflect highest credit upon themselves and the military service.

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The following enlisted men, Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 8 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>
Technician Fourth Grade	Icen E. Wilson, Jr.	33513950	Virginia
Technician Fifth Grade	Richard H. McAlister, Jr.	36544351	Michigan

While enroute to the battalion command post, the above enlisted men were halted by refugees who informed them that enemy troops were somewhere in the immediate vicinity. Observing several of the enemy in a wooded area some five hundred yards distant, they immediately summoned four friendly soldiers working on a nearby road. Skillfully deploying their comrades around the wooded area, the above enlisted men courageously moved across open terrain, firing relentlessly into the prepared enemy positions. By their intrepidity and initiative, they succeeded in killing or capturing five of the enemy, forcing the remainder to flee.

The following named enlisted men, Field Artillery, 771st Tank Destroyer Battalion, 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>
Corporal	Dennis P. Connolly	32120458	New York
Technician Fifth Grade	Cecil D. Owens	18085892	Oklahoma

When one of their comrades was pinned down by heavy enemy small arms fire, the above named enlisted men, armed with a machine gun, advanced across 200 yards of open terrain to neutralize an enemy position, thereby eliminating the imminent danger to their friend's life. The indomitable courage and devotion to duty displayed by these men reflect highest 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 10 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	George C. Hausbach	36829286	Wisconsin
Private First Class	James E. Woodcock	36676650	Illinois

When their position was attacked by four enemy planes, the above

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enlisted men unhesitatingly engaged the lead plane and quickly disabled it, causing it to crash so close that it knocked the windshield off their truck. Although the area was riddled with 20mm shells, they stuck courageously to their post, succeeded in destroying another plane and disabled a third one. Their outstanding courage, skill and devotion to duty displayed by these enlisted men reflect highest credit upon themselves and the military service.

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By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, and Memorandum Number 4, 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:

CAPTAIN GEORGE S. FAGAL, Jr. (Army Serial Number 01040031), Coast Artillery Corps, 548th Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion (Mobile), United States Army, 18 November 1944 to 7 May 1945. Entered military service from Alabama.

CAPTAIN FRANK E. MILLER, Sr. (Army Serial Number 027911), Field Artillery, 927th Field Artillery Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, 9 December 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Alabama.

CAPTAIN LAURENCE L. TRULL, Jr. (Army Serial Number 01167675), Field Artillery, 927th Field Artillery Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, 8 November 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Kansas.

CAPTAIN ROBERT H. WARD, Jr. (Army Serial Number 01297123), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, 23 February 1945 to 1 May 1945. Entered military service from Missouri.

CAPTAIN DARRELL L. EBBY, Jr. (Army Serial Number 01187577), Field Artillery, 927th Field Artillery Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, 4 November 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from North Carolina.

CAPTAIN WILLIAM G. GATHER, Jr. (Army Serial Number 0326175), Field Artillery, 927th Field Artillery Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, 4 November 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Florida.

CAPTAIN JAMES L. DOBBS, Jr. (Army Serial Number 01174275), Field Artillery, Headquarters 102d Division Artillery, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, 25 December 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Texas.

CAPTAIN LOREN J. HELLER, Jr. (Army Serial Number 0118421), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, 24 September 1944 to 30 April 1945, includes service in France and Holland. Entered military service from Iowa.

CHAPLAIN (C. P. M.) WILLIAM L. HOLLEY, Jr. (Army Serial Number 0397100), Corps of Chaplains, 548th Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion

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(Mobile), United States Army, 18 November 1944 to 7 May 1945. Entered military service from Minnesota.

CAPTAIN HERBERT A. BROWN, (Army Serial Number 01167339), Field Artillery, 927th Field Artillery Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, 9 December 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Texas.

FIRST LIEUTENANT COLAND L. ZIEGLER, (Army Serial Number 01175370), Field Artillery, 980th Field Artillery Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, 15 January 1945 to 15 April 1945. Entered military service from Oklahoma.

FIRST LIEUTENANT WILLY H. ROSSER, (Army Serial Number 01175295), Field Artillery, 927th Field Artillery Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, 4 November 1944 to 30 April 1945. Entered military service from Arkansas.

FIRST LIEUTENANT ROBERT R. KING, (Army Serial Number 0520749), Field Artillery, Headquarters 102d Infantry Division Artillery, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, 4 November 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Nebraska.

FIRST LIEUTENANT RAYMOND E. TULL, (Army Serial Number 31047269), Coast Artillery Corps, 548th Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion (Mobile), United States Army, 22 February 1945 to 3 March 1945. Entered military service from Arkansas.

FIRST LIEUTENANT JAMES H. WHITMAN, (Army Serial Number 01053427), Coast Artillery Corps, 548th Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion (Mobile), United States Army, 25 February 1945 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from California.

FIRST LIEUTENANT FRED V. BLANK, JR., (Army Serial Number 0372620), Coast Artillery Corps, 548th Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion (Mobile), United States Army, 22 November 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Missouri.

FIRST LIEUTENANT HENRY C. FORD, (Army Serial Number 01323775), Infantry, Headquarters 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, 23 November 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from New York.

FIRST LIEUTENANT LITTLE C. SHUB, (Army Serial Number 01049989), Coast Artillery Corps, 548th Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion (Mobile), United States Army, 12 November 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Oregon.

FIRST LIEUTENANT CHARLES A. GIBSON, (Army Serial Number 01053509), Coast Artillery Corps, 548th Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion (Mobile), United States Army, 22 February 1945 to 3 March 1945. Entered military service from Tennessee.

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First Sergeant Clair C. Marks, (Army Serial Number 6840157), Field Artillery, 380th Field Artillery Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, 15 January 1945 to 15 April 1945. Entered military service from Texas.

First Sergeant Stanley M. Kon, (Army Serial Number 36007191), Coast Artillery Corps, 548th Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion (Mobile), United States Army, 24 November 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Illinois.

First Sergeant Ozro K. Franklin, (Army Serial Number 6852250), Coast Artillery Corps, 548th Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion (Mobile), United States Army, 12 November 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Panama Canal Zone.

Master Sergeant John W. Wright, (Army Serial Number 6260803), Field Artillery, 378th Field Artillery Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, 4 November 1944 to 25 April 1945, includes service in Holland. Entered military service from Texas.

Master Sergeant John Jurovich, Jr., (Army Serial Number 20425846), Medical Department, Headquarters 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, 4 November 1944 to 8 May 1945, includes service in Holland. Entered military service from Louisiana.

Master Sergeant Donald G. Klein, (Army Serial Number 20752960), Coast Artillery Corps, 548th Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion (Mobile), United States Army, 24 November 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Minnesota.

Master Sergeant Harry W. Morris, (Army Serial Number 36156637), Coast Artillery Corps, 548th Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion (Mobile), United States Army, 12 November 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Michigan.

Master Sergeant Harry E. Robinson, (Army Serial Number 37373710), Infantry, Headquarters 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, 24 September 1944 to 8 May 1945, includes service in France and Holland. Entered military service from Minnesota.

Technical Sergeant Joseph E. Fey, Jr., (Army Serial Number 37403793), Signal Corps, 102d Signal Company, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, 23 September 1944 to 8 May 1945, includes service in France and Holland. Entered military service from Missouri.

Technical Sergeant Plumer N. McElahan, (Army Serial Number 6262405), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, 27 October 1944 to 30 April 1945. Entered military service from Texas.

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Technical Sergeant Charles S. Rink, (Army Serial Number 33015221), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, 27 October 1944 to 25 January 1945. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Technical Sergeant Lloyd D. Sans, (Army Serial Number 35403113), Coast Artillery Corps, 54th Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion (Mobile), United States Army, 24 November 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from California.

Technical Sergeant William R. Rinks, (Army Serial Number 3117154), Coast Artillery Corps, 54th Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion (Mobile), United States Army, 11 November 1944 to 8 May 1945, includes service in Holland. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

Technical Sergeant Vernon J. Crain, (Army Serial Number 18011302), Infantry, Headquarters 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, 24 September 1944 to 8 May 1945, includes service in France and Holland. Entered military service from Texas.

Staff Sergeant Edward A. Heilits, (Army Serial Number 23391775), Infantry, Headquarters Special Troops, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, 23 September 1944 to 8 May 1945, includes service in France and Holland. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Staff Sergeant Leo R. Hegenroy, (Army Serial Number 35403145), Field Artillery, 379th Field Artillery Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, 4 November 1944 to 20 April 1945, includes service in Holland. Entered military service from California.

Staff Sergeant John L. Hladtsch, (Army Serial Number 3733344), Field Artillery, 379th Field Artillery Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, 23 February 1945 to 3 March 1945. Entered military service from Colorado.

Staff Sergeant Douglas E. Brock, (Army Serial Number 1810110), Infantry, 409th Infantry, United States Army, 27 October 1944 to 21 April 1945. Entered military service from Illinois.

Staff Sergeant Oscar Etker, (Army Serial Number 35403133), Coast Artillery Corps, 54th Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion (Mobile), United States Army, 24 November 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from California.

Staff Sergeant Louis G. Trench, (Army Serial Number 3651133), Infantry, 409th Infantry, United States Army, 2 March 1945. Entered military service from Michigan.

Staff Sergeant Arthur G. Ferguson, (Army Serial Number 35403155), Infantry, 409th Infantry, United States Army, 23 October 1944 to 14 April 1945.

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Entered military service from Texas.

Staff Sergeant William A. Poellnitz, (Army Serial Number 12221274), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, 2 March 1945. Entered military service from New York.

Staff Sergeant Robert M. Shinaberg, (Army Serial Number 36114514), Coast Artillery Corps, 548th Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion (Mobile), United States Army, 12 November 1944 to 6 May 1945. Entered military service from Michigan.

Staff Sergeant Nicholas E. Paleray, (Army Serial Number 2025824), Coast Artillery Corps, 548th Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion (Mobile), United States Army, 24 November 1944 to 6 May 1945. Entered military service from New York.

Staff Sergeant Willis E. Porter, (Army Serial Number 36560921), Coast Artillery Corps, 548th Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion (Mobile), United States Army, 12 November 1944 to 6 May 1945. Entered military service from Michigan.

Staff Sergeant George A. Miller, (Army Serial Number 36560723), Coast Artillery Corps, 548th Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion (Mobile), United States Army, 11 November 1944 to 6 May 1945. Entered military service from Michigan.

Staff Sergeant Elmer B. Strucko, Jr. (Army Serial Number 36560874), Coast Artillery Corps, 548th Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion (Mobile), United States Army, 12 November 1944 to 6 May 1945. Entered military service from Michigan.

Staff Sergeant William Scallie, (Army Serial Number 36560955), Coast Artillery Corps, 548th Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion (Mobile), United States Army, 11 November 1944 to 6 May 1945, includes service in Holland. Entered military service from Michigan.

Staff Sergeant Peter J. Sullivan, Jr. (Army Serial Number 33074285), Coast Artillery Corps, 548th Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion (Mobile), United States Army, 21 October 1944 to 6 May 1945, includes service in France and Holland. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Technician Third Grade Leonard M. Withers, (Army Serial Number 3671418), Medical Department, 548th Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion (Mobile), United States Army, 12 November 1944 to 6 May 1945. Entered military service from Illinois.

Sergeant Clyde T. Goshorn, (Army Serial Number 3440471), Corps of Military Police, Military Police Detachment, 103d Infantry Division, United States Army, 29 February 1945 to 2 April 1945. Entered military service from Tennessee.

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Sergeant William W. Glover, (Army Serial Number 33491787), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, 23 October 1944 to 17 April 1945. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Sergeant Jack Stephens, (Army Serial Number 3318574), Coast Artillery Corps, 54th antiaircraft artillery automatic weapons Battalion (Mobile), United States Army, 24 November 1944 to 5 May 1945. Entered military service from Texas.

Sergeant Otto F. Zillert, (Army Serial Number 3642401), Coast Artillery Corps, 54th antiaircraft artillery automatic weapons Battalion (Mobile), United States Army, 24 November 1944 to 5 May 1945. Entered military service from Michigan.

Sergeant Robert A. Boyra, (Army Serial Number 1633115), Corps of Military Police, Military Police Platoon, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, 23 February 1945 to 30 April 1945. Entered military service from Illinois.

Sergeant Melvin J. Huber, (Army Serial Number 3345923), Corps of Military Police, Military Police Platoon, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, 23 February 1945 to 30 April 1945. Includes service in France and Holland. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Sergeant Kenneth L. Quilley, (Army Serial Number 3858009), Coast Artillery Corps, 54th antiaircraft artillery automatic weapons Battalion (Mobile), United States Army, 24 November 1944 to 5 May 1945. Entered military service from Ohio.

Sergeant Lawrence L. Jorga, (Army Serial Number 3744587), Corps of Military Police, Military Police Platoon, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, 23 February 1945 to 30 April 1945. Entered military service from Iowa.

Sergeant Carl E. Ludwig, (Army Serial Number 3443360), Corps of Military Police, Military Police Platoon, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, 23 February 1945 to 30 April 1945. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Sergeant William L. Williams, Jr., (Army Serial Number 3649339), Coast Artillery Corps, 54th antiaircraft artillery automatic weapons Battalion (Mobile), United States Army, 24 November 1944 to 5 May 1945. Entered military service from Michigan.

Sergeant John M. Bremer, (Army Serial Number 3645476), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, 4 April 1945 to 15 April 1945. Entered military service from Ohio.

Sergeant Bruce L. Geyer, (Army Serial Number 3453445), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, 4 April 1945 to 15 April 1945. Entered military service from Ohio.

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Technician Fourth Grade John W. Zuercher, (Army Serial Number 36324703), Coast Artillery Corps, 548th Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion (Mobile), United States Army, 24 November 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Illinois.

Technician Fourth Grade Milton O. Henning, (Army Serial Number 36543819), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, 27 October 1944 to 21 April 1945. Entered military service from Michigan.

Technician Fourth Grade James W. Maher, (Army Serial Number 33448801), Ordnance Department, 802d Ordnance Light Maintenance Company, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, 1 November 1944 to 1 May 1945, includes service in Holland. Entered military service from District of Columbia.

Technician Fourth Grade Arthur R. Leith, (Army Serial Number 32640003), Medical Department, 405th Infantry, United States Army, 28 October 1944 to 20 April 1945. Entered military service from New York.

Technician Fourth Grade Russell P. Riley, (Army Serial Number 33516631), Infantry, Headquarters 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, 1 November 1944 to 8 May 1945, includes service in Holland. Entered military service from Virginia.

Colonel James I. Hill, (Army Serial Number 35045177), Field Artillery, 77th Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army, 27 March 1945 to 30 April 1945. Entered military service from Ohio.

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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 decorations as indicated:

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

FIRST LIEUTENANT ROBERT C. LEMLEY, (Army Serial Number 01823617), Field Artillery, 771st Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany on 19 November 1944. After reconnoitering possible routes of approach for enemy armored columns, FIRST LIEUTENANT LEMLEY (then SECOND LIEUTENANT) led his platoon through intense fire against superior enemy forces with such skill that he knocked out five of their tanks and broke up the counter attacks. His initiative and sound judgment protected the nearby infantry from great danger and reflect highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Ohio.

FIRST LIEUTENANT WALTER A. FLETCHER, (Army Serial Number 01318148), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany on 14 April 1945. While leading his platoon in an attack, FIRST LIEUTENANT FLETCHER noticed two wounded men lying in an exposed position. With utter disregard for his personal safety, he made his way through the intense enemy fire to administer first aid and evacuate them to safety. Then, when further advance met serious resistance, he gallantly charged an enemy position, killed the occupants, and by his outstanding bravery and coolness so inspired his men that they annihilated the remaining enemy crew. The undaunted courage and devotion displayed by FIRST LIEUTENANT FLETCHER reflect highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Washington.

SECOND LIEUTENANT TEDD L. ZAVIDA, (Army Serial Number 02009591), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany on 14 April 1945. When his company was halted by intense enemy fire, SECOND LIEUTENANT ZAVIDA daringly rose up and walked through the

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hail of fire, leading his men to the edge of the enemy positions. After fierce exchanges of almost point blank fire, he neutralized three machine gun positions and captured many of the enemy. His undaunted courage and extreme devotion to duty reflect the highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from New Mexico.

Staff Sergeant Wilber C. Elliott, (Army Serial Number 37241476), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany on 25 February 1945. When his company was halted during an attack by intense enemy machine gun fire, Staff Sergeant Elliott courageously risked his life by advancing toward the harassing position and destroying it singlehandedly, killing one of the enemy and capturing three. Later when the platoon was forced to halt again because of fierce resistance, he once more ordered his men to remain under cover while he charged another enemy emplacement. It was during this heroic action that he was mortally wounded by sniper fire. The outstanding devotion to duty and conspicuous gallantry displayed by Staff Sergeant Elliott reflect highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Kansas.

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>
Private First Class	William J. Scott	35716948	Kentucky
Private	Robert D. Van Orden	42085968	New York

When the enemy launched a strong counter attack and forced their battalion to seek shelter, the above named men disregarded their personal safety by remaining in their precarious position and firing incessantly at the oncoming enemy. After killing a number of them, they refused to leave their position and continued to place deadly fire on the foe until a direct hit by tank fire demolished their position. The undaunted gallantry and self-sacrifice displayed by these enlisted men reflect highest credit upon themselves and the military service.

II. AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR MEDAL.

CAPTAIN CLAY J. FRYER, (Army Serial Number 0412702), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany on 23 February 1945. After his company had successfully crossed a dangerous river and his men were scattered, CAPTAIN FRYER courageously risked his life by crawling through the intense enemy artillery fire to gather his company, issue instructions, and inform his men of new plans for attack. Because of his intrepid leadership, the company was successfully regrouped and moved in a well coordinated attack against the immediate objective. The skillful leadership and conspicuous gallantry displayed by CAPTAIN FRYER reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Oklahoma.

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CAPTAIN DANIEL W. PLATT, (Army Serial Number 0409089), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany on 23 February 1945. While reconnoitering for a new location for the battalion command post, CAPTAIN PLATT encountered a pocket of enemy resistance which had been by-passed by the assault troops. Unhesitatingly, he deployed his men in skirmisher formation and led them forward through intense fire, capturing or killing all of the enemy. By his gallant act, he liberated an American officer and non-commissioned officer who had been previously captured by the enemy. His undaunted courage and devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from California.

CAPTAIN GEORGE W. McLELLAN, Jr., (Army Serial Number 01280254), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany on 23 and 24 February 1945. When his battalion was repeatedly counter attacked by strong enemy forces and many casualties were inflicted, CAPTAIN McLELLAN made his way to every unit of his company through the intense enemy fire in order to give his men new confidence and reorganize them where necessary. He continued on his dangerous undertaking throughout the day until the pressure was relieved and he could proceed with the attack. The outstanding leadership and gallantry displayed by CAPTAIN McLELLAN reflect highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from New York.

CAPTAIN CHARLES M. KILLE, (Army Serial Number 01288239), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany on 27 February 1945. When his battalion was halted by intense enemy fire, CAPTAIN KILLE made his way forward two hundred yards in front of his troops, courageously exposing himself to direct fire, in order to locate the enemy machine guns which had inflicted heavy casualties and prevented further advance. Returning with accurate information, he directed rifle and mortar fire with such effect that the emplacements were neutralized so that his battalion could continue its advance. The undaunted courage and gallant devotion to duty displayed by CAPTAIN KILLE contributed materially to the capture of an enemy town. Entered military service from Missouri.

FIRST LIEUTENANT FRED A. WILK, (Army Serial Number 01280430), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany on 15 April 1945. Having repulsed a fierce attack by a strong enemy task force, FIRST LIEUTENANT WILK courageously led a company of infantrymen against a village to which they had withdrawn. Although artillery shells burst in his immediate vicinity, he disregarded all thoughts of his own safety and, rallying the men, led them to the complete rout of the hostile armor. His skillful and gallant leadership was instrumental in the saving of many lives and reflects the highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from California.

FIRST LIEUTENANT GEORGE C. GABRIEL, Jr., (Army Serial Number 0518956), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany on 23 and 24 February 1945. When an assault company was

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subjected to heavy artillery shelling and confusion threatened to jeopardize the progress of the operations, FIRST LIEUTENANT GASKELL, quickly rallied his men, led them to the assault boats, and directed the successful crossing of the dangerous river. Having reached the far shore, he reorganized his platoon, refusing to seek shelter despite a veritable hail of machine gun fire. Attacking in front of his men, he directed the capture of the initial objective; then after a defense line was established, he courageously moved across the shell swept battlefield to administer first aid to the wounded and assist in their evacuation. His leadership and gallantry set an inspiring example. Entered military service from Alaska.

Technical Sergeant Paul J. Padgett, (Army Serial Number 16150980), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany on 12 April 1945. While covering the advance of his regiment during a fast moving attack, Technical Sergeant Padgett's platoon suddenly received strong small arms fire from many directions. Although realizing that he had been ambushed, he refused to surrender to the superior force, fully aware that it would lay his entire regiment open to a surprise attack. Skillfully deploying his men, he directed the defense with such determination that the enemy was forced to give ground. Although painfully wounded during this engagement, he charged the hostile lines and with the use of his weapon and hand grenades killed five of the enemy and captured many more. His undaunted courage and exemplary gallantry reflect highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Michigan.

Technical Sergeant Paul L. Orr, (Army Serial Number 33244945), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany on 2 February 1945. During the crossing of a dangerous river, Technical Sergeant Orr was thrown into the river when his boat hit a cable and capsized. Observing one of the men who was unable to swim, he unhesitatingly grasped him and carried him safely to shore. Noting other comrades unable to reach the river bank, he plunged back into the icy river on three separate occasions and brought them all safely ashore. After administering emergency first aid, he crossed the shell swept battlefield to summon further medical assistance. His gallantry and undaunted courage reflect the highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Staff Sergeant Carl G. Osborne, (Army Serial Number 35218155), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany on 2 March 1945. When a fortification manned by fifty enemy threatened to halt his unit's advance, Staff Sergeant Osborne (then Private First Class) organized a group of four volunteers and led them forward to eliminate the danger. He skillfully outflanked the emplacement and neutralized an enemy gun, gained entrance to a building, and flushed out the occupants with automatic rifle fire. The outstanding leadership and initiative displayed by Staff Sergeant Osborne reflect highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Virginia.

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Technician Third Grade Marion M. Lewis, (Army Serial Number 35870080), Medical Department, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany on 23 February 1945 and 25 February 1945. During the difficult assault over a dangerous river, Technician Third Grade Lewis constantly risked his life by crossing and recrossing the shell swept stream to supervise the treatment and evacuation of countless wounded men. Later, he courageously entered a mine field on four occasions to administer first aid and evacuate other casualties. The outstanding gallantry and devotion to duty displayed by Technician Third Grade Lewis reflect highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Ohio.

Sergeant Parkine V. Addison, (Army Serial Number 34490647), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany on 14 April 1945. When supporting tanks were endangered by intense enemy fire, Sergeant Addison disregarded personal safety by making his way forward across shell swept terrain to a position from which he could bring fire on the enemy. Because of his gallant determination, his efforts succeeded in neutralizing the enemy guns, thereby enabling the tanks to continue their advance. The undaunted courage and loyalty shown by Sergeant Addison reflect highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Tennessee.

Sergeant David M. Abercrombie, Jr., (Army Serial Number 13185069), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany on 25 February 1945. When his company was pinned down by intense enemy machine gun fire, Sergeant Abercrombie (then Private First Class) gallantly risked his life by crossing over a hundred yards of shell swept terrain in an effort to summon bazooka teams. Returning over the same dangerous ground, he rose up in order to direct accurate fire on the harassing emplacement. The outstanding resourcefulness and bravery displayed by Sergeant Abercrombie enabled his company to advance to its objective. Entered military service from Maryland.

Private First Class Arthur W. Keal, (Army Serial Number 6951005), Medical Department, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany on 25 February 1945. When a platoon of the company to which he was attached as an aid man ran into an enemy minefield during an intense enemy mortar and artillery barrage, Private First Class Keal disregarded his personal safety and gallantly entered the danger zone on five occasions to treat and evacuate casualties. Although constantly exposed to intense fire, he declined to seek shelter until the section had been entirely cleared. The devotion to duty and outstanding courage displayed by Private First Class Keal reflect highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Texas.

Private First Class Arthur Smith, (Army Serial Number 38325664), Coast Artillery Corps, 5th Airborne Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion (Mobile), United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany on 16 April 1945. When enemy planes attacked his sector, spraying the area

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with machine gun bullets, Private First Class Smith calmly remained with his guns. Taking a cool aim at the lead plane, he quickly disabled it and, although it crashed so close to him that it broke the windshield on his truck, continued his fire, crippled a second plane, then set the third attacker afire and forced the last plane to change its course and abandon its mission. His outstanding gallantry prevented many casualties and reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from New Mexico.

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

CAPTAIN ROBERT B. DEXTER, (Army Serial Number 01288021), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany on 11 April 1945. While leading his men in repelling an enemy counter attack which was aimed at cutting off the assault echelon, CAPTAIN DEXTER was fired upon by snipers hiding in a nearby woods. With utter disregard for his personal safety, he charged their position with his carbine and killed them instantly with accurately placed fire. The indomitable courage and leadership displayed by CAPTAIN DEXTER reflect highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from California.

FIRST LIEUTENANT FRANK J. PUSATERI, (Army Serial Number 0391156), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany on 24 February 1945. After the company commander and executive officer had become casualties, FIRST LIEUTENANT PUSATERI unhesitatingly assumed command. Although fired upon at point blank range, he moved freely over shell swept terrain to rally and reorganize his men. Having reconnoitered the area, he placed effective fire on the enemy and neutralized their position so that his company could successfully advance. His leadership and undaunted courage reflect highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Nebraska.

IV. AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL.

Private First Class Gino Giganti, (Army Serial Number 36548148), Field Artillery, 927th Field Artillery Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, for heroism not involving actual conflict with the enemy. On 21 April 1945 while Private First Class Giganti assisted in preparing a meal in the battery kitchen, gasoline was accidentally sprayed on him and a cook, whose clothing began to burn immediately. Without regard for his own safety, he rushed to his comrade's assistance and, although his own clothing caught on fire, extinguished the blaze, oblivious to the severe burns which he suffered. The heroism and courage displayed by Private First Class Giganti reflect highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Michigan.

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

Staff Sergeant George E. Hoxley, Jr., (Army Serial Number 34598887), Corps of Engineers, 327th Engineer Combat Battalion, 102d Infantry Division,

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United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 17 December 1944 in connection with military operations against the enemy. As a member of a rescue party, Staff Sergeant Mobley endeavored three times to cross a dangerous, shell swept river to reach soldiers stranded on the enemy held shore. When a raft capsized in the icy water, he swam to the friendly shore, procured a life line, and returned with it to the stranded men. The outstanding courage and devotion to duty displayed by Staff Sergeant Mobley reflect his best credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Alabama.

OK * So much of Section III, General Orders Number 35, this headquarters, dated 24 March 1945, AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL (POSTHUMOUSLY), as reads "23 February 1945" is amended to read "24 February 1945."

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

CAPTAIN EUGENE C. LAGY, Jr., (Army Serial Number 025464), Corps of Engineers, 327th Engineer Combat Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, 3 November 1944 to 28 April 1945. Entered military service from Virginia.

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

Private David E. Grubbs, (Army Serial Number 18059612), Corps of Engineers, 327th Engineer Combat Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 17 December 1944 in connection with military operations against the enemy. As a member of a rescue party, Private Grubbs endeavored three times to cross a dangerous, shell swept river to reach soldiers stranded on the enemy held shore. When a raft capsized in the icy water, he swam to the friendly shore, procured a life line, and returned with it to the stranded men. The outstanding courage and devotion to duty displayed by Private Grubbs reflect highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from New Mexico.

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

Staff Sergeant Louis E. Lodine, (Army Serial Number 18002451), 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 upon an enemy tank, Staff Sergeant Lodine's squad was halted by an enemy machine gun. Realizing that any delay would cause innumerable casualties among his men, he courageously attempted to personally destroy the harassing emplacement. Although he made the supreme sacrifice in this valiant endeavor, his indomitable bravery and gallantry so inspired his men that they charged the enemy emplacement and annihilated the weapon. Entered military service from Oklahoma.

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

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CAPTAIN THOMAS F. GARDNER, (Army Serial Number 01388259), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, 20 February 1945 to 10 April 1945. Entered military service from New York.

VIII. AWARD OF THE PURDIE STAR MEDAL (ONE LEAF CLUSTER).

FIRST LIEUTENANT PAUL E. POTTS, (Army Serial Number 01387948), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany from 11 April 1945 to 13 April 1945 in connection with military operations against the enemy. As battalion operations officer, FIRST LIEUTENANT POTTS maintained personal contact with the assault elements throughout a fast moving attack. Although the area was under heavy fire, he disregarded all thought of safety to keep the elements of his unit and higher headquarters well informed of the tactical situation. On one occasion, he assumed command of an assault group and succeeded in capturing eight prisoners. The outstanding courage and initiative shown by FIRST LIEUTENANT POTTS reflect highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from California.

Staff Sergeant John Wojtkiewicz, (Army Serial Number 33919395), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 11 April 1945 in connection with military operations against the enemy. During operations against the enemy, Staff Sergeant Wojtkiewicz led his men in a bold assault on the hostile position on a commanding ridge. So skillfully did he deploy his men and direct their fire that the objective was taken without suffering a single casualty. The exemplary leadership and devotion to duty shown by Staff Sergeant Wojtkiewicz reflect highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from New Jersey.

Staff Sergeant Thaddeus J. Hill, (Army Serial Number 20218664), Field Artillery, 71st Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 12 April 1945 in connection with military operations against the enemy. When his tank destroyer received a direct hit and was set afire during a night attack, Staff Sergeant Hill, with the assistance of two others, though in danger of the imminent explosion of the ammunition in the destroyer, unhesitatingly mounted the burning destroyer and extinguished the flames. By his valiant act, destruction of valuable government property was thwarted. His outstanding courage and unselfish devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from New York.

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

LIEUTENANT MICHAEL A. GIBBY, Jr., (Army Serial Number 022034), General Staff Corps, Headquarters 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, 20 February 1945 to 20 April 1945. Entered military service from Indiana.

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CAPTAIN JOSEPH M. FOREJT, (Army Serial Number 0215526), Medical Corps, 327th Medical Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, 29 March 1945 to 25 April 1945. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

CAPTAIN RALPH J. McDONOUGH, (Army Serial Number 0378765), Field Artillery, 360th Field Artillery Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, 9 April 1945 to 12 April 1945. Entered military service from Louisiana.

Private First Class Carl E. Eminger, (Army Serial Number 35049609), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, 24 February 1945. Entered military service from Ohio.

IX. AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART MEDAL.

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

FIRST LIEUTENANT ALFRED E. THOMSEN, (Army Serial Number 02049415), Medical Corps, 406th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 24 February 1945. Entered military service from Nebraska.

FIRST LIEUTENANT LOUIS E. HOOKS, (Army Serial Number 0535062), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 3 May 1945. Entered military service from Florida.

CAPTAIN ROBERT E. DEBEL, (Army Serial Number 01283021), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 18 November 1944. Entered military service from California.

Private First Class Alvie E. McGehee, (Army Serial Number 34981611), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 28 February 1945. Entered military service from Mississippi.

Private First Class Armand J. Leblanc, (Army Serial Number 31258982), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 10 April 1945. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

Private First Class John F. Richard, (Army Serial Number 35873939), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 10 April 1945. Entered military service from Ohio.

Private First Class Howard J. Pederson, (Army Serial Number 15359836), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 10 April 1945. Entered military service from Indiana.

Private First Class Harold O. Eschauer, (Army Serial Number 36862298), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 16 November 1944. Entered military service from Michigan.

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Private First Class Stanley W. Bouquist, Jr., (Army Serial Number 19134748), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 11 December 1944. Entered military service from Oregon.

SECOND LIEUTENANT VERLIE A. BASINLE, (Army Serial Number 02012030), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 20 November 1944. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

Private First Class Milton H. Fong, (Army Serial Number 34762566), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 25 February 1945. Entered military service from Georgia.

SECOND LIEUTENANT VINCENNE J. VHOUCER, (Army Serial Number 02000436), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 13 November 1944. Entered military service from Illinois.

Private First Class Joseph B. Monami, (Army Serial Number 32532914), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 25 February 1945. Entered military service from South Dakota.

Corporal Yale G. Friedlander, (Army Serial Number 141,0623), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 2 November 1944. Entered military service from Alabama.

Private First Class Edward J. Florio, (Army Serial Number 31234277), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 27 January 1945. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

Private First Class Alexander Stanton, (Army Serial Number 33518989), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 15 February 1945. Entered military service from Virginia.

Private First Class Chester E. Johnson, (Army Serial Number 38136227), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 25 February 1945. Entered military service from Louisiana.

Technical Sergeant Vincent A. Serr, (Army Serial Number 33474434), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 26 January 1945. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Sergeant William F. Gray, (Army Serial Number 37339812), Cavalry, 102d Reconnaissance Troop (Mechanized), 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, wounded 13 April 1945. Entered military service from Missouri.

Private First Class Melvin L. Murn, (Army Serial Number 37533084), Coast Artillery Corps, 5th Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion (Mobile), United States Army, wounded 13 February 1945. Entered military service from Kansas.

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Private First Class John V. Rogers, (Army Serial Number 39395631), Cavalry, 102d Reconnaissance Troop Mechanized, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, wounded 13 April 1945. Entered military service from California.

Private First Class William San Miguel, (Army Serial Number 32542111), Cavalry, 102d Reconnaissance Troop Mechanized, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, wounded 9 April 1945. Entered military service from New York.

Private First Class Stanley A. Bajor, (Army Serial Number 42141300), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 23 February 1945. Entered military service from New Jersey.

Private Stanley G. Staub, (Army Serial Number 33076132), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 8 February 1945. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Private First Class Frank Urban, (Army Serial Number 6559217), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 23 February 1945. Entered military service from Minnesota.

Private First Class Arturo Evans, (Army Serial Number 38155129), Field Artillery, 300th Field Artillery Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, wounded 2 December 1944. Entered military service from Texas.

Private First Class Tony L. Petry, (Army Serial Number 3920440), Corps of Engineers, 327th Engineer Combat Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, wounded 23 February 1945. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

X. AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART MEDAL (ONE LINE DISTRICT).

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

PLIST LIEUTENANT ROY L. ROBB, (Army Serial Number 01324355), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 26 February 1945. Entered military service from Minnesota.

Private First Class Keith Evans, (Army Serial Number 38637389), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 12 March 1945. Entered military service from Arkansas.

Private First Class Charles A. Brown, (Army Serial Number 36904793), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 27 April 1945. Entered military service from Illinois.

Private First Class Andrew P. Stallon, (Army Serial Number 35805023), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 1 December 1944. Entered military service from Ohio.

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FIRST LIEUTENANT LOUIS H. HANNUH, (Army Serial Number 01324330), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 15 January 1945. Entered military service from Arkansas.

Staff Sergeant William F. Kirk, (Army Serial Number 13186229), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 27 February 1945. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Private First Class Alexander J. Puskas, (Army Serial Number 33523603), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 24 February 1945. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

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AWARD OF THE MERITORIOUS SERVICE UNIT PLAQUE

Under authority contained in Section I, War Department Circular Number 345, 1944, the following units are awarded the Meritorious Service Unit Plaque for superior performance of duty in the performance of exceptionally difficult tasks and for achievement and maintenance of high standards of discipline during the periods indicated:

Medical Detachment, 405th Infantry	24 September 1944 to 1 March 1945
✓ 102d Signal Company	25 September 1944 to 25 March 1945
✓ Service Battery, 379th Field Artillery Battalion	4 November 1944 to 1 May 1945
✓ Service Battery, 381st Field Artillery Battalion	4 November 1944 to 12 May 1945

All military personnel assigned to these organizations are entitled to wear the Meritorious Service Unit insignia as long as they remain members of their present organization.

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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, 6 September 1944, as amended, the following officers and enlisted men are awarded the BRONZE STAR MEDAL:

CAPTAIN HARRY V. BECA, (Army Serial Number 024210), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 20 February 1945 in connection with military operations against the enemy. When ordered to emplace an anti-tank weapon in a house along a riverfront, CAPTAIN BECA, rather than risking the lives of his men, courageously guided the vehicle which towed the gun down toward the river bank in full view of the enemy. As soon as the movement was noticed on the other side, the enemy promptly concentrated a heavy mortar and artillery barrage on the house. Disregarding the danger to his own safety, CAPTAIN BECA refused to take cover and skillfully mounted the gun in its position. His courage and determination reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from North Carolina.

FIRST LIEUTENANT MILLON R. MCCOWN, (Army Serial Number 01494883), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 18 March 1945 in connection with military operations against the enemy. Having led a reconnaissance patrol safely across a wide river, FIRST LIEUTENANT MCCOWN (then SECOND LIEUTENANT) skillfully guided his men over a dike, past enemy outposts, and around an enemy town while penetrating almost two miles into enemy territory. Through his sound judgment, courage, and leadership, he gained information concerning enemy positions, strength, and disposition which was invaluable in subsequent operations. His outstanding qualities of leadership and fearless daring reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Kentucky.

SECOND LIEUTENANT JOHN J. MOSCO, (Army Serial Number 02000971), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 9 April 1945 in connection with military operations against the enemy. While leading his platoon in a furious attack on the enemy, SECOND LIEUTENANT MOSCO, with his men, was twice pinned down by heavy enemy fire. Both times he refused to halt and by his personal example of bravery inspired his men to press forward until the harassing position was finally taken, with twenty five of the enemy killed and many more captured. His courage and outstanding leadership reflect highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

First Sergeant Sidney Sykes, (Army Serial Number 33015274), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany from 10 April to 12 April 1945 in connection with military operations against the enemy.

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When five men of his unit were wounded, First Sergeant Sykes courageously ran through intense enemy fire with no regard for personal safety and succeeded in evacuating them from the exposed area in which they were lying to the safety of a nearby house. When an enemy vehicle advanced toward the building, First Sergeant Sykes quickly communicated with friendly tanks and directed effective fire upon the vehicle. His courage and devotion to duty reflect highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Staff Sergeant Frank J. Boyle, (Army Serial Number 32636478), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 24 February 1945 in connection with military operations against the enemy. When the advance of his platoon was threatened by heavy enemy machine gun fire emanating from a concealed position on the flank, Staff Sergeant Boyle (then Sergeant) instructed his squad to remain in their position and to cover him while he courageously advanced toward the enemy position in the face of direct fire. By his intrepid deed, he liquidated the machine gun nest and enabled his unit to take its objective without loss. The courage and devotion to duty displayed by Staff Sergeant Boyle reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from New York.

Staff Sergeant Francis E. Baker, (Army Serial Number 37478963), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 28 February 1945 in connection with military operations against the enemy. While leading his squad into position during an attack against a fortified town, Staff Sergeant Baker with his men was suddenly subjected to enemy sniper fire which caused two casualties. Disregarding all thoughts of his own safety, he courageously crawled to an advantageous position and after several attempts succeeded in silencing the sniper. The conspicuous courage and initiative displayed by Staff Sergeant Baker reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Oklahoma.

Sergeant William E. Jensen, (Army Serial Number 37677388), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 28 February 1945 in connection with military operations against the enemy. When enemy machine gun fire halted the advance of his company, Sergeant Jensen (then Private First Class) crawled to a position on the flank and in the face of heavy automatic fire succeeded in silencing the harassing enemy weapons. Later, when two members of his squad were wounded, he quickly assumed command of his men and called them to continue the attack. Using a pistol and hand grenades when his automatic weapon jammed, he led the squad to the capture of its objective. His conspicuous courage and resourcefulness reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Iowa.

Technician Fourth Grade James J. DeLuca, (Army Serial Number 6906674), Field Artillery, 71st Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany from 25 November 1944 to 10 January 1945 in connection with military operations against the enemy. During combat with the enemy, Technician Fourth Grade DeLuca, while under direct observation and with utter

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disregard for personal safety; evacuated and salvaged from a densely mined area nine tank destroyers of his own unit and five tanks of other units. His heroic actions resulted in the saving of much material that would have otherwise been lost. The outstanding courage and initiative displayed by Technician Fourth Grade Deluca reflect highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from New York.

Corporal William O. Cruickshank, (Army Serial Number 32482504), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 16 April 1945 in connection with military operations against the enemy. As member of a forward observation party, Corporal Cruickshank endeavored to establish contact with the rifle company to which he was attached when he noticed the approach of an enemy tank and three half tracks. With utter disregard for his personal safety, he ran to an open area in full view of the enemy and succeeded in informing his commanding officer of the presence of the task force. By his courage and resourcefulness, he brought effective fire to bear on the enemy forces and the elimination of the imminent danger. Entered military service from New Jersey.

Corporal Frank A. Smith, (Army Serial Number 26805095), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 27 February 1945 in connection with military operations against the enemy. During the attack on a strongly defended enemy town, Corporal Smith's platoon was forced to deploy when intense enemy artillery, mortar, and small arms fire was concentrated on their immediate area. Although struck by shell fragments which pierced his helmet and clothing, causing lacerations on his face and body, he declined evacuation. Courageously he moved into the attack with his platoon and submitted to medical treatment only after the objective had been taken. His courage and devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

Technician Fifth Grade William T. Allen, (Army Serial Number 35148634), Medical Department, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 24 February 1945 in connection with military operations against the enemy. While serving as a medical aid man with a rifle platoon, Technician Fifth Grade Allen and the other members of his platoon were suddenly confronted with a heavy concentration of machine gun fire which wounded one man. Disregarding all thoughts of his own safety, he immediately crawled through the heavy fire in order to render first aid to his wounded comrade. The instantaneous courage and devotion to duty displayed by Technician Fifth Grade Allen reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Indiana.

Technician Fifth Grade Andrew J. Gross, (Army Serial Number 34249613), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 21 April 1945 in connection with military operations against the enemy. When a strong enemy armor task force attacked his unit's position, Technician Fifth Grade Gross courageously manned a machine gun and opened fire upon the tanks. By remaining at his post and despite intense enemy fire, he succeeded

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in killing several enemy soldiers and halted the advance of the force. The intrepidity and devotion to duty displayed by Technician Fifth Grade Cross reflect highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Florida.

Private First Class Gismund P. Tomczykowski, (Army Serial Number 31734083), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 26 February 1945 in connection with military operations against the enemy. After an enemy town had been captured and defensive positions were being prepared, friendly tanks, mistaking our troops for the enemy in the dark hours of the night, began to fire automatic weapons at a very short range. Realizing the intense danger, Private First Class Tomczykowski courageously ran to the middle of a road, waved his arms and shouted until the tankers became aware of their error. The courage and initiative displayed by Private First Class Tomczykowski reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

Private First Class Cecil L. Robertson, (Army Serial Number 38297758), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 26 February 1945 in connection with military operations against the enemy. When a medical aid man ran to the assistance of a wounded man, Private First Class Robertson, seeing that the aid man's life was endangered by direct sniper fire, disregarded all consideration for his own safety and courageously stood erect in order to divert the sniper fire from the aid man. His unselfish act facilitated speedy treatment and reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Arkansas.

Private First Class James E. Muehlberger, (Army Serial Number 13039131), Medical Department, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 16 April 1945 in connection with military operations against the enemy. When the driver of a truck was seriously wounded by enemy shell fire, Private First Class Muehlberger instantly left his position of safety and rushed to the aid of the casualty. Applying first aid amid heavy enemy fire, at the risk of his own life, he successfully treated his wounded comrade and carried him to a position of comparative safety. His instantaneous courage and devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Private First Class Thomas G. Park, (Army Serial Number 3837774), Medical Department, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 26 February 1945 in connection with military operations against the enemy. While rendering first aid to several wounded men, Private First Class Park (then Private) was forced to seek cover when the enemy mortar, artillery, and small arms barrage grew more intense. Noting several riflemen lying unaided nearby, he courageously risked his life by running through the heavy fire to render first aid to the wounded and evacuate them to safety. The instantaneous courage and exemplary devotion to duty displayed by Private First Class Park reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from New York.

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Private First Class Henry E. Keeler, (Army Serial Number 32554013), Medical Department, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 27 February 1945 in connection with military operations against the enemy. When the platoon to which he was attached as an aid man suffered many casualties because of heavy enemy fire, Private First Class Keeler (then Private) courageously risked his life by crawling from one wounded man to another, rendering first aid and evacuating each casualty. Refusing to relax his efforts, he searched the entire shelled area until he had assured himself that the wounded men of his platoon and of three assaulting companies had been treated and evacuated. His courage and devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from New Jersey.

Private First Class Henry G. Spince, (Army Serial Number 39217025), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 28 February 1945 in connection with military operations against the enemy. Although having worked for five consecutive days with little rest, Private First Class Spince cheerfully volunteered to establish wire communications for the assault companies during an attack against heavy enemy opposition. When machine gun fire pinned him down for an hour under his jeep, he courageously risked his life by moving his jeep forward in order to maintain pace with the assaulting elements. His courage and determined devotion to duty aided his battalion observation post in maintaining control over the assault troops and reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Washington.

Private First Class Ernel E. Shaver, (Army Serial Number 37239968), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 23 February 1945 in connection with military operations against the enemy. When an ammunition shortage developed during the crossing of a major river barrier, Private First Class Shaver (then Private) courageously drove his ammunition truck to the river bank for ten hours despite heavy enemy artillery barrages. After crossing the river, he delivered the ammunition to the assaulting riflemen even though his life was constantly endangered by the heavy enemy fire. His valiant efforts and courage aided his organization in the accomplishment of its missions, and reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Kansas.

Private First Class J. E. Collins, (Army Serial Number 38 21), Infantry, 407th 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 was wounded during an attack against a strongly fortified enemy position, Private First Class Collins, disregarding all thoughts of his personal safety, courageously assumed command. Although painfully wounded in his leg during heavy enemy artillery, mortar, and small arms fire, he continued to lead and direct the movement of his squad and placed effective fire upon enemy positions. His intrepidity and devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Oklahoma.

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Private First Class William E. McTague, (Army Serial Number 35849968), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 12 April 1945 in connection with military operations against the enemy. When his unit was pinned down as a result of heavy enemy fire, Private First Class McTague (then Private) completely disregarded intense personal danger to travel over several hundred yards of open terrain to carry vital instructions from his commanding officer to elements of the unit. He served as the only means of communication and by his efforts enabled the unit to successfully gain its objective. The outstanding courage and initiative of Private First Class McTague reflect the highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Ohio.

Private First Class Tom H. Holland, (Army Serial Number 37613039), Medical Department, 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 and the subsequent establishment of a bridgehead, Private First Class Holland (then Private) courageously risked his life in the intense enemy fire by locating buildings suitable for a medical aid station. Having established the installation he accompanied a litter squad through the heavy barrage in order to treat and evacuate several wounded men. The bravery and devotion to duty displayed by Private First Class Holland reflect highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Missouri.

Private First Class Orren C. Laurvik, (Army Serial Number 36989739), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 27 February 1945 in connection with military operations against the enemy. During an intense enemy artillery, mortar and small arms concentration of fire, Private First Class Laurvik (then Private) suffered a shrapnel wound in his hand. Seeing that his gunner had been seriously wounded by the same fire, he refused medical treatment and courageously manned the gun, firing until he successfully neutralized several enemy positions and the objective was taken. His conspicuous bravery and outstanding devotion to duty served as an inspiration to his comrades and thereby reflect the highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

Private First Class Nicholas W. Della Fave, (Army Serial Number 1220758), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 23 February 1945 in connection with military operations against the enemy. Noticing that two comrades were wounded by enemy fire, Private First Class Della Fave manned his machine gun despite the intense barrage and fired so accurately at the harassing emplacement that it was neutralized. With disregard for personal safety, he then made his way over shell swept terrain to reach the stricken men and administer first aid. With the help of a comrade, he succeeded in evacuating them, thereby undoubtedly saving their lives. The courage and devotion to duty displayed by Private First Class Della Fave reflect highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from New Jersey.

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Private First Class Robert M. Payne, (Army Serial Number 36825512), Medical Department, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 28 February 1945 in connection with military operations against the enemy. After all attempts to reach a wounded squad leader had been frustrated by enemy sniper fire, Private First Class Payne, disregarding all thoughts of his own safety, courageously crawled along the curb of a street and ran through the sniper fire to the doorway wherein the wounded man lay. There, he administered first aid to the casualty, a deed which saved his life. The conspicuous bravery and devotion to duty displayed by Private First Class Payne reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

The following named enlisted men, Infantry, 407th 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>
Sergeant	Robert G. Noordhoff	36817751	California
Private First Class	Andrew A. Sucky	42126275	New York

When their platoon was suddenly halted by heavy enemy machine gun and mortar fire, the above named enlisted men, disregarding all thoughts of their own safety, courageously ran toward the house from which the fire emanated and firing their rifles as they ran, captured twenty-five prisoners, killed seven enemy and neutralized an enemy mortar observation post. Their courageous efforts aided greatly in the accomplishment of the hazardous missions by their unit, and reflect great credit upon themselves and the military service.

The following named enlisted men, Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 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	Henry Burgmeier, Jr.	32917259	New Jersey
Private First Class	Charles M. Spilsman	37730711	Kansas

After lying, vice for 48 consecutive hours in heavy enemy fire, during a major river crossing, the above named enlisted men, despite being handicapped by a lack of rest, accompanied the battalion commander into a heavily defended enemy town. Risking their lives in intense enemy artillery, sniper and small arms fire, they courageously established wire communications with the battalion observation post and maintained it in the lines whenever required. Their courage and unselfish devotion to duty reflect great credit upon themselves and the military service.

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OK { So much of General Orders Number 36, this headquarters, dated 25 March 1945, AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL, as reads "Private Thomas D. Peters, Army Serial Number 34738956", is amended to read "Private Wilbur Peters, Army Serial Number 42141167".

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By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-15, 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 JOSEPH D. SCOTT, (Army Serial Number 0227543), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, 10 April 1945 to 11 April 1945. Entered military service from New York.

CAPTAIN THOMAS H. BOWMAN, (Army Serial Number 0463718), Medical Corps, 379th Field Artillery Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, 4 November 1944 to 25 April 1945, includes service in Holland. Entered military service from Arkansas.

CAPTAIN WALLACE P. HOYT, (Army Serial Number 0476702), Medical Corps, 406th Infantry, United States Army, 23 February 1945 to 15 April 1945. Entered military service from Washington.

CAPTAIN LESLIE E. HART, (Army Serial Number 01549492), Ordnance Department, 802d Ordnance Light Maintenance Company, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, 8 April 1945 to 1 May 1945. Entered military service from New York.

CAPTAIN SLYGUR E. BURNLEY, (Army Serial Number 0470175), Medical Corps, 407th Infantry, United States Army, 18 March 1945 to 11 April 1945. Entered military service from New York.

CAPTAIN WILLIAM H. PROCTOR, (Army Serial Number 01293830), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, 1 November 1944 to 31 March 1945. Entered military service from Texas.

CAPTAIN PHILIP W. OUNELLS, Jr., (Army Serial Number 01288104), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, 1 November 1944 to 1 April 1945. Entered military service from South Dakota.

CAPTAIN ROGER W. SPIELMAYER, (Army Serial Number 01167644), Ordnance Department, 802d Ordnance Light Maintenance Company, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, 23 September 1944 to 7 May 1945, includes service in Holland. Entered military service from Ohio.

FIRST LIEUTENANT LEE H. LEON, (Army Serial Number 01167315), Field Artillery, 381st Field Artillery Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States

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Technical Sergeant Leslie M. Edie, (Army Serial Number 36069209), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, 16 November 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Illinois.

Staff Sergeant Kenneth J. Foster, (Army Serial Number 18011596), Ordnance Department, 802d Ordnance Light Maintenance Company, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, 1 November 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Texas.

Staff Sergeant Claude W. Ramsey, Jr., (Army Serial Number 18018980), Medical Department, 379th Field Artillery Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, 4 November 1944 to 25 April 1945, includes service in Holland. Entered military service from Texas.

Staff Sergeant William P. Howard, Jr., (Army Serial Number 18162921), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, 23 February 1945 to 25 April 1945. Entered military service from Oklahoma.

Staff Sergeant Milburn L. Lynch, (Army Serial Number 18032208), Infantry, Headquarters Company, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, 1 October 1944 to 8 May 1945, includes service in France and Holland. Entered military service from Oklahoma.

Staff Sergeant Jack H. Taylor, (Army Serial Number 39725399), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, 26 and 28 February 1945. Entered military service from California.

Sergeant Arthur Lamb, (Army Serial Number 36544235), Cavalry, 102d Reconnaissance Troop Mechanized, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, 5 November 1944 to 22 April 1945. Entered military service from Michigan.

Sergeant Verrian J. Kime, (Army Serial Number 36558679), Coast Artillery Corps, 548th Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion (Mobile), United States Army, 24 November 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Michigan.

Sergeant Alfred M. Zibton, (Army Serial Number 36601780), Field Artillery, 379th Field Artillery Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, 4 November 1944 to 20 April 1945, includes service in Holland. Entered military service from Illinois.

Technician Fourth Grade Herman C. Conley, (Army Serial Number 38247130), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, 16 November 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Texas.

Technician Fourth Grade Kenneth Murdy, (Army Serial Number 33400570), Infantry, Headquarters 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, 10 February 1945 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

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Technician Fourth Grade Casimir F. Jezierny, (Army Serial Number 36623181), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, 26 January 1945 and 28 February 1945. Entered military service from Illinois.

Technician Fourth Grade Wesley R. Grier, (Army Serial Number 32275486), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, 27 October 1944 to 5 May 1945. Entered military service from New Jersey.

Corporal Roy D. Harolis, (Army Serial Number 20806454), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, 23 February 1945 to 15 April 1945. Entered military service from Texas.

Corporal Louis G. Frachette, (Army Serial Number 31244392), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, 27 October 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Rhode Island.

Technician Fifth Grade Eddy Bergman, (Army Serial Number 32645287), Field Artillery, 379th Field Artillery Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, 23 February 1945 to 20 April 1945. Entered military service from New York.

Technician Fifth Grade Salvatore Giuffre, (Army Serial Number 36369293), Corps of Engineers, 327th Engineer Combat Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, 1 December 1944 to 25 April 1945. Entered military service from Illinois.

Technician Fifth Grade Harold A. Sieg, (Army Serial Number 35366107), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, 27 October 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Indiana.

Technician Fifth Grade Juan Rebuffo, (Army Serial Number 36543577), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, 24 September 1944 to 8 May 1945, includes service in France and Holland. Entered military service from Michigan.

Technician Fifth Grade Clinton H. Ziema, (Army Serial Number 32736790), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, 25 October 1944 to 30 April 1945. Entered military service from New York.

Technician Fifth Grade Harry G. Wanger, (Army Serial Number 33443569), Field Artillery, 381st Field Artillery Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, 4 November 1944 to 25 April 1945. Entered military service from Virginia.

Technician Fifth Grade Carmine J. Sabino, (Army Serial Number 32592204), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, 30 November 1944 to 31 March 1945. Entered military service from New Jersey.

Technician Fifth Grade Henry H. Buchanan, (Army Serial Number 39902721), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, 5 November 1944 to 8

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May 1945. Entered military service from Idaho.

Private First Class Angelo V. Sanchirico, (Army Serial Number 32645659), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, 23 February 1945 to 1 March 1945. Entered military service from New York.

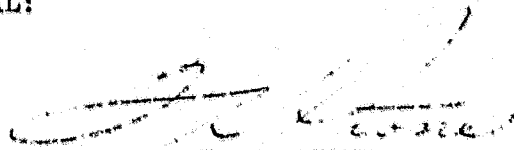
Private First Class Alvin A. Lederman, (Army Serial Number 42135335), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, 2 December 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from New York.

Private First Class Chester H. Hall, (Army Serial Number 34490368), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, 26 February 1945. Entered military service from Tennessee.

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By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 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 ROBERT N. ANDERSON, (Army Serial Number 021436), Corps of Engineers, 327th Engineer Combat Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, 20 February 1945 to 20 April 1945. Entered military service from California.

MAJOR CHARLES S. WREMS, Jr., (Army Serial Number 0291433), Coast Artillery Corps, 548th Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion (Mobile), United States Army, 18 November 1944 to 7 May 1945. Entered military service from Mississippi.

CAPTAIN FREDERICK W. KNOKE, Jr., (Army Serial Number 0443319), Medical Corps, 327th Medical Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, 9 February 1945 to 15 April 1945. Entered military service from Michigan.

CAPTAIN LEO J. KOVEN, (Army Serial Number 0540866), Medical Corps, 381st Field Artillery Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, 4 November 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from New York.

CAPTAIN ALOIS W. MERKLEIN, (Army Serial Number 01287923), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, 8 November 1944 to 2 April 1945. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

CAPTAIN RICHARD D. SPEER, (Army Serial Number 01634352), Signal Corps, 102d Signal Company, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, 23 September 1944 to 8 May 1945, includes service in France and Holland. Entered military service from Illinois.

CAPTAIN ROBERT T. BINDER, (Army Serial Number 01102155), Corps of Engineers, 327th Engineer Combat Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, 1 November 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Illinois.

CAPTAIN JAY E. HAYNES, (Army Serial Number 01577299), Quartermaster Corps, 102d Quartermaster Company, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, 23 September 1944 to 8 May 1945, includes service in France and Holland. Entered military service from New Jersey.

FIRST LIEUTENANT JAMES E. BARRETT, (Army Serial Number 01633055), Signal Corps, 102d Signal Company, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, 26 Sep-

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tember 1944 to 9 March 1945, includes service in France and Holland. Entered military service from New Jersey.

FIRST LIEUTENANT WALTER B. MISKEY, (Army Serial Number 01550454), Ordnance Department, 802d Ordnance Light Maintenance Company, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, 3 November 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from New York.

FIRST LIEUTENANT JAMES E. SELLERS, (Army Serial Number 01323490), Corps of Military Police, Military Police Platoon, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, 23 February 1945 to 1 May 1945. Entered military service from Texas.

FIRST LIEUTENANT DREXEL D. POWELL, (Army Serial Number 01058099), Coast Artillery Corps, 548th Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion (Mobile), United States Army, 21 November 1944 to 1 May 1945. Entered military service from Arkansas.

FIRST LIEUTENANT JOHN C. STURGIS, (Army Serial Number 01822479), Field Artillery, 771st Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army, 23 November 1944 to 3 March 1945. Entered military service from New York.

SECOND LIEUTENANT GERARD T. CARTER, (Army Serial Number 0555489), Corps of Engineers, 327th Engineer Combat Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, 1 November 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Maryland.

SECOND LIEUTENANT RICHARD S. DUDLEY, (Army Serial Number 02012079), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, 27 October 1944 to 13 April 1945. Entered military service from Iowa.

CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER WALDEMAR E. GURSCH, (Army Serial Number W2124107), United States Army, 102d Signal Company, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, 8 September 1944 to 1 May 1945, includes service in France and Holland. Entered military service from Texas.

CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER FRANK W. STEINLEY, (Army Serial Number W2121008), United States Army, 327th Engineer Combat Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, 1 November 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from California.

WARRANT OFFICER JUNIOR GRADE JAMES W. ALLEN, (Army Serial Number W2126590), United States Army, 327th Engineer Combat Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, 1 November 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Oklahoma.

WARRANT OFFICER JUNIOR GRADE LOUIS FIRSITY, (Army Serial Number W2132032), United States Army, 327th Engineer Combat Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, 1 November 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from New York.

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First Sergeant Edmund H. Malone, (Army Serial Number 34570332), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, 16 November 1944 to 11 April 1945. Entered military service from Georgia.

Master Sergeant Harold T. Brizendine, (Army Serial Number 37241518), Signal Corps, 102d Signal Company 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, 25 September 1944 to 1 May 1945, includes service in France and Holland. Entered military service from Missouri.

Master Sergeant Joseph C. Mahurter, (Army Serial Number 32573435), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, 5 December 1944 to 1 May 1945. Entered military service from New Jersey.

Master Sergeant Harry G. Ziccardi, (Army Serial Number 33025752), Corps of Engineers, 327th Engineer Combat Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, 1 November 1944 to 1 May 1945, includes service in Holland and Germany. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Technical Sergeant Harold Kuehn, (Army Serial Number 36623708), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, 15 November 1944 to 1 May 1945. Entered military service from Illinois.

Technical Sergeant Reginald G. Langford, (Army Serial Number 35033319), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, 27 October 1944 to 5 May 1945. Entered military service from Ohio.

Staff Sergeant John W. Avery, (Army Serial Number 38207256), Coast Artillery Corps, 548th Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion (Mobile), United States Army, 1 December 1944 to 1 May 1945. Entered military service from Texas.

Staff Sergeant Glenn W. Gunterberg, (Army Serial Number 36422350), Coast Artillery Corps, 548th Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion (Mobile), United States Army, 1 December 1944 to 1 May 1945. Entered military service from Michigan.

Staff Sergeant Herbert L. Hilton, (Army Serial Number 36114590), Coast Artillery Corps, 548th Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion (Mobile), United States Army, 1 December 1944 to 1 May 1945. Entered military service from Michigan.

Staff Sergeant Demetrios G. Pashalis, (Army Serial Number 33248524), Infantry, Headquarters Company, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, 1 October 1944 to 8 May 1945, includes service in France and Holland. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Technician Third Grade Donald L. Smith, (Army Serial Number 32595092), Signal Corps, 102d Signal Company, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, 23 February 1945 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from New Jersey.

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Sergeant Donald F. Adams, (Army Serial Number 35599460), Coast Artillery Corps, 548th Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion (Mobile), United States Army, 15 February 1945 to 1 May 1945. Entered military service from Ohio.

Sergeant Gerard W. Hamlik, (Army Serial Number 20252974), Field Artillery, 771st Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army, 27 March 1945 to 30 April 1945. Entered military service from New York.

Sergeant Jewel R. Mason, (Army Serial Number 38306732), Coast Artillery Corps, 548th Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion (Mobile), United States Army, 1 December 1944 to 1 May 1945. Entered military service from Texas.

Sergeant Ray G. Newman, (Army Serial Number 36752802), Coast Artillery Corps, 548th Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion (Mobile), United States Army, 1 December 1944 to 1 May 1945. Entered military service from Illinois.

Sergeant John W. St. George, (Army Serial Number 36068366), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, 27 October 1944 to 5 May 1945. Entered military service from Illinois.

Technician Fourth Grade William E. Bogue, (Army Serial Number 358994585), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, 16 November 1944 to 1 April 1945. Entered military service from Indiana.

Technician Fourth Grade Frank A. Calcaterra, (Army Serial Number 36560378), Coast Artillery Corps, 548th Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion (Mobile), 1 December 1944 to 1 May 1945. Entered military service from Michigan.

Technician Fourth Grade Robert F. Carr, (Army Serial Number 31232883), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, 24 September 1944 to 8 May 1945, includes service in France and Holland. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

Technician Fourth Grade George H. Kinqvist, (Army Serial Number 37464165), Signal Corps, 102d Signal Company, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, 26 September 1944 to 8 May 1945, includes service in France and Holland. Entered military service from Iowa.

Technician Fourth Grade Bernard O. Kline, (Army Serial Number 33366259), Medical Department, 327th Engineer Combat Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, 29 November 1944 to 15 April 1945. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Technician Fourth Grade Albert Rosalino, (Army Serial Number 33052616), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, 27 October 1944 to 5 May 1945. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Corporal Russell K. Richman, (Army Serial Number 37290400), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, 27 October 1944 to 28 April 1945. Entered

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military service from North Dakota.

Technician Fifth Grade Michael J. Eros, (Army Serial Number 32743787), Coast Artillery Corps, 548th Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion (Mobile), United States Army, 24 November 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from New York.

Technician Fifth Grade Charlie H. Buster, (Army Serial Number 35672751), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, 23 February 1945 to 11 April 1945. Entered military service from Kentucky.

Technician Fifth Grade Lester C. Holyfield, (Army Serial Number 34175339), Field Artillery, 771st Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army, 27 March 1945 to 30 April 1945. Entered military service from North Carolina.

Technician Fifth Grade Walter M. James, (Army Serial Number 18011654), Field Artillery, 379th Field Artillery Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, 4 November 1944 to 4 May 1945, includes service in Holland and Germany. Entered military service from Texas.

Private First Class Carlis E. Brooks, (Army Serial Number 34398986), Medical Department, 405th Infantry, United States Army, 28 December 1944 to 18 April 1945. Entered military service from Alabama.

Private First Class John Fedutes, (Army Serial Number 33396096), Medical Department, 405th Infantry, United States Army, 27 November 1944 to 26 February 1945. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Private First Class Harold Hardman, (Army Serial Number 31244528), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, 1 November 1944 to 20 April 1945. Entered military service from Rhode Island.

Private First Class John B. Jason, (Army Serial Number 16119930), Medical Department, 405th Infantry, United States Army, 27 October 1944 to 22 April 1945. Entered military service from Illinois.

Private First Class Edmund B. Woolley, (Army Serial Number 32555591), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, 16 November 1944 to 2 March 1945. Entered military service from New Jersey.

The following named enlisted men, Medical Department, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in Germany from 4 December 1944 to 16 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	Norman C. Norris	37503364	Missouri
Private First Class	Orvin C. Rich	19000455	California

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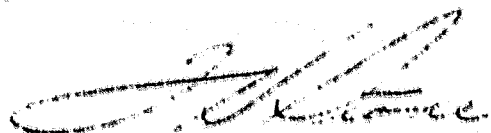
The following named enlisted men, Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in Germany from 30 November 1944 to 8 May 1945 in connection with military operations against the enemy:

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Army Serial Number</u>	<u>Entered Military Service From</u>
Sergeant	Melvin J. Rihn	38359394	Texas
Corporal	George J. Gardner	33469639	Pennsylvania
Corporal	Luchlin F. McVarish	31231039	Massachusetts

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AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR MEDAL

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, the following officers and enlisted men are awarded the SILVER STAR MEDAL:

FIRST LIEUTENANT ALBERT F. ABATE, (Army Serial Number 01315255), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany on 17 November 1944. Although his platoon sergeant and squad leaders had become casualties during the early stages of the attack FIRST LIEUTENANT ABATE (then Second Lieutenant), courageously continued to lead his men forward, fully aware that he was the only officer left with the assault elements. Moving freely through the veritable hail of fire, he gave his men renewed confidence. When they were halted by a well fortified machine gun position, he directed his men to cover him while he boldly charged and annihilated the emplacement. Finally the objective was secured, but FIRST LIEUTENANT ABATE declined to seek cover until he had assured himself that his men were properly protected. His courage and gallant leadership reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Connecticut

FIRST LIEUTENANT JOHN R. ACHNER, (Army Serial Number 0535456), 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, FIRST LIEUTENANT ACHNER (then Second Lieutenant) moved his platoon forward to protect a threatened position. While returning to organize a secondary defense line, he noticed an enemy sniper firing on his troops. With complete disregard for his safety, he personally charged and killed the sniper, thereby preventing further loss of life. The undaunted courage and devotion to duty shown by FIRST LIEUTENANT ACHNER reflect highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Florida.

FIRST LIEUTENANT JOHN P. BROWN, (Army Serial Number 01307619), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany on 11 April 1945. While leading tanks forward to assist his endangered battalion, FIRST LIEUTENANT BROWN was fired on from an enemy strongpoint, and two tanks were damaged. Realizing the great danger he withdrew the other vehicles to safety, organized an infantry assault team and boldly attacked the hostile position. After neutralizing it successfully, he proceeded to guide the supporting tanks forward. The outstanding leadership and gallantry displayed by FIRST LIEUTENANT BROWN reflect highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Missouri.

FIRST LIEUTENANT FREDERICK H. MADDEN, (Army Serial Number 01318891), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in Germany

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from 27 February 1945 to 3 March 1945. When his battalion was pinned down by grazing machine gun fire, FIRST LIEUTENANT HALDEN, with no regard for his safety, exposed himself courageously to the fire in order to reconnoiter for positions for his mortar platoon from which he could furnish effective support. After locating suitable terrain, he infiltrated his platoon forward, and delivering highly effective fire, he forced the enemy to withdraw. The outstanding leadership and initiative shown by FIRST LIEUTENANT HALDEN reflect highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Michigan.

FIRST LIEUTENANT RAYMOND E. LEE, (Army Serial Number 01288247), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany on 23 February 1945. Performing duties as battalion supply officer, FIRST LIEUTENANT LEE volunteered to lead vehicles across a dangerous river. While proceeding under constant artillery fire, the convoy was suddenly attacked by enemy planes. To prevent a catastrophe, he made his way along the road keeping foot and motor elements moving until they had reached a safe area. He then loaded a half-track with ammunition and personally distributed it to the companies which were widely scattered. His outstanding leadership and initiative aided materially in the successful repulsion of the attacks and reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Washington.

FIRST LIEUTENANT HYMAN RABINOVITZ, (Army Serial Number 01287942), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany on 23 February 1945. When intense enemy fire caused considerable disorganization among assault troops during the crossing of a dangerous river, FIRST LIEUTENANT RABINOVITZ freely moved near the front lines to disseminate vital information to scattered elements of the company and to actively supervise the treatment of the wounded. With disregard for his own safety, he secured a sufficient number of assault boats to transport reinforcements across the river, thereby enabling his unit to establish a firm bridgehead. The outstanding courage and devotion to duty displayed by FIRST LIEUTENANT RABINOVITZ reflect highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from California.

FIRST LIEUTENANT ROBERT W. RANEY, (Army Serial Number 0535877), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany on 27 February 1945. When enemy resistance grew fiercer during a furious attack, FIRST LIEUTENANT RANEY performing duty as forward observer with an infantry battalion, crawled one hundred yards ahead of the assault units although intense enemy fire was directed at him. He remained in his precarious position and, by radio directed and adjusted cannon fire on enemy emplacements, thereby successfully neutralizing the enemy fire and enabling the assault units to resume the attack. The undaunted courage and loyalty shown by FIRST LIEUTENANT RANEY reflect highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Arkansas.

FIRST LIEUTENANT WILLIAM G. TOOTHMAN, (Army Serial Number 0452719), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against

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the enemy in Germany on 26 April 1945. When his patrol had crossed a dangerous river and was attacked by enemy armor and infantry, FIRST LIEUTENANT TOOTHMAN skillfully organized his men in such manner that part of them could escape while the others carried out a fierce delaying action. Although he was wounded, he continued to direct the action and because of his outstanding leadership and aggressive action, the patrol was saved from annihilation. Entered military service from West Virginia.

FIRST LIEUTENANT RICHARD WOODARD, (Army Serial Number 01823813), Field Artillery, 71st Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany on 26 January 1945. When his pilot and reconnaissance plane had been hit by enemy fire, FIRST LIEUTENANT WOODARD, without flying experience, crash landed the plane. Though wounded and in the midst of intense enemy fire, he endeavored to rescue the pilot and retrieved all maps and overlays which he buried so successfully that the enemy was unable to locate them and derived no information concerning proposed plans. The outstanding courage and unselfish devotion to duty displayed by FIRST LIEUTENANT WOODARD reflect highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Vermont.

SECOND LIEUTENANT ROBERT HADLEY, (Army Serial Number 02012009), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany on 10 April 1945. SECOND LIEUTENANT HADLEY was assigned the mission of leading his platoon in a flanking movement on a strongly defended enemy position. Although he advanced with great caution he was about 100 yards from the emplacement. When the enemy placed a concentrated barrage upon them, he courageously decided to attack with fixed bayonets. Although the enemy resisted fiercely, all of them were killed or captured and the assault was successful because of his outstanding leadership and initiative. Entered military service from New York.

SECOND LIEUTENANT JOHN W. SMITH, (Army Serial Number 02000947), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany on 26 February 1945. Noticing a cleverly concealed occupied enemy fox-hole during an attack, SECOND LIEUTENANT SMITH courageously crawled to within a few yards of the position and captured two snipers. He then ordered his machine gun section to set up in the foxhole and from this position the enemy machine gun emplacement which covered the snipers was quickly neutralized. The courageous daring and devotion to duty shown by SECOND LIEUTENANT SMITH reflect highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Georgia.

Technical Sergeant Joseph P. Clarke, (Army Serial Number 32645613), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany on 14 April 1945. When his motor column was halted by enemy action, Technical Sergeant Clarke (then Sergeant) called for volunteers and led them forward to reconnoiter the situation. When his patrol was unexpectedly ambushed by a strong hostile force, he courageously engaged the enemy although unfamiliar with rifleman tactics, destroyed two machine gun nests and killed or captured all the attackers, thereby removing the threat to his motor column. The undaunted courage and leadership displayed by Technical Sergeant Clarke reflect highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from New York.

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Technical Sergeant Carl A. Larson, (Army Serial Number 31232531), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany from 23 February to 3 March 1945. When his platoon sergeant became a casualty during a fast moving attack, Technical Sergeant Larson unhesitatingly assumed command of the platoon. Despite the intense enemy fire, he moved freely over the shell swept terrain, removed mines from vital roads, and destroyed enemy road blocks which were delaying the rapid advance of his battalion. His gallant action and unselfish devotion to duty facilitated the transportation of vital supplies and contributed materially to the success of the operations. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

Technical Sergeant Andrew Stronczek, (Army Serial Number 32643527), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany on 23 February 1945. When his platoon leader became a casualty, Technical Sergeant Stronczek unhesitatingly assumed command. Reorganizing his men, he led them forward until they were halted by intense hostile fire from skillfully concealed positions. Selecting a group of volunteers, he crawled forward to within close range of the enemy where he fired into the position, completely neutralizing their weapons and capturing twenty-five of the enemy. The outstanding leadership and courage displayed by Technical Sergeant Stronczek reflect highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from New York.

Technical Sergeant Albert T. Zajicek, (Army Serial Number 18031354), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany on 14 April 1945. Acting as platoon leader, Technical Sergeant Zajicek used outstanding initiative and sound judgement in deploying his platoon in order to reduce the enemy fire to which the assault elements were subjected. Ignoring the intense machine gun fire he boldly rose to his feet, directed observed fire of his sections on the enemy and succeeded in neutralizing a vital machine gun nest, thereby enabling assault units to advance with a minimum of casualties. The undaunted courage and loyalty displayed by Technical Sergeant Zajicek reflect highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Texas.

Staff Sergeant Christopher W. Crossett, (Army Serial Number 13185698), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany on 21 November 1944. When part of his company was cut off in a dangerous position, Staff Sergeant Crossett unhesitatingly made his way through intense enemy fire to the isolated group. Having traveled over 600 yards of exposed terrain, he contacted the men and led them to safety. The outstanding courage and loyalty displayed by Staff Sergeant Crossett reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Staff Sergeant James V. Hemessy, (Army Serial Number 12173580), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany on 23 February 1945. While preparing defensive positions

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Staff Sergeant Hennessy's company was suddenly attacked. Taking his BAR, he made his way toward the enemy and singlehandedly engaged them with withering fire for three hours, until his company had completed their defensive perimeter. When his ammunition gave out, he boldly left his position secured additional supplies and continued the fight. Through his outstanding courage and initiative he prevented the enemy from further penetration and forced their eventual withdrawal. Entered military service from New York.

Sergeant David L. Anderson, (Army Serial Number 16108396), Field Artillery, 771st Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany on 4 April 1945. When his tank destroyer became surrounded by enemy tanks and infantrymen, Sergeant Anderson courageously mounted the deck of his vehicle in order to direct observed fire on the enemy while he fired his rifle and threw hand grenades. By his gallant actions and complete disregard for personal safety, the enemy was forced to withdraw with heavy casualties. The outstanding bravery and exemplary leadership displayed by Sergeant Anderson reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Michigan.

Sergeant Robert L. Klein, (Army Serial Number 18073732), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany on 23 February 1945. Although painfully wounded when his squad became pinned down by intense enemy fire, Sergeant Klein refused evacuation and moved freely over the shell-swept terrain to check his men's positions. When a member of the squad was wounded, Sergeant Klein administered first aid and evacuated him to safety. Only after he had assured himself that all the wounded had received medical attention did he permit himself to be evacuated. His loyalty and gallant devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Texas.

Corporal Willie E. Dennis, (Army Serial Number 34438201), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany on 10 April 1945. When his motor column was ambushed by the enemy, forcing the men to abandon their vehicles and seek shelter in a ditch, Corporal Dennis crawled forward in the face of intense fire to reach a building from which he brought fire on the harassing position and successfully covered the withdrawal of the remainder of the column. The undaunted courage and devotion to duty shown by Corporal Dennis reflect highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from North Carolina.

Corporal Edward J. Putz, (Army Serial Number 36544201), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany on 10 April 1945. When his motor column was ambushed, Corporal Putz and his men were forced to seek shelter in a ditch where intense enemy fire followed any movement and kept the men pinned down. Noticing a radio in the possession of a man who could not operate it, Corporal Putz courageously made his way over 50 yards of shell-swept terrain to that man and contacted his battalion commander so that he could call for supporting fire which neutralized the harassing guns. The outstanding bravery and devotion to duty shown by Corporal Putz reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Michigan.

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Technician Fifth Grade Herbert F. Jones, (Army Serial Number 39706968), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany on 14 April 1945. When informed that his company commander was in need of a radio, Technician Fifth Grade Jones (then Private First Class) unhesitatingly made his way forward through intense enemy fire with his radio. Traversing several hundred yards of the shell-swept terrain, he reached his company commander and delivered the radio which permitted him to direct and adjust artillery fire on the enemy, thereby enabling the company to advance. The undaunted courage and devotion to duty shown by Technician Fifth Grade Jones reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from California.

Technician Fifth Grade Eusebio Salas, (Army Serial Number 38247214), Medical Department, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany on 21 April 1945. Moving forward with assault elements, Technician Fifth Grade Salas moved freely over shell swept terrain to administer first aid and evacuate the wounded from the battlefield. Braving intense fire he succeeded in reaching six wounded men lying in an exposed position and administered first aid. He assured himself of their safety before moving forward with the company. His technical skill and extreme devotion to duty saved the lives of many men and reflect the highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Texas.

Technician Fifth Grade James E. Tabler, (Army Serial Number 35689242), Medical Department, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany on 27 February 1945. When a tank destroyer was hit and burst into flames, Technician Fifth Grade Tabler courageously made his way to the vehicle. Having rescued one casualty, he quickly returned, again ascended the turret and despite the intense heat and imminent danger managed to pull another man out of the blazing tank destroyer, evacuating him to safety before the ammunition began to explode from the heat. The gallantry and outstanding initiative displayed by Technician Fifth Grade Tabler reflect highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Kentucky.

Private First Class George A. Baker, Jr., (Army Serial Number 32592841), Medical Department, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany on 10 April 1945. Although his company was halted by such intense enemy fire that the men were forced to seek shelter along the sides of the road, Private First Class Baker moved freely up and down the bank and across the shell-swept road to reach the wounded and administer first aid. The technical skill and outstanding gallantry displayed by Private First Class Baker greatly alleviated suffering and reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from New Jersey.

Private First Class Neil F. Hurley, (Army Serial Number 32595392), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany on 23 February 1945. Noting a wounded comrade lying in the path of the oncoming enemy, Private First Class Hurley crawled forward over the shell-swept terrain to his assistance. Upon reaching him, he administered first aid and evacuated the casualty to a position of safety. Returning to his

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position, he maneuvered around an enemy tank and notified bazooka men of its location, thereby enabling them to neutralize it. As a result of his daring, he not only saved the life of his comrade but was instrumental in the destruction of an enemy tank. The outstanding courage and loyalty displayed by Private First Class Hurley reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from New Jersey.

Private First Class Charles M. Phinney, (Army Serial Number 11122958), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany on 14 April 1945. When his squad was halted by intense enemy fire, Private First Class Phinney made his way to a nearby tank to direct its fire on the hostile position and thereby neutralize the position. Turning his attention to an enemy machine gun position, he ran and crawled across the shell-swept terrain to within close proximity of the enemy. Using his rifle, he assaulted the position and killed the gunner, thereby neutralizing the emplacement and enabling his men to advance. The outstanding leadership and undaunted courage displayed by Private First Class Phinney reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Maine.

Private First Class Quentin E. Shaffer, (Army Serial Number 35625187), Medical Department, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany on 14 April 1945. When his company became pinned down by intense enemy fire, Private First Class Shaffer moved freely over exposed terrain for three and a half hours, administering first aid to the wounded and evacuating them to positions of comparative safety. Braving the veritable hail of fire all around him, he remained in his exposed position until he had assured himself that all the wounded had received medical attention and had been evacuated. His undaunted courage and extreme devotion to duty reflect the highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Ohio.

The following named officer and enlisted men, Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany on 23 February 1945:

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Army Serial Number</u>	<u>Entered Military Service From</u>
FIRST LIEUTENANT	JAMES O. LAW	01288074	Texas
Private First Class	Millard S. Byers	39147862	California
Private First Class	James O. Bazar	38562395	Texas

When communications were severed by enemy action, the above named officer and two enlisted men left the comparative safety of the company command post and voluntarily made their way across the shell-swept terrain to contact the platoons. While returning from their successful mission they were fired upon by enemy troops occupying a house. Cautiously they moved forward, assaulted the house and killed or captured all of the enemy. The outstanding initiative and undaunted courage displayed by this officer and two enlisted men reflect highest credit upon themselves and the military service.

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The following named officer and enlisted men, Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany on 20 April 1945:

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Army Serial Number</u>	<u>Entered Military Service From</u>
SECOND LIEUTENANT	✓ CHARLES F. KELLY	0548647	Minnesota
Staff Sergeant	✓ Lawrence E. Stumpf	39926246	Idaho
Private First Class	✓ William C. Smith	31468512	Massachusetts
Private First Class	✓ Theodore H. Wulff	35850101	Ohio

As members of a combat patrol, the above officer and three enlisted men traveled far into enemy-held territory to capture prisoners. When they came under intense enemy fire, they unhesitatingly crawled forward and engaged the hostile position at a range of ten yards. After successfully neutralizing the emplacement, they captured several prisoners and returned with vital information which materially aided in the plans for subsequent operations. The undaunted courage and devotion to duty shown by these men reflect highest credit upon themselves and the military service.

The following named enlisted men, Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in Germany on 23 February 1945:

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Army Serial Number</u>	<u>Entered Military Service From</u>
Staff Sergeant	✓ Kenneth L. Wheatcroft	37514118	Kansas
Private (then Private First Class)	✓ James S. Brown	34801824	Alabama

While their platoon was preparing defensive positions the above enlisted men were taken under heavy enemy artillery fire which forced many of the men to seek shelter in nearby houses. Remaining in their foxholes they held their fire until enemy columns had passed by. Noticing that a machine gun was emplaced in their vicinity, they crawled forward to a position fifteen yards from the emplacement and succeeded in neutralizing it with hand grenades. The undaunted courage and outstanding initiative of these enlisted men reflect highest credit upon themselves and the military service.

The following named enlisted men, Field Artillery, 771st Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany on 20 November 1944:

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Army Serial Number</u>	<u>Entered Military Service From</u>
Sergeant	✓ Louis Klein	20248157	New York
Private	✓ Wayne J. Walden	34782617	Florida

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As members of a tank destroyer crew, with the mission of diverting enemy tank fire from the Infantry, the above named enlisted men boldly expended many rounds of ammunition fully aware that their fire would be ineffective because of the superior enemy armor. Their fire was accurate, and they continued firing until they bore the brunt of the enemy shelling themselves. Twice their destroyer was hit, but they completely disregarded all thoughts of their own safety and continued firing until a third hit disabled their destroyer and wounded Private Walden. Their courage and gallant devotion to duty reflect great credit upon themselves and the military service.

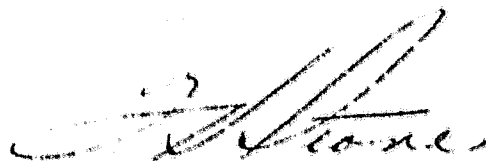
The following named enlisted men, Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany on 27 February 1945:

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Army Serial Number</u>	<u>Entered Military Service From</u>
Sergeant (then Private) Private First Class	✓ Glenn E. Sheirer	33768704	Pennsylvania
(then Private) Private First Class	✓ Francis X. Casavant	20155176	Rhode Island
(then Private)	✓ Eugene G. Ruppert	35238291	Ohio

When their battalion became pinned down by intense enemy fire, the above named enlisted men voluntarily made their way across several hundred yards of shell-swept terrain to set up their machine gun in an isolated building. From this vantage point they brought such effective fire on the hostile position that the enemy was forced to retreat. The outstanding courage and commendable devotion to duty displayed by these enlisted men enabled the battalion to continue the advance and reflect highest credit upon themselves and the military service.

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By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 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:

CAPTAIN NUGENT T. BRASHER, (Army Serial Number 01104783), Corps of Engineers, 327th Engineer Combat Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, 1 November 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Texas.

CAPTAIN JERRY I. LOVE, (Army Serial Number 01175216), Field Artillery, 927th Field Artillery Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, 9 December 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Louisiana.

CAPTAIN ROBERT F. OVERCASH, (Army Serial Number 0482790), Dental Corps, 327th Engineer Combat Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, 1 November 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Texas.

CAPTAIN THOMAS W. TALBERT, (Army Serial Number 0377430), Medical Corps, 327th Engineer Combat Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, 1 November 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from South Carolina.

FIRST LIEUTENANT BENJAMIN F. De CAMP, (Army Serial Number 01299010), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, 28 October 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from New Jersey.

FIRST LIEUTENANT ALBERT H. DUCKWITZ, (Army Serial Number 01822119), Field Artillery, 771st Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army, 1 December 1944 to 30 April 1945. Entered military service from Michigan.

FIRST LIEUTENANT JAMES H. FLANAGAN, Jr., (Army Serial Number 01822124), Field Artillery, 771st Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army, 1 December 1944 to 30 April 1945. Entered military service from California.

FIRST LIEUTENANT DANIEL V. LENT, (Army Serial Number 01117090), Corps of Engineers, 327th Engineer Combat Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, 1 March 1945 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from New York.

FIRST LIEUTENANT CARL W. LINDE, (Army Serial Number 01052450), Corps of Engineers, 327th Engineer Combat Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, 8 March 1945 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Illinois.

FIRST LIEUTENANT HOWARD M. LOTT, (Army Serial Number 01797673), Corps of Military Police, Military Police Platoon, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, 23 February 1945 to 1 May 1945. Entered military service from Indiana.

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FIRST LIEUTENANT JOHN C. NEELY, (Army Serial Number 01591340), Quartermaster Corps, 102d Quartermaster Company, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, 23 September 1944 to 1 May 1945, includes service in France and Holland. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

FIRST LIEUTENANT ARTHUR B. ROBERTSON, (Army Serial Number 0521957), Corps of Engineers, 327th Engineer Combat Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, 1 March 1945 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Alabama.

FIRST LIEUTENANT MILTON S. SCHPOLSKY, (Army Serial Number 01103399), Corps of Engineers, 327th Engineer Combat Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, 1 March 1945 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from New York.

SECOND LIEUTENANT CHARLES T. HEDRICK, (Army Serial Number 01996650), Field Artillery, 771st Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army, 1 February 1945 to 1 May 1945. Entered military service from New York.

SECOND LIEUTENANT FREDERICK J. FAUSCH, (Army Serial Number 0556060), Corps of Engineers, 327th Engineer Combat Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, 10 January 1945 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Illinois.

SECOND LIEUTENANT EDGAR A. WEIMS, (Army Serial Number 02000918), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, 15 November 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Michigan.

CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER THOMAS F. STEVENS, Jr., (Army Serial Number W2120954), United States Army, 771st Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army, 1 April 1945 to 22 April 1945. Entered military service from Maryland.

Master Sergeant Paul H. Purvis, (Army Serial Number 35041149), Corps of Engineers, 327th Engineer Combat Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, 1 November 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Indiana.

First Sergeant Clarence F. Fabish, (Army Serial Number 18011081), Medical Department, 327th Medical Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, 4 November 1944 to 15 April 1945. Entered military service from Texas.

First Sergeant Clarence L. Gentemann, (Army Serial Number 37370609), Corps of Engineers, 327th Engineer Combat Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, 1 October 1944 to 8 May 1945, includes service in France and Holland. Entered military service from Missouri.

First Sergeant Jesse Morin, (Army Serial Number 18047609), Corps of Engineers, 327th Engineer Combat Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, 1 November 1944 to 8 May 1945, includes service in Holland. Entered military service from Texas.

Technical Sergeant Leonard R. Harnden, (Army Serial Number 37241431), Corps of Engineers, 327th Engineer Combat Battalion, 102d Infantry Division,

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United States Army, 1 November 1944 to 8 May 1945, includes service in Holland. Entered military service from Kansas.

Technical Sergeant Joseph A. Renton, (Army Serial Number 32022108), Infantry, 102d Infantry Division Band, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, 1 November 1944 to 1 May 1945, includes service in Holland. Entered military service from New York.

Staff Sergeant Floyd O. Chesnut, (Army Serial Number 37239676), Corps of Engineers, 327th Engineer Combat Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, 23 February 1945 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Kansas.

Staff Sergeant Erling L. Collett, (Army Serial Number 37326439), Corps of Engineers, 327th Engineer Combat Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, 1 November 1944 to 8 May 1945, includes service in Holland. Entered military service from Minnesota.

Staff Sergeant Edwin F. Dowling, (Army Serial Number 36548144), Corps of Engineers, 327th Engineer Combat Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, 1 November 1944 to 8 May 1945, includes service in Holland. Entered military service from Michigan.

Staff Sergeant Edgar T. King, (Army Serial Number 18007037), Corps of Engineers, 327th Engineer Combat Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, 1 November 1944 to 8 May 1945, includes service in Holland. Entered military service from Texas.

Staff Sergeant John E. Toohey, (Army Serial Number 39617756), Corps of Engineers, 327th Engineer Combat Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, 1 January 1945 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Montana.

Sergeant Harry B. Laing, (Army Serial Number 33338118), Corps of Engineers, 327th Engineer Combat Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, 1 December 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Sergeant Otto T. Wolf, (Army Serial Number 37337858), Corps of Military Police, Military Police Platoon, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, 23 September 1944 to 1 May 1945, Entered military service from North Carolina.

Technician Fourth Grade Edward F. Grassan, (Army Serial Number 35622027), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, 17 November 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Ohio.

Technician Fourth Grade James Schultz, (Army Serial Number 33474334), Infantry, 102d Infantry Division Band, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, 1 November 1944 to 1 May 1945, includes service in Holland. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Technician Fifth Grade Clyde J. Ball, (Army Serial Number 34438161),

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Corps of Engineers, 327th Engineer Combat Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, 1 January 1945 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from North Carolina.

Technician Fifth Grade Scott J. Brown, (Army Serial Number 31222669), Signal Corps, 102d Signal Company, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, 3 November 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Maine.

Technician Fifth Grade Douglas Burcham, (Army Serial Number 34475272), Signal Corps, 102d Signal Company, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, 3 November 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Maine.

Technician Fifth Grade Harry M. Eaton, (Army Serial Number 35732368), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, 17 November 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Indiana.

Technician Fifth Grade Marion Hall, (Army Serial Number 39681706), Corps of Engineers, 327th Engineer Combat Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, 5 March 1945 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Utah.

Technician Fifth Grade Michael L. Larkin, (Army Serial Number 37444781), Corps of Engineers, 327th Engineer Combat Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, 1 November 1944 to 8 May 1945, includes service in Holland. Entered military service from Iowa.

Technician Fifth Grade Bernard J. Schanville, (Army Serial Number 38373616), Corps of Engineers, 327th Engineer Combat Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, 23 February 1945 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Louisiana.

Corporal Jack Young, (Army Serial Number 6254921), Corps of Engineers, 327th Engineer Combat Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, 1 November 1944 to 8 May 1945, includes service in Holland. Entered military service from Texas.

Private First Class Thomas E. Daly, (Army Serial Number 37507904), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, 27 February 1945. Entered military service from Kansas.

Private First Class William J. Gordon, Jr., (Army Serial Number 12182170), Signal Corps, 102d Signal Company, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, 3 November 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from New York.

Private First Class John W. Pflumm, (Army Serial Number 33715951), Corps of Engineers, 327th Engineer Combat Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, 10 January 1945 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

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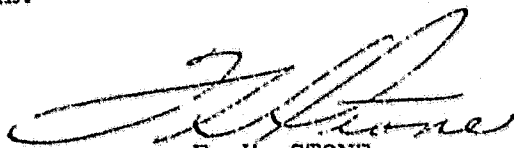
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Private First Class Daniel Vilano, (Army Serial Number 18231500), Signal Corps, 102d Signal Company, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, 3 November 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Texas.

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CAPTAIN DONALD H. EVENSON, (Army Serial Number 01310427), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 14 April 1945 in connection with military operations against the enemy. When the leading elements of his company were pinned down by intense enemy fire, CAPTAIN EVENSON made his way forward to reassure his men and give them new confidence. Having regrouped his company, he personally led the attack and with commendable judgment chose positions of vantage from which his men were able to bring intense and effective fire on the harassing emplacements and successfully neutralize them. The courageous leadership and devotion to duty displayed by CAPTAIN EVENSON reflect highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Iowa.

FIRST LIEUTENANT EDWARD F. HAYWARD, Jr., (Army Serial Number 01310439), 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 company's advance was halted by intense enemy fire, FIRST LIEUTENANT HAYWARD courageously moved ahead of his men and personally spearheaded the attack. So inspired were the men by his outstanding bravery that they followed him with complete faith and successfully stormed across the crest of a hill to the enemy positions where they captured many prisoners. The praiseworthy leadership and commendable devotion to duty shown by FIRST LIEUTENANT HAYWARD reflect highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Louisiana.

FIRST LIEUTENANT ROBERT L. SMITH, (Army Serial Number 01310644), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 18 December 1944 in connection with military operations against the enemy. Because of heavy casualties, there were only six men in the platoon when FIRST LIEUTENANT SMITH assumed command. Shortly thereafter, the enemy attacked his company's sector and despite the small number of men his platoon fired three mortars so effectively that it played a major part in repelling the counter attack, aided in capturing forty six prisoners and in annihilating over one hundred. The exemplary leadership and outstanding courage displayed by FIRST LIEUTENANT SMITH reflect highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from California.

SECOND LIEUTENANT VINCENT T. McKELVEY, (Army Serial Number 02012038), Infantry, 406th 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. When his platoon leader became a casualty during an assault against the enemy, SECOND LIEUTENANT McKELVEY (then Staff Sergeant) assumed command. Having regrouped his men, he led them with outstanding skill and leadership and by his efforts contributed considerably to the success of the operations. His undaunted courage and exemplary leadership reflect the highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from New York.

SECOND LIEUTENANT LESLIE O. BICKLE, (Army Serial Number 01314092), 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 company was halted in its advance by withering enemy fire, SECOND LIEUTENANT BICKLE made a flanking movement on the harassing position. With utter disregard for his personal safety, he personally led the assault and so inspired his men that they followed him with complete faith and confidence and succeeded in killing and capturing a large number of the enemy. The outstanding courage and leadership displayed by SECOND LIEUTENANT BICKLE reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from North Dakota.

Technical Sergeant Myron J. Bishop, (Army Serial Number 33406658), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 21 April 1945 in connection with military operations against the enemy. When informed of an approaching enemy task force, Technical Sergeant Bishop quickly directed the construction of a road block. After the lead tank of the enemy convoy had been disabled by a mine, he reset the obstruction. Noticing a mine which threatened to detonate, he courageously moved it to an open field where it exploded harmlessly. The commendable leadership and bravery displayed by Technical Sergeant Bishop were a material contribution in the successful repelling of the enemy and in the saving of lives. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

First Sergeant Robert M. Lira, (Army Serial Number 18009934), 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 was wounded, First Sergeant Lira (then Technical Sergeant) unhesitatingly assumed command. After crossing a dangerous river, he assembled and cleverly reorganized the scattered elements of the platoon, contacted the adjacent company and led it forward across shell swept terrain in a furious attack on the objective. When the enemy launched a counter attack, he directed fire on their position, successfully repulsed them, and inflicted heavy losses. The undaunted courage and devotion to duty displayed by Technical Sergeant Lira reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Texas.

Staff Sergeant Clemence G. Machavich, (Army Serial Number 37325216), 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. When his platoon leader had become a casualty and the platoon and squad sergeants had been evacuated, Staff

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Sergeant Mechavich (then Sergeant) unhesitatingly assumed command. Although confronted with the arduous task of bridging a dangerous river without sufficient assistance, he directed and supervised the work so efficiently that the mission was successfully accomplished despite the intense enemy fire. The outstanding leadership and commendable devotion to duty reflect highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Minnesota.

Staff Sergeant Eucl Hassel, (Army Serial Number 38297865), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 2 March 1945 in connection with military operations against the enemy. When an enemy mortar position threatened the security of his company's front, Staff Sergeant Hassel, with utter disregard for his personal safety, led his men down a shell swept street in an attempt to neutralize it. Advancing to within two hundred yards of the objective, he directed intense fire on the enemy which destroyed their weapon and permitted the capture of a number of prisoners. The undaunted courage and devotion to duty displayed by Staff Sergeant Hassel aided materially in reducing the threat of an enemy counter attack to his company. Entered military service from Arkansas.

Staff Sergeant James H. Day, (Army Serial Number 35687676), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 21 April 1945 in connection with military operations against the enemy. When a strong enemy task force threatened to annihilate his unit's position, Staff Sergeant Day deployed his men and bazookas with such consummate skill that an effective defense perimeter against the attack was established. Directing the concentrated fire upon the enemy, he was responsible for the successful defense of the command post and the ultimate destruction of the enemy forces. His courage and leadership reflect highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Indiana.

Staff Sergeant Myron W. Cochran, (Army Serial Number 37330415), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 16 November 1944 in connection with military operations against the enemy. At the height of an attack, Staff Sergeant Cochran made his way over open terrain and through intense artillery and small arms fire to locate his commanding officer and establish communications with other elements of his unit. During his search, he succeeded in capturing four prisoners and accomplished his mission in a highly successful manner. The outstanding courage and initiative shown by Staff Sergeant Cochran reflect highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Kansas.

Staff Sergeant Fred G. Hostick, Jr., (Army Serial Number 14131042), 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 platoon became pinned down by intense enemy fire, Staff Sergeant Hostick ordered his men to place a heavy fire on the hostile area. Noting that the riflemen were disorganized, he courageously made his way over the shell swept terrain to assist in the reorganization of the assault units, thereby aiding materially in

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the successful operations against the enemy. The outstanding initiative and courage displayed by Staff Sergeant Bostlick reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Alabama.

Sergeant Reuben J. Hendren, (Army Serial Number 3448935), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 20 April 1945 in connection with military operations against the enemy. During an enemy attack, Sergeant Hendren earned a machine gun to fire at hostile vehicles until compelled to withdraw because of the force of the attack. Through his determined efforts, he succeeded in wounding several enemy soldiers and seriously damaged one vehicle. The intrepidity and devotion to duty displayed by Sergeant Hendren reflect highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from North Carolina.

Sergeant Charles W. Serrahn, (Army Serial Number 36208413), 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 enemy fire, Sergeant Serrahn and two comrades courageously made their way across shell swept terrain to within close proximity of the hostile position. Although his comrades were wounded and had to be evacuated, he continued on his mission and succeeded in neutralizing the enemy emplacement by the use of two hand grenades, thereby enabling his unit to take its objective. The undaunted courage and initiative shown by Sergeant Serrahn reflect highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Michigan.

Corporal Arnold G. Perkins, (Army Serial Number 37429972), Field Artillery, 771st Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 28 February 1945 in connection with military operations against the enemy. Corporal Perkins courageously led a platoon of destroyers over a difficult and unreconnoitered area when an unexpected order to that effect was issued. Although they traveled through dangerous enemy artillery fire most of the time, he led them successfully to their destination, then assisted in selecting firing positions from which he could cover enemy routes of approach. The outstanding leadership and bravery shown by Corporal Perkins reflect highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Iowa.

Corporal Edwin H. Bruninga, (Army Serial Number 36447772), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 20 April 1945 in connection with military operations against the enemy. When an enemy task force threatened to overrun his unit's sector, Corporal Bruninga courageously remained in his position to place his bazooka fire at the lead tank. Despite the intense enemy barrage, he fired his weapon until he had killed several enemy infantrymen and disabled the tank. The intrepidity and devotion to duty displayed by Corporal Bruninga reflect highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Illinois.

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Technician Fifth Grade August W. Shortner, (Army Serial Number 38030428), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 14 April 1945 in connection with military operations against the enemy. Although painfully wounded by enemy fire, Technician Fifth Grade Shortner refused to be evacuated and remained with his company. Noting that a squad of his platoon was pinned down by enemy fire, he made his way across the dangerous terrain to a position from which he could attract the attention of the hostile forces and divert their fire to himself. This courageous action enabled the squad to advance with a minimum of casualties and reflects highest credit upon Technician Fifth Grade Shortner and the military service. Entered military service from Texas.

Technician Fifth Grade Michael J. Montlick, (Army Serial Number 11102961), Medical Department, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 13 April 1945 in connection with military operations against the enemy. During an engagement with the enemy, Technician Fifth Grade Montlick noticed that a comrade had been wounded by sniper fire. With complete disregard for personal safety, he rushed to the man's assistance over exposed terrain and through intense enemy fire, and administered first aid, thereby saving the life of the stricken man. The outstanding courage and efficiency shown by Technician Fifth Grade Montlick reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Connecticut.

Private First Class Edward J. McCann, (Army Serial Number 32199836), Medical Department, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 10 April 1945 in connection with military operations against the enemy. Although intense enemy sniper fire covered an open field on the outskirts of a village, Private First Class McCann braved the great danger to administer first aid to a wounded comrade and carry him to safety. Later in the day, he again traveled over shell swept terrain to administer first aid to casualties and evacuate them. The outstanding courage and devotion to duty shown by Private First Class McCann reflect highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from New York.

Private First Class Herman P. Pellegrin, Sr., (Army Serial Number 38617999), 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 company was taken under intense fire during an attack upon a strongly defended enemy town, Private First Class Pellegrin disregarded his personal safety by rising to his feet, alternately running and crawling. Having made his way to a position of vantage from which he could engage the enemy, he fired into their position, killed the gunner and crew and successfully neutralized the position, thereby enabling assault units to advance. The undaunted courage and devotion to duty shown by Private First Class Pellegrin reflect highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Louisiana.

Private First Class Harry L. Gardner, (Army Serial Number 33947986), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany

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on 2 March 1945 in connection with military operations against the enemy. After his squad leader and assistant squad leader became casualties, Private First Class Gardner (then Private) unhesitatingly assumed command. Shortly thereafter, when his platoon was halted by intense enemy fire, he boldly exposed himself in order to determine the enemy's position. Having ascertained their exact location, he signaled his men forward to a place from which they could bring neutralizing fire on the enemy, thereby allowing the platoon to advance. The undaunted courage and devotion to duty shown by Private First Class Gardner reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Private First Class Rufino Jaramillo, (Army Serial Number 38581541), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 21 April 1945 in connection with military operations against the enemy. When a strong enemy armored task force threatened to overrun his unit's positions, Private First Class Jaramillo courageously aided in constructing a strategic road block in the face of heavy enemy tank fire. After skillfully placing unfamiliar mines in strategic positions, he further assisted in the destruction of the approaching enemy column's lead tank. By his intrepidity and devotion to duty, he contributed materially to the successful repulse of the enemy attack. Entered military service from New Mexico.

Private First Class Brian T. O'Keefe, (Army Serial Number 38 74564), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 20 April 1945 in connection with military operations against the enemy. When a strong enemy armored task force attacked his unit's positions, Private First Class O'Keefe courageously remained in his exposed position and rendered effective small arms fire support in the face of withering enemy fire. After assisting in the crippling of one enemy tank, he was instrumental in the destruction of an enemy command car occupied by an enemy officer. By his intrepidity and cool determination, he contributed materially to the repulse of the enemy attack. Entered military service from Michigan.

Private First Class Donald G. Coker, (Army Serial Number 39552760), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 20 April 1945 in connection with military operations against the enemy. When an enemy armored task force threatened to capture his unit's positions, Private First Class Coker, acting as an assistant bazooka gunner, courageously remained at his position covering the approach to the command post and aided in destroying the lead tank of the enemy column. Despite heavy tank fire directed at his position, he willingly risked his life to aid in preventing the enemy from capturing the command post. His intrepidity and devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from California.

The following named officer and enlisted men, Field Artillery, 771st Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 7 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>
SECOND LIEUTENANT	FRANK A. LINDSTADT	02000513	New York
Staff Sergeant	Bernard U. Reynolds	20252954	New York
Corporal	Clem D. Lackey	34720193	Mississippi
Private First Class	Warren S. Stapleton	37532618	Missouri

When their tank destroyer was set afire by an enemy artillery shell and two comrades were trapped helplessly inside, the above officer and enlisted men, although painfully injured themselves, mounted the burning vehicle to extricate their two companions. Although the ammunition in the tank destroyer threatened to explode momentarily, they proceeded on their mission until their comrades were freed and could be evacuated to positions of safety. Their heroic act and unselfish devotion to duty 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 26 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>
Technical Sergeant	Edward D. Lassahn	13185062	Maryland
Private	Clarence W. Dono, Jr	33814900	Pennsylvania

When the commanding officer of a friendly rifle company was observed by the above enlisted men to be advancing toward a concealed enemy half-track, they deliberately risked their lives in the face of intense enemy fire by exposing themselves to the hostile barrage in order to draw fire away from the officer. Their heroic gesture not only permitted the officer to withdraw but undoubtedly saved his life as well. The outstanding courage and initiative 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 26 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	Salvatore J. Conigliaro, Jr	12168567	New York
Sergeant	Mack Gunn, Jr	38524662	Louisiana
Private First Class	Bernard I. Ellis	37639206	Missouri
Private First Class	James L. Fair	33685443	Pennsylvania
Private First Class	Kenneth L. Cheney	36972228	Michigan

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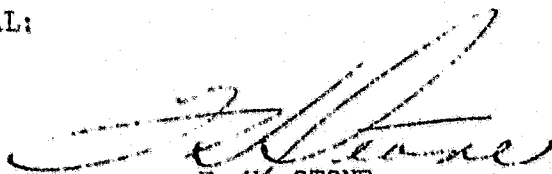
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Private First Class	Raymond L. Howell	39926176	Idaho
Private First Class	Linwood W. McDorman	33443578	Virginia
Private First Class	Theodore C. Tennant	19131506	California
Private First Class	Lowell W. Townsend	35099370	Indiana
Private First Class	Tomas Ursua	39234859	California
Private First Class	James O. Chance	38569410	Oklahoma
Private First Class	Ben M. Powell, Jr	14764223	Georgia
Private First Class	Charles R. Simpson	38547986	Texas

The above enlisted men volunteered to form a reconnaissance patrol for the purpose of crossing a dangerous river and penetrating deep into enemy territory to contact friendly troops. With no guiding information, the patrol made its way over the unfamiliar terrain and succeeded in taking one hundred sixty seven prisoners before returning to its organization. The outstanding courage and initiative displayed by these enlisted men reflect highest credit upon themselves and the military service.

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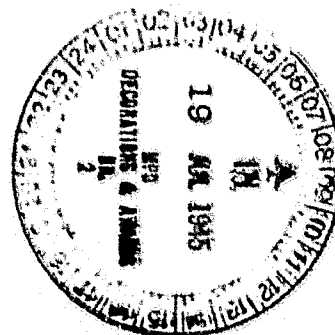
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By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, the following officers and enlisted men are awarded decorations as indicated:

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

FIRST LIEUTENANT RAYMOND I. CHRISTIAN, Jr., (Army Serial Number 0537789), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany on 11 April 1945. Acting as forward observer for the heavy weapons company, FIRST LIEUTENANT CHRISTIAN went forward with the attacking riflemen. When they encountered six enemy soldiers, he eliminated them with his carbine and later captured nine prisoners. Throughout the engagement, he called down effective fire that eliminated obstacles in the path of the advance. He made the supreme sacrifice when he was hit by sniper fire, but the courage and gallantry displayed by FIRST LIEUTENANT CHRISTIAN were an inspiration to the men of the unit and contributed materially to their success in the attack. Entered military service from Florida.

FIRST LIEUTENANT LAURENCE J. KAISER, (Army Serial Number 01308150), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany on 14 April 1945. During a fast moving assault operation FIRST LIEUTENANT KAISER'S platoon was suddenly halted by intense enemy fire and suffered numerous casualties. Realizing that further advance was impossible unless the enemy resistance was neutralized he ran across several hundred yards of shell swept terrain to a position of vantage from which he could direct and adjust the fire of supporting tanks. Undaunted by the accurate enemy fire he remained in this precarious position; and while attempting to neutralize the last stronghold he was mortally wounded. His undaunted courage and self-sacrifice, served as an inspiration to his men. Entered military service from Minnesota.

Staff Sergeant Charley H. Pettitt, (Army Serial Number 37398570), Infantry 405th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany on 14 April 1945. During an assault upon the enemy, Staff Sergeant Pettitt and some comrades became separated from the platoon leader. Realizing the great danger of being pinned down by hostile fire, he took the initiative and maneuvered his men forward until one squad was able to bring effective fire on the enemy.

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Although he made the supreme sacrifice in this valiant action, he was instrumental in neutralizing the enemy position. The undaunted courage and devotion to duty displayed by Staff Sergeant Pettitt reflect highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Missouri.

Sergeant Paul E. Fleissner, (Army Serial Number 18147961), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany on 23 February 1945. When his squad leader became a casualty, Sergeant Fleissner unhesitatingly assumed command. While pressing ahead with the attack his forward elements were suddenly halted by intense enemy sniper fire from concealed positions. With utter disregard for his own safety, he ordered his squad to seek shelter and cover him while he crawled forward over the shell swept terrain, firing his weapon as he advanced and neutralizing three enemy machine gun positions before he was fatally wounded. The supreme gallantry and heroic self-sacrifice of Sergeant Fleissner reflect highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Oklahoma.

Corporal Stanley Bernstein, (Army Serial Number 20248197), Field Artillery 771st Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany on 20 November 1944. As a member of a tank destroyer crew, with the mission of diverting enemy tank fire from the infantry, Corporal Bernstein boldly expended many rounds fully aware that his fire would be ineffective because of the superior enemy armor. His fire was accurate, and he continued firing until he bore the brunt of the enemy shelling himself. Twice his destroyer was hit, but he completely disregarded all thoughts of his own safety and continued firing until a third hit disabled his destroyer and killed him instantly. His courage and gallant devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the service. Entered military service from New York.

Private First Class Sylvan Frucht, (Army Serial Number 12148108), Infantry 405th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany on 1 March 1945. Although he was subjected to intense enemy fire, Private First Class Frucht remained in a position in the attic of a two-story house and delivered protective overhead fire for assault units. When his fire became ineffective, he moved forward and resumed rendering effective support until he ran out of ammunition, whereupon he made his way to the rear through a hail of fire to secure an additional supply in order to continue on his mission. The outstanding initiative and courage shown by Private First Class Frucht reflect highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from New York.

Private First Class William S. Chappell, (Army Serial Number 33760170), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany on 26 February 1945. During a difficult attack Private First Class Chappell went forward despite intense enemy fire to reconnoiter for positions from which he could pave the way for his company. Maneuvering to the flank, he successfully set up his machine gun and neutralized a hostile emplacement which was holding up the advance. Later while attempting to maneuver to another position he was fatally wounded. The undaunted heroism and exemplary devotion to duty shown by Private First Class Chappell reflect highest credit upon himself and the military service.

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service. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Private First Class Joseph L. Schreck, (Army Serial Number 35817232), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany on 20 April 1945. Private First Class Schreck while on outpost duty detected a group of enemy nearby. Quickly returning to his foxhole, he alerted his comrade and opened fire on the hostile force. When the enemy hurled hand grenades, he courageously picked them up and threw them back. When he moved forward to accept the surrender of three of the enemy, he was fatally wounded by an enemy from a concealed position. The courage and gallantry displayed by Private First Class Schreck reflect highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Kentucky.

II. AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR MEDAL.

FIRST LIEUTENANT LOUIS E. SANTAMARIA, (Army Serial Number 01322957), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany on 27 January 1945. During an advance against an enemy village, when his unit suddenly ran into a minefield, FIRST LIEUTENANT SANTAMARIA courageously went to the head of the company and led it through the minefield without a casualty. Later, he successfully breached a gap in a concertina of wire and gallantly arose in the face of heavy machine gun fire and rallied his men into the attack. In heavy artillery fire, he then established the company's defensive system after the objective had been taken. His gallantry and complete devotion to duty reflect the highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Illinois.

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

FIRST LIEUTENANT WILLARD W. WHITE, (Army Serial Number 02048189), Medical Administrative Corps, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany on 23 February 1945. During a strong enemy counter-attack, FIRST LIEUTENANT WHITE made his way to the forward exposed areas to treat the wounded, administer first aid and evacuate them to positions of comparative safety. When enemy armor infiltrated through our lines, making evacuation impossible, he secured a half-track, loaded the more serious casualties and drove through the shell-swept streets to evacuate them to the rear for further medical treatment. The undaunted courage and extreme devotion to duty shown by FIRST LIEUTENANT WHITE reflect highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Texas.

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

Private First Class Garland P. Jennings, (Army Serial Number 33658168), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 23 February 1945 in connection with military operations against the enemy. While his squad prepared defensive positions on the outskirts of an enemy-held town, Private First Class Jennings, disregarding all thoughts of his own safety, courageously crawled toward an enemy machine gun nest, which had inflicted several

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casualties to the members of his platoon. Despite the heavy fire which was directed at him, he successfully reached the enemy position and destroyed it with hand grenades. His courage and unselfish devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Virginia.

Private Clarence J. Todd, (Army Serial Number 39423435), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 10 April 1945 in connection with military operations against the enemy. During a frontal attack against a mountain strong point, Private Todd displayed unfaltering courage and heroism. Firing his BAR from a walking position he advanced in the face of heavy panzerfaust and grenade fire, inflicting heavy casualties upon the enemy until he was fatally wounded. The exceptional courage and heroism displayed by Private Todd reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from California.

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

Private First Class Troy Back, (Army Serial Number 33218534), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 21 April 1945 in connection with military operations against the enemy. During an enemy attack, Private First Class Back assumed a position near the battalion command post in order to deliver bazooka fire upon an approaching tank. Because of his courageous devotion to duty in remaining at his dangerous position under heavy fire, he destroyed several enemy vehicles and aided in preventing the enemy from capturing the command post. His intrepidity and loyalty reflect highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Virginia.

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

CAPTAIN FRED A. HICKS, (Army Serial Number 01323430), 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 initial crossing of a major river barrier in Germany, CAPTAIN HICKS (then First Lieutenant) courageously risked his life in intense enemy artillery, mortar and small arms fire, in order to locate assault boats and direct the movement of ammunition to the assaulting elements. Immediately after the riflemen had secured a bridgehead, he crossed the river and made a reconnaissance of the front-line area in order to determine the most advantageous routes of travel for supply vehicles. His courage and devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from California.

FIRST LIEUTENANT MARSHALL T. MOFFITT, (Army Serial Number 02000500), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 26 April 1945 in connection with military operations against the enemy. FIRST LIEUTENANT MOFFITT (then Second Lieutenant) led a patrol across a wide river to make reconnaissance far into enemy territory. With great courage and skill he took 167 prisoners on enemy territory, and because of his outstanding leadership and intelligent maneuvering of his patrol, all of the members returned safely. Entered military service from Texas.

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Staff Sergeant John A. Mazza, (Army Serial Number 15323094), 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 company was halted by intense enemy fire, Staff Sergeant Mazza, with complete disregard for personal safety, rose to his feet and encouraged his men to move forward. Employing sound tactics, he maneuvered his squad to within close proximity to the enemy where they killed two and forced the surrender of a large number of prisoners. The undaunted courage and outstanding leadership displayed by Staff Sergeant Mazza reflect highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from West Virginia.

Corporal James E. Burke, (Army Serial Number 39575686), Corps of Engineers, 327th Engineer Combat Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 17 December 1944, in connection with military operations against the enemy. As a member of a rescue party, Corporal Burke (then Private First Class) endeavored three times to cross a dangerous, shell-swept river to reach soldiers stranded on the enemy-held shore. When the raft capsized in the icy water, he swam to the friendly shore, procured a life line and returned with it to the stranded men. The outstanding courage and devotion to duty displayed by Corporal Burke reflect highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from California.

Corporal Roy D. Harris, (Army Serial Number 20806454), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 11 April 1945 in connection with military operations against the enemy. While leading vehicles loaded with vital supplies to his company, Corporal Harris encountered an enemy ambush along his route. He quickly deployed his men, placed a machine gun into action and succeeded in pinning the enemy down, thereby enabling the vehicles to withdraw to safety. The outstanding courage and leadership displayed by Corporal Harris reflect highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Texas.

Private First Class Richard Kerkeslager, (Army Serial Number 33244747), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 23 February 1945 in connection with military operations against the enemy. After successfully crossing a major river barrier under heavy enemy fire, Private First Class Kerkeslager courageously risked his life by laying wire for his battalion operation post in heavy enemy artillery fire. Assigned the mission of transmitting information concerning an enemy mine field to a group of approaching troops, he further risked his life by crossing open terrain, observed and fired upon by the enemy, and successfully disseminated this information. His courage and determined devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Private First Class Rufus O. Manchester, (Army Serial Number 37239083), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 20 April 1945, in connection with military operations against the enemy. During an enemy attack, Private First Class Manchester courageously risked his life by remaining in position even though enemy armor came closer and closer. Despite the illumination from a burning building, he voluntarily joined a bazooka team and furnished fire protection. Through his heroic efforts one tank was disabled and the battalion command post held safely. The bravery and devotion to duty shown

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by Private First Class Manchester reflect highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Kansas.

Private First Class Bruce L. Stanga, (Army Serial Number 35599576), 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 stages of the attack, Private First Class Stanga (then Private) courageously refused evacuation and crossed a dangerous river with his company. Placing his mortar in position, he fired upon the enemy with such success that he neutralized their emplacements and enabled the assault elements to advance with few casualties. When contact with the neighboring company was lost, he volunteered to cross shell swept terrain in a successful effort to reestablish communication and secure the flank. Only when his company had secured its objective did Private First Class Stanga permit himself to be evacuated. His courage and devotion to duty reflect highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Ohio.

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>
Staff Sergeant	Rodney J. Monson	39919805	Idaho
Private First Class	Jack S. Lemback	39925511	Nevada
Private First Class	Reinhold Sorg	33751389	District of Columbia

After establishing the battalion command post, the above enlisted men and six others encountered an enemy pocket of resistance which was previously bypassed 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 noncommissioned officer who had been captured that day.

The following 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>
Staff Sergeant	Thomas S. Gajewski, Jr.	36371603	Michigan
Staff Sergeant	Ernest F. Kuhl	32643729	New York
Sergeant	Robert J. Lawhon	34724338	Tennessee
Private	George Hartzler	33394768	Pennsylvania

As members of a reconnaissance patrol, the above named enlisted men courageously volunteered to cross a dangerous river to determine enemy strength and dispositions for subsequent crossings. Although the area was lighted by the

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flames from a burning building which disclosed a working party of the enemy nearby, the patrol expertly reconnoitered the immediate territory and gathered much valuable information. The resourcefulness and bravery displayed by these enlisted men 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 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	John C. Shumake	38392386	Louisiana
Private First Class	Leonard O. Taylor	38531878	Texas

When an enemy incendiary bomb caused a fire on a truck loaded with ammunition, causing, in turn, an exploding shell to start a fire in the battalion aid station, the above enlisted men, working amidst the exploding shells and the flames from the fire, aided in extinguishing the conflagration which endangered personnel and valuable medical equipment. In addition, they aided in evacuating the bomb casualties despite heavy aerial bombardment. Their courage and initiative reflect great credit upon themselves and the military service.

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

LIEUTENANT COLONEL CHARLES E. BALTHIS, Jr., (Army Serial Number 023199), General Staff Corps, Headquarters 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, 23 February 1945 to 16 April 1945. Entered military service from Virginia.

LIEUTENANT COLONEL LOUIS M. deRITTER, (Army Serial Number 017640), Field Artillery, 252d Field Artillery Battalion, attached to 102d Division Artillery, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, 14 January 1945 to 11 March 1945, and 1 April 1945 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Washington.

LIEUTENANT COLONEL CARL L. LINDQUIST, (Army Serial Number 020748), Signal Corps, Headquarters 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, 23 February 1945 to 16 April 1945. Entered military service from New York.

LIEUTENANT COLONEL CHARLES J. PARSONS, Jr., (Army Serial Number 022183), General Staff Corps, Headquarters 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, 3 November 1944 to 16 April 1945. Entered military service from New York.

CAPTAIN LLOYD R. NURKETT, (Army Serial Number 0856668), Air Corps, XXIX Tactical Air Command, Attached to 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, October 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

CAPTAIN MARION S. FISHER, (Army Serial Number 0128213), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, 2 January 1945 to 8 May 1945. Entered military

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service from the District of Columbia.

FIRST LIEUTENANT ROBERT S. GARDANIER, (Army Serial Number 01322924), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, 17 February 1945 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Illinois.

VII. 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 WORTH B. BARRIT, (Army Serial Number 01322847), Infantry 405th Infantry, United States Army, 27 November 1944 to 3 December 1944, and 26 March 1945 to 4 April 1945. Entered military service from California.

FIRST LIEUTENANT FRANKLIN E. GERHOLZ, (Army Serial Number 01288041), Infantry 405th Infantry, United States Army, 28 March 1945 to 4 April 1945. Entered military service from Minnesota.

Technician Fifth Grade James C. Mullins, (Army Serial Number 14164355), Field Artillery, 927th Field Artillery Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, 31 January 1945 to 21 April 1945. Entered military service from Georgia.

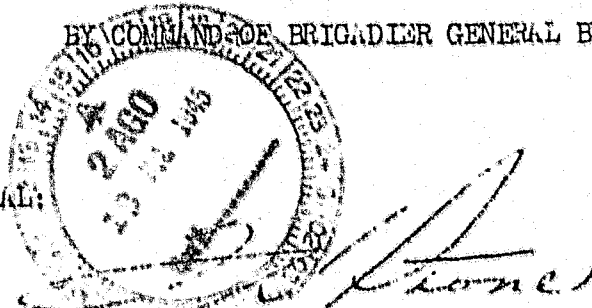
VIII. AWARD OF THE AIR MEDAL (THIRD OAK LEAF CLUSTER)

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

FIRST LIEUTENANT RICHARD H. SCOTT, (Army Serial Number 0529755), Field Artillery, 380th Field Artillery Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, 20 March 1945 to 23 April 1945. Entered military service from Illinois.

BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER GENERAL BUSBEE:

OFFICIAL:



A circular official seal of the Adjutant General's Department, 102d Infantry Division. The seal contains the text "BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER GENERAL BUSBEE:" at the top, "2 AGO" in the center, and "102 INFDN" at the bottom. A signature is written across the seal.

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

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

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- 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, 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 John C. Barrett, (Army Serial Number 42089558), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 25 February 1945. Entered military service from Delaware.

Technician Fifth Grade Charles S. Karnes, (Army Serial Number 37639551), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 23 February 1945. Entered military service from Missouri.

Private First Class Arlington G. Tyser, (Army Serial Number 37485473), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 24 November 1945. Entered military service from Nebraska.

Private First Class John E. Samuelson, (Army Serial Number 36905468), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 27 February 1945. Entered military service from Illinois.

Private First Class Fred M. Warren, (Army Serial Number 31468765), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 27 February 1945. Entered military service from Connecticut.

Private First Class Jack M. Whitaker, (Army Serial Number 35240645), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 27 February 1945. Entered military service from Ohio.

Private First Class William J. Schmidt, (Army Serial Number 36558557), Coast Artillery Corps, 548th Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion (Mobile), United States Army, wounded 27 February 1945. Entered military service from Michigan.

Private First Class Robert M. Lewis, (Army Serial Number 39928510), Corps of Engineers, 327th Engineer Combat Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, wounded 23 February 1945. Entered military service from Utah.

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Private First Class Charles E. Lehner, (Army Serial Number 13012927),
Corps of Military Police, Military Police Platoon, 102d Infantry Division, United
States Army, wounded 12 March 1945. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Technician Fourth Grade Merrill J. Graham, (Army Serial Number
35441455), Field Artillery, 771st Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army,
wounded 26 February 1945. Entered military service from West Virginia.

Technician Fourth Grade Joseph E. Kudej, (Army Serial Number 31189817),
Infantry, 701st Tank Battalion, United States Army, wounded 28 February 1945.
Entered military service from Connecticut.

Private First Class Joseph J. Klukowski, (Army Serial Number 35078495),
Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 13 May 1945. Entered mil-
itary service from Ohio.

Staff Sergeant John A. Hall, (Army Serial Number 34438076), Infantry,
407th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 24 February 1945. Entered military
service from North Carolina.

Technician Fifth Grade Robert J. Eisel, (Army Serial Number 33400490),
Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 25 February 1945. Entered
military service from Pennsylvania.

Technical Sergeant Donald W. Francis, (Army Serial Number 35884291),
Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 8 February 1945. Entered
military service from Ohio.

MAJOR SAMUEL O. ROBERTSON, (Army Serial Number 01634265), Signal Corps,
102d Signal Company, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, wounded 9 April
1945. Entered military service from South Carolina.

Private First Class Jack H. Carpenter, (Army Serial Number 18033853),
Field Artillery, 927th Field Artillery Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United
States Army, wounded 25 February 1945. Entered military service from Texas.

LIEUTENANT COLONEL STEVE LICHENE, (Army Serial Number 0384161), Infan-
try Headquarters Special Troops, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army,
wounded 9 April 1945. Entered military service from Illinois.

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

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

Sergeant Merwin E. Lindsay, (Army Serial Number 36543908), Fieldartil-
lery, 380th Field Artillery Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States
Army, wounded 25 February 1945. Entered military service from Michigan.

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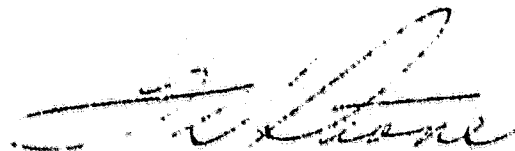
Private First Class John C. Weckerly, (Army Serial Number 13168027), Cavalry, 102d Reconnaissance Troop Mechanized, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, wounded 9 April 1945. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Private First Class James C. Layne, (Army Serial Number 33443598), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 23 February 1945. Entered military service from Virginia.

BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER GENERAL BUSBEE:

OFFICIAL:

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



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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 Circular Number 32, Headquarters European Theater of Operations United States Army, 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 RALPH A. JONES, JR., (Army Serial Number 021287), Infantry, Headquarters 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, 16 December 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from New York.

CAPTAIN MYRON B. KEYES, (Army Serial Number 01310456), Infantry, Headquarters Company, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, 23 September 1944 to 8 May 1945, includes service in France and Holland. Entered military service from New York.

CAPTAIN ALBERT E. SCHWABACHER, JR., (Army Serial Number 01287956), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, 26 October 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from California.

CHAPLAIN (CAPTAIN) GEORGE D. STRATON, (Army Serial Number 0494146), Corps of Chaplains, 405th Infantry, United States Army, 5 December 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

CAPTAIN ROBERT L. UNDERWOOD, (Army Serial Number 01167682), Ordnance Department, 802d Ordnance Light Maintenance Company, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, 1 December 1944 to 1 May 1945. Entered military service from Ohio.

FIRST LIEUTENANT DAN L. CROWELL, (Army Serial Number 01821830), Field Artillery, 771st Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army, 1 December 1944 to 31 January 1945. Entered military service from Wyoming.

FIRST LIEUTENANT ARTHUR G. DUDLEY, (Army Serial Number 01323412), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, 26 October 1944 to 20 April 1945. Entered military service from New York.

FIRST LIEUTENANT HENRY E. ECKROTE, (Army Serial Number 01299714), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, 26 October 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

FIRST LIEUTENANT WILLIAM R. GREGORY, (Army Serial Number 01323125), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, 6 December 1944 to 8 May 1945, includes service in Holland. Entered military service from Kansas.

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FIRST LIEUTENANT MARVIN E. GRIFFIN, (Army Serial Number 0532137), Field Artillery, 379th Field Artillery Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, 17 January 1945 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Alabama.

FIRST LIEUTENANT RALPH O. HANNA, (Army Serial Number 01180931), Field Artillery, 379th Field Artillery Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, 3 November 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Nebraska.

FIRST LIEUTENANT ALMON P. HUNTER, JR., (Army Serial Number 0445915), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, 2 December 1944 to 8 March 1945. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER SHELDON F. ANDERSON, (Army Serial Number W2110067), United States Army, 548th Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion (Mobile), United States Army, 11 November 1944 to 7 May 1945. Entered military service from Illinois.

CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER GEORGE H. NOLTE, (Army Serial Number W2105308), Bandleader, 102d Infantry Division Band, United States Army, 23 September 1944 to 8 May 1945, includes service in France and Holland. Entered military service from Missouri.

CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER JOSEPH J. SZALAY, (Army Serial Number W2119306), United States Army, 380th Field Artillery Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, 15 November 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Master Sergeant Ross S. Beach, (Army Serial Number 33448819), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, 24 November 1944 to 7 May 1945. Entered military service from District of Columbia.

Master Sergeant Earl P. Hart, (Army Serial Number 6557298), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, 30 October 1944 to 7 May 1945. Entered military service from Texas.

First Sergeant David Lord, (Army Serial Number 31185283), Field Artillery, 380th Field Artillery Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, 15 November 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

First Sergeant Reuben T. Ryle, (Army Serial Number 32592240), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, 16 November 1944 to 20 April 1945. Entered military service from New Jersey.

Technical Sergeant Joseph W. Knight, (Army Serial Number 34570405), Signal Corps, 102d Signal Company, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, 1 November 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Georgia.

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Technical Sergeant Charles A. Powers, (Army Serial Number 18032377), Medical Department, 327th Medical Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, 26 November 1944 to 15 April 1945. Entered military service from Oklahoma.

Technical Sergeant Leslie B. Stewart, (Army Serial Number 6292739), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, 17 November 1944 to 20 April 1945. Entered military service from Texas.

Technical Sergeant Henry A. Weber, (Army Serial Number 37239809), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, 25 November 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Missouri.

Technical Sergeant Manuel L. White, (Army Serial Number 18003130), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, 8 February 1945 to 25 March 1945. Entered military service from Oklahoma.

Staff Sergeant Herbert E. Engle, (Army Serial Number 35615335), Quartermaster Corps, 102d Quartermaster Company, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, 23 September 1944 to 8 May 1945, includes service in France and Holland. Entered military service from Ohio.

Staff Sergeant Thomas J. Evans, (Army Serial Number 34477670), Signal Corps, 102d Signal Company, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, 1 November 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Mississippi.

Staff Sergeant Milton Frankfort, (Army Serial Number 32613576), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, 23 February 1945 to 3 April 1945. Entered military service from New York.

Staff Sergeant Robert D. Gage, (Army Serial Number 36623852), Signal Corps, 102d Signal Company, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army; 1 November 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Illinois.

Staff Sergeant Harry D. Gillospie, (Army Serial Number 37338271), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, 1 November 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Colorado.

Technician Third Grade Edward M. Orlor, (Army Serial Number 33449660), Infantry, Headquarters 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, 24 September 1944 to 8 May 1945, includes service in France and Holland. Entered military service from District of Columbia.

Technician Third Grade James L. Porter, (Army Serial Number 36364115), Infantry, Headquarters 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, 24 September 1944 to 8 May 1945, includes service in France and Holland. Entered military service from Illinois.

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Sergeant John T. Zumbro, (Army Serial Number 34329824), Infantry, Headquarters 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, 1 October 1944 to 8 May 1945, includes service in France and Holland. Entered military service from Tennessee.

Technician Fourth Grade Raymond I. Babb, (Army Serial Number 34438319), Corps of Engineers, 327th Engineer Combat Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, 5 March 1945 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from North Carolina.

Technician Fourth Grade Edwin E. Butterfield, (Army Serial Number 37467147), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, 17 November 1944 to 20 April 1945. Entered military service from Nebraska.

Technician Fourth Grade Ernest F. Hendry, (Army Serial Number 6295530), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, 25 November 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Texas.

Technician Fourth Grade Conrad C. Scott, Jr., (Army Serial Number 33316205), Infantry, Headquarters 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, 20 November 1944 to 8 May 1945, includes service in Holland. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Technician Fourth Grade Irving S. Swartz, (Army Serial Number 31234298), Field Artillery, 380th Field Artillery Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, 15 November 1944 to 5 May 1945. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

Corporal William W. Alcin, Jr., (Army Serial Number 32482734), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, 17 November 1944 to 20 April 1945. Entered military service from New Jersey.

Corporal Walter W. Caldwell, (Army Serial Number 34439361), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, 1 December 1944 to 20 April 1945. Entered military service from North Carolina.

Corporal Frank R. Lang, (Army Serial Number 33444593), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, 17 November 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Virginia.

Corporal Cletas F. McClarnhan, (Army Serial Number 36622872), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, 25 October 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Illinois.

Corporal Robert J. Ritter, (Army Serial Number 36065821), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, 17 November 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Illinois.

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Technician Fifth Grade Dayton Y. Bailey, (Army Serial Number 37241331), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, 30 October 1944 to 26 April 1945. Entered military service from Kansas.

Technician Fifth Grade Vernon O. Coit, (Army Serial Number 31244690), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, 31 October 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Rhode Island.

Technician Fifth Grade Frederick J. Gibbons, (Army Serial Number 15359368), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, 17 November 1944 to 20 April 1945. Entered military service from Ohio.

Technician Fifth Grade Samuel S. Glass, (Army Serial Number 37241488), Infantry, Headquarters 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, 20 November 1944 to 8 May 1945, includes service in France and Holland. Entered military service from Missouri.

Technician Fifth Grade William C. Justice, (Army Serial Number 34785297), Medical Department, 406th Infantry, United States Army, 18 November 1944 to 20 April 1945. Entered military service from Florida.

Private First Class Alvin E. Bendler, (Army Serial Number 32480735), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, 23 February 1945 to 28 February 1945. Entered military service from Delaware.

Private First Class Cecil Blaylock, (Army Serial Number 34493152), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, 17 November 1944 to 20 April 1945. Entered military service from Tennessee.

Private Robert E. Hunter, (Army Serial Number 36544641), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, 26 October 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Michigan.

Private First Class Gennaro Caruso, (Army Serial Number 32594585), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, 31 March 1945 to 30 April 1945. Entered military service from New Jersey.

Private First Class Larry H. Darrow, (Army Serial Number 33689459), Corps of Engineers, 327th Engineer Combat Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, 21 December 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Private First Class Richard M. Fox, (Army Serial Number 33299696), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, 24 November 1944 to 7 May 1945. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Private First Class Robert D. Klemme, (Army Serial Number 37443646), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, 7 December 1944 to 12 December 1944. Entered military service from Iowa.

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Private First Class Joseph P. Kratky, (Army Serial Number 37239136), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, 31 October 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Kansas.

The following named enlisted men, Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in Germany from 30 November 1944 to 8 May 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	Gerald F. Riedel	36274667	Wisconsin
Corporal	Joseph S. Spinelli	35022836	Ohio
Private First Class	David Pearl	32645453	New York
Private First Class	Francis V. Curtin	31250392	Connecticut
Private	Morton G. Farlow	32068100	Delaware

The following named enlisted men, Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in Germany from 1 November 1944 to 8 May 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	James A. Conley	37200721	Missouri
Technician Fourth Grade	Thomas W. Dailey	18120257	New Mexico
Technician Fourth Grade	Edward W. Holzhammer	37443642	Iowa
Technician Fourth Grade	Michael M. Kostiuik	6956678	Oklahoma

The following named enlisted men, Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in Germany from 2 December 1944 to 8 May 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	Fred W. Faha	32568496	New Jersey
Private First Class	Robert L. Laney	37580056	North Dakota

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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 the BRONZE STAR MEDAL for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany during the respective periods indicated:

CAPTAIN WILLIAM G BICKMORE, (Army Serial Number O1172375), Field Artillery, 380th Field Artillery Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, 15 November 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Utah.

CAPTAIN LAODAMAS DELIGIANNIS, (Army Serial Number O292064), Infantry, 407 Infantry, United States Army, 9 January 1945 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Illinois.

CAPTAIN NILS E. LINDEROTH, (Army Serial Number O311099), Dental Corps, 327th Medical Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, 25 November 1944 to 15 April 1945. Entered military service from Illinois.

CAPTAIN LANGDON M. SMITH, (Army Serial Number O1171774), Field Artillery, 380th Field Artillery Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, 15 November 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Oklahoma.

FIRST LIEUTENANT DEAN S. KNIGHT, (Army Serial Number O1823610), Field Artillery, 771st Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army, 7 February 1945 to 30 April 1945. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

FIRST LIEUTENANT WILLARD A. MATTHEWS, (Army Serial Number O1325763), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, 16 November 1944 to 15 April 1945. Entered military service from Kansas.

FIRST LIEUTENANT HARRY E. MONCRAVIE, (Army Serial Number O1181042), Field Artillery, 381st Field Artillery Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, 4 November 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from California.

FIRST LIEUTENANT GORDON P. NELSON, (Army Serial Number O1179552), Field Artillery, 379th Field Artillery Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, 3 November 1944 to 8 May 1945, includes service in Holland. Entered military service from Iowa.

FIRST LIEUTENANT GEORGE M. ROPER Jr., (Army Serial Number O441717), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, 26 October 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Texas.

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FIRST LIEUTENANT HENRY F. WEEMA, (Army Serial Number 01180377), Field Artillery, 379th Field Artillery Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, 27 November 1944 to 1 May 1945. Entered military service from West Virginia.

SECOND LIEUTENANT LUCIAN W. HARRINGTON, (Army Serial Number 01996683), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, 16 November 1944 to 1 May 1945. Entered military service from Texas.

WARRANT OFFICER JUNIOR GRADE JOHN L. FRANCIS, (Army Serial Number W2119342), United States Army, 407th Infantry, United States Army, 1 November 1944 to 31 March 1945. Entered military service from Oklahoma.

WARRANT OFFICER JUNIOR GRADE PAUL T. PROSHUTO, (Army Serial Number W2121083), United States Army, 407th Infantry, United States Army, 1 November 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from New Jersey.

WARRANT OFFICER JUNIOR GRADE FLORIAN E. WESOLOSKI, (Army Serial Number W2119330), United States Army, 802d Ordnance Light Maintenance Company, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, 23 September 1944 to 8 May 1945, includes service in France and Holland. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Master Sergeant Homer Myers Jr., (Army Serial Number 38019502), Corps of Engineers, 327th Engineer Combat Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, 1 November 1944 to 8 May 1945, includes service in Holland. Entered military service from Oklahoma.

First Sergeant Merwin E. Thompson, (Army Serial Number 36204084), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, 1 November 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

First Sergeant Billy G. Smith, (Army Serial Number 6247470), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, 1 November 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Oklahoma.

Technical Sergeant Joseph P. Albert, (Army Serial Number 33299132), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, 25 October 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Technical Sergeant Frederick O. Brodman, (Army Serial Number 20247726), Field Artillery, 771st Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army, 5 November 1944 to 30 April 1945, includes service in Holland. Entered military service from New York.

Technical Sergeant Charles R. Carlton, (Army Serial Number 38072254), Medical Department, 327th Medical Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, 24 September 1944 to 8 May 1945, includes service in France and Holland. Entered military service from Texas.

Technical Sergeant Walter A. Eliason, (Army Serial Number 36334088), Ordnance Department, 802d Ordnance Light Maintenance Company, 102d Infantry

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Division, United States Army, 23 September 1944 to 8 May 1945, includes service in France and Holland. Entered military service from Illinois.

Technical Sergeant Charles F. Kenney, (Army Serial Number 31255144), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, 30 October 1944 to 7 May 1945. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

Staff Sergeant George Korandanis, (Army Serial Number 31255141), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, 25 November 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

Staff Sergeant Donald A. Olsen, (Army Serial Number 36623824), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, 1 October 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Illinois.

Staff Sergeant Stanley J. Sermok, (Army Serial Number 16151079), Signal Corps, 102d Signal Company, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, 1 November 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Michigan.

Staff Sergeant Harry J. Spiess, (Army Serial Number 6830572), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, 13 November 1944 to 20 April 1945. Entered military service from Michigan.

Staff Sergeant Harold O. Walker, (Army Serial Number 35154195), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, 15 November 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Indiana.

Technician Third Grade Robert E. Thompson, (Army Serial Number 33469447), Medical Department, 406th Infantry, United States Army, 18 November 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Sergeant Maurice L. Beaver, (Army Serial Number 36542573), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, 16 November 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Michigan.

Sergeant Howard G. Elgin, (Army Serial Number 37337916), Corps of Engineers 327th Engineer Combat Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, 1 February 1945 to 25 April 1945. Entered military service from Colorado.

Technician Fourth Grade Dennis L. Kane, (Army Serial Number 32645187), Field Artillery, 379th Field Artillery Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, 3 November 1944 to 8 May 1945, includes service in Holland. Entered military service from New York.

Technician Fourth Grade Joe C. Tiffany, (Army Serial Number 16091944), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, 30 November 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

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Technician Fourth Grade Frederick A. Warr, Jr., (Army Serial Number 31250593), Medical Department, 407th Infantry, United States Army, 25 October 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Connecticut.

Technician Fourth Grade Henry L. Whitman, (Army Serial Number 38359149), Medical Department, 327th Medical Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, 26 November 1944 to 15 April 1945. Entered military service from Texas.

Corporal Benjamin G. Shenk, (Army Serial Number 33244693), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, 23 February 1945 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Corporal Robert F. Symmonds, (Army Serial Number 37612410), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, 1 November 1944 to 8 May 1945, includes service in Holland. Entered military service from Nebraska.

Corporal Albert A. Tomazic, (Army Serial Number 33359729), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, 17 November 1944 to 20 April 1945. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Corporal Henry A. Weber, (Army Serial Number 36537746), Field Artillery, 379th Field Artillery Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, 4 November 1944 to 5 March 1945, includes service in Holland. Entered military service from Michigan.

Corporal Charles White, Jr., (Army Serial Number 36623816), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, 1 November 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Illinois.

Technician Fifth Grade Oscar H. Lewis, Jr., (Army Serial Number 13145871), Field Artillery, 379th Field Artillery Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, 4 November 1944 to 8 March 1945. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Technician Fifth Grade Rocco D. Matera, (Army Serial Number 32702818), Field Artillery, 771st Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army, 31 March 1945 to 30 April 1945. Entered military service from New York.

Technician Fifth Grade Anthony J. McNamara, (Army Serial Number 32594589), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, 23 February 1945 to 3 April 1945. Entered military service from New Jersey.

Technician Fifth Grade Charles E. Willett, (Army Serial Number 34570341), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, 16 November 1944 to 15 April 1945. Entered military service from Georgia.

Technician Fifth Grade Chester R. Zandstra, (Army Serial Number 36602739), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, 23 February 1945 to 3 April 1945. Entered military service from Illinois.

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Private First Class Hilmer W. Kruckemeyer, (Army Serial Number 38562153), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, 30 October 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Texas.

Private First Class Philip P. Martin, (Army Serial Number 33474383), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, 15 November 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Private First Class Richard C. Miller, (Army Serial Number 31363138), Medical Department, 406th Infantry, United States Army, 18 December 1944 to 20 April 1945. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

Private First Class Ralph Mixer, Jr., (Army Serial Number 36975967), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, 26 November 1944 to 3 May 1945. Entered military service from Illinois.

Private First Class Joseph L. Ondyak, (Army Serial Number 36659945), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, 24 November 1944 to 7 May 1945. Entered military service from Illinois.

Private First Class John G. Reinke, Jr., (Army Serial Number 16147503), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, 23 February 1945 to 3 March 1945. Entered military service from Illinois.

Private First Class Clayton St. C. Warriner, (Army Serial Number 33519054), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, 24 November 1944 to 7 May 1945. Entered military service from Virginia.

Private First Class Barber L. Waters, (Army Serial Number 12169111), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, 17 November 1944 to 20 April 1945. Entered military service from New York.

The following named enlisted men, Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in Germany from 30 November 1944 to 8 May 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	Alvin H. Boyer	36623792	Illinois
Corporal	Paul G. Marincola	33025343	Pennsylvania
Corporal	Edwin A. Osinski	36544369	Michigan
Private First Class	Louis R. Ferrari	39014022	California
Private	Billy L. Rice	38323155	Oklahoma

The following named enlisted men, Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in Germany from 30 November 1944 to 8 May 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>
Corporal	William R. Pennington	35370499	Indiana
Corporal	Albert Kasden	32647078	New York
Corporal	Arthur A. Pinajian	32573460	New Jersey
Corporal	Easton J. Claridge	39614648	Montana

The following named enlisted men, Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in Germany from 30 November 1944 to 8 May 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	Alfred F. Price	33359679	Pennsylvania
Corporal	Manuel L. Luna	39852605	Arizona
Corporal	Frank J. Fiori	32643293	New York
Corporal	Paul J. Badali	33399048	Pennsylvania
Corporal	Alfred Benkner	32645136	New York

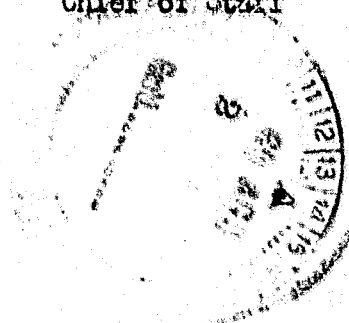
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AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

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

Technical Sergeant William C. Croll, (Army Serial Number 33484570), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 2 December 1944, in connection with military operations against the enemy. Although wounded during a difficult attack, Technical Sergeant Croll, realizing that most of his men were inexperienced, heroically refused evacuation. Unselfishly he remained with his platoon to guide his men with his exemplary leadership insuring close support to rifle platoons and saving many lives. The great courage and devotion to duty shown by Technical Sergeant Croll reflect highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Technical Sergeant Howard W. Mastalir, (Army Serial Number 17116743), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 25 February 1945, in connection with military operations against the enemy. While maneuvering his men preparatory to an assault on a sniper position which he had just located, Technical Sergeant Mastalir observed three comrades approach the emplacements unaware of the danger. Without regard for his personal safety, he dashed forward in full view of the enemy to warn them and led them back to comparative safety. He then continued to deploy his platoon in an effort to eliminate the snipers. The aggressive leadership and bravery shown by Technical Sergeant Mastalir reflect highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Nebraska.

Staff Sergeant Norman E. Barsness, (Army Serial Number 37443092), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 20 November 1944, in connection with military operations against the enemy. During a counter-attack by the enemy, Staff Sergeant Barsness so skillfully deployed his men in spite of overwhelming odds that they were able to effectively resist the enemy, destroy two tanks with their crews, and force the remainder of enemy to retreat in disorder. Throughout the fire fight, he never hesitated to expose himself in order to direct his men and inspire them with fighting spirit which resulted in the shattering of the attack. The outstanding leadership and devotion to duty shown by Staff Sergeant Barsness reflect highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Iowa.

Staff Sergeant Alfred Bockhorn, (Army Serial Number 38304100), 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

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crossing of a dangerous river, Staff Sergeant Bockhorn, performing duty as a mortar platoon sergeant, greatly aided in rendering effective supporting fire to the riflemen. Later when one of his comrades was seriously wounded and lay exposed on the battlefield, he courageously crawled through a minefield and rescued the stricken man. After administering first aid, he evacuated him to a sheltered position and then rejoined his unit. The outstanding courage and devotion to duty shown by Staff Sergeant Bockhorn reflect highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Texas.

Staff Sergeant Robert E. Culpepper, (Army Serial Number 34766167), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 17 November 1944, in connection with military operations against the enemy. When his platoon leader was seriously injured during an attack on a strongly defended enemy position, Staff Sergeant Culpepper rushed to the aid of the fallen officer at extreme risk to himself. Although he had to cross the line of fire of the enemy's main line of resistance, he made several trips to the officer and subordinate leaders to relay orders to the platoon. The outstanding courage and inspiring devotion to duty shown by Staff Sergeant Culpepper reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Florida.

Staff Sergeant Edward J. Kowalewski, (Army Serial Number 33469707), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 10 April 1945, in connection with military operations against the enemy. During a fast moving attack, Staff Sergeant Kowalewski was forced to withdraw his men after three futile attempts to reduce the overwhelming enemy power. In order to locate their position for friendly artillery fire, he courageously rose up and having secured artillery support led his men in a bold charge and succeeded in taking the position. The outstanding courage and initiative shown by Staff Sergeant Kowalewski reflect highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Staff Sergeant Norris A. Popejoy, (Army Serial Number 36544303), 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 section leader became wounded during an attack on a strongly defended enemy town, Staff Sergeant Popejoy unhesitatingly assumed command of the machine gun section and directed the placement of effective fire on harassing enemy positions. Having neutralized them he furnished supporting machine gun fire for the assault elements greatly facilitating the taking of the objective. The outstanding leadership and heroic devotion to duty shown by Staff Sergeant Popejoy reflect highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Michigan.

Staff Sergeant Robert E. Young, Jr., (Army Serial Number 6958170), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 17 November 1944, in connection with military operations against the enemy. During an attack, Staff Sergeant Young's squad was pinned down by withering cross-fire from enemy machine guns, but he and his men held their ground until ordered to withdraw. Realizing that his men would be exposed to great danger he displayed outstanding

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tactical skill by ordering them to direct intensive fire against the enemy while they withdrew and he carried one wounded man back to safety. The outstanding leadership and praiseworthy courage demonstrated by Staff Sergeant Young reflect highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Texas.

Technician Third Grade Timothy J. Sullivan, (Army Serial Number 31250410), Medical Department, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement on 2 December 1944, in connection with military operations against the enemy. Technician Third Grade Sullivan (then Technician Fourth Grade), voluntarily advanced with the assault company in order to insure that all casualties received prompt treatment. After he had established a temporary aid station, he was informed that the reserve company was being subjected to intense artillery fire. With utter disregard for his personal safety, he ran through a hail of fire and by his valiant act was able to treat many casualties and alleviate their suffering. His courage and devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Connecticut.

Sergeant Herman Ayres, (Army Serial Number 33067092), Infantry, 701st Tank Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 27 February 1945, in connection with military operations against the enemy. During a furious attack Sergeant Ayres' platoon encountered such heavy resistance that it was reduced to three tanks. While firing smoke ammunition into the hostile position in an effort to cover the right flank of the attack and to screen the advance of the tanks, a round of ammunition stuck in his gun. Courageously he climbed out of the tank and rammed the round clear of the chamber of the gun, then continued to carry out his task. The heroic devotion to duty and initiative shown by Sergeant Ayres reflect highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Maryland.

Sergeant James Carvalho, (Army Serial Number 31235655), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 21 November 1944 and 2 March 1945, in connection with military operations against the enemy. Although exposed to direct sniper fire, Sergeant Carvalho displayed exemplary courage and disregard for personal safety in rendering first aid to two wounded comrades. When the enemy counterattacked, he fought with determination and heroism and although outnumbered maintained his position until his ammunition was exhausted. Later, he further distinguished himself by the highly courageous and skillful manner in which he directed fire against an enemy defensive force of six tanks and fifty troops. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

Sergeant Allan D. Havard, (Army Serial Number 34477609), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 22 November 1944, in connection with military operations against the enemy. While on a dangerous reconnaissance mission, Sergeant Havard courageously exposed himself to enemy fire in order to place his machine gun section in a position of vantage. He then crawled forward and successfully attacked a hostile emplacement, killing the crew of three with his rifle. Although he was wounded during this heroic act, he returned to his own position, administered first aid to an injured man and continued to adjust fire.

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The exceptional leadership and courageous skill demonstrated by Sergeant Havard reflect highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Mississippi.

Sergeant Lawrence G. Parker, (Army Serial Number 35261447), Infantry, 701st Tank Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 10 April 1945, in connection with military operations against the enemy. During a fast moving attack Sergeant Parker noticed that his platoon leader's tank had bogged down while crossing a creek. Although fully aware that his own tank was under heavy fire, he realized that the platoon would be seriously handicapped. Therefore he left the safety of his tank, courageously dismounted and assisted in extricating the trapped tank. Although he was struck by enemy fire and severely wounded, he successfully completed his mission. The heroic devotion to duty and leadership displayed by Sergeant Parker reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Kentucky.

Sergeant David W. Wick, (Army Serial Number 33354942), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 26 February 1945, in connection with military operations against the enemy. In order to warn friendly tanks to the rear of an impending enemy counterattack, Sergeant Wick courageously made his way across five hundred yards of open field under constant fire to contact the supporting armor. Later, with utter disregard for personal safety, he led carrying parties through contested territory to the forward elements in order to deliver vital supplies. The heroism and outstanding skill shown by Sergeant Wick reflect highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Technician Fourth Grade Earl P. Mauney, (Army Serial Number 34439180), Field Artillery, 927th Field Artillery Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 27 February 1945, in connection with military operations against the enemy. While serving as a radio operator, Technician Fourth Grade Mauney heroically crawled to a ridge which was zeroed in by artillery and automatic weapons in order to set up a radio. His action enabled the forward observer to contact the battalion for artillery fire on an enemy position which was holding up the advance of an infantry company. He later set up his radio in a house beyond the infantry lines during a heavy concentration of enemy artillery, thereby permitting the forward observer to request immediate defensive fires. The courage and loyalty displayed by Technician Fourth Grade Mauney reflect highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from North Carolina.

Corporal Clyde W. Anderson, (Army Serial Number 36543990), Medical Department, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 2 December 1944, in connection with military operations against the enemy. During an attack on an enemy town, Corporal Anderson (then Private First Class), a member of a forward aid station, entered the town under heavy sniper and machine gun fire and established collecting points where he treated the wounded. When intense enemy artillery fire pinned down the reserve company about six hundred yards from the town,

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he courageously ran into the heavy fire in order to treat and evacuate the wounded men from a tank ditch which was receiving the heaviest fire. The outstanding initiative and heroic devotion to duty shown by Corporal Anderson reflect highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Michigan.

Technician Fifth Grade Louis B. Buono, (Army Serial Number 32593103), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 6 December 1944, in connection with military operations against the enemy. When it became necessary for eight men to withdraw from an advanced outpost because of intense enemy fire, Technician Fifth Grade Buono volunteered to leave his relatively safe position in order to effect their rescue. With disregard for personal safety, he drove his truck, loaded with mines and explosives, six kilometers under heavy enemy artillery fire in blackout to the area where his comrades were and then made a successful return trip under the same hazardous conditions. The outstanding skill and courage displayed by Technician Fifth Grade Buono reflect highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from New Jersey.

Technician Fifth Grade Robert A. Peck, (Army Serial Number 17156529), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 22 March 1945, in connection with military operations against the enemy. When an enemy patrol attempted to cut off the withdrawal of his own patrol while it was operating in enemy territory, Technician Fifth Grade Peck, as radio operator, with quick thinking called for and directed mortar fire against the enemy. This action enabled his patrol to make its way back with valuable information. Although told that he could destroy his radio in order to facilitate his own movement during this dangerous withdrawal he declined to do so and continued to direct fire against the enemy. The courageous action and unselfish devotion to duty of this enlisted man reflect great credit on himself and the military service. Entered military service from Minnesota.

Private First Class Newton L. Akers, (Army Serial Number 33216799), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 28 February 1945, in connection with military operations against the enemy. When the two assault companies of his battalion were pinned down by the combined fire of enemy tanks and infantry, Private First Class Akers courageously maneuvered his machine gun into position and opened fire on the advancing troops which were supporting the hostile tanks. His automatic fire forced the hostile infantry to take cover and the tanks to button up, thereby slowing the enemy force and permitting friendly artillery to lend effective support. The outstanding courage and initiative displayed by Private First Class Akers reflect highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Virginia.

Private First Class Leonard E. Anaman, (Army Serial Number 36575793), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 25 February 1945, in connection with military operations against the enemy. Private First Class Anaman was serving as a runner and maintaining communications between battalion headquarters, the company command post and the mortar and machine gun sections, when his unit was pinned down by intense enemy fire. Through his

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courageous and successful transmission of orders and the relaying of messages, the movement of the troops in his battalion was coordinated and the resistance overcome. Later, at considerable risk of life in the intense barrage, he directed the platoons to their positions when an enemy town had been captured, and assisted the evacuation of a wounded man. The outstanding leadership and devotion to duty shown by Private First Class Anaman reflect highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Michigan.

Private First Class John C. Butz, (Army Serial Number 33771742), Corps of Engineers, 327th Engineer Combat Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 24 January 1945, in connection with military operations against the enemy. With just one hour in which to complete the mission, Private First Class Butz (then Private), was one of a group chosen to make two one hundred foot gaps in a minefield. With disregard for personal safety, he worked diligently in the midst of intense enemy fire which was directed at the position and despite the continued harassing barrage, the mission was successfully accomplished, thereby permitting tanks and infantry to advance in an attack upon an enemy town. The outstanding courage and efficiency shown by Private First Class Butz reflect highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Private First Class Joseph S. Centkowski, (Army Serial Number 16065012), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 22 March 1945, in connection with military operations against the enemy. When an enemy patrol attempted to cut off the withdrawal of his own patrol which was operating in enemy territory, Private First Class Centkowski courageously remained in the rear. By diverting hostile fire to himself and directing fire at the enemy with his sub-machine gun, he contributed greatly to the patrol's successful withdrawal. The heroic action and unselfish devotion to duty shown by Private First Class Centkowski reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Michigan.

Private First Class Lee R. Curtis, (Army Serial Number 34731409), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 23 November 1944, in connection with military operations against the enemy. When his unit was surrounded during an attack and a serious shortage of ammunition developed, Private First Class Curtis courageously volunteered to lead an ammunition party to the rear. With utter disregard for personal safety, he crawled through intense enemy fire for one thousand yards in order to reach the vital supplies and returned with ample ammunition. The outstanding leadership and bravery demonstrated by Private First Class Curtis reflect highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Tennessee.

Private First Class William E. Deerr, (Army Serial Number 32482487), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 25 February 1945, in connection with military operations against the enemy. During an attack upon an enemy town, Private First Class Deerr courageously disregarded his personal safety by rushing through intense artillery and small arms fire in order

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to render first aid to a seriously wounded officer and enlisted man. After giving them treatment to stop the profuse bleeding, he went back through the same heavy barrage in order to lead medical aid men to the casualties, and evacuated them. The conspicuous courage and devotion to duty shown by Private First Class Deerr reflect credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from New Jersey.

Private First Class James K. Edenfield, (Army Serial Number 34570148), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 24 March 1945, in connection with military operations against the enemy. When Private First Class Edenfield saw that an explosion had seriously wounded two comrades, he disregarded his personal safety and rushed to their aid despite the fact that they were lying surrounded by burning and exploding ammunition and powder increments. He succeeded in carrying them to a sheltered area, thereby saving their lives. The unselfish devotion to duty and outstanding initiative demonstrated by Private First Class Edenfield reflect highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Georgia.

Private First Class John H. Fitzpatrick, (Army Serial Number 11066938), 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 difficult operation in connection with the crossing of a major river barrier Private First Class Fitzpatrick proceeded with the assault elements in his capacity as cannon forward observer. When his unit was halted by an enemy strongpoint he courageously took part in an assault. Then while still exposed to intense enemy fire he continued to call for cannon fire support until all resistance was eliminated. His courage and devotion to duty served as an inspiration to the other members of the observation party. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

Private First Class Ernest O. Fortino, (Army Serial Number 32645608), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 17 November 1944, in connection with military operations against the enemy. While manning a front line position following a difficult assault operation Private First Class Fortino noticed movement thirty yards to the front. With utter disregard for his personal safety he crawled toward the underbrush and challenged. Soon a group of four fully armed enemy emerged refusing to give up their arms. With utmost daring Private First Class Fortino forced them to surrender at the point of a bayonet, thereby eliminating a potential threat to the position. His courage and alertness reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from New York.

Private First Class Alvin Glasbrooks, (Army Serial Number 34963572), Infantry, 407th Infantry, for heroic achievement in Germany on 25 February 1945, in connection with military operations against the enemy. When an enemy plane dropped a high explosive bomb on the command post demolishing the building and setting an ammunition truck afire, Private First Class Glasbrooks acting as a wire man immediately realized the necessity for reestablishing communications. With utter disregard for personal safety he worked his way through the debris. Although in plain view of the

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enemy he courageously secured new wire and strung it to a new command post. His courage and initiative contributed materially to the successful progress of the operations. Entered military service from North Carolina.

Private First Class Robert R. Harvey, (Army Serial Number 19118438), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 27 February 1945, in connection with military operations against the enemy. While a member of a mine-clearing detail which accompanied the assault elements, Private First Class Harvey came upon a felled tree lying in the road. Finding it to be booby-trapped he warned other members of the detail to take cover while he neutralized the camouflaged charges even though intense enemy small arms fire covered the road block. The exceptional courage and loyalty displayed by Private First Class Harvey reflect highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Oregon.

Private First Class Tom A. Howell, (Army Serial Number 14130964), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 1 December 1944, in connection with military operations against the enemy. When his unit was pinned down by intense enemy fire, Private First Class Howell courageously made his way to the rear in order to secure vitally needed ammunition, and returned through the hostile barrage. Later, he located a unit which had become separated from the rest of his organization and guided it forward to the support unit to move toward the objective and make contact. The exemplary courage and devotion to duty shown by Private First Class Howell reflect highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Alabama.

Private First Class Chester I. Kim, (Army Serial Number 39907158), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 24 November 1944, in connection with military operations against the enemy. When his company moved to a new location and encountered heavy enemy fire, Private First Class Kim voluntarily acted as guide for the men who did not know the area. When one man stepped on an enemy mine, he courageously rushed to his assistance, despite the danger to himself, and rescued him from the minefield. The outstanding initiative and skilled leadership displayed by Private First Class Kim reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Utah.

Private First Class Leon T. Kremzner, (Army Serial Number 32913194), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 27 February 1945, in connection with military operations against the enemy. When a fellow soldier was seriously injured by a concealed explosive charge, Private First Class Kremzner disregarded personal safety by entering the dangerously mined area and removing other charges in order to enable medical soldiers to approach the wounded man, and evacuate him to safety. The outstanding courage and devotion to duty shown by Private First Class Kremzner reflect highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from New Jersey.

Private First Class Louis T. Lepinotes, (Army Serial Number 37343825), Field Artillery, 927th Field Artillery Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States

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Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 23 and 24 February 1945, in connection with military operations against the enemy. While serving as a driver and wireman for the forward observer section, Private First Class Lepinotes successfully drove his vehicle through heavy rocket and artillery barrages aimed to disrupt vehicular traffic. When not employed as a driver, he assisted the wiremen in laying vital communication lines to front line posts while the area was under intense enemy fire. The courage and loyalty displayed by Private First Class Lepinotes reflect highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Colorado.

Private First Class Ralph D. MacPherson, (Army Serial Number 33563340), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 17 November 1944, in connection with military operations against the enemy. When his companions took cover in a building during an intense enemy artillery barrage, Private First Class MacPherson voluntarily left his shelter to remove a truck loaded with explosives from an unprotected place on the road to comparative safety. Courageously making his way through the heavy fire, he reached the truck and in spite of the fact that it had been hit by shrapnel, successfully drove it away. The outstanding courage and initiative displayed by Private First Class MacPherson reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Maryland.

Private First Class Melvin E. Denny, (Army Serial Number 34438070), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 10 April 1945, in connection with military operations against the enemy. Acting as a scout during an operation designed to clear out an enemy pocket, Private First Class Denny advanced courageously despite enemy fire to successfully destroy a hostile half-track with a grenade. Noticing the withdrawal of enemy infantry which had followed the disabled vehicle, he shrewdly directed rifle fire at them in a successful effort to attract the attention of supporting tankmen. The courage and unselfish devotion to duty shown by Private First Class Denny reflect highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from North Carolina.

Private First Class Bernard J. Matlage, (Army Serial Number 36622830), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 25 February 1945, in connection with military operations against the enemy. During an attack on an enemy town when heavy fire halted his mortar section and caused several casualties, Private First Class Matlage unhesitatingly assumed his wounded gunner's duties and aided in neutralizing the enemy resistance with fire from his own mortar. When the enemy positions had been silenced, he facilitated a rapid move into the town by carrying ammunition and the mortar bipod, in addition to his own equipment. The commendable devotion to duty and courage demonstrated by Private First Class Matlage reflect highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Illinois.

Private First Class Joseph C. Modzinski, (Army Serial Number 37627163), Infantry, 407th 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 Private First Class Modzinski moved with the assault of

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in order to deliver more effective bazooka fire. While assisting in clearing out houses a radio operator working next to him was suddenly wounded. Quickly locating the source of the enemy fire he dashed across several hundred yards of open terrain, entered a vacant building and while in full view of the enemy fired his bazooka with such effect that the enemy machine gun was destroyed. His courage and devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Missouri.

Private First Class Steve Raguseo, (Army Serial Number 32692840), Infantry, 701st Tank Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 10 April 1945, in connection with military operations against the enemy. During an attack, Private First Class Raguseo saw a wounded man lying on ground exposed to enemy fire. He courageously dismounted from his tank and without regard for personal safety guided another tank into a position where it could shield the casualty from further injury while he administered emergency treatment to the stricken man. The outstanding heroism and initiative shown by Private First Class Raguseo undoubtedly helped save the man's life and reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from New York.

Private Reginald F. Grayek, (Army Serial Number 33462930), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 1 May 1945, in connection with military operations against the enemy. As a member of a five-man patrol, Private Grayek crossed a dangerous river with the mission of contacting the Russian forces. After penetrating hostile lines for five miles, he entered an enemy home and by skillful questioning in their language, got the desired information. He then aided in capturing two members of an enemy patrol and forced the surrender of three additional well-entrenched riflemen. The commendable skill and devotion to duty displayed by Private Grayek reflect highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Private Walter Vermillion, Jr., (Army Serial Number 35247840), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 2 December 1944, in connection with military operations against the enemy. During an attack on a river stronghold, Private Vermillion was wounded but declined to be evacuated. He continued to assist the aid men in evacuating and treating wounded comrades and remained with the stricken men for two days, aiding and guarding them until adequate help arrived. His remarkable courage and self-sacrifice reflect highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Ohio.

The following named enlisted men, Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 10 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	Carl F. Gustafson	33015263	Pennsylvania
Sergeant	John Sulla	32595384	New Jersey

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When two comrades were wounded by sniper fire during mopping up operations, the above enlisted men courageously braved the harassing fire to go to their aid, render hurried treatment and evacuate them to safety. Upon returning to their position, they deliberately exposed themselves to the snipers in order to ascertain their location. Having ascertained their position, they placed counter fire on the snipers and successfully eliminated them. The outstanding courage and aggressiveness shown 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 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 Private First Class)	John F. Gloskey	32591650	New Jersey
Technician Fourth Grade	Paul Q. Higham	33082029	Pennsylvania
Private First Class	Doris Young	38276177	Oklahoma
Private First Class	Sherman F. Hyde	33384700	Maryland

When an enemy plane dropped a high explosive bomb on their command post destroying the building and setting an ammunition truck afire the above enlisted men courageously moved about the lighted area in an effort to extricate wounded men and to extinguish the blaze. Although the area was illuminated so brightly that the enemy could shell it accurately, they disregarded all thoughts of personal safety, worked under small arms and mortar fire in order to assist evacuation of the injured men and to save valuable government property. Their courage and devotion to 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 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	George Holik	13007569	Pennsylvania
Technician Fourth Grade	Joe Sabbatini	34475564	Mississippi
Private First Class	Harold L. Hedden	35348386	Ohio

During a heavily concentrated enemy artillery barrage, the above named enlisted men courageously worked with utter disregard for personal safety to extricate a mired vehicle which was blocking a narrow road and was making the halted vehicles an easy target for the sustained shelling. The outstanding bravery and devotion to duty shown by these men reflect highest 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>
Technician Fourth Grade	Louis C. Darke	16088297	Michigan
Technician Fifth Grade	Myron Krochak	32641601	New York
Private First Class	Patrick H. Danenberg	36411853	Michigan
Private First Class	Ralph B. Ferra	36836412	Wisconsin

During the crossing of a dangerous river, the above enlisted men were instrumental in laying a vital communication cable to maintain contact between the assaulting elements and the headquarters which controlled the troops. Despite intense enemy fire which continually harassed their efforts, they succeeded in their fourth attempt at their difficult and dangerous assignment. Their exemplary courage and devotion to duty 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 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>
Corporal	Charles J. Filisz, Jr.	32592989	New York
Private First Class	George D. Georgiou	32645287	New York

While on guard at the anti-tank gun position, the above enlisted men saw a walking casualty one thousand yards away. Although enemy fire was intense, they courageously ran through it to an aid station to secure a jeep which they drove toward the injured man until forced to dismount by a minefield. Making their way through the densely mined area, they reached the man and by carrying him, brought him through the heavy barrage to the jeep, then drove safely to the aid station. The remarkable courage and heroic actions shown by these enlisted men reflect highest credit upon themselves and the military service.

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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 Circular Number 32, Headquarters European Theater of Operations United States Army, as amended, the following officers and enlisted men are awarded the BRONZE STAR MEDAL:

CAPTAIN EDWARD F. WATKINS, (Army Serial Number 01310794), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 17 November 1944, in connection with military operations against the enemy. When a strong enemy counterattack threatened to overrun his unit's position, CAPTAIN WATKINS advanced ahead of his troops under intense fire in order to establish a defense line. With exemplary leadership he skillfully maneuvered his men so that the enemy attack was repulsed. The courage and efficiency displayed by CAPTAIN WATKINS contributed immeasurably to the success of the operations. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

FIRST LIEUTENANT JAMES W. DECKER, (Army Serial Number 0537883), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 28 February 1945, in connection with military operations against the enemy. During an attack on a strongly defended enemy town, a road block covered by anti-tank gun fire held up advancing friendly armor and halted the attack. With complete disregard for his personal safety, FIRST LIEUTENANT DECKER worked his way in open view of the enemy to a house from where he directed mortar fire on the hostile position with such telling effect that rifle troops were able to advance and capture the town before the armor passed the road block. The exceptional courage and devotion to duty shown by FIRST LIEUTENANT DECKER reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

FIRST LIEUTENANT EMERSON S. HUNT, (Army Serial Number 01018073), Infantry, 701st Tank Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement against the enemy on 14 April 1945. While traveling toward his battalion command post FIRST LIEUTENANT HUNT was taken prisoner by the enemy. Demanding an interview with the area Commanding Officer he persuaded the enemy officer to surrender his entire garrison and was instrumental in arranging the formal ceremony. The outstanding initiative and performance of duty displayed by FIRST LIEUTENANT HUNT reflect highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Maine.

FIRST LIEUTENANT KENNETH W. LEQUIER, JR., (Army Serial Number 01547696), Medical Administrative Corps, 327th Medical Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 23 February 1945, in connection with military operations against the enemy. During the initial stages of a river crossing, FIRST LIEUTENANT LEQUIER (then SECOND LIEUTENANT), led his litter squad

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over a foot bridge through heavy enemy mortar and artillery fire. Having found shelter for his men he reconnoitered for a suitable position for a collecting point and while still under intense fire, supervised the evacuation of all casualties. His courage and devotion to duty reflect great credit on himself and the military service. Entered military service from New York.

SECOND LIEUTENANT JAMES B. HECKMAN, (Army Serial Number 02000916), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 11 April 1945, in connection with military operations against the enemy. When his company came under the fire of an enemy machine gun, SECOND LIEUTENANT HECKMAN personally set up his platoon's mortars on open ground in full view of the enemy. Despite increasingly heavy fire, he adjusted his mortars on the target until it was neutralized. The exemplary conduct and courageous devotion to duty displayed by SECOND LIEUTENANT HECKMAN reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Technical Sergeant Virgil F. Kanady, (Army Serial Number 37518555), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 7 December 1944, in connection with military operations against the enemy. While working on a mine field, Technical Sergeant Kanady's platoon was taken under intense enemy fire inflicting heavy casualties in killed and wounded. Although painfully wounded himself, he made his way courageously through the hostile barrage to the aid station and succeeded in leading medical personnel back to the danger area. The outstanding bravery and initiative displayed by Technical Sergeant Kanady reflect highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Kansas.

Technical Sergeant Ernest J. Nerges, (Army Serial Number 32594192), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 27 February 1945, in connection with military operations against the enemy. When heavy flanking fire wounded one of the men in the machine gun section which Technical Sergeant Nerges was leading, the rest of the section took cover and froze. Realizing that his men were easy targets, he grabbed the nearest machine gun and exposing himself to the enemy began to return fire on the emplacement. The rest of the section followed the action of their leader and by their concentrated fire succeeded in wiping out the position. The outstanding leadership and aggressiveness shown by Technical Sergeant Nerges reflect highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from New Jersey.

Technical Sergeant Vincent A. Sonzogni, (Army Serial Number 33474434), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 26 February 1945, in connection with military operations against the enemy. When enemy infantry and armor launched a surprise attack against his sector, Technical Sergeant Sonzogni, realizing that lack of communication made it impossible to warn supporting tanks, left the safety of his position in order to contact the tank commander. Although exposed to heavy fire he courageously proceeded over open terrain

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and furnished such accurate information to the friendly armor that four enemy tanks were quickly destroyed and the counterattack repulsed. His courage and initiative reflect great credit on himself and the military service. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Staff Sergeant Simon S. Perez, (Army Serial Number 39266769), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 30 December 1944, in connection with military operations against the enemy. After an enemy counterattack had been repulsed, Staff Sergeant Perez's unit was harassed by several hostile riflemen who continued to snipe at them from well camouflaged emplacements. Having volunteered to eliminate them, he courageously moved forward and, with complete disregard for personal safety, succeeded in silencing the enemy fire. The heroic action and outstanding devotion to duty shown by Staff Sergeant Perez reflect highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from California.

Staff Sergeant John J. Quinn, Jr., (Army Serial Number 37337797), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement on 25 February 1945, in connection with military operations against the enemy. While advancing toward an enemy held town, Staff Sergeant Quinn's mortar section was suddenly subjected to accurate and intense enemy fire. Realizing that the enemy was observing the effect of the fire from a prominent building, Staff Sergeant Quinn skillfully moved his men toward a draw and established a defense line. His exemplary courage and leadership prevented casualties and reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Colorado.

Staff Sergeant Frank A. Rackie, (Army Serial Number 33307268), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 28 February 1945, in connection with military operations against the enemy. When his squad became separated under intense enemy tank fire, Staff Sergeant Rackie calmly gathered his men and maneuvered them to the enemy's flank. With utter disregard for his personal safety he exposed himself to enemy fire in order to direct accurate fire on the enemy tank. His courageous action forced the enemy armor to withdraw and enabled his men to rejoin their platoon. His leadership, courage and devotion to duty contributed greatly to the successful capture of the objective. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Staff Sergeant Howard A. Ryals, (Army Serial Number 20828424), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 11 April 1945, in connection with military operations against the enemy. When his unit was pinned down by intense enemy fire while moving through wooded terrain, Staff Sergeant Ryals unhesitatingly emplaced his machine gun and delivered such effective fire that the remainder of his unit was able to move and maneuver until the hostile resistance was overcome. His heroic action and initiative prevented many casualties and reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Oklahoma.

Staff Sergeant Roy S. Schulang, (Army Serial Number 32634222), Infantry,

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407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 23 February 1945, in connection with military operations against the enemy. When the officer in charge of his anti-tank group became a casualty, Staff Sergeant Schulang unhesitatingly assumed command. After making a reconnaissance of forward positions, he led the men through heavy enemy fire to positions from which they could successfully support the advance of the riflemen. Later he deployed his men in a captured town with such skill that they forced the withdrawal of enemy armor. The inspiring leadership and initiative demonstrated by Staff Sergeant Schulang reflect highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from New York.

Sergeant Anthony G. Chopp, (Army Serial Number 36975828), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 28 February 1945, in connection with military operations against the enemy. When concentrated enemy fire halted his unit, Sergeant Chopp voluntarily ventured into the open in an effort to reach a house some distance away. From the second story of the building, he successfully fired at hostile gun crews and despite heavy return fire, killed two of the enemy, forcing the others to withdraw. The heroic action of Sergeant Chopp facilitated the continuance of the attack and reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Michigan.

Sergeant Clifford N. Posey, (Army Serial Number 34999167), 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 company approached an enemy town, it encountered intense fire from a machine gun. Sergeant Posey, (then Private First Class), courageously disregarded the hostile fire to move his mortar into a position of vantage. So effective was his fire that he killed a large number of the enemy and enabled the support platoon to flank the emplacement. The outstanding bravery and technical skill displayed by Sergeant Posey reflect highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Alabama.

Sergeant James H. Sizemore, (Army Serial Number 30405899), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 28 February 1945, in connection with military operations against the enemy. Despite the fact that he was seriously wounded by concentrated fire from four enemy tanks, Sergeant Sizemore crawled to one of his wounded companions who was lying helplessly in the open and moved him to a shell crater. Having reassured his comrade despite the terrific hostile fire, he applied first aid until medical help arrived. The courage and unselfishness displayed by Sergeant Sizemore reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from South Carolina.

Sergeant Thomas L. Warren, (Army Serial Number 35834350), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 11 April 1945, in connection with military operations against the enemy. During a fast moving attack, Sergeant (then Private First Class) Warren's platoon was suddenly pinned down by extremely heavy enemy fire. After two attempts to resume the attack had failed, Sergeant Warren moved to the right flank for a third attempt. Although the enemy directed heavy fire against him, he continued to move forward, firing his weapon as

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he advanced and by his example inspired his men so that they resumed the attack and captured the objective. The indomitable courage and exemplary leadership of this enlisted man is of the highest credit to himself and the military service. Entered military service from Kentucky.

Technician Fourth Grade Merle G. Pollitt, (Army Serial Number 16088317), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 25 February 1945, in connection with military operations against the enemy. During a terrific enemy artillery barrage, Technician Fourth Grade Pollitt left his place of protection and dashed to a truck loaded with wounded which was halted in a traffic tieup. He helped the walking wounded, directed them to safety and then enlisted the aid of another soldier to carry four litter cases into a nearby cellar. The heroic action and outstanding devotion to duty shown by Technician Fourth Grade Pollitt reflect highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Michigan.

Corporal Jack F. Lashbrook, (Army Serial Number 36544358), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 17 November 1944, in connection with military operations against the enemy. When shrapnel from an enemy shell seriously wounded a member of his anti-tank crew, Corporal Lashbrook with complete disregard for his personal safety left his foxhole and crawled over 50 yards of open, exposed ground in direct observation of the enemy to secure an aid man and litter. He returned over the same dangerous route and helped evacuate his wounded comrade to the aid station despite the continuance of the enemy barrage. The outstanding courage and unselfish devotion to duty shown by Corporal Lashbrook reflect highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Michigan.

Private First Class Emery A. Ivan, (Army Serial Number 325916), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 11 April 1945, in connection with military operations against the enemy. When two men of his platoon were wounded as the result of heavy enemy fire, Private First Class Ivan (then Private) dashed courageously to the rear to secure some means for their evacuation. The exemplary courage and devotion to duty shown by Private First Class Ivan reflect highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from New Jersey.

Private First Class R. E. Jackson, (Army Serial Number 38342399), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 4 March 1945, in connection with military operations against the enemy. When automatic and small arms fire halted his company, Private First Class Jackson, with complete disregard for his personal safety, crawled 200 yards over shell-swept terrain to a railroad track. Having placed his machine gun in position, he delivered harassing fire with such telling effect that his company was enabled to resume its advance. The outstanding courage and loyalty displayed by Private First Class Jackson reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Texas.

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Private First Class Raymond A. Johnson, (Army Serial Number 42002599), 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in January 1945, in connection with military operations against the enemy. During an attack across a dangerous river, when heavy casualties were suffered by the platoon to which he was attached, Private First Class Johnson bravely risked his life in intense enemy fire in order to render aid to wounded men and evacuate them from the danger zone. With disregard for his personal safety he moved freely over the battlefield treating the stricken men until he had assured himself that all had received medical attention. The outstanding courage and devotion to duty displayed by Private First Class Johnson reflect highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from New Jersey.

Private First Class John R. Kardys, (Army Serial Number 31464569), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 25 February 1945, in connection with military operations against the enemy. When two men of his platoon had been wounded by intense enemy mortar fire during a fast enemy attack, Private First Class Kardys volunteered to cross one thousand yards of shell-swept terrain to call for medical aid men. Returning over the same dangerous route he guided them to the casualties, and although continually exposed to enemy fire, assisted in administering first aid and evacuating them to the rear. His courage and initiative reflect great credit on himself and the military service. Entered military service from Connecticut.

Private First Class Ralph E. Karth, (Army Serial Number 16102329), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 23 November 1944, in connection with military operations against the enemy. When the assault echelon was pinned down by intense enemy fire and communications were disrupted, Private First Class Karth volunteered to carry a vital message to the field artillery position. With great courage and complete disregard for personal safety, he proceeded across 1500 yards of shell-swept terrain and successfully accomplished his mission. The exemplary heroism and unselfish devotion to duty shown by Private First Class Karth reflect highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

Private First Class Raymond J. Krajewski, (Army Serial Number 35894335), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 25 February 1945, in connection with military operations against the enemy. While on guard following a successful attack, Private First Class Krajewski noticed enemy preparations for a counterattack. Realizing that all wire communications had been disrupted by the heavy shelling he unhesitatingly crawled through intense fire to his platoon leader to warn him of the impending danger. While returning to his position he repaired the breaks in the telephone wires although the deadly fire continued. Because of his exemplary courage and devotion to duty the counterattack was easily repulsed. Entered military service from Indiana.

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Private First Class Raymond A. Johnson, (Army Serial Number 42002599), Medical Department, 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 across a dangerous river, when heavy casualties were suffered by a rifle platoon to which he was attached, Private First Class Johnson courageously risked his life in intense enemy fire in order to render aid to wounded men and evacuate them from the danger zone. With disregard for his personal safety he moved freely over the battlefield treating the stricken men until he had assured himself that all had received medical attention. The outstanding courage and devotion to duty displayed by Private First Class Johnson reflect highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from New Jersey.

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Private First Class Mercurius A. Sicalides, (Army Serial Number 33474681), 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 sudden appearance of enemy tanks forced his battalion to halt its advance, Private First Class Sicalides realized that all communication lines were broken so that his battalion commander could not contact higher headquarters for supporting fire. Courageously he risked his life in order to repair a radio in the midst of the intense barrage, and continued on his mission even though he had to expose himself to the enemy fire several times in order to secure the necessary repair parts. The complete intrepidity and initiative shown by Private First Class Sicalides enabled his commanding officer to secure the necessary support and reflect highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Private First Class Glenn P. Smith, (Army Serial Number 39569398), 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, Private First Class Smith, serving as a member of a bazooka team, courageously risked his life by crawling into an enemy minefield in order to rescue and evacuate a wounded comrade. Later in the advance he administered first aid to a wounded officer and aided in the capture of several enemy snipers. The outstanding courage and devotion to duty shown by Private First Class Smith reflect highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from California.

Private First Class Joseph F. Starkey, (Army Serial Number 39291930), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 16 April 1945, in connection with military operations against the enemy. While riding on a truck with his anti-tank squad, in an attempt to destroy fleeing enemy armor, Private First Class Starkey and his comrades were suddenly subjected to intense enemy fire which scored a direct hit on the truck and seriously wounded one man. Disregarding all thought of personal safety, Private First Class Starkey ran to the aid of the stricken man and, despite the continued hostile fire, assisted in his evacuation. The courage and initiative shown by Private First Class Starkey reflect highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from California.

Private First Class Thomas W. Vogel, (Army Serial Number 36660546), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 10 April 1945, in connection with military operations against the enemy. During an attack against an enemy strongpoint, Private First Class Vogel was wounded while rushing to the aid of his injured squad leader. Declining to be evacuated until his comrade had been treated, he continued to fire himself and to direct the fire of others upon the enemy until the hostile position had been demolished. The exceptional courage and loyalty displayed by Private First Class Vogel reflect highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Illinois.

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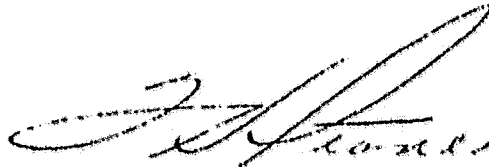
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Private First Class Jack L. Wikman, (Army Serial Number 36543675), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 10 April 1945, in connection with military operations against the enemy. Noticing that two men had been wounded near the front lines and were continually exposed to further enemy fire, Private First Class Wikman volunteered to drive his vehicle to the point where they were lying in order to evacuate them. Although exposed to direct enemy observation he proceeded on his self-assigned mission, hastily applied first aid, aided them to his jeep and successfully evacuated them to a rear medical installation. His courage and initiative reflect great credit on himself and the military service. Entered military service from Michigan.

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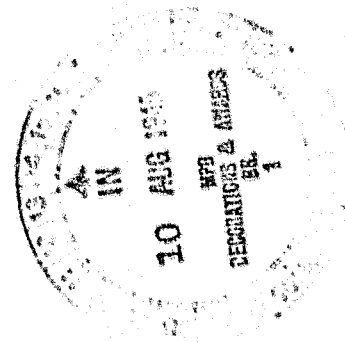


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By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, and Circular Number 32, Headquarters European Theater Of Operations United States Army, 1944, as amended, the following officers and enlisted men are awarded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

FIRST LIEUTENANT VIRGIL W. HANEY, (Army Serial Number 02000542), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 27 February 1945, in connection with military operations against the enemy. When a unit of his machine gun platoon was pinned down on open ground, FIRST LIEUTENANT HANEY (then Second Lieutenant) personally led a section of his automatic weapons through heavy mortar fire to a farm house where he set the guns up and delivered fire on the fortified enemy positions. The fire was so effective that the enemy was unable to assume firing positions or withdraw, and was successfully captured. The exemplary leadership and courage shown by FIRST LIEUTENANT HANEY reflect highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Georgia.

SECOND LIEUTENANT ROY C. BURCHETT, (Army Serial Number 02001020), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 10 April 1945 in connection with military operations against the enemy. Advancing against a strongly defended town, the motor patrol of which SECOND LIEUTENANT BURCHETT was a member was ambushed by a strong enemy force. Despite the intense hostile fire, he led his platoon forward and set up his guns in positions from which he brought effective fire on the enemy, thereby enabling the patrol to successfully withdraw from their dangerous position. The undaunted courage and devotion to duty shown by SECOND LIEUTENANT BURCHETT reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Texas.

SECOND LIEUTENANT ANTHONY M. SCARPATO, (Army Serial Number 02001089), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 10 April 1945, in connection with military operations against the enemy. Although painfully wounded during the initial stages of an attack, SECOND LIEUTENANT SCARPATO declined evacuation and remained in command of his platoon. Having administered first aid to a casualty, he skillfully deployed his men to give them good concealment. After he had carefully studied the situation, he evacuated the stricken man over four hundred yards of open terrain. Then he formed the commanding officer of the enemy positions and strength before himself to be evacuated. The courage and leadership shown by SECOND LIEUTENANT SCARPATO reflect highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from New Jersey.

Staff Sergeant Henry B. Farley, (Army Serial Number 38407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 10 February 1945, in connection with military operations against the enemy.

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from an enemy artillery piece halted the advance of an armored spearhead. Staff Sergeant Farley, an antitank squad leader, with one companion maneuvered to a position from which he forced the surrender of the enemy gun crew. After turning over his prisoners to the rear, he courageously rescued a seriously wounded comrade in an area which was still under heavy hostile artillery fire. The intrepid and exemplary leadership displayed by Staff Sergeant Farley reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from New York.

Staff Sergeant Charles T. Interdonato, (Army Serial Number 32595286), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 16 November 1944, in connection with military operations against the enemy. During a counter-attack by the enemy, Staff Sergeant Interdonato heroically left the comparative safety of his foxhole to make his way over shell-swept terrain to the assistance of a wounded comrade who was half buried under debris. Having administered first aid, he guided a litter squad forward to the stricken man and assisted in his evacuation. The disregard for personal safety and devotion to duty shown by Staff Sergeant Interdonato reflect highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from New Jersey.

Staff Sergeant George W. Kaley, (Army Serial Number 33491578), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 17 November 1944, in connection with military operations against the enemy. When his unit became pinned down by withering enemy machine gun fire, Staff Sergeant Kaley courageously exposed himself in order to contact litter bearers for a seriously wounded comrade. When his valiant efforts were unsuccessful, he returned and managed to evacuate the casualty to a safe area by himself. The exemplary bravery and initiative displayed by Staff Sergeant Kaley reflect highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Staff Sergeant Chester M. Marciniak, (Army Serial Number 16088299), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 3 March 1945, in connection with military operations against the enemy. Performing duty as section leader in a heavy weapons company, Staff Sergeant Marciniak maintained complete control of his men and weapons despite most difficult conditions, and by the heavy volume of fire forced the enemy to seek shelter so that the assault rifle companies were able to advance over an open field. Later, he emplaced his machine guns so advantageously that all enemy attempts to infiltrate were frustrated. The outstanding initiative and courage demonstrated by Staff Sergeant Marciniak reflect highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Michigan.

Staff Sergeant Albert V. Shafer, (Army Serial Number 33383590), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 17 November 1944, in connection with military operations against the enemy. When Staff Sergeant Shafer's anti-tank squad truck entered a captured town, his vehicle was hit by shrapnel from a concentration of enemy artillery fire, seriously wounding five men, including himself. Despite his painful wound, he supervised the removal of the truck and gave medical aid to the other casualties, remaining in complete control until the stricken men were evacuated. The courageously efficient conduct

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and supreme devotion to duty shown by Staff Sergeant Shafer reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Maryland.

Staff Sergeant Lela E. Stooksberry, (Army Serial Number 38287254), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 1 December 1944 in connection with military operations against the enemy. While reconnoitering for positions from which an enemy town could be fired upon, Staff Sergeant Stooksberry's jeep became stalled in mud and a target for intense enemy fire. Ascertaining that his men were under cover, he continued with his mission and returned to lead his squad safely through a dense mine field to the new positions. After placing his gun in position, he directed a concentration of mortar fire on the enemy which neutralized several harassing machine gun nests and mortar emplacements. The outstanding leadership and courage displayed by Staff Sergeant Stooksberry reflect highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Texas.

Staff Sergeant Walter I. Youlls, (Army Serial Number 33359085), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 23 February 1945, in connection with military operations against the enemy. While crossing a dangerous river, Staff Sergeant Youlls courageously risked his life in heavy artillery fire in order to assist a stricken comrade and take him to an aid station. Returning to find his unit had already crossed the river, he joined a rifle platoon to aid in the river crossing and the subsequent attack until he suffered temporary shock from a bursting shell. The courage and exemplary determination demonstrated by Staff Sergeant Youlls reflect highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Sergeant James C. Willingham, (Army Serial Number 18109352), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 28 February 1945, in connection with military operations against the enemy. When a comrade was wounded as a result of fire from an enemy tank, Sergeant Willingham went to his assistance, completely disregarding personal safety. Although he was exposed to intense hostile fire, he ran fifty yards to the man, shouldered him and carried him back to a sheltered position where he could administer first aid. The outstanding courage and heroic devotion to duty shown by Sergeant Willingham reflect highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Texas.

Corporal William W. Mellen, (Army Serial Number 38373816), 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. While serving with a liaison section, Corporal Mellen (then Private First Class) crossed a dangerous river to lay wire to the opposite bank. On another occasion, he laid wire across an open field under direct machine gun fire from an enemy pillbox, and it was through his heroic efforts that vital communications were established to allow the liaison officer to call for artillery fire in support of attacking infantry units. The bravery and devotion to duty shown by Corporal Mellen reflect highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Louisiana.

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Corporal Anerd J. Traska, (Army Serial Number 11085766), Infantry, 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, Corporal Traska (then Private First Class) voluntarily carried and operated a radio to maintain communication with the battalion commander. Despite an intense barrage of enemy fire he remained at precarious forward positions with an anti-tank gun squad, and greatly aided in controlling the movements of the battalion. The intelligent transmission of information by Corporal Traska resulted in the rendering of needed supporting fire for the riflemen. His loyalty and devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Vermont.

Private First Class Raymond O. Bastianelli, (Army Serial Number 37571043), 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. Private First Class Bastianelli (then Private) crossed a dangerous river with assault troops and assisted in laying a cable under the river to the switching control on the opposite side. He then attached himself to a liaison section and assisted in maintaining and repairing their vital communication lines. He worked long hours with little rest in an area that was under constant intense enemy fire. The courage and loyalty shown by Private First Class Bastianelli reflect highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Minnesota.

Private First Class Norman Bellefeuille, (Army Serial Number 31463237), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 10 April 1945, in connection with military operations against the enemy. When the assault echelon had been pinned down by intense enemy fire, Private First Class Bellefeuille courageously disregarded personal safety to make his way under constant enemy observation to a point where he could direct effective fire against the hostile positions. With great daring he assisted in setting up a machine gun at that vantage point so that the enemy front lines became untenable causing the hostile force to retreat. The outstanding courage and devotion to duty shown by Private First Class Bellefeuille reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

Private First Class Charles R. Brown, (Army Serial Number 39282351), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 13 December 1944, in connection with military operations against the enemy. When an unexploded enemy artillery shell landed on the street and immediately caused a traffic jam because of the narrowness of the thoroughfare, Private First Class Brown warned others to take cover, courageously extracted the projectile from the earth and carried it a considerable distance to an open field where he marked it as a dud. The unhesitating devotion to duty and exceptional bravery displayed by Private First Class Brown reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from California.

Private First Class Elmer J. Camps, (Army Serial Number 36976738), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on

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10 April 1945, in connection with military operations against the enemy. When his company was pinned down by intense enemy fire and was unable to continue the attack, Private First Class Camps voluntarily left the safety of his position and moving forward, delivered effective fire on hostile snipers with his automatic rifle. His daring action killed one of the enemy, wounded three and made it possible for his company to resume the advance. The courage and devotion to duty shown by Private First Class Camps reflect highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Illinois.

Private First Class Earl D. Frost, (Army Serial Number 35801062), Medical Department, 327th Medical Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany from 23 February 1945 to 2 March 1945, in connection with military operations against the enemy. As a liaison agent of a medical collecting company with a forward aid station, Private First Class Frost supervised and expedited the evacuation of casualties and assisted in the treatment of many wounded men. On several occasions he volunteered his services as a litter bearer and evacuated casualties under heavy enemy fire. On another occasion, when an ammunition truck was hit by enemy fire, he evacuated the wounded amidst exploding shells. The courage and loyalty demonstrated by Private First Class Frost reflect highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Ohio.

Private First Class John P. Gilgallon, (Army Serial Number 15354000), 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 heavy enemy artillery and mortar barrage, Private First Class Gilgallon and his bazooka team were forced to seek shelter in a courtyard. Hearing a cry for help, he left his place of safety and with utter disregard for the surrounding danger he ran through the intense fire to aid a stricken officer and evacuate him from an open field. Then he returned through the shell-swept terrain and proceeded with his unit to the successful completion of their assigned mission. The commendable courage and initiative shown by Private First Class Gilgallon reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Ohio.

Private First Class Carl K. Hennies, (Army Serial Number 35791969), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 10 April 1945, in connection with military operations against the enemy. When his company had been halted by intense enemy machine gun fire, Private First Class Hennies courageously voluntarily exposed himself to it in order to ascertain the position of the weapon. He had to advance approximately one hundred yards over shell-swept terrain, but he successfully covered that distance and destroyed the harassing emplacement with one well aimed bazooka round. The boldness and disregard for personal safety shown by Private First Class Hennies reflect highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Ohio.

Private First Class Kent B. Huson, (Army Serial Number 36475342), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 27 February 1945, in connection with military operations against the enemy. While

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accompanying an assault echelon with a mine clearing detail, Private First Class Huson located a camouflaged field piece covering the area through which friendly tanks were about to pass. With utter disregard for personal safety, he made his way back to the tanks and warned them of impending danger, thus enabling them to direct their fire against the hostile piece and eliminate it. The outstanding courage and initiative shown by Private First Class Huson reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Illinois.

Private First Class William V. Lynch, (Army Serial Number 36678160), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 24 February 1945, in connection with military operations against the enemy. After an enemy held town had been captured in a coordinated attack, Private First Class Lynch volunteered to establish contact with an adjacent unit. Although the enemy was preparing to launch a counter attack in the area he had to cross, he traveled for half a mile exposed to direct hostile fire until he had located the unit. His extraordinary courage and devotion to duty insured a strong defense of the territory which had just been captured and reflect highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Illinois.

Private First Class Joseph Marinello, (Army Serial Number 32643369), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 17 November 1944, in connection with military operations against the enemy. While running to the shelter of a house to escape a concentrated enemy artillery barrage, Private First Class Marinello noticed a stack of enemy explosives beside the building. Since the men of his platoon were seeking shelter in the house, he realized that an explosion would endanger many lives. He thereupon made several voluntary trips to carry the explosives away from the house despite the steady shelling of the area. The outstanding courage and loyalty displayed by Private First Class Marinello reflect highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from New York.

Private First Class Harold K. Mossing, (Army Serial Number 35348703), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 25 February 1945, in connection with military operations against the enemy. During a fierce attack, when a heavy artillery barrage had shattered communications and it was impossible to call urgently needed medical aid, Private First Class Mossing voluntarily left the comparative shelter of his foxhole. Courageously he traveled over open shell-swept terrain to contact the medical detachment and direct them to casualties, thereby insuring their prompt evacuation. The outstanding bravery and initiative shown by Private First Class Mossing reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Ohio.

Private First Class Evan A. Rempel, (Army Serial Number 33484383), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 25 February 1945, in connection with military operations against the enemy. While attempting to establish contact with the machine gun sections, Private First Class Rempel was pinned down by enemy fire. Without regard for personal safety, he courageously crawled three hundred yards to a tank in the rear in

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order to report the location of the hostile emplacement, and successfully directed the tank to a vantage point from which it destroyed the enemy weapon. The heroic action and unselfish devotion to duty shown by Private First Class Rempel reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Private First Class Floyd L. Robbins, (Army Serial Number 37542866), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 6 December 1944, in connection with military operations against the enemy. Private First Class Robbins courageously volunteered to travel to a nearby town, during a furious attack upon the enemy, in order to secure a radio hand set so that contact could be established with the higher echelon. He was forced to pass through two assault companies which were pinned down on open ground, but refusing to take cover he successfully completed his mission. The outstanding courage and loyalty shown by Private First Class Robbins reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Minnesota.

Private Richard J. Lewandowski, (Army Serial Number 33474581), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 10 April 1945, in connection with military operations against the enemy. When his company was taken under intense enemy fire, Private Lewandowski courageously left the comparative safety of his position and made his way over the shell-swept terrain to an abandoned radio. Carrying it back to his original position, he assisted a radio operator in setting it up so that reinforcements could be requested to neutralize the hostile weapons. The outstanding leadership and devotion to duty shown by Private Lewandowski reflect highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

The following named enlisted men, Medical Department, 327th Medical Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany from 23 November 1944 to 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>
Private First Class	William M. Kowalyk	33457358	Pennsylvania
Private First Class	Steve Radnosky	35768899	West Virginia
Private First Class	Clyton E. Leake	36444901	Illinois
Private First Class	Jack Y. Tsami	17024896	Wyoming

During a fierce attack upon a heavily fortified enemy town, the above enlisted men courageously risked their lives as members of a litter team to clear the battlefield of casualties. They were frequently pinned down by the intense fire and on one occasion were forced to remain in a water-filled ditch for three hours before they could resume their duties. Another time they entered a heavily mined field in order to evacuate comrades who had been wounded. The outstanding courage and devotion to duty shown by these enlisted men reflect highest credit upon themselves and the military service.

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The following named enlisted men, Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 1 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	Gordon I. Conley	42143303	New York
Private	Joseph C. Cannon	36468410	Michigan

While bringing up the rear of their company, the above named enlisted men detected a group of the enemy who had been by-passed by assault troops. They crawled boldly to the building although it was occupied by the enemy, and using their rifles and hand grenades, routed twenty of the enemy, thereby eliminating a potential threat to the rear elements of their company. The daring and extreme devotion to duty displayed by the above named enlisted men reflect great credit upon themselves and the military service. Entered military service from New York.

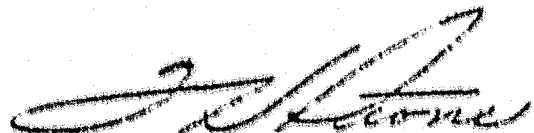
The following named enlisted men, Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 19 November 1944, in connection with military operations against the enemy:

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Army Serial Number</u>	<u>Entered Military Service From</u>
Sergeant	William G. Rauch	35884193	Ohio
Private First Class	Richard Pincus	32637045	New York

When their unit was pinned down by intense enemy fire, the above named enlisted men with utter disregard for their personal safety went to the aid of four wounded men lying in an open field. Although constantly exposed to the hostile fire, they courageously administered first aid and dug slit trenches to provide protection for the casualties until they could be evacuated to safety. The exemplary courage and unselfish devotion to duty shown by these enlisted men reflect highest credit upon themselves and the military service.

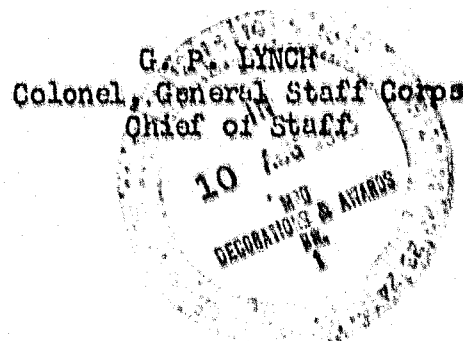
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FIRST LIEUTENANT DENNIS J. BRUNNER, (Army Serial Number 01637111), Signal Corps, 102d Signal Company, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, 1 November 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

FIRST LIEUTENANT SIDNEY L. COHN, (Army Serial Number 01325556), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, 15 April 1945 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from New York.

First Sergeant John S. Clark, (Army Serial Number 39176233), Ordnance Department, 802d Ordnance Light Maintenance Company, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, 23 September 1944 to 8 May 1945, includes service in France and Holland. Entered military service from Washington.

First Sergeant Wilson A. Clayton, (Army Serial Number 18035850), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, 1 April 1945. Entered military service from Texas.

First Sergeant John A. Downey, (Army Serial Number 36013285), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, 23 February 1945 to 3 April 1945. Entered military service from Illinois.

Technical Sergeant Ernest L. Barlow, (Army Serial Number 34477728), Field Artillery, 380th Field Artillery Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, 15 November 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Mississippi.

Technical Sergeant Benjamin P. Becker, (Army Serial Number 33358870), Infantry, 102d Infantry Division Band, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, 1 November 1944 to 1 May 1945, includes service in Holland. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Technical Sergeant Fred Buchanan, (Army Serial Number 34329989), Signal Corps, 102d Signal Company, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, 25 December 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Tennessee.

Technical Sergeant Robert E. Collins, (Army Serial Number 34399034), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, 16 November 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Alabama.

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Technical Sergeant Leamon Cox, (Army Serial Number 18038407), Field Artillery, 927th Field Artillery Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, 4 November 1944 to 7 May 1945. Entered military service from Texas.

Technical Sergeant Edward J. Laughlin, (Army Serial Number 36623680), Corps of Engineers, 327th Engineer Combat Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, 1 November 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Illinois.

Staff Sergeant Norman E. DeNeef, (Army Serial Number 32595041), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, 16 November 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from New Jersey.

Staff Sergeant Gaston Dolfi, (Army Serial Number 33394804), Infantry, 102d Infantry Division Band, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, 1 November 1944 to 1 May 1945, includes service in Holland. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Staff Sergeant Woodrow Drumm, (Army Serial Number 18005754), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, 1 December 1944 to 20 April 1945. Entered military service from Texas.

Staff Sergeant Charles H. Flint, (Army Serial Number 37464742), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, 25 October 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from South Dakota.

Staff Sergeant Charles P. Hughes, (Army Serial Number 32594553), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, 16 November 1944 to 20 April 1945. Entered military service from New Jersey.

Staff Sergeant Milton Kaplan, (Army Serial Number 34490283), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, 7 November 1944 to 23 February 1945. Entered military service from Tennessee.

Technician Third Grade Orville E. Barham, (Army Serial Number 16151018), Signal Corps, 102d Signal Company, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, 1 November 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Michigan.

Technician Third Grade Herschel Jordan, (Army Serial Number 38336917), Medical Department, 406th Infantry, United States Army, 18 November 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Louisiana.

Technician Third Grade Edgar J. Walzem, (Army Serial Number 38157359), Field Artillery, 927th Field Artillery Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, 5 November 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Texas.

Sergeant Walter R. Balbach, Jr., (Army Serial Number 33358856), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, 25 October 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

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Sergeant Raymond E. Balzer, (Army Serial Number 36558556), Coast Artillery Corps, 548th Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion (Mobile), United States Army, 1 December 1944 to 1 May 1945. Entered military service from Michigan.

Sergeant Orville Bechtelheimer, (Army Serial Number 32638574), Field Artillery, 927th Field Artillery Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, 23 February 1945 to 2 March 1945. Entered military service from New York.

Sergeant James M. Boatright, (Army Serial Number 6958142), Field Artillery, 381st Field Artillery Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, 4 November 1944 to 24 April 1945. Entered military service from Texas.

Sergeant William H. Briggs, (Army Serial Number 37241564), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, 1 November 1944 to 26 April 1945. Entered military service from Kansas.

Sergeant Lawrence M. Christopherson, (Army Serial Number 36204267), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, 25 October 1944 to 1 May 1945. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

Sergeant Raymond W. Jones, Jr., (Army Serial Number 39207152), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, 23 February 1945 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Washington.

Sergeant Harold L. Moen, (Army Serial Number 37432534), Infantry, 701st Tank Battalion, United States Army, 23 February 1945 to 15 April 1945. Entered military service from Iowa.

Technician Fourth Grade Ralph A. Dixon, (Army Serial Number 33457349), Field Artillery, 380th Field Artillery Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, 15 November 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Technician Fourth Grade Harry F. Durst, (Army Serial Number 32591984), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, 16 November 1944 to 20 April 1945. Entered military service from New Jersey.

Technician Fourth Grade Leo E. Fortin, (Army Serial Number 36682306), Infantry, 102d Infantry Division Band, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, 1 November 1944 to 1 May 1945, includes service in Holland. Entered military service from Illinois.

Technician Fourth Grade Lloyd R. Gilmour, (Army Serial Number 31234066), Field Artillery, 927th Field Artillery Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, 4 November 1944 to 7 May 1945. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

Technician Fourth Grade Edward M. Hennessy, (Army Serial Number 32937859),

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Medical Department, 406th Infantry, United States Army, 1 November 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from New York.

Technician Fourth Grade Otto K. Kowallis, (Army Serial Number 39552670), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, 16 November 1944 to 20 April 1945. Entered military service from Utah.

Technician Fourth Grade Frank T. Lizak, (Army Serial Number 31232176), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, 17 November 1944 to 20 April 1945. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

Technician Fourth Grade Edward L. Pollard, (Army Serial Number 37144610), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, 16 November 1944 to 20 April 1945. Entered military service from Iowa.

Technician Fourth Grade Coleman Rosen, (Army Serial Number 38169368), Field Artillery, 927th Field Artillery Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, 4 November 1944 to 30 April 1945. Entered military service from New Mexico.

Technician Fourth Grade Earl L. Schell, (Army Serial Number 33183883), Field Artillery, 927th Field Artillery Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, 4 November 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Technician Fourth Grade Frank B. Wojtanowski, (Army Serial Number 32592594), Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, 102d Division Artillery, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, 4 November 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from New Jersey.

Corporal William Diamond, (Army Serial Number 36660685), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, 17 November 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Illinois.

Corporal James J. Fitzgibbon, (Army Serial Number 32646135), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, 17 November 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from New York.

Corporal Gilbert M. MacLean, (Army Serial Number 39545340), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, 17 November 1944 to 20 April 1945. Entered military service from California.

Corporal Donald B. Stockton, (Army Serial Number 19118366), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, 17 November 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Oregon.

Corporal Lawrence A. Stockwell, (Army Serial Number 37325029), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, 24 November 1944 to 7 May 1945. Entered military service from Minnesota.

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Corporal James R. Sweeney, (Army Serial Number 13090302), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, 17 November 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from District of Columbia.

Technician Fifth Grade Howie L. Chapman, (Army Serial Number 34475719), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, 16 November 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Mississippi.

Technician Fifth Grade Francis J. Clark, (Army Serial Number 42089996), Medical Department, 406th Infantry, United States Army, 16 December 1944 to 20 April 1945. Entered military service from New Jersey.

Technician Fifth Grade William J. Gilmartin, (Army Serial Number 32594610), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, 17 November 1944 to 20 April 1945. Entered military service from New Jersey.

Technician Fifth Grade John E. Lawson, (Army Serial Number 33407545), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, 15 November 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Technician Fifth Grade George Levy, (Army Serial Number 32645139), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, 16 November 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from New York.

Technician Fifth Grade Floyd A. Monk, (Army Serial Number 38411826), Coast Artillery Corps, 548th Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion (Mobile), United States Army, 1 December 1944 to 1 May 1945. Entered military service from Texas.

Technician Fifth Grade John H. Veasey, (Army Serial Number 32488528), Infantry, 701st Tank Battalion, United States Army, 23 February 1945 to 15 April 1945. Entered military service from New Jersey.

Private First Class Don J. Christensen, (Army Serial Number 39908426), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, 21 December 1944 to 2 January 1945. Entered military service from Nevada.

Private First Class John L. Hanson, (Army Serial Number 32594466), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, 24 November 1944 to 7 May 1945. Entered military service from New Jersey.

Private First Class Albert F. Hurley, Jr., (Army Serial Number 11120307), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, 15 December 1944 to 15 March 1945. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

Private First Class Joseph J. Kurek, (Army Serial Number 32482727), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, 31 October 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from New Jersey.

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Private First Class David A. Pierce, (Army Serial Number 37241359),
Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, 28 October 1944 to 8 May 1945.
Entered military service from Missouri.

Private First Class Carmine F. Romano, (Army Serial Number 32594547),
Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, 17 November 1944 to 20 April 1945.
Entered military service from New Jersey.

Private First Class Otto R. Schorzman, (Army Serial Number 37338339),
Field Artillery, 927th Field Artillery Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United
States Army, 23 February 1945. Entered military service from Kansas.

Private First Class Nelson H. Smith, (Army Serial Number 32200263),
Field Artillery, 927th Field Artillery Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United
States Army, 23 February 1945. Entered military service from New York.

Private First Class Russell L. Smith, (Army Serial Number 35294122),
Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, 2 December 1944 to 8 May 1945.
Entered military service from Ohio.

Private First Class LeRoy J. Troxell, (Army Serial Number 37502086),
Field Artillery, 381st Field Artillery Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United
States Army, 16 November 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Kansas.

Private First Class Seymour Wolf, (Army Serial Number 33583744), Infantry,
406th Infantry, United States Army, 16 November 1944 to 20 April 1945. Entered
military service from Pennsylvania.

Private First Class John J. Wright, (Army Serial Number 31115811), Infan-
try, 406th Infantry, United States Army, 28 October 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered
military service from Vermont.

Private First Class Douglas F. Zellner, (Army Serial Number 14201058),
Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, 23 February 1945. Entered military
service from New York.

Private Travis E. Longley, (Army Serial Number 18011946), Field Artillery,
927th Field Artillery Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, 24
February 1945. Entered military service from Texas.

The following named enlisted men, Field Artillery, 927th Field Artillery
Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, for meritorious service in
Germany from 4 November 1944 to 8 May 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	Deveraux O. Sha.	14126167	South Carolina

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Corporal
Private First Class

James K. Anglin
Robert E. Sproule

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37241355

Tennessee
Kansas

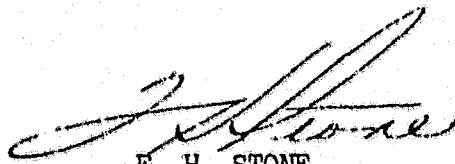
The following named enlisted men, Field Artillery, 927th Field Artillery Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, for meritorious service in Germany on 25 February 1945, in connection with military operations against the enemy:

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Army Serial Number</u>	<u>Entered Military Service From</u>
Private First Class	Harry E. Spies	31250337	Connecticut
Private First Class (then Private)	Joseph L. Dentice	42025918	New York
Private	Richard W. Hladik	35049874	Ohio

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ORIGINAL ORDER

- 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 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 PURPLE HEART MEDAL.

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

Technician Fifth Grade Alec Nesteruk, (Army Serial Number 31232887), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 19 November 1944. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

Private First Class Wesley M. Maulden, (Army Serial Number 39213523), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 25 February 1945. Entered military service from Washington.

Private First Class George A. Linton, (Army Serial Number 14116998), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 19 December 1944. Entered military service from Alabama.

Private First Class Emerson N. Cattey, (Army Serial Number 37639444), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 25 February 1945. Entered military service from Missouri.

First Sergeant Richard E. Wardlow, (Army Serial Number 17159427), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 25 February 1945. Entered military service from Missouri.

FIRST LIEUTENANT ROBERT S. GARDANIER, (Army Serial Number 01322984), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 16 November 1944. Entered military service from Illinois.

CAPTAIN JOSEPH A. DiFILIPPO, (Army Serial Number 01288197), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 20 November 1944. Entered military service from New York.

Private First Class Benjamin Goldfarb, (Army Serial Number 31307663), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 19 November 1944. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

Technician Third Grade Robert E. Thompson, (Army Serial Number 33469447),

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Medical Department, 406th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 19 November 1944.
Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Private First Class Harold M. Keister, (Army Serial Number 35232868),
Medical Department, 406th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 2 December 1944.
Entered military service from Ohio.

Sergeant Edward J. Rohan, (Army Serial Number 31211904), Medical Department, 406th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 17 November 1944. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

Private Richard C. Walls, (Army Serial Number 18017530), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 27 November 1944. Entered military service from Arizona.

Private First Class Irving J. Clark, (Army Serial Number 31338769), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 25 February 1945. Entered military service from Connecticut.

FIRST LIEUTENANT ROBERT E. DICKINSON, (Army Serial Number 01318520), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 10 April 1945. Entered military service from Indiana.

FIRST LIEUTENANT RICHARD MILLINGTON, (Army Serial Number 01323462), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 17 November 1944. Entered military service from California.

FIRST LIEUTENANT JOSEPH R. PONDISH, JR., (Army Serial Number 01310300), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 21 November 1944. Entered military service from New Jersey.

Private First Class Edward J. McCann, (Army Serial Number 32199836), Medical Department, 406th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 25 February 1945. Entered military service from New York.

CAPTAIN MILTON SALOMON, (Army Serial Number 0353555), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 1 March 1945. Entered military service from New Jersey.

First Sergeant Johnnie Lassiter, (Army Serial Number 6942016), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 1 March 1945. Entered military service from North Carolina.

Staff Sergeant Virgil M. McLendon, (Army Serial Number 34475671), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 1 March 1945. Entered military service from Mississippi.

Staff Sergeant Frank Lucci, (Army Serial Number 33469760), Infantry, 406th

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Infantry, United States Army, wounded 1 December 1944. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Staff Sergeant Eliseo B. Perez, (Army Serial Number 38232291), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 22 November 1944. Entered military service from Texas.

Technician Fourth Grade Alfred M. Cornaglia, (Army Serial Number 31234189), Medical Department, 406th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 16 December 1944. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

CAPTAIN WILLIAM H. HOSKINS, (Army Serial Number 01288229), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 2 March 1945. Entered military service from Montana.

Private First Class Michael S. Katona, (Army Serial Number 32591566), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 1 December 1944. Entered military service from New Jersey.

CAPTAIN BOYD M. WITHEROW, (Army Serial Number 0536047), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 17 November 1944. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Private First Class Ralph K. Garnier, (Army Serial Number 31233101), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 1 December 1944. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

Sergeant Frederick Jumper, (Army Serial Number 32595205), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 18 November 1944. Entered military service from North Dakota.

Private First Class Thomas I. Jamison, (Army Serial Number 34772171), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 19 November 1944. Entered military service from North Carolina.

Private First Class Edward G. Woicik, (Army Serial Number 12180602), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 25 February 1945. Entered military service from New York.

Staff Sergeant William E. Cooper, Jr., (Army Serial Number 35492438), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 25 February 1945. Entered military service from Kentucky.

Sergeant John K. Rauschenberger, (Army Serial Number 33679427), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 25 February 1945. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Private First Class Roland G. Ulmer, (Army Serial Number 34623984),

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Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 3 March 1945. Entered military service from Mississippi.

Private First Class Robert E. Hunter, (Army Serial Number 36544641), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 23 November 1944. Entered military service from Michigan.

Private First Class Gilio S. Trujillo, (Army Serial Number 38855475), Medical Department, 406th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 7 March 1945. Entered military service from Arizona.

FIRST LIEUTENANT EDWIN Y. SIMMONS, (Army Serial Number 0132492), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 28 February 1945. Entered military service from Georgia.

Private First Class Ralph W. Hilton, Jr., (Army Serial Number 37526184), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 18 November 1944. Entered military service from Missouri.

Private First Class Russell Gilbert, (Army Serial Number 35660797), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 16 November 1944. Entered military service from Ohio.

Private First Class William Dorf, (Army Serial Number 36643335), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 25 February 1945. Entered military service from Illinois.

Technician Fourth Grade Alvin R. Labatut, (Army Serial Number 38373220), Medical Department, 406th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 1 December 1944. Entered military service from Louisiana.

COLONEL LAURIN L. WILLIAMS, (Army Serial Number 08425), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 23 February 1945. Entered military service from Washington.

Staff Sergeant James A. Lloyd, (Army Serial Number 34490396), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 23 November 1944. Entered military service from Tennessee.

Private First Class John R. Ball, (Army Serial Number 37325767), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 23 February 1945. Entered military service from Minnesota.

Private First Class Samuel Brody, (Army Serial Number 32645321), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 20 January 1945. Entered military service from New York.

Staff Sergeant William E. Lavin, (Army Serial Number 33457534), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 24 February 1945. Entered military

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service from Pennsylvania.

Private First Class Aaron Lipman, (Army Serial Number 32967893), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 6 February 1945. Entered military service from New York.

Sergeant Preston I. Mullins, (Army Serial Number 37640764), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 24 February 1945. Entered military service from Missouri.

Private First Class Raymond Lasus, (Army Serial Number 31338591), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 2 December 1944. Entered military service from Connecticut.

Private First Class Clifford E. Morris, (Army Serial Number 36989007), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 23 February 1945. Entered military service from Michigan.

Private First Class Harold V. Greathouse, (Army Serial Number 20320946), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 24 February 1945. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

FIRST LIEUTENANT ROBERT L. McADAMS, (Army Serial Number 01324037), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 20 February 1945. Entered military service from Texas.

Technician Fifth Grade Morrison B. Barker, Jr., (Army Serial Number 31142164), Corps of Engineers, 327th Engineer Combat Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, wounded 23 February 1945. Entered military service from Tennessee.

Staff Sergeant John P. Sheats, (Army Serial Number 34397601), Corps of Engineers, 327th Engineer Combat Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, wounded 14 April 1945. Entered military service from Alabama.

II. 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 Clyde Hopson, (Army Serial Number 34438036), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 23 February 1945. Entered military service from North Carolina.

Technical Sergeant Warren M. Davis, (Army Serial Number 33384644), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 23 November 1944. Entered military service from Maryland.

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Private First Class Vincent J. Knepper, (Army Serial Number 36974), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 27 February 1945. Entered military service from Iowa.

First Sergeant Sidney Sykes, (Army Serial Number 33015274), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 2 March 1945. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

FIRST LIEUTENANT LYLE R. MARIELS, (Army Serial Number 01309775), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 18 April 1945. Entered military service from Oregon.

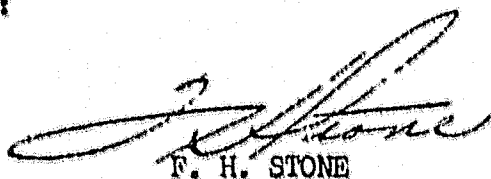
Private First Class Earl B. Hutchins, (Army Serial Number 39207139), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 6 February 1945. Entered military service from Washington.

Technician Fifth Grade James C. Floyd, (Army Serial Number 34779053), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, wounded 18 April 1945. Entered military service from South Carolina.

BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER GENERAL BUSBEE:

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SUBJECT: Letter Orders - Amendment of General Orders

So much of General Orders 105, Headquarters, 102d Infantry Division, dated 18 July 1945, as pertains to the award of the "Oak-Leaf Cluster to the Purple Heart" to Vincent J. Knepper, 36 974 607, is amended to read "Purple Heart."

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:

Adjutant General

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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 the BRONZE STAR MEDAL for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany during the respective periods indicated:

CAPTAIN JOHN M. HARDEN, (Army Serial Number 0443340), Medical Corps, 380th Field Artillery Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, 15 November 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from South Carolina.

CAPTAIN HERBERT F. WILDE, (Army Serial Number 01169831), Field Artillery, 380th Field Artillery Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, 15 November 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from New York.

FIRST LIEUTENANT JOHN E. FIELDING, (Army Serial Number 01178792), Field Artillery, 380th Field Artillery Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, 15 November 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Texas.

FIRST LIEUTENANT ORVILLE D. RULP, (Army Serial Number 01002922), Adjutant General's Department, 701st Tank Battalion, United States Army, 23 February 1945 to 15 April 1945. Entered military service from North Carolina.

FIRST LIEUTENANT RICHARD D. HUGILL, (Army Serial Number 01174326), Field Artillery, 381st Field Artillery Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, 4 November 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Iowa.

FIRST LIEUTENANT SAMFORD L. MAIER, (Army Serial Number 01325761), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, 25 October 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from New York.

FIRST LIEUTENANT THOMAS J. MALONEY, (Army Serial Number 01288255), Headquarters 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, 15 November 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from New York.

FIRST LIEUTENANT GEORGE B. MORAN, (Army Serial Number 01594345), Quartermaster Corps, 102d Quartermaster Company, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, 23 September 1944 to 8 May 1945, includes service in France and Holland. Entered military service from Connecticut.

FIRST LIEUTENANT EDWARD N. NELSON, (Army Serial Number 01285478), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, 26 October 1944 to 15 April 1945. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

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FIRST LIEUTENANT ROBERT L. SCHOENBORN, (Army Serial Number 01307578),
Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, 1 November 1944 to 8 May 1945.
Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

SECOND LIEUTENANT VERNON W. WHALEN, (Army Serial Number 02012112),
Artillery, 380th Field Artillery Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United
States Army, 15 November 1944 to 14 April 1945. Entered military service from
Pennsylvania.

WARRANT OFFICER JUNIOR GRADE LEO V. DURBIN, (Army Serial Number
W2112569), United States Army, Headquarters 102d Infantry Division, United States
Army, 1 November 1944 to 8 May 1945, includes service in Holland. Entered mili-
tary service from Colorado.

WARRANT OFFICER JUNIOR GRADE HARRY B. KNIGHTS, Jr., (Army Serial Number
W2112569), United States Army, Headquarters Battery, 102d Division Artillery, 102d
Infantry Division, United States Army, 1 October 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered
military service from Massachusetts.

Master Sergeant Matthew R. Kinsley, (Army Serial Number 35125550), Field
Artillery, 380th Field Artillery Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States
Army, 1 February 1945 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Ohio.

Master Sergeant Raymond L. Leinweber, (Army Serial Number 6200895),
Field Artillery, 381st Field Artillery Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United
States Army, 26 November 1944 to 22 April 1945. Entered military service from
Texas.

First Sergeant Albert A. Erach, (Army Serial Number 6200901), Field
Artillery, 380th Field Artillery Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States
Army, 15 November 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Texas.

First Sergeant Cecil A. Forbus, (Army Serial Number 20458473), Signal
Corps, 102d Signal Company, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, 23 Sep-
tember 1944 to 8 May 1945, includes service in France and Holland. Entered mili-
tary service from Mississippi.

First Sergeant Johnnie Lassiter, (Army Serial Number 6942016), Infantry,
406th Infantry, United States Army, 17 November 1944 to 20 April 1945. Entered
military service from North Carolina.

First Sergeant Theodore G. Mahr, (Army Serial Number 32645346), Infan-
try, 407th Infantry, United States Army, 1 November 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered
military service from New York.

First Sergeant James W. Soapes, (Army Serial Number 6344244), Quarter-
master Corps, 102d Quartermaster Company, 102d Infantry Division, United States
Army, 23 September 1944 to 8 May 1945, includes service in France and Holland.
Entered military service from Tennessee.

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First Sergeant Wilburn Sullivan, (Army Serial Number 6262398), Field Artillery, 380th Field Artillery Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, 15 November 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Texas.

Technical Sergeant Zellner D. Norris, (Army Serial Number 34087689), Infantry, 701st Tank Battalion, United States Army, 23 February 1945 to 15 April 1945. Entered military service from Georgia.

Technical Sergeant William J. Petroff, (Army Serial Number 33384276), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, 17 November 1944 to 20 April 1945. Entered military service from Maryland.

Technical Sergeant William E. Schwietering, (Army Serial Number 37324367), Signal Corps, 102d Signal Company, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, 24 November 1944 to 14 April 1945. Entered military service from Minnesota.

Staff Sergeant Vincent E. Grommon, (Army Serial Number 36100209), Infantry, 701st Tank Battalion, United States Army, 13 December 1944 to 15 April 1945. Entered military service from Michigan.

Staff Sergeant Herman B. Little, (Army Serial Number 38446630), Coast Artillery Corps, 548th Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion (Mobile), United States Army, 1 December 1944 to 1 May 1945. Entered military service from Arkansas.

Staff Sergeant Virgil M. McLendon, (Army Serial Number 34475671), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, 11 December 1944 to 1 May 1945. Entered military service from Mississippi.

Staff Sergeant Kenner F. Vaden, (Army Serial Number 6271759), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, 17 November 1944 to 20 April 1945. Entered military service from Texas.

Staff Sergeant Austin F. Yates, (Army Serial Number 34438141), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, 17 November 1944 to 20 April 1945. Entered military service from North Carolina.

Technician Third Grade James E. Davidsaver, (Army Serial Number 37444646), Infantry, Headquarters 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, 1 November 1944 to 8 May 1945, includes service in Holland. Entered military service from Iowa.

Technician Fourth Grade Marion S. Courson, (Army Serial Number 6957254), Infantry, Headquarters 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, 15 November 1944 to 8 May 1945, includes service in Holland. Entered military service from Oklahoma.

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Technician Fourth Grade James E. Rodgers, Jr., (Army Serial Number 35505392), Infantry, Headquarters 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, 16 November 1944 to 8 May 1945, includes service in Holland. Entered military service from Ohio.

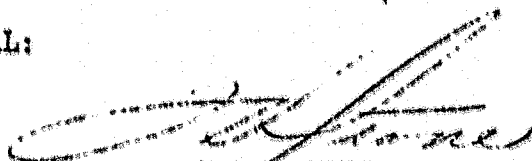
Technician Fourth Grade Joseph Tripoli, (Army Serial Number 36544518), Infantry, Headquarters 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, 16 November 1944 to 8 May 1945, includes service in Holland. Entered military service from Michigan.

Technician Fifth Grade James L. Brooks, (Army Serial Number 34546722), Medical Department, 407th Infantry, United States Army, 30 November 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Oklahoma.

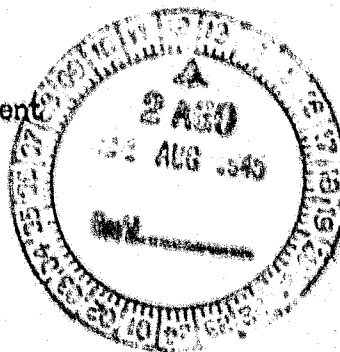
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AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR MEDAL

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 officers and enlisted men are awarded the SILVER STAR MEDAL:

MAJOR GEORGE E. CILLEY, (Army Serial Number 0336143), Field Artillery, Headquarters 102d Division Artillery, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, for gallantry in action in Germany on 9 April 1945, in connection with military operations against the enemy. When the enemy movements were reported, MAJOR CILLEY voluntarily proceeded to the front lines to reconnoiter the area. Warned of the presence of enemy armor he quickly guided a friendly tank to a suitable position from which he countered the enemy threat. He then turned his attention to another enemy armored vehicle. With utter disregard for his personal safety, he rushed a building which was still in the enemy's hands; and from this point of vantage called for accurate fire on the enemy half-track and destroyed it. His courage and devotion to duty reflect highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from New Jersey.

CAPTAIN GLYNN M. COVINGTON, (Army Serial Number 01288185), 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, CAPTAIN COVINGTON was given the mission of coordinating the movement of his battalion. By his efficiency, leadership and praiseworthy judgment, he expedited the successful establishment of a bridgehead and saved countless lives. Heavy enemy fire threatened to halt the embarkation of assault boats, but he ran along the shell-swept shore to issue orders which assured the success of the crossing. When a man was shot down by his side, he unhesitatingly shouldered him and carried him to shelter. The gallantry and exemplary leadership displayed by CAPTAIN COVINGTON reflect highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Texas.

CAPTAIN EARL W. SOCKEL, (Army Serial Number 0406801), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany on 23 and 24 February 1945. When his company was committed to action right after the crossing of a dangerous river, CAPTAIN SOCKEL skillfully led his men through a dense enemy mine barrier and successfully captured the objective with just two casualties despite intense hostile fire. Later, when his company was pinned down by small arms fire, he courageously rallied his men and led them forward to rout the enemy. The gallantry and leadership displayed by CAPTAIN SOCKEL reflect highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Ohio.

FIRST LIEUTENANT CHARLES H. BROWN, (Army Serial Number 0537370), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the

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enemy in Germany on 18 November 1944. Although he suffered painful injuries during the fight for a fanatically defended enemy town, FIRST LIEUTENANT BROWN (then Second Lieutenant) declined to be evacuated until the objective was secured. He led a platoon into the town, personally attacked a halftrack, captured the occupants and eliminated several snipers from positions within the town. The exemplary courage and devotion to duty shown by FIRST LIEUTENANT BROWN reflect highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from South Carolina.

FIRST LIEUTENANT WILLIAM EVANKO, (Army Serial Number 01318881), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action on 23 February 1945. FIRST LIEUTENANT EVANKO accompanied an advance observation battalion across a dangerous river during the initial stages of an assault operation. Shortly after his group had taken cover prior to reconnoitering the situation, an enemy machine gun began to fire continuously toward their position. With utter disregard to his personal safety he crawled behind the machine gun nest and with several well aimed pistol shots, killed the crew. When other automatic weapons opened up, he organized his men with such skill that they quickly overcame the resistance and advanced toward the high ground. His courage and gallantry reflect highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

FIRST LIEUTENANT LOUIS M. HANNUM, (Army Serial Number 01324330), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany on 23 February 1945. While placing men of his antitank platoon in positions along possible tank approaches, FIRST LIEUTENANT HANNUM was met by sudden enemy small arms fire. Immediately ordering his men to return the fire, he led two volunteers around the enemy's flank and he alone went still closer to the hostile emplacement to throw a grenade which killed two of the enemy and caused the remainder to withdraw. The skilled leadership and outstanding courage displayed by FIRST LIEUTENANT HANNUM reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Arkansas.

FIRST LIEUTENANT STANLEY M. HUFFMAN, (Army Serial Number 0538203), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany on 27 and 28 February 1945. When assault units became pinned down by hostile fire and the routes of advance for his platoon were still in enemy hands, FIRST LIEUTENANT HUFFMAN went courageously forward on a reconnaissance. Although subjected to intense enemy fire and attacks from aircraft, he successfully plotted the routes in the darkness, thus enabling his platoon to advance. The outstanding bravery and initiative shown by FIRST LIEUTENANT HUFFMAN reflect highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Nebraska.

FIRST LIEUTENANT IRVING J. LONDY, (Army Serial Number 01325760), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action on 23 February 1945, in connection with military operations against the enemy. Although the enemy placed a concentrated barrage on the river bank to prevent an assault crossing, FIRST LIEUTENANT LONDY courageously emplaced the platoon on the edge

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of the river in order to deliver supporting fire. Constantly exposed to heavy artillery, mortar and machine gun fire, he set up his weapons on the far bank. While his men were emplacing the weapons, he personally reconnoitered the area, killing and capturing a number of the enemy. His exemplary leadership and conspicuous gallantry reflect great credit on himself and the military service. Entered military service from Missouri.

FIRST LIEUTENANT JAMES E. McCLURE, (Army Serial Number 01056798), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany on 28 February 1945. During an attack upon an enemy town, FIRST LIEUTENANT McCLURE maneuvered his men in such a manner that not a single casualty was sustained despite intense fire. When entrance to the town was effected, he braved a terrific friendly barrage in order to be in a position to follow up and take every advantage of the supporting fire. His daring and sound judgment ultimately resulted in the elimination of three enemy machine guns which were holding up the advance of his company. The outstanding leadership and indomitable courage displayed by FIRST LIEUTENANT McCLURE reflect highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Missouri.

FIRST LIEUTENANT ARNOLD SHORT, (Army Serial Number 01323780), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany on 23 February 1945. Following a series of enemy counterattacks, FIRST LIEUTENANT SHORT courageously made his way over shell-swept streets and fields not yet cleared of mines in order to secure from higher headquarters, secret plans for the impending operations. Returning over the same precarious route, he appraised his commander of the vital plans and then went forward to an advanced position to designate targets of enemy defenses, thereby enabling the exhausted infantry elements to reorganize and prepare for subsequent operations. His daring and gallant devotion to duty reflect highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Kentucky.

FIRST LIEUTENANT JOSEPH J. SUNGENIS, (Army Serial Number 02048164), Medical Administrative Corps, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany on 23 February 1945. During a dangerous river crossing, FIRST LIEUTENANT SUNGENIS courageously risked his life in the intense enemy fire in order to establish a forward aid station. On one occasion he rescued and treated two casualties from a dangerously exposed area. Another time he gallantly aided seven wounded men near a tank which was under hostile fire, and assisted in extinguishing a devastating blaze. The extreme courage and loyalty shown by FIRST LIEUTENANT SUNGENIS reflect highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from New Jersey.

SECOND LIEUTENANT WALLER R. ARNOLD, (Army Serial Number 02000529), Field Artillery, 379th Field Artillery Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany on 14 April 1945. As forward observer with an infantry regiment, SECOND LIEUTENANT ARNOLD moved freely over exposed terrain and through intense enemy fire to direct artillery fire on hostile positions. He personally carried his radio and came

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so close to the enemy that he killed one with his pistol and captured another. When the company halted to reorganize, he went forward and again directed fire on several enemy positions. The undaunted courage and devotion to duty shown by SECOND LIEUTENANT ARNOLD reflect highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Virginia.

First Sergeant William E. Bloom, (Army Serial Number 12126221), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany on 22 November 1944, in connection with military operations against the enemy. Following two unsuccessful attempts to go to the aid of a seriously wounded squad leader, First Sergeant Bloom voluntarily tried a third time and succeeded in crawling courageously over two hundred yards through intense enemy fire. After administering first aid, he crawled back with his unconscious comrade, again managing to avoid the withering barrage. The unselfish courage and devotion to duty shown by First Sergeant Bloom reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from New York.

First Sergeant Oscar H. Creasman, (Army Serial Number 34438243), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany on 1 December 1944. Having become separated from his company, First sergeant Creasman (then Staff Sergeant) was suddenly confronted by four of the enemy. Although realizing his disadvantage, he courageously engaged them and after a fierce fight killed all four. Upon returning to his unit, he found it pinned down by a friendly artillery barrage. With complete disregard for personal safety, he gallantly ran into an open field and succeeded in being recognized and having the barrage lifted. His gallant action and extreme loyalty enabled his unit to take its objective and reflect highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from North Carolina.

Technical Sergeant Harold T. Klausmeyer, Jr., (Army Serial Number 33386600), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy on 10 April 1945. When one squad of his platoon was pinned down by enemy fire and the leader was wounded, Technical Sergeant Klausmeyer ran through the intense barrage for eighty yards to a point where he could return fire on the hostile emplacement. He then diverted fire to himself, directed the withdrawal of the squad and administered first aid to the wounded man. After returning to his platoon, he skillfully directed artillery fire against the enemy gun position. The outstanding leadership and courage displayed by Technical Sergeant Klausmeyer reflect highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Maryland.

Technical Sergeant Nicholas Sciarro, (Army Serial Number 33474522), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany on 23 February 1945. Although painfully wounded, Technical Sergeant Sciarro declined evacuation and remained with his platoon. When taken under intense enemy barrage, he ordered his men to lay down a base of fire as he and a group dashed forward to flank the enemy position. The move resulted in the capture of several of the enemy and the destruction of their emplacement, thereby permitting the remainder of the platoon to advance to its objective. The courage

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and leadership shown by Technical Sergeant Sciarro reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Staff Sergeant Bernard L. Beaulac, (Army Serial Number 31178135), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany on 23 February 1945. During the crossing of a dangerous river, Staff Sergeant Beaulac and two squads became separated from the remainder of the platoon. Realizing the seriousness of the situation, he unhesitatingly reorganized the two squads and led them forward. With utter disregard for his personal safety, he reconnoitered a route of advance through a thickly sown enemy mine field. After clearing a path, he returned and led the two squads safely through it. The initiative and undaunted courage displayed by Staff Sergeant Beaulac reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from New Hampshire.

Staff Sergeant Harold L. Cash, (Army Serial Number 34398903), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany on 7 February 1945. When heavy automatic weapons and mortar fire opened up on his patrol, Staff Sergeant Cash returned fire on the harassing position. He silenced one machine gun with a bamboo round and scoring cover in the face of withering fire laid down a highly effective screen of automatic rifle fire while he maneuvered his men back to comparative safety. He was the last to leave the scene of action. The cool leadership and courageous actions displayed by Staff Sergeant Cash reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Alabama.

Staff Sergeant Robert S. Jackson, (Army Serial Number 32751227), Infantry, 701st Tank Battalion, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany on 20 April 1945. When three tanks in Staff Sergeant Jackson's (then Sergeant) platoon bogged down, the two remaining tanks which were supporting the infantry came under direct enemy fire until his tank also was hit and the other one set afire. With no artillery available, he moved bravely over the shell-swept terrain to cover the infantry and, upon reaching the town, made five attempts to move out in an effort to neutralize the enemy fire. The heroic assistance given by Staff Sergeant Jackson prevented the enemy from counteracting until reinforcements arrived. Entered military service from New Jersey.

Staff Sergeant Robert G. Mooney, (Army Serial Number 11090493), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany on 24 February 1945. During an attack upon the enemy, Staff Sergeant Mooney noticed a building on the right flank which constituted a natural strongpoint of enemy resistance. With complete disregard for personal safety, he voluntarily advanced across shell-swept terrain to reach the outer wall of the position where he assaulted it and forced the occupants to surrender. As a result of his heroism, the battalion's flank was secured. The undaunted courage and devotion to duty shown by Staff Sergeant Mooney reflect highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

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Staff Sergeant Henry Pearson, (Army Serial Number 20253452), Field Artillery, 771st Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany on 3 April 1945. While leading a supply column into a town during an enemy counter attack, Staff Sergeant Pearson ran into two retreating enemy tanks which began to fire on his convoy. Standing in the middle of the road in an exposed position, he supervised the dispersal of his vehicles and then directed such heavy machine gun fire on the tanks that they were forced to withdraw. The outstanding bravery and gallantry displayed by Staff Sergeant Pearson reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from New York.

Sergeant Thomas J. Eddinger, (Army Serial Number 33937254), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany on 10 April 1945. During a frontal attack against an enemy strongpoint, Sergeant Eddinger's platoon was held up by withering fire. He cleverly maneuvered his men to the right flank of the harassing position from where he could personally lead his men in a savage bayonet attack which annihilated the enemy automatic weapons crew and permitted his squad to advance and secure the objective. The outstanding leadership and courage shown by Sergeant Eddinger reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Pennsylvania

Sergeant Arthur J. Nickens, Jr., (Army Serial Number 36545067), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany on 10 April 1945. When the assault element of his unit was pinned down by intense enemy fire, Sergeant Nickens made his way with a machine gun through the heavy barrage to a point where he could direct effective fire at the enemy. When his weapon was destroyed, he braved the hail of fire and returned with another machine gun with which he successfully neutralized the enemy emplacement. The exemplary courage and loyalty demonstrated by Sergeant Nickens reflect highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Michigan.

Technician Fourth Grade James F. Berry, (Army Serial Number 35685267), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany on 23 February 1945. During the major crossing of a dangerous river, Technician Fourth Grade Berry was a vital factor in the successful coordination of his infantry regiment's attack against the enemy. With the mission of maintaining radio communications between the assault elements and higher echelons, he courageously remained at his exposed position on the river's edge for fifteen hours, transmitting information concerning the progress of the operations. The gallantry and outstanding efficiency displayed by Technician Fourth Grade Berry reflect highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Ohio.

Technician Fourth Grade William N. Richards, (Army Serial Number 31244637), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany on 23 February 1945. When an enemy shell caused the collapse of a foot bridge during the crossing of a dangerous river, Technician

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Fourth Grade Richards unhesitatingly plunged into the raging torrent and rescued two wounded companions. As they clung desperately to the broken bridge, a floating tree forced all three of them back into the current. Swimming to each of the two men in succession he got them safely to the floating tree which eventually carried them to shore. The outstanding gallantry and devotion to duty shown by Technician Fourth Grade Richards reflect highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Rhode Island.

Technician Fifth Grade John F. McKennedy, (Army Serial Number 31233330), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany on 21 February 1945. Two days prior to an assault river crossing, Technician Fifth Grade McKennedy daringly crossed the river and succeeded in laying a telephone cable across. While trying to return to the friendly shore, the boat was taken under intense enemy fire and capsized, throwing the occupants into the water. Noticing that the two other men mistakingly headed for the enemy shore, he quickly overtook them and guided them back in the proper direction. His loyalty and devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

Private First Class John L. Harringer III, (Army Serial Number 14200427), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany on 28 February 1945. During attacks against the enemy, Private First Class Harringer contributed to the taking of two important objectives. He singlehandedly neutralized an enemy tank and forced the withdrawal of another, and later the same day he deliberately exposed himself to enemy fire to induce them to reveal their position. His actions facilitated the capitulation of one town and although he was seriously wounded himself, the number of casualties was considerably reduced because of his inspiring courage and devotion to duty. Entered military service from North Carolina.

Private First Class Emmett E. James, (Army Serial Number 20612914), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany on 23 February 1945. When all attempts had failed to silence an enemy machine gun which had pinned down his company, Private First Class James courageously risked his life by crawling through a dense mine field and forcing the surrender of the hostile gun crew and protecting riflemen. After taking his prisoners back to his company, he skillfully guided his company and the reserve company back through the minefield. His outstanding courage and initiative helped to relieve another company which had been halted by enemy fire and reflect highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Illinois.

Private First Class Renold E. Lazarz, (Army Serial Number 36544450), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany on 10 April 1945. As Private First Class Lazarz's patrol approached the outskirts of a strongly defended town, they were ambushed and forced to seek shelter in a nearby barn. After they had successfully repelled an enemy force which sought to enter the building, he realized the need for reinforcements and dashing to the nearest vehicle, drove courageously through

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intense enemy fire to reach friendly troops. Returning, he directed fire on suitable targets and rendered support to the men in the barn until reinforcements were brought forward. The courage and devotion to duty shown by Private First Class Lazarz reflect highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Michigan.

Private First Class Daniel A. Vacca, (Army Serial Number 33814194), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany on 21 April 1945. When his platoon became pinned down by intense enemy fire from a concealed position, Private First Class Vacca located the emplacement and assaulted it alone. Although he was painfully wounded, his valiant effort revealed the position of the enemy to his platoon which was thereby enabled to neutralize it. The undaunted courage and outstanding devotion to duty shown by Private First Class Vacca reflect highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

The following officer and enlisted man, Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany on 23 February 1945:

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Army Serial Number</u>	<u>Entered Military Service From</u>
FIRST LIEUTENANT			
(then Second Lieutenant)	JAMES L. H. WHITE	01996682	Ohio
Private First Class	Roy E. Brewer	35129998	Ohio

During an attack by the enemy, FIRST LIEUTENANT WHITE crawled over the shell-swept terrain to join Private First Class Brewer in a foxhole which occupied the most forward position of the company. When enemy riflemen crawled to within twenty-five yards of their position, this officer and enlisted man hurled grenades which killed seven and forced the others to withdraw. When another group, supported by armored vehicles, approached, they again hurled grenades so accurately that more of the enemy were killed and the vehicles withdrew, thereby preventing a serious breakthrough. The undaunted courage and devotion to duty shown by this officer and enlisted man reflect highest credit upon themselves and the military service.

The following named enlisted men, Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany on 25 November 1944:

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Army Serial Number</u>	<u>Entered Military Service From</u>
Sergeant	Harold T. Sage	16150950	Michigan
Private First Class	Harry Bean	36544907	Michigan

In preparation for an attack, the above named enlisted men volunteered to reconnoiter enemy defenses surrounding a pillbox eight hundred yards to their

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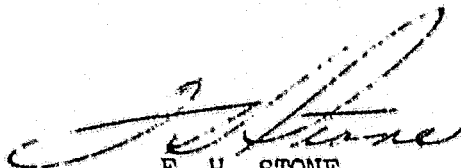
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front. They had hardly reached a heavily mined road when the enemy opened up with machine gun fire from well concealed positions. Refusing to withdraw without having their mission accomplished, they tenaciously proceeded firing their weapons with consummate skill. Eventually, when enemy flares illuminated the area, they were forced to withdraw. However, as they fought their way back, they checked the mine pattern and system of enemy defenses and returned to their unit with full information. Their exemplary courage and gallant devotion to duty reflect the highest credit upon themselves and the military service.

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- III. AWARD OF THE SOLDIER'S MEDAL.
- IV. AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL (OAK LEAF CLUSTER).
- V. AWARD OF THE AIR MEDAL (THIRD 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 officers and enlisted men are awarded decorations as indicated:

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

Staff Sergeant Robert P. Bazan, (Army Serial Number 36809728), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany on 10 April 1945. During an attack against an enemy strongpoint, Staff Sergeant Bazan located an enemy machine gun which was holding up the advance of his squad. Without regard for personal safety, he courageously exposed himself to the enemy gun and by firing at a constant rate kept it so occupied that his squad could maneuver to the flank and destroy it. Although he was fatally wounded during the exchange of fire, he continued his barrage until the mission was completed. In making the supreme sacrifice, he displayed exemplary gallantry and heroism, in keeping with the highest traditions of the service. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

Sergeant Francis J. Murphy, (Army Serial Number 32592895), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany on 22 November 1944. Noticing that an enemy counterattack was developing, Sergeant Murphy ordered his men to take cover, while he heroically advanced alone to emplace his gun in a strategic position. When the enemy came within range, he courageously and skillfully opened fire, killing twelve and wounding many more, thereby successfully breaking up the attack. In the course of this exemplary action, Sergeant Murphy made the supreme sacrifice, but his undaunted courage and gallantry will live on in the memory of his comrades. Entered military service from New Jersey.

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

Technical Sergeant Paul J. Padgett, (Army Serial Number 16150980), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany on 25 November 1944. Technical Sergeant Padgett, and two other enlisted men, formed a patrol to reconnoiter enemy defenses surrounding a pillbox eight hundred yards to their front. They had hardly reached a heavily mined road when the enemy opened up with machine gun fire from well concealed positions. Refusing to withdraw without having their mission accomplished, they tenaciously proceeded firing their weapons with consummate skill. Eventually, when enemy flares illuminated the area, they were forced to withdraw. However, as they fought their way back, they checked

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the mine pattern and system of enemy defenses and returned to the unit with full information. The exemplary courage and gallant devotion to duty displayed by Technical Sergeant Padgett reflect highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Michigan.

FIRST LIEUTENANT MIKE MONCHLOVICH, (Army Serial Number 01298271), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany on 10 April 1945. As FIRST LIEUTENANT MONCHLOVICH'S patrol approached the edge of a strongly defended town, they were ambushed and forced to seek shelter in a nearby barn. After they had successfully repelled an enemy force which sought to enter the building, he realized the need for reinforcements, and dashing to the nearest vehicle drove courageously through intense enemy fire to reach friendly troops. Returning, he directed fire on suitable targets and rendered support to the men in the barn until reinforcements were brought forward. The courage and devotion to duty shown by FIRST LIEUTENANT MONCHLOVICH reflect highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

III. AWARD OF THE SOLDIER'S MEDAL.

WARRANT OFFICER JUNIOR GRADE RAYMOND J. ADAMS, (Army Serial Number W2132143), United States Army, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for heroism not involving actual conflict with the enemy in Germany on 5 June 1945. When a box of grenades which were loaded on an ammunition truck caught on fire and an explosion appeared imminent, WARRANT OFFICER JUNIOR GRADE ADAMS with complete disregard for his personal safety, mounted the burning vehicle and removed the blazing grenades. As a result of his daring and quick thinking, valuable military equipment was saved and the threat to lives of a considerable number of persons as a result of the expected explosion was removed. The outstanding daring and initiative displayed by WARRANT OFFICER JUNIOR GRADE ADAMS reflect highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Ohio.

Private First Class Allen Rudderow, Jr., (Army Serial Number 32482535), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for heroism not involving actual conflict with an enemy in Germany on 4 June 1945. Private First Class Rudderow, with complete disregard for his personal safety, entered a burning building in Germany to rescue a baby who was trapped in a room in an upper story. As a result of this heroic act the life of the child was saved. The outstanding courage and initiative of this enlisted man reflect highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from New Jersey.

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

CAPTAIN WILLIAM H. HOSKINS, (Army Serial Number 01288229), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 11 April 1945, in connection with military operations against the enemy. During a fast moving attack CAPTAIN HOSKINS personally led his company against a group of determined, fanatical enemy, well entrenched behind log barricades. Displaying exemplary leadership and intrepidity, he and his men swept forward to overwhelm the enemy, shatter their

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defense and gain the objective with extraordinary speed. The indomitable courage and determination displayed by CAPTAIN HOSKINS reflect the highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Montana.

CAPTAIN WILLIAM D. McGUINNESS, (Army Serial Number 01288265), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 11 April 1945, in connection with military operations against the enemy. During an attack upon strong enemy positions, CAPTAIN McGUINNESS personally went to the front lines under intense fire in an effort to coordinate the fire of his heavy weapons company and to furnish immediate support to the assault units at critical moments. The skill and courage displayed by CAPTAIN McGUINNESS contributed immeasurably to the success of his regiment and reflect the highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from New York.

CAPTAIN ROBERT W. WARREN, (Army Serial Number 01297123), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 9 April 1945, in connection with military operations against the enemy. Leading his company against a heavily fortified enemy mountain stronghold, CAPTAIN WARREN showed extreme bravery and disregard for personal safety while directing the assault. Despite heavy automatic and sniper fire, he spearheaded the attack and insured the successful capture of the objective. The speedy tactics he chose to follow kept casualties to a minimum and accounted for over one hundred prisoners. The daring and courageous leadership displayed by CAPTAIN WARREN reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Missouri.

SECOND LIEUTENANT ALBERT T. EDEN, (Army Serial Number 02000912), Infantry, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 21 April 1945, in connection with military operations against the enemy. Displaying outstanding leadership and sound tactical judgment, SECOND LIEUTENANT EDEN led his rifle platoon in a series of successful attacks against the enemy until they were halted by intense enemy fire emanating from strongly fortified positions. Realizing that further advance was impossible unless the emplacement were neutralized, he daringly exposed himself and advanced. From a position of vantage he hurled several hand grenades and successfully destroyed a number of enemy positions so that his platoon could continue its attack. By his daring actions and unselfish devotion to duty he contributed immeasurably to the success of the operations. Entered military service from Michigan.

SECOND LIEUTENANT JAMES T. GABRIEL, (Army Serial Number 02008199), Medical Administrative Corps, 405th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 14 April 1945, in connection with military operations against the enemy. Throughout operations, SECOND LIEUTENANT GABRIEL insisted on remaining well forward with the assault troops. He moved courageously over shell-swept terrain, actively supervising the administering of first aid to the wounded and insuring their prompt evacuation to rear medical installations for further treatment. As a result of his unselfishness he saved many lives and greatly alleviated suffering. The outstanding courage and devotion to duty shown by SECOND LIEUTENANT GABRIEL reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Michigan.

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SECOND LIEUTENANT CLINTON R. WALTERS, JR., (Army Serial Number 02000972), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 10 April 1945, in connection with military operations against the enemy. Assigned the task of outflanking and destroying a superior and heavily armed enemy force, SECOND LIEUTENANT WALTERS led his light machine gun section into action. Although exposed to hostile observation and fire, he displayed great courage and complete disregard for his personal safety in directing his men to a position from which the mission was successfully accomplished. The excellent judgment and leadership displayed by SECOND LIEUTENANT WALTERS reflect highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Texas.

First Sergeant Merwin E. Thompson, (Army Serial Number 36204084), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 25 February 1945, in connection with military operations against the enemy. When an enemy plane dropped a high explosive bomb on their command post destroying the building and setting an ammunition truck afire, First Sergeant Thompson courageously moved about the lighted area in an effort to extricate wounded men and to extinguish the blaze. Although the area was illuminated by the blaze so that the enemy could shell it accurately he disregarded all thought of personal safety working under small arms and mortar fire in order to assist evacuation of the injured men and to save valuable government property. The courage and devotion to duty displayed by him reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

Technician Fifth Grade Nicholas F. Carolla, (Army Serial Number 31250017), 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, Technician Fifth Grade Carolla assisted in laying a communication cable which was vital in maintaining contact between the assaulting elements and the headquarters which controlled the troops. Although intense enemy fire continually interrupted his work, he succeeded in his fourth attempt at his difficult and hazardous assignment. The exemplary courage and devotion to duty shown by Technician Fifth Grade Carolla reflect highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Connecticut.

Private First Class Joseph F. Byron, (Army Serial Number 12170242), Infantry 406th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 2 March 1945 in connection with military operations against the enemy. When the unit radio operator was wounded, Private First Class Byron assumed the responsibility for carrying on the highly important radio communication work. Throughout the action he was dangerously exposed to enemy fire, but even though he was wounded, he remained in his position and continued to relay vital messages to higher headquarters. The exceptional courage and unselfish devotion to duty shown by Private First Class Byron reflect highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from New York.

Private First Class Oliver Poythress, (Army Serial Number 34465916), Medical Department, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany 25 February 1945, in connection with military operations against the enemy. During

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an attack against the enemy, Private First Class Poythress' unit was caught in a hostile barrage which caused several casualties. Despite danger from the intense fire, he attempted to render first aid to the wounded men, and evacuated them to the safety of a nearby building. Later, when the building was set afire by artillery shells, he again assisted in removing the stricken men from the burning area. The courage and outstanding devotion to duty displayed by Private First Class Poythress reflect highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from North Carolina.

Private First Class Michael A. Soda, (Army Serial Number 32594557), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 24 December 1944, in connection with military operations against the enemy. Although he was continuously harassed by enemy small arms fire, Private First Class Soda assisted materially in the installation of an anti-tank mine barrier which covered the frontage of an infantry battalion. Despite the heavy artillery fire which three times forced him to withdraw, he returned to his work until his mission had been successfully completed, thereby providing the entrenched front line soldiers with security from any enemy attack. The courageous efforts and conspicuous devotion to duty shown by Private First Class Soda reflect highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from New Jersey.

Private First Class Lowell W. Townsend, (Army Serial Number 35099370), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 10 April 1945, in connection with military operations against the enemy. When his platoon was pinned down by deadly enemy machine gun fire, Private First Class Townsend courageously proceeded over three hundred yards of open, shell-swept terrain, constantly exposed to intense fire, in order to deliver a message to the weapons platoon. Because of his heroic action successful mortar fire was directed against the enemy and the platoon objective was taken. The outstanding bravery and initiative demonstrated by Private First Class Townsend reflect highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Indiana.

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 HARRY T. FULKNER, (Army Serial Number 0395556), Field Artillery, 927th Field Artillery Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, 16 December 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Georgia.

LIEUTENANT COLONEL STEVE LICHERA, (Army Serial Number 0384161), Infantry, Headquarters Special Troops, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, 20 December 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Illinois.

MAJOR THEODORE J. LIEBEN, (Army Serial Number 0279834), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, 23 February 1945 to 22 April 1945. Entered military service from Nebraska.

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MAJOR JOHN C. MILLER, (Army Serial Number 0385185), General Staff Corps, Headquarters 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, 26 December 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Connecticut.

CAPTAIN ROBERT B. DEXTER, (Army Serial Number 01288021), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, 26 November 1944 to 20 April 1945. Entered military service from California.

FIRST LIEUTENANT OLIVER S. WOODY, (Army Serial Number 0520915), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, 23 February 1945 to 12 April 1945. Entered military service from Virginia.

Sergeant Robert M. Idvaly, Jr., (Army Serial Number 38541070), Field Artillery, 927th Field Artillery Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, on 23 February 1945. Entered military service from Texas.

Private First Class Alvin J. Montz, (Army Serial Number 38373248), Infantry, 407th Infantry, United States Army, on 23 February 1945. Entered military service from Louisiana.

Second Oak Leaf Cluster.

FIRST LIEUTENANT JOHN M. BIGELOW, (Army Serial Number 01310212), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 14 April 1945, in connection with military operations against the enemy. FIRST LIEUTENANT BIGELOW led a small party ahead of friendly troops to set up an observation post on the banks of a river. The exposed position was under continuous enemy fire but he remained valiantly at his post. His heroic efforts resulted in obtaining extremely valuable information. The courage and outstanding leadership displayed by FIRST LIEUTENANT BIGELOW reflect highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from New York.

FIRST LIEUTENANT PAUL A. POTTS, (Army Serial Number 01287940), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Germany on 14 April 1945, in connection with military operations against the enemy. FIRST LIEUTENANT POTTS undertook a hazardous mission of reconnaissance along the bank of a river which was virtually enemy-held territory. Heavy enemy artillery and small arms fire filled the area but he continued on his mission, completely disregarding personal danger, until his reconnaissance was completed and he had secured valuable information. The outstanding courage and initiative shown by FIRST LIEUTENANT POTTS reflect highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from California.

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

LIEUTENANT COLONEL JOHN G. DAWSON, (Army Serial Number 021208), Field Artillery, 379th Field Artillery Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, 1 February 1945 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Iowa.

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V. AWARD OF THE AIR MEDAL (THIRD 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:

FIRST LIEUTENANT DUNTON M. BROUGHTON, (Army Serial Number 01179733), Field Artillery, 927th Field Artillery Battalion, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army, 23 March 1945 to 7 May 1945. Entered military service from Virginia.

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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 SILVER STAR MEDAL (POSTHUMOUSLY).

Private First Class Samuel W. Rambow, (Army Serial Number 35779065), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany on 10 April 1945. When his platoon was unexpectedly halted by intense fire from a by-passed enemy pocket, Private First Class Rambow unhesitatingly rose up in an effort to determine the location of the enemy weapons. Although he was wounded during this heroic act, he declined to seek cover. Valiantly he drew attention to himself, enabling his platoon to maneuver to the flank of the enemy position and to destroy their weapons. His outstanding daring and gallantry reflect highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from West Virginia.

II. AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR MEDAL.

FIRST LIEUTENANT St. CLAIR A. KNIGHT, (Army Serial Number 0537418), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany on 20 November 1944. When his platoon was subjected to intense enemy machine gun fire, FIRST LIEUTENANT KNIGHT heroically advanced alone, throwing hand grenades with such consummate skill that he eliminated the enemy gun and crew. Proceeding, he led his men with such success that another twelve of the enemy were killed and a great number captured. His unhesitating daring and inspiring leadership reflect highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from South Carolina.

SECOND LIEUTENANT JOSEPH O. LANE, (Army Serial Number 01996685), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in Germany on 17 November 1944 in connection with military operations against the enemy. When

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his unit was pinned down by intense enemy fire during a severe attack SECOND LIEUTENANT LANE (then Sergeant) undeterred by the numerically superior enemy forces courageously exposed himself to enemy fire to make his way to the entrenched enemy. Although armed only with a rifle and grenade he unhesitatingly engaged the enemy alone and fought with such outstanding skill that he killed 12 and wounded many more. His outstanding courage and gallantry reflect highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Ohio.

SECOND LIEUTENANT PATRICK W. LYNCH, (Army Serial Number 02000917), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in Germany on 17 November 1944, in connection with military operations against the enemy. When his section was suddenly halted by intense enemy fire SECOND LIEUTENANT LYNCH (then Staff Sergeant) boldly arose to insure better observation. Although in full view of the enemy he daringly advanced firing his weapon as he proceeded until the enemy resistance was annihilated. His great daring and courage were an inspiration to his men. Entered military service from New York.

Technical Sergeant James B. Austin, (Army Serial Number 32481065), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in Germany on 17 November 1944, in connection with military operations against the enemy. After his platoon had just assumed a new position Technical Sergeant Austin suddenly encountered an enemy patrol. With great daring and resourcefulness he engaged the enemy, killing two, and capturing the remainder. Because of his courage and initiative the enemy's attempt to penetrate his sector was frustrated. Entered military service from Delaware.

Staff Sergeant Milton Kaplan, (Army Serial Number 34490283), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in Germany on 13 January 1945, in connection with military operations against the enemy. In the course of night operations Staff Sergeant Kaplan and his patrol were suddenly subjected to intense fire from an unsuspected enemy position. Unhesitatingly he moved ahead to within close range of the enemy. Skillfully firing his weapon and using grenades he inflicted substantial casualties on the enemy forces. His heroism and leadership reflect highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Tennessee.

Private First Class Albert J. Katricsek, (Army Serial Number 35516028), Infantry, 406th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in Germany on 27 January 1945, in connection with military operations against the enemy. When the patrol of which he was a member was suddenly ambushed and subjected to intense fire Private First Class Katricsek courageously volunteered to proceed to a position from which he could direct effective fire on the enemy forces. Although constantly exposed to intense danger he skillfully accomplished his mission inflicting heavy casualties on the enemy and enabling his patrol to withdraw. His heroic and extreme devotion to duty reflect highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Ohio.

Private First Class Paul L. Mang, (Army Serial Number 33715728), Infantry,

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