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Following named EM, orgn indicated, now abs at Sta Hosp, A&B, Pueblo, Colo, is
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Marvin L. Harris

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Mr. Robert J. Mahoney, 31390408, Co B, 413th Inf, is trfd in gr to 87th Inf
at Ft Jackson, S. C., and atchd upon arrival to CO, 87th Inf Div. S/R
papers will accompany EM in accordance with AR 345-125. FO will furnish
individual clothing and equipment as prescribed in par 40, AR 615-10
in accordance with AR 34-4520. FO will pay in adv prescribed amount
in lieu of rat s/r one dollar (\$1.00) per meal for three (3) meals to one
required for one way trip by rail. POC: TOW 501-31 P 431-02. 212/50425.
Effective date of change on M/R 18 Aug 44. (AUTH: VOOG, 2d Army, 11 Aug 44).

Following trfd directed:

William O. Madley

ASN
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FROM
414th Inf

TO
413th Inf

Effective date of change on M/R 11 Aug 44.

Following trfd from FA to CM is directed:

John W. Wenzel

ASN
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FROM
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413th Inf

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... papers will accompany EM-in accordance with AR 315-125. TO will ...
 ... clothing and equipment as prescribed by Par 4b, AR 615-
 ... In accordance with AR 30-2215, TO will issue in adv to M/Sgt
 ... necessary party meal tickets for eleven (11) persons required for one
 ... Travel by privately owned conveyance is attd for EM indicated
 ... AR 35-1520. FD will pay in advance the prescribed monetary allowance
 ... one dollar (\$1.00) per meal for four (4) meals for one (1) per-
 ... TDW 502-3K P 431-01, 02, 03, 07, 08, 212/50425. Effective date
 ... 15 Aug 44. Amb granted to carry excess in gr until absorbed,
 ... Army, 17 July 44).

By command of Major General ALLEN:

MAY E. KAHN,
 Lt Col, CE,
 Acting Chief of Staff.

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Camp Carson, Colorado

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amended to add:

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Co G, 415th Inf *
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NAME

vt Eugene E. Hopkins *

By command of Major General ALLEN:

/s/ Max E. Kahn
/t/ MAX E. KAHN,
Lt Col, CE,
Acting Chief of Staff.

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/s/ Charles H. DeGroat
/t/ CHARLES H. DE GROAT
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/s/ Max E. Kahn
/t/ MAX E. LAHN,
Lt Col, CE,
Acting Chief of Staff.

OFFICIAL:

/s/ Charles H. DeGroat
/t/ CHARLES H. DE GROAT
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21571102, Co B, 415th Inf

Co A, 329th Med Bn, from MG to Inf and asgd

0159296, Inf, reported this Hq 19 Nov 44
415th Inf

Par 1, SO 251, this Hq, co, pertaining to asgmt of Pvt William J.
Co C, 329th Engrs, is revoked.

Par 1, SO 252, this Hq, co, pertaining to asgmt of Pfc John D. Folse,
Co F, 415th Inf, is amended to read: "atchd unsgd Hq Co,
(Div) (Signal Co)"

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0129757, Inf is reld atchd unsgd Hq, 104th Inf Div
and placed on ID with Hq, 104th Inf Div for dy with G-3.

Par 1, SO 80, this Hq, co, pertaining to the award of
to members of Hq Co and service elements, this Div,
26 Nov 44, to

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By command of Major General LLBN:

/s/ B.R. DeGraff.
/t/ B.R. DeGRAFF.
Colonel, U.S.C.
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AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR MEDAL

By direction of the President, under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and pursuant to the authority contained in Paragraph 1a(1), Memorandum No. 34, Headquarters, Ninth United States Army, 8 September 1944, the Silver Star Medal is awarded to the following officers:

Colonel JOHN H. COCHRAN (Army Serial Number 08265), Infantry, Headquarters, 415th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in Germany on 21 and 22 November 1944. During the period 21 to 22 November 1944 one of Colonel Cochran's battalions had the mission of assaulting and securing a large town which was strongly defended and fortress-like in character. On 21 November 1944 Colonel Cochran, at great risk to his life and with complete disregard for his personal safety, visited his battalion to encourage his officers and to lead his troops. Observing that the battalion was faced with heavy artillery, mortar, and machine gun fire, as well as extensive mine fields, Colonel Cochran, foreseeing a pause in the battalion's efforts, directed that a night attack be made early the following morning. Colonel Cochran rejoined the battalion and remained with it during the execution and successful accomplishment of the night attack he had ordered. Although the enemy resisted strongly with extremely heavy artillery, mortar, and machine gun fire, Colonel Cochran personally saw to it that the city was in his hands before he returned to his command post. His cool courage under fire, his determination to attain his objective, and his leadership of his troops enabled the battalion to accomplish its mission with a minimum of losses. On many other occasions Colonel Cochran has inspired and led his men in battle and, by his superior organization and skillful direction of their efforts, has secured for his regiment an enviable reputation of always accomplishing any assigned mission. His conduct under fire exemplifies the finest traditions of the army of the United States. Entered military service from Caloma, Michigan.

Colonel ANTHONY J. TOUART (Army Serial Number 07315), Infantry, Headquarters, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in Holland on 29 October 1944. On the afternoon of 29 October 1944 one of Colonel Touart's battalions was pinned to the ground by enemy fire resulting in temporary enemy fire superiority over the entire battalion zone, including the battalion command post. Colonel Touart with complete disregard for his personal safety, proceeded to the battalion command post and remained with the battalion commander under heavy fire for the rest of the day and part of the night. Under Colonel Touart's guidance, plans were prepared under most difficult conditions for a night attack, involving the crossing of a barely fordable canal. So effectively were the plans promulgated and carried out under the leadership of Colonel Touart that the battalion attacked, crossed the canal, and, continuing the

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assault, accomplished its mission with a minimum of casualties. On many subsequent occasions in Germany Colonel Touart directed the troops and inspired his officers and men to great efforts through his devotion to duty, his disregard for his own safety, and his presence with his advanced leaders. Under his leadership Colonel Touart's regiment has secured an enviable reputation for battlefield efficiency and accomplishment. His conduct under fire exemplifies the finest traditions of the army of the United States. Entered military service from Mobile, Alabama.

In addition to 1st a/c to 1st given by Gott 2-3 Jan. 45

Colonel WELCOME P. WALTZ (Army Serial Number 05429), Infantry, Headquarters, 413th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in Germany on 20 November 1944. On 20 November 1944 Colonel Waltz received a message that one of his battalions had been pinned down by extremely heavy enemy fire. Its advance had been checked, and the battalion was in extreme difficulty. Colonel Waltz, unhesitatingly and with complete disregard for his personal safety, started for the endangered battalion in his "jeep", traveling along a highway which had been under continuous enemy artillery and mortar fire. Forced to dismount because of enemy observation, Colonel Waltz continued toward the battalion command post on foot, crossing about a mile of plowed ground that was being persistently shelled with artillery and mortars. Arriving at the battalion command post, Colonel Waltz remained there under the intense fire, organizing and directing the assault of a strongly defended town. By his encouragement to his officers and men, his disregard for personal safety, and his tenacity of purpose in directing the movement of the troops forward under fire, the battalion succeeded in taking its objective with a minimum of casualties. On many occasions, notably during an important river crossing, Colonel Waltz, by his personal example and his presence with his advanced elements regardless of heavy enemy fire, inspired and encouraged his troops to greater efforts in securing strongly defended objectives. His conduct under fire has been in keeping with the highest traditions of the army of the United States. Entered military service from Mitchell, South Dakota.

By command of Major General ALLEN:

OFFICIAL:

Melvin M. Kernan

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Lieutenant Colonel, Adjutant General's Department
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I--BRONZE STAR MEDAL--By direction of the President, under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and pursuant to the authority contained in Paragraph 1a(1), Memorandum No. 34, Headquarters, Ninth United States Army, 8 September 1944, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following enlisted man:

Technician Third Grade Keith V. Thompson (Army Serial Number 39546482), Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 41st Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in Germany from 29 November to 2 December 1944. Entered military service from Santa Monica, California.

II--BRONZE STAR MEDAL (OAK-LEAF CLUSTER)--By direction of the President, under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and pursuant to the authority contained in Paragraph 1a(1), Memorandum No. 34, Headquarters, Ninth United States Army, 8 September 1944, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal awarded as published on General Orders No. 43, Headquarters, 104th Infantry Division, 26 December 1944, the Bronze Oak-leaf Cluster is awarded to the following enlisted man:

Staff Sergeant John A. Snook (Army Serial Number 37443846), Field Artillery, Battery B, 386th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 11 December 1944. Entered military service from Fort Dodge, Iowa.

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I--SILVER STAR MEDAL--Amendment--So much of General Orders No. 1, this headquarters, 1 January 1945, pertaining to Colonel WELCOME F. WALTZ (Army Serial Number 05429), as reads, ". . . Silver Star Medal is awarded . . ." is amended to read, ". . . in addition to the Silver Star Medal previously awarded, a Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded . . .".

II--BRONZE STAR MEDAL--Awards--By direction of the President under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and pursuant to the authority contained in Paragraph 1a(1), Memorandum No. 34, Headquarters, Ninth United States Army, 8 September 1944, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following enlisted men:

Corporal Warren G. Fox (Army Serial Number 35672948), Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, 386th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 5 December 1944. Entered military service from Connerville, Indiana.

Private First Class Shelby Halfrey (Army Serial Number 35805772), Infantry, Headquarters Company 3d Battalion, 415th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 5 December 1944. Entered military service from Pioneer, Kentucky.

Private Adam Dobroski (Army Serial Number 32965320), Field Artillery, Battery A, 386th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 10 December 1944. Entered military service from New York, New York.

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I--SILVER STAR MEDAL--By direction of the President, under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and pursuant to the authority contained in Paragraph 1a(1), Memorandum No. 34, Headquarters, Ninth United States Army, 8 September 1944, the Silver Star Medal is awarded to the following enlisted men:

Sergeant Peter O. Piazza (Army Serial Number 36382734), Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, 386th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for gallantry in action in Germany on 11 December 1944. On 11 December 1944 the battalion to which Sergeant Piazza was assigned as liaison sergeant with the artillery forward observer party was engaged in an attack on an important and strongly defended town. As Sergeant Piazza and his section were laying wire communications, under observation of the enemy, to a forward observation post, they were subjected to an intense artillery barrage. At great risk to his life, Sergeant Piazza continued his mission, and when a "jeep" bearing wounded soldiers was caught in the barrage, he made his way to the vehicle. Alone and unaided, he carried the most seriously wounded man to the comparative safety of a building, shielding him with his body. Later, assisted by the men of his section, he made two more trips to the "jeep" and carried the men to safety, voluntarily exposing himself to the extremely heavy fire. After the barrage lifted, he assisted in returning the wounded to the vehicle and directed the driver to the nearest aid station. Sergeant Piazza's voluntary action, above and beyond the call of duty, exemplifies the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States and reflects the highest credit on himself and the military service. Entered military service from Watertown, Connecticut.

II--BRONZE STAR MEDAL--By direction of the President, under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and pursuant to the authority contained in Paragraph 1a(1), Memorandum No. 34, Headquarters, Ninth United States Army, 8 September 1944, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following enlisted men:

Private First Class Samuel Freshour (Army Serial Number 4491014), Infantry, Headquarters Company, 415th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 16 December 1944. Entered military service from Oglethorpe, Georgia.

Private First Class Charles G. Gary (Army Serial Number 33903843), Infantry, Headquarters Company, 3d Battalion, 415th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 5 December 1944. Entered military service from Takoma Park, Maryland.

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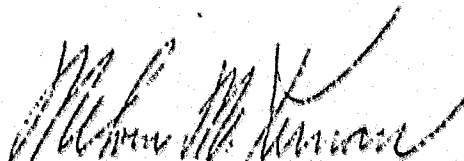
General Orders #4, Headquarters, 104th Infantry Division, 4 January 1945, Page 2.

Private First Class Robert J. Sundby (Army Serial Number 17156254), Infantry, Headquarters Company, 415th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 16 December 1944. Entered military service from Moose Lake, Minnesota.

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I--SILVER STAR MEDAL--By direction of the President, under the provisions of Act 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and pursuant to the authority contained in Paragraph 1a(1), Memorandum No. 34, Headquarters, Ninth United States Army, 8 September 1944, the Silver Star Medal is awarded to the following officer:

Lieutenant Colonel WILLIAM M. SUMMERS (Army Serial Number 021369), Infantry, Headquarters, 3d Battalion, 413th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in Germany on 30 November 1944. On 30 November 1944 Colonel Summers, with complete disregard for his personal safety and in the face of an intense enemy mortar and artillery barrage, left his covered position on the battlefield to cross fire-swept terrain to reach his leading company, which had just secured a foothold in a town strongly defended by the enemy. Upon reaching the town Colonel Summers was informed that a company of a cut off battalion had been contacted. At great risk to his life, he crossed the main street of the town, while being subjected to heavy small arms fire, in order to reach the company, and gain contact with the remaining elements of the cut-off battalion. Assuming command, Colonel Summers reorganized the company, combined it with his battalion, and directed the successful attack on, and elimination of the enemy in the town. In order to successfully conduct the operations of the combined battalions, Colonel Summers constantly exposed himself to enemy fire, crossing the fire-swept street many times in order to personally direct the activities of his men and inspire them to greater effort. Colonel Summers' outstanding leadership, bravery, and tenacity of purpose, above and beyond the ordinary call of duty, exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States and reflect the highest credit on himself and the military service. Entered military service at Seaside, Oregon.

II--BRONZE STAR MEDAL--By direction of the President, under the provisions of Act 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and pursuant to the authority contained in Paragraph 1a(1), Memorandum No. 34, Headquarters, Ninth United States Army, 8 September 1944, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following enlisted men:

Technical Sergeant Earl L. Phillips (Army Serial Number 38001097), Infantry, Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 415th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in Germany from 11 to 14 December 1944. Entered military service from Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

Corporal Albert A. Hutchings (Army Serial Number 6567028), Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, 386th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 16 December 1944. Entered military service from Tacoma, Washington.

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General Orders #5, Headquarters, 104th Infantry Division, 5 January 1945, page 2.

Corporal Mathias G. Peter (Army Serial Number 37323847), Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, 386th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 12 December 1944. Entered military service from Brainerd, Minnesota.

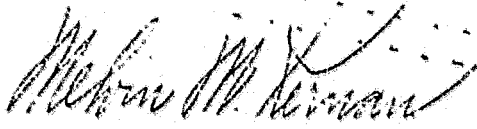
Private First Class Kenneth R. Elkinton (Army Serial Number 32660063), Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, 386th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 16 and 17 December 1944. Entered military service from Delmar, New York.

Private First Class Cordell Hopkins (Army Serial Number 37398135), Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, 386th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 16 and 17 December 1944. Entered military service from Vienna, Missouri.

Private Eugene M. Schlund (Army Serial Number 36827913), Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, 386th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 19 December 1944. Entered military service from Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

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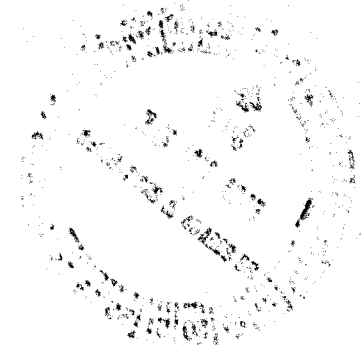
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I--SILVER STAR MEDAL--By direction of the President, under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and pursuant to the authority contained in Paragraph 1a(1), Memorandum No. 34, Headquarters, Ninth United States Army, 8 September 1944, the Silver Star Medal is awarded to the following officer:

First Lieutenant EVERETT E. PRUITT (Army Serial Number 01289319), Infantry, Headquarters Company, 415th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in Germany on 16 December 1944. On the night of 16 December 1944 Lieutenant Pruitt, Intelligence and Reconnaissance Platoon leader, was given the mission of finding a suitable crossing place to be used in a forthcoming attack. Leading his platoon to the bank of the river, Lieutenant Pruitt encountered small arms fire and, realizing the danger of the mission, ordered his men to dig in and cover him while he searched for a crossing place. At great risk to his life and in the face of intermittent machine gun fire from the opposite bank of the river, Lieutenant Pruitt started out alone, and creeping and crawling to avoid detection by the enemy, he proceeded about 30 yards along the bank where he entered the stream and started to wade to the other side. When he was about one-third of the way across, the enemy opened fire on him from the opposite bank. Disregarding the heavy enemy fire directed at him, he continued to the opposite bank and returned to his men only after discovering a route by which the stream could be forded. His courage, ingenuity, and devotion to duty are in keeping with the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States and reflect the highest credit upon Lieutenant Pruitt and the military service. Entered military service from Dallas, Texas.

II--BRONZE STAR MEDAL--By direction of the President, under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and pursuant to the authority contained in Paragraph 1a(1), Memorandum No. 34, Headquarters, Ninth United States Army, 8 September 1944, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following officer and enlisted men:

Lieutenant Colonel GERALD C. KELLEHER (Army Serial Number 0310994), Infantry, Headquarters, 415th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 4 December 1944. Entered military service from Albany, New York.

Staff Sergeant Richard A. Bennett (then Sergeant) (Army Serial Number 32925528), Infantry, Company L, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 13 December 1944. Entered military service from Montclair, New Jersey.

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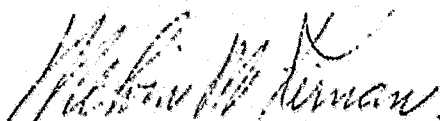
Staff Sergeant Michael J. Warren (Army Serial Number 32621883), Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, 38th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 24 and 25 November 1944. Entered military service from Queens County, New York.

Private First Class Gloyd E. Sparkel (then Private) (Army Serial Number 33515147), Infantry, Company B, 21st Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 6 December 1944. Entered military service from Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

Private Albert E. Werry (Army Serial Number 13170463), Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, 38th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 12 December 1944. Entered military service from Washington, Pennsylvania.

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I--SILVER STAR MEDAL--By direction of the President, under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and pursuant to the authority contained in Paragraph 1a(I), Memorandum No. 34, Headquarters, Ninth United States Army, 3 September 1944, the Silver Star Medal is awarded to the following officer and enlisted man:

Captain BERNARD M. BARKER (Army Serial Number 01287317), Infantry, Company C, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in Germany on 26 November 1944. On the morning of 26 November 1944 Captain Barker's company launched an attack across 600 yards of open terrain toward enemy positions on the outskirts of a strongly defended town. After advancing 300 yards, the entire company was pinned to the ground by grazing machine gun fire and sniper fire from well concealed enemy emplacements. As movement forward was impossible, Captain Barker ordered a withdrawal, and seeing that several men had not received the order, he calmly rose to his feet and, with complete disregard for his personal safety, walked among his men directing their movement to the rear. After reorganizing his company and supervising the evacuation of casualties, Captain Barker again led the attack of his company, and again devastating mortar, artillery, and small arms fire was encountered. Seeing that the impetus of the attack was threatened, he dashed to the leading elements of the company and, at great risk to his life, encouraged his men onward. Inspired by the courageous action and boundless energy of their leader, the men moved forward in the face of the merciless fire, routed the enemy from his positions, and continued on, successfully capturing the objective. His bravery, inspiring leadership, and courageous actions above and beyond the ordinary call of duty are in keeping with the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States and reflect the greatest credit on Captain Barker and the military service. Entered military service from Greeley, Colorado.

Private First Class Joseph M. Schallmoser (Army Serial Number 36645880), Infantry, Company I, 413th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in Germany on 16 November 1944. On 16 November 1944 three pillboxes held up the advance of the company to which Private Schallmoser was assigned. Private Schallmoser assisted in the assault of the first of the pillboxes, and when darkness prevented further offensive action against the second, he volunteered to accompany a captured enemy officer to try to effect the surrender of the second pillbox, whose close proximity to the captured pillbox made it likely that it could be recaptured or neutralized by the enemy. At great risk to his life as a result of the shelling and possible trickery by the enemy, Private Schallmoser set out across the fire-swept terrain with the enemy officer and, by skillful maneuvering and many intervals of waiting, reached the enemy held pillbox. His aggressive action and diplomatic and insidious persuasion effected the capture of 28 enemy soldiers with whom he returned to his own lines. Private Schallmoser's courageous action, above and beyond the call of duty, undoubtedly saved the lives of many of his comrades and exemplified the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

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II--LAWRENCE STAR MEDAL--By direction of the President, under the provisions of Act 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and pursuant to the authority contained in paragraph 14(1), memorandum No. 34, Headquarters, Ninth United States Army, 8 September 1944, the ~~Lawrence Star Medal~~ is awarded to the following officers and enlisted men:

First Lieutenant PETER K. BRANTON, III (Army Serial Number 01324903), Infantry, Company 1, 413th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 16 November 1944. Entered military service from Leland, Mississippi.

Corporal Joseph L. McDonald (Army Serial Number 34570011), Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 413th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Holland from 2 to 4 November 1944. Entered military service from Macon, Georgia.

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I--SILVER STAR MEDAL--By direction of the President, under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and pursuant to the authority contained in Paragraph 1a(1), Memorandum No. 34, Headquarters, Ninth United States Army, 8 September 1944, the Silver Star Medal is awarded to the following officer and enlisted man:

First Lieutenant JOSEPH MATTISON, JR (Army Serial Number 01299080), Infantry, Service Company, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in Germany on 20 November 1944. For 36 hours following its entrance into a strongly defended town a Battalion of the regiment to which Lieutenant Mattison was assigned was isolated by intense enemy fire which severed all communications to the rear. Lieutenant Mattison attempted to supply the isolated unit by leading vehicles over the only road into the town, but when he was 200 yards from the objective, extremely heavy artillery and mortar fire was encountered, and he was ordered to return. Realizing the urgency of immediately supplying the companies with ammunition, food, and water, Lieutenant Mattison organized a volunteer carrying party from among the personnel available and set out for the town across a 500-yard-wide field being subjected to artillery, mortar, and harassing machine gun fire. With complete disregard for his personal safety, he moved back and forth along the column keeping it under control, assisting the men and inspiring them by his cool courage in the face of tremendous handicaps. Upon nearing the town, Lieutenant Mattison, fearing that the party might be fired upon, dispersed his men in positions of relative safety and went forward alone to locate the companies. Returning to his party, he led them safely through friendly lines and into the town with the badly needed supplies. Lieutenant Mattison's bravery, courageous leadership, and devotion to duty are in keeping with the finest traditions of the military service and reflect the highest credit on himself and the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Hastings-on-Hudson, New York.

Private First Class James A. Bennett (then Private) (Army Serial Number 38287092), Infantry, Company H, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in Germany on 19 November 1944. The machine gun platoon of which Private Bennett is a member occupied positions in the forward edge of a densely wooded area 1000 yards from a town which was the unit's objective. On the early afternoon of 19 November 1944 two companies of the battalion launched an attack across of a coverless terrain under the covering fire of the battalion's supporting weapons. As the assaulting companies advanced, Private Bennett began raking the enemy trenches and suspected strong points with machine gun fire. The enemy quickly returned the fire, using the wood line as a registering point in placing heavy concentrations of artillery fire upon the platoon area. At great risk to his life and although all other weapons of his platoon were

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silenced, Private Bennett remained at his machine gun and continued to give effective support even when the enemy, determined to eliminate this one remaining automatic weapon, concentrated automatic small arms fire on his position and succeeded in knocking him from his gun with a bullet which shattered his steel helmet. Ignoring the loss of his helmet and the incessant hail of enemy fire, Private Bennett again placed his gun in operation and continued to fire until friendly troops had closed with the enemy and captured the objective. Private Bennett's valor and courageous action, above and beyond the ordinary call of duty, exemplifies the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States and reflects the highest credit on himself and the military service. Entered military service from Lipan, Texas.

II--BRONZE STAR MEDAL--By direction of the President, under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and pursuant to the authority contained in Paragraph 14(1), Memorandum No. 34, Headquarters, Ninth United States Army, 8 September 1944, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following officer and enlisted men:

Second Lieutenant WALTER M. PHILLIPS, SR. (then Sergeant) (Army Serial Number 01999822), Field Artillery, Battery A, 386th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 10 December 1944. Entered military service from Lynchburg, Virginia.

Staff Sergeant Leonard E. Jones (Army Serial Number 16161960), Corps of Engineers, Company B, 329th Engineer Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 10 December 1944. Entered military service from Lacatur, Illinois.

Sergeant Harold Morris (Army Serial Number 37326198), Corps of Engineers, Company B, 329th Engineer Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 10 December 1944. Entered military service from St. Paul, Minnesota.

Corporal Anthony W. Font (Army Serial Number 33299993), Corps of Engineers, Company B, 329th Engineer Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 10 December 1944. Entered military service from Warren, Pennsylvania.

Private First Class James C. Aldenlifer (Army Serial Number 16154151), Corps of Engineers, Company B, 329th Engineer Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 10 December 1944. Entered military service from Padua, Illinois.

Private First Class George H. Eichlberger (Army Serial Number 33510496), Corps of Engineers, Company B, 329th Engineer Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 10 December 1944. Entered military service from Lemoyne, Pennsylvania.

Private Ira I. Hendon (Army Serial Number 34267193), Corps of Engineers, Company B, 329th Engineer Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 10 December 1944. Entered military service from Atlanta, Georgia.

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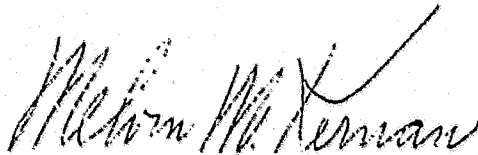
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Private John E. Hughes (Army Serial Number 33400808), Corps of Engineers, Company B, 329th Engineer Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 10 December 1944. Entered military service from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Private Archibald A. MacInnes (Army Serial Number 31462324), Corps of Engineers, Company B, 329th Engineer Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 10 December 1944. Entered military service from Hyde Park, Massachusetts.

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I--SILVER STAR MEDAL--By direction of the President, under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and pursuant to the authority contained in Paragraph 1a(1), Memorandum No. 34, Headquarters, Ninth United States Army, 8 September 1944, the Silver Star Medal is awarded to the following enlisted men:

Technical Sergeant George W. Swanson (then Staff Sergeant) (Army Serial Number 36753476), Infantry, Company K, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in Germany on 25 November 1944. In the early morning of 25 November 1944 the company to which Sergeant Swanson was assigned advanced across an open field toward its objective. About 50 yards from the objective the company was pinned to the ground by surprise machine gun fire from an enemy position on the road. Moving forward with his squad, Sergeant Swanson sighted an enemy machine gun in the cellar window of a house to his immediate front. The weapon had a perfect field of fire and was manned by an alert enemy gunner. Ordering his squad to take cover, Sergeant Swanson, at great risk to his life, crawled forward to a position 25 yards from the gun, threw a hand grenade at the cellar window, and, at the sound of the explosion, sprang to his feet and rushed the enemy position. Arriving at the window before the surprised enemy had completely recovered, Sergeant Swanson seized the protruding barrel of the machine gun, wrested the weapon from the gunner's grasp, and forced him to surrender. He then signaled his squad forward and continued to clear the objective. Under the cover of Sergeant Swanson's well placed weapons, the remainder of the company reached the buildings and completed the assigned mission without casualties. His display of great personal courage and devotion to duty and to his comrades are in keeping with the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Gurnee Lake, Illinois.

Staff Sergeant James R. Allen (Army Serial Number 33674094), Infantry, Company F, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in Germany on 20 November 1944. On 20 November 1944 the company to which Sergeant Allen was assigned was moving into a town already partially secured by two companies of the battalion. Leading elements of the company sighted an enemy patrol advancing boldly and, believing that they wished to surrender, failed to fire on them. Reaching the intersection the enemy treacherously opened fire killing one man, wounding another, and driving the rest to cover. Immediately the enemy placed a machine gun on the street corner and began firing at the advancing column forcing the men to take cover between the buildings of the narrow street. Sergeant Allen secured additional hand grenades from nearby men and, at great

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risk to his life, crawled up a road-side ditch, which was just deep enough to protect him. Reaching a point across the intersection from the machine gun, Sergeant Allen threw his grenades from a prone position and forced the enemy to abandon their gun. When later it became necessary for his company to withdraw, the enemy again moved their gun to a firing position, but were driven off by Sergeant Allen, single-handedly. Voluntarily and in spite of heavy fire and extreme danger of being cut off from the rear, Sergeant Allen remained at his post and repeatedly denied the enemy the use of the road crossing until his company had successfully withdrawn to security without further casualties. His courageous action, carried out entirely on his own initiative, undoubtedly saved the lives of many of his comrades. Sergeant Allen's bravery, above and beyond the call of duty, is in keeping with the finest traditions of the armed forces and reflects the highest credit on himself and the military service. Entered military service from Staunton, Virginia.

Technician Fifth Grade Ronald E. Coe (then Private) (Army Serial Number 11122300), Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in Germany on 17 November 1944. On the morning of 17 November 1944 the battalion to which Technician Coe was assigned drove the enemy from a hill near a town and attacked the strongly defended town across an open field in the face of heavy, observed mortar fire. As two scouts came within 15 yards of the first building, they exploded an anti-personnel mine, which seriously wounded both men. Technician Coe, aid man assigned to the platoon, immediately left his position at the rear of the platoon and, at great risk to his life, advanced 150 yards through the mortar fire to a point approximately 50 yards from the wounded men. Realizing the casualties were probably in the midst of an extensive mine field, Technician Coe dropped to his knees and slowly felt his way forward, marking a safe passage through the mined area. Reaching the wounded man, he administered first aid, lifted one man to his back, and carried him over the marked path to a position of safety. Returning through the increasingly heavy fire, he carried the second man down the hastily cleared lane through the mine field and across 200 yards of open terrain under enemy observation and fire to a position of safety. His heroic actions, above and beyond the call of duty, exemplify the finest traditions of the American medical soldier in his mission of mercy and reflect the highest credit on Technician Coe and the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Durham, Connecticut.

11--BRONZE STAR MEDAL--By direction of the President, under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and pursuant to the authority contained in Paragraph 1a(1), Memorandum No. 34, Headquarters, Ninth United States Army, 8 September 1944, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following officers and enlisted men:

First Lieutenant RICHARD A. NUTTING (then Second Lieutenant) (Army Serial Number 0539184), Infantry, Anti-Tank Company, 415th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 4 December 1944. Entered military service from Red Lodge, Montana.

First Lieutenant ROBERT M. YOUNG (Army Serial Number 01310661), Infantry, Company D, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 27 November 1944. Entered military service from San Bernardino, California.

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Private First Class Robert E. Finney (Army Serial Number 36752335), Infantry, Company K, 415th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 18 November 1944. Entered military service from Herrin, Illinois.

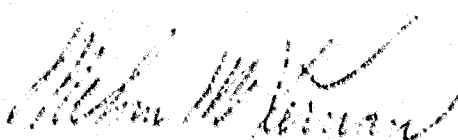
Private First Class Lewis C. Haney (Army Serial Number 17090687), Infantry, Headquarters Company, 2d Battalion, 413th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany from 27 to 29 November 1944. Entered military service from Denver, Colorado.

III--AIR MEDAL--By direction of the President, under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and pursuant to the authority contained in paragraph 1a(1), Memorandum No. 34, Headquarters, Ninth United States Army, 8 September 1944, the Air Medal is awarded to the following officer:

First Lieutenant CHARLES A. SHOOP (Army Serial Number 0467237), Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, 929th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights as Field Artillery aerial observation pilot in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 28 October to 7 December 1944. Entered military service from Independence, Missouri.

By command of Brigadier General WOODWARD:

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First Lieutenant ROBERT L. BARTLETT (Army Serial Number 0534282), Infantry, Company F, 413th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in Germany on 28 November 1944. On 28 November 1944 elements of two companies, commanded by Lieutenant Bartlett occupied a trench which led into a highly fortified enemy defense position. Elements of another unit in a forward part of the trench were subjected to a severe enemy counter attack and, minus their leaders, began a withdrawal through the position occupied by Lieutenant Bartlett and his men. Lieutenant Bartlett immediately organized the men and, through sheer personal courage and example, at great risk of his life and in the face of a vastly superior enemy force, led his men in repelling the strong enemy attack. Seizing hand grenades from his men he threw them with devastating effect at the onrushing enemy. He employed his carbine skillfully, and rallied his men to their task in the face of overwhelming odds. This action made it possible for his men to hold the strategic trench from which a successful counter attack was later launched. His courage, bravery and exemplary leadership are in keeping with the finest traditions of the armed forces and reflect the highest credit on Lieutenant Bartlett and the military service. Entered military service from Morgantown, West Virginia.

II--BRONZE STAR MEDAL--By direction of the President, under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and pursuant to the authority contained in Paragraph 1a(1), Memorandum No. 34, Headquarters, Ninth United States Army, 8 September 1944, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following enlisted men:

Staff Sergeant Frederick L. Mcray (then Private First Class) (Army Serial Number 1514716), Infantry, Company L, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 13 December 1944. Entered military service from Mansfield, Ohio.

Staff Sergeant Joseph P. Fruskowski (Army Serial Number 32625058), Infantry, Company M, 415th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 2-3 December 1944. Entered military service from Long Island, New York.

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Sergeant Viben P. Eriksen (Army Serial Number 32624861), Corps of Engineers, Company A, 329th Engineer Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 8 December 1944. Entered military service from Nassau, New York.

Private First Class Norman Karlinsky (Army Serial Number 36744671), Infantry, Company L, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 13 December 1944. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

III--PURPLE HEART--By direction of the President, under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Purple Heart is awarded to the following enlisted men:

Staff Sergeant John S. Tarver (Army Serial Number 38247061), Infantry, Company I, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for wounds received as a result of enemy action in Germany on 21 November 1944. Entered military service from Silsbee, Texas.

Technician Fifth Grade William L. Heath (Army Serial Number 36436851), Infantry, Anti-Tank Company, 415th Infantry, United States Army, for wounds received as a result of enemy action in Germany on 5 December 1944. Entered military service from Butler, Illinois.

Technician Fifth Grade Peter A. McDougall (Army Serial Number 32636756), Infantry, Company B, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for wounds received as a result of enemy action in Germany on 18 December 1944. Entered military service from Jamaica, New York.

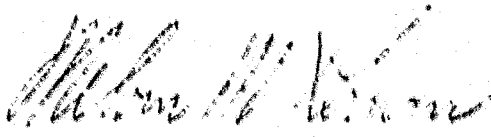
Private First Class Richard A. Bangsund (Army Serial Number 39210400), Infantry, Company I, 415th Infantry, United States Army, for wounds received as a result of enemy action in Germany on 5 December 1944. Entered military service from Seattle, Washington.

Private First Class Frank Kohut (then Private) (Army Serial Number 42141124), Infantry, Company C, 413th Infantry, United States Army, for wounds received as a result of enemy action in Germany on 4 January 1945. Entered military service from Syracuse, New York.

Private First Class Francis Swanson (then Private) (Army Serial Number 37697347), Infantry, Company B, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for wounds received as a result of enemy action in Germany on 27 December 1944. Entered military service from Lake View, Iowa.

By command of Brigadier General WOODWARD:

OFFICIAL:



MELVIN M. KERPMAN,
Lieutenant Colonel, Adjutant General's Department,
Adjutant General.

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Technician Fifth Grade Rowland G. Bush (Army Serial Number 39115762), Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 413th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in Holland on 25 October 1944. On 25 October 1944 the company to which Technician Bush was assigned as aid man, while advancing to its objective, was pinned to the ground by an intense barrage of artillery, mortar, machine gun, and rifle fire and had suffered numerous casualties among the men caught in exposed positions on coverless terrain. Technician Bush, voluntarily and at great risk to his life, left his covered position and went forward to administer first aid to the wounded men and succeeded in evacuating many men before he was fatally wounded. His work was instrumental in saving the lives of many men who would otherwise have gone without medical care. His heroic actions, above and beyond the ordinary call of duty, are in keeping with the finest traditions of the American medical soldier in his mission of mercy, and reflect the highest credit on Technician Bush and the military service. Entered military service from Fresno, California. Next of kin: Katharine Bush, 161 W 40th Place, Los Angeles, California.

II--SILVER STAR MEDAL--Awards--by direction of the President, under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and pursuant to the authority contained in Paragraph 1a(1), Memorandum No. 34, Headquarters, Ninth United States Army, 8 September 1944, the Silver Star Medal is awarded to the following officers and enlisted men:

Captain FRANK R. BOWMAN (Army Serial Number C1297827), Infantry, Headquarters, 21 Battalion, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in Germany on 17 November 1944. On the afternoon of 17 November 1944, Captain Bowman's company launched an attack across 2000 yards of wooded area separated by open spaces offering little cover. The enemy offered intense resistance with harassing machine gun and sniper fire and inflicted heavy casualties. Captain Bowman, from his position with the point of his company, had advanced into the open area when the leading elements were pinned to the ground by machine gun fire delivered from three disabled enemy tanks on the right flank. Disregarding the enemy fire, Captain Bowman fell back to the wooded area through an intense mortar and artillery barrage to his weapons platoon and, leading them forward, selected a position for each machine gun and assigned it a specific mis-

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sion. Returning to the loading elements, he organized an assault group, which he led directly forward across the open field toward the tanks under the covering fire of his skillfully placed machine guns. He reached the tanks and succeeded in quickly silencing the enemy weapons. Captain Bowman's heroism and fearless leadership were an inspiration to his men and reflected the highest credit on this officer and the military service. Entered military service from Minneapolis, Minnesota.

First Lieutenant ANTHONY A. PROIETTI (Army Serial Number 01314957), Infantry, Company I, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in Germany on 11 December 1944. On 11 December 1944 Lieutenant Proietti was given command of a company which had no other commissioned officer and few non-commissioned officers after 11 consecutive days of bitter fighting. At this time, the company was given the task of attacking primary enemy positions across 600 yards of open terrain. Realizing that he must gain the confidence of his men, Lieutenant Proietti, with complete disregard for his safety and despite intense enemy sniper and machine gun fire, moved from fox hole to fox hole, talking to each man and explaining the task confronting the company. Lieutenant Proietti courageously led the attack across the open, fire-swept terrain, and after advancing 300 yards the company was pinned to the ground by an intense enemy barrage. Because of the fact that he was unable to recognize members of his command by sight, Lieutenant Proietti, at great risk to his life, moved calmly about the area, directing his men forward in small groups. He conducted the attack so skillfully and courageously that the objective was taken with a minimum number of casualties to the company. His exemplary conduct under heavy enemy fire gained for him the admiration and utmost confidence of his men. His courage and intelligent leadership are in keeping with the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States and reflect the greatest credit upon Lieutenant Proietti and the military service. Entered military service from Niagara Falls, New York.

Private Albert L. McCarrell (Army Serial Number 34987281), Infantry, Company K, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in Germany on 13 December 1944. On the morning of 13 December 1944 the company to which Private McCarrell was assigned entered a strongly defended town and established a defensive position in anticipation of a possible German counter attack. In checking his outposts, the platoon sergeant was struck by a shell fragment while crossing an open area about 500 yards from the position occupied by Private McCarrell. Instantly, with no thought for his personal safety, Private McCarrell left his covered position and crawled to the site of his wounded leader. Finding himself unable to bandage the sergeant's serious head wound, Private McCarrell began crawling the 100 yards separating him from the building where he had last seen an aid man. After crossing one-half the distance, he was himself wounded by a fragment from a mortar shell. Despite his injury and the incessant shelling, he continued on his self-assigned mission until he located a medical aid man and, refusing all for himself until his leader had been removed to safety, courageously guided the aid man across the open field to the wounded man, remaining until first aid had been administered. He then assisted the aid man in carrying the injured man across the fire-swept field to a position of safety. Private McCarrell's extraordinary heroism and fearless devotion to his comrades exemplify the highest traditions of the military service and reflect the highest credit on himself and the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from West Nashville, Tennessee.

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III--BRONZE STAR MEDAL--Award--By direction of the President, under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and in accordance with the authority contained in Paragraph 1-11, Department of the Army, 10 October 1944, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following enlisted men:

Corporal Saul B. Fletcher (Army Serial Number 11 231 11), Infantry, Company A, 415th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 11 December 1944. Entered military service from Roxbury, Massachusetts.

Private First Class John E. Green (then Private) (Army Serial Number 37472236), Medical Department, Company G, 32nd Medical Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Holland on 29 and 30 October 1944. Entered military service from Neliray, Nebraska.

Private Willie A. Geins (Army Serial Number 35770229), Infantry, Company F, 415th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 4 December 1944. Entered military service from Princeton, West Virginia.

Private Paul A. Just (Army Serial Number 36817445), Infantry, Headquarters Company, 21 Battalion, 415th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 2 December 1944. Entered military service from Sheboygan, Wisconsin.

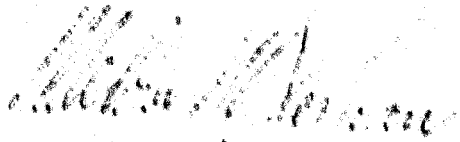
IV--PURPLE HEART--Award--By direction of the President, under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Purple Heart is awarded to the following enlisted man:

Private Theodora Johnston (Army Serial Number 36873597), Infantry, Company G, 415th Infantry, United States Army, for wounds received as a result of enemy action in Germany on 26 December 1944. Entered military service from Detroit, Michigan.

By command of Battalion General WOODWARD:

B. R. DOGRAFF,
Colonel, General Staff Corps,
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Technical Sergeant Cyril N. Christoph (Army Serial Number 37443821), Infantry, Company I, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in Germany on 10 and 11 December 1944. On 10 December 1944 the company to which Christoph was assigned as platoon sergeant, after 10 days of relentless fighting, launched an attack on strongly defended enemy positions located on a ridge 200 yards to its immediate front. As the company assaulted these defenses, the last remaining officer in the company was wounded by machine gun fire. Christoph dashed to a position with the foremost assault units, and courageously, at great risk to his life, led his men in capturing the ridge. With their troops driven from their position of vantage, the enemy directed intense small arms, mortar, and artillery fire upon the attacking forces. Ordered to hold his position until adjacent units drew abreast, Sergeant Christoph, with complete disregard for his personal safety, moved about the exposed ridge personally placing the squads and crew-served weapons in position and supervising the digging of fox holes by his men. Under his leadership, the company held this position for over 24 hours, during which time Sergeant Christoph repeatedly exposed himself to the gravest danger by moving from man to man, reorganizing the company, and encouraging his men. To replenish the stock that was necessary, he formed carrying parties and supervised the distribution of food and supplies to his men. Maintaining constant radio communication with the battalion, he supplied information that was of invaluable assistance in subsequent operations. The fearless leadership and remarkable initiative displayed by Sergeant Christoph, above and beyond the ordinary call of duty, reflect the highest credit upon himself and the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Dyersville, Iowa. Next of kin: Mr. Valentine J. Christoph, 222 East Main Street, Dyersville, Iowa.

II--BRONZE STAR MEDAL--Awards--By direction of the President, under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and pursuant to the authority contained in Paragraph 1a(1), Memorandum No. 34, Headquarters, Ninth United States Army, 8 September 1944, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following officer and enlisted men.

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II--BRONZE STAR MEDAL--Awards--By direction of the President, under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and pursuant to the authority contained in Paragraph 1a(1), Memorandum No. 34, Headquarters, Ninth United States Army, 8 September 1944, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following officer and enlisted men.

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Brigadier General BRYANT E. MOORE (Army Serial Number 08633), United States Army, Headquarters, 104th Infantry Division, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 20 November 1944. Entered military service from Ellsworth, Maine.

First Sergeant Willard R. Hamersen (then Technical Sergeant) (Army Serial Number 37059322), Infantry, Company E, 413th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 16 November 1944. Entered military service from Florissant, Missouri.

Staff Sergeant Marvin L. Winemiller (then Private First Class) (Army Serial Number 15337865), Infantry, Company K, 413th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 16 November 1944. Entered military service from Batavia, Ohio.

Sergeant Willard M. Swanson (then Private First Class) (Army Serial Number 37322974), Infantry, Company K, 413th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 16 November 1944. Entered military service from Thief River Falls, Minnesota.

Sergeant Dana T. Whitman, Jr. (then Private First Class) (Army Serial Number 11118418), Infantry, Company K, 413th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 16 November 1944. Entered military service from Bangor, Maine.

Corporal Dale L. Muskonf (Army Serial Number 35607725), Field Artillery, Battery G, 386th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 14 December 1944. Entered military service from Massillon, Ohio.

Private First Class Antonio H. Ramirez (Army Serial Number 38247967), Infantry, Company K, 413th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 16 November 1944. Entered military service from Houston, Texas.

Private First Class Edgar M. Weakley (Army Serial Number 33539913), Field Artillery, Battery G, 386th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 14 December 1944. Entered military service from Arlington, Virginia.

III--PURPLE HEART--Awards--By direction of the President, under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Purple Heart is awarded to the following officer and enlisted men:

Major WILLIAM G. NUTTING (Army Serial Number 01289123), Corps of Military Police, Military Police Platoon, 104th Infantry Division, United States Army, for wounds received as a result of enemy action in Germany on 10 January 1945. Entered military service from Garrettsville, Ohio.

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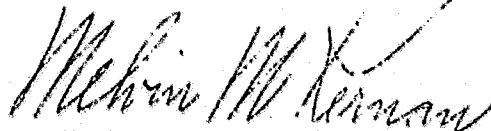
Technician Fifth Grade George B. Groom (Army Serial Number 39197238), Signal Corps, 104th Signal Company, United States Army, for wounds received as a result of enemy action in Germany on 10 January 1945. Entered military service from Holden, Missouri.

Private First Class Henry R. Haky (Army Serial Number 32692516), Infantry, Headquarters, 104th Infantry Division, United States Army, for wounds received as a result of enemy action in Germany on 10 January 1945. Entered military service from Bronx, New York.

Private First Class Constant Petrucci (Army Serial Number 36726275), Medical Department, Company C, 329th Medical Battalion, United States Army, for wounds received as a result of enemy action in Germany on 10 January 1945. Entered military service from Elmwood Park, Illinois.

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I--SILVER STAR MEDAL--Award--By direction of the President, under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and pursuant to the authority contained in Paragraph 1a(1), Memorandum No. 34, Headquarters, Ninth United States Army, 8 September 1944, the Silver Star Medal is awarded to the following enlisted man:

Technician Fifth Grade Cecil F. Carter (then Private First Class) (Army Serial Number 35687801), Infantry, Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in Germany on 28 November 1944. The company to which Technician Carter was assigned was engaged in repelling a determined enemy counter attack launched against a recently captured town. The enemy had succeeded in reentering the outskirts of the town and, by placing heavy artillery, mortar, and small arms fire across the rear of the company's position, had virtually isolated the company. Technician Carter, truck driver for the anti-tank platoon, realizing the necessity of procuring necessary supplies of food, water, and ammunition, voluntarily and at great risk to his life, drove his one and one-half ton truck through enemy fire to a town where the needed supplies could be obtained. In order to accomplish this task, it was necessary for Technician Carter to travel along a road under observed enemy small arms and mortar fire for a distance of 1000 yards. Disregarding the intense enemy fire, Technician Carter and his assistant driver raced across the shell torn road through a hail of enemy fire, procured the essential supplies, and returned to the company. With the aid of these supplies the company was able to halt the enemy advance and eject the enemy from the town. His courageous act, above and beyond the ordinary call of duty, is in keeping with the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Louisville, Kentucky.

II--BRONZE STAR MEDAL (OAK-LEAF CLUSTER)--Posthumous Award--By direction of the President, under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and pursuant to the authority contained in Paragraph 1a(1), Memorandum No. 34, Headquarters, Ninth United States Army, 8 September 1944, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal awarded as published on General Orders No. 27, Headquarters, 104th Infantry Division, 10 December 1944, the Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded posthumously to the following enlisted man:

Staff Sergeant Edall Smith (then Sergeant) (Army Serial Number 34399003), Infantry, Company K, 413th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 1 December 1944. On the afternoon of 1 December 1944 Sergeant Smith was advancing on a town with his company when a strong enemy defensive position was encountered. With complete

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disregard for his personal safety and in the face of heavy fire, Sergeant Smith and four companions dashed into an open street swept by fire from machine guns, small arms, and bazookas. Courageously they attacked frontally a house which was strongly held by the enemy, laying down a withering fire as they advanced, Sergeant Smith and his companions reached the house safely where they killed four enemy soldiers and forced several others to withdraw. This heroic act allowed the company to advance on both sides of the street and remove the anti-tank threat which was holding up the movement of our supporting tanks. Sergeant Smith's courageous action, which contributed materially to the accomplishment of his company's mission, is in keeping with the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States and reflects the highest credit on himself and the military service. Entered military service from Huntsville, Alabama. Next of kin: Minnie S. Byrom, Route No. 1, Owens Cross Roads, Alabama.

III--BRONZE STAR MEDAL--Awards--By direction of the President, under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and pursuant to the authority contained in Paragraph 1a(1), Memorandum No. 34, Headquarters, Ninth United States Army, 8 September 1944, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following officer and enlisted men:

Captain HAROLD J. COX (Army Serial Number 01171506), Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, 385th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 28 November 1944. Entered military service from Prewster, Washington.

Technical Sergeant Lucky C. Harkov (then Private) (Army Serial Number 34439208), Infantry, Company K, 413th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 16 November 1944. Entered military service from Davidson, North Carolina.

Staff Sergeant Travis C. Harper (Army Serial Number 38286487), Infantry, Company K, 413th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 1 December 1944. Entered military service from Gatesville, Texas.

Staff Sergeant Raymond E. Smith (then Corporal) (Army Serial Number 17000152), Infantry, Cannon Company, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 4 December 1944. Entered military service from Kansas City, Missouri.

Sergeant Claude O. Jones (then Private First Class) (Army Serial Number 34478316), Infantry, Company K, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 1 December 1944. Entered military service from Foxworth, Mississippi.

Corporal Earl C. Arburg (then Technician Fifth Grade) (Army Serial Number 37019559), Infantry, Cannon Company, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 4 December 1944. Entered military service from Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Private First Class J. V. Cunningham (Army Serial Number 35743783), Infantry, Cannon Company, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 4 December 1944. Entered military service from Elkview, West Virginia.

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IV--BRONZE STAR MEDAL (OAK-LEAF CLUSTER)--Awards--By direction of the President, under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and pursuant to the authority contained in Paragraph 1a(1), Memorandum No. 34, Headquarters, Ninth United States Army, 8 September 1944, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal previously awarded as indicated, the Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to the following enlisted men:

Technical Sergeant Paul J. Gropn (then Staff Sergeant) (Army Serial Number 12408548), Infantry, Company K, 413th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 1 December 1944. Awarded the Bronze Star Medal on General Orders No. 16, Headquarters, 104th Infantry Division, 21 November 1944. Entered military service from Fairport, New York.

Staff Sergeant Douglas W. Jackson (then Sergeant) (Army Serial Number 34467269), Infantry, Company K, 413th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 1 December 1944. Awarded the Bronze Star Medal on General Orders No. 26, Headquarters, 104th Infantry Division, 9 December 1944. Entered military service from Maxton, North Carolina.

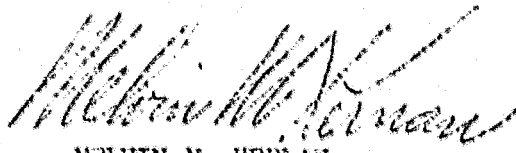
Staff Sergeant Christian A. Johnson (then Private First Class) (Army Serial Number 36282117), Infantry, Company K, 413th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 16 November 1944. Awarded the Bronze Star Medal on General Orders No. 26, Headquarters, 104th Infantry Division, 9 December 1944. Entered military service from Santa Clara, California.

V--PURPLE HEART--Award--By direction of the President, under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Purple Heart is awarded to the following officer:

Captain JOHN J. MITSCHKE (Army Serial Number 0512640), Medical Department, Company C, 329th Medical Battalion, United States Army, for wounds received as a result of enemy action in Germany on 10 January 1945. Entered military service from Helena, Montana.

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Technician Third Grade Glof A. Frederiksen (Army Serial Number 6977198), Infantry, Cannon Company, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in Germany on 7 December 1944. The Cannon Company, in position behind the regiment, was supporting an assault battalion in making a river crossing. The telephone wire, which was the sole medium of communication between the company and the forward observer, was laid across 1,200 yards of open, rolling terrain and over a small hill and was being repeatedly severed by intense concentrations of observed enemy artillery and mortar fire. As a result, essential supporting fires were eliminated. In an effort to prevent further disruption of communications, Technician Frederiksen and two other soldiers volunteered to lay a second wire through the fields adjacent to a road, although the fields were known to be heavily mined. At great risk to their lives, the three men walked down the road under heavy enemy fire, carrying coils of wire, and moved 500 yards through an enemy mine field, successfully laying the wire. As the attack continued, all wire communications were broken, and finally the last wire, laid by the three men, was broken at 0400 hours on the morning of 7 December 1944. Realizing the urgency of restoring communications immediately, Technician Frederiksen and his two comrades again volunteered to repair the wire. Carefully following the route they had previously followed, they drove their "jeep" through the mined field and repaired the wire, upon completion of which a heavy and continuous artillery barrage blanketed the area. Unable to return along the same route, the men elected to drive across the field to the road. The vehicle struck an anti-tank mine, fatally wounding Technician Frederiksen and seriously injuring the other men. At the cost of his life Technician Frederiksen displayed a personal courage and devotion to duty that exemplify the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Buffalo, New York. Next of kin: Mrs. Annie Frederiksen, RFD No. 5, Penn Yan, New York.

II--SILVER STAR MEDAL--Award--By direction of the President, under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and pursuant to the authority contained in Paragraph 1a(1), Memorandum No. 34, Headquarters, Ninth United States Army, 8 September 1944, the Silver Star Medal is awarded to the following officer:

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Captain WILLIAM B. WHITNEY (Army Serial Number 01289180), Infantry, Company I, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in Germany on 18 November 1944. From positions on a hill a company launched an attack down sloping ground toward enemy positions located on the forward edge of a wooded area 300 yards from their lines. After progressing 150 yards, the leading assault platoon suffered heavy casualties when it encountered intense mortar and small arms fire. The injured men, wounded as they descended the hill, had fallen on the forward slope and lay in a position exposed to aimed enemy fire. Realizing that the men must be moved to a covered position immediately, Captain Whitney and six other men, voluntarily and at great risk to their lives, left their covered position, moved down the exposed slope, and evacuated the wounded. At this time the enemy increased the intensity of their observed fire, raking the hillside with machine gun fire and placing a constant barrage of mortar and artillery fire on the wounded men and the pinned down platoon. In order to evacuate all the casualties, it was necessary to make three trips across 900 yards of fire-swept terrain. Captain Whitney's bravery and willingness to go beyond the ordinary call of duty on a mission of mercy to save the lives of his wounded comrades was in keeping with the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States, and reflect the greatest credit on himself and the military service. Entered military service from Waynesboro, Mississippi.

III--BRONZE STAR MEDAL--Awards--By direction of the President, under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and pursuant to the authority contained in Paragraph 1a(1), Memorandum No. 34, Headquarters, Ninth United States Army, 8 September 1944, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following enlisted men:

Staff Sergeant John B. Everatt, Jr. (Army Serial Number 38287276), Infantry, Headquarters Company, 2d Battalion, 415th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in Holland on 29 October 1944. Entered military service from Hebron, Texas.

Corporal John L. Archuletta (Army Serial Number 38103691), Infantry, Headquarters Company, 415th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 24 December 1944. Entered military service from Blanson, Colorado.

Private First Class James W. Hayes (then Private) (Army Serial Number 34857318), Infantry, Headquarters Company, 415th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 24 December 1944. Entered military service from Rocky Point, North Carolina.

Private Duane A. Robey (Army Serial Number 37569570), Infantry, Headquarters Company, 415th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 24 December 1944. Entered military service from Red Wing, Minnesota.

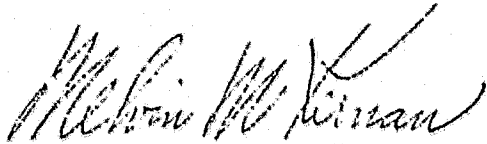
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First Lieutenant FRANK R. STREBEL (Army Serial Number O1310895), Infantry, Company F, 41st Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in Germany on 21 November 1944. During the afternoon and early evening of 20 November 1944 the battalion to which Lieutenant Strebel was assigned made several attempts to capture a strongly fortified town. At 0200 on the morning of 21 November 1944 Lieutenant Strebel, acting company commander, with complete disregard for his personal safety, organized assault squads and directed the attack on the key enemy defensive positions. At one point in the attack Lieutenant Strebel was wounded in the foot by a machine pistol but courageously continued to lead his men. By his personal courage and leadership, he made possible the driving of a salient into the enemy's defensive position that enabled the battalion to successfully capture the objective. His courageous actions, carried out under tremendous odds, although he was wounded, are in keeping with the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States and reflect the highest credit on Lieutenant Strebel and the military service. Entered military service from Alameda, California.

Private First Class Elwyn L. Fensall (Army Serial Number 13176406), Infantry, Cannon Company, 41st Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in Germany on 7 December 1944. The Cannon Company, in position behind the regiment, was supporting an assault battalion in making a river crossing. The telephone wire, which was the sole medium of communication between the company and the forward observer, was laid across 1500 yards of open, rolling terrain and over a small hill and was being repeatedly severed by intense concentrations of observed enemy artillery and mortar fire. As a result, essential supporting fires were eliminated. In an effort to prevent further disruption of communications, Private Fensall and two other soldiers volunteered to lay a second wire through the field adjacent to a road although the fields were known to be heavily mined. At great risk to their lives, the three men walked down the road under heavy enemy fire carrying coils of wire, moved 500 yards through an enemy mine field, and successfully laid the wire. As the attack continued, all wire communications were broken, and finally the last wire laid by the three men was broken at 0400 hours on the morning of 7 December 1944. Realizing the urgency of restoring communications immediately, Private Fensall and his two comrades again volunteered to repair the wire. Carefully following the route they had previously followed,

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they drove their "jeep" through the mined field and had repaired the wire when a heavy and continuous artillery barrage blanketed the area. Unable to return along the same route, the men elected to drive across the field to the road. The vehicle struck an anti-tank mine killing one man and seriously wounding Private Bonsall. At great risk to his life, Private Bonsall displayed a personal courage and devotion to duty that exemplify the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Private First Class Howard R. Kisner (Army Serial Number 35757308), Infantry, Company F, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in Germany on 23 November 1944. After attacking across 300 yards of level, open ground through intense enemy mortar, artillery, and small arms fire, the company to which Private Kisner was assigned captured a prominent ridge, which was its objective. Near the termination of the attack, Private Kisner, assistant gunner of a depleted machine gun squad, was struck in the back by a fragment of a mortar shell. Although painfully wounded, he continued to assist the gunner until the fire was masked by the advance troops and the entire gun section was ordered to displace forward to the captured objective. Realizing the gunner could not move the tripod and ammunition alone, Private Kisner, refusing to return to the rear area for medical attention, walked 300 yards through severe mortar and machine gun fire, carrying a machine gun tripod and two boxes of ammunition in addition to his own equipment. Only after helping mount the gun in the new position did Private Kisner consent to return to the battalion aid station for treatment. His courageous action, far above and beyond the ordinary call of duty, is in keeping with the finest traditions of the military service and reflects the highest credit on Private Kisner and the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Kingwood, West Virginia.

II--BRONZE STAR MEDAL--By direction of the President, under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and pursuant to the authority contained in Paragraph 1a(1), Memorandum No. 34, Headquarters, Ninth United States Army, 8 September 1944, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following officer and enlisted man:

Captain CLAIR F. YOHE (Army Serial Number 0479282), Chaplain's Corps, Headquarters, 2d Battalion, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Holland from 31 October to 2 November 1944. Entered military service from Meriden, Connecticut.

Technician Fourth Grade William R. Miles, Jr. (Army Serial Number 33518091) Infantry, Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 26 November 1944. Entered military service from Lawrenceville, Virginia.

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✓ First Sergeant William L. Scherery (Army Serial Number 33492461), Infantry, Company G, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in Germany on 19 November 1944. Before an attack on a strongly defended enemy stronghold, the last officer of the company to which Sergeant Scherery was assigned was wounded. Sergeant Scherery immediately assumed command and, at the appointed time, led his men toward the objective. After advancing 200 yards, the entire company was pinned down by severe small arms fire, which prevented maneuver. During the remaining hours of daylight, Sergeant Scherery supervised the evacuation of the many casualties and reorganized the company for the second assault. At dusk Sergeant Scherery again led the assault at great risk to his life and was the first man to reach the objective. From his position in the middle of the fire-swept street, he hastily organized his approaching riflemen into assault groups and directed the clearing of the buildings and establishment of a stable defense. Throughout this entire operation, darkness made control of the company extremely difficult, and only Sergeant Scherery's fearless, inspiring leadership made possible the company's successful accomplishment of its assigned mission. After assuming command of the company under the most hazardous and adverse conditions Sergeant Scherery displayed gallant leadership, disregard for personal safety, and unwavering devotion to duty that exemplify the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Williamsport, Pennsylvania.

✓ Staff Sergeant Hershel L. Wing (Army Serial Number 38264570), Infantry, Company F, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in Germany on 19 November 1944. From positions on a hill a company launched an attack down sloping ground toward enemy positions located on the forward edge of a wooded area 300 yards from their lines. After progressing 150 yards, the leading assault platoon suffered heavy casualties when it encountered intense mortar and small arms fire. The injured men, wounded as they descended the hill, had fallen on the forward slope and lay in a position exposed to aimed enemy fire. Realizing that the men must be moved to a covered position immediately, Sergeant Wing and six other men, voluntarily and at great risk to their lives, left their covered position, moved down the exposed slope, and evacuated the wounded. At this time the enemy increased the intensity of their observed fire, raking the hillside with machine gun fire and placing a constant barrage of mortar and artillery fire on the wounded men and the pinned down platoon. In order to evacuate all of the

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casualties, it was necessary to make three trips across 900 yards of fire-swept terrain. Sergeant King's bravery and willingness to go beyond the ordinary call of duty on a mission of mercy to save the lives of his wounded comrades were in keeping with the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States and reflect the greatest credit on himself and the military service. Entered military service from Sulphur, Louisiana.

Private First Class Dale E. Lumsden (then Private) (Army Serial Number 3910770), Infantry, Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in Germany on 29 November 1944. The company to which Private Lumsden was assigned was engaged in repelling a determined enemy counter attack launched against a recently captured town. The enemy had succeeded in reentering the outskirts of the town and, by placing heavy artillery, mortar, and small arms fire across the rear of the company's position, had virtually isolated the company. Private Lumsden, assistant truck driver for the Anti-Tank Platoon, realizing the necessity of procuring necessary supplies of food, water, and ammunition, voluntarily and at great risk to his life, drove his one and one-half ton truck through enemy fire to a town where the needed supplies could be obtained. In order to accomplish this task it was necessary for Private Lumsden to travel along a road under observed enemy small arms and mortar fire for a distance of 1000 yards. Despite the intense enemy fire, Private Lumsden and his driver raced across the mile-long road through a hail of enemy fire, procured the essential supplies, and returned to the company. With the aid of these supplies the company was able to halt the German advance and defeat the enemy from the town. His courageous act, above and beyond the ordinary call of duty, is in keeping with the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Iowa, Washington.

LIEUTENANT STAR MEDAL - In recognition of the President, under the provisions of AR 600-46, 22 September 1943, as amended, and pursuant to the authority contained in Paragraph 1a(1), Memorandum No. 34, Headquarters, Ninth United States Army, 5 September 1944, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following officer in recognition of his heroic achievement:

Captain Joe B. Feevey (then First Lieutenant) (Army Serial Number 1100011), Infantry, Company L, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 23 November 1944. Entered military service from Woodson, Texas.

Staff Sergeant Leo E. McPhail (Army Serial Number 39010589), Infantry, Company B, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 14 December 1944. Entered military service from Lyman, Utah.

Sergeant Samuel E. Smith (then Private First Class) (Army Serial Number 1100011), Infantry, Company A, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 31 December 1944. Entered military service from Milford, Connecticut.

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✓ Technician Fifth Grade Benjamin F. Bosworth (then Private) (Army Serial Number 37612512), Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 413th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Holland on 30 October 1944. Entered military service from Maplewood, Missouri.

✓ Private First Class Charles A. Forrester (then Private) (Army Serial Number 35712868), Infantry, Headquarters Company, 21 Battalion, 415th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 5 December 1944. Entered military service from Louisville, Kentucky.

By command of Major General ALLEN:

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First Lieutenant SAMUEL G. MILLER (Army Serial Number O1533865), Medical Administrative Corps, Company B, 329th Medical Battalion, United States Army, for gallantry in action in Germany from 18 to 21 November 1944. During the period 18 to 21 November 1944, Lieutenant Miller, assigned as assistant battalion surgeon, immediately assumed duties unfamiliar to him and went forward repeatedly to the front line companies to coordinate evacuation of casualties. On the evening of 19 November 1944 Lieutenant Miller drove forward in a 1-ton truck, accompanied by his driver. He went forward on foot through territory thinly held by friendly forces. At this time a heavy and prolonged enemy barrage struck the area, and casualties were severe. Lieutenant Miller repeatedly exposed himself to enemy fire to coordinate the activities of litter bearers and accomplish prompt evacuation of all casualties. On the night of 20 November 1944 Lieutenant Miller again went forward under severe enemy artillery and small arms fire which forced him to take cover repeatedly. In spite of the intense enemy fire, he successfully evacuated two seriously wounded men. His bravery, ingenuity, and superior leadership are in keeping with the highest traditions of the American medical soldier and reflect the greatest credit on Lieutenant Miller and the military service. Entered military service from Lena, California.

Sergeant Daniel Valerio (Army Serial Number 13170432), Infantry, Company F, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in Germany on 18 November 1944. From positions on a hill a company launched an attack down sloping ground toward enemy positions located on the forward edge of a wooded area 300 yards from their lines. After progressing 150 yards, the leading assault platoon suffered heavy casualties when it encountered intense mortar and small arms fire. The injured men, wounded as they descended the hill, had fallen on the forward slope and lay in a position exposed to aimed enemy fire. Realizing that the men must be moved to a covered position immediately, Sergeant Valerio and six other men, voluntarily and at great risk to their lives, left their covered position, moved down the exposed slope, and evacuated the wounded. At this time the enemy increased the intensity of their observed fire, raking the hillside with machine gun fire and placing a constant barrage of mortar and artillery fire on the wounded men and the pinned down platoon. In order to evacuate all of the casualties, it was necessary to make three trips across 900 yards of fire-swept terrain. Sergeant Valerio's bravery and willingness to go beyond the ordinary call of duty in a mission of mercy to save the lives of his wounded

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comrades was in keeping with the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States and reflect the greatest credit on himself and the military service. Entered military service from Russellton, Pennsylvania.

Corporal Raymond F. DiGregorio (Army Serial Number 36231757), Infantry, Company M, 413th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in Germany on 16 November 1944. On 16 November 1944 two platoons were waiting in the woods for the start of an attack. Sensing the attack, the enemy laid down a barrage of artillery and mortar fire, during which time eight men were wounded. Corporal DiGregorio courageously, without regard for his personal safety, left his covered position and went boldly to the spot where the wounded men lay and administered first aid. Still under heavy fire, he procured litter bearers and assisted in the evacuation of the wounded. Twice he helped carry litters to the rear and then led a wounded man across the fire-swept terrain to safety on a third trip. Corporal DiGregorio's courage, bravery, and devotion to his comrades, above and beyond the ordinary call of duty, exemplify the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from West Salem, Wisconsin.

Private First Class Irvin Palmer (then Private) (Army Serial Number 35902841), Infantry, Cannon Company, 124th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in Germany on 7 December 1944. The Cannon Company, in position behind the main front, was supporting an assault battalion in making a river crossing. The telephone wire, which was the sole medium of communication between the company and the forward observer, was laid across 1500 yards of open, rolling terrain and over a small hill and was being repeatedly severed by intense concentrations of observed enemy artillery and mortar fire. As a result, essential supporting fires were eliminated. In an effort to prevent further disruption of communications, Private Palmer and two other soldiers volunteered to lay a second wire through the fields adjacent to a road, although the fields were known to be heavily mined. At great risk to their lives, the three men walked down the road under heavy enemy fire carrying coils of wire, moved 500 yards through an enemy mine field, and successfully laid the wire. As the attack continued, all wire communications were broken, and finally the last wire laid by the three men was broken at 0300 hours on the evening of 7 December 1944. Realizing the urgency of restoring communications immediately, Private Palmer and his two comrades again volunteered to repair the wire. Carefully following the route they had previously followed, they drove their "jeep" through the mined field and had repaired the wire when a heavy and continuous artillery barrage blanketed the area. Unable to return along the same route, the men elected to drive across the field to the road. The vehicle struck an anti-tank mine, killing one man and seriously wounding Private Palmer. At great risk to his life, Private Palmer displayed a personal courage and devotion to duty that exemplify the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Bloomington, Indiana.

IN HONOR OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL--Posthumous Award--By direction of the President, under the provisions of AE 110-45, 27 September 1943, as amended, and pursuant to the authority contained in Paragraph 1a(1), Memorandum No. 34, Headquarters, Ninth United States Army, 8 September 1944, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded, posthumously, to the following enlisted man:

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Staff Sergeant Wayne J. Seifer (Army Serial Number 30322886), Infantry, Company F, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 13 December 1944. With the company divided into two assault groups, the company to which Sergeant Seifer was assigned attacked a huge fortified chateau across level, open terrain. The assault unit on the right was pinned to the ground about 150 yards from the objective. Unable to maneuver, the group hastily dug protective trenches, and several hours later a member of Sergeant Seifer's light machine gun section was seriously wounded by a shell fragment. Sergeant Seifer, courageously and at great risk to his life, left his fox hole and crawled across the fire-swept terrain to the aid of the wounded man, administered first aid, and, upon finding more skilled treatment was needed, decided to go in search of an aid man. With complete disregard for his personal safety, Sergeant Seifer crawled through the intense fire to the position of the aid man only to find he had been injured and was unable to accompany him forward. Determined to return to the injured man and render all aid within his power, Sergeant Seifer began crawling to his former position. His actions, which exposed him to the observation of the enemy, not attracted the fire of the enemy machine gunners. After advancing 40 yards he was struck by an enemy bullet. Despite his painful injury, he continued on his self-assigned mission and was instantly killed by a burst of enemy machine gun fire. At the cost of his life, Sergeant Seifer displayed a personal courage and devotion to his comrades that exemplify the highest traditions of the military service. His heroic actions reflect the greatest credit upon himself and the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Garvada, Oregon.

III--BRONZE STAR MEDAL--Awards--By direction of the President, under the provisions of AR 600-15, 22 September 1943, as amended, and pursuant to the authority contained in Paragraph 1a(1), Memorandum No. 34, Headquarters, Ninth United States Army, 8 September 1944, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following officer and enlisted men:

Second Lieutenant ERNEST E. NORMAN (then Technical Sergeant) (Army Serial Number 2609003), Infantry, Company G, 413th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Germany from 30 November to 2 December 1944. Entered military service from Cleveland, Wisconsin.

Private First Class Jacobi R. Boe (then Private) (Army Serial Number 20546224), Infantry, Headquarters Company, 2d Battalion, 415th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 2 December 1944. Entered military service from Bristol, West Virginia.

Private First Class Wilfred P. Farrar (then Private) (Army Serial Number 3666444), Field Artillery, Battery F, 386th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 11 December 1944. Entered military service from Detroit, Michigan.

Private First Class Julien T. Perry (Army Serial Number 13186941), Infantry, Company I, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 21 November 1944. Entered military service from Tazewell, Virginia.

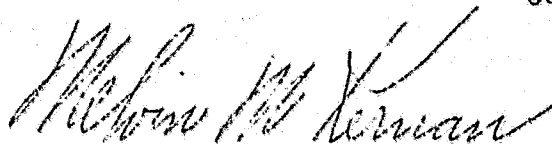
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Sergeant John E. Snider (Army Serial Number 18129358), Infantry, Company G, 415th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in Holland on 2 November 1944. Sergeant Snider was in charge of a light machine gun squad entrusted with the mission of protecting a road block and preventing a possible attack from the rear after his unit had made an important river crossing. The assault team was continuously subjected to intense mortar and artillery fire from the enemy, and machine gun fire had caused numerous casualties among its men. Sergeant Snider, voluntarily and at great risk to his life, left his covered position and, assisted by another man, moved the machine gun into a new position where he could direct fire on the enemy gun. He then moved forward to finish neutralizing the enemy gun with hand grenades. He succeeded in his mission, but he was killed by enemy machine pistol fire. Sergeant Snider's courageous action, far above and beyond the ordinary call of duty, resulted in the loss of his life and reflected the highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Next of kin: Walter A. Snider, 2817 West 14th Street, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

II--SILVER STAR MEDAL--Awards--By direction of the President, under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and pursuant to the authority contained in Paragraph 1a(1), Memorandum No. 34, Headquarters, Ninth United States Army, 8 September 1944, the Silver Star Medal is awarded to the following officer and enlisted men:

Second Lieutenant RILEY G. GAZZAWAY (then First Sergeant) (Army Serial Number 01998475), Infantry, Company M, 413th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in Holland on 2 November 1944. Receiving information that several wounded men were in a position under extremely heavy enemy fire that made evacuation virtually impossible, Lieutenant Gazzaway immediately procured two litter bearers and made his way forward to the location of the company observation post where he requested and obtained permission to attempt the evacuation. At great risk to his life, Lieutenant Gazzaway led his men across 500 yards of open, fire-swept terrain under constant enemy small arms and artillery fire to the wounded men. Constantly exposing himself to enemy fire, Lieutenant Gazzaway located all of the wounded and personally carried the most seriously wounded man back across the field to the battalion aid station. His

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courageous action saved the lives of several of his wounded comrades. His courage and devotion to duty are in keeping with the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States and reflect the highest credit on Lieutenant Gazzaway and the military service. Entered military service from Paragould, Arkansas.

Staff Sergeant Louie Earls (then Sergeant) (Army Serial Number 34478326), Infantry, Company I, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in Germany on 5 December 1944. The company to which Sergeant Earls was assigned as squad leader had secured a few scattered buildings 200 yards from the enemy positions. Sergeant Earls noticed an enemy machine gun which commanded an open area over which his squad would have to move to secure their next position. Directing his squad to remain under cover in the large house which they then occupied, Sergeant Earls made his way to a small window from which he could place rifle grenade fire on the enemy weapon. Detecting his position, the enemy concentrated small arms fire upon it. Since the meager cover afforded by his firing position did not afford movement enough to reload his rifle, Sergeant Earls, despite the enemy machine gun and rocket fire which raked the outside of the house, dashed past an open doorway and a four-foot hole in the wall to get to a member of his squad, exchanged his rifle for one loaded with a grenade, and returned to his former position to continue firing on the enemy. In spite of the grave danger to his life in passing these openings while the enemy was firing on the house, he repeated this action 12 times, forcing the entire enemy group to withdraw from the area after suffering eight casualties. Sergeant Earls' fearless action in driving the enemy from their position undoubtedly saved the lives of several of his comrades and reflects highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Columbia, Mississippi.

Technician Fourth Grade Bernard F. Hardy (Army Serial Number 36437085), Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in Germany on 18 November 1944. From positions on a hill a company launched an attack down sloping ground toward enemy positions located on the forward edge of a wooded area 300 yards from their lines. After progressing 150 yards, the leading assault platoon suffered heavy casualties when it encountered intense mortar and small arms fire. The injured men, wounded as they descended the hill, had fallen on the forward slope and lay in a position exposed to aimed enemy fire. Realizing that the men must be moved to a covered position immediately, Technician Hardy and six other men, voluntarily and at great risk to their lives, left their covered position, moved down the exposed slope and evacuated the wounded. At this time the enemy increased the intensity of their small arms fire, raking the hillside with machine gun fire and placing a constant barrage of mortar and artillery fire on the wounded men and the pinned down platoon. In order to evacuate all of the casualties, it was necessary to make three trips across 900 yards of fire-swept terrain. Technician Hardy's bravery and willingness to go beyond the ordinary call of duty on a mission of mercy to save the lives of his wounded comrades was in keeping with the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States and reflect the greatest credit on himself and the military service. Entered military service from Canton, Illinois.

III--BRONZE STAR MEDAL--Awards--By direction of the President, under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and pursuant to the authority contained in Paragraph 1a(1), Memorandum No. 34, Headquarters, Ninth United States Army, 8 September 1944, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following officers and enlisted men:

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Captain THOMAS E. DANOWSKI (then First Lieutenant) (Army Serial Number 01289218), Infantry, Company L, 415th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 3 December 1944. Entered military service from Calverton, Long Island, New York.

First Lieutenant WILLIAM K. MILLAR (Army Serial Number 01307052), Infantry, Company B, 415th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 11 December 1944. Entered military service from Plymouth, New Hampshire.

Staff Sergeant Felix J. Weingart (then Private First Class) (Army Serial Number 32614261), Infantry, Company B, 415th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 25 October 1944 to 3 January 1945. Entered military service from Brooklyn, New York.

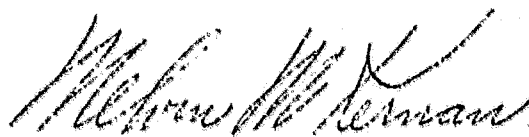
Sergeant Milton Bitz (then Corporal) (Army Serial Number 37571549), Infantry, Cannon Company, 415th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 16 December 1944. Entered military service from Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Corporal James E. Kennedy (then Private First Class) (Army Serial Number 33802212), Infantry, Headquarters Company, 750th Tank Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 4 December 1944. Entered military operations from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Corporal Vern L. McDowell (Army Serial Number 38276010), Infantry, Company D, 413th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany from 28 November to 2 December 1944. Entered military service from Enid, Oklahoma.

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✓ Private First Class Edwin E. Cook (Army Serial Number 34478536), Infantry, Company G, 415th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in Holland on 2 November 1944. Private Cook was a member of a light machine gun squad entrusted with the mission of protecting a road block and preventing a possible attack from the rear after his unit had made an important river crossing. The assault team was continuously subjected to intense mortar and artillery fire from the enemy, and machine gun fire had caused numerous casualties among its men. Private Cook, voluntarily and at great risk to his life, left his covered position and, assisted by another man, moved the machine gun into a new position where he could direct fire on the enemy gun. He then moved forward to finish neutralizing the enemy gun with hand grenades. He succeeded in his mission, but he was killed by enemy machine pistol fire. Private Cook's courageous action, far above and beyond the ordinary call of duty, which resulted in the loss of his life, reflected the highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Bridgeport, Connecticut. Next of kin: Rena S. Cook, R.F.D. No. 2, Ankersen, Mississippi.

II--SILVER STAR MEDAL--Awards--By direction of the President, under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and pursuant to the authority contained in Paragraph 1a(1), Memorandum No. 34, Headquarters, Ninth United States Army, 8 September 1944, the Silver Star Medal is awarded to the following officer and enlisted man:

Lieutenant Colonel FRED E. NEEDHAM (then Major) (Army Serial Number 0302647), Infantry, Headquarters, 415th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in Germany on 19 and 20 November 1944. During the period 19-20 November 1944 Colonel Needham took personal command of the assault groups of his battalion and led them in the assault and capture of a strongly defended town. In directing the attack, he climbed a slag pile which afforded an excellent view of the surrounding countryside. At great risk to his life and despite an intense artillery barrage, Colonel Needham remained at his post and continued directing until his position became untenable, at which time he courageously moved his observation

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post to a position with the foremost elements. His courage in the face of the deadly fire was an inspiration to his officers and men, and his close personal contact with the assault units and skillful direction of the attack gave the final impetus for the capture of the objective with the minimum of casualties. His bravery, ingenuity, and superior leadership exemplify the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States and reflect the highest credit on Colonel Needham and the military service. Entered military service from Sacramento, California.

Private First Class Clifford G. Carlson (Army Serial Number 37323208), Infantry, Company G, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in Holland on 6 November 1944. On 6 November 1944 two platoons attacked across 500 yards of level, marshy ground and were pinned to the ground by a heavy barrage of mortar, artillery, and grazing machine gun fire, which inflicted numerous casualties and destroyed all communications between the platoon leaders and the commanding officer of the company. Upon learning that effective counter measures could not be taken until the exact location of our troops and disposition of the enemy forces were known, Private Carlson volunteered to work his way forward and obtain the essential information. At great risk to his life and in the face of heavy fire, using all available cover, he slowly crawled from position to position, noting the number and location of the casualties and the positions of the enemy automatic weapons. With complete disregard for his personal welfare, he crawled about the area contacting the leaders of the pinned down platoons and learned their contemplated actions. After obtaining the desired information, Private Carlson returned across the fire-swept terrain to the location of his commanding officer. As a result of his heroic action, the leading assault platoons of the company were able to withdraw under the cover of artillery and mortar fire, and litter bearers were able to evacuate all wounded men. At great risk to his life, Private Carlson displayed a personal valor and a devotion to duty and to his comrades that exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Baudette, Minnesota.

Private First Class Henry O. Johnson (Army Serial Number 34824170), Infantry, Company F, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in Germany on 18 November 1944. From positions on a hill a company launched an attack down sloping ground toward enemy positions located on the forward edge of a wooded area 300 yards from their lines. After progressing 150 yards, the leading assault platoon suffered heavy casualties when it encountered intense mortar and small arms fire. The injured men, wounded as they descended the hill, had fallen on the forward slope and lay in a position exposed to aimed enemy fire. Realizing that the men must be moved to a covered position immediately, Private Johnson and six other men, voluntarily and at great risk to their lives, left their covered position, moved down the exposed slope and evacuated the wounded. At this time the enemy increased the intensity of their observed fire, raking the hillside with machine gun fire and placing a constant barrage of mortar and artillery fire on the wounded men and the pinned down platoon. In order to evacuate all of the casualties, it was necessary to make three trips across 900 yards of fire-swept terrain. Private Johnson's bravery and willingness to go beyond the ordinary call of duty on a mission of mercy to save the lives of his wounded comrades was in keeping with the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States and reflect the greatest credit on himself and the military service. Entered military service from Dublin, Georgia.

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* Captain FUREST S. GREGORY (Army Serial Number 01289242), Infantry, Cannon Company, 415th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 25 October to 7 December 1944. During the period 25 October to 7 December 1944 Captain Gregory performed his duties as commanding officer of his company in a superior manner. His management of the company, selection and direction of observation posts, and preparation of gun positions was largely responsible for the effective and efficient manner in which his company supported the regiment and the assault teams in their highly successful missions in Belgium, Holland, and Germany. His actions were an inspiration to the officers and men under his command. While engaged in taking the pay to his men at the forward observation post, he received his fatal wounds. Captain Gregory's conduct exemplified the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States and reflects the highest credit on himself and the military service. Entered military service from Houston, Texas. Next of kin: Mrs. Margie Gregory, 2719 Chartre Street, Houston, Texas.

IV--BRONZE STAR MEDAL--Awards--By direction of the President, under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and pursuant to the authority contained in Paragraph 1a(1), Memorandum No. 34, Headquarters, Ninth United States Army, 8 September 1944, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following enlisted men:

* Sergeant Alfred J. Rocklitz (then Private First Class) (Army Serial Number 37566378), Infantry, Company F, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 10 December 1944. Entered military service from St. Paul, Minnesota.

* Corporal Tom S. Anderson (Army Serial Number 39235487), Infantry, Cannon Company, 415th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 16 December 1944. Entered military service from Portland, Oregon.

* Technician Fifth Grade Carl E. Roa (Army Serial Number 32636750), Corps of Engineers, Company A, 329th Engineer Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 16 December 1944. Entered military service from Orange, New York.

* Private First Class Clifford L. Forbes (Army Serial Number 42130139), Infantry, Headquarters Company, 2d Battalion, 415th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 20 November 1944. Entered military service from New York City, New York.

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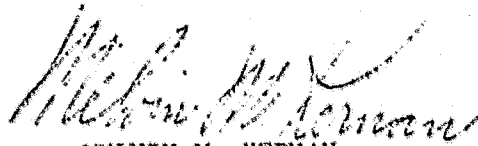
Private First Class Arthur J. Keeney, Jr. (Army Serial Number 35232731), Infantry, Company F, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 17 November 1944. Entered military service from Cuyahoga, Ohio.

Private First Class Roland B. Keller (Army Serial Number 39323255), Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, 35th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in Holland from 3 to 6 November 1944. Entered military service from Portland, Oregon.

Private First Class James F. Wilson (Army Serial Number 17156315), Infantry, Cannon Company, 415th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 16 December 1944. Entered military service from St. Paul, Minnesota.

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Technical Sergeant Thomas V. Kendrew (then Staff Sergeant) (Army Serial Number 33936690), Infantry, Company F, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in Germany on 13 December 1944. With the company divided into two assault groups, the company to which Sergeant Kendrew was assigned attacked a huge fortified chateau across level, open terrain. Sergeant Kendrew's platoon was to assault a lone house on the left with the chateau as a secondary objective while the commanding officer led the direct assault to the right on the chateau. The platoon advanced under cover of heavy artillery fire and engaged the enemy. After a sharp hand-to-hand encounter, the enemy withdrew taking with them the platoon leader and platoon sergeant as prisoners. Sergeant Kendrew assumed command of the platoon and, noticing three enemy tanks approaching, hastily organized a rocket launcher team, which set the lead tank afire and forced the others to withdraw. He then led his men through small arms fire and captured the building and five enemy soldiers left to cover the withdrawal of the larger force. He now had only eight men left in his platoon, and he placed them in defensive positions that effectively denied the enemy the use of their routes of withdrawal, while he moved to a point from which he could observe the action of the company. Suddenly sighting an enemy machine gun to his front preparing to fire upon advancing troops of his battalion, he courageously, at great risk to his life, exposed himself at the open window and shouted to the troops while pointing out the location of the enemy weapon. The startled enemy machine gun crew immediately surrendered. Sergeant Kendrew then attempted to support the attack on the chateau but was forced to withdraw when one of three tanks, whose support he had enlisted, was destroyed. Throughout the entire action Sergeant Kendrew displayed the very highest type of leadership, initiative, resourcefulness, and personal courage. His courageous actions, far above and beyond the ordinary call of duty, reflect the highest credit on himself and the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from New Brighton, Pennsylvania.

Staff Sergeant Allen A. Stephens (then Private First Class) (Army Serial Number 37731303), Infantry, Company I, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in Germany on 15 December 1944. After several hours of bitter fighting, the company to which Sergeant Stephens was assigned captured a strongly fortified town. During this operation the company suffered many casualties and had grouped the wounded men in a cellar in the town. During an unexpected lull in the battle, Sergeant Stephens voluntarily assisted removing the five most seriously wounded men to the outside of the building for the purpose of evacuating them to safety by ambulance. The enemy suddenly resumed its shelling of the

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town, the intensity thereof forcing the group to the shelter of the building. Sergeant Stephens, with complete disregard for his personal safety, remained with the five helpless men, and when it became apparent that the approaching fire would soon be upon them, he carried his comrades back to the shelter, which was approximately 20 yards away. Despite the merciless and relentless hail of fire which was falling upon the position before his self-assigned mission had been completed, Sergeant Stephens made five trips to the shelter, each time carrying a wounded man to safety, thereby saving their lives. His valorous conduct, above and beyond the call of duty, is in keeping with the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Wichita, Kansas.

Private Paul E. Patton (Army Serial Number 39270442), Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in Germany on 18 November 1944. From positions on a hill a company launched an attack down sloping ground toward enemy positions located on the forward edge of a wooded area 300 yards from their lines. After progressing 150 yards the leading assault platoon suffered heavy casualties when it encountered intense mortar and small arms fire. The injured men, wounded as they descended the hill, had fallen on the forward slope and lay in a position exposed to aimed enemy fire. Realizing that the men must be moved to a covered position immediately, Private Patton and six other men, voluntarily and at great risk to their lives, left their covered position, moved down the exposed slope, and evacuated the wounded. At this time the enemy increased the intensity of their observed fire, raking the hillside with machine gun fire and placing a constant barrage of mortar and artillery fire on the wounded men and the pinned down platoon. In order to evacuate all of the casualties it was necessary to make three trips across 900 yards of fire-swept terrain. Private Patton's bravery and willingness to go beyond the ordinary call of duty on a mission of mercy to save the lives of his wounded comrades was in keeping with the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States and reflects the greatest credit on himself and the military service. Entered military service from Los Angeles, California.

Private Jack A. Rayfield (Army Serial Number 18062637), Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 65th Armored Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for gallantry in action in Germany on 23 and 24 November 1944. On the night of 23 November 1944 Private Rayfield, a radio operator in the forward observer section, assisted the forward observer in the adjustment of artillery fire during the assault and capture of a strongly defended town. It being impossible to get into the town in the tank in which he was advancing, he dismounted and accompanied the forward observer. Under cover of darkness they worked their way to within 100 yards of enemy lines. Private Rayfield, with complete disregard for his safety, carried his radio through all types of artillery, mortar, and small arms fire so that his forward observer might have adequate communication. Throughout the night, Private Rayfield transmitted fire commands as his observer "walked" the fire from the howitzers up and down the streets of the city. At a point he was so close to the center of impact of his own fire that he was temporarily stunned and violently shocked. Despite his injuries and in the face of continuous small arms fire, Private Rayfield carried out his mission. He was instrumental in forcing the enemy to withdraw to a more open position where they could successfully be attacked by infantry and tanks. The audacious bravery and unsurpassed devotion to duty displayed by Private Rayfield are in keeping with the finest traditions of the Army of the United States. Entered military service from Houston, Texas.

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II--BRONZE STAR MEDAL--By direction of the President, under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and pursuant to the authority contained in Paragraph 1a(1), Memorandum No. 34, Headquarters, Ninth United States Army, 8 September 1944, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following officer and enlisted men:

First Lieutenant MERVIN B. TEIG (Army Serial Number 01315362), Infantry, Company L, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 12 December 1944. Entered military service from Stanhope, Iowa.

Staff Sergeant John D. Rindfleisch (then Private First Class) (Army Serial Number 36823465), Infantry, Company B, 415th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 25 October 1944 to 3 January 1945. Entered military service from Reedsburg, Wisconsin.

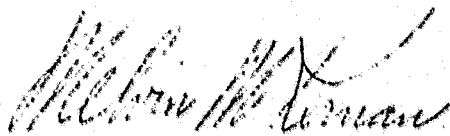
Staff Sergeant Jack E. Stavens (then Private First Class) (Army Serial Number 37464666), Infantry, Company A, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 20 November 1944. Entered military service from Beatrice, Nebraska.

Sergeant Frank C. Mars (Army Serial Number 16005247), Infantry, Company D, 413th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 26 November 1944. Entered military service from Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Private First Class Roy G. Jodin (Army Serial Number 36824438), Infantry, Company F, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 17 November 1944. Entered military service from Laona, Wisconsin.

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I--SILVER STAR MEDAL--By direction of the President, under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and pursuant to the authority contained in Paragraph 1a(1), Memorandum No. 34, Headquarters, Ninth United States Army, 8 September 1944, the Silver Star Medal is awarded to the following officer and enlisted men:

Captain DAR NELSON (Army Serial Number C323310), Infantry, Company L, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in Germany from 18 to 23 November 1944. While advancing toward its objective, Captain Nelson's company encountered severe enemy artillery and mortar fire while crossing open ground. Seeing a group of buildings 700 yards to the front, Captain Nelson led his men through the devastating fire hoping to find shelter for his company. When one of the leading scouts was seriously wounded by a mine, Captain Nelson, realizing his company had entered an enemy mine field, halted and dispersed his men while he went forward to the wounded man, administered first aid, and carried him to cover. Instructing his men to follow him in a single file, Captain Nelson, courageously and at great risk to his life, advanced across the mine field selecting a safe passage for his company. On 23 November 1944 while assaulting strongly defended enemy emplacements, Captain Nelson's company was subjected to intense mortar and artillery fire as the men attempted to cross an open field 1000 yards from the objective. Captain Nelson directed his men to withdraw about 300 yards to the security of houses, but when he saw that the constant din of bursting shells prevented many of his men from receiving the movement orders, he calmly rose to his feet and boldly walked among his men and directed their movements. Captain Nelson's fearless leadership and complete disregard for his personal welfare saved the lives of many of his men. His actions, above and beyond the ordinary call of duty, reflect the highest credit on this officer and the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Laramie, Wyoming.

Staff Sergeant Howell E. Williamson (Army Serial Number 3719C554), Infantry, Company A, 415th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in Germany on 11 December 1944. During a night attack Sergeant Williamson and part of his platoon became separated from the balance of the attacking force. Sergeant Williamson organized his men and proceeded toward what he thought was the objective. Upon reaching the first building on the edge of the town, he placed security outposts and consolidated his position. Just prior to daylight an enemy soldier appeared from the basement, was fired upon, and retreated to the cellar. Ordering his men to take cover, Sergeant Williamson moved into position and threw a grenade down the cellar steps, which resulted in nine enemy soldiers emerging with hands upraised. Assuring himself that all the enemy had been

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cleared from the cellar, Sergeant Williamson persuaded the enemy sergeant to order the surrender of nine enemy soldiers in an adjacent building. Realizing that he was greatly outnumbered and entirely cut off from friendly forces, Sergeant Williamson organized a defensive position of the two buildings which he had captured, and after dark he succeeded in making a successful withdrawal with his 18 prisoners. Sergeant Williamson's ingenuity and intelligent leadership turned what might have been a disastrous situation into a highly successful raid upon a strongly held enemy position. His actions, above and beyond the ordinary call of duty, are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Des Moines, Iowa.

Sergeant Jason W. Pearce (Army Serial Number 35793258), Field Artillery, Company A, 692d Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army, for gallantry in action in Germany on 2 December 1944. In the early stages of a battle for an important town, friendly forces held part of a town on one side of a river. During the night enemy tanks had caused heavy casualties among the infantry forces by crossing the bridge over the river and firing at point blank range into cellars where men were forced to seek cover because of the extremely heavy mortar and artillery fire. Sergeant Pearce, a tank destroyer gun commander, realizing that our forces could not take the town as long as the enemy tanks could come and go at will, volunteered to place his tank destroyer gun in a factory 30 yards from the bridge and enemy lines. With the help of other volunteers and while under extremely heavy artillery, mortar, and machine gun fire, Sergeant Pearce, at great risk to his life, placed his gun in position to prevent any movement by enemy tanks that would imperil friendly troops. His courage and devotion to duty are in keeping with the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States and reflect the highest credit on Sergeant Pearce and the military service. Entered military service from Middletown, Ohio.

Private First Class Max G. Hayes (Army Serial Number 39459915), Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in Germany on 18 November 1944. From positions on a hill a company launched an attack down sloping ground toward enemy positions located on the forward side of a wooded area 300 yards from their lines. After progressing 150 yards, the leading assault platoon suffered heavy casualties when it encountered intense mortar and small arms fire. The injured men, wounded as they descended the hill, had fallen on the forward slope and lay in a position exposed to aimed enemy fire. Realizing that the men must be moved to a covered position immediately, Private Hayes and six other men, voluntarily and at great risk to their lives, left their covered position, moved down the exposed slope, and evacuated the wounded. At this time the enemy increased the intensity of their observed fire, raking the hillside with machine gun fire and placing a constant barrage of mortar and artillery fire on the wounded men and the pinned down platoon. In order to evacuate all of the casualties, it was necessary to make three trips across 900 yards of fire-swept terrain. Private Hayes' bravery and willingness to go beyond the ordinary call of duty on a mission of mercy to save the lives of his wounded comrades were in keeping with the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States and reflect the greatest credit on himself and the military service. Entered military service from The Dalles, Oregon.

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II--SOLDIER'S MEDAL--By direction of the President, under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and pursuant to the authority contained in Paragraph 1a(1), Memorandum No. 34, Headquarters, Ninth United States Army, 8 September 1944, the Soldier's Medal is awarded to the following enlisted man:

Private First Class Robert B. Pilkington (then Private) (Army Serial Number 34438927), Infantry, Headquarters Company, 2d Battalion, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for heroism not involving conflict with the enemy in Germany on 22 December 1944. While several loads of high explosive ammunition were being moved from rear depots to a forward area, a box of white phosphorous grenades, located near the bottom of the load of a 2 1/2-ton truck, inexplicably exploded, setting the adjacent boxes on fire. Five soldiers riding on the truck leaped to the ground and dashed for safety. After moving a short distance, Private Pilkington suddenly stopped, ran back to the truck, and, climbing on top of the load, began shifting and lifting the heavy boxes in an effort to reach the burning grenades. With complete disregard for his personal safety, he continued his task and, by great effort, finally uncovered the blazing cases. Extinguishing the surrounding fire, Private Pilkington seized the box of exploded grenades, leaped from the truck, and carried the burning case into a nearby field. His voluntary action above and beyond the call of duty, prevented the loss of a very valuable vehicle and a complete load of ammunition. His display of personal courage reflects great credit upon Private Pilkington and the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Wilkesboro, North Carolina.

III--BRONZE STAR MEDAL--By direction of the President, under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and pursuant to the authority contained in Paragraph 1a(1), Memorandum No. 34, Headquarters, Ninth United States Army, 8 September 1944, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following officers and enlisted men:

First Lieutenant GERTRIE B. FRANCIS (then Second Lieutenant) (Army Serial Number 0635372), Infantry, Headquarters, 413th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 28 November 1944. Entered military service from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Second Lieutenant CHESTER M. JOHNSON (Army Serial Number 01061985), Infantry, Company C, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany from 16 November to 13 December 1944. Entered military service from Wichita, Kansas.

Staff Sergeant Walter C. Powell (Army Serial Number 38247541), Corps of Engineers, Company A, 57th Engineer Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 8 December 1944. Entered military service from Houston, Texas.

Sergeant Walter L. Sellers (Army Serial Number 35723392), Field Artillery, Company C, 693d Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 15 December 1944. Entered military service from Dixon, Kentucky.

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Corporal Robert M. Flagg (Army Serial Number 31168782), Field Artillery, Company C, 692d Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 15 December 1944. Entered military service from West Hartford, Connecticut.

Technician Fifth Grade Gerald E. Nelson (then Private First Class) (Army Serial Number 33435004), Infantry, Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 20 November 1944. Entered military service from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Technician Fifth Grade James D. Rothstein, Jr. (Army Serial Number 1806474), Field Artillery, Company C, 692d Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 15 December 1944. Entered military service from Palmerton, Pennsylvania.

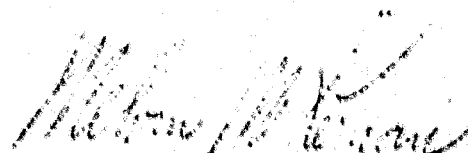
Private First Class Colney C. Brown (Army Serial Number 15343603), Infantry, Company M, 413th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 22 November 1944. Entered military service from Baer Field, Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Private Homer L. Gaurer (Army Serial Number 16074612), Field Artillery, Company C, 692d Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 15 December 1944. Entered military service from Fecria, Illinois.

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Second Lieutenant JAMES E. CONLEY (then Private First Class) (Army Serial Number 01999824), Infantry, Company G, 415th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in Holland on 2 November 1944. On 2 November 1944 Lieutenant Conley, after crossing a river, led a combat group forward to clear the dike and secure ground for other troops to make the difficult river crossing. While patrolling the dike, the patrol was ambushed by enemy machine guns and riflemen entrenched on the dike. Lieutenant Conley coolly led his men out of the ambush and, after placing them in a defensive position, returned, at great risk to his life, to evacuate a wounded man in the face of heavy machine gun and rifle fire. Upon returning to his group, he skillfully organized a defensive position and successfully repulsed a severe counter attack by a numerically superior enemy. His patrol successfully held the ground for four hours until reinforcements arrived. During this time Lieutenant Conley constantly exposed himself to enemy fire as he moved from man to man, encouraging them and directing the defense of their position. The aggressive leadership, ingenuity, and bravery in the face of overwhelming odds were an inspiration to his men and reflect the highest credit upon Lieutenant Conley and the military service. Entered military service from Nebraska City, Nebraska.

Second Lieutenant FRANK VENT (then Staff Sergeant) (Army Serial Number 01999825), Infantry, Company G, 415th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in Holland on 2 November 1944. On 2 November 1944 Lieutenant Vent was in one of the first assault groups to cross a river. On reaching the opposite bank, an enemy machine gun opened fire on his group, killing one man and wounding four others. Setting up a machine gun to cover his approach, Lieutenant Vent led a small group forward and successfully eliminated the machine gun with two well-placed hand grenades. He then established a road block on the dike to cover the subsequent crossing of other units, greatly reducing their casualties by eliminating small arms and machine gun fire which had been delivered by the enemy upon the crossing site. During the entire action, Lieutenant Vent constantly exposed himself in order to facilitate a successful crossing of the river by his unit. His fearless leadership and courageous example were an inspiration to his men and exemplify the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from New York City, New York.

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II--BRONZE STAR MEDAL--By direction of the President, under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and pursuant to the authority contained in Paragraph 1a(1), Memorandum No. 34, Headquarters, Ninth United States Army, 8 September 1944, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following officer and enlisted man:

Second Lieutenant JACK C. DAVIS (Army Serial Number 01998477), Infantry, Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 413th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 4 January 1945. Entered military service from Aquilla, Texas.

Master Sergeant Andrew N. Kunkle (Army Serial Number 37152910), Infantry, Headquarters, 104th Infantry Division, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 2 December 1944. Entered military service from Rogers, Nebraska.

Staff Sergeant Bruce R. Bonnar, Jr. (Army Serial Number 18062780), Field Artillery, Battery A, 386th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 10 and 11 December 1944. Entered military service from Lufkin, Texas.

Sergeant Virgil E. Funkhouser (Army Serial Number 37061389), Infantry, Headquarters Company, 3d Battalion, 415th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 4 December 1944. Entered military service from Pine Bluff, Arkansas.

Sergeant Elmer O. Swanson (Army Serial Number 37443738), Infantry, Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 413th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 4 January 1945. Entered military service from Dunoon, Iowa.

Technician Fifth Grade G. Luana Schneider (Army Serial Number 38465616), Infantry, Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 413th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 4 January 1945. Entered military service from Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Private First Class Raymond M. Biggs (Army Serial Number 33216534), Infantry, Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 413th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 4 January 1945. Entered military service from Stuart, Virginia.

Private First Class Charles E. Bradley (Army Serial Number 33443683), Infantry, Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 413th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 4 January 1945. Entered military service from Raphine, Virginia.

Private First Class John T. Cunniff (Army Serial Number 34478557), Infantry, Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 413th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 4 January 1945. Entered military service from Philadelphia, Mississippi.

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Private First Class Clarence L. Hoisington (Army Serial Number 39196514), Infantry, Company K, 415th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 17 and 18 November 1944. Entered military service from Crochards, Washington.

Private First Class Edwin J. Kastner (then Private) (Army Serial Number 37397974), Infantry, Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 413th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 4 January 1945. Entered military service from St. Louis, Missouri.

Private First Class George C. Mojica (Army Serial Number 39649911), Infantry, Headquarters Company, 3d Battalion, 415th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 6 December 1944. Entered military service from Bakersfield, California.

Private First Class Joseph H. Robbins (Army Serial Number 13143701), Infantry, Company I, 415th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 6 December 1944. Entered military service from New York City, New York.

III--PURPLE HEART--By direction of the President, under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Purple Heart is awarded to the following enlisted men:

Staff Sergeant Martin T. Flaherty (Army Serial Number 33395137), Infantry, Headquarters Company, 3d Battalion, 415th Infantry, United States Army, for wounds received as a result of enemy action on 1 January 1945, in Germany. Entered military service from Muncie, Pennsylvania.

Private First Class Clarence L. Lee (Army Serial Number 30100440), Infantry, Headquarters Company, 3d Battalion, 415th Infantry, United States Army, for wounds received as a result of enemy action on 1 January 1945, in Germany. Entered military service from Honolulu, Territory of Hawaii.

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Private First Class Ray G. Bracamonte (Army Serial Number 39548496), Infantry, Company I, 413th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in Belgium on 26 October 1944. After nearly obtaining its objective, the platoon to which Private Bracamonte was assigned was pinned to the ground by an intense barrage of mortar, machine gun, and rifle fire from an enemy firmly entrenched in prepared positions 500 yards to the immediate front. Voluntarily and with complete disregard for his personal safety, Private Bracamonte leaped to his feet and ran to the left flank under a hail of small arms and mortar fire. He placed his automatic rifle in a completely exposed position from which he could pour devastating fire on the enemy. Although his position was in the open and provided no protection for himself, he laid down heavy fire on the enemy positions, which pinned them down sufficiently to allow the platoon to reorganize with relatively light casualties, resume the attack, and overrun the positions. His courageous action, above and beyond the ordinary call of duty, was in keeping with the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States and reflects the greatest credit on himself and the military service. Entered military service from Los Angeles, California.

II--BRONZE STAR MEDAL--By direction of the President, under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and pursuant to the authority contained in Paragraph 1a(1), Memorandum No. 34, Headquarters, Ninth United States Army, 8 September 1944, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following officers and enlisted men:

First Lieutenant LESLIE BLACK (Army Serial Number 01546906), Medical Administrative Corps, Medical Detachment, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic and valorous action in connection with military operations in Germany on 24 November 1944. Entered military service from Toledo, Ohio.

First Lieutenant PAUL E. NELSON (Army Serial Number 01168007), Field Artillery, Battery A, 387th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in Holland from 25 to 28 October 1944. Entered military service from Salt Lake City, Utah.

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Sergeant John T. Morton (Army Serial Number 34663661), Field Artillery, Company B, 692d Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany from 16 to 20 November 1944. Entered military service from Rocky Mount, North Carolina.

Technician Fifth Grade Walter M. Ambrose (Army Serial Number 333E4174), Field Artillery, Battery A, 387th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in Holland from 25 to 28 October 1944. Entered military service from Baltimore, Maryland.

Private First Class Howard E. Brohman, Jr. (Army Serial Number 35892705), Infantry, Company F, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 16 November 1944. Entered military service from Kokomo, Indiana.

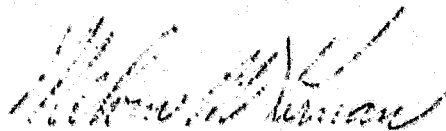
Private First Class Alfred J. Graziano (Army Serial Number 33470000), Infantry, Company I, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 24 November 1944. Entered military service from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Private First Class John T. Kuras (Army Serial Number 31247891), Infantry, Headquarters Company, 3d Battalion, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 24 November 1944. Entered military service from Central Falls, Rhode Island.

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Private First Class George B. Keil (Army Serial Number 36680910), Infantry, Headquarters Company, 104th Infantry Division, United States Army, for heroism not involving actual conflict with the enemy in Germany on 7 January 1945. On 7 January 1945 while in the squad sleeping quarters with five other men, Private Keil saw a hand grenade accidentally fall to the concrete floor which resulted in it becoming activated. Quickly he seized it, shouted a warning to the men in the room, and started toward the door with the grenade shielded by his body in order to protect his comrades from possible injury. Before he could reach the door or throw the grenade from the room, it exploded, seriously wounding Private Keil. His courageous sacrifice undoubtedly saved his comrades from serious injury or death. His bravery and spirit of self-sacrifice reflect the greatest credit on Private Keil and the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

II--BRONZE STAR MEDAL--By direction of the President, under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and pursuant to the authority contained in Paragraph 1a(1), Memorandum No. 34, Headquarters, Ninth United States Army, 8 September 1944, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following enlisted men:

Staff Sergeant George Wyffels (Army Serial Number 36437206), Infantry, Company A, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 20 November 1944. Entered military service from East Moline, Illinois.

Sergeant Richard D. Knapich (Army Serial Number 12219201), Infantry, Headquarters Company, 2d Battalion, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 11 December 1944. Entered military service from Brooklyn, New York.

Private First Class John R. Corcoran (then Private) (Army Serial Number 3688922), Infantry, Headquarters Company, 2d Battalion, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 11 December 1944. Entered military service from Detroit, Michigan.

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Private First Class George M. Finnegan (then Private) (Army Serial Number 35793370), Infantry, Headquarters Company, 2d Battalion, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 11 December 1944. Entered military service from Fort Thomas, Kentucky.

Private First Class Nathan W. Knarr, Jr. (Army Serial Number 35437082), Infantry, Headquarters Company, 2d Battalion, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 11 December 1944. Entered military service from Parkersburg, West Virginia.

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I--SILVER STAR MEDAL--By direction of the President, under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and pursuant to the authority contained in Paragraph 1a(1), Memorandum No. 34, Headquarters, Ninth United States Army, 8 September 1944, the Silver Star Medal is awarded to the following enlisted man:

Private First Class Francis F. Stone (Army Serial Number 36898288), Infantry, Company B, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in Germany on 10 December 1944. After six hours of bitter fighting, the leading elements of the company to which Private Stone was assigned reached a few scattered buildings on the outskirts of a town. From his position in one of the houses, Private Stone observed enemy concentrations of infantry and self-propelled guns to his front. Realizing that the buildings occupied could not withstand the fire of self-propelled weapons and that his group did not have sufficient fire power to repel a determined attack by a large force supported by self-propelled guns, Private Stone left his covered position and, by alternately running and crawling, moved 300 yards across an open field to an abandoned tank. Loading the tank's machine guns, he placed a devastating stream of fire on the enemy concentrations and positions. When the gun he was firing became overheated, he moved to another of the tank's guns and continued to sweep the enemy emplacements with fire. Despite three direct hits scored on the tank by enemy shell fire, Private Stone remained at his self-assigned post and poured 5000 rounds of machine gun ammunition on the enemy. When his ammunition had been expended and his efforts to operate the tank's cannon had failed, Private Stone crawled from the tank and moved across the fire-swept terrain to his former position. The deadly effect of the machine gun fire on the enemy disrupted the proposed counter attack and made possible the holding of the edge of the objective until the arrival of reinforcements. Private Stone's heroic actions voluntarily executed at great risk to his life, reflect the greatest credit on himself and the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from New Haven, Michigan.

II--BRONZE STAR MEDAL--By direction of the President, under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and pursuant to the authority contained in Paragraph 1a(1), Memorandum No. 34, Headquarters, Ninth United States Army, 8 September 1944, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following officer and enlisted men:

* First Lieutenant LOUIS T. DEFARKAS (Army Serial Number 01175992), Field Artillery, Photo Interpretation Team No. 97, Headquarters, 104th Infantry Division, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Germany from 16 November to 2 December 1944. Entered military service from Bridgeton, New York.

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Sergeant Charles E. Settar (Army Serial Number 32265039), Field Artillery, Company B, 692d Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany from 16 to 20 November 1944. Entered military service from Gloucester, New Jersey.

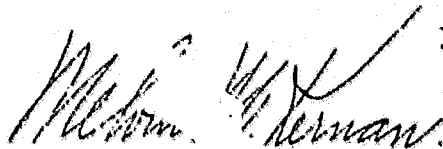
Technician Fifth Grade Theodora F. Paradows (Army Serial Number 39251588), Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 692d Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 2 December 1944. Entered military service from Pasadena, California.

Private First Class Vernon J. Christy (Army Serial Number 39390418), Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 692d Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 2 December 1944. Entered military service from Oakland, California.

Private First Class Eugene E. Gunn (then Private) (Army Serial Number 19186368), Field Artillery, Company A, 692d Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 2 December 1944. Entered military service from Oakland, California.

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I--SILVER STAR MEDAL--By direction of the President, under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and pursuant to the authority contained in Paragraph 1a(1), Memorandum No. 34, Headquarters, Ninth United States Army, 8 September 1944, the Silver Star Medal is awarded to the following officer:

First Lieutenant HARRY J. DOYLE (Army Serial Number O1325560), Infantry, Company G, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in Holland on 2 November 1944. On the morning of 2 November 1944 a patrol suffered several casualties while advancing across open terrain to reconnoiter enemy positions. The patrol was forced to withdraw leaving two seriously wounded men exposed to enemy fire while lying in an open field. Upon learning the fate of the patrol from a lone member of the patrol returning to the company for help, Lieutenant Doyle organized a six-man party and led them forward under the guidance of the man who had returned. Reaching the last available cover, Lieutenant Doyle divided his men into two groups. At an appointed time both groups left their covered positions and dashed across 100 yards of open field to the wounded men. Despite the merciless fire, Lieutenant Doyle, by his fearless actions, inspired the men to continue their mission, and by assisting in carrying one of the litters he safely moved his group back to a covered position. Learning that the other group, although it had succeeded in rescuing the injured member of the patrol, had been unable to return to safety one of its own members who had been wounded, he unhesitatingly dashed across the open field under heavy fire to the side of the wounded man, picked him up, and carried him to safety. The valorous leadership, complete disregard for personal safety, and unflinching devotion to his comrades displayed by this officer exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Brooklyn, New York.

II--BRONZE STAR MEDAL--By direction of the President, under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and pursuant to the authority contained in Paragraph 1a(1), Memorandum No. 34, Headquarters, Ninth United States Army, 8 September 1944, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following officer and enlisted man:

Major KENNETH T. MCGINNIS (Army Serial Number O355776), Medical Corps, Medical Detachment, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 23 October to 31 December 1944. Entered military service from Ord, Nebraska.

Staff Sergeant Otis L. Frinay (Army Serial Number 36436329), Signal Corps, 104th Signal Company, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 23 October 1944 to 10 January 1945. Entered military service from Adair, Illinois.

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Staff Sergeant George A. Soul (then Private First Class) (Army Serial Number 37669358), Infantry, Company K, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 24 November 1944. Entered military service from Cedar Falls, Iowa.

Technician Fifth Grade Charles L. Harkin (Army Serial Number 36436430), Cavalry, 104th Reconnaissance Troop, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 10 January 1945. Entered military service from Arlington, Iowa.

Private First Class Frank Parras (Army Serial Number 38286680), Infantry, Headquarters Company, 3d Battalion, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 13 December 1944. Entered military service from Dallas, Texas.

III--PURPLE HEART--By direction of the President, under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Purple Heart is awarded to the following enlisted men:

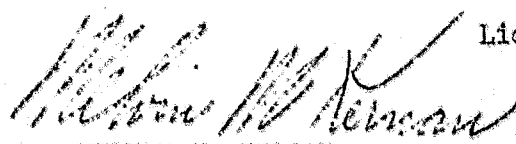
Staff Sergeant John A. Lehti (Army Serial Number 32112351), Signal Corps, 104th Signal Company, United States Army, for wounds received as a result of enemy action in Germany on 10 January 1945. Entered military service from Brooklyn, New York.

Private First Class Richard W. Fritz (Army Serial Number 33492555), Infantry, Headquarters Company, 2d Battalion, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for wounds received as a result of enemy action in Germany on 8 January 1945. Entered military service from Mount Wolf, Pennsylvania.

Private First Class Richard Hathaway (Army Serial Number 39587618), Infantry, Company K, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for wounds received as a result of enemy action in Germany on 12 January 1945. Entered military service from Bloomington, California.

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Staff Sergeant John P. Cox (then Private First Class) (Army Serial Number 38337273), Infantry, Company C, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in Holland on 2 November 1944. On the morning of 2 November 1944 the patrol of which Sergeant Cox was a member suffered several casualties while advancing across open terrain to reconnoiter enemy positions. After withdrawing to a position of defilade, Sergeant Cox saw two wounded comrades lying in a position exposed to enemy fire on an open field. Realizing that he could not rescue the injured men alone, Sergeant Cox returned to the company through enemy sniper and artillery fire. A rescue party was immediately organized, and, although wet and tired, Sergeant Cox immediately volunteered to guide the party back to the field. Reaching the last available cover, the patrol was divided into two groups, and Sergeant Cox led one group across 100 yards of open fire-swept terrain to the wounded men. As the party placed the casualties on the stretchers, the enemy swept the area with small arms fire. One bullet wounded one of the men, and another shattered Sergeant Cox's helmet, knocking him to the ground. Although dazed by the blow, Sergeant Cox struggled to his feet and, seizing the handles of the stretcher, assisted his two remaining men in carrying one of the injured men through the intense small arms fire to safety. At great risk to his life, Sergeant Cox displayed remarkable personal courage and devotion to his fellow soldiers in saving the life of a comrade. His heroic acts, above and beyond the ordinary call of duty, are in keeping with the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Winfield, Louisiana.

II--BRONZE STAR MEDAL--By direction of the President, under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and pursuant to the authority contained in Paragraph 1a(1), Memorandum No. 34, Headquarters, Ninth United States Army, 8 September 1944, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following enlisted man:

Staff Sergeant Carl L. Dover (Army Serial Number 20739850), Infantry, Headquarters Company, 2d Battalion, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 26 and 27 November 1944. Entered military service from Russellville, Arkansas.

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Corporal John M. Moulton (Army Serial Number 39903944), Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, 385th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 30 November 1944. Entered military service from Heber City, Utah.

Technician Fifth Grade Andrew C. Olsen (Army Serial Number 37109122), Infantry, Headquarters Company, 2d Battalion, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 26 and 27 November 1944. Entered military service from Buffalo Center, Iowa.

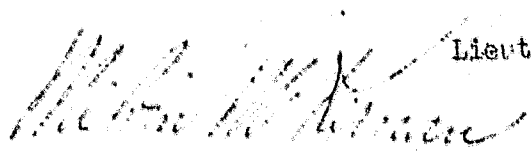
Private First Class Paul D. Bagby (Army Serial Number 35562476), Infantry, Headquarters Company, 2d Battalion, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 26 and 27 November 1944. Entered military service from Indianapolis, Indiana.

Private First Class Joseph J. Barzda (Army Serial Number 42104530), Infantry, Headquarters Company, 2d Battalion, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 26 and 27 November 1944. Entered military service from New Brunswick, New Jersey.

Private First Class Steve B. Castro (Army Serial Number 39689945), Infantry, Headquarters Company, 2d Battalion, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 26 and 27 November 1944. Entered military service from Bakersfield, California.

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Lieutenant Colonel THOMAS F. NEILSON (Army Serial Number 0291775), Infantry, Headquarters, 2d Battalion, 13th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in Germany on 27 November 1944. On 27 November 1944 elements of Colonel Mallach's battalion came under artillery and small arms fire while entering a town. Colonel Mallach courageously, at great risk to his life, went forward under enemy fire to direct the reorganizing of the town and displacement of troops on the line of departure. While under intense mortar, artillery, and sniper fire, he made a reconnaissance of the positions his battalion was to occupy. Returning to the battalion command post, he directed the movement of the remainder of the battalion forward and personally led the assault of a rifle company on a position he had previously reconnoitered. Contact with one of the companies was lost when the enemy laid down a terrific artillery barrage, but Colonel Mallach fearlessly exposed himself again and again to assure himself that his men and equipment were under cover. Radio contact was established with a rifle company of another battalion at the height of an artillery barrage, and Colonel Mallach, realizing that these troops were in flat, open fields, courageously stood in the intense fire and issued calm, clear orders to the company commander instructing him in the best method of advancing his troops. It was while issuing these orders that Colonel Neilson was fatally wounded. His gallant actions in placing his troops to insure their safety and tactical superiority resulted in the loss of his life. His audacity and exemplary bravery demonstrated a spirit of unselfishness worthy of emulation and set an inspiring example to the men of his unit. His actions were in keeping with the finest traditions of the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Spokane, Washington. Next of Kin: Jeanne W. Neilson, East 1111 19th Avenue, Spokane, Washington.

II--SILVER STAR MEDAL--Awards--By direction of the President, under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and pursuant to the authority contained in Paragraph 1a(1), Memorandum No. 34, Headquarters, Ninth United States Army, 8 September 1944, the Silver Star Medal is awarded to the following officer and enlisted men:

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First Lieutenant RICHARD A. AUBREY (then Second Lieutenant) (Army Serial Number 057088), Infantry, Company H, 41st Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in Germany on 5 December 1944. On the morning of 5 December 1944 the enemy launched a counter attack on the town occupied by Lieutenant Aubrey's platoon and another company. One enemy tank, with infantrymen riding on top and moving forward on each side, moved up the main road into the town. Apparently sighting activity around a cellar used as a command post by Lieutenant Aubrey and a company commander, the tank began firing at the doorway from a range of about 150 yards. The company commander was mortally wounded and partly buried under bricks. After pulling him from the debris and administering first aid while under the continued shelling of the tank, Lieutenant Aubrey, at great risk to his life and while under heavy fire, moved to a position where he took command of the company and reorganized its defense in conjunction with that of his platoon. In order to effectively control the company, it was necessary for Lieutenant Aubrey to repeatedly expose himself to heavy small arms fire to direct his men and encourage them in their task. The defenses set up by Lieutenant Aubrey repulsed the enemy attack with the minimum of loss to the company. His courage, ingenuity, and superior leadership were in keeping with the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States and reflected the highest credit on Lieutenant Aubrey and the military service. Entered military service from Norwich, Connecticut.

First Sergeant Leonard E. Brunner (Army Serial Number 37040883), Infantry, Company H, 41st Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in Germany on 12 December 1944. His company, to which Sergeant Brunner was assigned, attacked an enemy strong hold across 1200 yards of open terrain. Subjected to intense artillery, mortar, and small arms fire, the company advanced until it encountered a mine field, which forced the men to disperse and seek cover. Sergeant Brunner, who was following in the rear with his headquarters group, went forward to survey the situation. Discovering a casualty lying in a ditch within the mine area, Sergeant Brunner, courageously and at great risk to his life, left his covered position and moved toward the injured man, alternately advancing and seeking cover from the merciless enemy fire until he reached the side of the mine field. After administering first aid, he determined that the man could not be moved and moved back to the line of departure to procure assistance in evacuating the man. Finding that all litter squads were employed, Sergeant Brunner then used a stretcher, and with another soldier he returned through the mine field to the aid station. As the two men placed the casualty on the stretcher, a second man who was walking back to the aid station stepped on a mine. Finding that the second casualty was more seriously wounded than the first, Sergeant Brunner returned the first casualty to the cover of the ditch and boldly moved back to the mine field to the second man and administered first aid. With the help of the evacuation team, he carried the injured soldier out of the mine area and across 500 yards of open terrain under heavy fire to the aid station. Arriving at the aid station Sergeant Brunner arranged for the evacuation of the other man and returned to lead his platoon to the objective. His display of courage, disregard for personal safety, and unflinching devotion to his fellow soldiers were in keeping with the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States and reflected the highest credit on Sergeant Brunner and the military service. Entered military service from Lowmert, Iowa.

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Private First Class Howard G. Taylor (then Private) (Army Serial Number 36477734), Infantry, Company F, 413th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in Germany on 2 December 1944. On the early morning of 2 December 1944 an infantry company, supported by the heavy weapons platoon to which Private Taylor was assigned, moved into a town under cover of darkness. When morning came the enemy, whose exact position had been unknown, attacked, and the company and supporting elements found themselves surrounded by small groups of enemy infantry which had infiltrated during the night. Private Taylor's platoon was subjected to an intense artillery and mortar barrage followed by fire from automatic weapons to its rear by the enemy covering a counter attack. Private Taylor realizing the situation, attempted to turn his machine gun around to meet the attack, but this proved impossible as he could not move the gun to an alternate position. Courageously and on his own initiative, Private Taylor crawled from his covered position in the face of the heavy enemy fire, grasped the heavy machine gun in his arms, stood up in a completely exposed position, and poured devastating fire on the advancing enemy. His cool head and the effect of the fire which he placed on them completely immobilized the enemy and caused them to withdraw, thus enabling the platoon to continue holding its own support fire as necessary for the success of the rifle companies in the heavy combat of their mission. The audacity and bravery with which Private Taylor performed his self-sacrificed mission was an inspiration to his comrades and reflects the highest credit on himself and the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Elmhurst, Illinois.

III--BRONZE STAR MEDAL--Award--By direction of the President, under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and pursuant to the authority contained in Paragraph 1(1), Memorandum No. 34, Headquarters, Ninth United States Army, 8 September 1944, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following officer and enlisted man:

First Lieutenant SETH D. BETHUNE (Army Serial Number 61299108), Infantry, Service Company, 417th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 29 and 30 November 1944. Entered military service from Pease, Idaho.

Staff Sergeant Marcell F. Sowis (Army Serial Number 36709884), Infantry, Company C, 418th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany from 30 November to 2 December 1944. Entered military service from Kankakee, Illinois.

Private First Class Thomas L. Harlan (Army Serial Number 34396145), Infantry, Company F, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 25 November 1944. Entered military service from Florence, Alabama.

Private First Class Robert M. Bruns (Army Serial Number 12110817), Infantry, Company F, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 17 December 1944. Entered military service from Brooklyn, New York.

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IV--PURPLE HEART--Awards--By direction of the President, under the provisions of AR 15-75, 20 September 1943, as amended, the Purple Heart is awarded to the following enlisted men:

Technician Fifth Grade Frank S. Fabianski (Army Serial Number 16143504), Signal Corps, 104th Signal Company, United States Army, for wounds received as a result of enemy action in Germany on 20 January 1945. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

Private Don G. Thurston (Army Serial Number 19153042), Infantry, Headquarters, 104th Infantry Division, United States Army, for wounds received as a result of enemy action in Germany on 10 January 1945. Entered military service from Tulsa, Okla.

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First Lieutenant WILLIAM S. DIRKER (Army Serial Number O464357), Field Artillery, Battery I, 285th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for gallantry in action in Holland from 3 to 5 November 1944. Lieutenant Dirker, forward observer for a field artillery battery, crossed a river with the first assault group and advanced 1000 yards into enemy-held territory on the night of 3 November 1944. No resistance was met, but the following morning the infantry unit was subjected to direct fire from enemy tanks. Lieutenant Dirker, courageously and at great risk to his life, directed fire on the tanks, which caused them to "button up" and cease firing, and when, after advancing further, the infantry units were subjected to an intense artillery and mortar barrage, he again placed covering fire on the enemy from an exposed position. Many of the company officers became casualties, and Lieutenant Dirker assisted in reorganizing the company enabling it to continue its mission. Advancing with the forward elements, he was forced to carry his radio across difficult terrain, while encouraging and leading elements of the infantry who were without officers and at the same time giving effective artillery support to the advance. Fire from enemy tanks again plumed the company to the ground. Exposing himself to direct observation and fire, he directed fire on the tanks, which forced them to withdraw making it possible for the infantry to advance and reach its objective. Lieutenant Dirker's fearless bravery and exemplary leadership were an inspiration to his men and were in keeping with the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Portland, Oregon.

II--PRIZE STAR MEDAL--Posthumous Award--By direction of the President, under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and pursuant to the authority contained in Paragraph 1a(1), Memorandum No. 34, Headquarters, Ninth United States Army, 8 September 1944, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded, posthumously, to the following officer:

Second Lieutenant GREGORY F. DAHMANN (Army Serial Number O1825400), Field Artillery, Company A, 603d Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on

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11 November 1944. On the afternoon of 11 November 1944 the company to which Lieutenant Daalman was assigned as executive officer was ordered into indirect fire positions to support a field artillery battalion. After completing his survey and setting up the fire direction center, Lieutenant Daalman found that the gun crew of the company was having trouble laying its gun on the target. He immediately moved forward to relay the setting for the gun, and while he was so occupied, a heavy concentration of enemy 88mm fire was directed on the gun positions. With complete disregard for his personal safety, he moved from the center gun to complete the laying of the platoon, and while attempting to align a sight which had become defective, he was mortally wounded by a shell burst above his head. His courage, integrity, and devotion to duty reflect the highest credit on Lieutenant Daalman and the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service with Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Next of kin: Mrs Fred Daalman, 3420 South New York Avenue, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

III--BRONZE STAR MEDAL--Awarded by direction of the President, under the provisions of Act 600-44, 27 September 1943, as amended, and pursuant to the authority contained in Paragraph 1a(1), Memorandum No. 34, Headquarters, Ninth United States Army, 8 September 1944, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following officer and enlisted man:

Colonel WILGORE P. WALTER (Army Serial Number C5429), Infantry, Headquarters, 41st Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Holland on 1 November 1944. Entered military service from Mitchell, South Dakota.

Sergeant Paul P. Mennella (Army Serial Number 34078706), Infantry, Company B, 74th Tank Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 6 December 1944. Entered military service from Cospo, Louisiana.

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I--SILVER STAR MEDAL--By direction of the President, under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and pursuant to the authority contained in Paragraph 1a(1), Memorandum No. 34, Headquarters, Ninth United States Army, 8 September 1944, the Silver Star Medal is awarded to the following enlisted man:

Staff Sergeant Grant J. Andrews (then Sergeant)(Army Serial Number 32612679), Infantry, Company I, 41st Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in Germany on 1 December 1944. The company to which Sergeant Andrews was assigned occupied buildings on the bank of a river and was being subjected to an artillery barrage from the enemy located in buildings on high ground on the opposite bank. At this time a bomb dropped from a plane and hit the building next to the one occupied by Sergeant Andrews. Though momentarily shocked by the blow, Sergeant Andrews bolted out the door and crossed the open space between the houses, under an intense artillery barrage, and immediately began digging in the ruins to free two men who were buried in the debris. His courageous act inspired others to brave the intense enemy fire. Sergeant Andrews, despite the increasingly heavy artillery fire, worked feverishly and at the same time directed the other men in freeing the trapped men. He refused to leave the spot until he was absolutely certain that all men who had survived the explosion were removed from the ruins of the building. His exemplary courage and fearless devotion to his comrades undoubtedly saved the lives of the injured men, were in keeping with the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States, and reflected the highest credit on Sergeant Andrews and the military service. Entered military service from South Ozone Park, New York.

II--BRONZE STAR MEDAL--By direction of the President, under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and pursuant to the authority contained in Paragraph 1a(1), Memorandum No. 34, Headquarters, Ninth United States Army, 8 September 1944, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following officer and enlisted men:

First Lieutenant RALPH FLOREA (Army Serial Number 01822787), Field Artillery, Company B, 692d Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 18 November 1944. Entered military service from New York City, New York.

Sergeant Alpha G. McDonald (Army Serial Number 35025714), Field Artillery, Company B, 692d Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 18 November 1944. Entered military service from Navarro, Ohio.

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Technician Fourth Grade Charles P. Collier (Army Serial Number 35440475), Infantry, Company B, 750th Tank Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 4 December 1944. Entered military service from Huntington, West Virginia.

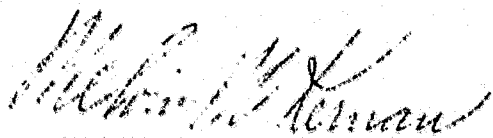
Corporal Andrew Chubinsky (Army Serial Number 32737678), Field Artillery, Company B, 692d Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 18 November 1944. Entered military service from Eadicott, New York.

III--PURPLE HEART--By direction of the President, under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Purple Heart is awarded to the following enlisted men:

Private First Class Paul E. Harenstein (then Private) (Army Serial Number 37326204), Infantry, Company L, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for wounds received as a result of enemy action in Germany on 18 January 1945. Entered military service from St. Paul, Minnesota.

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I--SILVER STAR MEDAL--By direction of the President, under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and pursuant to the authority contained in Paragraph 1a(1), Memorandum No. 34, Headquarters, Ninth United States Army, 8 September 1944, the Silver Star Medal is awarded to the following officer:

First Lieutenant ARTHUR A. ULMER (Army Serial Number G1185419), Field Artillery, Battery A, 929th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for gallantry in action in Germany on 3 and 4 December 1944. At the height of the battle Lieutenant Ulmer became separated from the infantry and his forward observer party, but he aggressively pushed forward under constant harassing fire of all types to an unsupported, advanced position held by a small group of infantry, establishing an observation post in the building they occupied. From this position he directed and adjusted artillery fire on enemy positions close by for approximately 24 hours while his position was subjected to an intense barrage of artillery, mortar, and small arms fire and was completely surrounded and cut off from friendly forces. Lieutenant Ulmer and his men sought cover in a cellar, and from that point he called for time fire on his own position, which effectively pinned the enemy to the ground and prevented capture or annihilation of the group. When capture was inevitable, Lieutenant Ulmer hid his maps, denying any information to the enemy; and in the ensuing confusion of the attempted capture, he managed to elude his captors and make his way to friendly troops. Using an infantry radio he continued to direct artillery fire, which effectively pinned the enemy to the ground, preventing their escape or the evacuation of their prisoners until the infantry, thus effectively supported in their "mopping up" process, captured the enemy and freed their prisoners. The personal bravery, intrepid leadership, and indomitable courage displayed by this officer contributed materially to the successful accomplishment of the mission and were in keeping with the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Eugene, Oregon.

II--MERITORIOUS SERVICE UNIT PLAQUE--Under the provisions of Section I, Circular 345, War Department, 23 August 1944, as amended, the Meritorious Service Unit Plaque is awarded to the following unit:

Military Police Platoon, 104th Infantry Division, for superior performance of duty in the performance of exceptionally difficult tasks, and for achievement and maintenance of a high standard of discipline in France, Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 7 September 1944 to 15 January 1945. The Military Police Platoon landed with the Division directly in France 7 September 1944. The Division was bivouaced in an entirely new and hitherto unused staging area. This situation

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presented a difficult problem of coordination and routing of traffic on the narrow roads serving the area. The platoon accomplished its mission in a superior manner, effectively coordinating its efforts with the military police battalion service in the Gerbourg area. The platoon effectively coordinated the 405-mile move of the Division to the combat area, and during the period from 23 October to 6 November 1944 it worked in close cooperation with members of the Army to which the Division was attached solving traffic problems. On several occasions members of the platoon directed traffic under heavy enemy artillery and mortar fire at points where traffic jams would have resulted in costly delays and loss of life. The platoon again effectively handled all problems in connection with the Division's move from Holland to Germany, and during the period from 17 to 26 December 1944, when the enemy penetrated American lines, they handled the intricate problem of coordination and control of the movement of numerous vehicles through the Division area in a manner that contributed materially to the success of the Allied efforts to stem the tide of the enemy counter attack. As a result of this outstanding performance of an exceptionally difficult task, there was not a single instance of a traffic delay or accident, and their own Division traffic continued to operate on schedule. The Military Police Platoon, 104th Infantry Division, performed its mission in a superior manner, and its high standard of military courtesy and discipline is exemplified by its record during the period of no disciplinary action of any sort, no unauthorized loss of time, no court-martials, and no cases of venereal disease of any type. The appearance of personnel, installations, and equipment and the enthusiastic execution of orders have been superior throughout the entire period and reflect a distinct credit upon the armed forces.

III--Bronze Star Medal--By direction of the President, under the provisions of AR 600-45, 23 September 1943, as amended, and pursuant to the authority contained in Paragraph 1a(1), Memorandum No. 34, Headquarters, Ninth United States Army, 2 September 1944, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following officers and enlisted men:

1. Captain HOWARD H. HAMILTON (Army Serial Number 0319255), Infantry, Headquarters Company, 2d Battalion, 438th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Holland on 27 October 1944. Entered military service from Minneapolis, Minnesota.

2. First Lieutenant EDWARD B. HIGBY (Army Serial Number C351366), Infantry, Headquarters Company, 2d Battalion, 418th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Holland on 25 and 26 October 1944. Entered military service from Council Bluffs, Iowa.

3. Second Lieutenant ALBERT E. WALKFIELD (then First Sergeant) (Army Serial Number C198736), Infantry, Company L, 418th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Holland and Germany from 20 October to 4 December 1944. Entered military service from Stone Lake, Wisconsin.

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4. Technical Sergeant Dwight K. Williams (then Staff Sergeant) (Army Serial Number 9957499), Infantry, Company L, 418th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 24 November 1944. Entered military service from Anaheim, California.

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Technical Sergeant William Yakus (Army Serial Number 6139889), Infantry, Anti-Tank Company, 413th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 5 January 1945. Entered military service from Lawrence, Massachusetts.

Staff Sergeant Wesley M. Ormrod (Army Serial Number 33384176), Infantry, Headquarters Company, 2d Battalion, 413th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Germany from 27 to 29 November 1944. Entered military service from Baltimore, Maryland. *only*

Sergeant Robert E. Crane (Army Serial Number 16152922), Infantry, Company L, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 5 December 1944. Entered military service from Cjibwa, Wisconsin.

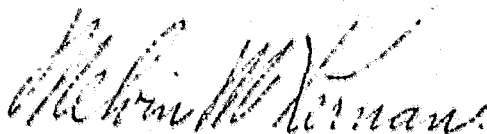
Sergeant Norman H. Filbert, Jr. (Army Serial Number 37486794), Infantry, Company F, 413th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 15 January 1945. Entered military service from Council Bluffs, Iowa.

Private First Class Bernard A. Brower (then Private) (Army Serial Number 3388426), Infantry, Company L, 414th Infantry, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 5 December 1944. Entered military service from Washington, D. C.

Private First Class Jerry C. Fesperman (Army Serial Number 34438049), Infantry, headquarters Company, 2d Battalion, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 27 November 1944. Entered military service from Gibsonville, North Carolina.

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Private First Class Lealand R. Hughes (Army Serial Number 39324362), Infantry, Company C, 413th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in Holland on 4 November 1944. On the night of 4 November 1944 the company to which Private Hughes was assigned launched a successful night attack on the regimental objective. For security measures it was planned to organize on a forward slope of a broad dike after the objective had fallen, but when the troops occupied their positions, indistinct sounds revealed enemy troops still in position some 100 yards in front of the dike. Quickly realizing the situation and the need for some definite information of the enemy, Private Hughes, at great risk to his life and completely on his own initiative, made his way forward with the mission of capturing a prisoner. After reaching the enemy lines Private Hughes came upon an enemy soldier, overpowered him in hand-to-hand combat, and forced his captive to march to friendly lines. Just before reaching the safety of his own lines Private Hughes was mortally wounded by enemy rifle fire. The superb valor and initiative displayed by Private Hughes exemplify the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States and reflect great credit upon this soldier. Entered military service from Portland, Oregon. Next of kin: Esther V. Hughes, 585 29th Street, Oakland, California.

II--MERITORIOUS SERVICE UNIT PLAQUE--Award--Under the provisions of Section I, Circular No. 345, War Department, 23 August 1944, as amended, the Meritorious Service Unit Plaque is awarded to the following unit:

Service Company, 413th Infantry Regiment, for superior performance of duty in the performance of exceptionally difficult tasks and for achievement and maintenance of a high standard of discipline in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 23 October to 31 December 1944. On 23 October 1944 the 413th Infantry Regiment entered combat in the Belgium-Holland area. The supply problems of the unit, which was engaged tactically with an Allied Army and supplied by an American Army supply point 60 miles away, were handled in a superior manner by personnel of the Service Company, which assured continuous service of needed supplies to front line units. When it became evident that replacement and turn-in of salvaged weapons for repair resulted in delays which seriously affected combat efficiency, an ingenious system for repair, cleaning, and redistribution of ordnance equipment was devised. The work of the company saved hundreds of ordnance

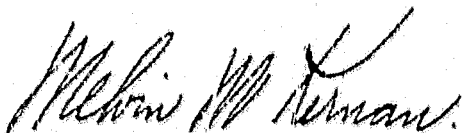
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items and placed them in the hands of the fighting men. Items that were vitally needed in the carrying out of the offensive were delivered to the units with a minimum of delay from the weapons recovered and repaired by the company. All reinforcements were processed through the Service Company, and prior to their assignment within the regiment they were fed a hot meal, checked for completeness of equipment, and issued necessary items. This procedure was a vital morale factor and relieved combat units of the additional administrative duties. A close supervision of vehicle maintenance insured maximum service from vehicles and the handling of personal effects of casualties was carried out in a superior manner. By close supervision, foresight, and prior planning the supplies of ammunition and rations were adequate to meet the requirements of the combat troops at all times. Battlefield recovery of clothing and equipment insured the replacement of items which might otherwise have been short due to non-availability. Service Company, 413th Infantry Regiment, performed its mission in a superior manner, and its high standard of military courtesy and discipline is exemplified by its record during the period of no disciplinary action, no courts-martials, and no cases of venereal disease of any type. The appearance of personnel, installations, and equipment and the enthusiastic execution of orders have been superior throughout the entire period and reflect a distinct credit upon the armed forces.

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I--SILVER STAR MEDAL--Posthumous Awards--By direction of the President, under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and pursuant to the authority contained in Paragraph 1a(1), Memorandum No. 34, Headquarters, Ninth United States Army, 8 September 1944, the Silver Star Medal is awarded, posthumously, to the following enlisted men:

Staff Sergeant Casimer E. Warszawski (Army Serial Number 35348561), Infantry, Company C, 413th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in Holland on 4 November 1944. Sergeant Warszawski, a squad leader, was preparing positions for the security of a large dike which had just been seized from the enemy when his squad was subjected to an enemy counter attack. The enemy, armed with automatic weapons, had gained the element of surprise by over-running the squad's outposts in the darkness and rain. Courageously and at great risk to his life, he moved to the front of the squad position and led the defense, skillfully placing his men and employing his automatic rifle team as a base of fire. Realizing that the counter attack could not be halted at that point because of the superiority of the enemy in men and fire-power, Sergeant Warszawski ordered his men to withdraw in pairs, placed himself in a firing position to cover the withdrawal and engaged the enemy single-handedly. After a courageous fight in which he killed 15 of the enemy, Sergeant Warszawski was encircled and killed, but his heroic sacrifice enabled the rest of his squad to withdraw to new defensive positions and, combined with the balance of the platoon, repel the counter attack without further loss. His valorous leadership and devotion to his comrades for whom he sacrificed his life were in keeping with the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States and reflected the greatest credit on Sergeant Warszawski and the military service. Entered military service from Toledo, Ohio. Next of kin: Pauline O. Warszawski, 130 Bronson Avenue, Toledo, Ohio.

Private First Class William H. Sieber (Army Serial Number 33570401), Infantry, Company E, 413th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in Germany on 28 November 1944. In the assault on a strongly defended enemy town the platoon to which Private Sieber was assigned occupied a trench running parallel to, and 100 yards from, the outskirts of the town. On the extreme right corner of the town facing the trench was an archway, on either side of which were two enemy machine gun emplacements which were pouring devastating fire on the advancing company. All attempts to eliminate the guns with mortar and artillery fire had failed, and it was determined that it could only be overcome by direct assault. An intense enemy artillery and mortar barrage covered the entire area at the time, and the assault was exceedingly difficult. Voluntarily and at great risk to his

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life, Private Sieber led his men over the side of the trench and began crawling toward the enemy machine gun emplacements. After proceeding about 15 yards, he saw that the guns would have to be rushed, as they were lowering their fire with every burst. Courageously he rose to his feet calling to his men to follow, but before he was able to take a step he was killed. His courageous action, far above and beyond the ordinary call of duty, were in keeping with the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States and reflected the greatest credit on Private Sieber and the military service. Entered military service from Lewisstown, Pennsylvania. Next of kin: Catherine DePugh Sieber, Box 211, Lewisstown, Pennsylvania.

II--SILVER STAR MEDAL--Award--By direction of the President, under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and pursuant to the authority contained in Paragraph 1a(1), Memorandum No. 34, Headquarters, Ninth United States Army, 8 September 1944, the Silver Star Medal is awarded to the following officer:

First Lieutenant VINCENT P. CURRY (Army Serial Number 01297847), Infantry, Company E, 413th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in Germany on 28 November 1944. In the assault on a strongly defended enemy town Lieutenant Curry led his platoon into a trench running parallel to, and 100 yards from, the outskirts of the town. On the extreme right corner of the town facing the trench was an archway, on either side of which were two enemy machine gun emplacements which were pouring devastating fire on the advancing company. All attempts to eliminate the guns with mortar and artillery fire had failed, and an assault squad from the platoon had been forced to withdraw when the leader was killed. Working his way along the trench, Lieutenant Curry discovered a point where the ground dipped to form a gutter. Leading an assault squad of eight men, he went over the side of the trench and, after crawling the length of the dip; leaped to his feet and led the charge upon the archway. The audacity and daring of the attack caught the crews of the machine guns completely by surprise, and they were quickly overpowered. Five prisoners were taken and one enemy soldier killed. This action gave the company a foothold in the town, and, led by Lieutenant Curry's platoon, the company captured the town with the minimum loss of life. His singular bravery and courageous leadership were an inspiration to his men and reflected the highest credit on Lieutenant Curry and the military service. Entered military service from Butte, Montana.

III--BRONZE STAR MEDAL--Awards--By direction of the President, under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and pursuant to the authority contained in Paragraph 1a(1), Memorandum No. 34, Headquarters, Ninth United States Army, 8 September 1944, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following officers and enlisted men:

Major RICHARD A. BUSH (Army Serial Number 0357888), Infantry, Service Company, 413th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 24 October 1944 to 24 January 1945. Entered military service from Quincy, Illinois.

Captain HARRY T. BUTLER (Army Serial Number 0517812), Medical Corps, Company B, 329th Medical Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 6 January 1945. Entered military service from Portland, Oregon.

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Captain JULIUS M. MEYER (Army Serial Number 0443330), Medical Corps, Company B, 329th Medical Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 6 January 1945. Entered military service from New Orleans, Louisiana.

First Lieutenant ROLIN L. CARGILL, JR. (Army Serial Number 01324945), Infantry, Headquarters Company, 2d Battalion, 413th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in Belgium on 25 October 1944. Entered military service from Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

First Lieutenant ROY E. WELBOURN (Army Serial Number 01821795), Infantry, Company A, 692d Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany from 30 November to 4 December 1944. Entered military service from Ventura, California.

Staff Sergeant Phillip Wilinsky (Army Serial Number 32614264), Infantry, Company B, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 10 December 1944. Entered military service from Brooklyn, New York.

Corporal Harold P. Sitzer (Army Serial Number 33258207), Field Artillery, Battery A, 386th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in Holland from 25 to 28 October 1944. Entered military service from Altoona, Pennsylvania.

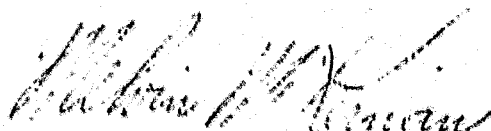
Technician Fifth Grade Henry P. Dockery (then Private First Class) (Army Serial Number 33216520), Medical Department, Company B, 329th Medical Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 6 January 1945. Entered military service from Salem, Virginia.

Private First Class Linwood M. Barrow (Army Serial Number 33517952), Field Artillery, Battery A, 386th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 10 December 1944. Entered military service from Norfolk, Virginia.

Private First Class Harry Sanders (Army Serial Number 36709608), Infantry, Company I, 413th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in Germany from 10 to 16 November 1944. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

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I--SILVER STAR MEDAL--Posthumous Award--By direction of the President, under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and pursuant to the authority contained in Paragraph 1a(1), Memorandum No. 34, Headquarters, Ninth United States Army, 8 September 1944, the Silver Star Medal is awarded, posthumously, to the following enlisted man:

Sergeant Alexander L. Graves (Army Serial Number 37511595), Infantry, Company F, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in Germany on 6 January 1945. On 6 January 1945 the company to which Sergeant Graves was assigned occupied a holding position near a river. While on a routine reconnaissance, a patrol heard the cries of a wounded man and, upon investigation, discovered a seriously wounded man lying in the middle of a 40-yard-wide clearing, which was obviously heavily mined. Questioning of the still conscious casualty revealed that the whole area was heavily mined. Courageously and despite the protest of his comrades, Sergeant Graves left the edge of the woods and advanced across the clearing. After he had traversed about ten yards, he stepped on a mine which seriously wounded him in the foot, but determined to complete his self-assigned mission of mercy, he continued to crawl toward the wounded man. After dragging himself an additional three yards, he detonated a second mine which killed him instantly. Sergeant Graves gave his life in an attempt to aid a wounded comrade. His heroic action, above and beyond the ordinary call of duty, reflects the highest credit on Sergeant Graves and the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Mandota, Missouri. Next of kin: Mrs. Dolia Graves, Mandota, Missouri.

II--SILVER STAR MEDAL--Award--By direction of the President, under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and pursuant to the authority contained in Paragraph 1a(1), Memorandum No. 34, Headquarters, Ninth United States Army, 8 September 1944, the Silver Star Medal is awarded to the following officer:

Captain HARRY J. REPMAN (Army Serial Number 0214536), Medical Corps, Medical Detachment, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in Germany on 18 November 1944. In their attack on enemy emplacements an infantry company met stubborn resistance and heavy fire from an enemy entrenched in well concealed positions on the edge of a woods and heavy artillery fire directed from observation posts on the surrounding high ground. Heavy casualties were suffered by the company, and when all movement of wounded from the forward area ceased,

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Captain Repman, battalion surgeon, realizing that complications would develop and loss of life would result from delayed evacuation, turned his aid station over to his assistant and advanced toward the position of the assault units. With utter fearlessness he moved 500 yards through intense enemy fire, and upon arriving at the company command post less than 100 yards from the most forward elements, he established a temporary aid station in a small clearing in a wooded area. Disregarding the flying shrapnel and deadly "tree-bursts", he remained at his self-assigned post treating the wounded. When a route of evacuation was made available by the advance of adjacent units, he organized litter-bearer squads and instructed them in the proper route of evacuation. For five hours Captain Repman voluntarily exposed himself to the intense enemy fire, treating a constant stream of wounded soldiers and shuttling them to the rear with his litter teams. Captain Repman's great personal courage, complete disregard for personal safety, and unwavering devotion to his fellow soldiers were in keeping with the highest traditions of the American medical officer in his mission of mercy. Entered military service from Charleroy, Pennsylvania.

III--SOLDIER'S MEDAL--Award-- By direction of the President, under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and pursuant to the authority contained in paragraph 1a(1), Memorandum No. 34, Headquarters, Ninth United States Army, 8 September 1944, the Soldier's Medal is awarded to the following enlisted man:

Private First Class Shirrel D. Tullos (Army Serial Number 38373318), Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, 929th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for heroism not involving actual conflict with the enemy in Germany on 6 January 1945. On the afternoon of 6 January 1945 Private Tullos was in a small room with a switchboard operator and a sergeant when a blow torch, which was being used in the room, suddenly exploded and engulfed the room in flame and smoke. The switchboard operator was blinded by the smoke, and the sergeant suffered serious burns. Realizing that the man would never get out of the room alone, Private Tullos, although suffering from the effects of the explosion and the resulting smoke, moved each man to the only exit and, after carrying one man to safety, returned to the flame filled room and carried the other man to safety also. Seeing that the sergeant was suffering from serious burns, he placed him in a 1/4-ton truck and drove him to the battalion aid station. It was later determined that the man was suffering from first degree burns and that Private Tullos' quick, decisive action undoubtedly saved his life. His bravery, devotion to his comrades, and complete disregard for personal safety were in keeping with the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Varnado, Louisiana.

IV--BRONZE STAR MEDAL--Awards--By direction of the President, under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and pursuant to the authority contained in Paragraph 1a(1), Memorandum No. 34, Headquarters, Ninth United States Army, 8 September 1944, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following officers and enlisted men:

First Lieutenant ANCS D. BARTZ (Army Serial Number 01171451), Field Artillery, Battery A, 486th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 26 November 1944. Entered military service from Kramer, North Dakota.

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First Lieutenant CLIFFORD C. PRUETT (Army Serial Number 01824505), Infantry, Company A, 692d Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany from 30 November to 4 December 1944. Entered military service from Columbus, Georgia.

Sergeant Bernard J. Reynolds (Army Serial Number 39458119), Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, 929th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Holland and Germany from 25 October to 16 December 1944. Entered military service from Dover, Idaho.

Sergeant George E. Sutherland (Army Serial Number 35425417), Field Artillery, Company G, 692d Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 13 December 1944. Entered military service from Williamson, West Virginia.

Corporal Bill M. Lea (then Private First Class) (Army Serial Number 3217733), Infantry, Cannon Company, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 4 December 1944. Entered military service from Tacoma, Washington.

Corporal Everette F. Roller (Army Serial Number 34520508), Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, 929th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Holland and Germany from 25 October to 16 December 1944. Entered military service from McMinnville, Tennessee.

Technician Fifth Grade Joseph E. Lilands (Army Serial Number 33258264), Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, 929th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Holland and Germany from 25 October to 16 December 1944. Entered military service from Conemaugh, Pennsylvania.

Private First Class Ernest A. Erbas (Army Serial Number 39337687), Infantry, Cannon Company, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 4 December 1944. Entered military service from Portland, Oregon.

Private First Class Charles M. Lane (Army Serial Number 20142370), Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, 929th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Holland and Germany from 25 October to 16 December 1944. Entered military service from New Market, New Hampshire.

Private First Class John A. Wressell (Army serial Number 36845062), Infantry, Cannon Company, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 4 December 1944. Entered military service from Saginaw, Michigan.

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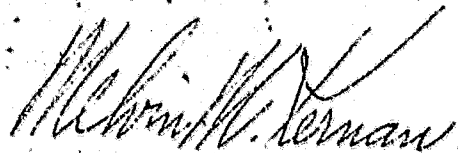
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I--SILVER STAR MEDAL--By direction of the President, under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and pursuant to the authority contained in Paragraph 1a(1), Memorandum No. 34, Headquarters, Ninth United States Army, 8 September 1944, the Silver Star Medal is awarded to the following enlisted man:

Private First Class John W. Mahan (then Private) (Army Serial Number 38668925), Infantry, Company L, 413th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in Germany on 6 January 1945. Private Mahan was a member of a patrol which crossed a river with the mission of capturing an enemy soldier. As the men waded through the icy waters, they encountered frontal fire from enemy positions on the opposite bank. Despite the handicap of losing the element of surprise, the men continued across the river, through the enemy lines, and into a system of trenches where the platoon became involved in a fire-fight with the enemy. Private Mahan and another soldier saw two enemy soldiers escaping through a branch of the trench system and pursued them. The enemy, aware of the two men giving chase, threw two hand grenades, but the men courageously continued on, passing over the grenades before they exploded. Private Mahan and his companion jumped out of the trench in the face of intense fire from covering weapons and, after making a short cut around a bend in the trench, leaped on the fleeing enemy soldiers. After a hand-to-hand battle, they subdued one and killed the other. Firing the prearranged signal, the men returned to the platoon with their captive. The patrol was reorganized and made its way back across the river without loss to themselves. Private Mahan's audacity and exemplary bravery enabled the platoon to accomplish its mission and were in keeping with the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Calico Rock, Arkansas.

II--SOLDIER'S MEDAL--By direction of the President, under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and pursuant to the authority contained in Paragraph 1a(1), Memorandum No. 34, Headquarters, Ninth United States Army, 8 September 1944, the Soldier's Medal is awarded to the following enlisted man:

Technician Fifth Grade Walter P. Smith (Army Serial Number 34570865), Field Artillery, Battery C, 387th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for heroism not involving actual conflict with the enemy in Germany on 18 January 1945. As Technician Smith was preparing breakfast on the morning of 18 January 1945, a field range burst into flames. The fire spread immediately to the floor of the truck, and Technician Smith, at great risk to his life and in spite of the

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danger from the flames and poisonous fumes, seized a small fire extinguisher and began to battle the flames as another man ran to a nearby maintenance truck to obtain another extinguisher. Technician Smith courageously battled the fire until, exhausted by the fumes and heat, he collapsed on the floor of the truck. His heroic act saved much valuable property and much inconvenience to his battery, which was in front line action at the time. His courageous action, above and beyond the call of duty, was in keeping with the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Waycross, Georgia.

III--BRONZE STAR MEDAL--By direction of the President, under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and pursuant to the authority contained in Paragraph 1a(1), Memorandum No. 34, Headquarters, Ninth United States Army, 8 September 1944, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following officer and enlisted men:

Captain CHARLES J. GLOTZBACH (Army Serial Number C463805), Infantry, Company B, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 24 November 1944. Entered military service from Paxico, Kansas.

Staff Sergeant Hubert C. Clear (Army Serial Number 37238962), Infantry, Company C, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 10 December 1944. Entered military service from Leavenworth, Kansas.

Staff Sergeant Harold R. Mooney (Army Serial Number 37606052), Coast Artillery Corps, Battery D, 555th Anti-Aircraft Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 24 November 1944. Entered military service from St. Louis, Missouri.

Sergeant Donver Hollingsworth (Army Serial Number 34570790), Infantry, Service Company, 413th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 23 October to 1 December 1944. Entered military service from Statesboro, Georgia.

Sergeant Steve S. Selap (Army Serial Number 36710935), Infantry, Company C, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 11 December 1944. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

Private First Class James L. Carter (Army Serial Number 34477911), Infantry, Company A, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 2 January 1945. Entered military service from New Albany, Mississippi.

Private First Class Richard V. Krassow (Army Serial Number 36420129), Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 555th Anti-Aircraft Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 2 January 1945. Entered military service from Niles, Michigan.

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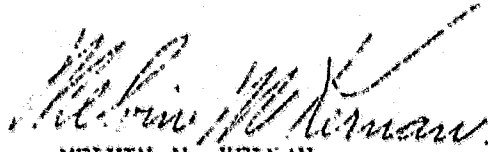
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Private Harold H. Kilthau (Army Serial Number 37701833), Coast Artillery Corps, Battery A, 555th Anti-Aircraft Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 6 December 1944. Entered military service from Denver, Colorado.

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I--SILVER STAR MEDAL--By direction of the President, under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and pursuant to the authority contained in Paragraph 1a(1), Memorandum No. 34, Headquarters, Ninth United States Army, 8 September 1944, the Silver Star Medal is awarded to the following officer and enlisted man:

Captain JOHN B. CHENOWETH (Army Serial Number 01289209), Infantry, Company H, 413th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in Holland on 2 November 1944. When the mortar platoon of his company was pinned to the ground by intense mortar and small arms fire, Captain Chenoweth, after surveying the situation, determined that unless the men were moved from their position they faced possible annihilation. Courageously and at great risk to his life, he advanced through the intense enemy fire to the position of the platoon, and once there it was necessary for him to move from man to man, exposing himself to the merciless enemy fire in order to orient the men and lead their advance. Shortly after he had moved his men, the enemy laid down an intense artillery barrage on the area, and his decisive action and courageous leadership undoubtedly saved the lives of many of his men. When the battalion "buttoned up" for the night, he personally visited each of his platoons to assure himself that accurate instructions reached them concerning their instructions in the expected counter attack. To accomplish his mission it was necessary for him to expose himself to enemy sniper fire and, in one instance, to eliminate an enemy soldier with a shot from his carbine. At dawn, Captain Chenoweth selected and organized an observation post, the operations of which contributed most effectively in the subsequent successful attack. His superb leadership, personal bravery, and extreme sense of responsibility to his men reflect the highest credit on Captain Chenoweth and the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Martins, West Virginia.

Private First Class Jesse W. Elmore (then Private) (Army Serial Number 3884807), Infantry, Company L, 413th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in Germany on 6 January 1945. Private Elmore was a member of a patrol which crossed a river with the mission of capturing an enemy soldier. As the men waded through the icy waters, they encountered frontal fire from enemy positions on the opposite bank. Despite the handicap of losing the element of surprise, the men continued across the river, through the enemy lines, and into a system of trenches where the platoon became involved in a fire-fight with the enemy. Private Elmore and another soldier saw two enemy soldiers escaping through a branch of the trench system and pursued them. The enemy, aware of the two men giving chase, threw two hand grenades, but the men courageously continued on,

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passing over the grenades before they exploded. Private Elmore and his companion jumped out of the trench in the face of intense fire from covering weapons and, after making a short cut around a bend in the trench, leaped on the fleeing enemy soldiers. After a hand-to-hand battle they subdued one enemy soldier and killed the other. Firing the prearranged signal the men returned to the platoon with their captive. The patrol was reorganized and made its way across the river without loss to themselves. Private Elmore's audacity and exemplary bravery enabled the platoon to accomplish its mission and were in keeping with the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from New Castle, Virginia.

II--BRONZE STAR MEDAL--By direction of the President, under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and pursuant to the authority contained in Paragraph 1a(1), Memorandum No. 34, Headquarters, Ninth United States Army, 8 September 1944, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following officers and enlisted men:

Major WILLIAM A. LIESER (Army Serial Number 0416714), Medical Corps, Medical Detachment, 415th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 25 October 1944 to 30 January 1945. Entered military service from Canton, Ohio.

Y Captain CHARLES H. ALLWANDER (Army Serial Number 01288579), Infantry, Headquarters Company, 415th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 25 October 1944 to 29 January 1945. Entered military service from Portland, Oregon.

Y Captain PAUL E. RADLINSKY (Army Serial Number 01289138), Infantry, Company A, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 23 October to 25 November 1944. Entered military service from Trenton, New Jersey.

X Captain JOHN G. SMITH, JR. (Army Serial Number 01289330), Infantry, Headquarters, 415th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Holland and Germany from 25 October 1944 to 24 January 1945. Entered military service from Statesboro, Georgia.

Staff Sergeant Robert D. Smith (Army Serial Number 33782915), Infantry, Company B, 415th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 11 December 1944. Entered military service from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Staff Sergeant Allen H. Wilson (Army Serial Number 35687874), Infantry, Headquarters Company, 31 Battalion, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 24 November 1944. Entered military service from Kingswood, Kentucky.

Sergeant Richard S. Stanfield (then Private First Class) (Army Serial Number 42848849), Infantry, Company K, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 16 November 1944. Entered military service from Cortland, New York.

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Private First Class Michael Furda (Army Serial Number 42140747), Infantry, Company B, 415th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 11 December 1944. Entered military service from Harrison, New Jersey.

III--AIR MEDAL--By direction of the President, under the provisions of AR 600-45, 2 September 1943, as amended, and pursuant to the authority contained in Paragraph 1a(1), Memorandum No. 34, Headquarters, Ninth United States Army, 8 September 1944, the Air Medal is awarded to the following officer:

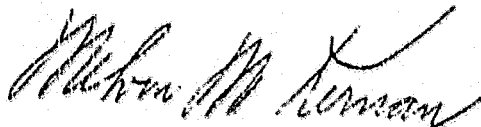
Captain KENNETH A. MORRIS (Army Serial Number 01176741), Field Artillery, Headquarters, 74th Division Artillery, United States Army, for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight as Field Artillery liaison pilot in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 24 October 1944 to 3 January 1945. Entered military service from Springdale, Arkansas.

IV--PURPLE HEART--By direction of the President, under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Purple Heart is awarded to the following enlisted man:

Technical Sergeant Earl Ridout (Army Serial Number 34478709), Infantry, Company F, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for wounds received as a result of enemy action in Germany on 20 January 1945. Entered military service from Meridian, Mississippi.

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I--SILVER STAR MEDAL--By direction of the President, under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and pursuant to the authority contained in Paragraph 4, Section I, Circular No. 66, Headquarters, First United States Army, 18 May 1944, the Silver Star Medal is awarded to the following officer:

First Lieutenant FRED R. WHITE (then Second Lieutenant) (Army Serial Number 0538130), Infantry, Company L, 413th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in Germany on 6 January 1945. Lieutenant White led his platoon across a river under cover of artillery fire with the mission of capturing an enemy soldier. As the men entered the water, frontal fire was encountered from enemy positions on the opposite bank. Fully realizing the disadvantage of losing the element of surprise, the men continued across the river, through the enemy lines, and into a system of trenches where the platoon became involved in a fire-fight with the enemy. Two of his men captured a prisoner after a pursuit through the trenches, and at the pre-arranged signal Lieutenant White speedily reorganized his patrol and called for artillery fire on his own position in order to stop the enemy who were organizing a pursuit. Skillfully maintaining a base of fire by leap-frogging small groups, Lieutenant White courageously led his men back across the river, having accomplished his mission without loss to his platoon. His bravery, intrepid leadership, and indomitable courage were in keeping with the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States and reflected the highest credit on this officer and the military service. Entered military service from Morgantown, West Virginia.

II--BRONZE STAR MEDAL--By direction of the President, under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and pursuant to the authority contained in Paragraph 4, Section I, Circular No. 66, Headquarters, First United States Army, 18 May 1944, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following enlisted men:

Staff Sergeant Paul B. Halstead (Army Serial Number 37325600), Corps of Engineers, Company B, 329th Engineer Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 26 November 1944. Entered military service from Brooten, Minnesota.

Staff Sergeant Bernard B. Marcus (then Private First Class) (Army Serial Number 15301853), Infantry, Company A, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 24 November 1944. Entered military service from Cincinnati, Ohio.

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Staff Sergeant Anthony J. Pontes (Army Serial Number 39033958), Infantry, Company C, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 11 December 1944. Entered military service from Oakland, California.

Private First Class Eugene Ferrat (Army Serial Number 39853207), Infantry, Company A, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 2 January 1945. Entered military service from Mesa, Arizona.

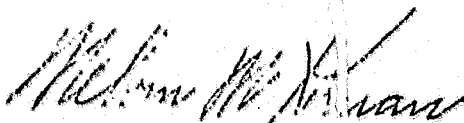
III--AIR MEDAL--By direction of the President, under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and pursuant to the authority contained in Paragraph 4, Section 1, Circular No. 66, Headquarters, First United States Army, 18 May 1944, the Air Medal is awarded to the following officer:

First Lieutenant Walter H. Peterson (Army Serial Number 01179570), Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, 300th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight as Field Artillery liaison pilot in Holland and Germany from 3 November to 26 December 1944. Entered military service from Clifton, Texas.

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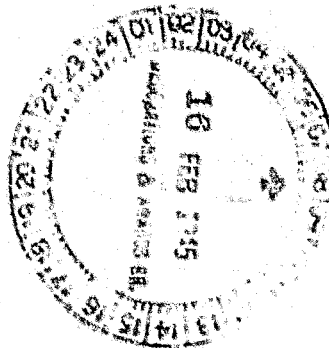
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I--SILVER STAR MEDAL--By direction of the President, under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and pursuant to the authority contained in Paragraph 4, Section I, Circular No. 66, Headquarters, First United States Army, 18 May 1944, the Silver Star Medal is awarded to the following enlisted men:

Staff Sergeant John L. Beatty (then Private) (Army Serial Number 39333732), Infantry, Company F, 413th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in Germany on 29 November 1944. The company to which Sergeant Beatty was assigned was attacking a stubborn enemy, defending from strongly entrenched positions on the outskirts of a town. For 24 hours the company had been fighting its way through a mass of trenches and barbed wire entanglements, and during the night the company commander decided to request tank support for his troops. Sergeant Beatty returned to the rear in order to guide the tanks forward. At daybreak the requested tanks started rolling into the area with Sergeant Beatty riding atop the lead tank despite small arms fire aimed at him. When the tanks reached the positions, Sergeant Beatty made his way across 300 yards of open terrain in the face of constant small arms and machine gun fire in order to join his company and report to his commanding officer. Before reaching the company Sergeant Beatty noticed that the tanks were not engaging the targets which were pinning down the company and causing casualties, so with total disregard for his life and completely on his own volition, he made his way back across the open field to the tanks. Reaching the tanks, he constantly exposed himself in crossing open terrain to designate correct targets and adjust the tank fire, thus relieving his besieged company of enemy fire. His tenacity of purpose and extreme sense of responsibility to duty exemplify the finest military traditions and reflect the highest credit on Sergeant Beatty and the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Portland, Oregon

II--SOLDIER'S MEDAL--By direction of the President, under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and pursuant to the authority contained in Paragraph 4, Section I, Circular No. 66, Headquarters, First United States Army, 18 May 1944, the Soldier's Medal is awarded to the following enlisted man:

Private Erwin G. Adelberg (Army Serial Number 31270615), Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, 104th Division Artillery, United States Army, for heroism not involving actual conflict with the enemy in Germany on 9 January 1945. On the afternoon of 9 January 1945 during an intense aerial bombing, Private Adelberg, a wireman on duty with his crew, was knocked to the ground by the concussion of a large bomb which dropped barely 10 yards from his position. After a few moments he regained his feet. Badly shaken but mentally alert, he noticed a 1/4-ton vehicle loaded with mortar shells burning. The fire and exploding shells were endangering

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a 2^{1/2}-ton vehicle in the immediate vicinity, which was loaded with gas cans and small arms ammunition. Immediately cognizant of the danger of an explosion which would destroy the truck and endanger his comrades, he ran forward a few yards at a time, alternately "hitting the dirt" and advancing toward the truck, despite the intense heat and flames all about him. With complete disregard for his personal safety he entered the truck and drove it to the shelter of some outlying buildings at the edge of the area. Directly due to his calmness, initiative, and personal courage, Private Adelberg saved the loss of an urgently needed vehicle and its contents from being destroyed and averted possible loss of life had the vehicle exploded. Entered military service from Malden, Massachusetts.

III--BRONZE STAR MEDAL--By direction of the President, under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and pursuant to the authority contained in Paragraph 4, Section I, Circular No. 66, Headquarters, First United States Army, 18 May 1944, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following officers:

Captain RAYMOND A. GARINO (Army Serial Number 0406001), Infantry, Company B, 415th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Holland and Germany from 1 November to 12 December 1944. Entered military service from Hackensack, New Jersey.

Captain JERRY S. HOOKER (then First Lieutenant) (Army Serial Number 0241465), Infantry, Company C, 415th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Holland and Germany from 31 October to 11 December 1944. Entered military service from Lebanon, Tennessee.

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I--SILVER STAR MEDAL--By direction of the President, under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and pursuant to the authority contained in Paragraph 4, Section I, Circular No. 66, Headquarters, First United States Army, 18 May 1944, the Silver Star Medal is awarded to the following enlisted men:

Staff Sergeant John Seifert (Army Serial Number 35673353), Infantry, Company L, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in Germany on 5 December 1944. The company to which Sergeant Seifert was assigned attacked a huge factory in the early morning hours, driving the enemy to prepared positions across the narrow street from the factory. After repelling several counter attacks the company consolidated its position, and the enemy immediately placed incessant concentrations of artillery and mortar fire on their positions. Despite the intense fire the company retained its position and prepared to meet the counter attack which would inevitably follow the barrage. As the enemy infantry moved out of their positions, Sergeant Seifert led his light machine gun squad to the threatened point and directed fire against the attacking forces. Then, with complete disregard for his personal safety, he moved to an exposed position and fired rifle grenades at the advancing enemy troops and forced them to withdraw. Exhausting his supply of grenades, he crawled back to the factory, seized an enemy anti-tank rocket launcher, moved through the devastating fire to his former position, and forced the enemy to abandon two machine gun emplacements with his accurate fire. As the enemy ran from their positions, Sergeant Seifert's machine guns pinned them to the ground and inflicted numerous casualties. When the company was ordered to withdraw, Sergeant Seifert voluntarily covered the withdrawal by firing rockets at the enemy from an exposed position. The fearlessness and initiative of Sergeant Seifert throughout this action were responsible for the destruction of several enemy emplacements, the repulsion of a counter attack, and the successful withdrawal of the company prior to elimination of enemy fortifications by friendly artillery. His heroic actions, executed with complete disregard for personal safety, reflect the highest credit upon himself and the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Dayton, Kentucky.

II--BRONZE STAR MEDAL--By direction of the President, under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and pursuant to the authority contained in Paragraph 4, Section I, Circular No. 66, Headquarters, First United States Army, 18 May 1944, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following officer and enlisted men:

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✓ Captain LIFFORD F. LANCASTER (Army Serial Number 0440386), Medical Corps, Medical Detachment, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Germany from 11 to 14 December 1944. Entered military service from Ganado, Texas. *only*

✓ Private First Class Leo J. Amolini (Army Serial Number 33668594), Infantry, Company K, 413th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Holland on 4 November 1944. Entered military service from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

✓ Private First Class Robert M. Smith (Army Serial Number 39548447), Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 413th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Holland on 26 October 1944. Entered military service from Los Angeles, California.

✓ Private First Class Morris Sclow (Army Serial Number 12113883), Infantry, Company I, 413th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 23 November 1944. Entered military service from New York City, New York.

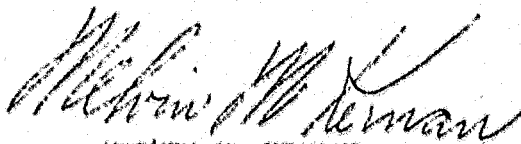
III--BRONZE STAR MEDAL (OAK-LEAF CLUSTER)--By direction of the President, under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and pursuant to the authority contained in Paragraph 4, Section I, Circular No. 66, Headquarters, First United States Army, 18 May 1944, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal previously awarded in General Orders No. 136, Headquarters, 1st Infantry Division, 3 December 1944, the Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to the following officer:

✓ First Lieutenant JOHN S. NICKELL (Army Serial Number 0454409), Cavalry, 104th Reconnaissance Troop, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in France, Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 7 September 1944 to 27 January 1945. Entered military service from Lexington, Kentucky. *

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I--SILVER STAR MEDAL--Posthumous Award--By direction of the President, under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and pursuant to the authority contained in Paragraph 4, Section I, Circular No. 66, Headquarters, First United States Army, 18 May 1944, the Silver Star Medal is awarded, posthumously, to the following enlisted man:

Private First Class Morris Mendelovitz (Army Serial Number 38247591), Infantry, Company A, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in Germany on 21 November 1944. After advancing a short distance across open terrain in an assault on an enemy stronghold, the leading squad of the company to which Private Mendelovitz was assigned was pinned to the ground by devastating artillery and mortar barrages and grazing machine gun fire delivered from well constructed emplacements along a railroad embankment approximately 150 yards to its front. A withdrawal was ordered, and upon reaching a position of safety, Private Mendelovitz, a member of the leading squad, observed a comrade who had been wounded and was lying in the fire-swept field. Fully aware of the extreme danger he was facing, Private Mendelovitz crawled through the merciless fire to the man, administered first aid, and dragged him to a nearby place of safety. Again moving across the fire-swept terrain to his former position, Private Mendelovitz was seriously wounded by a burst of machine gun fire. Despite his wound he continued to drag himself over the open terrain, but as he neared his place of cover he was killed by a fragment from a mortar shell. At the cost of his own life, Private Mendelovitz saved the life of one of his comrades. His heroic actions exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Houston, Texas. Next of kin: Mrs. Sarah Mendelovitz, 1909 Dennis Street, Houston, Texas.

II--BRONZE STAR MEDAL--Awards--By direction of the President, under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and pursuant to the authority contained in Paragraph 4, Section I, Circular No. 66, Headquarters, First United States Army, 18 May 1944, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following officer and enlisted men:

First Lieutenant HAROLD R. ROTH (then Second Lieutenant) (Army Serial Number 01316513), Infantry, Headquarters Company, 2d Battalion, 413th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Holland on 2 November 1944. Entered military service from Universal, Pennsylvania.

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Private First Class Audley P. Blaks, Jr. (Army Serial Number 16118463), Infantry, Cannon Company, 413th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Germany from 12 November 1944 to 17 January 1945. Entered military service from Urbana, Illinois.

Private First Class Herbert M. Bremner (Army Serial Number 39196851), Infantry, Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 413th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Holland on 3 November 1944. Entered military service from Seattle, Washington.

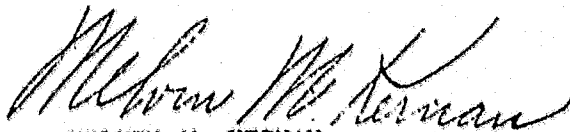
Private First Class Brady A. Painter (Army Serial Number 35769345), Infantry, Company B, 413th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 28 November 1944. Entered military service from Given, West Virginia.

Private First Class Ira L. Yates (Army Serial Number 37509997), Coast Artillery Corps, Battery B, 555th Anti-Aircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion (Mobile), United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Holland on 2 November 1944. Entered military service from Buffalo, Missouri.

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I--SILVER STAR MEDAL--By direction of the President, under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and pursuant to the authority contained in Paragraph 4, Section I, Circular No. 2, Headquarters, First United States Army, 4 January 1945, the Silver Star Medal is awarded to the following enlisted man:

Staff Sergeant Merle T. Simmons (then Technician Fifth Grade) (Army Serial Number 33299501), Infantry (then Medical Department), Company A, 415th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in Germany on 16 November 1944. As the platoon to which he was attached advanced on its objective, it was subjected to intense enemy mortar and machine gun fire. Although completely exposed to enemy fire, Sergeant Simmons moved about the area administering first aid to his wounded comrades, and after treating the men in the immediate area, he saw a wounded man lying exposed in open terrain and immediately crossed the open field to the man, returning only when he learned that the man was beyond aid. Learning that the officer in command of an assault platoon had been seriously wounded and was lying in an open position fully exposed to enemy fire, Sergeant Simmons, courageously and at great risk to his life, crossed the fire-swept terrain, administered first aid and evacuated the officer to safety. He then went to the rear to lead stretcher bearers forward to evacuate the wounded. His gallantry and devotion to his comrades were in keeping with the finest traditions of the American medical soldier and reflect the highest credit on Sergeant Simmons and the military service. Entered military service from Erie, Pennsylvania.

II--BRONZE STAR MEDAL--By direction of the President, under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and pursuant to the authority contained in Paragraph 4, Section I, Circular No. 2, Headquarters, First United States Army, 4 January 1945, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following officers and enlisted man:

Major HUGH L. CAREY (Army Serial Number 01289205), Infantry, Headquarters, 415th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Holland and Germany from 1 November 1944 to 29 January 1945. Entered military service from Brooklyn, New York.

Major WILLIAM C. HERBERT (Army Serial Number 0337777), Infantry, Headquarters, 415th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Holland and Germany from 29 October 1944 to 24 January 1945. Entered military service from Alameda, California.

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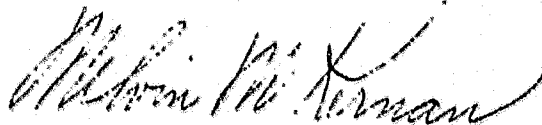
✕ Captain BERNARD E. BARKER (Army Serial Number 01287817), Infantry, Company C, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 23 October 1944 to 14 January 1945. Entered military service from New Raymer, Colorado.

✕ Captain HUGH W. FLEISCHER (Army Serial Number 01287854), Infantry, Company D, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 23 October 1944 to 18 January 1945. Entered military service from Riverside, California.

✕ Staff Sergeant Roland E. Cox (Army Serial Number 37323590), Cavalry, 104th Reconnaissance Troop, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in France, Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 1 September 1944 to 27 January 1945. Entered military service from Minneapolis, Minnesota.

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I--SILVER STAR MEDAL--By direction of the President, under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and pursuant to the authority contained in Paragraph 4, Section I, Circular No. 2, Headquarters, First United States Army, 4 January 1945, the Silver Star Medal is awarded to the following enlisted man:

Staff Sergeant Daniel A. Van Datta (Army Serial Number 32845547), Infantry, Company L, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in Germany on 13 December 1944. Attacking across open, level ground, the company to which Sergeant Van Datta was assigned advanced to within 200 yards of the objective before being pinned to the ground by machine gun fire delivered from well concealed enemy positions to the company's immediate front. Realizing that the gun must be silenced, Sergeant Van Datta emplaced his machine gun at the edge of a huge beat pile 75 yards in the rear of the foremost elements of the company, crawled to the top of the mound, deliberately exposed himself to enemy observation, and fired a long burst from his machine gun. When the enemy weapon remained silent, he exposed himself a second and a third time until the fire was answered, and his own machine gun marked the enemy emplacement with fire, after which mortar fire silenced the target. When the gun was silenced, the company was able to continue the attack with the minimum of loss and to capture the objective. His courageous actions undoubtedly saved the lives of many of his comrades and reflected the highest credit on Sergeant Van Datta and the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Batavia, New York.

II--SILVER STAR MEDAL (OAK-LEAF CLUSTER)--By direction of the President, under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and pursuant to the authority contained in Paragraph 4, Section I, Circular No. 2, Headquarters, First United States Army, 4 January 1945, in addition to the Silver Star Medal previously awarded in General Orders No. 12, Headquarters, 104th Infantry Division, 12 November 1944, the Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to the following enlisted man:

Staff Sergeant John J. Major (Army Serial Number 16143627), Infantry, Headquarters Company, 415th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in Germany on 31 December 1944. Sergeant Major was second in command of a patrol

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which crossed a river with the mission of capturing an enemy prisoner. After the crossing was made and enemy lines penetrated a distance of 400 yards, a member of the patrol was seriously wounded when he stepped on a mine. The order for withdrawal was given by the patrol leader, and heavy artillery, mortar, and small arms fire was encountered. An intense fire-fight followed, and two more men were wounded by mines. Voluntarily and at great risk of his life, Sergeant Major entered the mine field, administered first aid to one of his wounded comrades, and exposed himself to enemy small arms and machine gun fire in engaging the enemy and assisting his comrades to the bank of the river. Upon reaching the river he assisted his wounded comrade across the swift-flowing stream to safety. His bravery and devotion to his fellow soldiers reflect the highest credit on Sergeant Major and are in keeping with the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

III--MERITORIOUS SERVICE UNIT PLAQUE--Under the provisions of Section I, Circular 345, War Department, 23 August 1944, as amended, the Meritorious Service Unit Plaque is awarded to the following unit:

Service Company, 415th Infantry Regiment, for superior performance of duty in the performance of exceptionally difficult tasks and for achievement and maintenance of high standard of discipline in France, Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 8 September 1944 to 25 January 1945. In one instance when constant exposure to weather loomed as a factor in the spread of trench foot and additional clothing and footwear were not available through regular channels, the supply section secured the necessary apparel from the duffel bags and distributed them to the men in the front lines. Thousands of items of clothing and equipment were turned in each week thus eliminating the necessity for shipping space and transportation it would take to replace these items. The company maintained an ordnance salvage depot which saved hundreds of ordnance items which were placed in the hands of the front line troops with the minimum of delay. A close supervision of motor vehicle maintenance has insured maximum service from vehicles, and the transportation section has functioned in all kinds of weather and despite all handicaps. The ammunition section has performed in a meritorious manner by keeping a steady flow of ammunition to the combat troops at all times and has also gathered such enemy ammunition and transported it to positions in the rear. All sections working in regimental headquarters have performed their administrative duties in an excellent manner at all times. Service Company, 415th Infantry Regiment, performed its mission in a superior manner, and its high standard of military courtesy and discipline is exemplified by its record during the period of no disciplinary action, no courts-martial, and no cases of venereal disease of any type. The appearance of personnel, installations, and equipment and the enthusiastic execution of orders have been superior throughout the entire period and reflect a distinct credit upon the armed forces.

IV--BRONZE STAR MEDAL--By direction of the President, under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and pursuant to the authority contained in Paragraph 4, Section I, Circular No. 2, Headquarters, First United States Army, 4 January 1945, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following officer and enlisted men:

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Captain OTTO E. FEIERLEIN (Army Serial Number 01287850), Infantry, Headquarters, 413th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 23 October 1944 to 5 January 1945. Entered military service from Los Angeles, California.

First Sergeant Joseph T. Wannamaker (then Technical Sergeant) (Army Serial Number 6551692), Infantry, Cannon Company, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 11 December 1944. Entered military service from Spokane, Washington.

Technician Fourth Grade Charles R. Lynde (Army Serial Number 36715344), Infantry, Headquarters Company, 415th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 31 December 1944. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

Private First Class Robert A. Brandon (Army Serial Number 34439387), Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, 929th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Holland and Germany from 25 October to 16 December 1944. Entered military service from Dallas, North Carolina.

Private First Class Albert E. Gaines (Army Serial Number 34570667), Infantry, Headquarters Company, 415th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 31 December 1944. Entered military service from Cartersville, Georgia.

V--BRONZE STAR MEDAL (OAK-LEAF CLUSTER)--By direction of the President, under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and pursuant to the authority contained in Paragraph 4, Section 1, Circular No. 2, Headquarters, First United States Army, 4 January 1945, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal previously awarded in General Orders No. 15, Headquarters, 104th Infantry Division, 15 January 1945, the Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to the following enlisted man:

Private Duane A. Robey (Army Serial Number 37569570), Infantry, Headquarters Company, 415th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 31 December 1944. Entered military service from Red Wing, Minnesota.

VI--AIR MEDAL--By direction of the President, under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and pursuant to the authority contained in Paragraph 4, Section 1, Circular No. 2, Headquarters, First United States Army, 4 January 1945, the Air Medal is awarded to the following officer:

First Lieutenant JAMES B. ATKINSON (Army Serial Number 0464555), Field Artillery, Service Battery, 386th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight as Field Artillery aerial observer in Germany from 24 November 1944 to 22 January 1945. Entered military service from San Francisco, California.

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VII--AIR MEDAL (OAK-LEAF CLUSTER)--By direction of the President, under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and pursuant to the authority contained in Paragraph 4, Section I, Circular No. 2, Headquarters, First United States Army, 4 January 1945, in addition to the Air Medal previously awarded in General Orders No. 45, Headquarters, 104th Infantry Division, 23 December 1944, the Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to the following officers:

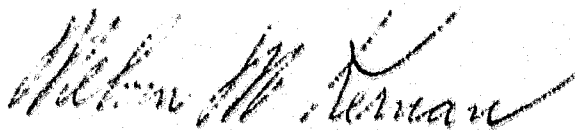
First Lieutenant GEORGE T. DRAPER (Army Serial Number 0547884), Field Artillery, Headquarters, 387th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight as Field Artillery liaison pilot in Germany from 29 November 1944 to 22 January 1945. Entered military service from San Francisco, California.

VIII--PURPLE HEART--By direction of the President, under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Purple Heart is awarded to the following enlisted men:

Sergeant William F. Shaffer (Army Serial Number 34478652), Infantry, Company A, 413th Infantry, United States Army, for wounds received as a result of enemy action in Germany on 7 February 1945. Entered military service from Euporia, Mississippi.

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I--SILVER STAR MEDAL--Posthumous Award--By direction of the President, under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and pursuant to the authority contained in Paragraph 4, Section I, Circular No. 2, Headquarters, First United States Army, 4 January 1945, the Silver Star Medal is awarded, posthumously, to the following enlisted man:

✓ Technician Third Grade Franklin A. Volz (Army Serial Number 15339840), Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 415th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in Holland from 25 October to 2 November 1944. On the night of 25 October 1944 Technician Volz, company aid man, moved ceaselessly across fire-swept fields to administer first aid to the wounded men of his company. On 26 October 1944 the company was forced to make a withdrawal under intense enemy fire, and Technician Volz, courageously and at great risk to his life, crossed the terrain from which the company had withdrawn to administer first aid to, and evacuate, a seriously wounded man lying on open terrain fully exposed to deadly enemy fire. Again on 30 October 1944 Technician Volz moved across open fields under heavy fire to perform his mission of mercy and was fatally wounded on 2 November 1944 while administering first aid to a wounded comrade. His bravery, fortitude, and extreme devotion to duty and to his fellow soldiers were in keeping with the finest traditions of the American medical soldier and saved the lives of many of his comrades before this enlisted man gave his life in the performance of outstanding duty. Entered military service from Norwood, Ohio. Next of kin: Mrs. Matilda S. Volz, 1922 Delaware Avenue, Norwood, Ohio.

II--SILVER STAR MEDAL--Awards--By direction of the President, under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and pursuant to the authority contained in Paragraph 4, Section I, Circular No. 2, Headquarters, First United States Army, 4 January 1945. The Silver Star Medal is awarded to the following enlisted men:

✓ Sergeant Robert E. Berger (Army Serial Number 35606647), Infantry, Company G, 413th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in Holland on 3 November 1944. As a company was consolidating its position after a successful night attack, a tank opened fire from a position 50 yards in front of the leading elements of the company, causing many casualties. An attempt by a bazooka team to knock out the tank failed, and Sergeant Berger, a squad leader, was given the mission of knocking out the tank, which was well protected by small arms and machine gun fire from enemy positions in the surrounding buildings. Sergeant Berger maneuvered his squad into a flanking position 75 yards from the tank, but his men came under murderous machine gun fire. At great risk to his life,

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Sergeant Berger crawled forward alone, quickly eliminated an enemy sniper with one well-aimed shot, and, exposing himself to the direct fire of the machine gun on the tank, silenced it with one anti-tank grenade. He then brought his bazooka team forward and directed fire which forced the tank to withdraw, thus eliminating a dangerous threat to his company. Sergeant Berger's extreme sense of responsibility to his men and his outstanding personal bravery, above and beyond the call of duty, saved the lives of many of his comrades and reflected the highest credit on himself and the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Akron, Ohio.

✓ Private First Class Richard G. Clark (then Private) (Army Serial Number 36436337), Infantry, Headquarters Company, 415th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in Germany on 31 December 1944. Private Clark was a member of a patrol which crossed a river with the mission of capturing an enemy prisoner. After the crossing was made and enemy lines penetrated a distance of 400 yards, a member of the patrol was seriously wounded when he stepped on a mine. The order for withdrawal was given by the patrol leader, and heavy artillery, mortar, and small arms fire was encountered. An intense fire-fight followed, and two more men were wounded by mines. Voluntarily and at great risk to his life, Private Clark entered the mine field, administered first aid to one of his wounded comrades, and exposed himself to enemy small arms and machine gun fire in engaging the enemy and assisting his comrade to the bank of the river. Upon reaching the river he assisted his wounded comrade across the swift-flowing stream to safety. His bravery and devotion to his fellow soldiers reflect the highest credit on Private Clark and are in keeping with the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Peoria, Illinois.

III--BRONZE STAR MEDAL--Awards--By direction of the President, under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and pursuant to the authority contained in Paragraph 4, Section I, Circular No. 2, Headquarters First United States Army, 4 January 1945, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following officers and enlisted men:

✓ Lieutenant Colonel CHARLES W. FERNALD (then Captain, Major, and Lieutenant Colonel) (Army Serial Number 01287851), Infantry, Headquarters, 1st Battalion, 413th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 23 October 1944 to 1 February 1945. Entered military service from Los Angeles, California.

✓ Lieutenant Colonel SAMUEL W. KOSTER, JR. (then Captain, Major, and Lieutenant Colonel) (Army Serial Number 024873), Infantry, Headquarters, 2d Battalion, 413th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 23 October 1944 to 1 February 1945. Entered military service from West Liberty, Iowa.

✓ Second Lieutenant CHARLES W. BRICHER (then Technical Sergeant) (Army Serial Number 02001034), Infantry, Company L, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 11 December 1944. Entered military service from Lucasville, Ohio.

✓ First Sergeant Orville L. Smith (Army Serial Number 37002846), Infantry, Company G, 413th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 26 October 1944 to 22 January 1945. Entered military service from Chanute, Kansas.

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Staff Sergeant Nazzareno J. Lanni (Army Serial Number 32613919), Infantry, Company G, 413th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 26 October 1944 to 20 January 1945. Entered military service from New York City, New York.

Staff Sergeant Donald N. Whited (Army Serial Number 37482315), Infantry, Company G, 413th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 28 November 1944. Entered military service from Palmer, Nebraska.

Staff Sergeant George L. Wood (Army Serial Number 6254314), Infantry, Company G, 415th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 25 October to 11 December 1944. Entered military service from Riverside, California.

Technician Fifth Grade William E. Taylor (Army Serial Number 37325598), Infantry, Service Company, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 11 December 1944. Entered military service from Albert Lea, Minnesota.

Private First Class Manuel G. Martinez (Army Serial Number 19109284), Infantry, Headquarters Company, 3d Battalion, 415th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Holland on 29 October 1944. Entered military service from Phoenix, Arizona.

Private First Class Salvator M. Menashe (Army Serial Number 39324349), Infantry, Company G, 415th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Holland on 4 November 1944. Entered military service from Portland, Oregon.

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I--SILVER STAR MEDAL--Award--By direction of the President, under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and pursuant to the authority contained in Paragraph 4, Section I, Circular No. 2, Headquarters, First United States Army, 4 January 1945, the Silver Star Medal is awarded to the following enlisted man:

Private First Class Raymond E. Davis (Army Serial Number 37398116), Infantry, Company I, 415th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in Germany on 3 December 1944. Private Davis strung wire throughout the advance of his unit across 1000 yards of open terrain under intense artillery, mortar, and machine gun fire. After making repeated crossings to keep the line in repair, Private Davis joined the assault units and advanced to an exposed position under heavy fire. Calmly, and at great risk to his life, he wiped out the four-man crew of a machine gun which was holding up the advance. In the subsequent fight for an enemy stronghold, he killed 10 members of an enemy bazooka team, thus eliminating a threat to supporting armor. His courageous actions, far above and beyond the call of duty, were in keeping with the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States and reflected the highest credit on Private Davis and the military service. Entered military service from Leasburg, Missouri.

II--BRONZE STAR MEDAL--Posthumous Award--By direction of the President, under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and pursuant to the authority contained in Paragraph 4, Section I, Circular No. 2, Headquarters, First United States Army, 4 January 1945, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded, posthumously, to the following enlisted man:

Private First Class John H. Melquist (Army Serial Number 31319747), Infantry, Headquarters Company, 3d Battalion, 413th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 22 November 1944. When it became imperative that tank destroyer crews move forward to help clear a town of the stubbornly resisting enemy, Private Melquist and four other men were given the mission of clearing a road along which the tank destroyer weapons could be moved into the town. While under enemy observation and intense artillery and mortar fire, the men began working their way down 800 yards of fire-swept road, and when the mud and flying shrapnel made continued use of the mine detector impractical, they cleared 600 yards of road by probing on hands and knees. Private Melquist's heroism and extreme sense of responsibility to duty contributed very effectively to his battalion in the attack and reflects the highest credit on himself and the military service. Entered military service from Portland, Maine. Next of kin: Thomas Melquist, Tenants Harbor, Maine.

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III--BRONZE STAR MEDAL--Awards--By direction of the President, under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and pursuant to the authority contained in Paragraph 4, Section I, Circular No. 2, Headquarters, First United States Army, 4 January 1945, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following officers and enlisted men:

✓ Captain JAMES Z. GREELEY (then First Lieutenant and Captain) (Army Serial Number 0445436), Infantry, Headquarters, 2d Battalion, 415th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 25 October 1944 to 25 January 1945. Entered military service from Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

✓ First Lieutenant GORDON L. CRUSE (Army Serial Number 01822776), Cavalry, Company B, 692d Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 9 December 1944. Entered military service from Denver, Colorado.

Staff Sergeant Kenneth F. Warner (then Private First Class) (Army Serial Number 36436768), Infantry, Company B, 413th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 29 November 1944. Entered military service from Martinton, Illinois.

✓ Sergeant Winifred D. Hoops (Army Serial Number 36326507), Field Artillery, Company B, 692d Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 9 December 1944. Entered military service from De Witt, Illinois.

✓ Sergeant Norman H. Snell (then Private First Class) (Army Serial Number 39034736), Infantry, Headquarters Company, 3d Battalion, 413th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 22 November 1944. Entered military service from San Francisco, California.

✓ Technician Fourth Grade John W. Ritchie (Army Serial Number 32624685), Infantry, Headquarters Company, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 24 October 1944 to 27 January 1945. Entered military service from Glen Cove, New York.

✓ Technician Fifth Grade David C. Christopher (Army Serial Number 6985426), Infantry, Headquarters Company, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 24 October 1944 to 27 January 1945. Entered military service from Waco, Kentucky.

Private First Class Wallis D. Gray (Army Serial Number 35717782), Infantry, Company D, 415th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 25 October to 13 December 1944. Entered military service from Cadiz, Kentucky.

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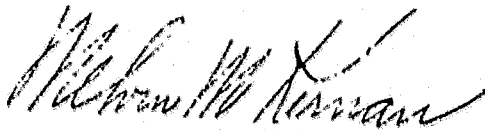
Private First Class John A. Gully (Army Serial Number 37323116), Infantry, Headquarters Company, 3d Battalion, 413th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 22 November 1944. Entered military service from Willow Lake, South Dakota.

Private First Class Edward M. Miller (Army Serial Number 33394653), Infantry, Headquarters Company, 3d Battalion, 413th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 22 November 1944. Entered military service from Greensburg, Pennsylvania.

Private First Class Abraham S. Klein (Army Serial Number 32624647), Infantry, Headquarters Company, 3d Battalion, 413th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 22 November 1944. Entered military service from New York City, New York.

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Second Lieutenant WILLIAM A. MAUPIN (Army Serial Number 01316492), Infantry, Cannon Company, 415th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in Germany on 14 November 1944. Lieutenant Maupin, Cannon Company forward observer, advanced to an outpost under heavy enemy machine gun and mortar fire, and at great risk to his life from a position exposed to enemy fire, he called for cannon fire on enemy machine gun and mortar emplacements only 50 yards from his position. The accurate fire directed by Lieutenant Maupin eliminated the enemy positions, which had inflicted severe casualties on friendly troops. He then called for smoke fire, under cover of which many casualties were evacuated from exposed positions. His courage and devotion to duty and to his comrades were an inspiration to all who witnessed the act and undoubtedly saved the lives of many of his comrades. His actions reflect the highest honor on Lieutenant Maupin and the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Cavington, Virginia.

II--BRONZE STAR MEDAL--By direction of the President, under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and pursuant to the authority contained in Paragraph 4, Section I, Circular No. 2, Headquarters, First United States Army, 4 January 1945, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following officers and enlisted men:

Lieutenant Colonel MARK S. PLAISTED (Army Serial Number 0214424), General Staff Corps, Headquarters, 104th Infantry Division, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 23 October 1944 to 9 February 1945. Entered military service from Springfield, Illinois.

Captain KENNETH K. BELL (Army Serial Number 0368142), Infantry, Company E, 415th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 25 October 1944 to 25 January 1945. Entered military service from Seattle, Washington.

Captain HARRY D. MALSTROM (Army Serial Number 01289108), Infantry, Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 25 November 1944. Entered military service from St. Paul, Minnesota.

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First Lieutenant ANTHONY E. GERBER (Army Serial Number 01317901), Infantry, Cannon Company, 413th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 23 October 1944 to 1 February 1945. Entered military service from Oregon City, Oregon.

First Lieutenant ARTHUR R. HECHT (Army Serial Number 01289248), Infantry, Headquarters, 2d Battalion, 415th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 25 October 1944 to 25 January 1945. Entered military service from Brooklyn, New York.

First Lieutenant GRADY V. PARIS (then Second Lieutenant) (Army Serial Number 01168021), Infantry, Cannon Company, 413th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Holland and Germany from 2 November 1944 to 7 January 1945. Entered military service from Akron, Ohio.

First Lieutenant DONALD A. PEAKE (then Second Lieutenant) (Army Serial Number 01299100), Infantry, Company G, 415th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 25 October 1944 to 25 January 1945. Entered military service from Portland, Oregon.

Technical Sergeant Charles R. McChesney (Army Serial Number 36115968), Infantry, Cannon Company, 415th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Holland on 31 October 1944. Entered military service from Highland Park, Michigan.

Staff Sergeant Donald E. Stephenson (Army Serial Number 36597822), Infantry, Company A, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 1 January 1945. Entered military service from Pontiac, Michigan.

Corporal Francis E. Lacy (then Private First Class) (Army Serial Number 37532878), Infantry, Cannon Company, 413th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 27 October 1944 to 18 January 1945. Entered military service from Winfield, Kansas.

Corporal Jack T. Lemmens (Army Serial Number 37605083), Coast Artillery Corps, Battery B, 555th Anti-Aircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion (Mobile), United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in Holland on 2 November 1944. Entered military service from St. Louis, Missouri.

Corporal Bertram A. Pora, Jr. (then Private First Class and Corporal) (Army Serial Number 16143557), Infantry, Cannon Company, 413th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Holland and Germany from 2 November 1944 to 18 January 1945. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

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Private First Class Frank H. Ehrhart (Army Serial Number 37002996), Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 415th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Holland on 31 October 1944. Entered military service from St. Paul, Kansas.

Private First Class Albert J. Radomsky (Army Serial Number 33277769), Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 2d Battalion, 415th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 7 December 1944. Entered military service from Greensburg, Pennsylvania.

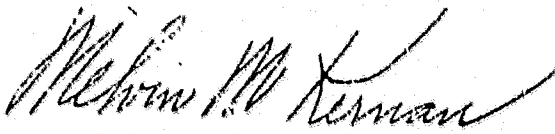
Private First Class Sol Russo (Army Serial Number 36710879), Infantry, Cannon Company, 415th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Holland on 31 October 1944. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

III--BRONZE STAR MEDAL (OAK-LEAF CLUSTER)--By direction of the President, under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and pursuant to the authority contained in Paragraph 4, Section I, Circular No. 2, Headquarters, First United States Army, 4 January 1945, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal previously awarded on General Orders No. 10, Headquarters, 104th Infantry Division, 10 January 1945, the Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to the following officer:

First Lieutenant RICHARD A. NUTTING (then Second Lieutenant) (Army Serial Number 0539184), Infantry, Anti-Tank Company, 415th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 17 November 1945. Entered military service from Redlodge, Montana.

By command of Major General ALLEN:

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First Lieutenant JAMES V. MULLERY (Army Serial Number C1183935), Field Artillery, Battery C, 386th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for gallantry in action in Holland on 26 October 1944. On the early morning of 26 October 1944 Lieutenant Mullery, artillery forward observer, located his observation post in the loft of a barn which afforded unbroken observation of enemy positions. The enemy unleashed a counter attack supported by intense fire of all types. Despite the extremely heavy fire Lieutenant Mullery remained at his post, directed fire on the enemy, and refused to abandon his position even when the barn sustained seven direct hits and his position was rendered virtually untenable by falling timbers and burning straw. Sighting an enemy self-propelled gun which had caused numerous casualties to the assault units, he called for time fire and succeeded in neutralizing the gun, thereby preventing further casualties among friendly forces. Lieutenant Mullery's cool-headedness and great personal courage, above and beyond the ordinary call of duty, were in keeping with the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Plymouth, Pennsylvania.

First Lieutenant JOSEPH A. KIRSCHNER (then Second Lieutenant) (Army Serial Number O1545874), Medical Administrative Corps, Medical Detachment, 413th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in Germany on 2 December 1944. When the battalion suffered heavy casualties in the assault, Lieutenant Kirschner operated a forward battalion aid station and, at great risk to his life, reconnoitered the forward areas and led litter squads forward under heavy fire to insure that casualties were evacuated with the minimum delay. In evacuating a seriously wounded soldier, four litter bearers were wounded. Lieutenant Kirschner administered first aid to his men and then urged them to continue their task despite their wounds and the intense barrage. He replaced the most seriously wounded litter bearer and, at the same time aided the wounded litter bearer to safety by supporting him with his free arm. Lieutenant Kirschner's outstanding personal heroism and extreme sense of responsibility to his comrades were responsible for saving many lives and were in keeping with the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from St. Louis, Missouri.

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II--SILVER STAR MEDAL (OAK-LEAF CLUSTER)--By direction of the President, under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and pursuant to the authority contained in Paragraph 4, Section I, Circular No. 2, Headquarters, First United States Army, 4 January 1945, in addition to the Silver Star Medal awarded in General Orders No. 37, Headquarters, 104th Infantry Division, 20 December 1944, the Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to the following enlisted man:

✓ Sergeant Clifford F. Haynes (Army Serial Number 35717213), Infantry, Company I, 413th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in Germany on 7 January 1945. As a patrol started to cross a river, it was subjected to intense machine gun fire, and one of the men was wounded. The wounded soldier collapsed while attempting to make his way back to friendly lines, and Sergeant Haynes, light machine gun squad leader, immediately left his covered position and crossed 150 yards of terrain which was heavily booby trapped and mined by friendly troops. Reaching the man, Sergeant Haynes carried him back across the same mine-infested terrain to the aid station. He then returned across the field to guide the returning patrol through the mine field. The superb initiative and outstanding sense of responsibility to his fellow soldiers, far above and beyond the ordinary call of duty, were in keeping with the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States and reflected the highest credit on Sergeant Haynes and the military service. Entered military service from Paducah, Kentucky.

III--BRONZE STAR MEDAL--By direction of the President, under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and pursuant to the authority contained in Paragraph 4, Section I, Circular No. 2, Headquarters, First United States Army, 4 January 1945, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following officers and enlisted men:

✓ Lieutenant Colonel SCOTT T. REX (Army Serial Number 0226748), General Staff Corps, Headquarters, 104th Infantry Division, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 23 October 1944 to 9 February 1945. Entered military service from Grand Forks, North Dakota.

✓ Captain THOMAS E. HESSELBROOK (Army Serial Number 01287879), Infantry, Headquarters, 2d Battalion, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 25 October 1944 to 31 January 1945. Entered military service from New Port, Kentucky.

✓ Captain ARTHUR H. KATZMANN (Army Serial Number 01167928), Field Artillery, Headquarters, 386th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 24 October 1944 to 3 February 1945. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

✓ Captain RAYMOND W. MORRISON (Army Serial Number 0387541), Field Artillery, Headquarters, 386th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 29 October 1944 to 3 February 1945. Entered military service from Keosauqua, Iowa.

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First Sergeant Urban D. Poe (Army Serial Number 20546078), Infantry, Company L, 413th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Germany from 23 November to 30 December 1944. Entered military service from Elkins, West Virginia.

Sergeant James K. Barbre (Army Serial Number 39453069), Infantry, Company B, 750th Tank Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 10 December 1944. Entered military service from Spokane, Washington.

Sergeant Cleo McClung (then Corporal) (Army Serial Number 37329682), Infantry, Company B, 750th Tank Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 10 December 1944. Entered military service from Denver, Colorado.

Private First Class Leon C. Garland (then Private) (Army Serial Number 35715658), Infantry, Company B, 750th Tank Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 10 December 1944. Entered military service from Evansville, Indiana.

Private First Class Delmer E. Martwick (Army Serial Number 37297471), Infantry, Company B, 750th Tank Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 10 December 1944. Entered military service from Balfour, North Dakota.

Private First Class Paul Rabalais (Army Serial Number 38328955), Infantry, Service Company, 413th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 4 January 1945. Entered military service from Dry Prong, Louisiana.

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I--SILVER STAR MEDAL--Missing in Action--By direction of the President, under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and pursuant to the authority contained in Paragraph 4, Section I, Circular No. 2, Headquarters, First United States Army, 4 January 1945, the Silver Star Medal is awarded to the following enlisted man (missing in action):

—Sergeant John R. Bredesen (Army Serial Number 37559845), Infantry, Company I, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in Germany on 8 December 1944. After capturing a building 800 yards to the battalion's front, a small combat patrol quickly established defensive positions. In the early morning of 8 December 1944 the position was suddenly subjected to intense small arms fire from the right flank, and Sergeant Bredesen, leader of a machine gun squad, left the platoon command post and advanced alone toward his weapon. A flare suddenly illuminated the area and disclosed four enemy soldiers attempting to flank his gun. With complete disregard for his personal safety, Sergeant Bredesen jumped to his feet and ran through the hail of fire to the threatened point. Remaining in an exposed position, he threw five hand grenades and fired 45 rounds from his carbine, killing two of the enemy and forcing the others to withdraw. Sergeant Bredesen's heroic action averted encirclement of his platoon's position and contributed greatly to the eventual repulsion of the enemy patrol. The courage and disregard for personal safety displayed by Sergeant Bredesen reflect great credit upon himself and the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Minneapolis, Minnesota. Next of kin: Mrs. Bernard P. Bredesen, 3632 Knox Avenue, North Minneapolis, Minnesota.

II--BRONZE STAR MEDAL--Posthumous Award--By direction of the President, under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and pursuant to the authority contained in Paragraph 4, Section I, Circular No. 2, Headquarters, First United States Army, 4 January 1945, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded, posthumously, to the following enlisted man:

—Staff Sergeant Morris J. Fosdyk (Army Serial Number 36436865), Infantry, Company B, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 23 October to 10 December 1944. During this period Sergeant Fosdyk served as platoon guide with exceptional ability, courage, and complete devotion to duty, voluntarily accepting and successfully completing the most difficult tasks. On one occasion, although severely shocked by the concussion of exploding bombs, he courageously exposed himself to enemy fire in order to rescue a wounded comrade lying exposed on open terrain. His outstanding leadership and his willing performance of tasks above and beyond the call of duty reflect great credit on Sergeant Fosdyk and

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the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Illinois. Next of kin: Mrs. Marry B. Fosdyck, 432 North White Street, Illinois.

III--BRONZE STAR MEDAL--Awards--By direction of the President, under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and pursuant to the authority contained in Paragraph 4, Section I, Circular No. 2, Headquarters, First United States Army, 4 January 1945, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following officers and enlisted men:

— Lieutenant Colonel CLYDE L. PENNINGTON (Army Serial Number 0305618), General Staff Corps, Headquarters, 104th Infantry Division, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in France, Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 7 September 1944 to 9 February 1945. Entered military service from Norfolk, Virginia.

— Major JAMES G. BROWN (then Captain) (Army Serial Number 0325620), Infantry, Headquarters, 3d Battalion, 413th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 17 November 1944. Entered military service from Butte, Montana.

— Major SANFORD C. BUSH (then Captain and Major) (Army Serial Number 0294222), Infantry, Headquarters, 413th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 23 October 1944 to 10 February 1945. Entered military service from Marion, New York.

— Captain ZEKE TIPTON (Army Serial Number 0316486), Field Artillery, Headquarters, 386th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 24 October 1944 to 3 February 1945. Entered military service from Abilene, Texas.

— First Lieutenant OSCAR F. DAVENPORT (then Second Lieutenant) (Army Serial Number 01181218), Infantry, Cannon Company, 413th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 23 October 1944 to 20 January 1945. Entered military service from Maplesville, Alabama.

— First Lieutenant CLARK E. LIBBEE (Army Serial Number 01315700), Infantry, Headquarters, 1st Battalion, 415th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 23 October 1944 to 8 February 1945. Entered military service from Piqua, Ohio.

— First Lieutenant JIMMIE A. NAIL (Army Serial Number 01289301), Infantry, Cannon Company, 415th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 4 December 1944. Entered military service from Amarillo, Texas.

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— First Lieutenant DEAN F. THOMAS (Army Serial Number 0468317), Infantry, Headquarters, 1st Battalion, 415th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 23 October 1944 to 8 February 1945. Entered military service from Des Moines, Iowa.

— First Sergeant Raymond B. Outlaw (Army Serial Number 37059365), Infantry, Company E, 413th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 26 November 1944. Entered military service from Bowling Green, Missouri.

— Staff Sergeant James R. Keck (then Corporal) (Army Serial Number 6584396), Infantry, Company B, 415th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Holland on 31 October 1944. Entered military service from West Ville, Oklahoma.

— Staff Sergeant Kenneth C. Moore (Army Serial Number 37396977), Signal Corps, 104th Signal Company, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 10 January 1945. Entered military service from St. Louis, Missouri.

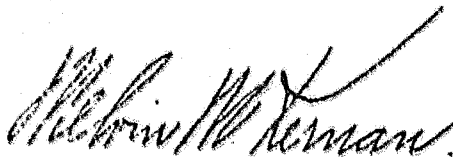
— Staff Sergeant Herman E. Smith (Army Serial Number 37232991), Infantry, Company E, 413th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 26 November 1944. Entered military service from Sedalia, Missouri.

— Sergeant Carroll R. Bell (Army Serial Number 37443547), Signal Corps, 104th Signal Company, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 10 January 1945. Entered military service from Wapello, Iowa.

— Private First Class Dale A. Call (then Private) (Army Serial Number 39571955), Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 16 November 1944. Entered military service from Los Angeles, California.

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I--SILVER STAR MEDAL--By direction of the President, under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and pursuant to the authority contained in Paragraph 4, Section I, Circular No. 2, Headquarters, First United States Army, 4 January 1945, the Silver Star Medal is awarded to the following enlisted man:

Private First Class Joseph J. Stancovich (Army Serial Number 33767146), Infantry, Company L, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in Germany on 4 December 1944. While the remainder of the battalion secured a town, the company to which Private Stancovich was assigned advanced 1000 yards and, after a fierce engagement, captured a huge pottery factory. Private Stancovich and another man volunteered to return to the town to obtain anti-tank mines. Under cover of darkness the men left the factory and, at great risk to their lives, proceeded across the open, coverless terrain. As they came within 150 yards of friendly lines, they received a hail of small arms fire which severely injured Private Stancovich's companion. After pulling his companion to shelter, he exposed himself to heavy mortar and artillery fire to identify himself, and then he picked up the wounded man and carried him the remaining 150 yards to friendly lines and medical aid. He then continued to the company's rear command post, arranged for the essential mines, and led a carrying party over the same dangerous route to the position of his company. Under the most hazardous conditions Private Stancovich displayed admirable courage, utter disregard for personal safety, and unfaltering devotion to duty and to his comrade, which reflects the highest credit on himself and the military service. Entered military service from Portage, Pennsylvania.

II--BRONZE STAR MEDAL--By direction of the President, under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and pursuant to the authority contained in Paragraph 4, Section I, Circular No. 2, Headquarters, First United States Army, 4 January 1945, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following officers and enlisted men:

Lieutenant Colonel PETER DENISEVICH (Army Serial Number 023416), Infantry, Headquarters, 2d Battalion, 415th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 23 October 1944 to 29 January 1945. Entered military service from Graniteville, Massachusetts.

Lieutenant Colonel LEO A. HOEGH (Army Serial Number 0258935), General Staff Corps, Headquarters, 104th Infantry Division, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 23 October 1944 to 9 February 1945. Entered military service from Chariton, Iowa.

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Major **NORMAN** HERMAN O. WILLEY (Army Serial Number 0324432), Infantry, Headquarters, 713th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 23 October 1944 to 10 February 1945. Entered military service from Ojai, California.

Second Lieutenant GEORGE W. AVERY (Army Serial Number 02000973), Field Artillery, Battery B, 386th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 11 December 1944. Entered military service from Enid, Oklahoma.

Technical Sergeant Arthur Lewis (Army Serial Number 32298788), Field Artillery, Headquarters Company 692d Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Holland and Germany from 28 October 1944 to 8 February 1945. Entered military service from New York City, New York.

Staff Sergeant Malvin L. Hendrickson (then Sergeant) (Army Serial Number 37397910), Infantry, Company K, 415th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 17 and 18 November 1944. Entered military service from Catron, Missouri.

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I--SILVER STAR MEDAL--Posthumous Award--By direction of the President, under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and pursuant to the authority contained in Paragraph 4, Section I, Circular No. 2, Headquarters, First United States Army, 4 January 1945, the Silver Star Medal is awarded, posthumously, to the following enlisted man:

Staff Sergeant Wallace K. Anderson (Army Serial Number 33299590), Infantry, Company M, 413th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in Germany on 22 November 1944. When a $\frac{1}{2}$ -ton truck burst into flames after hitting an anti-tank mine, Sergeant Anderson immediately left his fox hole and, at great risk to his life and in the face of an intense artillery and mortar barrage, made his way across 250 yards of fire-swept terrain to the vehicle. Despite the flames and concentrated enemy shelling, he successfully extricated an officer and two enlisted men who were helplessly trapped in the flaming wreckage of the vehicle. Sergeant Anderson's gallant heroism, tenacity of purpose, and devotion to his fellow soldiers saved the lives of three of his comrades. His actions exemplify the finest qualities of the American soldier and reflect the highest credit on himself and the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Clermont, Pennsylvania. Next of kin: John V. Anderson, Box 104, Clermont, Pennsylvania.

II--BRONZE STAR MEDAL--By direction of the President, under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and pursuant to the authority contained in Paragraph 4, Section I, Circular No. 2, Headquarters, First United States Army, 4 January 1945, the Bronze Star Medal was awarded to the following enlisted men:

Private First Class Howard W. Chalk (Army Serial Number 12121896), Corps of Engineers, Company A, 329th Engineer Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 12 and 13 February 1945. Entered military service from New York City, New York.

Private First Class James R. Doherty (Army Serial Number 32726942), Corps of Engineers, Company A, 329th Engineer Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 12 and 13 February 1945. Entered military service from New York City, New York.

Private First Class Daniel W. Pecyna (Army Serial Number 16170794), Corps of Engineers, Company A, 329th Engineer Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 12 and 13 February 1945. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

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Private First Class Norman W. Peterson (Army Serial Number 36556689), Corps of Engineers, Company A, 329th Engineer Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 12 and 13 February 1945. Entered military service from Detroit, Michigan.

III--BRONZE STAR MEDAL (OAK-LEAF CLUSTER)--By direction of the President, under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and pursuant to the authority contained in Paragraph 4, Section I, Circular No. 2, Headquarters, First United States Army, 4 January 1945, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal previously awarded in General Orders indicated, the Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster was awarded to the following enlisted men:

Sergeant Viben P. Eriksen (Army Serial Number 32624861), Corps of Engineers, Company A, 329th Engineer Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 12 and 13 February 1945. Awarded the Bronze Star Medal on General Orders No. 11, Headquarters, 104th Infantry Division, 11 January 1945. Entered military service from New York City, New York.

Technician Fifth Grade James R. Bonner (Army Serial Number 34478433), Corps of Engineers, Company A, 329th Engineer Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 12 and 13 February 1945. Awarded the Bronze Star Medal on General Orders No. 40, Headquarters, 104th Infantry Division, 23 December 1944. Entered military service from Needham, Alabama.

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I--SILVER STAR MEDAL--Posthumous Award--By direction of the President, under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and pursuant to the authority contained in Paragraph 4, Section I, Circular No. 2, Headquarters, First United States Army, 4 January 1945, the Silver Star Medal is awarded, posthumously, to the following officer:

First Lieutenant JOHN P. YOUNG (Army Serial Number 01309141), Infantry, Company L, 413th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in Germany from 19 to 21 November 1944. While leading a combat patrol Lieutenant Young encountered fire from two machine guns. He maneuvered a squad on each of the enemy guns with such skill that both enemy crews surrendered, and the guns were captured intact. When two enemy anti-tank guns opened fire from each flank, Lieutenant Young exposed himself at great risk to his life, his skillfully directed automatic rifle fire caused the crews to surrender, and the two anti-tank guns and crews were captured. Two days later while leading his platoon in an attack, Lieutenant Young was mortally wounded when he exposed himself to deadly enemy fire to direct and inspire his men. His superb leadership and undaunted courage in actions far above and beyond the call of duty were in keeping with the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Ohio.

II--SILVER STAR MEDAL--Award--By direction of the President, under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and pursuant to the authority contained in Paragraph 4, Section I, Circular No. 2, Headquarters, First United States Army, 4 January 1945, the Silver Star Medal is awarded to the following officer:

First Lieutenant KARL H. STELLJES (then Technical Sergeant) (Army Serial Number 01499756), Infantry, Company G, 413th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in Germany on 21 November 1944. Lieutenant Stelljes advanced with three men to seize a house. Moving forward under heavy fire, the three men were wounded. Undaunted, Lieutenant Stelljes signaled his platoon to cover his advance and, at great risk to his life, continued the mission alone. Advancing in the face of withering mortar, artillery, and small arms fire, he fearlessly engaged the enemy in a fierce fire-fight, employing grenades and his automatic weapon. He completely cleared five houses, captured four prisoners, and killed several enemy soldiers. The outstanding personal heroism and fearlessness displayed by Lieutenant Stelljes contributed materially to the success of the assault and reflected the highest credit on himself and the military service. Entered military service from Gifford, Idaho.

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III--MERITORIOUS SERVICE UNIT PLAQUE--Award--Under the provisions of Section I, Circular 345, War Department, 23 August 1944, as amended, the Meritorious Service Unit Plaque is awarded to the following Unit:

Medical Detachment, 414th Infantry Regiment, for superior performance of exceptionally difficult tasks and for achievement and maintenance of a high standard of discipline in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 24 October 1944 to 1 February 1945. During this period the Medical Detachment has performed its combat mission in a superior manner. Litter bearers, aid men, technicians, and officers have displayed extraordinary heroism and devotion to their duty in care and evacuation of the sick and wounded. Aid stations have consistently been well forward despite heavy artillery and small arms fire, and many instances of aid stations being hit by shell fire have occurred. Despite difficulties of evacuation in Holland, 325 casualties were evacuated during that campaign without a death occurring while enroute. The valor and heroism of the members of the unit are attested to by the receipt of 18 Silver Stars, 16 Bronze Stars, and 39 Purple Hearts. Medical Detachment, 414th Infantry Regiment, performed its mission in a superior manner, and its high standard of military courtesy and discipline is exemplified by its record during the period of no disciplinary action, no courts-martial, and no cases of venereal disease of any type. The appearance of personnel, installations, and equipment and the enthusiastic execution of orders have been superior throughout the entire period and reflect a distinct credit upon the armed forces of the United States.

IV--BRONZE STAR MEDAL--Awards--By direction of the President, under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and pursuant to the authority contained in Paragraph 4, Section I, Circular No. 2, Headquarters, First United States Army, 4 January 1945, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following officers, warrant officer, and enlisted men:

First Lieutenant ROSS W. JOHNSON (then Second Lieutenant and First Lieutenant) (Army Serial Number 01311518), Infantry, Headquarters Company 1st Battalion, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 23 October 1944 to 8 February 1945. Entered military service from Minneapolis, Minnesota.

First Lieutenant SEYMOUR KEITH (then Second Lieutenant and First Lieutenant), (Army Serial Number 01315070), Infantry, Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 23 October 1944 to 8 February 1945. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

First Lieutenant CHESTER W. SHEETS (Army Serial Number 01167215), Field Artillery, Battery C, 929th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 11 and 12 December 1944. Entered military service from Teaneck, New Jersey.

First Lieutenant WARREN A. WINSKAITIS (Army Serial Number 01179252), Field Artillery, Battery C, 929th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 11 and 12 December 1944. Entered military service from Oak Park, Illinois.

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Chief Warrant Officer TONY O. DAVIS (Army Serial Number W-2109031), United States Army, Headquarters, 413th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 23 October 1944 to 5 February 1945. Entered military service from Kansas City, Missouri.

Technician Fifth Grade Edward W. Roemmelt (Army Serial Number 32454468), Infantry, Company B, 750th Tank Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 10 December 1944. Entered military service from Newark, New Jersey.

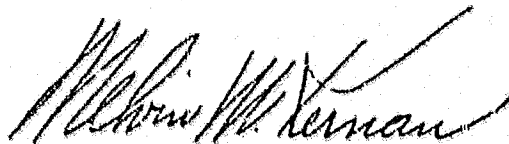
Technician Fifth Grade George Ferentheil (Army Serial Number 32803842), Infantry, Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 23 October 1944 to 9 February 1945. Entered military service from New York City, New York.

Private First Class Raymond H. Minegar (Army Serial Number 35543128), Infantry, Headquarters Company, 2d Battalion, 413th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Germany from 16 November 1944 to 19 January 1945. Entered military service from Elkhart, Indiana.

Private John J. Kepcia (Army Serial Number 33268876), Infantry, Company B, 750th Tank Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 17 November 1944. Entered military service from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

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I--SILVER STAR MEDAL--Award--By direction of the President, under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and pursuant to the authority contained in Paragraph 4, Section I, Circular No. 2, Headquarters, First United States Army, 4 January 1945, the Silver Star Medal is awarded to the following enlisted man:

Technician Fourth Grade Jamies R. Holt (Army Serial Number 33217376), Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 413th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in Holland on 26 October 1944. Technician Holt observed a seriously wounded squad leader lying in an exposed position on open terrain. At great risk to his life, he left his covered position and crawled forward 300 yards in the face of withering enemy small arms and machine gun fire. Lying flat on the ground, he administered first aid to the wounded man, and as evacuation was impossible because of the heavy fire, he dug a slit trench to shelter the wounded man before returning to his former mission. Shortly thereafter a mortar shell hit within a few feet of the wounded man, but he was untouched by shell fragments. Technician Holt's singular bravery and deep sense of devotion to his comrades exemplify the finest traditions of the American medical soldier in his mission of mercy and reflect the highest credit on himself and the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Brookneal, Virginia.

II--BRONZE STAR MEDAL--Posthumous Award--By direction of the President, under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and pursuant to the authority contained in Paragraph 4, Section I, Circular No. 2, Headquarters, First United States Army, 4 January 1945, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded, posthumously, to the following officer:

Second Lieutenant CLIFFORD M. DEBOER (Army Serial Number 01311620), Infantry, Company K, 415th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 16 November 1944. While advancing through a woods Lieutenant DeBoer's platoon was subjected to a heavy mortar barrage, and deadly "free-bursts" were causing heavy casualties. Realizing the untenability of the position, Lieutenant DeBoer moved from man to man, consolidating positions and finding shelter for his men. His actions saved the lives of many of his men and facilitated the subsequent repulsion of a severe enemy counter attack. The bravery and devotion to duty and to his fellow soldiers displayed by Lieutenant DeBoer were in keeping with the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Sheldon, Iowa. Next of kin: Mrs. Margaret DeBoer, Box 464, Hartley, Iowa.

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III--BRONZE STAR MEDAL--Awards--By direction of the President, under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and pursuant to the authority contained in Paragraph 4, Section I, Circular No. 2, Headquarters, First United States Army, 4 January 1945, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following officer and enlisted men:

Captain FRANCIS L. NOVACK (then First Lieutenant and Captain) (Army Serial Number 01289122), Infantry, Company H, 414th Infantry, United States Army for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 25 October 1944 to 31 January 1945. Entered military service from Passaic, New Jersey.

Technical Sergeant Walter G. Furniss (Army Serial Number 39108266), Infantry, Company G, 413th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 14 January 1945. Entered military service from San Francisco, California.

Staff Sergeant Roberto Chapa (then Sergeant and Staff Sergeant) (Army Serial Number 18231395), Infantry, Company B, 415th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 25 October 1944 to 10 February 1945. Entered military service from Salineno, Texas.

Staff Sergeant Philip A. Cherry (then Private First Class) (Army Serial Number 35751948), Infantry, Company F, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 14 December 1944. Entered military service from Ramsey, West Virginia.

Staff Sergeant James H. Hay (Army Serial Number 34328782), Infantry, Headquarters Company, 415th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 25 October 1944 to 22 January 1945. Entered military service from Dyersburg, Tennessee.

Sergeant Robert S. Cheatham (then Private) (Army Serial Number 35298747), Infantry, Company F, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 14 December 1944. Entered military service from Columbus, Ohio.

Sergeant William L. Commean (then Private) (Army Serial Number 6912223), Infantry, Company F, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 14 December 1944. Entered military service from St. Louis, Missouri.

Sergeant Raymond M. Roberts (Army Serial Number 20450710), Infantry, Company B, 415th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 11 December 1944. Entered military service from Columbia, Tennessee.

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Sergeant Marvin Rogers, Jr. (Army Serial Number 34490909), Infantry, Company G, 413th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 14 January 1945. Entered military service from Elizabethton, Tennessee.

Corporal Donald J. Camardo (Army Serial Number 32585943), Infantry, Company G, 413th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 14 January 1945. Entered military service from Rochester, New York.

Private First Class Melvin Adelman (Army Serial Number 11130220), Infantry, Company F, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 14 December 1944. Entered military service from Boston, Massachusetts.

Private First Class Sidney M. Cohen (Army Serial Number 13185090), Infantry, Company K, 415th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 16 November 1944. Entered military service from Brooklyn, New York.

Private First Class Bernard J. DeCook (then Private) (Army Serial Number 42142239), Infantry, Company F, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 14 December 1944. Entered military service from Newark, New York.

Private First Class Francis G. McCown (Army Serial Number 37443920), Infantry, Company G, 415th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 2 and 3 December 1944. Entered military service from Waterloo, Iowa.

Private First Class Lawrence W. Rofe (then Private) (Army Serial Number 35828662), Infantry, Company F, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 14 December 1944. Entered military service from Cleveland, Ohio.

Private First Class Michael Stetz, Jr. (then Private) (Army Serial Number 35068906), Infantry, Company G, 413th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Holland on 26 October 1944. Entered military service from Cleveland, Ohio.

Private Burl E. Albright (Army Serial Number 33704914), Infantry, Company F, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 14 December 1944. Entered military service from Greensburg, Pennsylvania.

IV--BRONZE STAR MEDAL--Amendment--So much of Section II, General Orders No. 51, this headquarters, 19 February 1945, as reads, "Major HERMAN O. WILLEY . . ." is amended to read, "Major NORMAN G. WILLEY . . ."

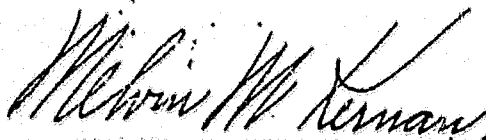
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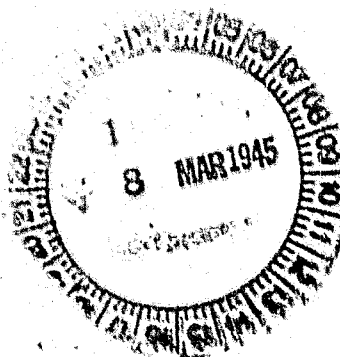
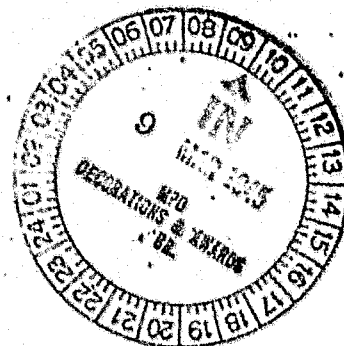
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I--SILVER STAR MEDAL--By direction of the President, under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and pursuant to the authority contained in Paragraph 4, Section I, Circular No. 2, Headquarters, First United States Army, 4 January 1945, the Silver Star Medal is awarded to the following officer and enlisted man:

First Lieutenant CHARLES J. HAGGARTY (Army Serial Number 01305921), Infantry, Company K, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in Germany on 24 November 1944. Lieutenant Haggarty's platoon suffered many casualties as he led them across an open field toward the objective. Seeing the futility of trying to advance, Lieutenant Haggarty worked his way back to the company command post under grazing machine gun fire and intense mortar fire, reported to his company commander, and then led aid men into the field, constantly exposing himself to enemy fire to rescue many of his wounded comrades and to point out to the rescue squads where the men lay. In rescuing members of his platoon at great risk to his life, Lieutenant Haggarty displayed the finest leadership and devotion to his men, and his actions reflect the highest credit on this officer and the military service. Entered military service from New York City, New York.

Private First Class James E. Carlson (Army Serial Number 37558969), Infantry, Company K, 415th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in Germany on 18 November 1944. Private Carlson took command of his section when the section sergeant was wounded, moving among the men while exposed to enemy fire in order to administer first aid to the wounded and organize effective defenses. During the night he dug a complete light machine gun position, manning it with several wounded men. The following day he took command of a self-propelled gun when the crew were wounded, effectively organizing and coordinating its fire with that of his men in repelling furious enemy counter attacks. The superb leadership, courage, and devotion to duty displayed by Private Carlson were an inspiration to his men and reflected the highest credit on himself and the military service. Entered military service from St. Paul, Minnesota.

II--BRONZE STAR MEDAL--By direction of the President, under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and pursuant to the authority contained in Paragraph 4, Section I, Circular No. 2, Headquarters, First United States Army, 4 January 1945, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following officers and enlisted men:

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Major HENRY W. RYAN (Army Serial Number 0280332), Infantry, Headquarters, 3d Battalion, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Holland and Germany from 25 October 1944 to 9 February 1945. Entered military service from Damascus, Virginia.

Major ARNOLD J. STROBEL (then Captain and Major) (Army Serial Number 0346834), Infantry, Headquarters, 2d Battalion, 415th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 25 October 1944 to 25 January 1945. Entered military service from Fairbury, Nebraska.

Captain NED U. BOURKE (then First Lieutenant and Captain) (Army Serial Number 01289198), Infantry, Headquarters Company, 2d Battalion, 415th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 25 October 1944 to 25 January 1945. Entered military service from Terre Haute, Indiana.

Captain HAROLD F. HARTST (then First Lieutenant and Captain) (Army Serial Number 01237871), Infantry, Company H, 415th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 25 October 1944 to 25 January 1945. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

Captain EDWARD WEH (Army Serial Number 0339051), Infantry, Headquarters, 3d Battalion, 413th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 23 October 1944 to 9 February 1945. Entered military service from Elizabeth, New Jersey.

First Lieutenant WILLIAM C. DYER, JR. (Army Serial Number 0295690), Infantry, Company F, 415th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 25 October 1944 to 25 January 1945. Entered military service from Salem, Oregon.

First Lieutenant JOSEPH M. FREUND (then Second Lieutenant and First Lieutenant) (Army Serial Number 01062360), Infantry, Company F, 415th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Germany from 16 November 1944 to 15 January 1945. Entered military service from Washington, Pennsylvania.

First Lieutenant COMERFORD W. McLOUGHLIN (Army Serial Number 01298263), Infantry, Company B, 415th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 25 October 1944 to 3 January 1945. Entered military service from New York City, New York.

First Lieutenant JOHN R. PECKMORE (then Second Lieutenant and First Lieutenant) (Army Serial Number 01323730), Infantry, Company H, 415th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 25 October 1944 to 24 January 1945. Entered military service from Newark, New Jersey.

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First Lieutenant CHESTER A. SMITH (Army Serial Number 01300543), Infantry, Company B, 415th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Germany from 15 November 1944 to 3 January 1945. Entered military service from Perth Amboy, New Jersey.

Second Lieutenant EMORY I. MORGAN (then Staff Sergeant and Second Lieutenant) (Army Serial Number 02000555), Infantry, Company F, 415th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Holland and Germany from 25 October 1944 to 25 January 1945. Entered military service from Aberdeen, Mississippi.

Second Lieutenant LOUIS H. TROG (then Staff Sergeant and Second Lieutenant), (Army Serial Number 02000606), Infantry, Company F, 415th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Holland and Germany from 25 October 1944 to 25 January 1945. Entered military service from South St. Paul, Minnesota.

Second Lieutenant WALTER C. TUCKER (then Technical Sergeant and Second Lieutenant) (Army Serial Number 02000554), Infantry, Company F, 415th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Holland and Germany from 25 October 1944 to 25 January 1945. Entered military service from Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

Technician Fourth Grade George Steinkirchner (Army Serial Number 32611019), Infantry, Company E, 415th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 31 January 1945. Entered military service from Richmond Hill, New York.

Corporal Wayne J. Seibert (Army Serial Number 39904776), Infantry, Headquarters Company, 3d Battalion, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 1 February 1945. Entered military service from Pocatello, Idaho.

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I--SILVER STAR MEDAL--Posthumous Award--By direction of the President, under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and pursuant to the authority contained in Paragraph 4, Section I, Circular No. 2, Headquarters, First United States Army, 4 January 1945, the Silver Star Medal is awarded, posthumously, to the following enlisted man:

Private First Class Max L. Van Orman (Army Serial Number 15118679), Infantry, Company L, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in Holland on 29 October 1944. After three members of his squad had been wounded, Private Van Orman advanced alone toward an enemy machine gun nest. Ignoring machine gun bullets which splattered dirt about him, he wiped out the nest with one well placed grenade and shot an enemy machine gunner attempting to escape. Returning to his platoon, he made three trips across the fire-swept terrain to rescue his three wounded comrades. In displaying admirable courage, a complete disregard for personal safety, and an unwavering devotion to duty and to his comrades, Private Van Orman reflected the highest credit on himself and the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Marysville, Ohio. Next of kin: Mrs. Mable B. Van Orman, Route No. 3, Marysville, Ohio.

II--SILVER STAR MEDAL--Award--By direction of the President, under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and pursuant to the authority contained in Paragraph 4, Section I, Circular No. 2, Headquarters, First United States Army, 4 January 1945, the Silver Star Medal is awarded to the following enlisted man:

Sergeant Harry F. Avery (then Private First Class, Army Serial Number 32937008), Infantry, Company I, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in Germany on 25 November 1944. While advancing to its objective Sergeant Avery's unit was pinned to the ground by an intense mortar barrage. Seeing that the position was untenable, Sergeant Avery rose to his feet and urged the men forward. Dashing to a house 200 yards away, he proceeded to clear a row of houses, capturing one prisoner and rescuing a captured comrade. He then went forward alone, located friendly elements in the town, and returned to lead his company into the town. Sergeant Avery's voluntary assumption of leadership and his exemplary conduct under fire were directly responsible for the advance of his company to the objective, and his heroic actions reflect the highest credit on himself and the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Syracuse, New York.

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III--BRONZE STAR MEDAL Awards--By direction of the President, under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and pursuant to the authority contained in Paragraph 4, Section I, Circular No. 2, Headquarters, First United States Army, 4 January 1945, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following officer and enlisted men:

Captain WALTER R. LEON (then First Lieutenant and Captain) (Army Serial Number 01289100), Infantry, Headquarters, 2d Battalion, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Holland and Germany from 25 October 1944 to 31 January 1945. Entered military service from Greystown, Georgia.

Staff Sergeant Lloyd H. Hahn (Army Serial Number 37043591), Cavalry, 104th Reconnaissance Troop, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 24 January 1945. Entered military service from Ormsby, Minnesota.

Staff Sergeant Ctis R. Hemphill (then Private First Class) (Army Serial Number 38352115), Infantry, Company B, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany from 23 to 25 November 1944. Entered military service from Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Staff Sergeant James P. Higgins (Army Serial Number 17131590), Infantry, Company C, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 11 December 1944. Entered military service from O'Neill, Nebraska.

Staff Sergeant Bernard S. Milam (Army Serial Number 35204282), Infantry, Company F, 413th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 27 and 28 November 1944. Entered military service from Red Jacket, West Virginia.

Staff Sergeant Manuel Vasquez (then Private First Class and Staff Sergeant) (Army Serial Number 38442815), Infantry, Company G, 413th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 26 October 1944 to 22 January 1945. Entered military service from El Paso, Texas.

Sergeant Russell F. Eggers (Army Serial Number 36436858), Infantry, Company M, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Holland on 2 November 1944. Entered military service from Plainville, Illinois.

Technician Fourth Grade Norbert L. McLeod (Army Serial Number 38374130), Infantry, Headquarters Company, 3d Battalion, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 3 and 4 December 1944. Entered military service from Forest Grove, Oregon.

Corporal Chester C. Watters (Army Serial Number 31339169), Infantry, Headquarters Company, 2d Battalion, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in Germany from 27 to 29 November 1944. Entered military service from Rutland, Vermont.

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Private First Class J. R. Branham (Army Serial Number 38353062), Infantry, Headquarters Company, 2d Battalion, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 27 November 1944. Entered military service from Little Rock, Arkansas.

Private First Class Keith M. Farber (Army Serial Number 19154025), Infantry, Company M, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 16 November 1944. Entered military service from Seattle, Washington.

Private First Class Robert H. Folk (Army Serial Number 14201841), Infantry, Company L, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Holland on 29 October 1944. Entered military service from Clemson, South Carolina.

Private First Class James R. Wheatley (Army Serial Number 35687878), Infantry, Company M, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany from 23 to 25 November 1944. Entered military service from Hardinsburg, Kentucky.

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I--SILVER STAR MEDAL--Awards--By direction of the President, under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and pursuant to the authority contained in Paragraph 4, Section I, Circular No. 2, Headquarters, First United States Army, 4 January 1945, the Silver Star Medal is awarded to the following officer and enlisted man:

First Lieutenant CHARLES J. O'GARA (then Second Lieutenant) (Army Serial Number 01998439), Cavalry, 104th Reconnaissance Troop, United States Army, for gallantry in action in Germany on 24 January 1945. Lieutenant O'Gara led a patrol across a river with the mission of capturing an enemy prisoner. Using information he had previously gained, Lieutenant O'Gara led his men along a predetermined route under a heavy enemy mortar barrage, moving directly to an enemy machine gun position. The aggressiveness and boldness of the advance resulted in complete surprise, and Lieutenant O'Gara captured an enemy soldier and moved back across the river. By his initiative, prior planning, and courageous example, Lieutenant O'Gara was able to conduct the raid with notable success and without loss to his men. His actions reflect the highest credit on this officer and the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Wickenburg, Arizona.

Staff Sergeant John Horgdal, Jr. (then Private) (Army Serial Number 39210684), Infantry, Company D, 413th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in Germany on 27 November 1944. Crossing open terrain in the face of withering enemy fire, Sergeant Horgdal contacted each member of the platoon in order to lead them to cover. Exposing himself to enemy fire at great risk to his life, Sergeant Horgdal directed the withdrawal of the entire mortar platoon with its wagons and equipment in time to reorganize and give vital support to the advancing assault units. The intrepidity, strong leadership, and extreme sense of devotion to duty displayed by Sergeant Horgdal were in keeping with the finest traditions of the American soldier. Entered military service from Olympia, Washington.

Private First Class Raymond L. Kerr (Army Serial Number 37443805), Infantry, Anti-Tank Company, 413th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in Germany on 14 January 1945. While crossing open terrain, Private Kerr's companion was severely wounded. At great risk to his life, Private Kerr placed the man on his back, dashed 25 yards through enemy fire to a sheltered position, administered first aid, and again risked his life in crossing open terrain to secure an aid man. This act of mercy completed, he resumed his initially assigned mission. Private Kerr's gallant heroism and extreme devotion to his fellow soldier were responsible for saving the life of his comrade. His action, above and

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beyond the call of duty, reflects the highest credit on Private Kerr and the military service. Entered military service from Muscatine, Iowa.

II--BRONZE STAR MEDAL--Posthumous Award--By direction of the President, under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and pursuant to the authority contained in Paragraph 4, Section I, Circular No. 2, Headquarters, First United States Army, 4 January 1945, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded, posthumously, to the following enlisted man:

Private First Class Donald R. Andrews (Army Serial Number 33359607), Infantry, Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 415th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 16 November 1944. Advancing with the leading assault groups, Private Andrews carried a heavy wirehead, laying wire communications to facilitate the advance. Advancing at extreme risk to his life under heavy fire, Private Andrews was wounded. His bravery and complete devotion to duty reflect the highest credit on himself and the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Kunkletown, Pennsylvania. Next of kin: Mary Andrews, Kunkletown, Pennsylvania.

III--BRONZE STAR MEDAL--Awards--By direction of the President, under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and pursuant to the authority contained in Paragraph 4, Section I, Circular No. 2, Headquarters, First United States Army, 4 January 1945, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following officers and enlisted men:

First Lieutenant ALLAN A. LAMOND (then Second Lieutenant) (Army Serial Number 0528477), Infantry, Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 415th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Holland and Germany from 31 October to 13 December 1944. Entered military service from Haverhill, Massachusetts.

First Lieutenant DON L. SMATHERS (Army Serial Number 01311574), Infantry, Service Company, 415th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 25 October 1944 to 5 February 1945. Entered military service from San Francisco, California.

Second Lieutenant FRED F. KAISER (then Technical Sergeant) (Army Serial Number 02000553), Infantry, Company E, 415th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Holland and Germany from 3 November to 6 December 1944. Entered military service from Evansville, Indiana.

Technical Sergeant Amos Gore (Army Serial Number 37107486), Infantry, Company B, 415th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Holland and Germany from 25 October 1944 to 3 January 1945. Entered military service from Conway, Arkansas.

Staff Sergeant Cecil T. Smith (Army Serial Number 20819458), Infantry, Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 23 October 1944 to 9 February 1945. Entered military service from Austin, Texas.

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Technician Fifth Grade Brian M. Dunlap, Jr. (Army Serial Number 34398935), Infantry, Company G, 413th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 26 October 1944 to 12 February 1945. Entered military service from Center Point, Alabama.

Technician Fifth Grade Joseph Pasquino (Army Serial Number 33406519), Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 413th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 23 October 1944 to 3 February 1945. Entered military service from Warren, Pennsylvania.

Technician Fifth Grade Gulman Torkelson (Army Serial Number 39471251), Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 413th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 23 October 1944 to 9 February 1945. Entered military service from Seattle, Washington.

Private First Class William G. Andrews (then Private) (Army Serial Number 3492035), Infantry, Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 10 December 1944. Entered military service from Charlotte, North Carolina.

Private First Class Frank F. Cable (Army Serial Number 34437924), Infantry, Company G, 413th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 26 October 1944 to 25 January 1945. Entered military service from Burlington, North Carolina.

Private First Class Bennett Greenberg (Army Serial Number 31251914), Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 413th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 23 October 1944 to 3 February 1945. Entered military service from Hartford, Connecticut.

Private First Class Richard B. Shellrick (Army Serial Number 37533544), Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 413th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 23 October 1944 to 3 February 1945. Entered military service from Philadelphia, Minnesota.

IV--PURPLE HEART--Award--By direction of the President, under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Purple Heart is awarded to the following enlisted men:

First Sergeant James B. Langston (Army Serial Number 38102659), Infantry, Service Company, 413th Infantry, United States Army, for wounds received as a result of enemy action in Germany on 22 February 1945. Entered military service from Dallas City, Texas.

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I--SILVER STAR MEDAL--Award--By direction of the President, under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and pursuant to the authority contained in Paragraph 4, Section I, Circular No. 2, Headquarters, First United States Army, 4 January 1945, the Silver Star Medal is awarded to the following enlisted man:

First Sergeant Donald F. Moser (Army Serial Number 37039193), Infantry, Company E, 415th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in Germany on 3 December 1944. Advancing under intense fire, Sergeant Moser wiped out a machine gun nest and killed an enemy rifleman guarding the gun. Another enemy gun opened fire on him, but despite the grazing fire he returned to his group, contacting the men he could find, and led them safely to friendly lines. The intrepidity and daring with which Sergeant Moser performed his courageous action reflect the highest credit on himself and the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Des Moines, Iowa.

II--BRONZE STAR MEDAL--Posthumous Award--By direction of the President, under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and pursuant to the authority contained in Paragraph 4, Section I, Circular No. 2, Headquarters, First United States Army, 4 January 1945, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded, posthumously, to the following enlisted man:

Private First Class Milton J. Kulisek (Army Serial Number 37606912), Infantry, Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 415th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in Holland from 27 to 31 October 1944. Advancing across a river at the height of an assault, Private Kulisek was forced to return under heavy fire to repair broken wire which he had just laid. Despite intense enemy fire, he crossed and re-crossed the river several times and was finally cut off from friendly forces and lost his life. The magnificent courage and devotion to duty displayed by Private Kulisek were in keeping with the finest traditions of the American soldier and reflected the highest credit on himself and the military service. Entered military service from St. Louis, Missouri. Next of kin: Mary Kulisek, 1610 Picker Street, St. Louis, Missouri.

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III--BRONZE STAR MEDAL--Missing in Action--By direction of the President, under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and pursuant to the authority contained in Paragraph 4, Section I, Circular No. 2, Headquarters, First United States Army, 4 January 1945, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following enlisted man (missing in action):

Technician Fifth Grade Robert G. Fleming (Army Serial Number 38373687), Infantry, Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 415th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in Holland on 31 October 1944. Advancing across a river at the height of an assault, Technician Fleming was forced to return under heavy fire to repair broken wire, which he had just laid. Despite intense enemy fire, he crossed and re-crossed the river several times and was finally cut off from friendly troops and is now missing in action. The magnificent courage and devotion to duty displayed by Technician Fleming were in keeping with the finest traditions of the American soldier and reflected the highest credit on himself and the military service. Entered military service from New Orleans, Louisiana.

IV--BRONZE STAR MEDAL--Awards--By direction of the President, under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and pursuant to the authority contained in Paragraph 4, Section I, Circular No. 2, Headquarters, First United States Army, 4 January 1945, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following officers and enlisted men:

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* ~~First Lieutenant GEORGE E. HAYDEN (then Sergeant) (Army Serial Number 02000907), Infantry, Company G, 412th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Holland, on 4 November 1944. Entered military service from Mishawaka, Indiana.~~

First Lieutenant STEWART J. POFF (Army Serial Number 01289133), Infantry, Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 23 October 1944 to 12 February 1945. Entered military service from Rochester, New York.

First Lieutenant PESTON W. TAYLOR (then Second Lieutenant and First Lieutenant) (Army Serial Number 0537871), Infantry, Cannon Company, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 23 October 1944 to 13 February 1945. Entered military service from Baltimore, Maryland.

Master Sergeant James E. McInnis (Army Serial Number 32621364), Infantry, Service Company, 415th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 25 October 1944 to 6 February 1945. Entered military service from Brooklyn, New York.

Technical Sergeant Ruth J. Massara (then Corporal and Technical Sergeant) (Army Serial Number 32304095), Infantry, Company D, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 23 October 1944 to 12 February 1945. Entered military service from Newark, New Jersey.

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Staff Sergeant James W. Fesmire (Army Serial Number 34437976), Infantry, Company M, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 5 January 1945. Entered military service from Rameur, North Carolina.

Staff Sergeant Samuel T. Leeper (Army Serial Number 37397019), Infantry, Headquarters Company, 3d Battalion, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 29 January 1945. Entered military service from St. Louis Missouri.

Private First Class Donald E. Bickhart (Army Serial Number 33492366), Infantry, Headquarters Company, 3d Battalion, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 29 January 1945. Entered military service from Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

Private First Class Howard Jones (then Private) (Army Serial Number 33764518), Infantry, Headquarters Company, 3d Battalion, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 29 January 1945. Entered military service from Altoona, Pennsylvania.

Private First Class Edward L. Manut (Army Serial Number 12098013), Infantry, Company B, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 23 October 1944 to 13 February 1945. Entered military service from Buffalo, New York.

V--PURPLE HEART--Awards--By direction of the President, under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Purple Heart is awarded to the following enlisted men:

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~~*Private First Class Howard D. Dean (Army Serial Number 35227200), Infantry, Company I, 413th Infantry, United States Army, for wounds received as a result of enemy action in Germany on 21 February 1945. Entered military service from Aubin, Indiana.~~

Private First Class Elna Dennis (Army Serial Number 35687894), Infantry, Company G, 413th Infantry, United States Army, for wounds received as a result of enemy action in Germany on 23 February 1945. Entered military service from Mook, Kentucky.

Private First Class Robert R. Wetherbee (Army Serial Number 36740136), Infantry, Company G, 413th Infantry, United States Army, for wounds received as a result of enemy action in Germany on 23 February 1945. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

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I--SILVER STAR MEDAL--Awards--By direction of the President, under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and pursuant to the authority contained in Paragraph 4, Section I, Circular No. 2, Headquarters, First United States Army, 4 January 1945, the Silver Star Medal is awarded to the following enlisted men:

Staff Sergeant Willie S. Hall (Army Serial Number 34520486), Infantry, Company F, 413th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in Germany on 18 November 1944. Occupying an observation post 100 yards from enemy lines, Sergeant Hall, mortar forward observer, succeeded in neutralizing numerous enemy emplacements despite the fact that the enemy constantly hammered his observation post with a withering barrage of fire. When all other personnel were forced to the cellars, Sergeant Hall refused to abandon his post and called for fire on a target only 40 yards to his front, scoring a direct hit on his initial fire order. His gallant heroism in actions above and beyond the call of duty reflected the highest credit on Sergeant Hall and contributed materially to the success of his battalion. Entered military service from Murfreesboro, Tennessee.

Sergeant Earnest W. King (Army Serial Number 33517499), Infantry, Company K, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in Germany on 16 November 1944. While Sergeant King's squad occupied a perilous position on a ridge, a battle shocked man in his squad became panic-stricken and repeatedly tried to move to the rear. The man's movements drew heavy fire from the enemy, and Sergeant King, at great risk to his life, left his covered position and crawled to the man's position. Calmly reasoning with the stricken man, he finally exposed himself to enemy fire to protect the man and prevent him from advancing in the face of withering fire. Sergeant King was severely wounded in saving the life of his comrade. The courage, fortitude, and supreme devotion to his comrade displayed by Sergeant King reflect the highest credit on himself and the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Richmond, Virginia.

Sergeant Karl A. Tebusch (Army Serial Number 36712892), Infantry, Company L, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in Germany on 25 November 1944. As the enemy advanced in strength to counter attack, Sergeant Tebusch seized his machine gun, moved to an exposed position at a window, and poured withering fire on the enemy, thus halting the assault. One enemy soldier succeeded in infiltrating to the house and threw a grenade into the room, knocking Sergeant Tebusch from his feet. Sergeant Tebusch quickly arose to his feet and turned his gun on the fleeing enemy, killing him instantly. When a second assault

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was launched, Sergeant Tobusch seized his weapon and, at great risk to his life, stepped to an open window and wiped out an enemy machine gun nest 25 yards from his position. Sergeant Tobusch's courageous actions, voluntarily executed at great risk to his life, exemplify the finest traditions of the American soldier. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

II--BRONZE STAR MEDAL--Missing in Action--By direction of the President, under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and pursuant to the authority contained in Paragraph 4, Section I, Circular No. 2, Headquarters, First United States Army, 4 January 1945, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following officer (missing in action):

First Lieutenant VIRGIL H. ROTHRA (then Second Lieutenant) (Army Serial Number 01997965), Corps of Engineers, Company A, 329th Engineer Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 11 February 1945. Lieutenant Rothra volunteered to lead a boat crew in crossing a river and gaining important information as to the navigability of the swollen, turbulent stream. Though they were exposed to potential enemy fire from the far side, the crossing was successfully effected, but on the return trip the boat overturned. As a result thereof Lieutenant Rothra is now missing in action. The courage and devotion to duty displayed by Lieutenant Rothra were in keeping with the finest traditions of the American soldier and reflected the highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Miami, Florida. Next of kin: Henry L. Rothra, Portage Road, Westfield, New York.

III--BRONZE STAR MEDAL--Awards--By direction of the President, under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and pursuant to the authority contained in Paragraph 4, Section I, Circular No. 2, Headquarters, First United States Army, 4 January 1945, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following officers and enlisted men:

Lieutenant Colonel EDWARD G. SHINKLE (Army Serial Number 018741), Field Artillery, Headquarters, 385th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in Holland on 3 November 1944. Entered military service from Burlington, Iowa.

Captain ROBERT B. FREY (Army Serial Number 0524596), Chaplain's Corps, Headquarters, 3d Battalion, 413th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 23 November 1944 and from 29 November to 2 December 1944. Entered military service from Canton, Ohio.

First Lieutenant ROBERT FIELD (Army Serial Number 0110223), Corps of Engineers, Company A, 329th Engineer Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 11 February 1945. Entered military service from Jackson, Mississippi.

Second Lieutenant CHARLES SILFEN (Army Serial Number 01325936), Infantry, Company K, 413th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 5 January 1945. Entered military service from New York City, New York.

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Sergeant Marshall E. Bickford (Army Serial Number 37443713), Corps of Engineers, Company A, 329th Engineer Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 11 February 1945. Entered military service from Fort Dodge, Iowa.

Sergeant Kenneth R. Bunzey (Army Serial Number 32660052), Corps of Engineers, Company A, 329th Engineer Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 11 February 1945. Entered military service from Albany, New York.

Sergeant James A. Michlena (Army Serial Number 33258388), Corps of Engineers, Company A, 329th Engineer Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 11 February 1945. Entered military service from Altoona, Pennsylvania.

Technician Fourth Grade Louia Bensen (Army Serial Number 33370147), Corps of Engineers, Company A, 329th Engineer Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 11 February 1945. Entered military service from Allentown, Pennsylvania.

Technician Fifth Grade Carleton D. Gilchrist (Army Serial Number 39196947), Cavalry, 104th Reconnaissance Troop, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 24 January 1945. Entered military service from Seattle, Washington.

Private First Class Robert E. Fulton (Army Serial Number 35569608), Infantry, Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 10 December 1944. Entered military service from Hammond, Indiana.

Private First Class Richard O. Holsinger (Army Serial Number 33402155), Cavalry, 104th Reconnaissance Troop, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 24 January 1945. Entered military service from Freedom, Pennsylvania.

Private First Class Paul Larsen (Army Serial Number 32627212), Corps of Engineers, Company A, 329th Engineer Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 11 February 1945. Entered military service from Brooklyn, New York.

Private First Class Elvin D. McConnell (Army Serial Number 36713916), Cavalry, 104th Reconnaissance Troop, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 24 January 1945. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

IV-- PURPLE HEART--Awards--By direction of the President, under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Purple Heart is awarded to the following enlisted men:

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Technician Fourth Grade Louis D'Alchicchio (Army Serial Number 20246032), Field Artillery, Battery B, 696th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for wounds received as a result of enemy action in Germany on 23 February 1945.

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Private First Class Lester E. Bender (Army Serial Number 33501079), Infantry, Company M, 413th Infantry, United States Army, for wounds received as a result of enemy action in Germany on 23 February 1945. Entered military service from Trenton, Pennsylvania.

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I--SILVER STAR MEDAL--Awards--By direction of the President, under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and pursuant to the authority contained in Paragraph 4, Section I, Circular No. 2, Headquarters, First United States Army, 4 January 1945, the Silver Star Medal is awarded to the following officers:

Captain JACK T. HARMON (then First Lieutenant) (Army Serial Number 01289247), Infantry, Company A, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in Germany on 10 December 1944. Leading his men to the objective, Captain Harmon secured a small portion of a town and then returned to a section which had been pinned down by enemy small arms fire. He walked calmly among his men organizing their advance and leading them to the objective at great risk to his life. Directing a desperate defense, he was buried in the basement of a burning house, but undaunted, he dug himself out and organized his men in an orderly withdrawal with a minimum loss of life. The valorous leadership and complete disregard for personal safety displayed by Captain Harmon reflect the highest credit on this officer and the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Amarillo, Texas.

First Lieutenant GEORGE H. AXSON (then Second Lieutenant) (Army Serial Number 01324235), Infantry, Company I, 413th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in Holland on 25 October 1944. As the enemy opened fire from a wooded area, Lieutenant Axson leaped to his feet and, at great risk to his life, moved among the men of his platoon designating targets and calmly directing the fire of his guns throughout the day. At dusk Lieutenant Axson advanced with the leading assault groups, providing maximum protection for the advancing assault troops. The outstanding courage and superb leadership displayed by Lieutenant Axson in the first combat mission of his unit reflect the highest credit upon himself and the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Bartlesville, Oklahoma.

First Lieutenant JOHN J. RIMOSUKAS (Army Serial Number 01308376), Infantry, Company B, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in Germany on 10 December 1944. When his commanding officer was injured, Lieutenant Rimosukas, executive officer, advanced to the leading elements of the company and, at great risk to his life, exposed himself to enemy fire to organize and inspire his men and to lead the successful assault on the objective. After establishing a command post, Lieutenant Rimosukas was trapped in the cellar of a burning build-

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ing, but he succeeded in extricating himself at dusk and led a fearless defense of the ground gained against a savage enemy counter attack. Lieutenant Rimosukas displayed outstanding personal valor, an utter disregard for his personal welfare, and tenacious devotion to duty, and his actions reflect the highest credit on himself and the military service. Entered military service from Poquonock, Connecticut.

II--BRONZE STAR MEDAL--Missing in Action--By direction of the President, under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and pursuant to the authority contained in Paragraph 4, Section I, Circular No. 2, Headquarters, First United States Army, 4 January 1945, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following enlisted man (missing in action):

Technician Fifth Grade Paul Brenneisen (Army Serial Number 13170426), Corps of Engineers, Company A, 329th Engineer Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 11 February 1945. Technician Brenneisen volunteered as a member of a boat crew which was to cross a river and gain important information as to the navigability of the swollen, turbulent stream. Though exposed to potential enemy fire from the far side, the crossing was successfully effected, but on the return trip the boat overturned. As a result thereof, Technician Brenneisen is now missing in action. The courage and devotion to duty displayed by Technician Brenneisen were in keeping with the finest traditions of the American soldier and reflected the highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Next of kin: Mrs. Mary Brenneisen, Road No. 1, Box 101, Harmony, Pennsylvania.

III--BRONZE STAR MEDAL--Awards--By direction of the President, under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and pursuant to the authority contained in Paragraph 4, Section I, Circular No. 2, Headquarters, First United States Army, 4 January 1945, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following officers and enlisted men:

Captain LOUIS W. BUCKALEW, JR. (Army Serial Number 0410154), Infantry, Company C, 692d Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany from 4 to 10 December 1944. Entered military service from Bloomsburg, Pennsylvania.

Captain MAX J. EISNER (Army Serial Number 01102228), Corps of Engineers, Company C, 329th Engineer Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 23 October 1944 to 14 February 1945. Entered military service from Pittsfield, Massachusetts.

Captain ERNEST E. ANDREWARTHA (then First Lieutenant) (Army Serial Number 01289192), Infantry, Company C, 413th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Holland from 2 to 4 November 1944. Entered military service from Lockhart, Texas.

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First Lieutenant ROYCE B. CARVER (then Second Lieutenant and First Lieutenant) (Army Serial Number O1310810), Infantry, Headquarters Company, 3d Battalion, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 23 October 1944 to 10 February 1945. Entered military service from Pawhuska, Oklahoma.

First Lieutenant JOHN GARDNER (Army Serial Number O1822790), Field Artillery, Headquarters, 692d Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in Germany from 3 to 9 December 1944. Entered military service from Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania.

First Lieutenant JOHN H. GIBBLE, JR. (Army Serial Number O1311637), Infantry, Headquarters Company, 3d Battalion, 415th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 23 October 1944 to 10 February 1945. Entered military service from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

First Lieutenant MATT C. HAWKINS (Army Serial Number O1317299), Infantry, Service Company, 413th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 23 October 1944 to 26 January 1945. Entered military service from Mt. Sterling, Kentucky.

First Lieutenant HENRY V. TOFANELLI (then Second Lieutenant) (Army Serial Number O132466), Infantry, Headquarters Company, 3d Battalion, 413th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Holland on 5 November 1944. Entered military service from San Francisco, California.

First Lieutenant PAUL A. WEAVER (Army Serial Number O1822843), Infantry, Headquarters, 692d Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in Germany from 30 November to 4 December 1944. Entered military service from Akron, Ohio.

Technician Fifth Grade Evert W. Harkan (Army Serial Number 36436320), Infantry, Company C, 413th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 23 October 1944 to 14 February 1945. Entered military service from Mapleton, Illinois.

Technician Fifth Grade Clarence L. Mason (Army Serial Number 38336840), Infantry, Headquarters Company, 3d Battalion 414th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in Holland on 31 October 1944. Entered military service from Rastop, Louisiana.

Private First Class Hugh L. Gilbert (Army Serial Number 18193899), Infantry, Company C, 413th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 23 October 1944 to 14 February 1945. Entered military service from Corpus Christi, Texas.

Private First Class Wilburn L. McKibben (Army Serial Number 39689779), Infantry, Company D, 413th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 27 November 1944. Entered military service from Visalia, California.

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Private First Class Mitchell B. Pancarz (Army Serial Number 36710785), Infantry, Headquarters Company, 3d Battalion, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in Holland on 31 October 1944. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

Private First Class Robert W. Van Scoyoc (Army Serial Number 33857874), Infantry, Headquarters Company, 3d Battalion, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in Holland on 31 October 1944. Entered military service from Altoona, Pennsylvania.

IV--BRONZE STAR MEDAL--Amendment--So much of Section II, General Orders No. 57, this Headquarters, 25 February 1945, pertaining to Technician Fifth Grade Julian Terkelsen as reads, "from 23 October 1944 to 8 February 1945" is amended to read, "from 23 October to 2 December 1944".

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I--SILVER STAR MEDAL--By direction of the President, under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and pursuant to the authority contained in Paragraph 4, Section I, Circular No. 2, Headquarters, First United States Army, 4 January 1945, the Silver Star Medal is awarded to the following officer and enlisted man:

Second Lieutenant RALPH E. SNIDER (Army Serial Number 01314685), Infantry, Company G, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in Germany on 12 December 1944. Lieutenant Snider led his men into a town with such skill and daring that the initial objective was quickly seized. After clearing out a row of houses, Lieutenant Snider immediately pushed forward with the support platoon, and due to exposing himself to enemy fire to lead his men more effectively, he was wounded. Despite the severe pain from his wound, he continued to direct his men in routing the enemy. The platoons speedy action in seizing the objective enabled the company to seize the town with few casualties. In carrying out his mission Lieutenant Snider displayed great personal courage and leadership far above and beyond the call of duty, and his actions reflect the highest credit on this officer and the military service. Entered military service from Ontario, California.

Technical Sergeant James E. Webb (then Sergeant) (Army Serial Number 32270966), Infantry, Company L, 413th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in Germany on 23 November 1944. Leaving his covered position, Sergeant Webb crossed 125 yards of open terrain in the face of heavy enemy fire to the side of a wounded comrade, lying exposed on open ground. After dragging the man to cover, he administered first aid and, despite murderous fire, placed the man on his back and traversed 450 yards of fire-swept terrain, half walking and half crawling, to the aid station. Sergeant Webb's undaunted heroism and extreme sense of responsibility to his fellow soldier saved the life of his comrade, and his actions were in keeping with the finest traditions of the American soldier. Entered military service from Trenton, New Jersey.

II--BRONZE STAR MEDAL--By direction of the President, under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and pursuant to the authority contained in Paragraph 4, Section I, Circular No. 2, Headquarters, First United States Army, 4 January 1945, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following officers and enlisted man:

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Captain RICHARD R. BOWMAN, JR. (Army Serial Number 0439825), Infantry, Headquarters, 2d Battalion, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Holland and Germany from 25 October 1944 to 31 January 1945. Entered military service from New Cumberland, Pennsylvania.

Captain SEAVER B. SPENCER (then First Lieutenant and Captain) (Army Serial Number 01289333), Infantry, Company M, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 23 October 1944 to 1 February 1945. Entered military service from Waco, Texas

Staff Sergeant George O. Johnson (Army Serial Number 37040098), Infantry, Company G, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in Belgium on 25 October 1944. Entered military service from Lake Mills, Iowa.

III--PURPLE HEART--By direction of the President, under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Purple Heart is awarded to the following officer:

Second Lieutenant RANDALL MARSHALL (Army Serial Number 02000573), Field Artillery, Battery A, 929th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for wounds received as a result of enemy action in Germany on 24 February 1945. Entered military service from Ruckersville, Virginia.

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I--SILVER STAR MEDAL--Posthumous Award--By direction of the President, under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and pursuant to the authority contained in Paragraph 4, Section I, Circular No. 2, Headquarters, First United States Army, 4 January 1945, the Silver Star Medal is awarded, posthumously, to the following officer:

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~~X~~Captain J. SHERIDAN REILLY (Army Serial Number 0450346), Infantry, Company H, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in Belgium on 25 October 1944. During a night attack the leading elements of the battalion were pinned to the ground by intense machine gun, mortar, and artillery fire. At great risk to his life, Captain Reilly moved forward across open terrain from his position with one of the rear elements of the battalion to silence an enemy machine gun position which was pouring devastating fire on his troops. When only 30 yards from his objective Captain Reilly was killed by a burst of machine gun fire. His actions were an inspiration to his men in their first combat with the enemy. The heroism displayed by Captain Reilly, above and beyond the call of duty, reflects the highest credit on this officer and the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from New York City, New York. Next of kin: Mrs. Estelle M. Reilly, 1 Lexington Avenue, New York City, New York.

II--SILVER STAR MEDAL--Award--By direction of the President, under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and pursuant to the authority contained in Paragraph 4, Section I, Circular No. 2, Headquarters, First United States Army, 4 January 1945, the Silver Star Medal is awarded to the following enlisted man:

Staff Sergeant Patrick J. Stowell (then Private) (Army Serial Number 13074020), Infantry, Company K, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in Germany on 3 December 1944. When an artillery forward observer was injured by enemy fire, Sergeant Stowell moved to an exposed position in a house at the height of an enemy counter attack, assumed the duties of artillery forward observer, and directed devastating fire on the advancing enemy, which halted their advance. Detecting six enemy soldiers approaching the house, he waited until they were within range and killed them with rifle and grenade fire. Refusing to abandon his dangerous post, he inflicted several casualties on the fleeing enemy. His heroic actions, executed at great risk to his life, reflect the highest credit on Sergeant Stowell and the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Cumberland, Maryland.

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III--BRONZE STAR MEDAL--Awards--By direction of the President, under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and pursuant to the authority contained in Paragraph 4, Section I, Circular No. 2, Headquarters, First United States Army, 4 January 1945, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following officer, warrant officer, and enlisted men:

Captain WILLIAM T. STELLING (Army Serial Number O1046963), Coast Artillery Corps, Interrogation Prisoners of War Team No. 30, Military Intelligence Service, Headquarters, 104th Infantry Division, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in France, Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 6 June 1944 to 21 February 1945. Entered military service from Beverly Hills, California.

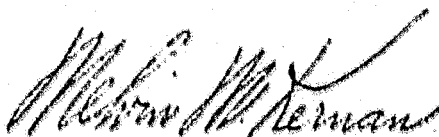
Chief Warrant Officer EMMETT L. AMMONS (Army Serial Number W-2107867), Army of the United States, Headquarters Company, 415th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 25 October 1944 to 22 January 1945. Entered military service from Ventura, California.

Staff Sergeant Leroy E. Scott (Army Serial Number 37133019), Infantry, Company B, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Holland and Germany from 9 November 1944 to 13 February 1945. Entered military service from Memphis, Missouri.

Sergeant William P. Bennett (Army Serial Number 32625007), Infantry, Company L, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 25 November 1944. Entered military service from Hicksville, New York.

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First Lieutenant ROBERT G. SOMMERVILLE (Army Serial Number O1289332), Infantry, Company G, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in Belgium on 25 and 26 October 1944. During a night attack the leading elements of the battalion were pinned to the ground by intense machine gun, mortar, and artillery fire. At great risk to his life, Lieutenant Sommerville moved forward across open terrain to silence an enemy machine gun position which was pouring devastating fire on his troops. When only 30 yards from his objective, Lieutenant Sommerville was killed by a burst of machine gun fire. His actions were an inspiration to his men in their first combat with the enemy. The heroism displayed by Lieutenant Sommerville, above and beyond the call of duty, reflect the highest credit on this officer and the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from New York City, New York. Next of kin: Mr. Robert Sommerville, 630 West 135th Street, New York City, New York.

II--BRONZE STAR MEDAL--Awards--By direction of the President, under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and pursuant to the authority contained in Paragraph 4, Section I, Circular No. 2, Headquarters, First United States Army, 4 January 1945, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following officers and enlisted men:

First Lieutenant THOMAS V. MORAN (Army Serial Number O2047079), Medical Administrative Corps, Medical Detachment, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 23 October 1944 to 30 January 1945. Entered military service from Highland Park, Illinois.

First Lieutenant HARLAND W. SHANK (then Second Lieutenant and First Lieutenant) (Army Serial Number O1032910), Cavalry, 104th Reconnaissance Troop, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in France, Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 7 September 1944 to 14 February 1945. Entered military service from Portland, Oregon.

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Sergeant William A. Chermide (Army Serial Number 36712965), Infantry, Headquarters Company, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 24 October 1944 to 27 January 1945. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

Private First Class Thomas H. Burns (Army Serial Number 36623545), Infantry, Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 23 October 1944 to 13 February 1945. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

III--PURPLE HEART--Awards--By direction of the President, under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Purple Heart is awarded to the following enlisted men:

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~~*Staff Sergeant Harry Garrison (Army Serial Number 34437875), Infantry, Company E, 415th Infantry, United States Army, for wounds received as a result of enemy action in Germany on 25 February 1945. Entered military service from Burlington, North Carolina.~~

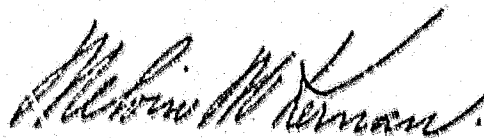
Private Steve Maker (Army Serial Number 35302897), Infantry, Company C, 415th Infantry, United States Army, for wounds received as a result of enemy action in Germany on 23 February 1945. Entered military service from Youngstown, Ohio.

IV--PURPLE HEART (OAK-LEAF CLUSTER)--Award--By direction of the President, under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, in addition to the Purple Heart previously awarded as published in General Orders No. 21, Headquarters, 415th Infantry, 10 December 1944, the Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to the following enlisted man:

Private First Class William Kelley (Army Serial Number 33726310), Infantry, Company E, 415th Infantry, United States Army, for wounds received as a result of enemy action in Germany on 24 February 1945. Entered military service from Bethesda, Maryland.

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I--SILVER STAR MEDAL--Missing in Action--By direction of the President, under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and pursuant to the authority contained in Paragraph 4, Section I, Circular No. 2, Headquarters, First United States Army, 4 January 1945, the Silver Star Medal is awarded to the following officer (missing in action):

First Lieutenant CHARLES L. KINCHELOE (Army Serial Number 01298244), Infantry, Company H, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in Germany on 17 November 1944. During the assault on a strongly defended enemy stronghold, Lieutenant Kincheloe advanced with the forward assault groups and established observation posts from which, despite intense enemy fire, he directed mortar fire, that enabled the troops to advance with the minimum of casualties and to surround and capture 23 enemy soldiers. His dauntless courage, above and beyond the call of duty, was an inspiration to the assault groups, and his timely fire was instrumental in the battalion's success. The bravery and devotion to duty displayed by Lieutenant Kincheloe reflect the highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Crewe, Virginia. Next of kin: Mrs. W. S. Kincheloe, 411 Tennessee Avenue, Crewe, Virginia.

II--SILVER STAR MEDAL--Award--By direction of the President, under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and pursuant to the authority contained in Paragraph 4, Section I, Circular No. 2, Headquarters, First United States Army, 4 January 1945, the Silver Star Medal is awarded to the following officer:

First Lieutenant WILLIAM J. SUGEL (then Second Lieutenant) (Army Serial Number 01324296), Infantry, Company D, 413th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in Holland on 2 November 1944. When his platoon was pinned to the ground by intense enemy shelling, Lieutenant Sugel, with complete disregard for his personal safety, moved from man to man, encouraging and directing them forward. When leading elements were pinned to the ground by machine gun fire, he quickly and effectively eliminated the enemy positions by accurately directed fire from his mortars. Lieutenant Sugel's gallant heroism, superb leadership, and sound tactical decisions were responsible for saving the lives of many of his comrades, and his actions, above and beyond the call of duty, reflect the highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from San Francisco, California.

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III--SOLDIER'S MEDAL--Posthumous Award--By direction of the President, under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and pursuant to the authority contained in Paragraph 4, Section I, Circular No. 2, Headquarters, First United States Army, 4 January 1945, the Soldier's Medal is awarded to the following enlisted man:

Technician Fifth Grade Robert O. Hanson (Army Serial Number 36818894), Infantry, Company L, 413th Infantry, United States Army, for heroism not involving actual conflict with the enemy in Germany on 7 February 1945. As Technician Hanson prepared to leave a billet in a cellar, he accidentally pulled the safety pin of a grenade, and it fell to the floor. Shouting a warning to the members of his squad, Technician Hanson reached for the grenade, fell on it, and was mortally wounded by the explosion. The gallant heroism and extreme sense of responsibility to his fellow soldiers displayed by Technician Hanson prevented the loss of the lives of his comrades. His courageous act, executed at the sacrifice of his life, exemplifies the finest traditions of the American soldier and reflects the highest credit on Technician Hanson and the military service. Entered military service from Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Next of kin: Mrs. Ann Hanson, 840E North Lake Drive, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

IV--MERITORIOUS SERVICE UNIT PLAQUE--Award--Under the provisions of Section I, Circular No. 345, War Department, 23 August 1944, as amended, the Meritorious Service Unit Plaque is awarded to the following unit:

329th Medical Battalion, for superior performance of exceptionally difficult tasks and for achievement and maintenance of a high standard of discipline in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 23 October to 31 December 1944. During this period the battalion performed an exceptionally difficult task of combat evacuation and care of the sick in a superior manner with outstanding devotion to duty. Throughout this period of combat with the enemy, the mortality rate after casualties reached any echelon of the battalion was far below normal expectancy. This result was obtained by sound and meticulous attention to established techniques of medical treatment and outstanding devotion to the prosecution of their mission of evacuation and care of the wounded. The 329th Medical Battalion performed its mission in a superior manner, and its high standard of military courtesy and discipline is exemplified by its record during the period of no disciplinary action, no courts-martial, and no cases of venereal disease of any type. The appearance of personnel, installations, and equipment and the enthusiastic execution of orders were superior throughout the entire period and reflect a distinct credit upon the armed forces of the United States.

V--BRONZE STAR MEDAL--Awards--By direction of the President, under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and pursuant to the authority contained in Paragraph 4, Section I, Circular No. 2, Headquarters, First United States Army, 4 January 1945, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following officers and enlisted men:

Lieutenant Colonel STANLEY N. IONNING (Army Serial Number 019281), Infantry, Headquarters, 413th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 29 November 1944. Entered military service from Minneapolis, Minnesota.

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Captain ROBERT D. HAPHEY (Army Serial Number 0316825), Infantry, Headquarters Company, 104th Infantry Division, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in France, Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 7 September 1944 to 17 February 1945. Entered military service from Boston, Massachusetts.

Captain EDWARD W. KNIGHT (Army Serial Number 01102334), Corps of Engineers, Company B, 329th Engineer Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 23 October 1944 to 24 February 1945. Entered military service from Huntington, West Virginia.

First Lieutenant PARIS A. DIGREGERIO (then Second Lieutenant and First Lieutenant) (Army Serial Number 01312633), Infantry, Headquarters Company, 3d Battalion, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 23 October 1944 to 10 February 1945. Entered military service from Mason City, Iowa.

First Lieutenant JOSEPH J. UGLIO (Army Serial Number 01287861), Infantry, Service Company, 415th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 25 October 1944 to 25 January 1945. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

Technical Sergeant Walter F. Skora (then Staff Sergeant) (Army Serial Number 36710835), Infantry, Company H, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 20 and 21 November 1944. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

Staff Sergeant George W. Butler (Army Serial Number 35114409), Infantry, Service Company, 415th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 25 October 1944 to 25 January 1945. Entered military service from Columbus, Ohio.

Staff Sergeant Stephen B. Fagas (Army Serial Number 39269051), Infantry, Service Company, 413th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 23 October 1944 to 12 February 1945. Entered military service from Alhambra, California.

Staff Sergeant John D. Ryan (then Private) (Army Serial Number 36611852), Infantry, Company F, 413th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 28 November 1944. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

Staff Sergeant Anthony G. Stalluto (Army Serial Number 31047699), Infantry, Service Company, 415th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 25 October 1944 to 5 February 1945. Entered military service from South Norwalk, Connecticut.

Sergeant Edward J. Mulligan (then Private First Class and Sergeant) (Army Serial Number 35091830), Infantry, Company A, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 23 October 1944 to 13 February 1945. Entered military service from Whiting, Indiana.

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Technician Fifth Grade Orville B. Spencer (Army Serial Number 35233361), Infantry, Service Company, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 23 October 1944 to 31 January 1945. Entered military service from Akron, Ohio.

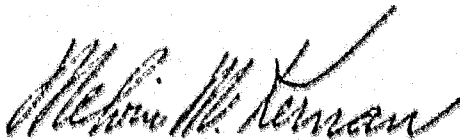
VI--PURPLE HEART--Awards--By direction of the President, under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Purple Heart is awarded to the following enlisted men:

Private First Class Richard L. Beauvagar, (Army Serial Number 31376316), Infantry, Company H, 413th Infantry, United States Army, for wounds received as a result of enemy action in Germany on 28 February 1945. Entered military service from Claremont, New Hampshire.

Private Arnold Dempsey (Army Serial Number 33707891), Cavalry, Company B, 83d Armored Reconnaissance Regiment, United States Army, for wounds received as a result of enemy action in Germany on 26 February 1945.

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