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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 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 and enlisted man:

First Lieutenant ARMAND J. SERRABELLA (Army Serial Number 01319666), Infantry, Company G, 413th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in Germany on 3 April 1945. While posting a squad as an outguard on an intermediary objective, Lieutenant Serrabella observed an enemy platoon moving into prepared positions. Realizing that the battalion plan of attack would be greatly delayed, he immediately, skillfully, and stealthily maneuvered his men into position to ambush the enemy. At his signal the squad opened fire on the enemy, and during the fierce fire-fight that followed Lieutenant Serrabella moved from group to group, brilliantly directing fire that soon forced the entire enemy group to surrender. As a result of the action, four enemy soldiers were killed, twenty-four were captured, and approximately ten were driven back in hasty retreat. The gallantry and superb leadership in the face of murderous enemy fire displayed by Lieutenant Serrabella exemplify the finest traditions of the American officer and combat leader. Entered military service from Patchogue, New York. Next of kin: Mrs. Alphonsine G. Palermo, 189 Maple Avenue, Patchogue, New York.

Staff Sergeant James T. Kohler (Army Serial Number 35348295), Infantry, Anti-Tank Company, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in Germany on 4 March 1945. When a tank destroyer self-propelled weapon was hit by enemy artillery fire, injuring some men, Sergeant Kohler left his covered position and manned the machine gun of the burning vehicle, firing two hundred fifty rounds into enemy infantrymen and mortarmen in the nearby woods. He forced them to withdraw, enabling aid men to evacuate the wounded men. Despite fierce enemy fire, he remained in a completely exposed position until all the enemy troops in the vicinity were forced to withdraw. The gallantry and intense devotion to duty and to his companions displayed by Sergeant Kohler were in keeping with the finest traditions of the American soldier, reflecting the highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from South Bend, Indiana. Next of kin: Joanne C. Kohler, 1231 Van Buren Street, South Bend, Indiana.

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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 officers and enlisted men:

Captain THEODORE E. THOMAS (Army Serial Number O1288475), Infantry, Company E, 413th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in Germany on 25 February 1945. When poor radio transmission made it necessary to personally deliver commands to leading assault platoons, Captain Thomas made two trips across three hundred yards of open terrain in the face of intense enemy fire to contact leading elements of his company. Noticing six enemy self-propelled guns moving into a threatening position, he crossed to his lead platoon, insured himself that they were adequately dug in, and, at great risk to his life, took up an exposed position from which he called for time artillery fire on the enemy, forcing the guns and crews to move into the area occupied by his men. As a result of this courageous action, thirty enemy were killed and one hundred one were taken prisoner. Captain Thomas' singular gallantry, extreme sense of responsibility to duty, and fearless intrepidity turned possible defeat into heroic victory with the minimum number of casualties to his men. His actions are in keeping with the finest traditions of the American combat leader. Entered military service from Poplar Bluff, Missouri.

Second Lieutenant WILLIAM D. WEILBY (then Technical Sergeant) (Army Serial Number O2000569), Infantry, Company H, 413th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in Germany on 27 and 28 November 1944. Leading his platoon forward in the face of intense enemy fire, Lieutenant Weilby placed his men in positions from which they could render maximum support with their mortars. Exposing himself to enemy fire, he directed the fire of his weapons with devastating accuracy. Although wounded shortly after the action commenced, he refused to abandon his post and remained in an exposed position to direct fire which silenced a 20mm flak gun which was directing fire at his position and the surrounding troops. Throughout the day he remained in position and inflicted heavy casualties on the enemy by his accurately directed fire. The intrepid gallantry and intense devotion to duty displayed by Lieutenant Weilby exemplify the finest traditions of the American combat leader, reflecting distinct credit on this officer and the military service. Entered military service from Eagle River, Wisconsin.

Private First Class Bruce H. Harter (Army Serial Number 42144250), Infantry, Company D, 415th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in Germany on 25 February 1945. A large body of enemy troops, led by a tank and two self-propelled guns, moved down the main street of a town. When the order was given to evacuate a schoolhouse occupied by his platoon, Private Harter and a companion volunteered to remain behind to cover the withdrawal. At great risk to their lives, the two men took up exposed positions and engaged the enemy with small arms fire, inflicting heavy casualties and effectively covering the withdrawal of their companions. After halting each enemy rush, they withdrew through the building, covering each other as they scaled a ten-foot wall. The intrepidity and daring in the face of overwhelming odds displayed by Private Harter are in keeping with the finest traditions of the American combat soldier, reflecting distinct credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Jordauville, New York.

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III--BRONZE 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 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 men:

Technical Sergeant Harold L. Schultz (then Private, Sergeant, and Technical Sergeant) (Army Serial Number 37000701), 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 19 February 1945. During this period of combat with the enemy, Sergeant Schultz displayed outstanding qualities of courage, leadership, and devotion to duty in the performance of his duties as rifleman, squad leader, and platoon sergeant. On one occasion he led a patrol across three hundred yards of open terrain to gain information as to the strength and disposition of the strongly entrenched enemy. On the night of 24 November 1944, he assumed command of the remnants of his squad and led them through heavy fire to the objective, effectively covering the movement of the remainder of the company to the objective. His actions, above and beyond the call of duty, reflect the highest credit on Sergeant Schultz and the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Pittsburg, Kansas. Next of kin: Mrs. Juanita Schultz, 1712, North Elm Street, Pittsburg, Kansas.

Technician Fifth Grade Robert H. Gray (Army Serial Number 32661731), Field Artillery, Battery A, 386th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 4 March 1945. At great risk to his life, Technician Gray left his covered position and advanced across open terrain in the face of a terrific enemy artillery barrage in order to search for a wounded man. Locating the man, he administered first aid, and being unable to evacuate him, he obtained assistance and then returned to the area to search for other wounded men. Only after satisfying himself that all men were evacuated did he return to safety. The courage and intense devotion to duty and to his fellow soldiers displayed by Technician Gray was in keeping with the finest traditions of the American soldier, reflecting the highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Mineville, New York. Next of kin: Miss Lona Gray, Mineville, New York.

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:

First Lieutenant STANLEY R. BLUNCK (Army Serial Number 01287822), Infantry, Company E, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 20 November 1944. Entered military service from Oakland, California.

First Lieutenant Stanley G. Zimmerman (then Second Lieutenant and First Lieutenant) (Army Serial Number 01015360), Infantry, Company B, 750th Tank Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium and Germany from 16 November 1944 to 1 April 1945. Entered military service from Amarillo, Texas.

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Technical Sergeant Howard D. Smith (then Staff Sergeant and Technical Sergeant) (Army Serial Number 34437353), 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 17 February 1945. Entered military service from Albemarle, North Carolina.

Staff Sergeant Wilbur P. Croom (Army Serial Number 6249882), Cavalry, 104th Reconnaissance Troop, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 23 October 1944 to 9 April 1945. Entered military service from Phoenix, Arizona.

Technician Fifth Grade Louis J. Nemeth (then Private and Technician Fifth Grade) (Army Serial Number 32295721), Armored, Company B, 750th Tank Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium and Germany from 16 November 1944 to 3 April 1945. Entered military service from Kulpmont, Pennsylvania.

Technician Fifth Grade Marvin A. Ross (Army Serial Number 33216859), Infantry, Headquarters Company, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 23 October 1944 to 1 April 1945. Entered military service from Nimrod Hall, Virginia.

Private First Class Ricardo C. Delgado (Army Serial Number 38247633), Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, 386th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 10 December 1944. Entered military service from Houston, Texas.

By command of Brigadier General WOODWARD:

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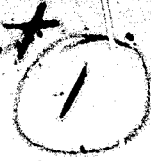
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I--BRONZE STAR MEDAL--Posthumous Award--By direction of the President, under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and pursuant to the authority contained in paragraph 4, section I, Circular No. 2, Headquarters, First United States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

Private First Class Arthur A. Schneider (Army Serial Number 39335055), Infantry, Company E, 415th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 23 February 1945. Although suffering from exposure and shock after a river crossing, Private Schneider, courageously and at great risk to his life, exposed himself to enemy fire to administer first aid to wounded comrades. Although he was trapped in a pocket of enemy resistance with fifteen other men, he worked tirelessly to defend himself and aid his fellow soldiers despite the handicaps, undoubtedly saving the life of one man by his prompt administration of first aid. Private Schneider's actions were in keeping with the finest traditions of the American combat soldier, reflecting distinct credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Portland, Oregon. Next of kin: Mrs. Eva G. Schneider, 4025 South East Franklin Street, Portland, Oregon.

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, warrant officer, and enlisted men:

Captain KEITH E. SMITH (Army Serial Number 01171773), Ordnance Department, 904th Ordnance Company, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 23 October 1944 to 22 April 1945. Entered military service from Ogden, Utah.

First Lieutenant DALE J. GLAZE (then Second Lieutenant) (Army Serial Number 02000568), Infantry, Company H, 413th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 25 February 1945. Entered military service from Arkadelphia, Arkansas.

Warrant Officer Junior Grade EDWARD C. RANDALL (Army Serial Number W2122909), United States Army, 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 April 1945. Entered military service from Hollywood, California.

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✓ First Sergeant Emil Heinen, Jr. (Army Serial Number 38091754), 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 14 April 1945. Entered military service from New Braunfels, Texas.

✓ Staff Sergeant Donald P. Brownell (Army Serial Number 20914950), Medical Department, Company D, 329th Medical Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 23 October 1944 to 16 April 1945. Entered military service from Calipatria, California.

✓ Staff Sergeant Alphonsus DeLew, Jr. (then Private First Class) (Army Serial Number 39209715), 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 Seattle, Washington.

✓ Staff Sergeant Randolph T. Thaw, Jr. (Army Serial Number 13121554), Medical Department, Company D, 329th Medical Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 23 October 1944 to 16 April 1945. Entered military service from Richmond, Virginia.

✓ Sergeant Donald J. Ashley (Army Serial Number 37242054), Medical Department, Company D, 329th Medical Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 23 October 1944 to 16 April 1945. Entered military service from Oberlin, Kansas.

✓ Sergeant Jack W. Dunlap (then Private and Private First Class) (Army Serial Number 33635101), Infantry, Company H, 413th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 23 October 1944 to 12 April 1945. Entered military service from Richmond, Virginia.

✓ Sergeant Kenneth M. Dyer (Army Serial Number 36282188), Infantry, Headquarters Company, 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 8 March 1945. Entered military service from Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

✓ Sergeant Jesus T. Hernandez (then Corporal) (Army Serial Number 1823555), Infantry, Company M, 413th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 23 October 1944 to 10 April 1945. Entered military service from San Antonio, Texas.

✓ Sergeant Francis L. Swift (Army Serial Number 33559620), Infantry, Company E, 415th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 23 February 1945. Entered military service from Baltimore, Maryland.

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Technician Fourth Grade Everett E. Hagan (Army Serial Number 37242572), Infantry, Headquarters Company, 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 16 April 1945. Entered military service from Vernon, Kansas.

Corporal Robert D. Sauerbrunn (Army Serial Number 1615435), Infantry, Company M, 413th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 24 February 1945. Entered military service from Peoria, Illinois.

Technician Fifth Grade William F. Granitz (Army Serial Number 33482475), Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, 929th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 23 October 1944 to 2 April 1945. Entered military service from Allentown, Pennsylvania.

Technician Fifth Grade Robert W. Stevens (then Private First Class and Technician Fifth Grade) (Army Serial Number 35140722), Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 415th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 4 December 1944. Entered military service from Rushville, Indiana.

Private First Class Paul F. Holden (Army Serial Number 35557006), Infantry, Company F, 413th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 26 February 1945. Entered military service from Toledo, Ohio.

Private First Class Jack D. Joselyn (Army Serial Number 39196492), Infantry, Headquarters Company, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 23 October 1944 to 1 April 1945. Entered military service from Seattle, Washington.

Private First Class Charles C. Lehmkohl (Army Serial Number 36744629), Infantry, Company H, 413th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 3 March 1945. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

Private First Class Edward W. Ojala (Army Serial Number 37325672), Infantry, Headquarters Company, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 23 October 1944 to 1 April 1945. Entered military service from New York Mills, Minnesota.

Private First Class Elliott Richardson, Jr. (Army Serial Number 13178238), Infantry, Company M, 413th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 24 February 1945. Entered military service from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

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Private First Class Harold J. Sim (Army Serial Number 37325633), Infantry, Headquarters Company, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 23 October 1944 to 1 April 1945. Entered military service from Fargo, North Dakota.

Private First Class Alfred Telles (Army Serial Number 39853383), Infantry, Company L, 415th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 5 December 1944. Entered military service from Mesa, Arizona.

Private First Class Kenneth Van Horn (then Private and Private First Class) (Army Serial Number 33299536), Infantry, Headquarters Company, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 23 October 1944 to 1 April 1945. Entered military service from Berlin, Pennsylvania.

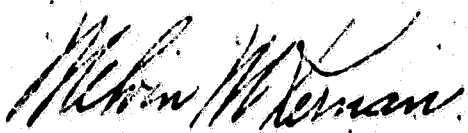
Private Martin R. Frasee (Army Serial Number 36709506), Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, 929th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 23 October 1944 to 2 April 1945. Entered military service from Metropolis, Illinois.

III--BRONZE STAR MEDAL--Amendment--So much of section III, General Orders No. 103, this headquarters, 10 April 1945, pertaining to the award of the Bronze Star Medal to Captain ROY E. BRANSON, O1038339, 87th Chemical Battalion, as reads, ". . . the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following officer:" is amended to read, ". . . in addition to the Bronze Star Medal previously awarded in General Orders No. 17, Headquarters, VII Corps, 28 March 1945, the bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to the following officer:".

By command of Brigadier General WOODWARD:

B. R. DeGRAFF
Colonel, General Staff Corps
Chief of Staff

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MELVIN M. KERVAN

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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:

Staff Sergeant Carl L. Gravitt (Army Serial Number 34396208), Infantry, Company F, 413th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in Germany on 25 February, 1945. Leading his men across a moat and into a huge enemy-held castle, Sergeant Gravitt, although wounded in making the crossing, continued to lead the charge, hurling a well-aimed grenade which killed two enemy soldiers. The audacity and boldness of the assault made possible the entrance into the castle by the remainder of the company and its subsequent capture with one hundred prisoners, including an enemy battalion commander and his staff. Sergeant Gravitt's intrepid gallantry and superb leadership, far above and beyond the call of duty, exemplify the finest traditions of the American combat soldier, reflecting distinct credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Bear Creek, Alabama.

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 Dominic J. Sciafani (Army Serial Number 42129648), Infantry, Company L, 415th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Germany from 10 November 1944 to 19 February 1945. During this period, Private Sciafani distinguished himself by his superior performance of his duties in combat. As a rifleman he displayed initiative, coolness, and bravery under fire, on one occasion voluntarily exposing himself to intense enemy fire to evacuate a number of his wounded comrades from the field of battle. In another instance he crossed a fire-swept terrain to return twenty-nine prisoners to the battalion command post. When these prisoners were interviewed important information was obtained. The courage and intense devotion to duty displayed by Private Sciafani were in keeping with the finest traditions of the American combat soldier. Entered military service from New York City, New York. Next of kin: Mrs. Loretta Sciafani, 211 East 4th Street, New York City, 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 officers and enlisted men:

Captain JACK T. HARMON (then First Lieutenant and Captain) (Army Serial Number 01289247), Infantry, Company F, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 23 October 1944 to 18 March 1945. Entered military service from Amarillo, Texas.

Captain GEORGE W. MINGUS, JR. (Army Serial Number 0380639), Infantry, Headquarters Company, 104th Infantry Division, 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 Kopperal, Texas.

First Lieutenant ROBERT J. DOWD (then Second Lieutenant and First Lieutenant) (Army Serial Number 0528472), Infantry, Headquarters Company, 2d Battalion, 413th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Germany from 13 December 1944 to 12 April 1945. Entered military service from Penacook, New Hampshire.

First Lieutenant GAIL P. GEE (then Second Lieutenant and First Lieutenant) (Army Serial Number 01293755), Infantry, Headquarters Company, 104th Infantry Division, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 23 October 1944 to 10 April 1945. Entered military service from California, Pennsylvania.

First Lieutenant JAMES M. RIDGE (then Second Lieutenant and First Lieutenant) (Army Serial Number 01299180), Infantry, Company M, 413th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 23 October 1944 to 10 April 1945. Entered military service from Muskegon, Michigan.

First Lieutenant WARREN R. [REDACTED] (Army Serial Number 0476691), Infantry, Headquarters Company, 104th Infantry Division, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 12 April 1945. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

Second Lieutenant HOUSTON T. LIPSCOMB (then Staff Sergeant) (Army Serial Number 02008624), Infantry, Headquarters Company, 413th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 23 October 1944 to 16 April 1945. Entered military service from Roanoke, Virginia.

Technical Sergeant Floyd W. Eakin (then Staff Sergeant) (Army Serial Number 34399158), 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 10 November 1944. Entered military service from South Pittsburgh, Tennessee.

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Staff Sergeant Earl J. Loss (Army Serial Number 37443860), Infantry, Company M, 413th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 23 October 1944 to 23 February 1945. Entered military service from Waterloo, Iowa.

Staff Sergeant James R. Noble (then Private First Class) (Army Serial Number 36436495), Infantry, Company C, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 23 October to 22 November 1944. Entered military service from Vincennes, Indiana.

Staff Sergeant Simon D. Smith (Army Serial Number 37190124), Infantry, Anti-Tank 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 March 1945. Entered military service from Anita, Iowa.

Staff Sergeant John H. Stevens (Army Serial Number 37443798), Infantry, Company M, 413th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany from 23 to 26 February 1945. Entered military service from Waterloo, Iowa.

Sergeant Thomas G. Compton (Army Serial Number 38264309), Infantry, Headquarters Company, 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 13 April 1945. Entered military service from Jennings, Louisiana.

Sergeant Francis V. Pratschke (Army Serial Number 37094356), Cavalry, 104th Reconnaissance Troop, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 26 March 1945. Entered military service from Jud, North Dakota.

Technician Fourth Grade Clarence P. Freitas (Army Serial Number 3650270), 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 18 April 1945. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

Corporal Giles B. Smith (then Private First Class and Corporal) (Army Serial Number 34463295), Infantry, Company M, 413th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 23 October 1944 to 8 April 1945. Entered military service from Goldsboro, North Carolina.

Corporal William N. Egan (Army Serial Number 33548994), Infantry, Company H, 413th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 22 November 1944. Entered military service from Baltimore, Maryland.

Private First Class Jean P. Collette (Army Serial Number 37325244), Infantry, Company F, 413th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 26 February 1945. Entered military service from Salem, Oregon.

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Private First Class Albert Glassman (Army Serial Number 32995122), Infantry, Anti-Tank Company, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 8 December 1944. Entered military service from Newark, New Jersey.

Private Charles L. Caldwell (Army Serial Number 37242165), Cavalry, 104th Reconnaissance Troop, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 23 October 1944 to 9 April 1945. Entered military service from Independence, Kansas.

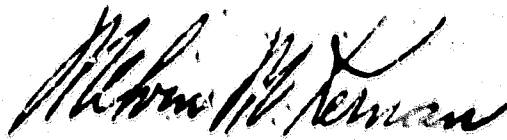
IV--BRONZE STAR MEDAL (OAK-LEAF CLUSTER)--Awards--By direction of the President, under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and pursuant to the authority contained in paragraph 4, section I, Circular No. 2, Headquarters, First United States Army, 1 January 1945, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal previously awarded as indicated, the bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to the following officer and enlisted man:

First Lieutenant HARLAND W. SHANK (Army Serial Number 01032310), Cavalry, 104th Reconnaissance Troop, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in Germany from 31 March to 2 April 1945. Entered military service from Portland, Oregon. Awarded the Bronze Star Medal in General Orders No. 63, Headquarters, 104th Infantry Division, 3 March 1945.

Staff Sergeant Lloyd H. Hahn (Army Serial Number 37043591), Cavalry, 104th Reconnaissance Troop, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 23 October 1944 to 20 February 1945. Entered military service from Ormsby, Minnesota. Awarded the Bronze Star Medal in General Orders No. 56, Headquarters, 104th Infantry Division, 24 February 1945.

By command of Brigadier General WOODWARD:

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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 George P. Manning (Army Serial Number 37110153), Infantry, Company F, 413th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in Germany on 1 March 1945. After clearing a portion of a town, Sergeant Manning's squad advanced to a wooded area, where it was subjected to intense enemy fire which forced it to withdraw and call for artillery fire. Returning to a position of cover, Sergeant Manning found several men missing, and unhesitatingly and at great risk to his life, he made his way through several hundred yards of fire-swept area, locating his missing men and starting them back to safety. Returning to his platoon, he was instantly killed by enemy fire. Sergeant Manning's intrepid gallantry and high sense of responsibility to duty saved the lives of several of his comrades with the supreme sacrifice of his own, and his actions, far above and beyond the call of duty, reflect the highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Lansing, Iowa. Next of kin: Patrick F. Manning, R. F. D. No. 1, Lansing, Iowa.

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 officers:

First Lieutenant CLIFFORD C. FLOBERG (Army Serial Number 01824160), Field Artillery, (Tank Destroyer), Company B, 817th Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army, for gallantry in action in Germany on 5 April 1945. Leading his tank destroyer weapons into an enemy-held town, Lieutenant Floberg killed an enemy sniper with a burst of machine gun fire. Preceding his vehicles into the town on foot, he observed an enemy tank and directed fire on it from a range of one hundred yards, knocking it out. When an enemy half-track and self-propelled gun appeared, he immediately directed fire on the two vehicles, knocking them out and killing twenty-five enemy soldiers. The intrepid gallantry and superb leadership displayed by Lieutenant Floberg exemplify the finest traditions of the American combat leader, reflecting the highest credit upon this officer and the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Tacoma, Washington.

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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:

Major FRANK R. GENTRY (Army Serial Number 0365340), Infantry, Headquarters, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 30 March 1945. Entered military service from Memphis, Texas.

First Lieutenant JAY C. CONFER (Army Serial Number 01311610), Infantry, Service Company, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 30 March 1945. Entered military service from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

First Lieutenant SPENCER R. STUART (Army Serial Number 01325418), Infantry, Headquarters Company, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 30 March 1945. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

Staff Sergeant Ambrose R. Stroupe (then Sergeant and Staff Sergeant) (Army Serial Number 14187874), Infantry, Company F, 413th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 23 October 1944 to 19 April 1945. Entered military service from Lowell, North Carolina.

Corporal Don E. Hoyer (Army Serial Number 32660095), Infantry, Headquarters Company, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 30 March 1945. Entered military service from Greenwich, New York.

Corporal Harvey Levin (Army Serial Number 33384236), Field Artillery, Battery A, 927th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Germany from 27 February to 1 April 1945. Entered military service from Baltimore, Maryland.

Corporal James R. Taylor (then Private First Class) (Army Serial Number 17085245), Infantry, Headquarters Company, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 30 March 1945. Entered military service from Dubuque, Iowa.

Private First Class Donald E. Bates (Army Serial Number 42107711), Infantry, Company F, 413th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 26 February 1945. Entered military service from White Plains, New York.

Private First Class David Burns (Army Serial Number 32614145), Infantry, Headquarters Company, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 30 March 1945. Entered military service from Brooklyn, New York.

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Private First Class David P. Evans, Jr. (Army Serial Number 13087861), Field Artillery, Battery A, 929th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Germany from 27 February to 3 April 1945. Entered military service from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Private First Class John G. Fleming, Jr. (Army Serial Number 38520951), Field Artillery, Battery A, 929th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Germany from 27 February to 3 April 1945. Entered military service from Dallas, Texas.

Private First Class Anthony E. Grazulis (Army Serial Number 33400750), Infantry, Headquarters Company, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 30 March 1945. Entered military service from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Private First Class John G. Hanaway (Army Serial Number 37522240), Infantry, Company G, 413th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 1 March 1945. Entered military service from Independence, Missouri.

Private First Class Charles B. Harper (Army Serial Number 35676842), Infantry, Headquarters Company, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 30 March 1945. Entered military service from Cincinnati, Ohio.

Private First Class James M. Knott (Army Serial Number 18202826), Infantry, Headquarters Company, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 30 March 1945. Entered military service from Abilene, Texas.

Private First Class Bruno E. Kroll (Army Serial Number 12168661), Infantry, Headquarters Company, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 30 March 1945. Entered military service from Orchard Park, New York.

Private First Class Benjamin Lipstein (Army Serial Number 32992849), Infantry, Headquarters Company, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 30 March 1945. Entered military service from Brooklyn, New York.

Private First Class Robert T. Pritchard (Army Serial Number 32699773), Infantry, Service Company, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 30 March 1945. Entered military service from Albany, New York.

Private First Class Lynn E. Stanke (Army Serial Number 39152956), Infantry, Headquarters Company, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 30 March 1945. Entered military service from Los Angeles, California.

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Private Charles J. Van Wormer, Jr. (Army Serial Number 32746225), Field Artillery, Battery A, 929th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Germany from 27 February to 3 April 1945. Entered military service from Amsterdam, New York.

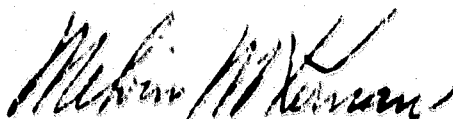
IV--AIR MEDAL--Award--By direction of the President, under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and pursuant to the authority contained in paragraph 4, section I, Circular No. 2, Headquarters, First United States Army, 4 January 1945, the Air Medal is awarded to the following officers:

First Lieutenant WILLIAM J. GERARD (Army Serial Number 01167854), Field Artillery, Headquarters, 104th Division Artillery, United States Army, for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight as Field Artillery aerial observer in Germany from 18 November 1944 to 23 March 1945. Entered military service from Salt Lake City, Utah.

By command of Brigadier General WOODWARD:

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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 men:

Staff Sergeant Joseph A. Jablonski (Army Serial Number 32068184), Infantry, Company E, 415th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in Germany on 23 February 1945. Leading his squad across a river with the mission of securing a bridgehead for his platoon, Sergeant Jablonski directed his squad in digging defensive positions. He then advanced in the face of withering fire to silence an enemy machine gun which had inflicted heavy casualties on his men and the troops crossing the river. He single-handedly silenced the gun but was mortally wounded in the performance of his courageous, self-assigned mission. The initiative, courage, and intense devotion to duty displayed by Sergeant Jablonski, far above and beyond the call of duty, exemplify the finest traditions of the American soldier. Entered military service from Milltown, New Jersey. Next of kin: Mrs. Sophie Jablonski, Box 17, Milltown, New Jersey.

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 enlisted men:

Private First Class Marv E. Luedtke (Army Serial Number 3839199), Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, 105th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for gallantry in action in Germany on 2 April 1945. When his wire crew was ambushed and he and several companions were wounded, Private Luedtke pursued the enemy commander to release a prisoner previously captured, to administer first aid to himself and his companions. Not satisfied with the temporary treatment rendered, he obtained permission to return to his own lines and get medical aid. Despite the excruciating pain of his multiple wounds, he traveled two and one-half miles to the aid station, and delivered the message. Only after sending men to his companions' aid did he submit to treatment. The coolness in the face of overwhelming odds, quick thinking, and unswerving devotion to duty and to his companions displayed by Private Luedtke reflect the highest credit upon himself and the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from K. Cronville, Texas.

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III--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 1a(1), Memorandum No. 34, Headquarters, Ninth United States Army, 8 September 1944, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded, posthumously, to the following enlisted men:

Technician Fifth Grade Walter L. Priore (Army Serial Number 36704432), 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 22 February 1945. During this period of combat with the enemy, Technician Priore performed his duties as mail clerk in a conspicuously meritorious manner. With tireless devotion to his duties and a high sense of responsibility, he worked long and irregular hours in order to achieve the smooth and efficient functioning that characterized the regimental post office. With unflinching courage and complete disregard for his personal safety, Technician Priore, on several occasions, undertook to carry through his work despite great personal risk from enemy fire, and his actions, above and beyond the call of duty, reflect the highest credit upon himself and the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois. Next of kin: Mrs. Anna Priore, 7238 East End Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

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 RONALD C. PARHAM (then Second Lieutenant and First Lieutenant) (Army Serial Number 01324646), Infantry, Company I, 415th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Germany from 18 December 1944 to 10 April 1945. Entered military service from Wagoner, Oklahoma.

First Lieutenant EDWARD L. SCHNEIDER (Army Serial Number 01824515), Field Artillery (Tank Destroyer), Company B, 817th Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 1 April 1945. Entered military service from Souix City, Iowa.

First Lieutenant KENDALL STEINMETZ (then Second Lieutenant) (Army Serial Number 01057616), Infantry, Company D, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 26 December 1944. Entered military service from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Second Lieutenant KENNETH A. MAHL (then Technical Sergeant) (Army Serial Number 02008506), Infantry, Company G, 415th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Germany from 23 February to 7 March 1945. Entered military service from El Cerrito, California.

Second Lieutenant ARNOLD P. THINGSTAD (Army Serial Number 01327681), Infantry, Company B, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 26 March 1945. Entered military service from Pontiac, Michigan.

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Master Sergeant Thomas W. Decker (Army Serial Number 37153249), 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 18 April 1945. Entered military service from Omaha, Nebraska.

Staff Sergeant George F. Robertson (then Private First Class and Staff Sergeant) (Army Serial Number 19121113), 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 12 February 1945. Entered military service from Seattle, Washington.

Technician Third Grade William K. Catney, Jr. (Army Serial Number 33395038), Medical Department, 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 23 March 1945. Entered military service from Uniontown, Pennsylvania.

Technician Third Grade Kenneth W. Christopherson (Army Serial Number 17156294), Medical Department, 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 23 March 1945. Entered military service from Fosston, Minnesota.

Sergeant Herbert J. Epstein (Army Serial Number 32119864), Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 386th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 2 April 1945. Entered military service from Jamaica, New York.

Corporal Paul W. Lewis (Army Serial Number 33599669), Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, 386th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 15 April 1945. Entered military service from Odenton, Maryland.

Corporal Louis W. Meins (then Private First Class and Corporal) (Army Serial Number 39196975), 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 15 April 1945. Entered military service from Sedro-Woolley, Washington.

Technician Fifth Grade Paul H. Kinnell, Jr. (then Private First Class) (Army Serial Number 33402102), 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 Elwood City, Pennsylvania.

Technician Fifth Grade Louis M. Kroenlein (Army Serial Number ~~16162088~~), Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, 386th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 15 April 1945. Entered military service from Springfield, Illinois.

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Technician Fifth Grade Joseph J. LaSala (Army Serial Number 32627824), Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, 386th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 15 April 1945. Entered military service from Corona, New York.

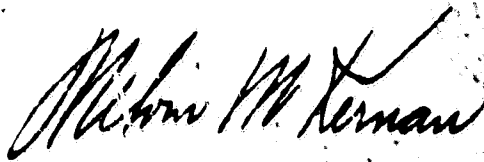
Private First Class William E. Hemp (then Private and Private First Class) (Army Serial Number 37559397), Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 23 October 1944 to 23 March 1945. Entered military service from St. Paul, Minnesota.

Private First Class Paul E. Marshall (then Private) (Army Serial Number 31320864), Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 413th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 2 December 1944. Entered military service from Portland, Maine.

Private First Class John J. Wallace (Army Serial Number 32633875), Infantry, Company D, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in Holland on 27 October 1944. Entered military service from Brooklyn, New York.

By command of Brigadier General WOODWARD:

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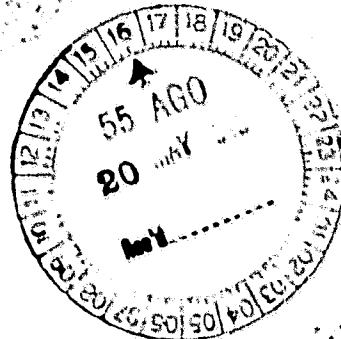
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Technician Fifth Grade William R. Satz (Army Serial Number 32767311), Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 413th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in Germany on 15 April 1945. Advancing under a terrific enemy artillery barrage, Technician Satz reached the side of four wounded men. From a position completely exposed to enemy fire, he administered first aid to the four men and remained with them for forty minutes, despite the increasingly heavy enemy fire. When the fire lifted and friendly troops were able to advance, he supervised the evacuation of the men before withdrawing to safety. Technician Satz's singular gallantry and extreme devotion to his fellow soldiers resulted in the saving of four lives, and his actions, far above and beyond the call of duty, exemplify the finest traditions of the American medical soldier. Entered military service from Newark, 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 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:

Captain DWIGHT PARKINSON (Army Serial Number 0470454), Medical Corps, Medical Detachment, 415th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Germany from 24 November 1944 to 18 February 1945. Entered military service from Washington, D. C.

Captain JAMES H. SHAW (then First Lieutenant and Captain) (Army Serial Number 01299803), 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 24 April 1945. Entered military service from Gardiner, Maine.

Master Sergeant William W. Burcher (Army Serial Number 35253845), 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 23 April 1945. Entered military service from Gary, Indiana.

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Technical Sergeant Clifford R. Bungarner (then Staff Sergeant) (Army Serial Number 34438910), 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 11 February 1945. Entered military service from Miller's Creek, North Carolina.

Sergeant Jack D. Steele (Army Serial Number 17133025), Infantry, Company E, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 7 March 1945. Entered military service from Sedalia, Missouri.

Technician Fourth Grade Cecil F. Greenley (Army Serial Number 37191591), 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 23 April 1945. Entered military service from Webster City, Iowa.

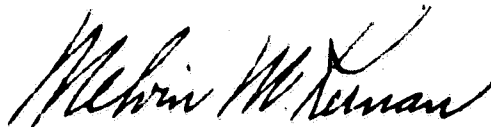
Technician Fourth Grade Robert L. Swan (Army Serial Number 36811156), Infantry, Service Company, 413th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 23 October 1944 to 23 April 1945. Entered military service from Beloit, Wisconsin.

Technician Fifth Grade Norman Lesser (Army Serial Number 32614367), Infantry, Headquarters Company, 2d Battalion, 413th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 1 and 2 March 1945. Entered military service from New York City, New York.

By command of Major General ALLEN:

B. R. DeGRAFF,
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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 officers:

First Lieutenant WALTER F. LINETTE (Army Serial Number 01303358), Infantry, Company E, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in Germany on 12 December 1944. Leading his company's assault on an enemy-held town, Lieutenant Linette skillfully maneuvered his men in their movement toward the objective. With five selected men, he assaulted an enemy stronghold in a house, killing one enemy, wounding three, and capturing fifteen. He then led four of his men in clearing every house in the town, using his company only for fire support. Advancing boldly in the face of intermittent fire, he personally cleared out each house, forcing the enemy to surrender or be shot. The intrepid courage and superb leadership displayed by Lieutenant Linette are in keeping with the finest traditions of the American combat leader, reflecting distinct credit upon this officer and the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Olympia, Washington.

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 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:

Technician Fourth Grade Fred G. Gardner (Army Serial Number 39455185), Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 6 March 1945. Voluntarily and at great risk to his life, Technician Gardner crossed one hundred yards of open terrain in the face of intense enemy fire to administer first aid to a wounded companion. By his courageous action he saved the life of the seriously wounded man and made it possible for him to be promptly evacuated. The intrepidity and bravery in the face of enemy fire displayed by Technician Gardner were in keeping with the finest traditions of the American medical soldier, reflecting distinct credit upon himself and the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Spokane, Washington. Next of kin: Mrs. Effie E. Gardner, 231 South Lacey Street, Spokane, Washington.

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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 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 ALTON H. DISERENS (Army Serial Number 01289221), Infantry, Company E, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 23 October 1944 to 3 April 1945. Entered military service from Santa Anna, Texas.

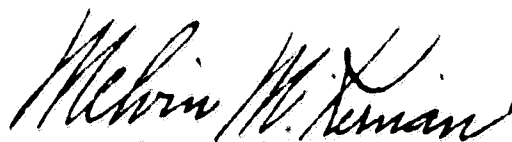
First Lieutenant ROBERT V. OBERHOLTZER (Army Serial Number 01822305), Field Artillery (Tank Destroyer), Company A, 817th Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany from 2 to 4 April 1945. Entered military service from Milroy, Pennsylvania.

Second Lieutenant OLIVER R. VIGNERY (then Technical Sergeant and Second Lieutenant) (Army Serial Number 02000998), Infantry, Anti-Tank Company, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 23 October 1944 to 3 April 1945. Entered military service from Manhattan, Kansas.

Technical Sergeant George H. Burtis (Army Serial Number 32628025), Infantry, Anti-Tank Company, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 23 October 1944 to 3 April 1945. Entered military service from Oceanside, Long Island, New York.

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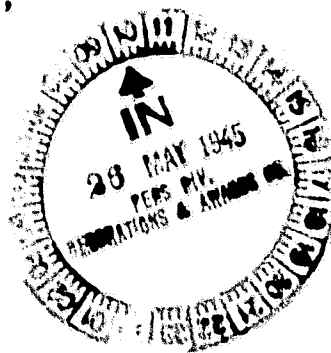
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I--SILVER STAR MEDAL--Awards--By direction of the President, under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and pursuant to the authority contained in paragraph 1a(1), Memorandum No. 34, Headquarters, Ninth United States Army, 8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

Captain EUGENE A. SHAW (Army Serial Number 01168077), Field Artillery, Headquarters, 929th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for gallantry in action in Germany on 5 April 1945. On the morning of 31 March 1945, Captain Shaw and his driver were captured while engaged in duties as battalion liaison officer. Upon receiving information that friendly troops were only a short distance away, Captain Shaw and two enlisted men dressed as French refugees and mingled with the refugees. On the morning of 5 April 1945, Captain Shaw and two men decided to attempt an escape. Skillfully and courageously scouting the route ahead, Captain Shaw led the men through the enemy lines and heavy artillery fire from both sides of the line and reported to friendly troops with vital information as to the strength, disposition, and location of enemy installations. The intrepid gallantry and coolness in the face of grave danger displayed by Captain Shaw exemplify the finest traditions of the American combat leader. Entered military service from Meeker, Colorado.

First Lieutenant EDWARD L. SCHNEIDER (Army Serial Number 01824515), Field Artillery (Tank Destroyer), Company B, 817th Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army, for gallantry in action in Germany on 13 April 1945. Courageously and at great risk to his life, Lieutenant Schneider crossed open, fire-swept terrain in the face of heavy enemy fire to administer first aid to a seriously wounded man. While performing his self-assigned mission of mercy, he was hit and badly wounded by enemy fire. Realizing that as long as he remained in the location of the wounded man he would attract enemy fire, he quickly crawled away as far as he was able in order to divert enemy fire, remaining in his position until he was able to drag himself to safety and the wounded man was successfully evacuated. The intrepid gallantry and intense devotion to his fellow soldiers displayed by Lieutenant Schneider are in keeping with the finest traditions of the American soldier, reflecting the highest credit on this officer and the military service. Entered military service from Iowa City, Iowa.

Second Lieutenant ALFRED G. ANDERSON (then Staff Sergeant) (Army Serial Number 02008804), Infantry, Company I, 413th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in Germany from 23 November to 3 December 1944. On the night

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of 28 November 1944, Lieutenant Anderson assumed command of his platoon and led it across three hundred yards of fire-swept terrain to assigned positions in a factory area. For two days and nights his men, inspired by their leader's courage and coolness under fire, repelled all enemy counter attacks. He then led his platoon's furious advance on a strongly defended enemy factory building, capturing the objective without losing a man. During the following four days his men held the objective despite furious enemy counter attacks and continuous artillery and mortar fire. By using direct radio contact and establishing an observation post on the top floor of the building, Lieutenant Anderson was able to direct artillery fire which eliminated many enemy strong points. Lieutenant Anderson's gallant heroism and superb leadership contributed materially to the success of a major operation, and his actions reflect distinct credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Justice, Illinois.

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 1a(1), Memorandum No. 34, Headquarters, Ninth United States Army, 8 September 1945, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded, posthumously, to the following enlisted man:

Staff Sergeant Ralph P. Szewczyk (Army Serial Number 36245506), Infantry, Company H, 413th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in Holland on 2 November 1944. During a vital river-crossing operation, Sergeant Szewczyk went forward with the first assault waves and took up an exposed position from which he called for, and directed, continuous and effective fire on the enemy. Sergeant Szewczyk was mortally wounded while attempting to repair wire communications when they were broken by artillery fire. His fearless intrepidity and extreme sense of responsibility to duty exemplify the finest traditions of the American combat soldier and reflect the highest credit upon himself and the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Next of kin: Stanley Szewczyk, 1747 South 7th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

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 man:

Captain GARNER M. HOLT (Army Serial Number 01577324), Quartermaster Corps, 104th Quartermaster Company, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 23 October 1944 to 10 March 1945. Entered military service from Beverly, Massachusetts.

First Sergeant Cecil O. Vance (Army Serial Number 37171588), Infantry, Company G, 415th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Holland and Germany from 25 October 1944 to 11 March 1945. Entered military service from Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Technical Sergeant Axel H. Nelson (Army Serial Number 36624363), Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, 104th Division Artillery, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 23 October 1944 to 23 April 1945. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

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Staff Sergeant Leslie J. Hoffman (Army Serial Number 37581807), Infantry, Company E, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 6 March 1945. Entered military service from Long Lake, South Dakota.

Staff Sergeant Melvin M. Robinson (Army Serial Number 14175055), Field Artillery, Battery B, 387th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Germany from 5 January to 11 March 1945. Entered military service from Auburn, Alabama.

Staff Sergeant Norbert J. Skrupski (Army Serial Number 16143500), Infantry, Company K, 415th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 2 April 1945. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

Sergeant Clair H. Castor (Army Serial Number 32677122), Field Artillery, (Tank Destroyer), Company B, 817th Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 5 April 1945. Entered military service from Syracuse, New York.

Sergeant James E. DePriest (Army Serial Number 36708982), Infantry, Anti-Tank Company, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 23 October 1944 to 3 April 1945. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

Sergeant Arthur O. Fischer (Army Serial Number 33713724), Infantry, Company E, 413th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 25 February 1945. Entered military service from Bellevue, Pennsylvania.

Technician Fifth Grade Paul Salvans (Army Serial Number 39323690), Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 413th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 23 February 1945. Entered military service from Portland, Oregon.

Private First Class Herbert O. Berg (Army Serial Number 17156197), Infantry, Company E, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 7 March 1945. Entered military service from Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Private First Class William R. Blood (Army Serial Number 42021717), 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 12 February 1945. Entered military service from Jamestown, New York.

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:

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Staff Sergeant Louis F. Hamman (Army Serial Number 37347724), Infantry, Company E, 413th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 25 February 1945. Entered military service from Denver, Colorado. Awarded the Bronze Star Medal in General Orders No. 121, Headquarters, 104th Infantry Division, 28 April 1945.

Staff Sergeant William S. Kleeman (Army Serial Number 13157478), Infantry, Company I, 415th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 8 April 1945. Entered military service from Scranton, Pennsylvania. Awarded the Bronze Star Medal in General Orders No. 68, Headquarters, 104th Infantry Division, 8 March 1945.

Technician Fifth Grade John L. Bustamante (Army Serial Number 39115997), Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 413th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 23 February 1945. Entered military service from San Francisco, California. Awarded the Bronze Star Medal in General Orders No. 46, Headquarters, 104th Infantry Division, 29 December 1944.

V--AIR MEDAL--Award--By direction of the President, under the provisions of AR 600-25, 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:

Second Lieutenant PETER W. NOYACH (then Master Sergeant) (Army Serial Number 02008822), Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, 929th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight as Field Artillery aerial observer in Germany from 16 December 1944 to 25 March 1945. Entered military service from Lake Stevens, Washington.

By command of Major General ALLEN:

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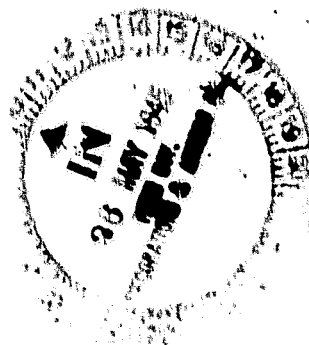
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I--SILVER STAR MEDAL--By direction of the President, under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and pursuant to the authority contained in paragraph 1a(1), Memorandum No. 34, Headquarters, Ninth United States Army, 8 September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

Sergeant Joseph K. Reese (Army Serial Number 34656937), Infantry, Company C, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in Germany on 23 March 1945. When a tank which he was riding was hit by enemy fire and set afire, Sergeant Reese, although badly burned himself, worked tirelessly helping those who could not make their way from the burning vehicle. Sergeant Reese fell unconscious from the pain of his injuries and the exertion of aiding his comrades. Regaining his senses, he saw a wounded aid man lying by his side. Although in need of immediate aid himself, Sergeant Reese administered first aid to his wounded comrade, lifted him to his back, and carried him to the aid station, refusing aid for his injuries until his comrade had been cared for. His actions, above and beyond the call of duty, reflect the highest credit upon himself and the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Sumpter, South Carolina.

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:

Captain ROGER S. REES (Army Serial Number 0349468), 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 22 April 1945. Entered military service from San Marino, California.

First Lieutenant LEO EISENTHAL (Army Serial Number 01289227), 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 20 April 1945. Entered military service from Brooklyn, New York.

Second Lieutenant ALBERT J. JACOBELLI (Army Serial Number 01053652), Infantry, Company K, 415th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 27 March 1945. Entered military service from Erie, Pennsylvania.

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Technical Sergeant Marion T. Lamb (then Sergeant and Technical Sergeant) (Army Serial Number 3909536), 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 4 March 1945. Entered military service from Ukiah, California.

Staff Sergeant Ohmer G. Doramus (then Private First Class and Staff Sergeant) (Army Serial Number 18219629), 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 1 February 1945. Entered military service from Little Rock, Arkansas.

Staff Sergeant Allen A. Harbaugh (then Corporal) (Army Serial Number 33385384), Field Artillery, Battery B, 929th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 23 February 1945. Entered military service from Hagerstown, Maryland.

Staff Sergeant Elmer F. Moeller (then Private First Class, Sergeant and Staff Sergeant) (Army Serial Number 35055170), 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 1 February 1945. Entered military service from Cleveland, Ohio.

Staff Sergeant Edward G. Stauber (then Private First Class and Staff Sergeant) (Army Serial Number 36764944), 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 1 February 1945. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

Sergeant Francis D. Fish (Army Serial Number 32667843), Field Artillery (Tank Destroyer), Reconnaissance Company, 817th Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 4 April 1945. Entered military service from Massena, New York.

Sergeant Robert J. Fleck (Army Serial Number 37567056), Infantry, Company E, 413th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 17 November 1944. Entered military service from Virginia, Minnesota.

Sergeant James E. Hicks, Jr. (Army Serial Number 34438932), 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 12 February 1945. Entered military service from Walnut Cove, North Carolina.

Sergeant Jose R. Luna (then Private First Class and Sergeant) (Army Serial Number 18231396), 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 7 January 1945. Entered military service from San Antonio, Texas.

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Technician Fourth Grade Arthur C. Peterson (then Technician Fifth Grade) (Army Serial Number 36729467), Field Artillery, Battery B, 929th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 23 February 1945. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

Corporal Frank B. Synk (Army Serial Number 35348367), Field Artillery, Battery B, 929th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 23 February 1945. Entered military service from Martin, Ohio.

Technician Fifth Grade James F. Lovell (then Private) (Army Serial Number 34822941), Field Artillery, Battery A, 385th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 8 November 1944. Entered military service from Tiger, Georgia.

Private First Class Frank R. Brown (Army Serial Number 32628086), Infantry, Company B, 413th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 27 February 1945. Entered military service from Kennemore, New York.

Private First Class George M. Madias (Army Serial Number 42080054), Infantry, Company K, 415th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 2 April 1945. Entered military service from Pennagrove, New Jersey.

Private First Class Robert D. McCaddin (Army Serial Number 12108292), Infantry, Company E, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 7 March 1945. Entered military service from Jersey City, New Jersey.

Private First Class Kyle G. Moles (then Private and Private First Class) (Army Serial Number 34894478), Infantry, Company E, 413th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Germany from 10 November 1944 to 20 April 1945. Entered military service from Cherokee, North Carolina.

Private First Class Leopold F. Parent (Army Serial Number 31267627), Infantry, Company E, 413th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 17 November 1944. Entered military service from Berlin, New Hampshire.

Private First Class Homer G. Stephenson (Army Serial Number 36987513), Infantry, Company E, 413th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 25 February 1945. Entered military service from Detroit, Michigan.

Private First Class Albert J. Tanser (Army Serial Number 12117100), Infantry, Company I, 415th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 3 April 1945. Entered military service from Island Park, Nassau, New York.

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III--BRONZE STAR MEDAL (OAK-LEAF CLUSTER)--By direction of the President, under the provisions of A. 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 in General Orders No. 47, Headquarters, 104th Infantry Division, 30 December 1944, the bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to the following enlisted men:

Technician Fifth Grade Pearl E. Preston (then Private First Class) (Army Serial Number 36436590), Field Artillery, Battery B, 929th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 23 February 1945. Entered military service from East St. Louis, Illinois.

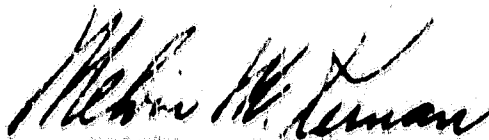
IV--AIR MEDAL (SECOND OAK-LEAF CLUSTER)--By direction of the President, under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and pursuant to the authority contained in paragraph 1a(1), Memorandum No. 34, Headquarters, Ninth United States Army, 8 September 1944, in addition to the Air Medal previously awarded in General Orders No. 10, Headquarters, 104th Infantry Division, 10 January 1945, a second bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to the following officers:

First Lieutenant CHARLES A. SROOP (Army Serial Number 045727), Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, 929th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight as Field Artillery air observation pilot in Germany from 13 February to March 1945. Entered military service from Independence, Missouri.

By command of Major General ALLEN:

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Technical Sergeant James R. Bentley (Army Serial Number 33217540), Infantry, Company K, 415th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in Germany on 26 March 1945. When the enemy launched a counter attack spearheaded by three self-propelled guns, Sergeant Bentley courageously exposed himself to intense enemy fire to deploy his men to meet the threat. When the bazooka he was manning failed to fire, he dashed three hundred yards across open terrain to guide a tank destroyer to the spot, and just as he reached his men he was mortally wounded by enemy fire. By his intrepid gallantry and courageous leadership, he saved the lives of many of his men, and his actions, far above and beyond the call of duty, reflect the highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Prairie, Wisconsin. Next of kin: Mrs. Dullie S. Bentley, Box 356, Dublin, Virginia.

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 enlisted men:

Staff Sergeant James G. Sieben (Army Serial Number 17157619), Infantry, Company F, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in Germany on 30 March 1945. As tanks approached to assist in clearing out a town, Sergeant Sieben dashed across open, fire-swept terrain to mount the turret of a tank and direct fire which eliminated several enemy snipers. Later, when a tank was hit and set afire by enemy bazooka fire, he dashed into the open in the face of a hail of automatic weapons fire, to extinguish the flames and save the tank from certain destruction. By his courage, quick thinking, and cool courage in the face of grave danger, Sergeant Sieben contributed materially to the success of an important operation, and his actions, above and beyond the call of duty, exemplify the finest traditions of the American combat soldier. Entered military service from Hastings, Minnesota.

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Sergeant James H. Lacey (Army Serial Number 32586247), Field Artillery, (Tank Destroyer), Reconnaissance Company, 817th Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army, for gallantry in action in Germany on 8 April 1945. When an enemy vehicle sped by his position, Sergeant Lacey immediately directed fire on it. When his fire proved ineffective, he gave chase in a "Jeep" and had almost caught the vehicle when two enemy machine guns opened fire on his vehicle. The group was forced to withdraw, but Sergeant Lacey, despite the fact that he was twice wounded by the enemy fire, led the attack on two enemy machine gun nests, eliminating the positions. The superb courage and leadership displayed by Sergeant Lacey are in keeping with the finest traditions of the American combat soldier, reflecting distinct credit upon himself and the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Lyndonville, 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 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 CHRISTOPHER F. OVERBY (Army Serial Number 01298911), 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 13 February 1945. Entered military service from Stephenville, Texas.

Staff Sergeant Norman H. Hollis (Army Serial Number 36436673), 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 17 February 1945. Entered military service from Hoyleton, Illinois.

Sergeant Hugh L. Smith (Army Serial Number 34520400), Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, 929th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in Germany from 2 to 4 December 1944. Entered military service from Fayetteville, Tennessee.

Corporal Ray A. Spotts (Army Serial Number 33492371), Corps of Engineers, Company B, 329th Engineer Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 1 April 1945. Entered military service from Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

Corporal John M. Southern (Army Serial Number 13170384), Infantry, Service Company, 415th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Holland and Germany from 26 October 1944 to 10 April 1945. Entered military service from Frank, Pennsylvania.

Corporal Wilbur E. Whitehead (Army Serial Number 17164971), Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, 929th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany from 2 to 4 December 1944. Entered military service from Hamburg, Iowa.

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Technician Fifth Grade Charles H. Albert (Army Serial Number 33359558), 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 22 April 1945. Entered military service from Mountain Home, Pennsylvania.

Technician Fifth Grade Loren E. Neelon (Army Serial Number 39855822), Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, 929th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in Germany from 2 to 4 December 1944. Entered military service from Tusson, Arizona.

Private First Class Warren B. Bishop (Army Serial Number 32748988), 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 1 February 1945. Entered military service from Schenectady, New York.

Private First Class Melville E. Furrow (Army Serial Number 35617052), 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 1 February 1945. Entered military service from Urbana, Ohio.

Private First Class Alfred J. Gates (Army Serial Number 11098673), Corps of Engineers, Headquarters and Service Company, 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 April 1945. Entered military service from Springfield, Massachusetts.

Private First Class Milton C. Hickel (Army Serial Number 35601879), Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 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 April 1945. Entered military service from New Philadelphia, Ohio.

Private First Class Kenneth L. Peters (Army Serial Number 33940076), Infantry, Company B, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 20 January 1945. Entered military service from Meadville, Pennsylvania.

Private First Class Sylvester Porcelli (Army Serial Number 32627725), Infantry, Company G, 413th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 23 October 1944 to 23 April 1945. Entered military service from Port Washington, New York.

Private First Class Jose V. Rivers (Army Serial Number 39546731), Infantry, Company G, 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 Stanton, California.

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Private First Class Robert E. Roth (then Private) (Army Serial Number 39211129), Infantry, Company E, 413th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 17 November 1944. Entered military service from Marysville, Washington.

Private John D. Lunday (Army Serial Number 38303558), Corps of Engineers, Company B, 329th Engineer Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 1 April 1945. Entered military service from Tyler, Texas.

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:

Private First Class William E. Nelson (Army Serial Number 32986811), Infantry, Company A, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for wounds received as a result of enemy actions in Germany on 6 April 1945. Entered military service from Brooklyn, New York.

Private First Class Fred L. Smith (Army Serial Number 34514170), Infantry, Company M, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for wounds received as a result of enemy action in Germany on 18 April 1945. Entered military service from Spartanburg, South Carolina.

Private Pellegrino B. Incerti (Army Serial Number 39405798), Infantry, Company G, 415th Infantry, United States Army, for wounds received as a result of enemy action in Germany on 18 April 1945. Entered military service from Fort Bragg, California.

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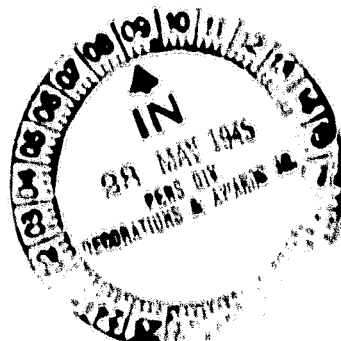
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I--SILVER STAR MEDAL--Posthumous Award--By direction of the President, under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and pursuant to the authority contained in paragraph 1a(1), Memorandum No. 34, Headquarters, Ninth United States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

Staff Sergeant Robert S. Harrison (Army Serial Number 33425163), Infantry, Company K, 415th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in Germany on 3 April 1945. While Sergeant Harrison was leading his men in an advance through heavily wooded terrain, his squad was subjected to withering enemy machine gun fire. He boldly advanced and wiped out the gun with his accurate fire. Later, when his squad was subjected to heavy artillery and mortar fire, he exposed himself on open terrain to administer first aid to a seriously wounded man. He was mortally wounded while attempting to carry the man to safety. The brilliant leadership and unselfish devotion to the welfare of his men displayed by Sergeant Harrison exemplify the finest traditions of the American soldier and set an example worth of emulation. Entered active service from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Next of kin: Mrs. Anna Harrison, 436 Cambridge Street, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

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:

First Lieutenant JAMES W. GAY (Army Serial Number 01822263), Field Artillery (Tank Destroyer), Company B, 317th Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army, for gallantry in action in Germany on 13 April 1945. Courageously and at great risk to his life, Lieutenant Gay crossed open, fire-swept terrain to the side of a seriously wounded man. In attempting to administer first aid to the man, two bandages were knocked from his hands by enemy machine gun fire. Catching the attention of a nearby tank, he directed its fire so as to protect him

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while he applied first aid. Lifting the wounded man to his shoulders, he ran across the treacherous terrain to safety, and eventually he evacuated the man to the aid station. The intrepid gallantry and intense devotion to his fellow soldiers displayed by Lieutenant Gay are in keeping with the finest traditions of the American officer and combat leader. Entered military service from Dallas, Texas.

Staff Sergeant Verl G. Haas (Army Serial Number 37171073), Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, 386th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for gallantry in action in Germany on 15 April 1945. Voluntarily accompanying a small group into an enemy-held town, Sergeant Haas exposed himself to enemy fire to successfully eliminate enemy resistance from a small group that had infiltrated to the rear of the party as they advanced into the town. He again exposed himself on open terrain to rescue a wounded man and was wounded by enemy fire. Unassisted, he made his way back to safety and returned to friendly territory with valuable information as to the enemy positions. His actions, above and beyond the call of duty, reflect the highest credit on himself and the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Minot, North Dakota.

Private First Class John H. Howarth (Army Serial Number 33480216), Field Artillery (Tank Destroyer), Reconnaissance Company, 817th Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army, for gallantry in action in Germany on 13 April 1945. While leading a column through recently captured territory in a "jeep", Private Howarth was subjected to heavy enemy machine gun fire from an enemy ambush of fifteen riflemen and two machine guns. Although seriously wounded, he crawled two hundred yards along a ditch under heavy fire to warn the remainder of the party of the danger. Without mentioning his wounds, he took a "jeep" with a driver and proceeded to the platoon command post to warn the platoon leader of the imminent peril, suddenly collapsing from shock and loss of blood after having completed his mission. The courage and intense devotion to duty displayed by Private Howarth are in keeping with the finest traditions of the American combat soldier and reflect distinct credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Rockledge, Pennsylvania.

Private First Class William T. Phelan (Army Serial Number 33439391), Infantry, Company L, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in Germany on 18 April 1945. Exposing himself to heavy enemy fire, Private Phelan crossed fire-swept terrain to bring a tank forward to fire on enemy positions which were holding up the advance of his platoon. Discovering the tank advancing, the enemy placed bazooka fire on it, forced it to withdraw, and wounded Private Phelan, knocking his machine gun from his hands. Although painfully wounded, he recovered his weapon and placed devastating fire on the enemy positions, enabling his platoon to advance and overcome the enemy resistance. His actions, above and beyond the call of duty, reflect the highest credit on Private Phelan and the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Etna, Pennsylvania.

III--SILVER STAR MEDAL (OAK-LEAF CLUSTER)--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 Silver Star Medal previously awarded in General Orders No. 89, Headquarters, 104th Infantry Division, 27 March 1945, the bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to the following officer:

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Captain EDWARD W. NORD (then First Lieutenant) (Army Serial Number 01289304), Infantry, Company G, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in Germany on 15 April 1945. Courageously exposing himself to intense enemy fire, Captain Nord led the assault of his company on strong enemy positions guarding a vital crossroad. Using hand grenades and a pistol he rushed the two foremost enemy positions and single-handedly wiped out the enemy. Inspired by the cool courage of their leader, his men overran the enemy positions and obtained complete control of the important crossroad. Captain Nord's intrepidity, heroism, sound leadership, and resourcefulness are worthy of emulation and reflect the highest credit on this officer and the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Bronx, New York.

IV--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 1a(1), Memorandum No. 34, Headquarters, Ninth United States Army, 3 September 1944, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded, posthumously, to the following enlisted man:

Sergeant Luis M. Rendon (Army Serial Number 6951913), Field Artillery, (Tank Destroyer), Company E, 817th Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 13 April 1945. While ferreting out an enemy sniper, Sergeant Rendon and three comrades discovered an enemy machine gun position. Unhesitatingly and at great risk to their lives, the men advanced on the position, destroying it with hand grenades. Before reaching the objective, Sergeant Rendon was mortally wounded by enemy fire. The intrepidity and daring displayed by Sergeant Rendon, above and beyond the call of duty, were in keeping with the finest traditions of the American soldier and reflect distinct credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Harlingen, Texas. Next of kin: Mrs. Clotilde M. Rendon, General Delivery, Harlingen, Texas.

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 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 JARL B. BROKAW (then Second Lieutenant) (Army Serial Number 01181831), Field Artillery, Battery B, 385th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 26 February 1945. Entered military service from Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

First Lieutenant EUGENE V. LEGARE, JR. (Army Serial Number 0449978), 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 15 April 1945. Entered military service from Johns Island, South Carolina.

First Lieutenant ROBERT W. NOLLENBERGER (Army Serial Number 01299093), 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 15 April 1945. Entered military service from Los Angeles, California.

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Technical Sergeant Lyle N. Schneider (then Technician Fourth Grade) (Army Serial Number 39607248), Armored, 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 Missoula, Montana.

Staff Sergeant Marvin B. Norton (then Private First Class) (Army Serial Number 37478235), Infantry, Company B, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 3 April 1945. Entered military service from Lexington, Nebraska.

Sergeant Anthony J. Wysocki (Army Serial Number 36071969), Field Artillery (Tank Destroyer), Company B, 817th Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 5 April 1945. Entered military service from Springfield, Illinois.

Technician Fourth Grade Frederick D. Benjamin (Army Serial Number 32659563), Infantry, Service Company, 415th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Holland and Germany from 25 October 1944 to 19 April 1945. Entered military service from Amsterdam, New York.

Corporal Charles H. Norris (Army Serial Number 13170480), Infantry, Anti-Tank Company, 415th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 1 April 1945. Entered military service from New Castle, Pennsylvania.

Private First Class Bayard B. Barnes, Jr. (Army Serial Number 34864398), Infantry, Company M, 413th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 23 February 1945. Entered military service from Lucama, North Carolina.

Private First Class Archie O. Gaston (Army Serial Number 38336765), Infantry, Headquarters Company, 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 17 April 1945. Entered military service from Rayville, Louisiana.

Private First Class David A. Falkenhayn (Army Serial Number 39268679), Infantry, Headquarters Company, 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 17 April 1945. Entered military service from Long Beach, California.

Private First Class Edward G. Hensley (Army Serial Number 37463961), Infantry, Headquarters Company, 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 17 April 1945. Entered military service from Council Bluffs, Iowa.

Private First Class John H. Sidelnick (Army Serial Number 13174461), Infantry, Headquarters Company, 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 17 April 1945. Entered military service from Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania.

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VI--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 officer and enlisted men:

First Lieutenant HARRY J. DOYLE (Army Serial Number 01325560), Infantry, Service Company, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Germany from 8 March to 2 April 1945. Entered military service from Brooklyn, New York. Awarded the Bronze Star Medal in General Orders No. 90, Headquarters, 104th Infantry Division, 28 March 1945.

Staff Sergeant Edgar E. Luther (Army Serial Number 35161237), 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 South Bend, Indiana. Awarded the Bronze Star Medal in General Orders No. 20, Headquarters, 104th Infantry Division, 1 December 1944.

Technician Fourth Grade Robert R. Miercort (then Corporal) (Army Serial Number 37339465), 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 Denver, Colorado. Awarded the Bronze Star Medal in General Orders No. 16, Headquarters, 104th Infantry Division, 21 November 1944.

Private First Class Harvey C. Kahler (Army Serial Number 37322798), Infantry, Headquarters Company, 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 19 April 1945. Entered military service from Aberdeen, South Dakota. Awarded the Bronze Star Medal in General Orders No. 95, Headquarters, 104th Infantry Division, 12 April 1945.

VII--AIR MEDAL (SECOND OAK-LEAF CLUSTER)--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 Air Medal previously awarded in General Orders No. 45, Headquarters, 104th Infantry Division, 28 December 1944, a second bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to the following officer:

First Lieutenant JAMES G. McFARLAND (Army Serial Number 01181370), Field Artillery, Headquarters, 387th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight as Field Artillery aerial observer in Germany from 31 January to 8 April 1945. Entered military service from Staten Island, New York.

VIII--AIR MEDAL (THIRD OAK-LEAF CLUSTER)--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 Air Medal previously awarded in General Orders No. 24, Headquarters, 4th Infantry Division, 25 May 1944, a third bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to the following officer:

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First Lieutenant SAMUEL H. CASEY (Army Serial Number 01183033), Field Artillery, Headquarters, 387th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight as Field Artillery air observation pilot in Germany from 21 February to 17 April 1945. Entered military service from South Jacksonville, Florida.

IX--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:

Staff Sergeant Lloyd K. Hahr (Army Serial Number 37043591), Cavalry, 104th Reconnaissance Troop, United States Army, for wounds received as a result of enemy action in Germany on 26 February 1945. Entered military service from Ormsby, Minnesota.

X--PURPLE HEART (OAK-LEAF CLUSTER)--Awards--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 indicated, the bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to the following enlisted men:

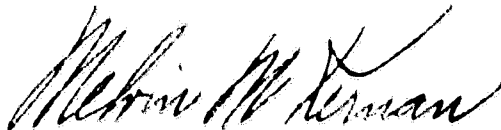
Staff Sergeant Camden G. Conway, Jr. (Army Serial Number 13156844), Infantry, Company E, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for wounds received as a result of enemy action in Germany on 25 March 1945. Entered military service from Fairmont, West Virginia. Awarded the Purple Heart in General Orders No. 5, Headquarters, 8th Convalescent Hospital, 21 January 1945.

Staff Sergeant William F. Redman (then Private First Class) (Army Serial Number 39322723), Infantry, Company C, 413th Infantry, United States Army, for wounds received as a result of enemy action in Germany on 26 February 1945. Entered military service from Portland, Oregon. Awarded the Purple Heart in General Orders No. 58, Headquarters, 58th General Hospital, 13 November 1944.

By command of Major General ALLEN:

B. R. DeGRAFF,
Colonel, General Staff Corps,
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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 officer:

First Lieutenant MANFRED W. SCHNIER (Army Serial Number 01289325), Infantry, Company E, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in Germany on 7 April 1945. When the armor-infantry advance encountered enemy forces well dug in along a railroad embankment, Lieutenant Schnier led a group of fifteen men to attack the enemy positions on foot. Splitting his forces, he led the assault group while the second group provided covering fire. When his group encountered small arms fire, he boldly, at great risk to his life, led the advance of his men across open terrain, overrunning the enemy positions by the swiftness and audacity of their advance. By his fast thinking, cool courage, and leadership under fire, Lieutenant Schnier accomplished a difficult task without loss, and his actions, above and beyond the call of duty, set an example worthy of emulation by all. Entered military service from Northport, New York. Next of kin: Mrs. Mary E. Schnier, 24 Church Street, Northport, New York.

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:

First Lieutenant JAMES G. McFARLAND (Army Serial Number 01181570), Field Artillery, Headquarters, 387th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for gallantry in action in Germany on 29 November 1944. Observing two well concealed enemy tanks which were inflicting losses on American armored columns, Lieutenant McFarland called for artillery fire. In the interim of preparing fire data, two more friendly tanks were disabled, and Lieutenant McFarland directed the pilot of his ship to dive over the enemy tanks. Despite small arms, machine gun, and flak fire, he dropped two anti-tank grenades from an altitude of fifty feet. The grenades failed to explode and he again dropped two grenades, one of them exploding between the two tanks, forcing them to withdraw. In the process

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of turning around, one of the tanks ran over the unexploded grenades and was disabled and the other retreated to a crossroad. Lieutenant McFarland then called for, and directed, artillery fire which demolished the second tank. The intrepidity and courage displayed by Lieutenant McFarland are in keeping with the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Staten Island, New York.

Technical Sergeant John C. Dwyer (then Staff Sergeant) (Army Serial Number 12211893), Infantry, Company C, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in Germany on 25 March 1945. Sighting a seriously wounded comrade lying on open, fire-swept terrain, Sergeant Dwyer jumped from his position atop a tank and crossed an open field in the face of withering fire to administer first aid to his fallen comrade. Placing the man on his back, he carried him across two hundred yards of treacherous terrain under withering enemy fire to a position of comparative safety. By his audacity and daring, Sergeant Dwyer saved the life of a fellow soldier, and his actions, above and beyond the call of duty, reflect the highest credit upon himself and the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from West Collingswood, New Jersey.

Private First Class Paul V. Carder (Army Serial Number 33557509), Infantry, Company I, 415th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in Germany on 15 April 1945. Leading his squad forward to eliminate an enemy machine gun nest in a building, Private Carder encountered withering enemy fire, which pinned his men to the ground. Courageously and at great risk to his life, he made his way forward under the grazing enemy fire, exposing himself to destroy the enemy gun and kill the gunner with one well-aimed grenade. While the grenade fragments were still flying, he dashed into the house with his sub-machine gun blazing and wiped out the rest of the enemy, forcing the surrender of eighteen enemy soldiers occupying positions on the second floor of the building. The intrepid gallantry and courage displayed by Private Carder in single-handedly eliminating a formidable obstacle are in keeping with the finest traditions of the American combat soldier. Entered military service from Olatown, Maryland.

Private First Class Ralph S. Potvin (Army Serial Number 37566306), Infantry, Company I, 415th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in Germany on 15 April 1945. As a squad advanced, it was pinned to the ground by enemy machine gun and bazooka fire from an enemy strong point in a house. Private Potvin had his machine gun set up in a house on the flank, and observing the plight of the squad, he unhesitatingly removed his gun from its tripod, leaned out a window, and poured devastating fire on the enemy positions. His unrelenting and effective fire brought the enemy's entire attention upon him and allowed the squad to press on to the objective. The intense devotion to duty, alertness, and gallantry displayed by Private Potvin exemplify the finest traditions of the American combat soldier and reflect distinct credit upon himself and the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from White Bear, Minnesota.

III--BRONZE 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 Bronze Star Medal is awarded posthumously, to the following enlisted men:

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Sergeant Gettys M. Martin (then Private First Class and Sergeant) (Army Serial Number 34439171), 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 Martin performed his duties as machine gunner and squad leader in a conspicuously meritorious manner. On one occasion he worked his way forward under a withering enemy artillery barrage to pour devastating machine gun fire on enemy positions, which averted a counter attack. Sergeant Martin was mortally wounded while leading his squad forward in the face of heavy enemy fire. The superb leadership and intense devotion to duty displayed by Sergeant Martin exemplify the finest traditions of the American combat soldier. Entered military service from Lincolnton, North Carolina. Next of kin: Mrs. Dessie L. Martin, Lincolnton, North Carolina.

Private First Class Herman R. Childress (Army Serial Number 33517901), 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 3 March 1945. During this period of combat, Private Childress performed his duties as vehicle driver in a conspicuously outstanding manner. He displayed great personal valor and willingness to assume hazardous tasks above and beyond the call of duty. On several occasions he helped the wire crew to repair shell-torn lines while under heavy enemy fire. On 3 March 1945 he was fatally wounded by enemy artillery fire while performing his duties. The courage, ingenuity, and intense devotion to duty displayed by Private Childress were in keeping with the finest traditions of the American combat soldier and reflect the highest credit upon himself and the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Richmond, Virginia. Next of kin: Mrs. Laura Childress, 2007-C West Cary Street, Richmond, Virginia.

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 warrant officer, and enlisted men:

First Lieutenant EARL H. LEVAN (Army Serial Number 01289102), Infantry, Anti-Tank Company, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 23 October 1944 to 3 April 1945. Entered military service from Spokane, Washington.

First Lieutenant JOHN T. LOWERS (then Technical Sergeant and Second Lieutenant) (Army Serial Number 02000552), 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 February 1945. Entered military service from Wiggins, Colorado.

First Lieutenant RAYMOND G. MULLER (Army Serial Number 01310621), Infantry, Service Company, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Holland on 5 November 1944. Entered military service from Oakland, California.

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Warrant Officer Junior Grade MARVIN C. LAUCK (Army Serial Number W2122988), 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 April 1945. Entered military service from Arkansas City, Kansas.

Master Sergeant Edward J. Coyle (Army Serial Number 37170281), Corps of Engineers, Headquarters and Service Company, 329th Engineer Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 23 October 1944 to 28 April 1945. Entered military service from Walker, Minnesota.

Master Sergeant John G. Donovan (Army Serial Number 20118516), Field Artillery, Headquarters, 387th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Holland on 31 October 1944. Entered military service from Watertown, Massachusetts.

Technical Sergeant Herbert R. Wright (Army Serial Number 35205751), Infantry, Company L, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 25 October 1944 to 21 April 1945. Entered military service from Alvy, West Virginia.

Staff Sergeant Kenneth H. Farnsworth (then Private and Staff Sergeant) (Army Serial Number 39322647), Infantry, Company L, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 25 October 1944 to 15 April 1945. Entered military service from Portland, Oregon.

Staff Sergeant John J. Garnari (Army Serial Number 39008669), Infantry, Service Company, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 26 October 1944 to 1 February 1945. Entered military service from San Francisco, California.

Staff Sergeant Robert A. Hatlen (Army Serial Number 37464633), Infantry, Company M, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 28 March 1945. Entered military service from Clarkfield, Minnesota.

Staff Sergeant Ollie D. Holmes (then Sergeant) (Army Serial Number 34723317), 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 12 February 1945. Entered military service from Lexington, Tennessee.

Staff Sergeant Arthur F. Lauer (then Private and Staff Sergeant) (Army Serial Number 32614272), 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 12 February 1945. Entered military service from Brooklyn, New York.

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Staff Sergeant Joseph F. Mannix, Jr. (then Private First Class) (Army Serial Number 33431480), Infantry, Company C, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 17 November 1944. Entered military service from Tarentum, Pennsylvania.

Staff Sergeant Gilbert A. Mendel (Army Serial Number 37324102), Infantry, Company B, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 10 December 1944. Entered military service from Sauk Rapids, Minnesota.

Staff Sergeant James F. Murphy (then Sergeant and Staff Sergeant) (Army Serial Number 33299594), 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 12 February 1945. Entered military service from Eldred, Pennsylvania.

Staff Sergeant Leonard D. Richman (Army Serial Number 19064814), 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 22 April 1945. Entered military service from San Francisco, California.

Technician Third Grade Howard E. Rothrock (Army Serial Number 6576228), Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, 386th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 23 October 1944 to 25 April 1945. Entered military service from Los Angeles, California.

Sergeant Otis J. Allred (Army Serial Number 34437915), Infantry, Company M, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 31 March 1945. Entered military service from Burlington, North Carolina.

Sergeant James B. Artis (Army Serial Number 33394967), Infantry, Company B, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 27 March 1945. Entered military service from Connellsville, Pennsylvania.

Sergeant Theodore S. Hunter (then Corporal) (Army Serial Number 36436520), Infantry, Headquarters Company, 3d Battalion, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Germany from 24 December 1944 to 24 April 1945. Entered military service from Elkhart, Illinois.

Sergeant Paul E. Sims (then Private First Class) (Army Serial Number 35486377), Infantry, Company L, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 18 April 1945. Entered military service from Washington, Indiana.

Sergeant Donald C. Stephens (Army Serial Number 35508538), Field Artillery, Battery C, 387th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Germany from 18 to 23 February 1945. Entered military service from Brookville, Ohio.

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Technician Fourth Grade Richard W. Jahries (Army Serial Number 19115626), 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 Salt Lake City, Utah.

Corporal Clarence O. Rignes (Army Serial Number 37323821), Infantry, Headquarters Company, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 23 October 1944 to 23 April 1945. Entered military service from Pequot Lakes, Minnesota.

Technician Fifth Grade Gilbert S. Fillion (Army Serial Number 37325834), Infantry, Headquarters Company, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 23 October 1944 to 23 April 1945. Entered military service from St. Paul, Minnesota.

Technician Fifth Grade John Letwinch (Army Serial Number 36007372), Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, 386th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 23 October 1944 to 25 April 1945. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

Technician Fifth Grade James E. Whitlow (Army Serial Number 33528224), Field Artillery (Tank Destroyer), Company B, 817th Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 13 April 1945. Entered military service from Bassett, Virginia.

Private First Class Peter Alamillo (Army Serial Number 39269001), Infantry, Headquarters Company, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 23 October 1944 to 23 April 1945. Entered military service from Los Angeles, California.

Private First Class Ray E. Ayy (then Private) (Army Serial Number 15353822), Infantry, Company B, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Germany from 1 March to 23 April 1945. Entered military service from Toledo, Ohio.

Private First Class William H. Bowen (Army Serial Number 14176858), Infantry, Company D, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 16 November 1944. Entered military service from Charlotte, North Carolina.

Private First Class John G. Davies (Army Serial Number 13168358), Infantry, Headquarters Company, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 23 October 1944 to 23 April 1945. Entered military service from Dormont, Pennsylvania.

Private First Class Dess L. Ferguson (Army Serial Number 39196730), Infantry, Headquarters Company, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 23 October 1944 to 23 April 1945. Entered military service from Tecoma, Washington.

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Private First Class Earl R. Huber (Army Serial Number 33406551), 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 30 February 1945. Entered military service from Warren, Pennsylvania.

Private First Class Leonard W. Huffman (Army Serial Number 37442798), Infantry, Headquarters Company, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 23 October 1944 to 23 April 1945. Entered military service from Seymour, Iowa.

Private First Class Stanley B. Kinsman (Army Serial Number 32614027), Infantry, Headquarters Company, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 23 October 1944 to 23 April 1945. Entered military service from Lynbrook, New York.

Private First Class Harry E. Minnich, Jr. (Army Serial Number 33492559), Infantry, Company M, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 31 March 1945. Entered military service from Holam, Pennsylvania.

Private First Class Seymour Tomkin (Army Serial Number 32785807), Infantry, Headquarters Company, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 23 October 1944 to 23 April 1945. Entered military service from Brooklyn, New York.

Private First Class Robert E. Tierman (Army Serial Number 35067113), 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 22 April 1945. Entered military service from Leavittsburg, Ohio.

Private First Class John L. Walker (Army Serial Number 17028643), Infantry, Company M, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 31 March 1945. Entered military service from Salina, Kansas.

V--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 officers and enlisted men:

First Lieutenant VERSEL CASE, JR. (Army Serial Number 0468303), Infantry, Company I, 415th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 15 April 1945. Entered military service from Carson City, Michigan. Awarded the Bronze Star Medal in General Orders No. 96, Headquarters, 104th Infantry Division, 3 April 1945.

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First Lieutenant RALPH H. WIENER (Army Serial Number 2049758), Medical Corps, Medical Detachment, 415th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 1 February 1945. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois. Awarded the Bronze Star Medal in General Orders No. 13, Headquarters, 104th Infantry Division, 15 November 1944.

Technician Fourth Grade Ralph M. Cullen (Army Serial Number 37325435), Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 3 March 1945. Entered military service from International Falls, Minnesota. Awarded the Bronze Star Medal in General Orders No. 35, Headquarters, 104th Infantry Division, 15 December 1944.

VI--BRONZE STAR MEDAL--Amendment--So much of section III, General Orders No. 134, this headquarters, 10 May 1945, pertaining to Corporal James R. Taylor, as reads, "Corporal James R. Taylor (then Private First Class) (Army Serial Number 17085254), . . . Entered military service from Dubuque, Iowa." is amended to read, "Private First Class Higgins Taylor, Jr. (Army Serial Number 37397034), . . . Entered military service from Bowling Green, Missouri."

VII--AIR MEDAL (SECOND OAK-LEAF CLUSTER)--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 Air Medal previously awarded in General Orders No. 45, Headquarters, 104th Infantry Division, 28 December 1944, a second bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to the following officers:

First Lieutenant HARLEN D. SHELLBARGER (Army Serial Number 01174709), Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, 386th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight as Field Artillery air observation pilot in Germany from 15 February to 13 April 1945. Entered military service from Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

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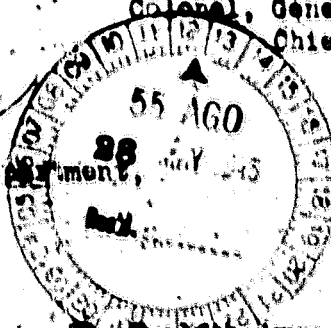
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I--SILVER STAR MEDAL--By direction of the President, under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and pursuant to the authority contained in paragraph 1a(1), Memorandum No. 34, Headquarters, Ninth United States Army, 8 September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

Captain DONALD B. GORDON (Army Serial Number 0351629), Field Artillery, Headquarters, 104th Division Artillery, United States Army, for gallantry in action in Germany on 23 April 1945. Captain Gordon volunteered to act as observer in an artillery liaison plane on a mission behind enemy lines to locate the advancing Russian forces. Sighting huge masses of personnel and equipment, the pilot flew low over the column, and when a white panel was suddenly displayed, he decided to land on an unmarked field. His aircraft was immediately surrounded by three hundred armed enemy soldiers. Using a British interpreter, Captain Gordon persuaded the enemy troops that their situation was hopeless and completed preliminary negotiations for the surrender of the group. After persuading the enemy commander to reveal the location of the foremost Russian troops, he flew back to friendly territory to relay the vital information to higher headquarters. The courage and ingenuity displayed by Captain Gordon is in keeping with the finest traditions of the American officer and combat leader. Entered military service from Tarboro, North Carolina.

First Lieutenant JAMES D. RIFLEMAN (Army Serial Number 01844700), Infantry, Company I, 415th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in Germany on 10 April 1945. Observing an enemy command car passing through a town while his company was engaged in cleaning out the town, Lieutenant Rifleman led a chase after the enemy vehicle. Encountering an enemy outpost, he overran it and captured one enemy soldier. Anticipating further enemy obstacles, he reconnoitered the area ahead. Sighting three enemy machine guns, he boldly opened fire and rushed the enemy with such swiftness and audacity that the enemy immediately surrendered. Many additional enemy soldiers appeared, and Lieutenant Rifleman quickly directed covering fire while he turned his vehicles around and returned to the town with vital information as to the location of the enemy forces. The aggressiveness, courage, and intense devotion to duty displayed by Lieutenant Rifleman were responsible for saving the lives of many of his comrades and exemplify the finest traditions of the American combat leader. Entered military service from Madison, Wisconsin.

Technical Sergeant Robert T. Gray (Army Serial Number 37189003), Infantry, Company G, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in Germany

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on 27 March 1945. When an armor-infantry column was subjected to intense enemy anti-tank, artillery, and mortar fire, Sergeant Gray immediately exposed himself to enemy fire to organize and direct the fire of his men. Although painfully wounded by enemy fire, he led his men in pouring effective fire on the enemy positions, which forced them to withdraw. The intrepid courage and leadership displayed by Sergeant Gray, far above and beyond the call of duty, is in keeping with the finest traditions of the American combat leader, reflecting the highest credit on himself and the military service. Entered military service from Des Moines, Iowa.

Staff Sergeant Robert M. Heisele (Army Serial Number 37397008), Infantry, Company E, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in Germany on 21 November 1944. Just prior to an attack by his platoon, Sergeant Heisele exposed himself to enemy fire to silence an enemy machine gun position with accurate fire from an automatic rifle. He then led the assault of his platoon across open, fire-swept terrain, leading his men in clearing the buildings of the town. Although wounded by an enemy sniper, he continued to lead his men until the objective was completely secured and a defense established. Sergeant Heisele's foresight, courage, and superb leadership contributed materially to the success of the assault, and his actions, reflect the highest credit upon himself and the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from St. Louis, Missouri.

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 ALEXANDER G. EAGLE (Army Serial Number 0305551), 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 4 April 1945. Entered military service from Kansas City, Kansas.

Major STEPHEN E. MORRIS (then Captain and Major) (Army Serial Number 01633422), 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 13 April 1945. Entered military service from Westerville, Ohio.

Captain CLAUDE M. COX, JR. (Army Serial Number 01289215), Infantry, Headquarters, Special Troops, 104th Infantry Division, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 27 October 1944 to 3 May 1945. Entered military service from San Antonio, Texas.

Captain EDWARD P. DOYLE (Army Serial Number 0532170), Corps of Chaplains, Headquarters, 413th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 23 October 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Fall River, Massachusetts.

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First Lieutenant FRANCIS HOSKINS (Army Serial Number 01310600), Corps of Military Police (Infantry), Military Police Platoon, 104th Infantry Division, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 23 October 1944 to 4 May 1945. Entered military service from Paris, Illinois.

First Lieutenant JOHN MANGUSO (then Second Lieutenant and First Lieutenant) (Army Serial Number 02000959), Corps of Military Police, Military Police Platoon, 104th Infantry Division, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Germany from 21 January to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Sayre, Pennsylvania.

First Lieutenant RAYMOND C. REUAN (Army Serial Number 01289321), Infantry, Company L, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Germany from 15 November 1944 to 23 April 1945. Entered military service from New York City, New York.

First Lieutenant JOHN J. SULLIVAN (then Second Lieutenant and First Lieutenant) (Army Serial Number 01324607), Corps of Military Police, Military Police Platoon, 104th Infantry Division, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 23 October 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Kansas City, Missouri.

Warrant Officer Junior Grade CLARENCE S. LARSON (Army Serial Number W2128172), 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 1 May 1945. Entered military service from Alameda, California.

Technical Sergeant James J. Elkouri (Army Serial Number 18075331), Infantry, Headquarters Company, 3d Battalion, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 25 October 1944 to 24 April 1945. Entered military service from Amarillo, Texas.

Technical Sergeant Ray Hargrave (Army Serial Number 17049926), 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 April 1945. Entered military service from Chillicothe, Missouri.

Technical Sergeant John J. Shea (then Staff Sergeant and Technical Sergeant) (Army Serial Number 3334184), Infantry, Headquarters Company, 3d Battalion, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 25 October 1944 to 20 April 1945. Entered military service from Baltimore, Maryland.

Technical Sergeant Joseph S. Bako, Jr. (then Staff Sergeant and Technical Sergeant) (Army Serial Number 3395121), Infantry, Headquarters Company, 3d Battalion, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 25 October 1944 to 24 April 1945. Entered military service from Terrace, Pennsylvania.

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Staff Sergeant Charles E. Cain (Army Serial Number 35205368), Infantry, Headquarters Company, 415th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 23 October 1944 to 7 May 1945. Entered military service from Middle River, Maryland.

Staff Sergeant Earl J. Gribben (Army Serial Number 37443700), Infantry, Company M, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 21 April 1945. Entered military service from Fort Dodge, Iowa.

Staff Sergeant Wilton Gidry (Army Serial Number 38264196), Infantry, Company M, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 16 April 1945. Entered military service from Breaux Bridge, Louisiana.

Staff Sergeant Stanley Russell (Army Serial Number 33400640), Infantry, Company B, 413th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 24 February 1945. Entered military service from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Sergeant John E. Schoessler (Army Serial Number 37465101), Infantry, Headquarters, 3d Battalion, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 25 October 1944 to 24 April 1945. Entered military service from Omaha, Nebraska.

Technician Fourth Grade Morris J. Pabin (Army Serial Number 38373635), Infantry, Headquarters Company, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 23 October 1944 to 23 April 1945. Entered military service from New Orleans, Louisiana.

Technician Fourth Grade Clyde E. Rager (Army Serial Number 33156729), Quartermaster Corps, 104th Quartermaster Company, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 23 October 1944 to 28 April 1945. Entered military service from Luray, Virginia.

Technician Fourth Grade Louis E. Veal (Army Serial Number 34083810), Quartermaster Corps, 104th Quartermaster Company, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 28 October 1944 to 28 April 1945. Entered military service from Americus, Georgia.

Technician Fifth Grade Raymond L. Barber (Army Serial Number 36282137), Infantry, Service Company, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 10 April 1945. Entered military service from Crawfordsville, Iowa.

Technician Fifth Grade George L. Johnson (Army Serial Number 36439935), Cavalry, 104th Reconnaissance Troop, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 14 April 1945. Entered military service from Peoria, Illinois.

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Technician Fifth Grade George E. Martin (Army Serial Number 35558226), Infantry, Headquarters Company, 3d Battalion, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 25 October 1944 to 24 April 1945. Entered military service from St. Marys, Ohio.

Technician Fifth Grade Charles E. Schwab (Army Serial Number 33492585), Infantry, Headquarters Company, 3d Battalion, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 25 October 1944 to 23 April 1945. Entered military service from Mt. Wolf, Pennsylvania.

Private First Class Kaleel P. Hadeed (Army Serial Number 32547968), Infantry, Company K, 415th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 26 February 1945. Entered military service from Rochester, New York.

Private First Class Paul K. Jones (Army Serial Number 36436537), Infantry, Company K, 415th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 26 February 1945. Entered military service from Lewistown, Illinois.

Private First Class William M. Lee (Army Serial Number 34463545), Infantry, Headquarters Company, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 23 October 1944 to 23 April 1945. Entered military service from Pink Hill, North Carolina.

Private First Class Leon J. McDonald (then Private and Private First Class) (Army Serial Number 36450782), Infantry, Headquarters Company, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 23 October 1944 to 23 April 1945. Entered military service from Topas, Michigan.

Private First Class Jack K. McPherson (Army Serial Number 39853522), Infantry, Company M, 415th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 26 October 1944 to 6 March 1945. Entered military service from Elfrida, Arizona.

Private First Class Raymond F. O'Brien (Army Serial Number 32614536), 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 23 April 1945. Entered military service from Long Island, New York.

Private First Class Joseph A. Paxton (Army Serial Number 6999548), Infantry, Headquarters Company, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 23 October 1944 to 1 April 1945. Entered military service from Erie, Pennsylvania.

Private First Class J. G. Tanner (Army Serial Number 34476227), Infantry, Company K, 415th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 26 February 1945. Entered military service from Mt. Olive, Mississippi.

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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 1a(1), Memorandum No. 34, Headquarters, Ninth United States Army, 8 September 1944, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal previously awarded as indicated, a bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to the following enlisted men:

Staff Sergeant Elmer M. Murphy (Army Serial Number 37242585), Cavalry, 104th Reconnaissance Troop, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 14 April 1945. Entered military service from Kansas City, Missouri. Awarded the Bronze Star Medal in General Orders No. 128, Headquarters, 104th Infantry Division, 4 May 1945.

Technician Fourth Grade Wilbur G. Heinold (Army Serial Number 36436344), Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 415th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 23 February 1945. Entered military service from Deer Creek, Illinois. Awarded the Bronze Star Medal in General Orders No. 15, Headquarters, 104th Infantry Division, 18 November 1944.

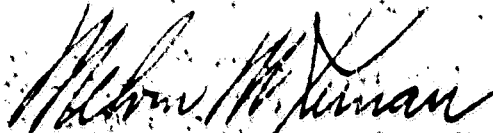
Corporal Winfield G. Ezell (Army Serial Number 37604443), Coast Artillery Corps, Battery B, 555th Anti-aircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion (Mobile), United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 15 April 1945. Entered military service from St. Louis, Missouri. Awarded the Bronze Star Medal in General Orders No. 130, Headquarters, 104th Infantry Division, 6 May 1945.

Technician Fifth Grade Theodore R. Lareau (then Private First Class and Technician Fifth Grade) (Army Serial Number 36450751), Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 415th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Germany from 4 December 1944 to 21 April 1945. Entered military service from Holt, Michigan. Awarded the Bronze Star Medal in General Orders No. 48, Headquarters, 104th Infantry Division, 31 December 1944.

By command of Major General ALLEN:

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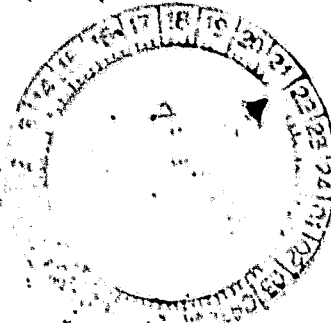
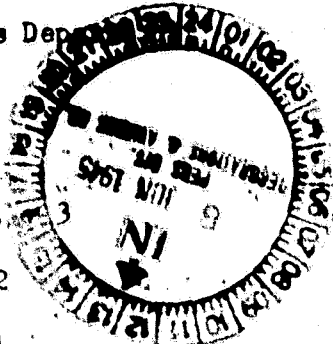
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I--SILVER STAR MEDAL--Posthumous Award--By direction of the President, under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and pursuant to the authority contained in paragraph 1a(1), Memorandum No. 34, Headquarters, Ninth United States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

Staff Sergeant Chester C. Sansoucie (Army Serial Number 37397032); Infantry, Company C, 415th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in Germany on 23 February 1945. Courageously and at great risk to his life, Sergeant Sansoucie, accompanied by another man, crossed one thousand yards of open terrain to wipe out a machine gun nest which was holding up the advance of his company. Coming suddenly on the enemy position, Sergeant Sansoucie coolly rushed the gun and killed the gunner. He was mortally wounded by a hand grenade thrown by an enemy soldier who approached as he rushed the gun. The intrepidity and courage displayed by Sergeant Sansoucie was in keeping with the finest traditions of the American combat soldier and reflect the highest credit upon himself and the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from St. Louis, Missouri. Next of kin: Mr. Howard C. Sansoucie, Hamilton, Missouri.

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:

Major RICHARD J. BESTOR (Army Serial Number 0382621), Field Artillery, Headquarters, 104th Division Artillery, United States Army, for gallantry in action in Germany on 24 April 1945. Major Bestor volunteered to act as observer in an artillery liaison plane on a mission behind enemy lines to locate the advancing Russian forces. Sighting columns advancing west, he was able to fix the advance location of the columns by an exchange of artillery fire. An intensive light caliber anti-aircraft barrage resulted in damage to the aircraft, but undaunted, Major Bestor continued along the Allied column for fifty miles, plotting the location of both enemy and Russian forces. The intrepidity and daring displayed by Major Bestor are in keeping with the finest traditions of the military service and reflect the highest credit on this officer and the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Clewiston, Florida.

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Captain CLAIR F. YOHE (Army Serial Number 0479282), Corps of Chaplains, Headquarters Company, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in Germany on 1 March 1945. Voluntarily and at great risk to his life, Captain Yohe, accompanied by two men, crossed open, fire-swept terrain to enter a town under heavy enemy fire in search of wounded men. Working throughout the night, they administered first aid to the wounded and then began the return trip to evacuate two seriously wounded men. Carrying a heavy litter improvised from a window latticework, Captain Yohe and another man made their way back to the aid station, crossing a treacherous stream on a narrow catwalk. The gallant courage and intrepidity displayed by Captain Yohe are in keeping with the finest traditions of the Corps of Chaplains and reflect distinct credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Meriden, Connecticut.

First Lieutenant DEAN H. BROSSEAU (then Staff Sergeant) (Army Serial Number 02005716), Infantry, Company A, 413th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in Germany on 29 November 1944. Crossing fifty yards of open terrain in the face of withering enemy fire, Lieutenant Brosseau assumed command of a disorganized platoon which was virtually surrounded by the enemy. He organized his men and constantly exposed himself to enemy fire to direct the fire of his platoon on a numerically superior enemy force advancing to counter attack. The fire of his platoon was so brilliantly and skillfully directed that the enemy onslaught was checked and driven back. Lieutenant Brosseau's singular gallantry and devotion to duty, far above and beyond the call of duty, exemplify the finest traditions of the American soldier. Entered military service from Drayton, North Dakota.

First Lieutenant ROGER F. SHOCKCOR (Army Serial Number 01056891), Infantry, Company B, 415th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in Germany 23 February 1945. Leaving his covered position to reconnoiter friendly and enemy positions, Lieutenant Shockcor observed an enemy machine gun firing on friendly troops. Crossing the field in the face of the continued heavy fire, he cleverly maneuvered himself to the rear of the gun and completely surprised the crew, forcing them to surrender. By his heroic action, Lieutenant Shockcor eliminated a formidable obstacle, and his actions, far above and beyond the call of duty, reflect the highest credit on himself and the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Detroit, Michigan.

Technical Sergeant Amos Gore (Army Serial Number 37107486), Infantry, Company B, 415th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in Germany on 25 March 1945. After reorganizing an adjacent platoon, Sergeant Gore led his platoon across coverless terrain in an assault on a strongly fortified enemy position. He exposed himself to enemy fire to single-handedly wipe out an enemy machine gun nest with well-aimed grenades and led a furious charge on two other enemy machine gun positions, forcing the enemy to withdraw. The fearless courage and aggressive leadership displayed by Sergeant Gore were responsible for the success of his battalion in a vital action, and his actions, far above and beyond the call of duty, reflect distinct credit on himself and the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Conway, Arkansas.

Sergeant Estle R. Hearn (Army Serial Number 36622922), Field Artillery, Battery , 386th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for gallantry in action in Germany on 17 April 1945. When his radio was hit by a sniper's bullet, Sergeant Hearn exposed himself to heavy enemy small arms fire to cross open terrain

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to procure a new radio. Returning to his position along the same treacherous route, he set up his radio and skillfully directed artillery fire on enemy infantry massing for a counter attack. By his intrepid gallantry and coolness under fire, Sergeant Hearn smashed an enemy assault and undoubtedly saved the lives of many of his comrades. His actions, far above and beyond the call of duty, reflect the highest credit upon himself and the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Fairfield, Illinois.

Sergeant J. B. Kirbie (then Private First Class) (Army Serial Number 38286941), Infantry, Company L, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in Germany on 4 December 1944. After his platoon gained a point of vantage in a small town, Sergeant Kirbie, voluntarily and at great risk to his life, took up an exposed position in the second floor of a building. Despite direct enemy artillery fire, he retained his position for several hours, single-handedly repelling an enemy counter attack and killing seven enemy soldiers. Under the covering fire thus provided, his company was able to advance and seize the objective. The intrepidity and heroism displayed by Sergeant Kirbie are in keeping with the finest traditions of the American combat leader and reflect the highest credit on himself and the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Fort Worth, Texas.

Sergeant William F. Shaffer (Army Serial Number 34478652), Infantry, Company A, 413th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in Germany on 26 February 1945. Advancing across two hundred yards of open, coverless terrain in the face of withering artillery fire, Sergeant Shaffer, courageously and at great risk to his life, exposed himself to fire rifle grenades at an enemy self-propelled gun, which was subjecting his company to withering direct fire. Running out of grenades, he returned across the treacherous terrain to lead his men forward. Sergeant Shaffer's singular courage and valiant leadership in performing a self-assigned mission above and beyond the call of duty are in keeping with the finest traditions of the American combat leader. Entered military service from Eupora, Mississippi.

Corporal Dow E. Farrar (Army Serial Number 17045780), Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, 386th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for gallantry in action in Germany on 17 April 1945. After a fierce fight, a small force of sixty American soldiers were surrounded and captured by the enemy. The enemy sought drivers for captured vehicles, and Corporal Farrar volunteered. Under the pretense of obeying orders, he drove through the town, emptied all gas tanks so as to immobilize the enemy, and drove at high speed toward a point designated by the enemy. Distracting the attention of his guard by his driving, he slammed on the brakes as he reached an American road block and quickly disarmed his guard. By his intrepid courage and coolness in the face of grave danger, Corporal Farrar not only freed himself and his comrades, but also captured twenty-five enemy soldiers and regained control of five American vehicles. His actions, far above and beyond the call of duty, reflect distinct credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from St. Louis, Missouri.

III--SILVER STAR MEDAL (OAK-LEAF CLUSTER)--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 Silver

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Star Medal previously awarded in General Orders No. 144, Headquarters, 104th Infantry Division, 19 May 1945, a bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to the following enlisted men:

Staff Sergeant Robert M. Heisele (Army Serial Number 37397008), Infantry, Company E, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in Germany on 1 March 1945. Courageously and at great risk to his life, Sergeant Heisele led the assault of his platoon across open, fire-swept terrain in the face of withering enemy fire. Inspired by the fearlessness and gallantry of their leader, the men of Sergeant Heisele's platoon overran the enemy's strong positions, cleared the buildings of the town, and secured the objective. By his fearless courage and gallantry Sergeant Heisele contributed materially to the success of his company in a vitally important operation, and his actions are in keeping with the finest traditions of the American combat leader. Entered military service from St. Louis, Missouri.

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 VICTOR S. COLLIN (Army Serial Number 01298998), Infantry, Company M, 415th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Holland and Germany from 25 October to 5 December 1944. Entered military service from Portland, Oregon.

First Lieutenant MARION L. POWELL, JR. (Army Serial Number 0305419), Infantry (Tank Destroyer), Company C, 817th Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Germany from 10 December 1944 to 4 May 1945. Entered military service from Greenville, South Carolina.

First Lieutenant LEROY O. PUCKETT (then Second Lieutenant) (Army Serial Number 01316973), Infantry, Company M, 415th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Holland and Germany from 24 October to 5 December 1944. Entered military service from University City, Missouri.

First Lieutenant JOHN F. SPAIN (then Second Lieutenant and First Lieutenant) (Army Serial Number 01017609), Infantry, Company B, 750th Tank Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Germany from 20 November 1944 to 30 April 1945. Entered military service from Plantsville, Connecticut.

Technical Sergeant James N. Arthurs (then Staff Sergeant and Technical Sergeant) (Army Serial Number 38323966), Infantry, Headquarters 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 May 1945. Entered military service from Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Staff Sergeant Frank M. Bissette, Jr. (Army Serial Number 34463582), Cavalry, 104th Reconnaissance Troop, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 27 March 1945. Entered military service from [redacted], North Carolina.

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Staff Sergeant Wilbur G. Brewer (Army Serial Number 35569799), 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 18 April 1945. Entered military service from Eaton, Indiana.

Staff Sergeant Werner T. Judd (Army Serial Number 39459778), Infantry, Headquarters Company, 3d Battalion, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 18 April 1945. Entered military service from Valley, Washington.

Staff Sergeant Walter R. Salonen (Army Serial Number 16131869), Infantry, Company A, 413th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 26 February 1945. Entered military service from Bessemer, Michigan.

Staff Sergeant Stanley R. Stevens (Army Serial Number 39323637), Infantry, Headquarters Company 3d Battalion, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 18 April 1945. Entered military service from Portland, Oregon.

Staff Sergeant Henry R. Travis, Jr. (then Private First Class) (Army Serial Number 11050611), Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 415th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 3 April 1945. Entered military service from Jamaica Plain, Massachusetts.

Staff Sergeant Richard W. True (Army Serial Number 39323750), Infantry, Company D, 413th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 26 February 1945. Entered military service from Portland, Oregon.

Sergeant James N. Cooper (Army Serial Number 39195684), Infantry, Headquarters Company, 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 28 April 1945. Entered military service from Seattle, Washington.

Sergeant Harry V. Frampton, Jr. (Army Serial Number 12183454), Field Artillery, Battery A, 385th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Holland on 1 and 2 November 1944. Entered military service from New York City, New York.

Sergeant Douglas R. Frazier (then Private First Class and Sergeant) (Army Serial Number 37528634), Infantry, Company A, 413th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 23 October 1944 to 27 April 1945. Entered military service from Wallington, Missouri.

Sergeant Claudio R. Girouard (Army Serial Number 31458867), Infantry, Company B, 415th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 25 and 26 March 1945. Entered military service from Southbridge, Massachusetts.

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Technician Fourth Grade Earl Freed (Army Serial Number 33482282), Infantry, Headquarters Company, 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 19 April 1945. Entered military service from Lansdale, Pennsylvania.

Corporal Sidney Barr (then Private First Class and Corporal) (Army Serial Number 36709138), Infantry, Company M, 415th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Holland and Germany from 26 October 1944 to 6 March 1945. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

Technician Fifth Grade Melvin G. Burkholder (Army Serial Number 35550829), Infantry, Headquarters Company, 413th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 23 October 1944 to 2 May 1945. Entered military service from Napoleon, Ohio.

Private First Class Harold B. Boyer (Army Serial Number 36710082), Infantry, Company M, 415th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Holland and Germany from 24 October 1944 to 6 March 1945. Entered military service from Rockford, Illinois.

Private First Class Vern R. Echler (Army Serial Number 35016277), Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 415th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Germany from 20 November 1944 to 6 March 1945. Entered military service from Angola, Indiana.

Private First Class Robert A. Edwards (Army Serial Number 33212812), Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 413th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 24 February 1945. Entered military service from Roanoke, Virginia.

Private First Class Robert F. Justus (Army Serial Number 35172151), Infantry, Company M, 415th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Germany from 20 November 1944 to 6 March 1945. Entered military service from Fountaintown, Indiana.

Private First Class George M. Owen (Army Serial Number 38060260), Cavalry, 104th Reconnaissance Troop, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 14 April 1945. Entered military service from Dallas, Texas.

Private First Class Jess Rogers (Army Serial Number 39274452), Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 413th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 26 February 1945. Entered military service from Los Angeles, California.

Private First Class Walter E. Simons (Army Serial Number 36750311), Infantry, Company A, 413th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 26 February 1945. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

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Private First Class Ray L. Simpson (Army Serial Number 17156026), Infantry, Company M, 415th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Holland and Germany from 26 October 1944 to 6 March 1945. Entered military service from Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Private First Class Leonard S. Stoller (Army Serial Number 32811524), Infantry, Anti-Tank Company, 415th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 3 April 1945. Entered military service from Brooklyn, New York.

Private First Class John B. Storrs (Army Serial Number 39908690), Medical Department, Medical Detachment, Special Troops, 104th Infantry Division, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 14 April 1945. Entered military service from Provo, Utah.

Private First Class Jerry D. White (then Private and Private First Class) (Army Serial Number 37669683), Medical Department, 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 23 April 1945. Entered military service from Des Moines, Iowa.

Private First Class Oakel M. Withrow (Army Serial Number 35743830), Infantry, Company K, 415th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 26 February 1945. Entered military service from Elkview, West Virginia.

Private Floyd T. Krepps (Army Serial Number 6940754), Infantry, Anti-Tank Company, 415th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 3 April 1945. Entered military service from Huntingdon, Pennsylvania.

Private Thamar J. Main (Army Serial Number 35897069), Infantry, Company B, 413th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 24 February 1945. Entered military service from Selma, Indiana.

V--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, a bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to the following officer and enlisted man:

Colonel JOHN H. COCHRAN (Army Serial Number 08265), Infantry, Headquarters, 415th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 17 April 1945. Entered military service from Coloma, Michigan. Awarded the Bronze Star Medal in General Orders No. 122, Headquarters, 104th Infantry Division, 29 April 1945.

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Corporal Wayne B. Mills (Army Serial Number 32625880), Infantry, Service Company, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 10 April 1945. Entered military service from Washingtonville, New York. Awarded the Bronze Star Medal in General Orders No. 113, Headquarters, 104th Infantry Division, 20 April 1945.

VI--AIR MEDAL (OAK-LEAF CLUSTER)--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 Air Medal previously awarded in General Orders No. 44, Headquarters, 104th Infantry Division, 13 February 1945, a bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to the following officer:

First Lieutenant JAMES B. ATKINSON (Army Serial Number 0464355), 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 23 January to 14 April 1945. Entered military service from San Francisco, California.

By command of Major General ALLEN:

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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 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 KENNETH A. MORRIS (Army Serial Number 01176741), Field Artillery, Headquarters, 104th Division Artillery, United States Army, for gallantry in action in Germany on 23 April 1945. Captain Morris volunteered to pilot his artillery liaison plane on a mission behind enemy lines to locate the advancing Russian forces. Sighting huge masses of personnel and equipment, Captain Morris flew low over the column, and when a white panel was suddenly displayed, he decided to land on an unmarked field. His aircraft was immediately surrounded by three hundred armed enemy soldiers. Using a British interpreter, Captain Morris persuaded the enemy troops that their situation was hopeless and completed preliminary negotiations for the surrender of the group. After persuading the enemy commander to reveal the location of the foremost Russian troops, he flew back to friendly territory to relay the vital information to higher headquarters. The courage and ingenuity displayed by Captain Morris are in keeping with the finest traditions of the American officer and combat leader. Entered military service from Fayetteville, Arkansas.

Sergeant Donald B. Shank (Army Serial Number 330170...), Field Artillery, (Tank Destroyer), Company C, 692d Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army, for gallantry in action in Germany on 6 March 1945. Courageously and at great risk to his life, Sergeant Shank exposed himself to enemy fire and crossed open terrain in the face of the withering fire to rescue four members of a knocked-out tank. Although twice wounded, he refused to allow himself to be evacuated until all members of the crew were rescued, and he collapsed from loss of blood and exhaustion. The intrepidity and courage displayed by Sergeant Shank were responsible for saving the lives of several of his companions, and his actions, far above and beyond the call of duty, exemplify the finest traditions of the American soldier. Entered military service from Indiana, Pennsylvania.

Technician Fifth Grade Clifford S. Bowersox (then Private) (Army Serial Number 33492354), Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, 386th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for gallantry in action in Germany on 17 April

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1945. After a fierce fight, a small force of sixty American soldiers were surrounded and captured by the enemy. The enemy sought drivers for captured vehicles, and Technician Bowersox volunteered. Under the pretense of obeying orders, he drove through the town, emptied all gas tanks so as to immobilize the enemy, and drove at high speed toward a point designated by the enemy. Distracting the attention of the guard by his driving, he slammed on the brakes as he reached an American road block and quickly disarmed his guard. By his intrepid courage and coolness in the face of grave danger, Technician Bowersox not only freed himself and his comrades but also captured twenty-five enemy soldiers and regained control of five American vehicles. His actions, far above and beyond the call of duty, reflect distinct credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Middleburg, Pennsylvania.

Technician Fifth Grade Orville B. Spencer (Army Serial Number 35233361), Infantry, Service Company, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in Germany on 1 March 1945. Voluntarily and at great risk to his life, Technician Spencer, accompanied by two other men, crossed open, fire-swept terrain to enter a town under heavy enemy fire in search of wounded men. Working throughout the night, they administered first aid to the wounded and then began the return trip to evacuate two seriously wounded men. Carrying the seriously wounded men, Technician Spencer and another man made their way back to the aid station, crossing a treacherous stream on a narrow catwalk. The gallant courage and intrepidity displayed by Technician Spencer are in keeping with the finest traditions of the American soldier and reflect distinct credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Akron, Ohio.

Private First Class Fred H. Palmer (Army Serial Number 35806071), Infantry, Company A, 413th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in Germany on 29 November 1944. When Private Palmer's squad was cut off from friendly forces by an enemy counter attack and its position rendered untenable, the order was given to withdraw. Voluntarily and at great risk to his life, Private Palmer took up an exposed position and poured devastating automatic rifle fire on the enemy. Although severely wounded, he refused to abandon his position and was subjected to fierce artillery fire, which sent a shower of bricks and debris down on his position. Only after the entire squad had withdrawn safely did he relinquish his position. Private Palmer's extraordinary heroism and intrepid courage in performing a self-assigned action far above and beyond the call of duty exemplify the finest traditions of the American combat soldier and reflect the highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Paebles, Ohio.

II--SILVER STAR MEDAL (OAK-LEAF CLUSTER)--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 Silver Star Medal previously awarded in General Orders No. 44, Headquarters, 104th Infantry Division, 13 February 1945, a bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to the following officer:

Second Lieutenant DANIEL A. VAN DETTA (then Staff Sergeant) (Army Serial Number 02005646), Infantry, Company K, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in Germany on 10 December 1944. When his two squad leaders were hit and seriously wounded by enemy artillery fire, Lieutenant Van Datta

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crossed open terrain to administer first aid to one man, finding the other had been fatally wounded. Returning, he reorganized his squad and led them forward, exposing himself to enemy fire to control his men in the absence of the squad leaders. When two more men were wounded, he made several trips across open terrain to administer aid to the men and returned to call for litter bearers. He then dashed across one hundred fifty yards of open terrain to lead the litter bearers to the men. Lieutenant Van Datta's intrepid courage and gallantry were responsible for saving the lives of three of his fellow soldiers and exemplified the finest traditions of the American combat leader. Entered military service from Batavia, New York.

III--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 1a(1), Memorandum No. 34, Headquarters, Ninth United States Army, 8 September 1944, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded, posthumously, to the following enlisted men:

Corporal Raymond J. Ballone (Army Serial Number 33479900), Field Artillery (Tank Destroyer), Company C, 817th Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 17 April 1945. As the platoon of which Corporal Ballone was a member entered an enemy-held town, it encountered heavy fire from a strongly entrenched enemy force. The destroyers were ordered to take cover, and Corporal Ballone's destroyer covered the movements of the rest of the vehicles in the platoon. He boldly exposed himself to the intense enemy fire to direct machine gun and 70mm gun fire on the enemy. In performing his heroic action, he was mortally wounded. The courage and intense devotion to duty displayed by Corporal Ballone were in keeping with the finest traditions of the American combat soldier and reflect distinct credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Wayne, Pennsylvania. Next of kin: Mrs. Mary Ballone, 190 Connastoga Road, Wayne, Pennsylvania.

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:

Major NORVAL M. LOCKE (then Captain) (Army Serial Number 0385834), Field Artillery, Headquarters, 929th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 23 October 1944 to 27 April 1945. Entered military service from Allen, Oklahoma.

Captain EDMUND R. BANKS, JR. (Army Serial Number 01167732), Field Artillery, Battery C, 929th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 23 October 1944 to 27 April 1945. Entered military service from New York City, New York.

Captain WILBUR W. BUSHYEAGER (then First Lieutenant and Captain) (Army Serial Number 01056653), Coast Artillery Corps, Order of Battle Team No. 53, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 23 October 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

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Captain NELSON C. EATON (then First Lieutenant) (Army Serial Number 0453443), Field Artillery, Headquarters, 929th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Germany from 23 January to 27 April 1945. Entered military service from Sweetser, Indiana.

Captain EDWARD L. GILLESPIE (Army Serial Number 01167856), Field Artillery, Battery B, 929th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 23 October 1944 to 27 April 1945. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

Captain HERMAN C. GOLDSMITH (then First Lieutenant and Captain) (Army Serial Number 0552520), Army of the United States, Military Intelligence Interrogation Team 472-G, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Germany from 28 November 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from New York City, New York.

Captain CARLTON S. GUNION (then First Lieutenant and Captain) (Army Serial Number 01168262), Field Artillery, Battery A, 929th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Germany from 27 November 1944 to 27 April 1945. Entered military service from Benton, Mississippi.

Captain JAMES F. NEALON (Army Serial Number 01168004), Field Artillery, Headquarters, 929th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 23 October 1944 to 27 April 1945. Entered military service from New York City, New York.

Captain CLARENCE G. PIERCE (Army Serial Number 01014517), Cavalry, Headquarters, 750th Tank Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium and Germany from 15 November 1944 to 4 May 1945. Entered military service from Kalamazoo, Michigan.

Captain EUGENE A. SHAW (Army Serial Number 01168077), Field Artillery, Headquarters, 929th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 23 October 1944 to 27 April 1945. Entered military service from Meeker, Colorado.

First Lieutenant RALPH S. BRINDLEY (Army Serial Number 01183473), Field Artillery, Headquarters, 929th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 23 October 1944 to 27 April 1945. Entered military service from Tacoma, Washington.

First Lieutenant MERLE A. LONG (Army Serial Number 0460787), Infantry, Headquarters Company, 415th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 23 October 1944 to 18 April 1945. Entered military service from Albany, Oregon.

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First Lieutenant PAUL L. SEHWERT (Army Serial Number 0537813), Corps of Engineers, Company A, 329th Engineer Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 23 February 1945. Entered military service from Lincoln, Nebraska.

First Lieutenant WILLIS C. SWANTON (Army Serial Number 01004834), Adjutant General's Department, Photo Interpretation Team No. 97, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 23 October 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Detroit, Michigan.

First Lieutenant DAVID E. WARFIELD (Army Serial Number 01171820), Field Artillery, Headquarters, 929th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Germany from 21 December 1944 to 27 April 1945. Entered military service from Clarkston, Washington.

First Sergeant William E. Warren (Army Serial Number 37168670), Medical Department, Company D, 329th Medical Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 23 October 1944 to 3 May 1945. Entered military service from Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Technical Sergeant William G. Cox (then Staff Sergeant and Technical Sergeant) (Army Serial Number 36710936), 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 22 April 1945. Entered military service from Centralia, Illinois.

Technical Sergeant Earl L. Wheatley (Army Serial Number 33470055), 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 3 May 1945. Entered military service from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Staff Sergeant Gordon W. Blossfield (Army Serial Number 35028224), Corps of Engineers, Company A, 329th Engineer Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 23 October 1944 to 3 May 1945. Entered military service from Justus, Ohio.

Staff Sergeant Anthony Komorowski (then Sergeant) (Army Serial Number 32627778), Infantry, Company B, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Germany from 16 January to 8 April 1945. Entered military service from Roslyn Heights, New York.

Staff Sergeant George J. Schoepf (then Sergeant) (Army Serial Number 32626159), Corps of Engineers, Company A, 329th Engineer Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 23 October 1944 to 2 May 1945. Entered military service from New York City, New York.

Technician Third Grade Andrew V. Ryan (Army Serial Number 33482293), Medical Department, 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 23 April 1945. Entered military service from Lansdale, Pennsylvania.

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Sergeant Alfred S. Behill, Jr. (then Technician Fifth Grade and Sergeant) (Army Serial Number 3689769), Corps of Engineers, Company A, 329th Engineer Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 23 October 1944 to 2 May 1945. Entered military service from Fresno, California.

Sergeant William Z. Griffin (then Private First Class) (Army Serial Number 38683516), Infantry, Company A, 415th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 23 March 1945. Entered military service from Shamrock, Texas.

Sergeant Walter E. Haas (Army Serial Number 38677826), Infantry, Company L, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 18 April 1945. Entered military service from Blanco, Texas.

Sergeant Ralph C. Hinchman (Army Serial Number 38212824), Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Germany from 23 December 1944 to 23 April 1945. Entered military service from Batesville, Arkansas.

Sergeant Oral J. Minor (Army Serial Number 33216787), Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, 386th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 2 April 1945. Entered military service from Roanoke, Virginia.

Sergeant Donald W. Murray (Army Serial Number 3695737), Infantry, Company A, 415th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 15 April 1945. Entered military service from Rockville, Missouri.

Technician Fourth Grade Alfred Van Lear (then Technician Fifth Grade and Technician Fourth Grade) (Army Serial Number 39270681), Medical Department, 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 23 April 1945. Entered military service from Bellflower, California.

Corporal Robert W. Gilfillan (then Private First Class) (Army Serial Number 33507440), Cavalry, 104th Reconnaissance Troop, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 18 April 1945. Entered military service from New Holland, Pennsylvania.

Corporal James O. Wilkin (Army Serial Number 39154616), Field Artillery (Tank Destroyer), Company C, 817th Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 17 April 1945. Entered military service from Eagle Rock, Iowa.

Private First Class Louis Blumback (then Private and Private First Class) (Army Serial Number 31420169), Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Germany from 25 December 1944 to 25 April 1945. Entered military service from Winthrop, Massachusetts.

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Private First Class Maxwell H. Case (Army Serial Number 32930959), Infantry, Company M, 415th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Holland and Germany from 24 October 1944 to 6 March 1945. Entered military service from Franklinville, New York.

Private First Class Elvin Grant (then Private and Private First Class) (Army Serial Number 31353710), Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Germany from 23 December 1944 to 23 April 1945. Entered military service from Attleboro, Massachusetts.

Private First Class Earl G. Johnston (Army Serial Number 13090069), Medical Department, 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 23 April 1945. Entered military service from Greensburg, Pennsylvania.

Private First Class Charles W. Maxwell (Army Serial Number 37510822), 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 Germany on 21 February 1945. Entered military service from Croasstimbers, Missouri.

Private First Class Edwin D. Nichols, Sr. (Army Serial Number 34972505), Infantry, Company A, 415th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 15 April 1945. Entered military service from Doerun, Georgia.

Private First Class Benney Skladanek (Army Serial Number 32593881), Infantry, Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 413th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in Holland on 4 November 1944. Entered military service from Newark, New Jersey.

Private First Class Carl Sturkie (then Private and Private First Class) (Army Serial Number 34644322), Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Germany from 23 December 1944 to 23 April 1945. Entered military service from Columbia, South Carolina.

V--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, a bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to the following officers and enlisted men:

Captain THOMAS R. CORREAL (Army Serial Number 01110429), Corps of Engineers, Photo Interpretation Team No. 97, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Germany from 3 December 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Masontown, Pennsylvania. Awarded the Bronze Star Medal in General Orders No. 71, Headquarters, VII Corps, 28 October 1944.

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Captain JAMES Z. GREELEY, JR. (Army Serial Number 0445436), Infantry, Headquarters, 2d Battalion, 415th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 25 March 1945. Entered military service from Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Awarded the Bronze Star Medal in General Orders No. 46, Headquarters, 104th Infantry Division, 15 February 1945.

Captain HOWARD H. HURST (Army Serial Number 01287883), Infantry, Service Company, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 1 April 1945. Entered military service from Fairmount, Nebraska. Awarded the Bronze Star Medal in General Orders No. 129, Headquarters, 104th Infantry Division, 5 May 1945.

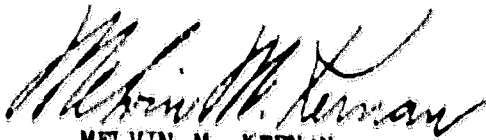
Private First Class Charles R. Burkholder (Army Serial Number 33492560), Infantry, Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 413th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in Holland on 4 November 1944. Entered military service from Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. Awarded the Bronze Star Medal in General Orders No. 120, Headquarters, 104th Infantry Division, 27 April 1945.

VI--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 in General Orders No. 81, Headquarters, 414th Infantry, 4 May 1945, a bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to the following enlisted men:

Sergeant Charles C. Griffith, Jr. (Army Serial Number 12100353), Infantry, Company L, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for wounds received as a result of enemy action in Germany on 7 December 1944. Entered military service from Penns Grove, New Jersey.

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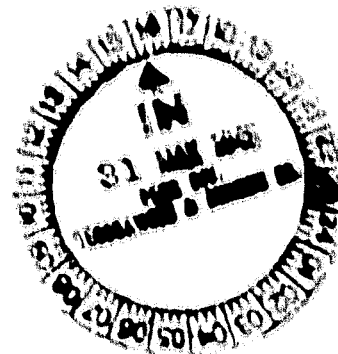
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I--SILVER STAR MEDAL--Posthumous Award--By direction of the President, under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and pursuant to the authority contained in paragraph 1a(1), Memorandum No. 34, Headquarters, Ninth United States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

Staff Sergeant Harold M. Joens (Army Serial Number 39575838), Infantry, Company H, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in Germany on 17 April 1945. When the enemy launched a fierce counter attack in force, Sergeant Joens led a valiant four-hour defensive fight, constantly exposing himself to enemy fire to direct the fire of his men. As relief forces advanced, he led them in an attempt to dislodge the well emplaced enemy and was mortally wounded by enemy fire. The intrepid gallantry and heroism displayed by Sergeant Joens, far above and beyond the call of duty, reflect the highest credit on himself and the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Los Angeles, California. Next of kin: Mrs. Emaline R. Joens, 2933 West 8th Street, 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:

Major CLYDE M. TURNER (Army Serial Number 0367217), Field Artillery, Headquarters, 104th Division Artillery, United States Army, for gallantry in action in Germany on 24 April 1945. Major Turner volunteered to pilot his artillery liaison plane on a mission behind enemy lines to locate the advancing Russian forces. Sighting columns advancing west, he was able to fix the advance location of the columns by an exchange of artillery fire. An intensive light caliber anti-aircraft barrage resulted in damage to the aircraft, but undaunted, Major Turner continued along the Allied column for fifty miles, plotting the location of both enemy and Russian forces. The intrepidity and daring displayed by Major Turner are in keeping with the finest traditions of the military service and reflect the highest credit on this officer and the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from St. Petersburg, Florida.

Second Lieutenant OSCAR C. LYCKSELL (then Technical Sergeant) (Army Serial Number 02008408), Infantry, Company F, 413th Infantry, United States Army,

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for gallantry in action in Germany on 26 February 1945. Assuming command of his platoon after its leader and many members had become casualties, Lieutenant Lycksell, by daring personal example and firmness of command, led his depleted forces to the objective. When his newly won position was subjected to an intense enveloping counter attack by superior enemy forces, Lieutenant Lycksell constantly exposed himself to enemy fire to direct a brilliant defensive action. During the fierce three-hour battle, his platoon killed approximately one hundred enemy, neutralized the fire from an enemy self-propelled gun, and captured seventy-five prisoners. The superb leadership and gallantry displayed by Lieutenant Lycksell exemplify the finest traditions of the American combat leader. Entered military service from Hoquiam, Washington.

Technical Sergeant Lee B. McBride (then Staff Sergeant) (Army Serial Number 39910589), Infantry, Company F, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in Germany on 17 April 1945. As the enemy launched a fierce counter attack, Sergeant McBride voluntarily left his covered position and assumed command of a platoon which was attempting to dislodge the enemy from his newly won positions. After a fierce fight, during which he constantly exposed himself to withering enemy fire, Sergeant McBride's men were surrounded by the superior enemy force. Realizing the imminent danger of his position, he courageously ran a gauntlet of enemy fire to lead two tanks forward, directing their fire from a completely exposed position. As a result of the fire of the tanks, the enemy commanding officer and his entire company were forced to surrender. The gallantry and superb devotion to duty displayed by Sergeant McBride are in keeping with the finest traditions of the American combat soldier. Entered military service from Hyrum, Utah.

Staff Sergeant Paul T. Crowder (Army Serial Number 15315022), Infantry, Company H, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in Germany on 26 February 1945. Advancing alone, Sergeant Crowder reconnoitered enemy positions around a strongly defended town. Returning, he conveyed vital information as to the strength, disposition, and location of enemy positions. Then, despite intense enemy fire, he led his section forward and directed the fire of his weapons on the enemy positions with such skill and accuracy that the enemy was denied the use of these positions, and the company was able to advance and capture the objective without loss. The cool courage, skill, and intense devotion to duty displayed by Sergeant Crowder exemplify the finest traditions of the American combat leader and reflect the highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Lebanon, Kentucky.

Staff Sergeant Houston Deford (then Sergeant) (Army Serial Number 18194342), Infantry, Company H, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in Germany on 19 November 1944. When one member of his squad was killed and two others seriously wounded during an intense enemy artillery and mortar barrage, Sergeant Deford, with disregard for his own safety, left his covered position and administered first aid to the wounded men. He then crossed three hundred yards of open terrain, secured litter bearers, and supervised the evacuation. Later, his squad was pinned down by a heavy barrage, and he was rendered temporarily blind by the concussion of a nearby explosion. He refused to be evacuated and the mission was successfully accomplished. Sergeant Deford's courage and heroism, far above and beyond the call of duty, reflect the highest credit upon himself and the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

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Staff Sergeant Dudley C. Van Duser (Army Serial Number 32614287), Infantry, Company H, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in Germany on 17 April 1945. When the enemy attacked the building in which his mortar section was located, Sergeant Van Duser exposed himself at the door to pour devastating sub-machine gun fire on the enemy, stopping several rushes. The enemy surrounded the entire platoon and threatened to recapture the town. Although twice wounded, Sergeant Van Duser crawled through the enemy lines to give valuable information to his commanding officer, which enabled them to repel the counter attack. Sergeant Van Duser's gallant action saved the lives of many of his comrades and reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Brooklyn, New York.

Corporal Jeremiah E. O'Neill, Jr. (Army Serial Number 32743447), Field Artillery, Battery A, 386th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for gallantry in action in Germany on 17 April 1945. When his radio was hit by a sniper's bullet, Corporal O'Neill exposed himself to heavy enemy small arms fire to cross open terrain to procure a new radio. Returning to his position along the same treacherous route, he set up his radio and skillfully directed artillery fire on enemy infantry massing for a counter attack. By his intrepid gallantry and coolness under fire, Corporal O'Neill smashed an enemy assault and undoubtedly saved the lives of many of his comrades. His actions, far above and beyond the call of duty, reflect the highest credit upon himself and the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Saratoga Springs, New York.

Technician Fifth Grade Raymond A. Fiscus (Army Serial Number 35098367), Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in Germany on 24 March 1945. Technician Fiscus, voluntarily and at great risk to his life, made three trips across one hundred yards of open, fire-swept terrain to carry wounded men to safety. He was returning for another man when he was wounded himself. Technician Fiscus's courage and devotion to duty and to his fellow soldiers are in keeping with the finest traditions of the American medical soldier and reflect the highest credit upon himself and the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Indianapolis, Indiana.

Private Frank P. Sprague (Army Serial Number 39853785), Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, 386th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for gallantry in action in Germany on 17 April 1945. After a fierce fight, a small force of sixty American soldiers were surrounded and captured by the enemy. The enemy sought drivers for captured vehicles, and Private Sprague volunteered. Under the pretense of obeying orders, he drove through the town, emptied all gas tanks so as to immobilize the enemy, and drove at high speed toward a point designated by the enemy. Distracting the attention of his guard by his driving, he slammed on the brakes as he reached an American road block and quickly disarmed his guard. By his intrepid courage and coolness in the face of grave danger, Private Sprague not only freed himself and his comrades but also captured twenty-five enemy soldiers and regained control of five American vehicles. His actions, far above and beyond the call of duty, reflect distinct credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Maricopa, Arizona.

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, warrant officer, and enlisted men:

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Major ELIAS B. BRAND (then Captain and Major) (Army Serial Number 0325213), Infantry, Headquarters, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 23 October 1944 to 20 April 1945. Entered military service from Jacksonville, Florida.

Major FRED J. FLETTE (Army Serial Number 0317018), Infantry, Headquarters, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 23 October 1944 to 23 April 1945. Entered military service from Glendale, California.

Captain CLIFFORD S. BECKETT (Army Serial Number 0299284), Infantry, Anti-Tank Company, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 24 October 1944 to 30 April 1945. Entered military service from Eugene, Oregon.

Captain HENRY BURROWS (Army Serial Number 0253533), Infantry, Headquarters, 1st Battalion, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Germany from 16 November 1944 to 25 April 1945. Entered military service from Lyons, Kansas.

Captain MANUEL C. CHRISTO (Army Serial Number 01287836), Infantry, Cannon Company, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 24 October 1944 to 30 April 1945. Entered military service from Merced, California.

Captain LLOYD G. LAUSTER (Army Serial Number 0316096), Infantry, Headquarters, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 23 October 1944 to 23 April 1945. Entered military service from Big Stone City, South Dakota.

Captain ROBERT W. SAUNDERS (then First Lieutenant and Captain) (Army Serial Number 01289151), 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 25 April 1945. Entered military service from Dallas, Texas.

Captain LEONARD C. TURNER (Army Serial Number 0377902), 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 30 April 1945. Entered military service from Clayton, Alabama.

Captain SAMUEL G. WARREN (Army Serial Number 0299782), Infantry, Headquarters Company, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Germany from 15 November 1944 to 29 April 1945. Entered military service from Whittier, California.

First Lieutenant WILLIAM J. CHILCOAT (Army Serial Number 0533421), Infantry, Headquarters Company, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Germany from 1 March to 1 May 1945. Entered military service from Fort Worth, Texas.

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First Lieutenant STERLING M. CRANDALL (then Second Lieutenant and First Lieutenant) (Army Serial Number 01315913), Infantry, Headquarters Company, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 23 October 1944 to 29 April 1945. Entered military service from Springville, Utah.

First Lieutenant WILLIAM K. SHIRLEY (Army Serial Number 0460001), Infantry, Headquarters, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 24 October 1944 to 6 March 1945. Entered military service from Ware Shoals, South Carolina.

First Lieutenant WILFRED G. WILMOT (Army Serial Number 01299162), Infantry, Headquarters, 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 26 April 1945. Entered military service from Parlin, New Jersey.

Second Lieutenant CHARLES R. KNOX (then Master Sergeant and Second Lieutenant) (Army Serial Number 02008378), Infantry, Headquarters Company, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 23 October 1944 to 25 April 1945. Entered military service from Omaha, Nebraska.

Chief Warrant Officer ARNOLD M. SEVERSON (Army Serial Number W2109035), Headquarters Company, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 23 October 1944 to 29 April 1945. Entered military service from Longmont, Colorado.

First Sergeant Robert W. Kates (then Technical Sergeant) (Army Serial Number 33470169), 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 3 May 1945. Entered military service from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Technical Sergeant Frank T. Bocchino (Army Serial Number 32624695), 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 3 May 1945. Entered military service from Glen Cove, Long Island, New York.

Technical Sergeant Henry G. Manson (then Corporal, Sergeant, and Technical Sergeant) (Army Serial Number 17080110), 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 3 May 1945. Entered military service from Brunswick, Missouri.

Technical Sergeant Arnold Vano-Tempest (Army Serial Number 37019583), 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 28 April 1945. Entered military service from Minneapolis, Minnesota.

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Staff Sergeant Ernest J. Bots (Army Serial Number 37170316), Infantry, Headquarters Company, 3d Battalion, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 25 October 1944 to 24 April 1945. Entered military service from Holdingford, Minnesota.

Staff Sergeant Melton E. Marr (Army Serial Number 38337304), Infantry, Company L, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 25 October 1944 to 29 April 1945. Entered military service from Many, Louisiana.

Staff Sergeant Irvin L. Pocklington (Army Serial Number 36436629), Infantry, Headquarters Company, 3d Battalion, 413th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Germany from 17 November 1944 to 3 April 1945. Entered military service from Nilwood, Illinois.

Staff Sergeant Stanley J. Stine (Army Serial Number 32622308), Infantry, Headquarters Company, 3d Battalion, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 25 October 1944 to 24 April 1945. Entered military service from Brooklyn, New York.

Staff Sergeant Allen J. Wright (Army Serial Number 12171380), Infantry, Company L, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 25 October 1944 to 4 April 1945. Entered military service from Longmeadow, Massachusetts.

Sergeant Orman J. Denbo (Army Serial Number 38323253), Infantry, Headquarters Company, 2d Battalion, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 24 October 1944 to 4 May 1945. Entered military service from Claremore, Oklahoma.

Sergeant George H. Ealey (Army Serial Number 37061258), Infantry, Cannon Company, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Germany from 13 November 1944 to 2 May 1945. Entered military service from Forest City, Arkansas.

Sergeant Donald M. Fox (then Technician Fifth Grade and Technician Fourth Grade) (Army Serial Number 39689746), Corps of Engineers, Company A, 329th Engineer Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 23 October 1944 to 2 May 1945. Entered military service from Fresno, California.

Sergeant Edsel W. Gibson (Army Serial Number 34478500), Infantry, Headquarters Company, 2d Battalion, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 24 October 1944 to 30 April 1945. Entered military service from Collinsville, Mississippi.

Sergeant S. D. Herod (then Private First Class and Sergeant) (Army Serial Number 34478131), 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 10 December 1944. Entered military service from New Albany, Mississippi.

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Sergeant Lewis J. McKinney (Army Serial Number 34437932), 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 12 February 1945. Entered military service from Little Switzerland, North Carolina.

Sergeant James Nikas (then Private First Class) (Army Serial Number 14164247), Infantry, Company H, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 23 October 1944 to 30 April 1945. Entered military service from Atlanta, Georgia.

Sergeant Chester J. Robison (Army Serial Number 36437357), 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 25 April 1945. Entered military service from Monticello, Illinois.

Sergeant Donald P. Wheeler (Army Serial Number 39547612), Infantry, Headquarters Company, 3d Battalion, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 25 October 1944 to 30 April 1945. Entered military service from Culver City, California.

Corporal Raymond C. Johnson (then Private First Class and Corporal) (Army Serial Number 38232633), Infantry, Headquarters Company, 3d Battalion, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 25 October 1944 to 10 March 1945. Entered military service from Belton, Texas.

Corporal Vincent P. Kernan (Army Serial Number 37463946), Infantry, Company H, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 12 December 1944. Entered military service from Council Bluffs, Iowa.

Corporal Joseph A. LaPuma (then Private First Class and Corporal) (Army Serial Number 39270575), Infantry, Headquarters Company, 3d Battalion, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 26 October 1944 to 25 April 1945. Entered military service from Los Angeles, California.

Technician Fifth Grade Hal E. Thornton (Army Serial Number 38189173), Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Germany from 28 November 1944 to 25 April 1945. Entered military service from Ponca City, Oklahoma.

Private First Class Harris K. Dail (then Private and Private First Class) (Army Serial Number 34463497), 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 29 April 1945. Entered military service from Kinston, North Carolina.

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Private First Class Wylie E. Dave (Army Serial Number 39335079), 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 10 December 1944. Entered military service from Portland, Oregon.

Private First Class Charles Dunn, Jr. (Army Serial Number 34076035), Infantry, Company A, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 2 April 1945. Entered military service from Garyville, Louisiana.

Private First Class Robert E. Gerow (Army Serial Number 32624762), Infantry, Headquarters Company, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 23 October 1944 to 23 April 1945. Entered military service from Liberty, New York.

Private First Class William M. Henson (Army Serial Number 39040387), Infantry, Company M, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 16 April 1945. Entered military service from Oakland, California.

Private First Class Gerald F. Hinton (Army Serial Number 35687872), 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 29 April 1945. Entered military service from Hardinsburg, Kentucky.

Private First Class George C. Krider (Army Serial Number 38373798), Infantry, Headquarters Company, 3d Battalion, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 29 October 1944 to 25 April 1945. Entered military service from Gretna, Louisiana.

Private First Class Charles E. May (Army Serial Number 34924989), Infantry, Company M, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 17 April 1945. Entered military service from Greenville, Mississippi.

Private First Class Philip J. Moore (Army Serial Number 36657860), Corps of Engineers, Company A, 329th Engineer Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 23 February 1945. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

Private First Class Hunter H. Myers (then Private and Private First Class) (Army Serial Number 34982513), Medical Department, 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 23 April 1945. Entered military service from Elizabethton, Tennessee.

Private First Class Albert L. Niles (Army Serial Number 39323886), Infantry, Company M, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 17 April 1945. Entered military service from Portland, Oregon.

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Private First Class Marvin H. Redeker (Army Serial Number 36436615), Infantry, Headquarters Company, 3d Battalion, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 25 October 1944 to 24 April 1945. Entered military service from Centralia, Illinois.

Private First Class Roland C. Rutledge (Army Serial Number 19099147), Infantry, Company C, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 5 March 1945. Entered military service from Ontario, California.

Private First Class Herman D. Schaeffer (Army Serial Number 37238637), 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 1 February 1945. Entered military service from Forest City, Missouri.

Private First Class Harry R. Sells (Army Serial Number 37599640), Infantry, Company C, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 5 March 1945. Entered military service from Waterloo, Iowa.

Private First Class Swithen A. Sites (Army Serial Number 39904741), Infantry, Headquarters Company, 3d Battalion, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 25 October 1944 to 15 February 1945. Entered military service from Nampa, Idaho.

Private First Class Joseph C. Taylor (Army Serial Number 34478445), Infantry, Company M, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 19 April 1945. Entered military service from Meridian, Mississippi.

Private First Class Paul V. Titus (Army Serial Number 37669133), Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 329th Engineer Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 22 April 1945. Entered military service from Des Moines, Iowa.

Private First Class James E. Voss (Army Serial Number 34634895), Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Germany from 23 February to 25 April 1945. Entered military service from Purvis, Mississippi.

Private First Class Alfonis M. Weimer (Army Serial Number 39334364), Infantry, Company M, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 27 December 1944. Entered military service from Orchards, Washington.

Private First Class William M. Williams (Army Serial Number 37243455), 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 20 April 1945. Entered military service from Versailles, Missouri.

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Private Louis Belsky (Army Serial Number 33470383), Infantry, Headquarters Company, 3d Battalion, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 25 October 1944 to 24 April 1945. Entered military service from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

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, a bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to the following officer and enlisted men:

Captain HARRY D. MALSTROM (Army Serial Number 01289108), Infantry, Headquarters, 3d Battalion, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Germany from 10 February to 23 April 1945. Entered military service from St. Paul, Minnesota. Awarded the Bronze Star Medal in General Orders No. 48, Headquarters, 104th Infantry Division, 16 February 1945.

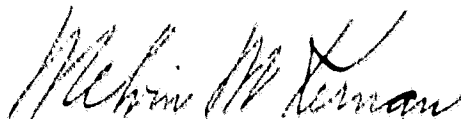
Sergeant Paul C. Rios (Army Serial Number 39270550), Infantry, Company D, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 19 January 1945. Entered military service from Los Angeles, California. Awarded the Bronze Star Medal in General Orders No. 38, headquarters, 104th Infantry Division, 21 December 1944.

Private First Class Fred D. Lambert (Army Serial Number 34590425), Infantry, Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 413th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in Holland on 4 November 1944. Entered military service from Statesville, North Carolina. Awarded the Bronze Star Medal in General Orders No. 35, Headquarters, 104th Infantry Division, 18 December 1944.

By command of Major General ALLEN:

B. R. DeGRAFF,
Colonel, General Staff Corps,
Chief of Staff.

OFFICIAL:



MELVIN M. KERNAN,
Lieutenant Colonel, Adjutant General's Department,
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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 George J. Law, Jr. (Army Serial Number 6853038), Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in Germany on 24 March 1945. With total disregard for his personal safety and in the face of heavy enemy artillery and machine gun fire, Sergeant Law ran and crawled over one hundred yards of open terrain to administer first aid to several seriously injured tankmen. He then carried one man to safety but was himself mortally wounded when he attempted to return for another man. Sergeant Law's courage and devotion to duty and to his fellow soldiers, even to the supreme sacrifice of giving his life, were in keeping with the finest traditions of the military service and reflect the highest credit upon Sergeant Law and the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Cumberland, Maryland. Next of kin: Mrs. Mary Law, 411 North Mechanic Street, Cumberland, Maryland.

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 THOMAS E. DANOWSKI (Army Serial Number 01289218), Infantry, Headquarters, 3d Battalion, 415th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in Germany on 23 and 24 March 1945. Leading a brilliant assault on heavily fortified enemy positions, Captain Danowski continuously exposed himself to withering enemy fire to lead his men to the objective. When the enemy launched a fierce counter attack, Captain Danowski, although himself wounded, coolly led his men in a bitter fight, and after the enemy had been repulsed with heavy losses, he concerted to evacuation after having first administered first aid to, and supervised the evacuation of, all the wounded. The great courage, bravery, and superb leadership displayed by Captain Danowski exemplify the finest traditions of the American officer and combat leader. Entered military service from Calverton, Long Island, New York.

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First Lieutenant WILLIAM L. MENGOBIER (then Second Lieutenant) (Army Serial Number 0535962), Infantry, Headquarters, 2d Battalion, 413th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in Belgium on 26 October 1944. Leaving his covered position, Lieutenant Mengobier crossed forty yards of open terrain to the side of a wounded man. Unable to administer first aid because of the terrific enemy fire, he traversed an even greater distance, pulling the man beside him, to a covered position. He then administered first aid to the wounded man and supervised his evacuation. By his courageous act, Lieutenant Mengobier saved the life of a fellow soldier, and his actions reflect the highest credit upon himself and the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Chappaqua, New York.

Second Lieutenant DAVID E. SWINDELL, JR. (Army Serial Number 0540538), Field Artillery, Battery C, 380th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for gallantry in action in Germany on 17 April 1945. Advancing with the leading assault infantry troops, Lieutenant Swindell advanced to a position within one hundred yards of an enemy strongpoint in order to obtain better observation. Although wounded, he continued his mission, calling for, and directing, artillery fire which completely demolished the enemy position. Although greatly weakened by the loss of blood, he refused to be evacuated and continued with the leading elements until the mission was accomplished. The intrepid courage, heroism, and intense devotion to duty displayed by Lieutenant Swindell exemplify the finest traditions of the American officer and combat leader. Entered military service from Ocala, Florida.

Staff Sergeant Corado Gozzo (then Private First Class) (Army Serial Number 31145626), Infantry, Company H, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in Germany on 3 November 1944. When his machine gun was knocked out by enemy fire, Sergeant Gozzo carried the gun to a rear area, repaired it, and returned to his former position. As the attack developed, two men were wounded. Creeping and crawling under the heavy machine gun fire, he reached the side of the wounded men, pulled them to a position of defilade, and crossed one hundred fifty yards of open, fire-swept terrain to secure medical aid. By his heroism and intense devotion to duty, Sergeant Gozzo saved the lives of two seriously wounded men, and his actions, far above and beyond the call of duty, exemplify the finest traditions of the American combat soldier. Entered military service from Hartford, Connecticut.

Staff Sergeant Kenneth L. Mueller (then Corporal) (Army Serial Number 36286456), Infantry, Company H, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in Germany on 18 November 1944. Leading his men forward in support of an attack despite heavy enemy fire and the danger of enemy mines, Sergeant Mueller, with another man, reconnoitered an enemy trench system. Coming upon two enemy soldiers, they captured them after a fierce fire-fight. Returning with the captives, he then led his men forward and took up a position from which he directed devastating fire on the enemy, who were advancing to counter attack the newly won positions. The intrepidity, unwavering courage, and complete devotion to duty displayed by Sergeant Mueller exemplify the finest traditions of the American combat leader and reflect distinct credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Staff Sergeant Thomas C. Schwind (then Sergeant) (Army Serial Number 32804978), Infantry, Company K, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in Germany on 1 April 1945. Advancing on an enemy strong point under

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the covering fire of his squad, Sergeant Schwind rushed the enemy-held house and killed two enemy soldiers. He then directed the advance of his patrol without further casualties, flushing out the house, killing three enemy soldiers, and capturing eighteen prisoners. The taking of this enemy strong point enabled his company to advance rapidly to the objective without casualties and to secure the town in the minimum of time. The brilliant leadership and disregard for personal safety displayed by Sergeant Schwind were an inspiration to his men and reflected the highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Brooklyn, New York.

Sergeant Wolfgang G. Ettlinger (then Corporal) (Army Serial Number 31332063), Field Artillery, Battery B, 386th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for gallantry in action in Germany on 18 April 1945. Advancing to the objective with the leading assault troops, Sergeant Ettlinger braved merciless enemy fire to direct artillery fire by sound, which silenced a six-gun enemy mortar battery. He then took up a position in a shell hole where, by half standing, he was able to direct devastating fire which enabled the assault groups to regroup with the minimum loss. The intrepidity, courage, and skill displayed by Sergeant Ettlinger exemplify the finest traditions of the American combat soldier and reflect the highest credit on himself and the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Bridgeport, Connecticut.

Private First Class Sever DiCello (Army Serial Number 35233611), Infantry, Company K, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in Germany on 30 March 1945. When the tank on which he was riding suffered a direct hit from enemy artillery, setting the tank afire and causing several casualties, Private DiCello and a companion successfully evacuated two tankmen. Despite the fact that he was himself wounded by the enemy shell fire, Private DiCello returned to rescue a third man from the veritable holocaust. Ascertaining that the enemy was about to launch an attack, he braved the heavy enemy fire and the danger of exploding ammunition from the tank to secure an automatic rifle and a light machine gun from the furiously burning tank. With these weapons the small group was able to fight off the advancing enemy. Private DiCello's actions exemplify the finest traditions of the American soldier. Entered military service from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Private First Class Bennet A. Kilgore (Army Serial Number 33657481), Field Artillery, Battery A, 385th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for gallantry in action in Holland on 1 and 2 November 1944. Crossing a river with the leading assault groups, Private Kilgore courageously exposed himself to the withering enemy fire to maintain wire communications. Despite the loss of his assistant and despite being wounded himself, he pushed on until wounded a second time, stopping only when forced to do so by loss of blood and utter exhaustion. The intrepid gallantry and intense devotion to duty displayed by Private Kilgore exemplify the finest traditions of the American soldier and reflect distinct credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Clintwood, Virginia.

OR } III--SILVER STAR MEDAL--Amendment--So much of section I, General Orders No. 62, this headquarters, 2 March 1945, awarding the Silver Star Medal, posthumously, to Captain J. SHERIDAN REILLY, O450346, as reads, "for gallantry in action in Belgium on 25 and 26 October 1944" is amended to read, "for gallantry in action in Belgium on 25 October 1944."

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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:

Major CYRIL T. NAU (Army Serial Number 0359040), Adjutant General's Department, 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 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Spokane, Washington.

Captain ALBERT A. BARONAS (Army Serial Number 0426497), Medical Corps, Medical Detachment, 415th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Germany from 15 December 1944 to 5 May 1945. Entered military service from Rochester, New York.

Captain PAUL J. REINSCH (Army Serial Number 0466569), Medical Corps, Medical Detachment, 415th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Holland and Germany from 25 October 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Madison, Wisconsin.

Captain HERMAN WITZEL, JR. (Army Serial Number 0311808), Infantry, Headquarters, 3d Battalion, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 25 October 1944 to 23 April 1945. Entered military service from Berkeley, California.

Award Amend to read OLC by G.O. # 150 - May 25, 1945.

* First Lieutenant VICTOR S. COLLIN (Army Serial Number 0129898), Infantry, Company M, 415th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 23 and 24 March 1945. Entered military service from Portland, Oregon.

First Lieutenant JOHN P. CONNELLY (then Second Lieutenant and First Lieutenant) (Army Serial Number 0541476), Infantry, Anti-Tank Company, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 12 December 1944 to 8 April 1945. Entered military service from Cincinnati, Ohio.

Award Amend. to read OLC by G.O. # 150 - May 25, 1945.

* First Lieutenant ALTON H. DISERENS (Army Serial Number 01289221), Infantry, Company E, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 21 April 1945. Entered military service from Santa Anna, Texas.

First Lieutenant CHARLES B. JOYCE (then Second Lieutenant) (Army Serial Number 0530632), Field Artillery, Battery C, 386th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 29 and 30 March 1945. Entered military service from Kilbourne, Louisiana.

First Lieutenant FREDERICK R. MOSELEY (Army Serial Number 01322359), Infantry, Company C, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 1 December 1944. Entered military service from Cohasset, Massachusetts.

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First Lieutenant REID WILSON (Army Serial Number 02047887), Medical Administrative Corps, Headquarters Detachment, 329th Medical Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 23 October 1944 to 2 May 1945. Entered military service from Pocatello, Idaho.

Technical Sergeant Boyd C. Albreissen (Army Serial Number 39903954), Infantry, Headquarters Company, 104th Infantry Division, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 23 October 1944 to 15 April 1945. Entered military service from Logan, Utah.

Technical Sergeant Joseph H. Knaeble (then Staff Sergeant and Technical Sergeant) (Army Serial Number 37173634), Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 415th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Holland and Germany from 25 October 1944 to 5 May 1945. Entered military service from Robbinsdale, Minnesota.

Technical Sergeant Leo O. Schriek (Army Serial Number 37154840), Infantry, Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 415th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 25 October 1944 to 4 May 1945. Entered military service from Atchison, Kansas.

Staff Sergeant Frank E. Masio (Army Serial Number 38104368), 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 15 April 1945. Entered military service from Salida, Colorado.

Staff Sergeant Stanley R. Saylor (Army Serial Number 33492332), Infantry, Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 415th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 25 October 1944 to 4 May 1945. Entered military service from Beavertown, Pennsylvania.

Staff Sergeant Harold A. Tindell (Army Serial Number 37031192), Infantry, Company A, 415th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Holland and Germany from 25 October 1944 to 30 April 1945. Entered military service from Gemell, Minnesota.

Technician Third Grade Richard A. Vetter (Army Serial Number 32661277), Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 415th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Holland and Germany from 25 October 1944 to 5 May 1945. Entered military service from Kingston, New York.

Sergeant Willard C. Sample (Army Serial Number 36522085), Infantry, Company K, 415th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 24 April 1945. Entered military service from Nimmons, Arkansas.

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Technician Fourth Grade Thomas R. Edmond (Army Serial Number 32155199), 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 Paterson, New Jersey.

Technician Fourth Grade Edsel E. Jones (Army Serial Number 35348746), Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 415th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Holland and Germany from 25 October 1944 to 5 May 1945. Entered military service from Toledo, Ohio.

Technician Fourth Grade Thomas Passero (Army Serial Number 32624577), Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, 386th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 17 April 1945. Entered military service from New York City, New York.

Corporal Winfred K. Farris (then Private First Class) (Army Serial Number 34379232), Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, 386th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 1 March 1945. Entered military service from Lenoir, Tennessee.

Corporal Johnnie W. Raleigh (Army Serial Number 37238683), Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, 386th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 1 March 1945. Entered military service from Hermitage, Missouri.

Corporal Alex Rutelonis (Army Serial Number 35569127), Medical Department, 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 16 April 1945. Entered military service from Gary, Indiana.

Technician Fifth Grade George E. Cunningham (Army Serial Number 36437381), Corps of Engineers, Company A, 329th Engineer Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 23 February 1945. Entered military service from Peoria, Illinois.

Technician Fifth Grade Herbert H. Fischer (Army Serial Number 39323735), Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Holland and Germany from 28 October 1944 to 28 April 1945. Entered military service from Portland, Oregon.

Technician Fifth Grade Israel Jaffe (Army Serial Number 32977060), Medical Department, 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 23 April 1945. Entered military service from Brooklyn, New York.

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Technician Fifth Grade Dominic J. Napoli (Army Serial Number 32672579), Field Artillery, Battery A, 386th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 14 April 1945. Entered military service from Lockport, New York.

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Technician Fifth Grade Anthony M. Sabbato (then Private First Class) (Army Serial Number 35233589), Field Artillery, Battery A, 386th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in Holland on 27 October 1944. Entered military service from Lisbon, Ohio

Private First Class John H. Elmer (Army Serial Number 20946662), Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, 386th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 1 March 1945. Entered military service from Boise, Idaho.

Private First Class Charles W. Gayle (Army Serial Number 34580001), Infantry, Company F, 415th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 17 April 1945. Entered military service from Scottsboro, Alabama.

Private First Class Raymond M. Glantz (Army Serial Number 12189095), Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 30 March 1945. Entered military service from Bronx, New York.

Private First Class Eugene A. McMahon (Army Serial Number 34490995), Field Artillery, Battery C, 385th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 23 February 1945. Entered military service from Newport, Tennessee.

Private First Class Carl C. Pate (Army Serial Number 34478520), Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, 386th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 1 March 1945. Entered military service from Aberdeen, Mississippi.

Private First Class Victor B. Scruton (Army Serial Number 11040593), Infantry, Headquarters Company, 3d Battalion, 415th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 24 March 1945. Entered military service from Manchester, New Hampshire.

Private First Class Donald Tabb (Army Serial Number 33993613), Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 30 March 1945. Entered military service from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Private First Class William C. Haylett (Army Serial Number 39904827), Medical Department, 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 1 May 1945. Entered military service from Pocatello, Idaho.

Private First Class Norman G. Wolf (Army Serial Number 39405432), Infantry, Headquarters Company, 3d Battalion, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 30 March 1945. Entered military service from Mill Valley, California.

Private Kenton A. Myers (Army Serial Number 39317103), Field Artillery, Battery B, 386th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 13 April 1945. Entered military service from Myrtle Point, Oregon.

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Private George H. Sherwood (Army Serial Number 37506115), 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 Germany on 21 February 1945. Entered military service from Chetopa, Kansas.

V--BRONZE STAR MEDAL (OAK-LEAF CLUSTER)--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 previously awarded in General Orders No. 65, Headquarters, 104th Infantry Division, 5 March 1945, a bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to the following officers:

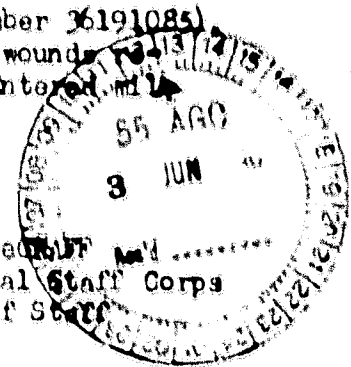
First Lieutenant LAVEGA CLAIBORN (then Technical Sergeant and Second Lieutenant) (Army Serial Number 02000958), Infantry, Headquarters Company, 2d Battalion, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 23 October 1944 to 1 May 1945. Entered military service from Crocker, Missouri.

VI--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:

Technician Fourth Grade Charles E. Jacobs (Army Serial Number 36191085) Armored, Company A, 750th Tank Battalion, United States Army, for wounds received as a result of enemy action in Germany on 20 April 1945. Entered military service from Covert, Michigan.

By command of Major General ALLEN:

B. R. DeBout
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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 JAMES A. MAULDIN (then First Lieutenant) (Army Serial Number O460040), Infantry, Company G, 415th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in Germany on 31 March 1945. Boldly leading the advance of his company into an enemy-held town, Captain Mauldin raced across open terrain and put an enemy machine gun crew to flight. Inspired by the audacity and courage of their leader, his men followed him through the heavy fire. Sighting several self-propelled guns, he put the crews to flight with fire from his rifle and led a bazooka crew to a position where it destroyed two of the six enemy guns in the town. The enemy was completely overcome by the boldness and speed of the assault, and twenty-nine soldiers were killed, one was captured, and the rest were put to flight. The gallant heroism displayed by Captain Mauldin is in keeping with the finest traditions of the American officer and combat leader. Entered military service from Greenville, South Carolina.

Staff Sergeant Charles M. Terrill (Army Serial Number 35200305), Infantry, Company G, 415th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in Germany on 17 April 1945. Leading his squad to a position within two hundred yards of the enemy advancing to counter attack, Sergeant Terrill conducted a swift reconnaissance and discovered that the enemy were advancing with three self-propelled guns and fifty infantrymen. Racing back to his squad, he procured a bazooka and moved to a position within twenty-five yards of the advancing enemy. Despite murderous small arms and direct self-propelled artillery fire, he coolly retained his position, knocking out the leading self-propelled gun and killing and injuring several of the supporting infantry soldiers. By his audacious courage and gallantry Sergeant Terrill single-handedly repulsed a serious threat to his company, and his actions exemplify the finest traditions of the American combat leader and non-commissioned officer. Entered military service from Wheeling, 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 officers and enlisted men:

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Major NOYES WELTMER, JR. (then Captain and Major) (Army Serial Number 0360532), Coast Artillery Corps, Headquarters, 559th Anti-aircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion (Mobile), United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 26 October 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Phoenix, Arizona.

Captain FRANK J. DAUNIS (Army Serial Number 01041123), Coast Artillery Corps, Battery C, 555th Anti-aircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion (Mobile), United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 26 October 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Auburn, Maine.

Captain OGDEN JOHNSON (then First Lieutenant and Captain) (Army Serial Number 01047270), Coast Artillery Corps, Battery B, 555th Anti-aircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion (Mobile), United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 26 October 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Oak Park, Illinois.

First Lieutenant FRANCIS E. CAULKINS (Army Serial Number 01050588), Coast Artillery Corps, Battery C, 555th Anti-aircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion (Mobile), United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 26 October 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Canandaigua, New York.

First Lieutenant JOHN F. CORSO (Army Serial Number 01051087), Coast Artillery Corps, Battery A, 555th Anti-aircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion (Mobile), United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 26 October 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Oswego, New York.

First Lieutenant DONALD I. GRANT (Army Serial Number 01050715), Coast Artillery Corps, Battery D, 555th Anti-aircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion (Mobile), United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 26 October 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Rochester, New York.

First Lieutenant THOMAS J. McLARNEY (Army Serial Number 01051287), Coast Artillery Corps, Battery B, 555th Anti-aircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion (Mobile), United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 26 October 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Camden, New Jersey.

First Lieutenant LEE D. SMITH (then Second Lieutenant and First Lieutenant) (Army Serial Number 01056271), Coast Artillery Corps, Battery D, 555th Anti-aircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion (Mobile), United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 26 October 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Salisbury, Maryland.

Master Sergeant Robert J. Kempf (Army Serial Number 35500779), Coast Artillery Corps, Headquarters Battery, 555th Anti-aircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion (Mobile), United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 26 October 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Lima,

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Technical Sergeant Albert W. Jones (Army Serial Number 37471477), Coast Artillery Corps, Headquarters Battery, 555th Anti-aircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion (Mobile), United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 26 October 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Hastings, Nebraska.

Technical Sergeant Charles J. Paprzyca (Army Serial Number 31022079), Infantry, 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 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Hartford, Connecticut.

Staff Sergeant Don H. Furness (Army Serial Number 37508745), Coast Artillery Corps, Battery B, 555th Anti-aircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion (Mobile), United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 26 October 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Kansas City, Missouri.

Staff Sergeant William H. Henderson (Army Serial Number 37510846), Coast Artillery Corps, Battery C, 555th Anti-aircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion (Mobile), United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 26 October 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Springfield, Missouri.

Staff Sergeant William H. Jones (Army Serial Number 20441256), Coast Artillery Corps, Battery A, 555th Anti-aircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion (Mobile), United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 26 October 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Groer, South Carolina.

Staff Sergeant James R. Morley (Army Serial Number 36374576), Coast Artillery Corps, Battery A, 555th Anti-aircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion (Mobile), United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 26 October 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

Staff Sergeant William R. Tracy, Jr. (Army Serial Number 38381163), Coast Artillery Corps, Battery B, 555th Anti-aircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion (Mobile), United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 26 October 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from New Orleans, Louisiana.

Staff Sergeant Joseph P. Wasson (Army Serial Number 37510988), Coast Artillery Corps, Battery A, 555th Anti-aircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion (Mobile), United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 26 October 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Eureka, Kansas.

Staff Sergeant Edward B. Waters (Army Serial Number 33222728), Coast Artillery Corps, Headquarters Battery, 555th Anti-aircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion (Mobile), United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 26 October 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Richmond, Virginia.

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Technician Third Grade Emmett J. Burke (Army Serial Number 33006699), Infantry, 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 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Baltimore, Maryland.

Sergeant Gilbert R. Hankins (Army Serial Number 37474504), Coast Artillery Corps, Battery C, 555th Anti-aircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion (Mobile), United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 26 October 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Hastings, Nebraska.

Sergeant Warren R. Knackstedt (Army Serial Number 37604499), Coast Artillery Corps, Battery B, 555th Anti-aircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion (Mobile), United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 26 October 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from St. Louis, Missouri.

Sergeant Maurice A. Lindbloom (Army Serial Number 37474600), Coast Artillery Corps, Battery C, 555th Anti-aircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion (Mobile), United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 26 October 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Canistota, South Dakota.

Sergeant Emile W. Marchand (Army Serial Number 38381172), Coast Artillery Corps, Battery A, 555th Anti-aircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion (Mobile), United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 26 October 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Metairie, Louisiana.

Sergeant William J. Maxwell (Army Serial Number 37474564), Coast Artillery Corps, Battery D, 555th Anti-aircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion (Mobile), United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 26 October 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Fremont, Nebraska.

Sergeant Robert A. Parker (then Corporal and Sergeant) (Army Serial Number 20466087), Coast Artillery Corps, Battery B, 555th Anti-aircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion (Mobile), United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Germany from 7 January to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Lumberton, North Carolina.

Sergeant Oscar J. Peterson, Jr. (Army Serial Number 37342885), Coast Artillery Corps, Battery A, 555th Anti-aircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion (Mobile), United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 26 October 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Durango, Colorado.

Sergeant George Sauerbrunn, Jr. (Army Serial Number 37605126), Coast Artillery Corps, Battery A, 555th Anti-aircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion (Mobile), United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 26 October 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from St. Louis, Missouri.

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Sergeant John M. O'Shaughnessy (then Technician Fourth Grade and Sergeant) (Army Serial Number 37604475), Coast Artillery Corps, Battery D, 555th Anti-aircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion (Mobile), United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 26 October 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from St. Louis, Missouri.

Sergeant John W. Utley (Army Serial Number 36375300), Coast Artillery Corps, Battery B, 555th Anti-aircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion (Mobile), United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Germany from 14 December 1944 to 6 May 1945. Entered military service from Newton, Illinois.

Sergeant James E. Wehling (then Corporal and Sergeant) (Army Serial Number 37553483), Coast Artillery Corps, Battery A, 555th Anti-aircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion (Mobile), United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Holland and Germany from 3 November 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

Sergeant Charles L. Wilson (Army Serial Number 37510562), Coast Artillery Corps, Battery D, 555th Anti-aircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion (Mobile), United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 26 October 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Norborne, Missouri.

Technician Fourth Grade Emil A. Cova (Army Serial Number 37604490), Coast Artillery Corps, Battery B, 555th Anti-aircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion (Mobile), United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 28 October 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from St. Louis, Missouri.

Technician Fourth Grade Kenneth E. Crawford (Army Serial Number 37510796), Coast Artillery Corps, Battery D, 555th Anti-aircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion (Mobile), United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Germany from 20 February to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Kansas City, Missouri.

Technician Fourth Grade Ernest A. Miller (Army Serial Number 37604516), Coast Artillery Corps, Battery C, 555th Anti-aircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion (Mobile), United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Holland and Germany from 15 November 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from St. Louis, Missouri.

Technician Fourth Grade Raymond H. Patton (Army Serial Number 37509700), Coast Artillery Corps, Headquarters Battery, 555th Anti-aircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion (Mobile), United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 28 October 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from St. Joseph, Missouri.

Technician Fourth Grade Arno C. Pfeifer (Army Serial Number 37474513), Coast Artillery Corps, Headquarters Battery, 555th Anti-aircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion (Mobile), United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland and Germany from 26 October 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Hastings, Nebraska.

Technician Fourth Grade Harold G. Ricker (Army Serial Number 37474591), Coast Artillery Corps, Battery C, 555th Anti-aircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion (Mobile), United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 26 October 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Hastings, Nebraska.

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Corporal Marvin S. Brettingen (Army Serial Number 37553534), Coast Artillery Corps, Headquarters Battery, 555th Anti-aircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion (Mobile), United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 26 October 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Ogilvie, Minnesota.

Corporal Gilford P. Champagne (Army Serial Number 38381061), Coast Artillery Corps, Battery A, 555th Anti-aircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion (Mobile), United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Germany from 5 February to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Houma, Louisiana.

Corporal Clifford Combs (then Private and Corporal) (Army Serial Number 37604132), Coast Artillery Corps, Battery C, 555th Anti-aircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion (Mobile), United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 26 October 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Alton, Missouri.

Corporal Willis D. Dowdy (Army Serial Number 37604744), Coast Artillery Corps, Battery D, 555th Anti-aircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion (Mobile), United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 26 October 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Doniphan, Missouri.

Corporal Arthur E. Gomes (then Private First Class and Corporal) (Army Serial Number 39140777), Coast Artillery Corps, Battery A, 555th Anti-aircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion (Mobile), United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 26 October 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Hayward, California.

Corporal Victor L. Haeffner (then Private First Class and Corporal) (Army Serial Number 37605212), Coast Artillery Corps, Battery D, 555th Anti-aircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion (Mobile), United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 26 October 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Normandy, Missouri.

Corporal Howard W. Spears (Army Serial Number 38389164), Coast Artillery Corps, Headquarters Battery, 555th Anti-aircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion (Mobile), United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 26 October 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from West Monroe, Louisiana.

Corporal James E. Tomlin (Army Serial Number 37510553), Coast Artillery Corps, Battery D, 555th Anti-aircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion (Mobile), United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 26 October 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Carrollton, Missouri.

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Technician Fifth Grade John S. Coats (Army Serial Number 37510245), Coast Artillery Corps, Battery D, 555th Anti-aircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion (Mobile), United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 26 October 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Joplin, Missouri.

Technician Fifth Grade Austin D. Ferguson (Army Serial Number 37510697), Coast Artillery Corps, Battery C, 555th Anti-aircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion (Mobile), United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 26 October 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Columbia, Missouri.

Technician Fifth Grade Edwin D. Klein (Army Serial Number 37474336), Coast Artillery Corps, Battery B, 555th Anti-aircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion (Mobile), United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 26 October 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Lucas, South Dakota.

Technician Fifth Grade Austin J. Shanahan (Army Serial Number 17107265), Coast Artillery Corps, Headquarters Battery, 555th Anti-aircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion (Mobile), United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 24 October 1944 to 6 May 1945. Entered military service from Thief River Falls, Minnesota.

Technician Fifth Grade Raymon F. Simmons (Army Serial Number 20441685), Coast Artillery Corps, Battery B, 555th Anti-aircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion (Mobile), United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 26 October 1944 to 14 April 1945. Entered military service from Greenwood, South Carolina.

Technician Fifth Grade Walter D. Spaulding (Army Serial Number 37474578), Coast Artillery Corps, Battery A, 555th Anti-aircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion (Mobile), United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 26 October 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Norfolk, Nebraska.

Technician Fifth Grade Walter W. Terry (then Private First Class and Technician Fifth Grade) (Army Serial Number 37510066), Coast Artillery Corps, Battery C, 555th Anti-aircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion (Mobile), United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 26 October 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from McPherson, Kansas.

Private First Class Jay J. Carrillo (Army Serial Number 39419077), Coast Artillery Corps, Battery B, 555th Anti-aircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion (Mobile), United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 26 October 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Tulare, California.

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Private First Class Carol A. Clubb (Army Serial Number 37604174), Coast Artillery Corps, Battery A, 555th Anti-aircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion (Mobile), United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 26 October 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Marble Hill, Missouri.

Private First Class John D. Dougherty (Army Serial Number 36374670), Coast Artillery Corps, Battery A, 555th Anti-aircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion (Mobile), United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Germany from 15 February to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

Private First Class Leland E. Metcalf (Army Serial Number 37510439), Coast Artillery Corps, Battery C, 555th Anti-aircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion (Mobile), United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 26 October 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Greenfield, Missouri.

Private First Class George D. Shuster, Jr. (Army Serial Number 37604367), Coast Artillery Corps, Battery D, 555th Anti-aircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion (Mobile), United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 26 October 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from St. Charles, Missouri.

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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 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:

First Lieutenant HERRBERT L. GREWING (Army Serial Number 01056387), Infantry, Company A, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in Germany on 8 April 1945. When the armor-infantry column in which he was advancing was subjected to direct enemy self-propelled artillery fire, Lieutenant Grewing directed his men to cover and remained under the deadly fire to assist medical aid men in treating the wounded. Realizing the need for immediate evacuation of many seriously wounded men, he crossed an open, fire-swept field to guide a vehicle to the wounded men and supervised their evacuation. By his gallantry and intense devotion to duty and to his comrades, Lieutenant Grewing saved the lives of several of his fellow soldiers, and his actions, far above and beyond the call of duty, exemplify the finest traditions of the American officer and combat leader. Entered military service from Waterton, South Dakota.

Staff Sergeant Claude L. Pierce, Jr. (then Private First Class) (Army Serial Number 33830515), Infantry, Company A, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in Germany on 13 April 1945. When a tank was hit and set afire by enemy artillery, Sergeant Pierce dashed across open terrain in the face of devastating enemy fire to remove the trapped crew. Although twice knocked from the tank by the concussion of near misses from direct enemy artillery fire, he climbed back on the flaming tank, extinguished the fire, and removed the crew from the tank. After administering first aid, he carried the more seriously wounded men across two hundred yards of fire-swept terrain to safety and medical aid. The gallantry and cool courage in the face of grave danger displayed by Sergeant Pierce, far above and beyond the call of duty, exemplify the finest traditions of the American combat soldier. Entered military service from Easton, Pennsylvania.

Private First Class Ben T. Brown (then Private) (Army Serial Number 35646345), Infantry, Company G, 413th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in Germany on 1 April 1945. Courageously and at great risk to his life, Private Brown crawled one hundred yards under withering, aimed enemy machine gun fire to the side of his platoon leader. After administering first aid, he moved the wounded man to a position of defilade and returned across the same treacherous route until he found an aid man. Guiding the aid man, he crawled back to the

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wounded man's position where first aid was administered, saving the life of the seriously wounded man. By his intrepidity and courage in the face of enemy fire, Private Brown saved the life of his leader, and his actions, far above and beyond the call of duty, exemplify the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Charleston, West Virginia.

Private First Class June Jefferson, Jr. (then Private) (Army Serial Number 32986704), Infantry, Company A, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in Germany on 9 April 1945. When an enemy tank crashed through a road block and entered a recently captured town, Private Jefferson, voluntarily and at great risk to his life, crossed open, fire-swept terrain in the face of direct fire from the tank, made his way to the house where the tank was located and dropped incendiary and fragmentation grenades into the open turret of the tank, causing it to catch fire. As the crew emerged, he killed them with his rifle. He then returned to his position and quickly organized an assault of the enemy riflemen who were supporting the tank, killing, wounding, or capturing all of the enemy infantrymen. Private Jefferson's audacious gallantry and intrepidity in attacking and destroying an enemy tank single-handedly exemplify the finest traditions of the American combat soldier. Entered military service from Brooklyn, New York.

Private First Class Harvey W. Moseley (Army Serial Number 35274821), Infantry, Company G, 413th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in Germany on 1 April 1945. After leading his platoon across two hundred yards of open terrain, Private Moseley, acting platoon leader, rose to an upright position and led a furious charge on the enemy. Although hit by enemy fire, he pressed forward relentlessly and was again wounded while moving to protect the flank of the platoon. Despite the hail of fire, he continued to press forward until he collapsed from loss of blood. Private Moseley's fearless gallantry and aggressive leadership so inspired his men that they overran the objective, killing six enemy soldiers and capturing twenty-two prisoners. His actions, far above and beyond the call of duty, exemplify the finest traditions of the American soldier and combat leader. Entered military service from Mansfield, Ohio.

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 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:

Staff Sergeant Russell W. Smith (then Private First Class and Staff Sergeant) (Army Serial Number 33402253), Infantry, Company G, 413th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 23 October 1944 to 25 February 1945. During this period of combat with the enemy, Sergeant Smith performed his duties as platoon messenger and squad leader in a highly meritorious manner. On one occasion Sergeant Smith made his way over three thousand yards of open, fire-swept terrain to deliver vital information. On this and many other occasions, Sergeant Smith's courage and devotion to duty were outstanding, and his actions, above and beyond the call of duty, exemplify the finest traditions of the American combat soldier. Entered military service from Kittanning, Pennsylvania. Next of kin: Mr. Amos Smith, Box 224, Dayton, Pennsylvania.

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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 1a(1), Memorandum No. 34, Headquarters, Ninth United States Army, 8 September 1944, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following officers, warrant officer, and enlisted men:

Captain WILLIAM E. CODY (Army Serial Number 01765025), Dental Corps, Medical Detachment, 415th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Holland and Germany from 25 October 1944 to 2 May 1945. Entered military service from Denver, Colorado.

Captain ROBERT H. JOHNSON (Army Serial Number 01533819), Medical Administrative Corps, Headquarters, 329th Medical Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 23 October 1944 to 23 April 1945. Entered military service from Berkeley, California.

Captain GEORGE L. STEINBECK (Army Serial Number 0488900), Corps of Chaplains, Headquarters, 329th Medical Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 23 October 1944 to 1 May 1945. Entered military service from Paso Robles, California.

First Lieutenant ANTHONY E. BOCZKOWSKI (then Second Lieutenant and First Lieutenant) (Army Serial Number 01302585), Infantry, Company M, 415th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Germany from 23 November 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Toledo, Ohio.

First Lieutenant WILLIAM B. CHAPPELL, JR. (then Second Lieutenant) (Army Serial Number 01293911), Infantry, Company D, 415th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Belgium on 26 October 1944. Entered military service from Pasadena, California.

First Lieutenant JOHN F. HILL, JR. (Army Serial Number 01299748), Infantry, Company D, 415th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Germany from 23 February to 20 April 1945. Entered military service from Waterville, Maine.

First Lieutenant JAMES L. RYBURN (then Chief Warrant Officer, Second Lieutenant, and First Lieutenant) (Army Serial Number 02005630), Adjutant General's Department, 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 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Oakland, California.

Chief Warrant Officer WILLIAM A. McINTYRE (Army Serial Number W2122906), Headquarters Detachment, 329th Medical Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 23 October 1944 to 2 May 1945. Entered military service from Houston, Texas.

Technical Sergeant Alfred J. Budd (Army Serial Number 36436080), 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 Belleville, Illinois.

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Technical Sergeant John D. Hensley (then Private First Class, Staff Sergeant, and Technical Sergeant) (Army Serial Number 37223979), Infantry, Company G, 413th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Germany from 10 March to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Jefferson City, Missouri.

Technical Sergeant Omar M. Paradis (Army Serial Number 19098871), 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 24 March 1945. Entered military service from Hollywood, California.

Technical Sergeant George M. Rowland (Army Serial Number 37189209), 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 March 1945. Entered military service from Des Moines, Iowa.

Technical Sergeant Leon A. Whitcraft (Army Serial Number 33491663), Infantry, Company A, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 8 April 1945. Entered military service from Clay, Pennsylvania.

Staff Sergeant Isaac P. Boudreau (Army Serial Number 36709773), Infantry, Company G, 415th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 24 February 1945. Entered military service from Momence, Illinois.

Staff Sergeant Harold K. Nines (Army Serial Number 20544338), Infantry, Headquarters Company, 2d Battalion, 415th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Holland and Germany from 30 October 1944 to 30 April 1945. Entered military service from Terra Alta, West Virginia.

Staff Sergeant Milton H. Stuebing (then Private First Class) (Army Serial Number 32622479), Infantry, Company G, 415th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 24 February 1945. Entered military service from Brooklyn, New York.

Staff Sergeant Garnett A. Travis (then Private First Class) (Army Serial Number 38405639), Infantry, Company A, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 10 April 1945. Entered military service from Lawton, Oklahoma.

Staff Sergeant Howard Williams (then Sergeant) (Army Serial Number 36502122), Infantry, Company G, 413th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 7 April 1945. Entered military service from Detroit, Michigan.

Sergeant Ocie J. Calhoun (then Private First Class) (Army Serial Number 38392211), Infantry, Company F, 415th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 5 April 1945. Entered military service from Robaline, Louisiana.

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Sergeant Robert Eastwood (Army Serial Number 33359510), Infantry, Cannon Company, 415th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 25 October 1944 to 24 March 1945. Entered military service from Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania.

Technician Fourth Grade Clarence S. Obits (Army Serial Number 33359534), Infantry, 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 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania.

Private First Class Calvin W. Denson (then Private) (Army Serial Number 33791444), Infantry, Company A, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 1 April 1945. Entered military service from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Private First Class J. C. Dixon (Army Serial Number 35145154), Infantry, Headquarters Company, 2d Battalion, 415th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Germany from 17 November 1944 to 30 April 1945. Entered military service from Hammond, Indiana.

Private First Class Peter Dodson (then Private) (Army Serial Number 32986898), Infantry, Company A, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 6 April 1945. Entered military service from Roslyn Heights, New York.

Private First Class Zack Green (then Private) (Army Serial Number 32978802), Infantry, Company A, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 15 April 1945. Entered military service from New York City, New York.

Private First Class James E. Hallum (then Private) (Army Serial Number 34092824), Infantry, Company A, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 27 March 1945. Entered military service from Pickens, South Carolina.

Private First Class Henry H. Hamlin (Army Serial Number 37737955), Infantry, Company A, 415th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 23 March 1945. Entered military service from Neodesha, Kansas.

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* Private First Class Jack E. Marsh (Army Serial Number 36709124), Infantry, Headquarters, 104th Infantry Division, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium and Germany from 12 November 1944 to 1 May 1945. Entered military service from Muskegon, Michigan.

Private First Class Mortimer M. Reed (Army Serial Number 33791418), Infantry, Company A, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 1 April 1945. Entered military service from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

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Private First Class W. L. Smith (then Private) (Army Serial Number 32987199), Infantry, Company A, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 13 April 1945. Entered military service from Brooklyn, New York.

Private Homer A. Anderson (Army Serial Number 32983978), Infantry, Company A, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 26 March 1945. Entered military service from Bronx, New York.

IV--BRONZE STAR MEDAL--Amendments:

1. So much of section IV, General Orders No. 148, this headquarters, pertaining to First Lieutenant VICTOR S. GILLIN, O1298908, as reads, "...the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to . . ." is amended to read, ". . . in addition to the Bronze Star Medal previously awarded in General Orders No. 145, Headquarters, 104th Infantry Division, 20 May 1945, a bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to . . .".

2. So much of section IV, General Orders No. 148, this headquarters, pertaining to First Lieutenant ALTON H. DISERENS, O1289221, as reads, ". . ." is amended to read, ". . . in addition to the Bronze Star Medal previously awarded in General Orders No. 138, Headquarters, 104th Infantry Division, 13 May 1945, a bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to . . .".

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Private First Class Laverne E. Grosson (Army Serial Number 38693418), Infantry, Company C, 415th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in Germany on 23 February 1945. When their platoon was held up by machine gun fire, Private Grosson and a companion volunteered to flank the position where one of the machine guns was estimated to be. The two men accidentally ran into the position, and in the fight which ensued, the enemy position was destroyed, although Private Grosson's companion was killed during the action. Private Grosson's courage and devotion to duty were in keeping with the finest traditions of the American combat soldier and reflect the highest credit upon himself and the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Enid, Oklahoma. Next of kin: Mrs. Lorene F. Grosson, General Delivery, Hennessey, 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 officers and enlisted men:

Captain WILLIAM C. DYER, JR. (Army Serial Number 01295690), Infantry, Company F, 415th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in Germany on 17 April 1945. Leading his men forward, Captain Dyer encountered devastating fire from three machine guns. Undaunted by the fierce barrage, he stood his ground, directed automatic rifle fire which destroyed one gun, and led a furious assault to eliminate the remaining guns. He then led a skillful assault on the objective, overwhelming superior enemy forces by the speed and audacity of his attack. Captain Dyer's complete disregard for personal safety, fearlessness in the face of grave danger, and superb leadership exemplify the finest traditions of the American officer and combat leader. Entered military service from Salem, Oregon.

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First Lieutenant FRANK H. HEDDEN (Army Serial Number 0449954), Infantry, Company A, 415th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in Germany on 4 March 1945. In the assault of a strongly defended town, Lieutenant Hedden's platoon was pinned down by murderous fire from flak guns and automatic weapons. At great risk to his life, Lieutenant Hedden exposed himself continually in order to deploy his platoon and set up an effective field of fire. This maneuver was instrumental in the capture of the town. Lieutenant Hedden's courage and leadership under severe conditions are in keeping with the finest traditions of the American combat officer and reflect the highest credit upon himself and the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Walhalla, South Carolina.

First Lieutenant ARNOLD P. THINGSTAD (then Second Lieutenant) (Army Serial Number 01327681), Infantry, Company B, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in Germany on 13 and 15 April 1945. On 13 April 1945, Lieutenant Thingstad led a patrol through a forest infested with enemy troops. Skillfully maneuvering his patrol, he located many enemy automatic weapons and captured more than sixty enemy troops. On 15 April 1945, Lieutenant Thingstad constantly exposed himself to enemy fire in order to organize his men into strong defensive positions in houses in a bitterly contested enemy town. His courage and leadership were an inspiration to his men and reflected the highest credit on himself and the military service. Entered military service from Pontiac, Michigan.

Second Lieutenant CHARLES W. BRICKER (Army Serial Number 02001034), Infantry, Company L, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in Germany on 9 April 1945. As an armor-infantry column advanced, the enemy opened fire on the tank which Lieutenant Bricker was riding, knocking three men off and wounding every man on the tank. Undaunted, Lieutenant Bricker directed the tank's fire and temporarily silenced the gun. Although wounded himself, he directed the tank crew to care for the wounded men while he advanced alone along a treacherous two hundred-yard route towards the enemy gun. Observing three enemy soldiers trying to put their gun in operation, he advanced coolly in the face of the heavy enemy fire, killing the three enemy soldiers with his automatic rifle. The intrepidity and daring displayed by Lieutenant Bricker exemplify the finest traditions of the American officer and combat leader. Entered military service from Portsmouth, Ohio.

Staff Sergeant Chmer G. Doramus (Army Serial Number 18219629), Infantry, Company A, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in Germany on 10 December 1944. When the building in which his platoon had taken up defensive positions was destroyed by direct enemy artillery fire causing some men to be trapped by falling debris, Sergeant Doramus set out to secure medical aid and reinforcements. On his way he discovered a wounded comrade, who had been lying in an exposed position for many hours. Despite the continuous hail of enemy small arms fire, Sergeant Doramus took the injured man on his back and carried him 700 yards to safety. Part of this trip was made through a mine field. The courage and devotion to duty and to his fellow soldiers displayed by Sergeant Doramus reflect the highest credit on himself and the military service. Entered military service from Little Rock, Arkansas.

Staff Sergeant Joseph F. Mannix, Jr. (then Private First Class) (Army Serial Number 33431480), Infantry, Company C, 414th Infantry, United States Army,

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for gallantry in action in Germany on 25 March 1945. Seeing the tank on which he had been riding burst into flames, Sergeant Mannix, at great risk to his life and despite continued enemy anti-tank fire, rushed to the burning tank. Disregarding the smoke, flames, and danger of exploding ammunition, Sergeant Mannix wrenched the turret hatch open and discovered that one man was still alive. With great difficulty, Sergeant Mannix maneuvered the man through the small opening and carried him to safety. Sergeant Mannix's courage and devotion to duty, far above and beyond the call of duty, saved the life of a fellow soldier and reflect the highest credit on himself and the military service. Entered military service from Tarentum, Pennsylvania.

Sergeant Anthony Mikita (Army Serial Number 33402297), Infantry, Company B, 415th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in Germany on 23 February 1945. In order to discover what was holding up the squad and platoon on his left, Sergeant Mikita and his platoon leader left their covered position and crawled through a mortar barrage across open terrain to a point of vantage, where they observed that an enemy machine gun had pinned these units to the ground. At great risk to their lives, Sergeant Mikita and his companion moved across one thousand yards of open field and knocked out the position, enabling the pinned down units to move up. Sergeant Mikita's courage and determination before the enemy are in keeping with the finest traditions of the American combat soldier and reflect the highest credit upon himself and the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Rural Valley, Pennsylvania.

Sergeant Stanley Poolo (Army Serial Number 34493063), Infantry, Company K, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in Germany on 24 November 1944. When his platoon encountered grazing fire from a machine gun to its immediate front, which wounded and killed several men, Sergeant Poolo crawled forward in an attempt to cover the safe withdrawal of his comrades. Reaching a point twenty yards from the enemy position, he raised himself to a half upright position and hurled a grenade which he immediately followed with fire from his rifle, silencing the gun and permitting the platoon to withdraw. By his outstanding courage and coolness in the face of grave danger, Sergeant Poolo saved the lives of many of his comrades, and his actions, far above and beyond the call of duty, exemplify the finest traditions of the American soldier and combat leader. Entered military service from Rockwood, Tennessee.

Technician Fifth Grade Bruce N. Cowan (then Private First Class) (Army Serial Number 19112394), Infantry, Anti-Tank Company, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in Germany on 5 December 1944. When the company to which he was attached was pinned down by heavy enemy machine gun fire from well dug-in positions, Technician Cowan advanced under constant enemy observation and fire. After making his way to a building overlooking the enemy positions, he was soon discovered by the enemy, and a hail of fire was placed on his position. Undaunted, Technician Cowan coolly fired several rounds of bazooka fire which destroyed the enemy position, wounding several enemy soldiers and forcing the remainder to retreat. Technician Cowan's courage and coolness under fire, far above and beyond the call of duty, exemplify the finest traditions of the American combat soldier. Entered military service from Seattle, Washington.

Technician Fifth Grade Jack Solowitz (Army Serial Number 32298790), Medical Department, 104th Reconnaissance Troop, United States Army, for gallantry in

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action in Germany from 23 to 25 April 1945. Technician Solowitz volunteered to accompany an officer as scout and interpreter on a hazardous dismounted mission involving the crossing of two large rivers and traversing fifty-five miles of strongly held enemy terrain under friendly and enemy artillery fire. The mission was skillfully accomplished, and definite information as to the presence of allied forces was obtained. The gallantry, skill, and intense devotion to duty displayed by Technician Solowitz exemplify the finest traditions of the American combat soldier. Entered military service from Brooklyn, New York.

Private First Class Walter A. Jasnosz (Army Serial Number 36708287), Infantry, Company L, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in Germany on 11 April 1945. When an armor-infantry column was halted by an enemy road block, Private Jasnosz and a companion advanced alone after a patrol sent out to neutralize the covering enemy force was pinned down by enemy fire. The two men drove the enemy to cover by their effective fire and aggressive actions. Returning to the column, the two men voluntarily led the advance, and when anti-tank fire was encountered, they exposed themselves to the heavy enemy fire to observe enemy positions and direct the fire of a tank, which eliminated the enemy strong points and enabled the column to advance and take the objective. The gallantry and devotion to duty displayed by Private Jasnosz exemplify the finest traditions of the American combat soldier. Entered military service from Cicero, Illinois.

Private First Class John E. Kelly (Army Serial Number 33808304), Infantry, Headquarters Company, 3d Battalion, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in Germany on 13 December 1944. In the attack on a strongly defended enemy town, Private Kelly had the mission of delivering anti-tank mines, once the objective was taken. During the action, two of his men were wounded. Despite small arms and mortar fire, Private Kelly helped the wounded men to cover, administered first aid, and continued on his mission. Upon his return he found the wounded men in need of medical attention, and at great risk to his life, he helped them to a point from which they could be removed to the aid station. Private Kelly's courage and devotion to duty reflect the highest credit on himself and the military service. Entered military service from Drexel Hill, Pennsylvania.

Private First Class Melvin R. Mathias (Army Serial Number 33897033), Infantry, Company A, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in Germany on 10 December 1944. Although twice wounded, Private Mathias tenaciously pressed forward in the assault on a strongly fortified objective. Sighting two seriously wounded men, he raced to their side in the face of a hail of enemy fire. Ignoring enemy machine gun fire which sprayed the ground at his feet, he carried the men to a nearby house. When an enemy tank completely demolished the building by direct fire, he courageously cleared an escape route for himself and the wounded men, consenting to evacuation only after the two men were removed to safety and medical care. The intrepid courage and heroism displayed by Private Mathias exemplify the finest traditions of the American soldier and reflect the highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Baltimore, Maryland.

Private First Class Ernest H. Soapes (Army Serial Number 34986834), Infantry, Company L, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in Germany on 11 April 1945. When an armor-infantry column was halted by an enemy road block, Private Soapes and a companion advanced alone after a patrol

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sent out to neutralize the covering enemy force was pinned down by enemy fire. The two men drove the enemy to cover by their effective fire and aggressive actions. Returning to the column, the two men voluntarily led the advance, and when anti-tank fire was encountered, they exposed themselves to the heavy enemy fire to observe enemy positions and direct the fire of a tank, which eliminated the enemy strong points and enabled the column to advance and take the objective. The gallantry and devotion to duty displayed by Private Soapes exemplify the finest traditions of the American combat soldier. Entered military service from Nashville, Tennessee.

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 John A. Sautner (Army Serial Number 35591494), Infantry, Company M, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for heroism not involving actual conflict with the enemy in Germany on 27 April 1945. After completing three trips across a treacherous, fast-flowing stream, the boat piloted by Private Sautner upset on the fourth crossing, throwing Private Sautner and another man into the icy water. Clinging to the boat, Private Sautner immediately released his grip to rescue his floundering comrade, who was burdened by saturated clothing and equipment. Reaching the man, he had difficulty overcoming the violent struggles of the drowning man, but he soon obtained a secure grasp on the man's clothing and pulled him ashore. By his cool courage and intense devotion to his comrade, Private Sautner saved the life of a fellow soldier, and his actions, far above and beyond the call of duty, exemplify the finest traditions of the American soldier. Entered military service from Akron, Ohio.

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:

104th Quartermaster Company for superior performance of duty in the performance of exceptionally difficult tasks, and for achievement and maintenance of a high standard of discipline in Germany from 1 February to 5 May 1945. The rapidly moving tactical situation from the Roer River to the Mulde River in central Germany created long lines of supply, extending through areas not entirely cleared of enemy troops. In addition to the normal supply functions, the company kept its supply dumps aggressively well forward and performed the numerous additional functions of hauling prisoners of war and displaced persons in all kinds of weather and despite the most adverse conditions. One and one half million gallons of gasoline and thousands of tons of food, clothing, and equipment were handled. The service platoon operated the Class I, II, and III supply dumps of the division in such a competent manner that the combat efficiency of the division was materially enhanced. Ration breakdowns were handled swiftly and efficiently. The company handled and operated a division stove and lantern repair section and a shower and clothing exchange, which contributed materially to the health and welfare of front line troops. A personal effects section and purchasing and contracting section were operated by the officers and men of the company in a conspicuously meritorious

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manner. 104th Quartermaster Company 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 General or Special Courts-Martial. The appearance of personnel, installations, and equipment and the enthusiastic execution of orders have been superior throughout the period and reflect distinct credit upon the company and 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 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 HAROLD R. FOSNOT (Army Serial Number 0326363), 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 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

Captain HENRY E. CHRISTIANSEN (then First Lieutenant and Captain) (Army Serial Number 01001750), Adjutant General's Department, 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 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Manti, Utah.

Captain BROOKS P. JULIAN (then First Lieutenant and Captain) (Army Serial Number 01305784), Infantry, 104th Counter Intelligence Corps, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 23 October 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Columbus, Ohio.

First Lieutenant ORD A. KIMMELL (then Technical Sergeant and Second Lieutenant) (Army Serial Number 02000551), 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 1 May 1945. Entered military service from Shelburn, Indiana.

First Lieutenant ROBERT J. RADER (Army Serial Number 025676), Field Artillery, Battery A, 386th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 4 March 1945. Entered military service from Pocatello, Idaho.

First Lieutenant JOHN D. SHIPLEY (then Second Lieutenant and First Lieutenant) (Army Serial Number 01323249), Infantry, Company M, 415th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Holland and Germany from 25 October 1944 to 3 May 1945. Entered military service from Appleton, Wisconsin.

Second Lieutenant JOHN G. PASKUS (then Technical Sergeant) (Army Serial Number 02008369), Infantry, Company M, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Germany from 16 November to 15 December 1944. Entered military service from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

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Second Lieutenant DAVID WAXMAN (then Technical Sergeant) (Army Serial Number 02008719), Infantry, Company B, 415th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 23 and 24 March 1945. Entered military service from Brooklyn, New York.

First Sergeant Gerald R. DeVeaux (then Technical Sergeant and First Sergeant) (Army Serial Number 35329811), 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 4 May 1945. Entered military service from Defiance, Ohio.

First Sergeant Lynn M. Moore (Army Serial Number 6653660), Infantry, Company M, 415th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Germany from 19 December 1944 to 2 May 1945. Entered military service from Huntersville, West Virginia.

Technical Sergeant Pasquale Arenare (Army Serial Number 32612706), Infantry, Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 415th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Holland and Germany from 25 October 1944 to 24 March 1945. Entered military service from Brooklyn, New York.

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 * Technical Sergeant Randolph A. Blake (then Staff Sergeant) (Army Serial Number 35106117), Infantry, Company A, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 10 December 1944. Entered military service from Louisville, Kentucky.

Technical Sergeant Alexander K. MacKensie (Army Serial Number 39323693), Infantry, Company H, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 9 December 1944. Entered military service from Portland, Oregon.

Staff Sergeant Marvin D. Bailey (then Corporal and Staff Sergeant) (Army Serial Number 37618403), 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 1 May 1945. Entered military service from Kansas City, Missouri.

Staff Sergeant Lester C. Richards (Army Serial Number 33492455), Infantry, Company M, 415th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Holland and Germany from 24 October 1944 to 2 May 1945. Entered military service from Williamsport, Pennsylvania.

Staff Sergeant Robert E. Smith (Army Serial Number 32661039), Infantry, Company D, 415th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 21 April 1945. Entered military service from Staatsburg, New York.

Staff Sergeant Wallace E. Tinsley (Army Serial Number 37398087), Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, 387th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 24 and 25 March 1945. Entered military service from St. Louis, Missouri.

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Sergeant Jack P. Adler (Army Serial Number 17028748), Cavalry, 104th Reconnaissance Troop, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 26 and 27 April 1945. Entered military service from New York City, New York.

Sergeant Richard E. Hill (then Private First Class and Sergeant) (Army Serial Number 12198531), 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 14 December 1944. Entered military service from Muncy, Pennsylvania.

Sergeant Stanley Mazurkiewicz (Army Serial Number 32627125), 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 27 February 1945. Entered military service from Brooklyn, New York.

Sergeant Royd S. Owens (then Private First Class) (Army Serial Number 39911531), Infantry, Company L, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 31 December 1944. Entered military service from Banguitch, Utah.

Technician Fourth Grade Edward E. Roberts (Army Serial Number 37398105), Infantry, Company M, 415th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Holland and Germany from 24 October 1944 to 2 May 1945. Entered military service from St. Louis, Missouri.

Corporal Billy H. Henderson (Army Serial Number 38432217), 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 1 May 1945. Entered military service from Dallas, Texas.

Corporal Ross W. Sechrist (Army Serial Number 33492557), Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, 387th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 24 and 25 March 1945. Entered military service from Red Lion, Pennsylvania.

Corporal William A. Winstead (Army Serial Number 34463593), Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, 387th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 24 and 25 March 1945. Entered military service from Wilson, North Carolina.

Technician Fifth Grade Arnold P. Erickson (Army Serial Number 37443848), 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 4 May 1945. Entered military service from Dixon, Iowa.

Technician Fifth Grade Charles A. Liebke (Army Serial Number 37443777), 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 4 May 1945. Entered military service from Muscatine, Iowa.

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Technician Fifth Grade E. W. Perkins (then Private First Class) (Army Serial Number 38247165), Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, 387th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 24 and 25 March 1945. Entered military service from DeQuincy, Louisiana.

Technician Fifth Grade Raymond P. Rubard (Army Serial Number 39618993), 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 1 April 1945. Entered military service from Libby, Montana.

Technician Fifth Grade Sam Stanovich (Army Serial Number 33408319), Cavalry, 104th Reconnaissance Troop, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 26 and 27 April 1945. Entered military service from Farrell, Pennsylvania.

Private First Class William J. Austin (Army Serial Number 38521443), 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 12 February 1945. Entered military service from Beaumont, Texas.

Private First Class Wayne E. Boyles (Army Serial Number 32624799), Infantry, Company A, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 10 December 1944. Entered military service from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Private First Class Raymond W. Chandler (then Private and Private First Class) (Army Serial Number 39269907), 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 1 May 1945. Entered military service from Los Angeles, California.

Private First Class Harvey R. Crombie (Army Serial Number 39312166), Infantry, Company E, 415th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 23 February 1945. Entered military service from Portland, Oregon.

Private First Class John C. Glick (Army Serial Number 37325873), 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 29 April 1945. Entered military service from St. Paul, Minnesota.

Private First Class Floyd Hultslander, Jr. (then Private and Private First Class) (Army Serial Number 32808842), Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, 387th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 24 and 25 March 1945. Entered military service from Middletown, New York.

Private First Class Maurice E. Lee (Army Serial Number 13135231), Infantry, Company G, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 11 April 1945. Entered military service from Erie, Pennsylvania.

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Private First Class Raymond E. McGowan (Army Serial Number 37660509), Infantry, Company D, 415th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 21 April 1945. Entered military service from Clear Lake, Iowa.

Private First Class Ernesto Medina (Army Serial Number 38359830), Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, 387th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 24 and 25 March 1945. Entered military service from San Antonio, Texas.

Private First Class Theodore H. Paulson (then Private and Private First Class) (Army Serial Number 36282159), 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 29 April 1945. Entered military service from Webster, Wisconsin.

Private First Class Carl J. Petrilli (Army Serial Number 32694410), 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 30 April 1945. Entered military service from Brooklyn, New York.

Private First Class William K. Portman (Army Serial Number 33416789), 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 1 May 1945. Entered military service from Leaver, Pennsylvania.

Private First Class Philip F. Prickett (Army Serial Number 37443525), Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, 387th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 24 and 25 March 1945. Entered military service from Austin, Minnesota.

Private First Class David M. Reynolds (Army Serial Number 13170404), Infantry, Headquarters Company, 2d Battalion, 415th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Germany from 13 February to 9 March 1945. Entered military service from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Private First Class Milton J. Rosenthal (Army Serial Number 31333154), Corps of Engineers, Company A, 329th Engineer Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 18 February 1945. Entered military service from New Haven, Connecticut.

Private First Class Leonard G. Shelton (Army Serial Number 38469561), Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, 387th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 24 and 25 March 1945. Entered military service from Britton, Oklahoma.

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Private First Class Richard R. Sines (Army Serial Number 35401893), Infantry, Company A, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 24 March 1945. Entered military service from Columbus, Ohio.

Private First Class Richard A. Townsend (Army Serial Number 35554804), Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 8 March 1945. Entered military service from Osceola, Indiana.

Private First Class Ross A. Turkle (Army Serial Number 37533052), Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, 387th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 24 and 25 March 1945. Entered military service from Parsons, Kansas.

Private First Class Elmer A. Wheeler (Army Serial Number 20945312), Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, 387th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 24 and 25 March 1945. Entered military service from Seattle, Washington.

Private First Class Henry R. Whittle (Army Serial Number 38373919), 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 29 April 1945. Entered military service from New Orleans, Louisiana.

Private First Class Yat H. Wong (Army Serial Number 39548435), 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 30 April 1945. Entered military service from Los Angeles, California.

Private Jeremiah J. Collins (Army Serial Number 33470594), Field Artillery, Battery A, 386th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 27 October 1944 to 28 February 1945. Entered military service from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

VI--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, a bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to the following officer and enlisted men:

First Lieutenant WILLIAM J. BOLAND (Army Serial Number 01641396), 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 28 April 1945. Entered military service from Scranton, Pennsylvania. Awarded the Bronze Star Medal in General Orders No. 33, Headquarters, 104th Infantry Division, 16 December 1944.

Corporal Raymond M. Frantz (Army Serial Number 20832440), Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, 387th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for

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meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 24 and 25 March 1945. Entered military service from Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, Awarded the Bronze Star Medal in General Orders No. 120, Headquarters, 104th Infantry Division, 27 April 1945.

Corporal Robert W. Gilfillan (Army Serial Number 33507440), Cavalry, 104th Reconnaissance Troop, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 26 and 27 April 1945. Entered military service from New Holland, Pennsylvania. Awarded the Bronze Star Medal in General Orders No. 146, Headquarters, 104th Infantry Division, 21 May 1945.

VII--BRONZE STAR MEDAL--Amendment--So much of section IV, General Orders No. 148, this headquarters, pertaining to Technician Fifth Grade Dominic J. Napoli, 32672579, as reads, ". . . for meritorious service in connection . . ." is amended to read, ". . . for meritorious achievement in connection . . .".

VII--AIR MEDAL (SECOND OAK-LEAF CLUSTER)--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 Air Medal previously awarded in General Orders No. 45, Headquarters, 104th Infantry Division, 28 December 1944, a second bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to the following officers:

First Lieutenant JOHN T. SCHOFIELD (Army Serial Number 01168069), Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, 386th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight as Field Artillery aerial observer in Germany from 23 February to 22 April 1945. Entered military service from Bridgeton, New Jersey.

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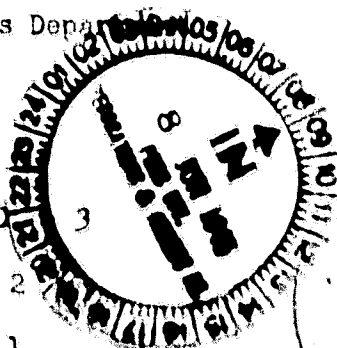
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I--SILVER STAR MEDAL--Posthumous Award--By direction of the President, under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and pursuant to the authority contained in paragraph 1a(1), Memorandum No. 34, Headquarters, Ninth United States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

Captain PHILIP E. HORAN, JR. (Army Serial Number 024752), Infantry, Company I, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in Germany on 16 April 1945. When his company was pinned down and subjected to intense enemy fire as it advanced to clear a town, Captain Horan advanced to the head of his company. Undaunted by the withering fire, he led the dash across open terrain, closely followed by four men who aided him in clearing the first row of buildings. When fierce enemy fire was again encountered, he exposed himself on an open street to skillfully direct covering fire for the advance. He was mortally wounded in an attempt to save the life of one of his men. The gallantry and superb leadership displayed by Captain Horan, far above and beyond the call of duty, reflect the highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Los Angeles, California. Next of kin: Mrs. Mary A. Horan, 807 Wooster Street, 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.

First Lieutenant CECIL M. LOGAN (Army Serial Number 01825016), Infantry, Company K, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in Germany on 7 April 1945. Advancing with an armor-infantry column, Lieutenant Logan and seventeen members of his platoon were seriously wounded when the three leading tanks in the column were knocked out of action by direct enemy bazooka and artillery fire. Despite his serious wounds, Lieutenant Logan directed the movement of the wounded men to a position of safety, and although bleeding profusely and greatly weakened, he directed the placing of his men in defensive positions so as to provide maximum fire power on the enemy. Only after rendering a complete report of the situation to his commanding officer did he allow himself to be evacuated. The intrepid gallantry and heroism displayed by Lieutenant Logan exemplify the finest traditions of the American officer and combat leader. Entered military service from Macomb, Illinois.

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First Lieutenant MARION L. POWELL, JR. (Army Serial Number 0305415), Infantry (Tank Destroyer), Company C, 817th Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army, for gallantry in action in Germany on 17 April 1945. Leading three tank destroyers and supporting infantrymen across one thousand yards of open terrain toward the objective, Lieutenant Powell, courageously and at great risk to his life, exposed himself to deadly bazooka and small arms fire to direct the movement and fire of his men. After carrying a seriously wounded man to safety, he returned and single-handedly assaulted the enemy positions, taking three prisoners, killing several soldiers, and causing the remainder of the enemy to retreat in disorder to nearby woods. As a result of Lieutenant Powell's audacity and gallantry, an enemy strong point was eliminated, and his actions, far above and beyond the call of duty, exemplify the finest traditions of the American officer and combat leader. Entered military service from Greenville, South Carolina.

Staff Sergeant William J. Lancken (Army Serial Number 36437340), Infantry, Company H, 415th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in Germany on 17 April 1945. Leading his section across two hundred yards of open terrain in the face of grazing machine gun fire from enemy positions in box cars and along a railroad siding, Sergeant Lancken seized a machine gun and advanced on the enemy position with the gun blazing at his hip. Undaunted by the fire of several machine guns which spattered the ground at his feet, he drove twenty enemy troops from their position and captured one. Returning to his section, he led their advance on the objective and was instrumental in repelling an enemy counter attack, inflicting heavy casualties on the assaulting forces. The gallantry and superb leadership displayed by Sergeant Lancken exemplify the finest traditions of the American soldier. Entered military service from Springfield, Illinois.

Private First Class Henry W. Hughes (Army Serial Number 11067487), Infantry, Company A, 415th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in Germany on 25 March 1945. When two tanks were put out of action and fourteen tank-riding infantrymen were seriously wounded, Private Hughes left his covered position, contacted an aid man, and led him through the devastating enemy fire to the position of the injured men. He then crossed fire-swept terrain to secure a radio and call for litter bearers to evacuate the men. When they arrived, he courageously, at great risk to his life, led them through the increasingly heavy fire to the wounded man. By his undaunted courage and intense devotion to duty and to his comrades, Private Hughes was directly responsible for saving the lives of many of his fellow soldiers, reflecting the highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Modford, Massachusetts.

Private First Class Floyd Jones (then Private) (Army Serial Number 42020321), Infantry, Company G, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in Germany on 15 April 1945. As his company advanced on a well defended town, Private Jones crawled through intense fire to the nearest enemy fox hole, killed one enemy soldier, and captured two others, thus allowing his company to advance under his direction. Later, as his company came to a river, he exposed himself to withering enemy fire, personally killing four enemy soldiers. Spotting enemy soldiers attempting to infiltrate the company's lines, he and a companion dashed across fire-swept terrain to intercept the enemy, killing two men and capturing two prisoners. The undaunted courage and heroism displayed by Private Jones, far above and beyond the call of duty, exemplify the finest traditions of the American combat soldier. Entered military service from Buffalo, New York.

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Private First Class Frederick G. Nichols (Army Serial Number 14136408), Infantry, Company B, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in Germany on 13 and 15 April 1945. Private Nichols volunteered for an important combat patrol, whose mission was to move deep into enemy territory and act as a spearhead for a coming attack. He gained much valuable information as to strength and disposition of enemy positions, and through his courage and linguistic ability he was able to persuade more than sixty-five enemy soldiers to surrender. Later, he exposed himself to cover the retreat of a wounded comrade and was wounded himself, but despite his wounds he completed his self-assigned mission. Private Nichols' courage and devotion to duty exemplify the finest traditions of the American combat soldier and reflect the highest credit on himself and the military service. Entered military service from St. Petersburg, Florida.

III--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 1a(1), Memorandum No. 34, Headquarters, Ninth United States Army, 8 September 1944, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded, posthumously, to the following enlisted men:

Technician Fifth Grade Thomas S. Bales (Army Serial Number 35640921), Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, 929th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in Holland on 1 November 1944. Voluntarily and at great risk to his life, Technician Bales accompanied a group which went forward under intense enemy fire to establish wire communications during a vital river-crossing operation. The group contacted their forward observer and returned across the same treacherous route to successfully establish wire communications that proved invaluable in the assault. The bravery and intense devotion to duty displayed by Technician Bales exemplify the finest traditions of the American soldier and reflect distinct credit upon himself and the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Pikeville, Kentucky. Next of kin: Mrs. Jessie Bales 422 Main Street, Pikeville, Kentucky.

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, warrant officer, and enlisted men:

Captain RONDAL L. BURTON (then First Lieutenant and Captain) (Army Serial Number 01287301), Field Artillery (Tank Destroyer), Company C, 817th Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in France, Belgium, and Germany from 24 August 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Steele, Missouri.

Captain WILLIAM J. EDGAR (Army Serial Number 01821556), Field Artillery (Tank Destroyer), Headquarters Company, 817th Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in France, Belgium, and Germany from 24 August 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Capitan, New Mexico.

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Captain WILLIAM H. TERRY, JR. (Army Serial Number 0353571), Field Artillery (Tank Destroyer), Headquarters Company, 817th Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in France, Belgium, and Germany from 24 August 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Thomasville, Georgia.

Captain HOWARD M. VOGEL (Army Serial Number 01168964), Field Artillery (Tank Destroyer), Company A, 817th Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army for meritorious service in connection with military operations in France, Belgium, and Germany from 24 August 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

First Lieutenant CARL M. FLIESSBACH (Army Serial Number 01639035), 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 28 April 1945. Entered military service from Macomb, Illinois.

First Lieutenant EVERETT E. PRUITT (Army Serial Number 01289319), Infantry, Headquarters Company, 415th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Germany from 22 March to 7 May 1945. Entered military service from Munday, Texas.

Second Lieutenant MARK J. CARNALL (Army Serial Number 02000990), Quartermaster Corps, 104th Quartermaster Company, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Germany from 6 January to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

Chief Warrant Officer JOSEPH MENDELSON (Army Serial Number W2110355), 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 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

Master Sergeant James M. Carpenter (Army Serial Number 37323246), Signal Corps, 104th Signal Company, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Germany from 8 January to 28 April 1945. Entered military service from Ellendale, North Dakota.

Staff Sergeant Arnold S. Donovan (Army Serial Number 31298665), 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 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Norwood, Massachusetts.

Staff Sergeant Daniel J. Knott (Army Serial Number 38694546), Infantry, Company L, 413th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 31 December 1944. Entered military service from Santa Anna, Texas.

Staff Sergeant John S. Widdicombe (then Sergeant) (Army Serial Number 3344148), Infantry, Company C, 413th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Holland on 2 November 1944. Entered military service from Charlottesville, Virginia.

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Technician Third Grade Ivan C. Bell (Army Serial Number 33421556), Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 817th Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Germany from 10 December 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Parkers Landing, Pennsylvania.

Sergeant Waldon C. Strickland (then Technician Fifth Grade and Sergeant) (Army Serial Number 38286853), 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 4 May 1945. Entered military service from Alvarado, Texas.

Sergeant Elmer L. Wilson (Army Serial Number 39324975), Infantry, Company D, 415th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 5 March 1945. Entered military service from Portland, Oregon.

Technician Fourth Grade John C. Lane (Army Serial Number 36437027), Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 413th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 26 and 29 November 1944. Entered military service from Petersburg, Illinois.

Corporal Wesley D. Vaughn (Army Serial Number 37242118), Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, 929th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in Holland on 1 November 1944. Entered military service from Foster, Missouri.

Technician Fifth Grade Claude W. Lee (Army Serial Number 38323164), 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 4 May 1945. Entered military service from Sand Springs, Oklahoma.

Technician Fifth Grade John K. Maclean (Army Serial Number 36775856), Field Artillery, Battery A, 386th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Germany from 1 January to 6 May 1945. Entered military service from Rock Island, Illinois.

Technician Fifth Grade William C. Pritchard (Army Serial Number 33518007), 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 4 May 1945. Entered military service from Norfolk, Virginia.

Private First Class Henry W. Logan (Army Serial Number 17119775), Infantry, Company H, 413th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 27 February 1945. Entered military service from Wichita, Kansas.

Private First Class James A. Malone (Army Serial Number 34478577), Infantry, Anti-Tank Company, 413th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Holland on 4 November 1944. Entered military service from Hamilton, Mississippi.

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V--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, a bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to the following officers:

Captain JACK T. HARMON (Army Serial Number 01289247), Infantry, Company F, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 31 March 1945. Entered military service from Amarillo, Texas. Awarded the Bronze Star Medal in General Orders No. 133, Headquarters, 104th Infantry Division, 9 May 1945.

First Lieutenant EUGENE F. ROURKE (Army Serial Number 01032552), Cavalry, 104th Reconnaissance Troop, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 14 April 1945. Entered military service from Broken Bow, Nebraska. Awarded the Bronze Star Medal in General Orders No. 128, Headquarters, 104th Infantry Division, 4 May 1945.

VI--AIR MEDAL (SECOND OAK-LEAF CLUSTER)--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 Air Medal previously awarded in General Orders No. 39, Headquarters, 104th Infantry Division, 8 February 1945, a second bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to the following officer:

First Lieutenant SYLVAN H. PEDERSON (Army Serial Number 01179570), Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, 386th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight as Field Artillery air observation pilot in Germany from 24 March to 30 April 1945. Entered military service from Clifton, Texas.

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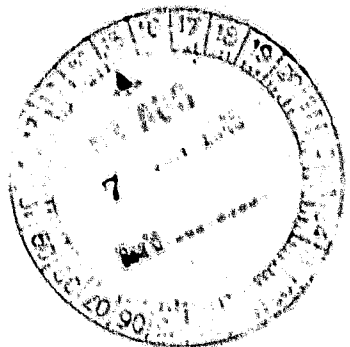
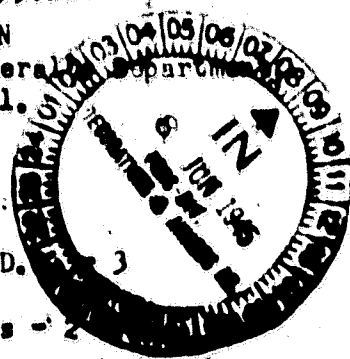
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I--SILVER STAR MEDAL--By direction of the President, under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and pursuant to the authority contained in paragraph 1a(1), Memorandum No. 34, Headquarters, Ninth United States Army, 8 September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

First Lieutenant GEORGE T. DRAPER (Army Serial Number 0547884), Field Artillery, Headquarters, 387th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for gallantry in action in Germany on 29 November 1944. When two well-concealed enemy tanks knocked out the three leading tanks in an armored column, Lieutenant Draper, air observation pilot, called for artillery fire on the enemy tanks. While the fire data was being prepared, two more tanks were knocked out. Despite small arms, machine gun, and flak fire, Lieutenant Draper dived over the position of the enemy tanks and, from an altitude of fifty feet, dropped two anti-tank grenades. They failed to explode, so he again dived over the enemy tanks and dropped two more grenades. One exploded, causing the tanks to retreat, and while turning around, one tank exploded another grenade, disabling it. The second tank was knocked out by the first round of artillery fire. This act, above and beyond the call of duty and performed at great risk to his life, reflects the highest credit on Lieutenant Draper and the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from San Francisco, California.

Technical Sergeant Friedrich Gruener (Army Serial Number 32624927), Infantry, Company F, 413th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in Germany on 25 February 1945. At great risk to his life, Sergeant Gruener crossed open terrain to a position where his platoon was being subjected to an attack by two enemy self-propelled artillery pieces. Exposing himself to draw fire from the advancing guns, he directed the movement of his men and carried a wounded man to safety, moving to cover only after all his men had moved from their perilous position. The gallant intrepidity and intense devotion to duty and to his comrades displayed by Sergeant Gruener exemplify the finest traditions of the American soldier and combat leader. Entered military service from New York City, New York.

Technical Sergeant Paul Shinkovich (then Staff Sergeant) (Army Serial Number 36437207), Infantry, Company D, 413th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in Germany on 23 February 1945. After returning to friendly shores to administer first aid to a wounded man, Sergeant Shinkovich led a second

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successful assault crossing over a fast-flowing river. When rifle elements failed to appear at a rallying point, he tenaciously and aggressively led his section forward in the face of withering enemy fire. So brilliantly did he employ his men as rifle troops that they overran and captured the objective with a minimum of loss. Sergeant Shinkovich's singular gallantry and superb leadership contributed materially to the success of a difficult mission and exemplified the finest traditions of the American soldier and combat leader. Entered military service from Kewanee, Illinois.

Staff Sergeant Charles R. Daugherty (Army Serial Number 37239014), Infantry, Company L, 413th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in Germany on 7 March 1945. As his company encountered withering fire from a strongly entrenched enemy position, Sergeant Daugherty, on his own volition, went forward in the face of the withering fire to ascertain the exact position and location of the enemy. Despite a painful wound, he returned with vital information which enabled the company to capture a machine gun nest and seventeen prisoners. Sergeant Daugherty's courageous action, far above and beyond the call of duty, is in keeping with the finest traditions of the American combat soldier, reflecting the highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Harris, Kansas.

Staff Sergeant Leonard M. Efron (then Private First Class) (Army Serial Number 32802176), Infantry, Company I, 413th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in Germany on 24 November 1944. Courageously and at great risk to his life, Sergeant Efron crossed open terrain to supervise and assist in the evacuation of ten seriously wounded men. Ascertaining that one man was too seriously injured to be moved, he dug a prone shelter for the man to protect him from the merciless fire, constantly exposing himself to perform his self-assigned task. By his singular gallantry and his performance of actions far above and beyond the call of duty, Sergeant Efron saved the lives of many of his fellow soldiers. Entered military service from Suffern, New York.

Private First Class Jack S. Atkinson (Army Serial Number 35601920), Infantry, Company H, 415th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in Germany on 17 April 1945. Informed that an enemy counter attack was imminent, Private Atkinson took up an exposed position and inflicted heavy losses on the advancing enemy with accurate fire from his machine gun. The enemy immediately detected his position and placed a devastating barrage of sniper, bazooka, and machine gun fire on him. Undaunted, he refused to abandon his position. By his heroism and coolness in the face of grave danger, Private Atkinson single handedly repulsed a serious threat to his company's positions, and his actions, far above and beyond the call of duty, reflect distinct credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Salem, Ohio.

Private First Class Frank E. Mauerman (Army Serial Number 32731714), Infantry, Company K, 415th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in Germany 7 April 1945. When his platoon was pinned down by enemy machine gun fire from an enemy emplacement directly to its front, Private Mauerman boldly advanced on the enemy position, disregarding the fierce enemy fire. Flanking the enemy gun, he poured a stream of automatic rifle fire into the position and overran the gun, killing its crew. He then turned the gun on enemy riflemen in the area, forcing twenty enemy soldiers to surrender. The singular gallantry

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and courage displayed by Private ~~Mauer~~ exemplify the finest traditions of the American combat soldier. Entered military service from Buffalo, 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 officers, warrant officer, and enlisted men:

Colonel WILLIAM S. EVANS (Army Serial Number 05384), Field Artillery, Headquarters, 104th Division Artillery, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 23 October 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Russellville, Kentucky.

Lieutenant Colonel ROBERT C. INGALLS (Army Serial Number 023548), Field Artillery, Headquarters, 104th Division Artillery, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 24 October 1944 to 7 May 1945. Entered military service from Urbana, Illinois.

Major RICHARD J. BESTOR (Army Serial Number 0382621), Field Artillery, Headquarters, 104th Division Artillery, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 24 October 1944 to 7 May 1945. Entered military service from Clewiston, Florida.

Major CHARLES N. BURNS (Army Serial Number 0414515), Medical 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 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania.

Major MONTIE MAGREE (Army Serial Number 0442913), Medical Corps, Headquarters, 329th Medical Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 23 October 1944 to 26 February 1945. Entered military service from Maywood, Illinois.

Major RUSSELL T. TUTT (then Captain and Major) (Army Serial Number 0451790), Field Artillery, Headquarters, 104th Division Artillery, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 28 October 1944 to 1 May 1945. Entered military service from Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Captain ROY W. JOHNSON, JR. (Army Serial Number 024901), Field Artillery, Headquarters, 104th Division Artillery, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Germany from 26 November 1944 to 1 May 1945. Entered military service from New Canaan, Connecticut.

First Lieutenant GERARD J. PLUNKETT (Army Serial Number 01175278), Field Artillery, Headquarters, 104th Division Artillery, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 23 October 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Brooklyn, New York.

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Chief Warrant Officer CEDRIC A. WILDAY (Army Serial Number W2109039), Headquarters Battery, 104th Division Artillery, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 23 October 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Belgast, New York.

Master Sergeant Rosemond L. Sims (Army Serial Number 38336676), Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, 104th Division Artillery, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Germany from 1 December 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Delhi, Louisiana.

First Sergeant Raymond E. Becker (Army Serial Number 37155171), 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 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Exeter, Nebraska.

Technical Sergeant Alfredo G. Rangel (Army Serial Number 6289076), Medical Department, Headquarters Detachment, 329th Medical Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 23 October 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Austin, Texas.

Technical Sergeant Allen W. Rittman (then Sergeant) (Army Serial Number 37236610), Infantry, Headquarters Company, 2d Battalion, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 27 February 1945. Entered military service from Kansas City, Missouri.

Staff Sergeant Edward B. Garvey (Army Serial Number 31006038), Medical Department, Headquarters Detachment, 329th Medical Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 23 October 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Northampton, Massachusetts.

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Staff Sergeant Francis M. Prettig (Army Serial Number 16102385), Infantry, Anti-Tank Company, 413th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 25 February 1945. Entered military service from Ashland, Wisconsin.

Technician Third Grade James R. Holt (then Technician Fourth Grade) (Army Serial Number 33217376), Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 413th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 28 February 1945. Entered military service from Brookneal, Virginia.

Technician Third Grade Joseph W. LeGault (Army Serial Number 19101545), Signal Corps, 165th Signal Photo Company, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Germany from 8 February to 7 May 1945. Entered military service from Los Angeles, California.

Sergeant John S. Holcomb, Jr. (then Private First Class) (Army Serial Number 35737699), Infantry, Company E, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 15 April 1945. Entered military service from Charleston, West Virginia.

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Sergeant Matther J. Lynch (Army Serial Number 32345907), Infantry, Headquarters, 104th Infantry Division, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 25 October 1944 to 7 May 1945. Entered military service from Riverdale, New York.

Sergeant Stewart F. Moody (then Corporal and Sergeant) (Army Serial Number 36709800), Field Artillery, Battery A, 386th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 27 October 1944 to 28 February 1945. Entered military service from Kankakee, Illinois.

Technician Fourth Grade Monford M. Beeson (Army Serial Number 37017469), Medical Department, Headquarters Detachment, 329th Medical Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 23 October 1944 to 7 May 1945. Entered military service from Garden City, Kansas.

Technician Fourth Grade James E. Myers (then Technician Fifth Grade and Technician Fourth Grade) (Army Serial Number 34885548), Signal Corps, 165th Signal Photo Company, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Germany from 8 February to 7 May 1945. Entered military service from Knoxville, Tennessee.

Corporal Francis E. Blank (Army Serial Number 13059017), Infantry, Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 415th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 23 February 1945. Entered military service from Johnsonburg, Pennsylvania.

Corporal William N. Gabos (Army Serial Number 33359399), Infantry, Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 415th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 23 February 1945. Entered military service from Hasleton, Pennsylvania.

Corporal Pearl D. Lucas (Army Serial Number 18030651), Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 18 April 1945. Entered military service from Center, Texas.

Corporal Walter E. Proctor (Army Serial Number 34399234), Field Artillery, Battery A, 929th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 16 December 1944. Entered military service from Scottsboro, Alabama.

Corporal Donald E. Nevel (Army Serial Number 33400786), Infantry, Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 415th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 23 February 1945. Entered military service from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Technician Fifth Grade Athel D. Lydon (Army Serial Number 39322920), Infantry, Headquarters Company, 2d Battalion, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 17 April 1945. Entered military service from Portland, Oregon.

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Technician Fifth Grade Allen W. Sibley (Army Serial Number 34399038), Field Artillery, Battery C, 387th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 23 October 1944 to 7 April 1945. Entered military service from Huntsville, Alabama.

Technician Fifth Grade Howard A. Stege (Army Serial Number 36709861), Field Artillery, Service Battery, 387th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 23 October 1944 to 15 March 1945. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

Technician Fifth Grade Floyd E. Von Busch (Army Serial Number 17165057), Infantry, Headquarters Company, 2d Battalion, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 17 April 1945. Entered military service from Lincoln, Nebraska.

Private First Class Robert H. Anderson (Army Serial Number 12201454), Infantry, Company A, 415th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 17 April 1945. Entered military service from Tonawanda, New York.

Private First Class Marcus W. Bates (Army Serial Number 37662212), Infantry, Headquarters Company, 3d Battalion, 415th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 17 November 1944. Entered military service from Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

Private First Class Albert O. Chase (Army Serial Number 37443874), Infantry, Anti-Tank Company, 413th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Holland on 3 November 1944. Entered military service from Calamus, Iowa.

Private First Class Ben H. Lewis (Army Serial Number 34476946), Infantry, Company L, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 6 December 1944. Entered military service from Philadelphia, Mississippi.

Private First Class Robert L. Miller (Army Serial Number 13175250), Infantry, Headquarters Company, 2d Battalion, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 4 March 1945. Entered military service from Parkland, Pennsylvania.

Private First Class Charles K. Palmer (Army Serial Number 36851307), Infantry, Headquarters Company, 2d Battalion, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 17 April 1945. Entered military service from Detroit, Michigan.

Private First Class Curtis R. Rigby (Army Serial Number 39903997), Infantry, Headquarters Company, 2d Battalion, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 17 April 1945. Entered military service from Salt Lake City, Utah.

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Private First Class Dewey S. Walston (Army Serial Number 34463603), Infantry, Company L, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 6 December 1944. Entered military service from Walstonburg, North Carolina.

Private First Class Jerome S. Wood (then Private) (Army Serial Number 37397986), Field Artillery, Battery A, 929th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 16 December 1944. Entered military service from St. Louis, Missouri.

Private Gale Bare (Army Serial Number 39323699), Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, 929th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in Holland on 1 November 1944. Entered military service from Tillamook, Oregon.

Private Elmer W. Fleenor (Army Serial Number 34490726), Infantry, Cannon Company, 415th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in Holland on 1 November 1944. Entered military service from Falls Branch, Tennessee.

Private Marvin F. Miller (Army Serial Number 37397911), Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, 929th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in Holland on 1 November 1944. Entered military service from Portageville, Missouri.

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 1a(1), Memorandum No. 34, Headquarters, Ninth United States Army, 8 September 1944, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal previously awarded in General Orders No. 65, Headquarters, 104th Infantry Division, 5 March 1945, a bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to the following enlisted men:

Private First Class Louis Z. Peralta (Army Serial Number 39548479), Infantry, Headquarters Company, 2d Battalion, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 17 April 1945. Entered military service from Los Angeles, California.

IV--BRONZE STAR MEDAL--Amendment--So much of section III, General Orders No. 150, this headquarters, 25 May 1945, pertaining to Private First Class Jack R. Marsh, as reads, ". . . (Army Serial Number 36701418), . . ." is amended to read, ". . . (Army Serial Number 36881060), . . .".

V--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 1a(1), Memorandum No. 34, Headquarters, Ninth United States Army, 8 September 1944, in addition to the Air Medal previously awarded in General Orders No. 66, Headquarters, 104th Infantry Division, 6 March 1945, a bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to the following officer:

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First Lieutenant ROBERT S. CLARE (Army Serial Number O1180453), Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, 929th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight as Field Artillery air observation pilot in Germany from 13 February to 11 April 1945. Entered military service from Portsmouth, Ohio.

VI--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 and enlisted men:

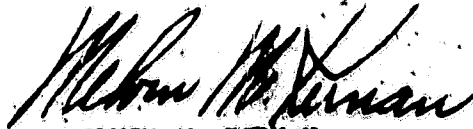
Captain JACK W. HARMON (then First Lieutenant) (Army Serial Number O1289247), Infantry, Company F, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for wounds received as a result of enemy action in Germany on 7 December 1944. Entered military service from Amarillo, Texas.

Private First Class Joseph Evans (Army Serial Number 33395134), Infantry, Headquarters Company, 104th Infantry Division, United States Army, for wounds received as a result of enemy action in Germany on 8 April 1945. Entered military service from Murrells, Pennsylvania.

By command of Major General ALLEN:

B. R. DeGRAFF,
Colonel, General Staff Corps,
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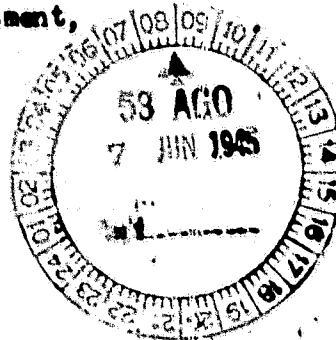


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I--SILVER STAR MEDAL--Posthumous Awards--By direction of the President, under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and pursuant to the authority contained in paragraph 1a(1), Memorandum No. 34, Headquarters, Ninth United States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

First Lieutenant WILLIAM R. AULT (Army Serial Number O1325732), Infantry, Company K, 413th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in Germany on 23 February 1945. Leading his men across a river in an assault on heavily defended enemy positions, Lieutenant Ault and another soldier aggressively advanced in the face of withering fire, leading the advance of the men to the objective across ground they knew must be mined. When the two men had worked their way forward approximately fifteen yards across treacherous terrain, they were mortally wounded by mine explosions. As a result of Lieutenant Ault's extreme gallantry and courage, his company was able to take the objective with a minimum of casualties, and his actions exemplify the finest traditions of the American officer and combat leader. Entered military service from Doylestown, Ohio. Next of kin: Mr. Charles W. Ault, Route No. 1, Doylestown, Ohio.

First Lieutenant GEORGE M. BOHMAN, JR. (Army Serial Number O1324242), Infantry, Company G, 413th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in Germany on 1 March 1945. In the assault on a strongly defended enemy town, Lieutenant Bohman, at great risk to his life and in the face of concentrated enemy artillery and mortar fire, went forward and reconnoitered possible sites for his mortars. As the action continued, Lieutenant Bohman ascertained that it was necessary for his platoon to secure a good observation post in order to deliver effective fire on the enemy. Disregarding the heavy enemy fire, he established an observation post in a prominent building and remained there for two days, despite constant enemy shelling. Lieutenant Bohman's courage and coolness under fire exemplify the finest traditions of the American officer and combat leader. Entered military service from Hagerstown, Maryland. Next of kin: Mrs. Charlotte T. Bohman, 209 East Ervin Avenue, Hagerstown, Maryland.

First Lieutenant DONALD E. BOHN (Army Serial Number O1061520), Infantry, Company I, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in Germany on 19 April 1945. As Lieutenant Bohn's platoon cleared a recently captured town, it was subjected to an intense enemy artillery barrage, which seriously wounded five men. Leaving his covered position, Lieutenant Bohn moved across fire-swept terrain to administer first aid to, and evacuate, his wounded men. He was mortally wounded while performing his self-assigned task, but he refused all aid until

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sure that all his men had been moved to safety. The gallant heroism displayed by Lieutenant Bohn in saving the lives of his comrades at the sacrifice of his life exemplifies the finest traditions of the American officer and combat leader. Entered military service from Collingswood, New Jersey. Next of kin: Mrs. Frederick H. Bohn, 216 Burwood Avenue, Collingswood, New Jersey.

Sergeant Vincent L. Warner (Army Serial Number 35058224), Infantry, Company E, 415th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in Germany on 29 March 1945. When his company needed vital information as to the strength and disposition of enemy forces, Sergeant Warner voluntarily led a patrol on this hazardous mission and secured the necessary information. As the company assaulted the town, two enemy tanks and supporting infantrymen moved forward to halt the attack. Armed with a bazooka, Sergeant Warner was working his way forward to try to knock out the leading enemy tank when he was mortally wounded. Summoning his last bit of energy, Sergeant Warner ordered his men to fall back, thereby saving their lives. Sergeant Warner's courage and devotion to duty exemplify the finest traditions of the American combat soldier. Entered military service from Cleveland, Ohio. Next of kin: Mrs. Mary Warner, 6912 Golfax Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio.

Private First Class Harold E. Rist (Army Serial Number 39335130), Infantry, Company E, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in Germany on 29 March 1945. When the armor-infantry column in which he was advancing was halted by heavy enemy fire, Private Rist, on his own volition, rushed forward in the face of the enemy fire to rout the enemy snipers and bazooka men. He overran several enemy positions and killed two enemy soldiers with accurate rifle fire. Continuing his advance, he encountered a third enemy sniper and immediately engaged him in a fierce fire-fight. Although he killed his adversary, he was himself mortally wounded. The heroism and gallantry displayed by Private Rist at the supreme sacrifice of his life exemplify the finest traditions of the American combat soldier. Entered military service from Oregon City, Oregon. Next of kin: Mrs. Helen V. Rist, Route 4, Box 528, Oregon City, Oregon.

Private First Class Eugene Saperstein (Army Serial Number 42007276), Infantry, Company G, 413th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in Germany on 25 February 1945. From an upright position completely exposed to enemy fire, Private Saperstein fired at, and killed, an enemy sniper. Although seriously wounded in the head in this action, he continued to lay down deadly covering fire which permitted aid men to evacuate two seriously wounded men to safety. Despite his wounds, he continued to place fire on the enemy until, completely demoralized, they were finally routed. Only then did he submit to medical treatment for his wounds. The audacious bravery and tenacity of purpose displayed by Private Saperstein exemplify the finest traditions of the American combat soldier. Entered military service from Elizabeth, New Jersey. Next of kin: Mr. Samuel Saperstein, 321 Westfield Avenue, Elizabeth, New Jersey.

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:

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Captain CARL S. JOHNSON (then First Lieutenant) (Army Serial Number 01315067), Infantry, Headquarters, 3d Battalion, 413th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in Germany from 20 to 22 November 1944. On the night of 20 November 1944, Captain Johnson advanced in the face of heavy fire from a friendly tank that had mistaken his group as enemy soldiers. By his bold action he undoubtedly saved the lives of his battalion commanding officer and staff. On 22 November 1944, he advanced into a town to select an observation post. When both he and a companion were wounded, he assisted his comrade to the aid station but refused aid for himself, returning to accomplish his mission. The gallantry and intense devotion to duty displayed by Captain Johnson, far above and beyond the call of duty, exemplify the finest traditions of the American officer and combat leader. Entered military service from Phoenix, Arizona.

First Lieutenant THOMAS G. HOLMAN (Army Serial Number 01300170), Infantry, Company L, 413th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in Germany on 24 February 1945. During the assault on a strongly defended enemy position, Lieutenant Holman exhibited the greatest personal courage and leadership in the face of heavy enemy fire. When his platoon was held up by murderous fire from the enemy in well dug-in positions, Lieutenant Holman exposed himself in order to locate the positions and bring them under artillery fire. When one of his men was seriously wounded, Lieutenant Holman left his partially covered position and administered first aid to the man, sustaining wounds himself while doing so. He refused to be evacuated until all his men were cared for and then did so only under orders. His courage and devotion to duty exemplify the finest traditions of the American combat officer. Entered military service from Tuscaloosa, Alabama.

First Lieutenant NORMAN L. SODMAN (Army Serial Number 01168087), Field Artillery, Battery B, 385th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for gallantry in action in Germany on 23 February 1945. In the attack on a strongly defended factory area, Lieutenant Sodman accompanied an assault company and, despite murderous fire, set up an observation post in a building which was receiving constant enemy shellfire. Despite the intense personal danger, Lieutenant Sodman remained at his post and directed effective artillery fire on the enemy until the end of the operation. His action, far above and beyond the call of duty, are in keeping with the finest traditions of the American officer and reflect the highest credit on Lieutenant Sodman and the military service. Entered military service from Elk River, Minnesota.

Technical Sergeant Paul J. Gropp (Army Serial Number 12208548), Infantry, Company K, 413th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in Germany on 23 February 1945. When his assault boat overturned during an important river-crossing operation and several men were in danger of drowning, Sergeant Gropp at great risk to his life and in the face of heavy enemy artillery, mortar, and small arms fire, plunged into the swollen river and pulled one man twenty-five yards to shore. Seeing two other men who were frantically trying to keep afloat, Sergeant Gropp plunged into the river and managed to pull them to shore despite the swift current and enemy fire. Sergeant Gropp's courageous actions, above and beyond the call of duty, are in keeping with the finest traditions of the American combat soldier. Entered military service from Rochester, New York.

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Staff Sergeant Anthony J. Sarrica, Jr. (Army Serial Number 35348562), Infantry, Company K, 415th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in Germany on 8 April 1945. When an enemy self-propelled gun moved into position and poured devastating fire on his squad, Sergeant Sarrica seized a bazooka and advanced in the face of withering machine gun fire. Nearing the gun, he took up an exposed position and fired several rounds, whereupon the gun burst into flames and withdrew. As another self-propelled gun moved into position, Sergeant Sarrica tenaciously and coolly stood his ground, waiting until the gun moved to his immediate vicinity and destroying it with several well-aimed rounds of bazooka fire. The gallant heroism and courage displayed by Sergeant Sarrica reflect distinct credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Marblehead, Ohio.

Staff Sergeant Marvin L. Winemiller (Army Serial Number 15337865), Infantry, Company K, 413th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in Germany on 23 February 1945. When the assault boat in which he and his squad were making an important river crossing got out of control and threatened to capsize, Sergeant Winemiller, at great risk to his life and in the face of heavy enemy fire, leaped from the boat into shoulder-high, icy, turbulent water and pushed the boat to the enemy shore. Despite his personal discomfort, Sergeant Winemiller led his men for the rest of the critical operation. His actions, far above and beyond the call of duty, reflect the highest credit on Sergeant Winemiller and the military service. Entered military service from Batavia, Ohio.

Sergeant William J. Zupancic (Army Serial Number 35522657), Infantry, Company K, 413th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in Germany on 23 and 24 February 1945. During the operations that followed an important river crossing, Sergeant Zupancic was painfully wounded and his radio was demolished by flying shrapnel. Concealing the true extent of his injury, Sergeant Zupancic secured another radio and continued his mission with stoic indifference to the pain caused by his wound. Through his courage and self-sacrifice, his commanding officer was able to relay vital information to higher headquarters. Only when the operation was completed did Sergeant Zupancic consent to be evacuated. His courage and devotion to duty exemplify the finest traditions of the American combat soldier. Entered military service from Cleveland, Ohio.

III--SILVER STAR MEDAL--Amendment--So much of section II, General Orders No. 151, this headquarters, 26 May 1945, pertaining to Technician Fifth Grade Jack Solowitz, 32298790, as reads, "Technician Fifth Grade Jack Solowitz (Army Serial Number 32298790), Medical Department, 104th Reconnaissance Troop, United States Army . . ." is amended to read, "Technician Fifth Grade Jacob Solowitz (Army Serial Number 32298790), Medical Department, Medical Detachment, Special Troops, 104th Infantry Division, United States Army . . .".

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:

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Major NICHOLAS G. DeDAKIS (Army Serial Number 0265422), Field Artillery, Headquarters, 104th Division Artillery, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 2 October 1944 to 1 May 1945. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

First Lieutenant WILLIAM J. GERARD (Army Serial Number 01167854), Field Artillery, Headquarters, 104th Division Artillery, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland and Germany from 23 October 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Salt Lake City, Utah.

First Lieutenant WINFIELD S. TERRY, JR. (Army Serial Number 01014331), Infantry, Company D, 750th Tank Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 23 November 1944. Entered military service from Rockingham, North Carolina.

Master Sergeant Ernest B. Goltz (Army Serial Number 39141234), Quartermaster Corps, 104th Quartermaster Company, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Germany from 6 January to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from San Francisco, California.

First Sergeant Horatio V. Bomstad (then Sergeant, Staff Sergeant, and First Sergeant) (Army Serial Number 37300107), Armored, Company B, 750th Tank Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium and Germany from 16 November 1944 to 29 April 1945. Entered military service from Lake Lillian, Minnesota.

First Sergeant Ralph E. Kidwell (then Staff Sergeant and First Sergeant) (Army Serial Number 37238776), Quartermaster Corps, 104th Quartermaster Company, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 28 October 1944 to 30 April 1945. Entered military service from Hutchinson, Kansas.

Technical Sergeant Nolace F. Provost (Army Serial Number 36167749), 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 5 May 1945. Entered military service from Detroit, Michigan.

Staff Sergeant John H. Grieme (Army Serial Number 32627660), 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 5 May 1945. Entered military service from Brooklyn, New York.

Staff Sergeant George N. McCrady (Army Serial Number 38089210), Quartermaster Corps, 104th Quartermaster Company, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 28 October 1944 to 30 April 1945. Entered military service from Arkoma, Oklahoma.

Staff Sergeant Eselle D. Parker (Army Serial Number 38337224), Infantry, Company F, 413th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 25 February 1945. Entered military service from Sikas, Louisiana.

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Staff Sergeant Francis R. Prewett (Army Serial Number 33470537), 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 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Staff Sergeant Ernest E. Reeves (Army Serial Number 38146923), Quartermaster Corps, 104th Quartermaster Company, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 28 October 1944 to 30 April 1945. Entered military service from Tecumseh, Oklahoma

Technician Third Grade Raymond G. Mergener (Army Serial Number 37325805), 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 5 May 1945. Entered military service from Duluth, Minnesota.

Sergeant Francis D. Chapman (then Technician Fourth Grade and Sergeant) (Army Serial Number 33470913), 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 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Sergeant Earl L. Kolb (Army Serial Number 35024171), Quartermaster Corps, 104th Quartermaster Company, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 28 October 1944 to 30 April 1945. Entered military service from Elyria, Ohio.

Sergeant Delbert H. Lutz (Army Serial Number 36443416), Chemical Warfare Service, 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 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Peoria, Illinois.

Sergeant Everett L. Odle (Army Serial Number 36002558), Quartermaster Corps, 104th Quartermaster Company, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 28 October 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

Sergeant Seyvert P. Wick (then Technician Fourth Grade and Sergeant) (Army Serial Number 17156568), 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 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Duluth, Minnesota.

Technician Fourth Grade Leon J. Hobart (Army Serial Number 39196596), Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 3 March 1945. Entered military service from Billingham, Washington.

Corporal Leonard Erlichman (Army Serial Number 36436262), Quartermaster Corps, 104th Quartermaster Company, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 28 October 1944 to 30 April 1945. Entered military service from Peoria, Illinois.

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Corporal Chester F. Rizzo (Army Serial Number 33402220), Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, 929th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Holland on 1 November 1944. Entered military service from Kittanning, Pennsylvania.

Corporal Roger W. Neik (Army Serial Number 33491638), Infantry, Anti-Tank Company, 413th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 25 February 1945. Entered military service from Adamstown, Pennsylvania.

Technician Fifth Grade Merlin G. Morasch (Army Serial Number 39330381), Medical Department, Company G, 329th Medical Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 23 February 1945. Entered military service from Portland, Oregon.

Private First Class Joseph Bella (Army Serial Number 35558303), Infantry, Company M, 413th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 23 February 1945. Entered military service from South Bend, Indiana.

Private First Class Thomas J. Bonvillian (Army Serial Number 35546899), Infantry, Company G, 415th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 29 March 1945. Entered military service from Fort Recovery, Ohio.

Private First Class Lucien J. Lachance (Army Serial Number 31217045), Infantry, Company I, 413th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in Germany from 30 November to 2 December 1944. Entered military service from Biddeford, Maine.

Private First Class Amos M. Leslie (then Private) (Army Serial Number 39323780), Infantry, Headquarters Company, 3d Battalion, 413th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 25 and 26 February 1945. Entered military service from Toledo, Oregon.

Private First Class Curtis E. Megason (Army Serial Number 38337244), Infantry, Company F, 413th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 25 February 1945. Entered military service from Robeline, Louisiana.

Private First Class Fred Riddle (Army Serial Number 33472298), Infantry, Company I, 413th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 23 February 1945. Entered military service from Chester, Pennsylvania.

Private First Class Glenn R. Shaffer (Army Serial Number 37530224), Infantry, Company K, 415th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 2 April 1945. Entered military service from Newton, Kansas.

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Private First Class John R. Sheak (Army Serial Number 33492176), Infantry, Company L, 413th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 7 March 1945. Entered military service from Annville, Pennsylvania.

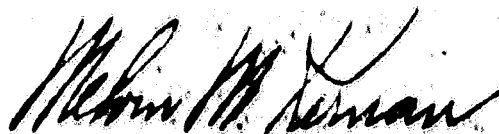
Private First Class George R. Tebrugge (Army Serial Number 36427363), Infantry, Company L, 413th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 23 February 1945. Entered military service from Springfield, Illinois.

Private First Class Grover M. Wolfe (Army Serial Number 35757299), Infantry, Cannon Company, 415th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 23 February 1945. Entered military service from Dundalk, Maryland.

V--BRONZE STAR MEDAL--Amendment--So much of section V, General Orders No. 151, this headquarters, 26 May 1945, pertaining to Technical Sergeant Randolph A. Blake, 35106117, as reads, ". . . the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to . . ." is amended to read, ". . . in addition to the Bronze Star Medal previously awarded in General Orders No. 80, Headquarters, 104th Infantry Division, 19 March 1945, a bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to . . .".

By command of Major General ALLEN:

OFFICIALS:



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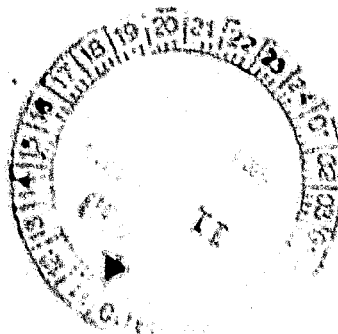
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I--SILVER STAR MEDAL--Award--By direction of the President, under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and pursuant to the authority contained in paragraph 1a(1), Memorandum No. 34, Headquarters, Ninth United States Army, 8 September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

Captain HAYDEN M. BOWER (Army Serial Number 01287826), Infantry, Company K, 413th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in Germany on 23 February 1945. Leading his company in a difficult river-crossing operation under intense enemy fire, Captain Bower led the way through unmarked enemy mine fields to the objective. Quickly and efficiently orienting his leaders on a sudden change of the plan of attack, he led the assault on a large group of hospital buildings across one thousand yards of treacherous terrain. Inspired by the gallantry and coolness of their leader, the company overran the objective after a fierce fight. The heroism and intrepidity displayed by Captain Bower, far above and beyond the call of duty, exemplify the finest traditions of the American officer and combat leader. Entered military service from Hollywood, California.

Staff Sergeant Lawrence P. Boragno (then Sergeant) (Army Serial Number 39393636), Armored, Headquarters Company, 750th Tank Battalion, United States Army, for gallantry in action in Germany on 20 November 1944. As Sergeant Boragno's platoon advanced in an assault on the enemy, the two lead tanks were hit and set afire by direct enemy artillery fire. Dismounting from his tank in the face of withering enemy fire, Sergeant Boragno coolly removed enemy mines in the area, returned to his tank, and moved to a position from which he could provide covering fire while two other men evacuated the disabled tanks and their crews. The gallantry and intense devotion to duty displayed by Sergeant Boragno exemplify the finest traditions of the American combat soldier, reflecting distinct credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Fresno, California.

Private First Class Adolph P. Balinsky (Army Serial Number 33559370), Infantry, Company G, 415th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in Germany on 23 April 1945. After overpowering strong enemy defenses and occupying some high ground, Private Balinsky and his squad saw enemy troops retreating toward his platoon's position. As the platoon deployed, a strong counter attack was launched from another direction. Assuming a position in a second-story window, Private Balinsky sprayed the attacking force with accurate fire. A self-propelled gun fired five rounds into his position, but he courageously remained and covered the retreat of his comrades. When the enemy forces retreated because of casualties inflicted by Private Balinsky, sixteen enemy dead were found. Private Balinsky's courage and devotion to duty exemplify the finest traditions of the American combat soldier. Entered military service from Baltimore, Maryland.

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Private First Class James L. Glawson (Army Serial Number 38425251), Infantry, Company E, 415th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in Germany on 17 April 1945. During the attack on a strongly defended enemy town, the squad leader and assistant squad leader of Private Glawson's squad were wounded. Realizing that it was highly important that the squad accomplish its mission, Private Glawson assumed command. Moving the men in a flanking maneuver, Private Glawson surprised the enemy machine gun position and destroyed it. Seeing other enemy troops retreating, he ordered his men to follow him, and he skillfully closed on them, killing five enemy soldiers and capturing twelve. The courage and superb leadership displayed by Private Glawson exemplify the finest traditions of the American combat soldier. Entered military service from Godley, Texas.

II--BRONZE 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 Bronze Star Medal is awarded, posthumously, to the following officer and enlisted man:

Colonel ANTHONY J. TOUART (Army Serial Number 07315), Infantry, Headquarters, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 23 October 1944 to 1 March 1945. During this period of combat, Colonel Touart performed his duties as regimental commander in a conspicuously meritorious manner. Under his superb leadership, his regiment captured a series of strong, fortress-like communities in the drive to the Roer River. Following a brilliant crossing of the Roer River, Colonel Touart led his men in a series of brilliant night attacks which invariably caught the enemy off guard and defeated them. On innumerable occasions, Colonel Touart traversed dangerous areas under artillery, mortar, and small arms fire. Possessing high qualities of leadership, courage, and professional ability, Colonel Touart served his regiment and division with distinction and in a manner in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Army. Entered military service from Mobile, Alabama. Next of kin: Mrs. Sarah Touart, 620 Electric Street, Salem, Oregon.

Private First Class Carley Hibbard (Army Serial Number 35871884), Infantry, Company L, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 6 December 1944. Voluntarily and at great risk to his life, Private Hibbard crossed two hundred yards of open terrain with a combat patrol to investigate enemy positions in a house. As the group approached, they aroused a sentry, who was overcome and shot by the lead man. Making a dash for the house, the patrol set up defenses in one room, but discovering that they were greatly outnumbered, they decided to withdraw. Private Hibbard remained behind to cover the withdrawal, throwing hand grenades into the basement of the house and skillfully withdrawing through a hail of enemy machine gun fire. The gallantry and intense devotion to duty displayed by Private Hibbard exemplify the finest traditions of the American combat soldier. Entered military service from Urban, Kentucky. Next of kin: Mrs. Martha Hibbard, Urban, Kentucky.

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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Lieutenant Colonel **TEMPLAR S. CAWTHORNE** (then Major and Lieutenant Colonel) (Army Serial Number 0199928), Infantry, 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 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Detroit, Michigan.

Lieutenant Colonel **RICHARD HOPELAIN** (Army Serial Number 0245960), Chemical Warfare Service, 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 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Berkeley, California.

Major **DONALD J. DOBBS** (Army Serial Number 0354993), Infantry, 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 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Los Angeles, California.

Major **CHARLES H. LILIENSTERN** (Army Serial Number 0335503), Infantry, 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 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Mt. Pleasant, Texas.

Major **KERMIT R. MASON** (then Captain and Major) (Army Serial Number 0390595), Infantry, 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 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Roanoke Rapids, North Carolina.

Captain **BENJAMIN A. ALMVIC, JR.** (Army Serial Number 01280059), Finance Department, 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 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Tacoma, Washington.

Captain **JAMES P. EASTMAN** (Army Serial Number 01299389), Infantry, 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 8 May 1945. Entered military service from New York City, New York.

Captain **THOMAS R. KIGGINS** (Army Serial Number 01289095), Infantry, 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 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Captain **ROBERT W. LOWE** (then First Lieutenant and Captain) (Army Serial Number 0572452), Air Corps, Interrogation of Prisoners of War Team No. 13, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 23 October 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Fort McPherson, New York.

Captain **PETER H. NICHOLAS** (Army Serial Number 01289303), Infantry, 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 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Long Island, New York.

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Captain ANTHONY J. VANDENBERG (Army Serial Number 01013501), Infantry, 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 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Appleton, Wisconsin.

Captain WILLARD T. WARRINER (Army Serial Number 01035394), Chemical Warfare Service, Headquarters, 104th Infantry Division, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 25 October 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Wyoming, Ohio.

First Lieutenant JOHN P. CASSELY (then Technical Sergeant, Second Lieutenant, and First Lieutenant) (Army Serial Number 01999792), Counter Intelligence Corp 104th Counter Intelligence Corps Detachment, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 23 October 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Los Angeles, California.

First Lieutenant EVERETT L. DUMLER (Army Serial Number 01109254), 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 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Russell, Kansas.

First Lieutenant TOWNSEND EVANS (then Second Lieutenant and First Lieutenant) (Army Serial Number 01591704), Counter Intelligence Corps, 104th Counter Intelligence Corps Detachment, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 23 October 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Washington, D.C.

First Lieutenant DAVID L. HANNA (then Staff Sergeant, Second Lieutenant, and First Lieutenant) (Army Serial Number 01999796), Counter Intelligence Corps, 104th Counter Intelligence Corps Detachment, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 23 October 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Providence, Rhode Island.

First Lieutenant WILLIAM M. HILL (Army Serial Number 01014597), Infantry, Headquarters Company, 750th Tank Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium and Germany from 17 November 1944 to 7 May 1945. Entered military service from Hamilton, Ohio.

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First Lieutenant MORTON D. KAUFFMAN (Army Serial Number 01289269), Infantry, Company F, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 25 October 1944 to 7 May 1945. Entered military service from New York City, New York.

First Lieutenant OLIVER J. KLINE (Army Serial Number 01299757), Infantry, Service Company, 415th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 23 October 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from New York City, New York.

First Lieutenant ARTHUR M. MASON (then Second Lieutenant and First Lieutenant) (Army Serial Number 01325504), Infantry, Headquarters, 104th Infantry Division, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military

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operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 23 October 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Framingham, Massachusetts.

First Lieutenant GRAYDON B. PETZOLD (then Second Lieutenant and First Lieutenant) (Army Serial Number 01015014), Infantry, Headquarters Company, 750th Tank Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium and Germany from 17 November 1944 to 16 April 1945. Entered military service from Joplin, Missouri.

First Lieutenant THOMAS F. TURNER (then Second Lieutenant and First Lieutenant) (Army Serial Number 01284605), Infantry, 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 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Brooklyn, New York.

First Lieutenant WALTER E. WIGGINS (Army Serial Number 01010566), Infantry, Headquarters Company, 750th Tank Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 20 November 1944. Entered military service from Interlaken, New York.

First Lieutenant GEORGE W. YOST (then Second Lieutenant and First Lieutenant) (Army Serial Number 02047219), Medical Administrative Corps, Headquarters, 329th Medical Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 23 October 1944 to 5 May 1945. Entered military service from Vassar, Kansas.

Second Lieutenant LOWELL D. BESS (then Staff Sergeant and Second Lieutenant) (Army Serial Number 02005680), Cavalry, Headquarters Company, 750th Tank Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium and Germany from 17 November 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from St. Louis, Missouri.

Master Sergeant Hubert L. Myrtle (Army Serial Number 6277714), Infantry, 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 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Kemp, Oklahoma.

Technical Sergeant Peter Boor (Army Serial Number 34089486), Military Intelligence Service, Interrogation of Prisoners of War Team No. 30, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 23 October 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Fulton County, Georgia.

Technical Sergeant Thomas C. Fleming (Army Serial Number 39848319), Infantry, 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 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Flagstaff, Arizona.

Technical Sergeant Thomas N. Lee (Army Serial Number 37179746), Infantry, 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 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Sikeston, Missouri.

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Technical Sergeant Alvin A. Stevens (then Technician Third Grade) (Army Serial Number 37017276), Infantry, 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 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Wichita, Kansas.

Technical Sergeant George R. Weaver (Army Serial Number 35569441), Infantry, Company E, 415th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 17 April 1945. Entered military service from Indianapolis, Indiana.

Staff Sergeant Allen L. Burns (Army Serial Number 17083109), Infantry Company L, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 16 January 1945. Entered military service from Leavenworth, Kansas.

Staff Sergeant James H. Oakes (Army Serial Number 14010719), Armored, Company A, 750th Tank Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium and Germany from 10 December 1944 to 7 May 1945. Entered military service from Warden, Louisiana.

Staff Sergeant Philip E. Perdie (Army Serial Number 32013543), Armored, Company A, 750th Tank Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium and Germany from 10 December 1944 to 7 May 1945. Entered military service from Maspeth, New York.

Staff Sergeant Neil F. Wilson (Army Serial Number 14016650), Armored, Company B, 750th Tank Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium and Germany from 16 November 1944 to 29 April 1945. Entered military service from Zebedee, Louisiana.

Sergeant Edward Ferguson (Army Serial Number 16055535), Armored, Company B, 750th Tank Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium and Germany from 16 November 1944 to 29 April 1945. Entered military service from Morgantown, Indiana.

Sergeant Charles C. Griffith, Jr. (Army Serial Number 12100353), Infantry, Company L, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 6 December 1944. Entered military service from Penns Grove, New Jersey.

Sergeant Grady O. Jennings (then Technician Fourth Grade and Sergeant) (Army Serial Number 34193975), Armored, Company B, 750th Tank Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium and Germany from 16 November 1944 to 29 April 1945. Entered military service from Memphis, Tennessee.

Sergeant Lloyd A. Teeter (then Private First Class) (Army Serial Number 39329758), Infantry, Company L, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 6 December 1944. Entered military service from Portland, Oregon.

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Sergeant Walter W. West (Army Serial Number 19135403), Armored, Company A, 750th Tank Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium and Germany from 16 November 1944 to 7 May 1945. Entered military service from Portland, Oregon.

Technician Fourth Grade John J. Brozovich (Army Serial Number 37333728), Armored, Company B, 750th Tank Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium and Germany from 16 November 1944 to 19 April 1945. Entered military service from Henderson, Colorado.

Technician Fourth Grade Kenneth R. Clore (then Technician Fifth Grade and Technician Fourth Grade) (Army Serial Number 35369837), Armored, Company B, 750th Tank Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium and Germany from 16 November 1944 to 29 April 1945. Entered military service from Jamestown, Indiana.

Private First Class Earl F. Kimbrel (Army Serial Number 37182582), Infantry, Company E, 415th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 18 April 1945. Entered military service from University City, Missouri.

Private First Class John D. MacDougall (Army Serial Number 35894060), Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 415th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 23 February 1945. Entered military service from Indianapolis, Indiana.

Private First Class Fred C. Scoglietti (Army Serial Number 36638208), Infantry, Company I, 413th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 23 February 1945. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

Private First Class Eugene J. Tixier (Army Serial Number 39584204), Infantry, Company G, 415th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 23 and 24 February 1945. Entered military service from Highland Park, California.

Private First Class James R. Wallace (then Private) (Army Serial Number 35632270), Infantry, Company I, 413th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 26 November 1944. Entered military service from Bellaire, Ohio.

Private First Class Harley H. Worthington (Army Serial Number 36970362), Infantry, Company E, 415th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 17 April 1945. Entered military service from Albion, Michigan.

Private Louis J. Riccardi (Army Serial Number 33478686), Field Artillery, Battery B, 386th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 26 April 1945. Entered military service from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

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IV--BRONZE STAR MEDAL (OAK-LEAF CLUSTER)--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, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal previously awarded in General Orders No. 22, Headquarters, 104th Infantry Division, 4 December 1944, a bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to the following officer:

First Lieutenant ROY N. LONDON (then Second Lieutenant and First Lieutenant) (Army Serial Number 0537769), Infantry, Company H, 413th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Germany from 26 November 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Galesburg, Illinois.

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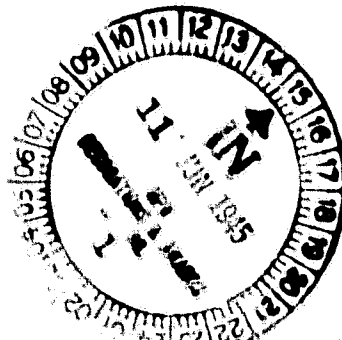
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I--SILVER STAR MEDAL--Posthumous Award--By direction of the President, under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and pursuant to the authority contained in paragraph 1a(1), Memorandum No. 34, Headquarters, Ninth United States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

Private First Class Sam W. Goldman (Army Serial Number 42077527), Infantry, Company K, 413th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in Germany on 23 February 1945. Crossing a river with a leading assault group, Private Goldman and another soldier advanced aggressively in the face of withering fire, leading the advance of the men to the objective across ground they knew must be mined. When the two men had worked their way forward approximately fifteen yards across treacherous terrain, they were mortally wounded by mine explosions. As a result of Private Goldman's extreme gallantry and courage, his company was able to take the objective with a minimum of casualties, and his actions exemplify the finest traditions of the American combat soldier. Entered military service from Brooklyn, New York. Next of kin: Mrs. Tillie S. Goldman, 396 Hindsdale Street, Brooklyn, 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 enlisted men:

Sergeant Paul G. Levie (Army Serial Number 34398916), Medical Department, Company C, 329th Medical Battalion, United States Army, for gallantry in action in Germany on 23 February 1945. After crossing seventy-five yards of open terrain to rescue a seriously wounded man, Sergeant Levie crossed a river with the assault groups and entered an unmarked mine field to direct and assist in the evacuation of six wounded men. Later in the assault, when a bazooka was inadvertently discharged in a small hallway wounding nine men, Sergeant Levie, although himself wounded in the leg and hand, administered first aid to the wounded men. He then improvised litters and assisted in evacuating all casualties across seven hundred yards of open terrain in the face of withering enemy fire. The gallantry and intense devotion to duty displayed by Sergeant Levie saved the lives of many of his fellow soldiers and exemplified the finest traditions of the American medical soldier in his mission of mercy to his comrades. Entered military service from Ashland, Alabama.

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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 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 ROBERT C. DUFFY (Army Serial Number 01287847), Infantry, 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 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Lafayette, California.

Major ARDIS F. MELLOH (Army Serial Number 01684651), Medical Corps, Medical Detachment, Special Troops, 104th Infantry Division, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 23 October 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Indianapolis, Indiana.

Captain ERNEST B. BROWN (Army Serial Number 0485381), Dental Corps, Medical Detachment, Special Troops, 104th Infantry Division, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 23 October 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Fort Worth, Texas.

First Lieutenant JOHN D. CAMPBELL (Army Serial Number 0536160), Field Artillery, Battery B, 386th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 23 April 1945. Entered military service from Miami, Florida.

First Lieutenant MELVIN A. HOGGE (then Second Lieutenant and First Lieutenant) (Army Serial Number 0117193), Field Artillery, Battery B, 387th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 23 October 1944 to 27 April 1945. Entered military service from Eden, Utah.

First Lieutenant FRANCIS L. MELARY (Army Serial Number 01826215), Infantry, Company K, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 28 March 1945. Entered military service from Everett, Washington.

Second Lieutenant JACK O. BISHAK (then Master Sergeant and Second Lieutenant) (Army Serial Number 02008104), Military Intelligence Service, Interrogation of Prisoners of War Team No. 30, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 23 October 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Brooklyn, New York.

Master Sergeant Morton D. Bolton (then Technical Sergeant) (Army Serial Number 31042587), Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, 929th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 23 October 1944 to 23 April 1945. Entered military service from Stamford, Connecticut.

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First Sergeant Alfred R. Myers (Army Serial Number 39115665), Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, 929th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 23 October 1944 to 23 April 1945. Entered military service from Monterey, California.

First Sergeant John T. Sooby (Army Serial Number 6822014), Field Artillery, Battery B, 387th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 23 October 1944 to 27 April 1945. Entered military service from Wichita, Kansas.

Technical Sergeant Lloyd J. Williams (Army Serial Number 15045741), Corps of Engineers, Headquarters and Service Company, 329th Engineer Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 23 October 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Chillicothe, Ohio.

Staff Sergeant Edmond J. Bolz, Jr. (Army Serial Number 37154703), Field Artillery, Battery C, 387th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 23 October 1944 to 28 April 1945. Entered military service from Emporia, Kansas.

Staff Sergeant Raymond W. Melody (then Sergeant) (Army Serial Number 36435459), Infantry, Headquarters Company, 2d Battalion, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 16 and 17 April 1945. Entered military service from Wenona, Illinois.

Staff Sergeant Calvin C. Rackley (Army Serial Number 20848170), Corps of Engineers, Company C, 329th Engineer Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 24 February 1945. Entered military service from Houston, Texas.

Technician Third Grade Max E. Cook (Army Serial Number 34437495), Infantry, 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 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Morgantown, North Carolina.

Technician Third Grade George R. Harms (Army Serial Number 32627642), Infantry, 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 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Ridgewood, Queens, New York.

Sergeant Ernest Dudleston (then Corporal and Sergeant) (Army Serial Number 39197012), 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 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Shelton, Washington.

Sergeant John K. Fraser (Army Serial Number 36437664), Field Artillery, Battery C, 387th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 23 October 1944 to 28 April 1945. Entered military service from Wood River, Illinois.

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Sergeant Thomas H. Kearney (Army Serial Number 13168360), Field Artillery, Battery C, 387th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 23 October 1944 to 28 April 1945. Entered military service from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Sergeant Richard A. Koster (then Private First Class) (Army Serial Number 12226300), Infantry, Company A, 415th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 25 February 1945. Entered military service from Amityville, New York.

Sergeant Francis W. Parks (then Technician Fifth Grade) (Army Serial Number 39268422), Infantry, Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 415th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 12 December 1944. Entered military service from Los Angeles, California.

Sergeant Paul W. Sullivan (Army Serial Number 33406573), Infantry, Company D, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 11 April 1945. Entered military service from Warren, Pennsylvania.

Sergeant Dampsey L. Thomason (Army Serial Number 20816406), Field Artillery, Battery A, 387th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 23 October 1944 to 17 March 1945. Entered military service from Dallas, Texas.

Technician Fourth Grade Wilbur F. Heinrich (Army Serial Number 36278715), Infantry, 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 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Technician Fourth Grade Edward A. Smedley (Army Serial Number 33402195), Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, 929th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 6 April 1945. Entered military service from Baden, Pennsylvania.

Technician Fourth Grade Claude L. Westenskow (then Technician Fifth Grade and Technician Fourth Grade) (Army Serial Number 39460696), Infantry, 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 8 May 1945. Entered military service from La Grande, Oregon.

Corporal Chester C. King (Army Serial Number 38264487), Corps of Engineers, Company C, 329th Engineer Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 26 March 1945. Entered military service from Sulphur, Louisiana.

Corporal Jacob J. Lepper (Army Serial Number 37396889), Field Artillery, Service Battery, 387th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 23 October 1944 to 28 April 1945. Entered military service from Jefferson City, Missouri.

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Corporal Raymond G. Martin (then Private, Private First Class, and Corporal) (Army Serial Number 39565461), Corps of Engineers, Company A, 329th Engineer Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 23 October 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Los Angeles, California.

Technician Fifth Grade Harry Arouh (Army Serial Number 32916319), Medical Department, Company C, 329th Medical Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 23 February 1945. Entered military service from New Brunswick, New Jersey.

Technician Fifth Grade Earl H. DeRoque, Jr. (Army Serial Number 19133673), Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 413th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 1 March 1945. Entered military service from Los Angeles, California.

Technician Fifth Grade Emanuel Horbstman (Army Serial Number 32788528), Field Artillery, Battery B, 386th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 26 April 1945. Entered military service from Brooklyn, New York.

Technician Fifth Grade Rienhart Ries (Army Serial Number 36709715), Infantry, Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 415th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 24 February 1945. Entered military service from Cicero, Illinois.

Technician Fifth Grade James C. Simson (Army Serial Number 34570740), Field Artillery, Service Battery, 387th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 23 October 1944 to 15 March 1945. Entered military service from Montrose, Georgia.

Technician Fifth Grade Ernest C. Truett (Army Serial Number 38337494), Corps of Engineers, Company A, 329th Engineer Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 23 October 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Shreveport, Louisiana.

Technician Fifth Grade Harold S. Warner (Army Serial Number 32660036), Field Artillery, Battery A, 386th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 17 April 1945. Entered military service from Albany, New York.

Private First Class Harold L. Baeverstad (Army Serial Number 17140621), Infantry, Headquarters Company, 2d Battalion, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 16 and 17 April 1945. Entered military service from Cando, North Dakota.

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Private First Class Aubrey R. Cromley (Army Serial Number 39312166), Infantry, Company E, 415th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 29 March 1945. Entered military service from Portland, Oregon.

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Private First Class Harry R. Crowover (Army Serial Number 35169716), Infantry, Company I, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 1 April 1945. Entered military service from Kokomo, Indiana.

Private First Class Sigmund J. Golonka (Army Serial Number 15304487), Infantry, Company H, 415th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 29 March 1945. Entered military service from Hammond, Indiana.

Private First Class Alvin A. Hanish (Army Serial Number 33193048), Infantry, Company A, 415th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 15 April 1945. Entered military service from Washington, D. C.

Private First Class Julius Jacob, Jr. (Army Serial Number 31873276), Field Artillery, Battery B, 387th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 23 October 1944 to 27 April 1945. Entered military service from Reserve, Louisiana.

Private First Class Reuben B. Knight (Army Serial Number 31000024), Medical Department, Company C, 329th Medical Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 23 February 1945. Entered military service from Denver, Colorado.

Private First Class William Lobar (Army Serial Number 31139355), Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, 929th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 6 April 1945. Entered military service from Boston, Massachusetts.

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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 officers and enlisted men:

First Lieutenant ARTHUR J. FRANCIS (Army Serial Number 0532786), Infantry, Company F, 413th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in Germany on 26 February 1945. In the attack on a strongly defended castle, Lieutenant Francis' platoon was pinned down by machine gun fire from two enemy armored cars. Skillfully deploying his bazooka team, Lieutenant Francis eliminated these vehicles. Realizing that the castle could be taken only by an assault across a narrow bridge over a moat, Lieutenant Francis exposed himself to orient his men and then arose to lead a running assault. With every man firing as he advanced, the platoon crossed the bridge and overcame a numerically superior enemy force, but Lieutenant Francis was killed in the assault. His actions, far above and beyond the call of duty, exemplify the finest traditions of the American combat leader and reflect the highest credit on himself and the military service. Entered military service from Rocky River, Ohio. Next of kin: Mr. Arthur J. Francis, Sr, 20830 Stratford Avenue, Rocky River 16, Ohio.

Second Lieutenant DONALD M. MOORE (Army Serial Number 0526308), Infantry, Company G, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in Germany on 17 November 1944. Leading the assault of his platoon across sixteen hundred yards of open terrain, Lieutenant Moore advanced alone to eliminate an enemy machine gun position which was holding up the attack. Creeping and crawling, he reached a position just out of hand grenade range when searching, grazing machine gun fire found his position, mortally wounding him. As a result of his phenomenal courage and bravery, Lieutenant Moore lost his life, but his platoon inspired by the undaunted courage of their leader, overran the enemy positions in a gallant assault. The singular gallantry and intrepidity in the face of overwhelming odds displayed by Lieutenant Moore exemplify the finest traditions of the American officer and combat leader. Entered military service from Wichita, Kansas. Next of kin: Mrs. Charlotte Moore, 244 Old Manor Road, Wichita, Kansas.

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Staff Sergeant Robert C. Minster (Army Serial Number 33685711), Infantry, Company I, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in Germany on 5 March 1945. Advancing to the objective ahead of his squad, Sergeant Minster coolly directed the advance of his men from a position exposed to enemy fire. Although mortally wounded by enemy shell fire, he continued his task, directing his men skillfully and refusing all aid. Inspired by the heroism of their leader, his men overran the objective, inflicting heavy casualties on the enemy. The gallantry, heroism, and superb leadership displayed by Sergeant Minster, far above and beyond the call of duty, were in keeping with the finest traditions of the American soldier and combat leader. Entered military service from Sharpsburg, Pennsylvania. Next of kin: Mrs. Mary Rose Minster, 226 North Main Street, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Private First Class Nesdia Crawford (Army Serial Number 34299212), Infantry, Company C, 413th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in Germany on 23 and 24 March 1945. Throughout an important attack, Private Crawford continually exposed himself to deliver effective fire on enemy positions. Soon after his platoon had occupied several houses, the enemy laid down a concentrated artillery and mortar barrage on the area and swept the platoon's positions with automatic and small arms fire. In addition, friendly artillery began pounding the immediate vicinity to prevent a counter attack. Despite this furious fire, Private Crawford remained in an exposed position during the entire operation, refusing to withdraw when his platoon was forced to do so. While he was engaged in this heroic mission, Private Crawford was mortally wounded. His courageous actions, far above and beyond the call of duty, reflect the highest credit on Private Crawford and the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Evergreen, Alabama. Next of kin: Mrs. Louise P. Crawford, Route C, Box 10, Evergreen, Alabama.

Private First Class Kenneth S. Ross (Army Serial Number 36977187), Infantry, Company I, 413th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in Germany on 23 March 1945. In the attack on a strongly defended enemy position, Private Ross and his platoon were pinned down by a hail of machine gun and mortar fire. The platoon was so disorganized by the heavy fire that a withdrawal was necessary. Seeing that the route of withdrawal was cut off by fire from an enemy machine gun, Private Ross, at great risk to his life, arose and ran toward the enemy gun, spraying it with fire from his automatic rifle and throwing hand grenades. With this position destroyed, Private Ross delivered neutralizing fire on the other enemy weapons, allowing his platoon to withdraw, reorganize, and take its objective. These actions, above and beyond the call of duty, reflect the highest credit on Private Ross and the military service. Entered military service from Dearborn, Michigan. Next of kin: Mrs. Margaret Ross, 12861 Mark Twain Street, Detroit, Michigan.

11--SILVER 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 Silver Star Medal previously awarded in General Orders No. 46, Headquarters, 104th Infantry Division, 20 December 1944, a bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded, posthumously, to the following enlisted man:

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Technical Sergeant Howard T. Hart (Army Serial Number 34439935), Infantry, Company C, 413th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in Germany on 23 and 24 March 1945. Leading their platoon forward under heavy enemy fire, Sergeant Hart and his platoon leader led their men in capturing twenty-eight enemy soldiers, killing two, and destroying an enemy machine gun nest. The platoon's positions in three houses became untenable, and a withdrawal was ordered. Recklessly exposing himself to enemy fire, Sergeant Hart led the withdrawal across fire-swept terrain and supervised the digging of defensive positions, which were held throughout the night. On the morning of 24 March 1945, he was mortally wounded by enemy artillery fire. The fearless gallantry and superb courage and leadership displayed by Sergeant Hart exemplify the finest traditions of the American soldier and combat leader. Entered military service from Reidsville, North Carolina. Next of kin: Edith M. Hart, Route No. 4, Reidsville, North Carolina.

III--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 1a(1), Memorandum No. 34, Headquarters, Ninth United States Army, 8 September 1944, the Silver Star Medal is awarded to the following enlisted man (missing in action):

Private First Class Earl T. Brown, Jr. (Army Serial Number 31358166), Infantry, Company A, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in Germany on 10 December 1944. Crossing open terrain under heavy enemy fire, Private Brown's machine gun section gained a foothold in a heavily defended town. Finding that the man carrying the machine gun had been wounded, Private Brown returned across the treacherous route to carry the gun to the newly won position. He directed his men to a position of safety, fired his gun from an exposed position throughout the afternoon, and was buried in the rubble of a building hit by direct fire from an enemy self-propelled artillery gun. The heroism and intense devotion to duty displayed by Private Brown, far above and beyond the call of duty, exemplify the finest traditions of the American combat soldier, reflecting distinct credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Wollaston, Massachusetts. Next of kin: Mrs. Florence E. Brown, 67 Sherman Street, Wollaston, Massachusetts.

IV--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:

Lieutenant Colonel EDWARD E. RAGER (Army Serial Number 022116), Infantry, Headquarters, 2d Battalion, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in Germany on 16 April 1945. After directing the assault on a heavily defended town, during which his men killed fifteen enemy soldiers and captured one hundred and ten prisoners, Colonel Rager personally reconnoitered a river-crossing site under heavy enemy fire. He then led his troops in a cleverly planned and executed river-crossing operation. Directly due to his minute coordination and personal supervision, the crossing was completed and the assault on a town begun before the enemy discovered the attack. Heavy casualties were inflicted on the enemy, and one hundred and seventy prisoners were taken in this action. The superb leadership and skill displayed by Colonel Rager exemplify the finest traditions of the American officer and combat leader. Entered military service from Seward, Pennsylvania.

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Captain ARTHUR D. DECKER (Army Serial Number 01300940), Infantry, Company I, 413th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in Germany on 23 March 1945. As he led his company to the objective, Captain Decker encountered heavy enemy fire. Exposing himself to establish a base of fire, he withdrew his men, crossed open terrain to guide a tank to a position from which, despite the fact that he was perilously exposed to enemy fire, he directed the tank's fire, and then led a skillful and daring advance which caught the enemy completely off guard. The objective was quickly overrun, and heavy casualties were inflicted on the enemy. Captain Decker's singular gallantry and superb leadership, above and beyond the call of duty, exemplify the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Decker, Indiana.

First Lieutenant ROBERT D. MANLEY (Army Serial Number 01298266), Infantry, Company C, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in Germany on 11 December 1944. When he was informed that more than thirty wounded men occupied a house under heavy enemy fire, Lieutenant Manley crossed open, fire-swept terrain and entered the cellar in which the wounded men were virtually trapped. Guarding the men from enemy attack and moving them to positions of safety where they were protected from falling debris and furious shell fire, which set the house afire, he made his way across the same treacherous route to secure medical aid for the men. After leading the rescue party to the men, he returned to his platoon and was seriously wounded by enemy artillery fire a short time later. The gallant intrepidity and intense devotion to his comrades displayed by Lieutenant Manley saved the lives of many of his fellow soldiers and exemplified the finest traditions of the American officer and combat leader. Entered military service from Missoula, Montana.

First Lieutenant FLOYD W. STRATTON (Army Serial Number 01062643), Infantry, Company F, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in Germany on 29 March 1945. When the tanks bearing his platoon were ambushed, Lieutenant Stratton ordered his men to fall back to a more covered position about fifty yards to the right. After assisting a wounded man to the aid station, Lieutenant Stratton exposed himself continually to direct the withdrawal. Despite the heavy fire the platoon placed on enemy positions, hostile fire continued unabated, and it became necessary to radio for help. Lieutenant Stratton made his way to a disabled tank, radioed for help, and aided a wounded tankman to safety before he was himself wounded by sniper fire. His courageous leadership and devotion to duty and to his men reflect the highest credit on Lieutenant Stratton and the military service. Entered military service from Liberty, Mississippi.

Second Lieutenant PAUL W. THOMPSON (Army Serial Number 02000984), Infantry, Company F, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in Germany on 30 March 1945. As Lieutenant Thompson's platoon moved toward an enemy town, it was ambushed and suffered several casualties. With complete disregard for his safety and in the face of heavy enemy small arms and bazooka fire, Lieutenant Thompson coolly supervised the evacuation of the casualties and quickly deployed his platoon to meet a strong enemy attack. Through his inspiring leadership, the attack was repulsed and a road block was eliminated, which facilitated the ensuing action of a larger task force. Lieutenant Thompson's valorous actions, above and beyond the call of duty, reflect the highest credit on himself and the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Birmingham, Alabama.

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Technical Sergeant Ray C. Kling (then Staff Sergeant) (Army Serial Number 37323585), Infantry, Company I, 413th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in Germany on 23 March 1945. Leading an advance party into an enemy-held town, Sergeant Kling's group was cut off by an enemy force. Exposing himself to enemy fire, he dashed across open terrain, secured a machine gun, and returned to place devastating fire on the enemy positions despite deadly bazooka fire, forcing the enemy to withdraw in confusion. Reorganizing his men, he stormed the town, skillfully placing his fire power in a manner which forced the enemy forces to seek cover and finally to surrender. The gallantry and superb leadership displayed by Sergeant Kling, above and beyond the call of duty, exemplify the finest traditions of the American soldier and combat leader. Entered military service from Kolron, South Dakota.

Staff Sergeant Christopher B. Cullen (then Sergeant) (Army Serial Number 12191992), Infantry, Company A, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in Germany on 23 November 1944. As his company advanced toward a heavily defended enemy stronghold, they were met with a withering barrage of enemy fire, which inflicted heavy casualties and cut off all routes of withdrawal. Although suffering from shock and the concussion of a shell which landed near him, Sergeant Cullen immediately organized the evacuation of the wounded, moving fearlessly in the face of the withering barrage to administer first aid, improvise stretchers, and make numerous trips across the fire-swept terrain to rescue many wounded men. The intrepidity and heroism displayed by Sergeant Cullen, above and beyond the call of duty, exemplify the finest traditions of the American soldier. Entered military service from Garden City, New York.

Staff Sergeant Paul W. Shissler (then Private First Class) (Army Serial Number 37685130), Infantry, Company E, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in Germany on 9 April 1945. When his company was subjected to intense enemy fire and suffered many casualties, Sergeant Shissler remained in his exposed position to cover the withdrawal, holding a platoon of enemy soldiers at bay single-handedly. He then advanced under the withering fire to within a few yards of an enemy machine gun nest, which was the main obstacle to the advance, killing the crew with a few well-aimed shots from his rifle. He then organized and assisted in the evacuation of several wounded men. The gallantry and superb courage displayed by Sergeant Shissler, far above and beyond the call of duty, exemplify the finest traditions of the American combat soldier. Entered military service from Des Moines, Iowa.

Staff Sergeant Daniel Stapleton (Army Serial Number 34491229), Infantry, Company G, 413th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in Germany on 2 and 3 March 1945. As his company launched an assault on a strongly defended town, Sergeant Stapleton made his way across several hundred yards of open terrain to take up an observation post fifty yards from enemy lines. Despite withering fire, he directed devastating mortar fire on the enemy, inflicting severe casualties and preventing the enemy from placing machine gun fire on the advancing infantrymen. Undaunted by the storm of fire placed on his position, he continued to expose himself until he was seriously wounded. The heroism and devotion to duty displayed by Sergeant Stapleton, far above and beyond the call of duty, exemplify the finest traditions of the American soldier. Entered military service from Lee Valley, Tennessee.

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Sergeant Billy Bateman (Army Serial Number 38286797), Infantry, Headquarters Company, 2d Battalion, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in Germany on 17 April 1945. After capturing a number of enemy and American vehicles, Sergeant Bateman noticed two vehicles three hundred yards from the road block, the occupants of which had not surrendered. Approaching the vehicle with great stealth and skill, he coolly bluffed the enemy soldiers into surrendering, although covered from several sides by enemy soldiers armed with machine pistols. The intrepidity and daring displayed by Sergeant Bateman, far above and beyond the call of duty, exemplify the finest traditions of the American soldier and combat leader, reflecting distinct credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Iredell, Texas.

Corporal Harry J. Pluchrat (Army Serial Number 36710852), Field Artillery, Battery B, 386th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for gallantry in action in Germany on 12 April 1945. When an armor-infantry column with which he was riding was subjected to heavy fire and several men were seriously wounded, Corporal Pluchrat dashed forward under heavy fire, pulled a seriously wounded man from a burning tank, and carried him to safety. Returning to the column despite the continued heavy enemy fire, he pulled a second man from a disabled tank and, with the help of another man, carried him to safety. By his gallantry and intense devotion to duty, Corporal Pluchrat saved the lives of two of his fellow soldiers, reflecting the highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

Private First Class William C. Andrews (Army Serial Number 34967035), Infantry, Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in Germany on 22 November 1944. When many men of his company were wounded while advancing toward the objective, Private Andrews, courageously and at great risk to his life, made repeated trips through a draw, traveling three hundred yards under a murderous barrage of enemy fire to rescue seriously wounded men lying exposed to the withering barrage. The heroism and intense devotion to his comrades displayed by Private Andrews, far above and beyond the call of duty, are in keeping with the finest traditions of the American combat soldier, reflecting distinct credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Charlotte, North Carolina.

Private First Class Charles F. Finney (Army Serial Number 37443835), Infantry, Company G, 413th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in Germany on 3 March 1945. Voluntarily and at great risk to his life, Private Finney advanced with an assault group. When the assault group was pinned down by heavy fire, he leaped to his feet, rushed across two hundred fifty yards of open terrain, and entered the enemy entrenchments. Firing his rifle with devastating effect, he silenced an enemy machine gun, forced the crew to withdraw, and facilitated the advance of the group, killing three enemy soldiers and capturing twenty prisoners. The gallantry and courage displayed by Private Finney exemplify the finest traditions of the American combat soldier. Entered military service from Dubuque, Iowa.

Private First Class James H. Wilson (Army Serial Number 17156315), Infantry, Cannon Company, 415th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in Germany on 23 February 1945. Observing a seriously wounded man in an open, coverless position, Private Wilson, at great risk to his life and in the face of heavy enemy fire, left his covered position and made his way to the man's side.

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After administering as much aid as possible, Private Wilson picked up the man and carried him to shelter. Realizing that the man needed immediate medical attention, he again exposed himself to secure medical aid. These courageous actions, over and above the call of duty, exemplify the finest traditions of the American combat soldier and reflect the highest credit on Private Wilson and the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from St. Paul, Minnesota.

V--SILVER STAR MEDAL (OAK-LEAF CLUSTER)--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 Silver Star Medal previously awarded in General Orders No. 78, Headquarters, 104th Infantry Division, 17 March 1945, a bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to the following enlisted man:

Private First Class Charles R. Meyers (Army Serial Number 3611940), Infantry, Headquarters Company, 3d Battalion, 413th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in Germany on 14 April 1945. After making one trip across open terrain to attempt to rescue a wounded man, only to find that he had died of wounds, Private Meyers, acting on his own initiative, again crawled forty yards to the side of a fallen comrade. Ignoring the withering fire spattering the dirt around him, he administered first aid and moved the man to a safe position, saving his life. The gallantry and intense devotion to duty displayed by Private Meyers are in keeping with the finest traditions of the American soldier and reflect the highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

VI--BRONZE 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 Bronze Star Medal is awarded, posthumously, to the following enlisted men:

Private First Class Reginald A. Agna (Army Serial Number 39115876), Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 413th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Holland on 3 November 1944. Reportedly, Private Agna drove his vehicle through intense artillery, mortar, and small arms fire in order to evacuate seriously wounded comrades. Many times his vehicle was hit by shrapnel along the road leading to the front line. Private Agna unflinchingly continued his self-assigned missions until the tactical operation was completed and was instrumental in saving many lives. Private Agna's singular bravery and selfless devotion to the welfare of his fellow soldiers, above and beyond the call of duty, exemplify the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from San Francisco, California. Next of kin: Mrs. Mary Agna, Centerville, California.

Private First Class Woodrow Fry (Army Serial Number 6987897), Infantry, Company B, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 15 April 1945. When his platoon was pinned down by mortar, bazooka, and small arms fire, Private Fry, voluntarily and at great risk to his life, arose and advanced on the enemy, firing as he went.

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His accurate, devastating fire neutralized the enemy fire and allowed his platoon to reorganize, evacuate its casualties, and move on to its objective. Private Fry was killed in a subsequent operation. His extreme courage and devotion to duty were an inspiration to his comrades and reflected the highest credit on himself and the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Stiltner, West Virginia. Next of kin: Mrs. Edna Fry, Stiltner, West Virginia.

VII--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 warrant officers, and enlisted men:

Major CHARLES R. ATWELL (then Captain) (Army Serial Number 01581006), Air Corps, Headquarters, 104th Infantry Division, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Germany from 5 February to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Fort Dodge, Iowa.

Major JOHN E. HANSSEL (then Captain and Major) (Army Serial Number 0454524), 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 2 March 1945. Entered military service from Buffalo, New York.

Major JAMES D. MEYERS (Army Serial Number 0326302), Field Artillery, Headquarters, 387th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 23 October 1944 to 28 April 1945. Entered military service from Columbia, Missouri.

Major BASIL E. WILLIAMS (Army Serial Number 0229960), Field Artillery, Headquarters, 387th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 23 October 1944 to 28 April 1945. Entered military service from Mankato, Minnesota.

Captain FRANK E. EXUM (Army Serial Number 0251016), Judge Advocate General's Department, 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 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Bennettsville, South Carolina.

Captain WILLIAM H. FORGRAVE (Army Serial Number 0364305), Field Artillery, Service Battery, 387th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 23 October 1944 to 22 March 1945. Entered military service from Lansing, Michigan.

Captain HENRY E. WYNNE (Army Serial Number 01175367), 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 4 April 1945. Entered military service from Shawnee, Oklahoma.

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First Lieutenant ROSCOE W. AKBAMIT (then Second Lieutenant and First Lieutenant) (Army Serial Number 01175921), Field Artillery, Battery C, 387th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 23 October 1944 to 28 April 1945. Entered military service from Alexandria, Nebraska.

First Lieutenant MARK B. DARNEY (Army Serial Number 01171513), Field Artillery, Battery C, 387th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 23 October 1944 to 28 April 1945. Entered military service from Ogden, Utah.

First Lieutenant JOHN E. MURPHY (Army Serial Number 01173723), Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, 386th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 5 December 1944. Entered military service from Brooklyn, New York.

First Lieutenant MARVIN H. NOBIS (Army Serial Number 01176453), Field Artillery, Battery C, 386th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 2 April 1945. Entered military service from Fairmont, Oklahoma.

First Lieutenant EDGAR NORTH (Army Serial Number 01324284), Infantry, Company F, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 16 April 1945. Entered military service from Salisbury, Maryland.

First Lieutenant GLENN E. OLDFATHER (Army Serial Number 01168012), Field Artillery, Battery B, 387th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 25 February 1945. Entered military service from Wood River, Nebraska.

First Lieutenant ROBERT C. SUTHERLAND, JR. (then Second Lieutenant and First Lieutenant) (Army Serial Number 01792641), Corps of Military Police, Military Police Platoon, 104th Infantry Division, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 23 October 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Pennsgrove, New Jersey.

First Lieutenant KENNETH K. WEBB (Army Serial Number 01180086), Field Artillery, Battery C, 385th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Germany from 15 January to 3 May 1945. Entered military service from Alliance, Ohio.

Second Lieutenant ROBERT O. BERTHELSEN (Army Serial Number 02000957), Field Artillery, Battery B, 387th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Germany from 21 January to 28 April 1945. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

Chief Warrant Officer HARRY E. ANDERSON (Army Serial Number W2108992), Service Company, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 24 October 1944 to 30 April 1945. Entered military service from Oakland, California.

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Warrant Officer Junior Grade WILLIAM R. BRENN (Army Serial Number W2128091), Service Company, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 24 October 1944 to 30 April 1945. Entered military service from Mechanicville, New York.

First Sergeant Ulis O. Harris (Army Serial Number 6291895), Infantry, Company E, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 30 March 1945. Entered military service from Stillwater, Oklahoma.

First Sergeant John G. West (Army Serial Number 6294159), Field Artillery, Battery C, 384th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 23 October 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from McAlister, Oklahoma.

Technical Sergeant Harry P. Hill (Army Serial Number 39310299), Corps of Engineers, Headquarters and Service Company, 329th Engineer Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 23 October 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Portland, Oregon.

Technical Sergeant Schaumburg McGehee (then Staff Sergeant) (Army Serial Number 18151860), Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, 104th Division Artillery, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 23 February 1945. Entered military service from New Orleans, Louisiana.

Technical Sergeant Allen Mussoff (then Technician Fourth Grade and Staff Sergeant) (Army Serial Number 33400672), Infantry, Headquarters, Special Troops, 104th Infantry Division, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 23 October 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Staff Sergeant Nicholas R. Lopez (Army Serial Number 38102464), Field Artillery, Battery B, 387th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 23 October 1944 to 28 April 1945. Entered military service from Las Cruces, New Mexico.

Staff Sergeant Verdell C. Short (Army Serial Number 12100504), Infantry, Company L, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 6 December 1944. Entered military service from Wilmington, Delaware.

Staff Sergeant Ferry L. Thomas (Army Serial Number 20822818), Field Artillery, Battery C, 386th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 2 April 1945. Entered military service from Brenham, Texas.

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Staff Sergeant George R. Zanck (Army Serial Number 36710805), Infantry, Company E, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 30 March 1945. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

Technician Third Grade John W. Williams (Army Serial Number 37106237), Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, 385th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 23 October 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Paragould, Arkansas.

Sergeant Bernard B. Ehmann (Army Serial Number 32736145), Infantry, Company E, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 30 March 1945. Entered military service from Rochester, New York.

Sergeant Oak H. Gifford (Army Serial Number 32627833), Cavalry, 104th Reconnaissance Troop, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 13 April 1945. Entered military service from Forest Hills, New York.

Sergeant John J. King (Army Serial Number 20139205), Field Artillery, Battery C, 385th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 5 April 1945. Entered military service from Claremont, New Hampshire.

Sergeant Steve Kisha (Army Serial Number 33947171), Infantry, Company E, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 5 April 1945. Entered military service from Johnstown, Pennsylvania.

Sergeant Bakus S. Nehra (then Private First Class) (Army Serial Number 36577192), Infantry, Company E, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 16 April 1945. Entered military service from Detroit, Michigan.

Sergeant Robert C. Rodecker (Army Serial Number 39152435), Infantry, Headquarters Company, 104th Infantry Division, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 23 October 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Los Angeles, California.

Sergeant John T. Schultz (then Corporal) (Army Serial Number 35524168), Field Artillery, Battery B, 387th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 23 October 1944 to 27 April 1945. Entered military service from Cleveland, Ohio.

Sergeant Harold K. Swanson (then Private First Class) (Army Serial Number 36436786), Infantry, Company E, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 17 April 1945. Entered military service from Zearing, Illinois.

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Sergeant Joseph D. Tersigni (Army Serial Number 32576469), Field Artillery, Battery C, 387th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 23 October 1944 to 28 April 1945. Entered military service from Schenectady, New York.

Technician Fourth Grade David W. Dodge (then Technician Fifth Grade) (Army Serial Number 36631602), Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, 385th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 23 October 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

Technician Fourth Grade Louis Kauffman (Army Serial Number 16135054), Quartermaster Corps, 104th Quartermaster Company, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 27 October 1944 to 7 May 1945. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

Technician Fourth Grade Arthur M. Schuerger (Army Serial Number 35524235), Field Artillery, Battery C, 385th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 24 March 1945. Entered military service from Rocky River, Ohio.

Corporal Kenneth D. Helmick (Army Serial Number 37531079), Field Artillery, Battery C, 385th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 7 March 1945. Entered military service from Salina, Kansas.

Corporal James B. McCloud (Army Serial Number 35717801), Field Artillery, Service Battery, 387th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 23 October 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Evansville, Indiana.

Corporal Virgil G. Owens (Army Serial Number 6917484), Infantry, Service Company, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 1 April 1945. Entered military service from Peoria, Illinois.

Technician Fifth Grade Maurice E. Bevirt (Army Serial Number 36436157), Field Artillery, Battery B, 387th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 23 October 1944 to 27 April 1945. Entered military service from Peoria, Illinois.

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Technician Fifth Grade Harry H. [redacted] (Army Serial Number 36623282), Field Artillery, Battery C, 385th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 23 October 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Elizabeth, Illinois.

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Technician Fifth Grade Anthony F. Ferraro (then Private) (Army Serial Number 39323623), Field Artillery, Battery C, 386th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 2 April 1945. Entered military service from Pacific Grove, California.

Technician Fifth Grade Ernest A. Kinchoff (Army Serial Number 37323218), Field Artillery, Battery B, 387th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 23 October 1944 to 27 April 1945. Entered military service from New Brighton, Minnesota.

Technician Fifth Grade Nicholas Medzenak (Army Serial Number 35059122), Field Artillery, Battery C, 385th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 7 March 1945. Entered military service from Cleveland, Ohio.

Technician Fifth Grade Morris R. Parry (Army Serial Number 39270373), Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, 104th Division Artillery, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 23 February 1945. Entered military service from South Gate, California.

Technician Fifth Grade Carlo Zagarella (Army Serial Number 32620384), Ordnance Department, 804th Ordnance Company, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 23 October 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from New York City, New York.

Private First Class Robert E. Baker (Army Serial Number 36951591), Infantry, Company D, 415th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 24 March 1945. Entered military service from Altamont, Illinois.

Private First Class Leo M. Daniel (Army Serial Number 38276252), Field Artillery, Battery B, 387th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 23 October 1944 to 27 April 1945. Entered military service from Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Private First Class Frank F. Dieselberg (Army Serial Number 35705752), Infantry, Company A, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 10 December 1944. Entered military service from Sunman, Indiana.

Private First Class Lloyd M. Griffey (Army Serial Number 37532019), Infantry, Company E, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 15 April 1945. Entered military service from Osessa, Missouri.

Private First Class Charles R. Juneau (Army Serial Number 38488243), Infantry, Company F, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 7 April 1945. Entered military service from Cottonport, Louisiana.

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Private First Class Lloyd H. Labourdette (Army Serial Number 38380553), Infantry, Company F, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 7 April 1945. Entered military service from New Orleans, Louisiana.

Private First Class Bertram D. Levitan (Army Serial Number 12114051), Field Artillery, Battery C, 386th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 2 April 1945. Entered military service from Arverne, Long Island, New York.

Private First Class Harvey D. Palmer (Army Serial Number 38569386), Infantry, Company B, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 26 March 1945. Entered military service from Coalgate, Oklahoma.

Private First Class Billie E. Rowe (Army Serial Number 38246988), Corps of Engineers, Company A, 329th Engineer Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 23 October 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Houston, Texas.

Private First Class Reford J. Wedel (Army Serial Number 37526048), Infantry, Company G, 413th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 25 February 1945. Entered military service from McPherson, Kansas.

Private First Class Alvin S. Hooten (Army Serial Number 34737752), Infantry, Company E, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 30 March 1945. Entered military service from Chattanooga, Tennessee.

VIII--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, a bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to the following officer and enlisted men:

First Lieutenant ROBERT FIELD (Army Serial Number 01102239), Corps of Engineers, Company A, 329th Engineer Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 23 February 1945. Entered military service from Jackson, Mississippi. Awarded the Bronze Star Medal in General Orders No. 59, Headquarters, 104th Infantry Division, 27 February 1945.

Corporal Chester W. Hatters (Army Serial Number 31339169), Infantry, Headquarters Company, 2d Battalion, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 17 April 1945. Entered military service from Brandon, Vermont. Awarded the Bronze Star Medal in General Orders No. 56, Headquarters, 104th Infantry Division, 24 February 1945.

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IX--AIR MEDAL (SECOND OAK-LEAF CLUSTER)--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 Air Medal previously awarded in General Orders No. 44, Headquarters, 104th Infantry Division, 27 December 1944, a second bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to the following officers:

First Lieutenant WENDELL W. WOOD, JR. (Army Serial Number 01176857), Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, 385th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight as Field Artillery air observation pilot in Germany from 20 February to 25 April 1945. Entered military service from Fort Worth, Texas.

X--AIR MEDAL (FOURTH OAK-LEAF CLUSTER)--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 Air Medal previously awarded in General Orders No. 24, Headquarters, 4th Infantry Division, 25 May 1944, a fourth bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to the following officer:

First Lieutenant SAMUEL H. CASEY (Army Serial Number 01183033), Field Artillery, Headquarters, 387th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight as Field Artillery air observation pilot in France and Germany from 25 July to 30 November 1944. Entered military service from South Jacksonville, Florida.

XI--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:

Staff Sergeant Fred Locke, Jr. (Army Serial Number 39689984), Infantry, Company G, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for wounds received as a result of enemy action in Germany on 24 February 1945. Entered military service from Fresno, California.

Corporal Gilford Champagne (Army Serial Number 38381061), Coast Artillery Corps, Battery A, 555th Anti-aircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion (Mobile), United States Army, for wounds received as a result of enemy action in Germany on 21 February 1945. Entered military service from Houma, Louisiana.

Technician Fifth Grade Carl G. Licata (Army Serial Number 32164633), Infantry, Headquarters Company, 2d Battalion, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for wounds received as a result of enemy action in Germany on 14 April 1945. Entered military service from Brooklyn, New York.

Private First Class Elsie Cox (Army Serial Number 37510097), Coast Artillery Corps, Battery A, 555th Anti-aircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion (Mobile), United States Army, for wounds received as a result of enemy action in Germany on 19 February 1945.

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Private First Class Ernest C. Gobbi (Army Serial Number 39268741), Infantry, Company E, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for wounds received as a result of enemy action in Germany on 28 March 1945. Entered military service from Los Angeles, California.

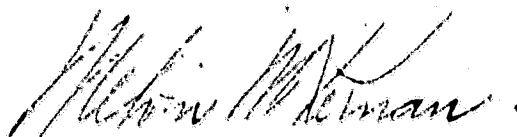
Private First Class Robert J. McDonald (Army Serial Number 35223786), Infantry, Company E, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for wounds received as a result of enemy action in Germany on 21 April 1945. Entered military service from Columbus, Ohio.

Private First Class Albert Nusbaum (Army Serial Number 33936387), Infantry, Company E, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for wounds received as a result of enemy action in Germany on 28 March 1945. Entered military service from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Private Duane P. Tison (Army Serial Number 37604350), Coast Artillery, Corps, Battery D, 555th Anti-aircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion (Mobile), United States Army, for wounds received as a result of enemy action in Germany on 24 February 1945.

By command of Major General ALLEN:

OFFICIAL:



MELVIN M. KERNAN,

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

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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 officers:

First Lieutenant HAROLD E. COFFIN (Army Serial Number 01058759), Infantry, Company K, 413th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in Germany on 13 April 1945. When his lead scouts hesitated in the face of extremely heavy enemy sniper and machine gun fire, Lieutenant Coffin, at great risk to his life, moved to the head of his platoon and boldly made his way into the outskirts of the town, which was his platoon's objective. After he had organized his platoon Lieutenant Coffin engaged in a bitter fire-fight with the enemy and entirely neutralized several enemy positions before he was killed himself by sniper fire. His courageous actions, above and beyond the call of duty, reflect the highest credit on Lieutenant Coffin and the military service. Entered military service from Norwalk, Connecticut. Next of kin: Mrs. Velma S. Coffin, Strawberry Hill Avenue, East Norwalk, Connecticut.

II--SILVER 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 Silver Star Medal previously awarded in General Orders No. 157, Headquarters, 104th Infantry Division, 1 June 1945, a bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to the following enlisted man:

Private First Class Kenneth S. Ross (Army Serial Number 36977187), Infantry, Company I, 413th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in Germany on 3 April 1945. When his company was pinned down by heavy enemy machine gun and sniper fire, Private Ross remained in a standing position, and although his entrenching tool and helmet netting was shot away during the ensuing fire fight, he successfully neutralized the enemy fire. When tanks moved up in support, Private Ross remained exposed to direct their fire. Later in the day he again exposed himself to fire on enemy snipers, allowing a trapped squad to retreat. His courageous actions, above and beyond the call of duty, reflect the highest credit on himself and the military service. Entered military service from Dearborn, Michigan. Next of kin: Mrs. Margaret Ross, 12861 Mark Twain Street, Detroit, Michigan.

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III--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:

First Lieutenant EDWARD P. HUGUENIN, JR. (then Second Lieutenant) (Army Serial Number 01063106), Infantry, Company C, 413th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in Germany on 23 and 24 March 1945. Leading his platoon forward under heavy enemy fire, Lieutenant Huguenin and his platoon sergeant led their men in capturing twenty-eight enemy prisoners, killing two, and destroying an enemy machine gun nest. The platoon's positions in three houses became untenable, and a withdrawal was ordered. Recklessly exposing himself to enemy fire, Lieutenant Huguenin led the withdrawal across fire-swept terrain; supervised the digging of defensive positions, and, with five other men, established and manned an outpost, which was held throughout the night of 23 and 24 March 1945 despite withering enemy fire. The fearless gallantry and superb courage and leadership displayed by Lieutenant Huguenin exemplify the finest traditions of the American officer and combat leader. Entered military service from Ridgeland, South Carolina.

Private First Class Toivo M. Wargelin (Army Serial Number 32587932), Infantry, Headquarters Company, 2d Battalion, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in Germany on 16 April 1945. As the enemy launched an attack on his squad's position in a house on the extreme flank of the battalion, Private Wargelin, tenaciously and at great risk to his life, held his position in an archway despite withering enemy fire, exposing himself to designate targets for hand grenades and to cover the action with his automatic rifle. The first assault of the enemy was repulsed, but a second assault was launched. Although wounded by enemy fire, Private Wargelin again coolly and courageously inflicted heavy losses on the enemy. The gallantry and intense devotion to duty displayed by Private Wargelin, above and beyond the call of duty, are in keeping with the finest traditions of the American combat soldier. Entered military service from Van Etten, New York.

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, warrant officers, and enlisted men:

Captain JAMES P. BROUGHAM, JR. (then First Lieutenant and Captain) (Army Serial Number 01310802), Infantry, Headquarters Company, 413th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 3 November 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Council Bluffs, Iowa.

First Lieutenant ROBERT D. MANLEY (Army Serial Number 01298266), Infantry, Company C, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 23 October to 11 December 1944. Entered military service from Missoula, Montana.

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First Lieutenant BIL'IE K. McDUFFIE (then Second Lieutenant and First Lieutenant) (Army Serial Number 01179148), Field Artillery, Battery C, 385th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Germany from 15 January to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Texarkana, Texas.

Chief Warrant Officer RICHARD E. BROOKS (Army Serial Number W2122910), Headquarters and Service Company, 329th Engineer Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 23 October 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from San Antonio, Texas.

Warrant Officer Junior Grade WILLIAM E. HALL (Army Serial Number W2106510), Headquarters, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 23 October 1944 to 1 May 1945. Entered military service from St. Paul, Minnesota.

Master Sergeant Lloyd E. Porter (Army Serial Number 38085584), Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, 104th Division Artillery, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 23 October 1944 to 23 April 1945. Entered military service from Grand Junction, Colorado.

Master Sergeant Jerry J. Stravia, Jr. (then Technical Sergeant) (Army Serial Number 38141500), Ordnance Department, 804th Ordnance Company, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 23 October 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Pueblo, Colorado.

First Sergeant Leslie H. Trafton (Army Serial Number 39600448), Ordnance Department, 804th Ordnance Company, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland and Germany from 23 October 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Miles City, Montana.

First Sergeant Cecil L. Wylie (Army Serial Number 39383250), Field Artillery, Battery B, 385th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 23 October 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Sand Point, Idaho.

Technical Sergeant Frank S. Guida (Army Serial Number 35300068), Ordnance Department, 804th Ordnance Company, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 23 October 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Cleveland, Ohio.

Technical Sergeant Murvin O. Fluegel (Army Serial Number 37169801), Cavalry, 104th Reconnaissance Troop, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 23 October 1944 to 23 April 1945. Entered military service from Durbin, North Dakota.

Technical Sergeant Ray C. Kling (then Staff Sergeant) (Army Serial Number 37323585), Infantry, Company I, 413th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 23 February 1945. Entered military service from McIntosh, South Dakota.

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Technical Sergeant Herbert L. Maher (Army Serial Number 36177575), Ordnance Department, 804th Ordnance Company, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 23 October 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Detroit, Michigan.

Staff Sergeant William J. Beatty (then Corporal and Staff Sergeant) (Army Serial Number 39197336), Field Artillery, Battery C, 385th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 23 October 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Bremerton, Washington.

Staff Sergeant James R. Burnett (then Sergeant) (Army Serial Number 36443374), Infantry, Company F, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 16 April 1945. Entered military service from Springfield, Illinois.

Staff Sergeant Merville T. Hewitt (then Sergeant) (Army Serial Number 39200275), Ordnance Department, 804th Ordnance Company, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 23 October 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Seattle, Washington.

Staff Sergeant Aaron G. Hunter (Army Serial Number 38010982), Ordnance Department, 804th Ordnance Company, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 23 October 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Santa Fe, New Mexico.

Staff Sergeant Edwin W. Hyatt (Army Serial Number 37088950), Field Artillery, Battery C, 387th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Germany from 2 December 1944 to 28 April 1945. Entered military service from Scottsbluff, Nebraska.

Staff Sergeant Earl R. Sterlock (then Sergeant) (Army Serial Number 33559474), Infantry, Company I, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 1 April 1945. Entered military service from Baltimore, Maryland.

Staff Sergeant Albert E. Turner (Army Serial Number 37354679), Infantry, Anti-Tank Company, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 6 December 1944. Entered military service from Buena Vista, Colorado.

Sergeant Barry L. Paris (Army Serial Number 37239044), Infantry, Company I, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 23 October 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Chillicothe, Missouri.

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Technician Fourth Grade George E. Kinzey (Army Serial Number 36709124), Infantry, Headquarters, 104th Infantry Division, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium and Germany from 12 November 1944 to 1 May 1945. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

Technician Fourth Grade George Long (Army Serial Number 13176378), Ordnance Department, 804th Ordnance Company, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 23 October 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Technician Fourth Grade August May (Army Serial Number 37189542), Ordnance Department, 804th Ordnance Company, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 23 October 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Greenfield, Iowa.

Technician Fifth Grade Jacob E. Feigelson (Army Serial Number 32627745), Ordnance Department, 804th Ordnance Company, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 23 October 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Queens, New York.

Technician Fifth Grade Lee V. Scott (then Private First Class) (Army Serial Number 36436744), Infantry, Anti-Tank Company, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 6 December 1944. Entered military service from Peoria, Illinois.

Technician Fifth Grade Frank Szlachetka (Army Serial Number 32661557), Infantry, Company F, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 26 March 1945. Entered military service from Hudson, New York.

Private First Class Bernard O. Bagan (Army Serial Number 16115232), Infantry, Anti-Tank Company, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 6 December 1944. Entered military service from Menomonie, Wisconsin.

V--BRONZE STAR MEDAL (OAK-LEAF CLUSTER)--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 previously awarded in General Orders No. 55, Headquarters, 83d Infantry Division, 17 October 1944, a bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to the following enlisted men:

Private First Class George Chmil (Army Serial Number 33355868), Infantry, Headquarters Company, 415th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 24 April 1945. Entered military service from Dickson City, Pennsylvania.

VI--BRONZE STAR MEDAL--Amendment--So much of section III, General Orders No. 156, this headquarters, pertaining to Private First Class Aubrey R. Crommie, 39312166, as reads, ". . . the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to . . ." is amended to read, ". . . in addition to the Bronze Star Medal previously awarded

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In General Orders No. 151, Headquarters, 104th Infantry Division, 26 May 1945, a bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to".

VII--PURPLE HEART (OAK-LEAF CLUSTER)--Awards--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 indicated, a bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to the following enlisted men:

First Sergeant Ullis O. Harris (Army Serial Number 6291895), Infantry, Company E, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for wounds received as a result of enemy action in Germany on 19 April 1945. Entered military service from Abilene, Texas. Awarded the Purple Heart in General Orders No. 30, Headquarters, 414th Infantry, 21 December 1944.

First Sergeant Horace T. Mitchell (Army Serial Number 38098827), Infantry, Company G, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for wounds received as a result of enemy action in Germany on 24 March 1945. Entered military service from Kaufman, Texas. Awarded the Purple Heart in General Orders No. 76, Headquarters, 414th Infantry, 26 April 1945.

Private First Class Jackson A. Clark (Army Serial Number 35246809), Infantry, Company H, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for wounds received as a result of enemy action in Germany on 22 April 1945. Entered military service from Plymouth, Indiana. Awarded the Purple Heart in General Orders No. 75, Headquarters, 414th Infantry, 25 April 1945.

By command of Major General ALLEN:

B. R. DeGRAFF,
Colonel, General Staff Corps,
Chief of Staff.

OFFICIAL:



MELVIN M. KERNAN,

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

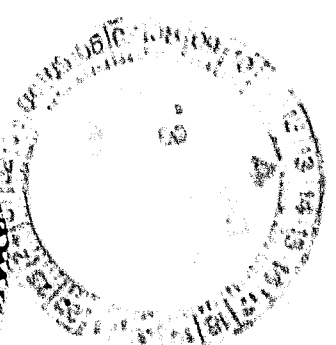
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I--SILVER STAR MEDAL--Awards--By direction of the President, under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and pursuant to the authority contained in paragraph 1a(1), Memorandum No. 34, Headquarters, Ninth United States Army, 8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

Captain PAUL E. RADLINSKY (then First Lieutenant) (Army Serial Number 01289138), Infantry, Company A, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in Germany on 24 November 1944. In an attack on a strongly defended factory, Captain Radlinsky's company was disorganized by exceedingly heavy fire. After reorganizing his company while under fire, Captain Radlinsky deployed his men in temporary positions along a roadbank and went forward alone to contact another company. As he made his way forward, he was met with a hail of small arms fire. Believing that this fire came from friendly forces, he exposed himself in order to disclose his identity and was immediately fired on by enemy machine guns. Despite the heavy fire, Captain Radlinsky continued on his mission and successfully contacted the other company. His courage and unswerving devotion to duty exemplify the finest traditions of the American combat officer and leader. Entered military service from Trenton, New Jersey.

Staff Sergeant Quinter D. Pugh (then Sergeant) (Army Serial Number 15382108), Infantry, Company C, 413th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in Germany on 23 and 24 March 1945. Advancing under heavy enemy fire, Sergeant Pugh and his platoon destroyed an enemy machine gun nest, killing two enemy soldiers and capturing twenty-eight prisoners. The platoon's positions in three houses became untenable, and a withdrawal was ordered. Skillfully maneuvering his guns to afford maximum cover, Sergeant Pugh led the withdrawal and supervised the digging of defensive positions, crossing one hundred fifty yards of open terrain in the face of devastating fire to administer first aid to, and evacuate, a seriously wounded man, saving his life. The fearless gallantry and superb courage and leadership displayed by Sergeant Pugh exemplify the finest traditions of the American soldier and combat leader. Entered military service from Gary, Indiana.

Private First Class Richard H. Axo, Jr. (Army Serial Number 13176434), Field Artillery, Battery C, 385th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for gallantry in action in Germany on 23 February 1945. Crossing a river with

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the leading assault troops, Private Axe voluntarily covered the assault with machine gun fire and led litter bearers in evacuating the wounded. Although himself wounded by shell fire, he refused to be evacuated and assisted in evacuating seriously wounded men across three hundred yards of fire-swept terrain. Private Axe's courage and intense devotion to duty are in keeping with the finest traditions of the American combat soldier, reflecting the highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Private First Class L. D. Bragg (Army Serial Number 34570759), Infantry, Headquarters Company, 2d Battalion, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in Germany on 17 April 1945. As the enemy launched an attack on his squad's position in a house on the extreme flank of the battalion, Private Bragg and a companion took up an exposed position covering an archway and, despite withering enemy fire, maintained a deadly stream of fire on the enemy interspersed with accurately thrown hand grenades, inflicting heavy casualties on the enemy and forcing them to withdraw. They remained alert throughout the night, repelling several attempts to infiltrate the squad position and killing at least seven enemy soldiers. The gallantry and intense devotion to duty displayed by Private Bragg, above and beyond the call of duty, are in keeping with the finest traditions of the American combat soldier. Entered military service from Adairsville, Georgia.

Private First Class Oliver C. Sykes (Army Serial Number 7000032), Infantry, Company F, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in Germany on 6 April 1945. From the building in which he had taken cover from a hail of enemy automatic fire, Private Sykes observed two comrades who had been wounded and were unable to gain shelter from the murderous fire. With disregard for his own safety, Private Sykes left his covered position, dashed to the side of the wounded men, and assisted them to cover. After proceeding approximately one hundred yards, Private Sykes noticed that the house in which he had placed the wounded men was afire, and despite heavy sniper fire, he returned to the building and moved the men to safety. His courageous actions, far above and beyond the call of duty, reflect the highest credit on himself and the military service. Entered military service from Spring Hope, North Carolina.

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 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:

Technician Fifth Grade John M. Harris (Army Serial Number 37199749), Infantry, Company E, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 15 April 1945. On the morning of 15 April 1945, the platoon to which Technician Harris was attached as machine gunner was pinned down and disorganized by heavy enemy fire of all kinds. Seeing many of his companions falling under the intense fire, Technician Harris, with total disregard for his own safety, voluntarily rushed forward, placed his light machine gun in position, and began firing. His accurate, deadly fire forced the enemy to take cover and cease firing, allowing his company to reorganize and move on to its objective. Technician Harris was mortally wounded in this heroic action. His courage and devotion to duty exemplify the finest traditions of the American combat soldier. Entered military service from St. Joseph, Missouri. Next of kin: Mr. George Harris, 2311 South 12th Street, St. Joseph, Missouri.

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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 1a(1), Memorandum No. 34, Headquarters, Ninth United States Army, 8 September 1944, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following officers, warrant officers, and enlisted men:

Major MARION A. FOREMAN (Army Serial Number 0314621), Field Artillery, Headquarters, 385th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 23 October 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Newkirk, Oklahoma.

Major CHARLES E. HOWARD (Army Serial Number 0304908), Field Artillery, Headquarters, 386th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 23 October 1944 to 1 March 1945. Entered military service from Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Captain LAWRENCE H. MILES (Army Serial Number 01167983), Field Artillery, Battery A, 385th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 23 October 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Eau Claire, Wisconsin.

Captain JOHN I. WEAR (Army Serial Number 0366794), Field Artillery, Headquarters, 387th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 23 October 1944 to 28 April 1945. Entered military service from Opelika, Alabama.

First Lieutenant CARL H. EDWARDS (Army Serial Number 01319551), Infantry, Company A, 87th Chemical Mortar Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 23 and 24 February 1945. Entered military service from Mandan, North Dakota.

First Lieutenant ROBERT C. JOCHUM (Army Serial Number 0470661), Infantry, Company A, 415th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 22 April 1945. Entered military service from Aurora, Illinois.

First Lieutenant JACK H. KNOTT (then First Sergeant, Second Lieutenant, and First Lieutenant) (Army Serial Number 02000602), Infantry, Headquarters Company, 104th Infantry Division, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 23 October 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Brownwood, Texas.

Second Lieutenant LOUIS M. GORTZ (then Technical Sergeant) (Army Serial Number 02025437), Infantry, Company F, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 30 March 1945. Entered military service from Springfield, Illinois.

Warrant Officer Junior Grade JOHN E. JENNINGS (Army Serial Number W2122912), Service Battery, 385th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 23 October 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Nocona, Texas.

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Warrant Officer Junior Grade WALTER WEISS (Army Serial Number W2129492), Service Battery, 386th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 23 October 1944 to 5 May 1945. Entered military service from Jamaica, New York.

Master Sergeant Gail A. Davis (Army Serial Number 6755398), 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 8 May 1945. Entered military service from St. Johns, Michigan.

Master Sergeant Albert L. Flanders (then Technical Sergeant) (Army Serial Number 37012472), Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, 104th Division Artillery, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 23 October 1944 to 1 May 1945. Entered military service from Stafford, Kansas.

First Sergeant Lawrence P. Sogmersky (then Staff Sergeant) (Army Serial Number 35022060), Field Artillery, Battery B, 385th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 23 October 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Cleveland, Ohio.

Technical Sergeant Harry R. Sonderman (Army Serial Number 35120846), 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 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Cincinnati, Ohio.

Staff Sergeant Charles E. Henderson III (Army Serial Number 14083300), Infantry, Company A, 413th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 6 February 1945. Entered military service from St. Petersburg, Florida.

Staff Sergeant Walter J. Holm (Army Serial Number 36301356), Infantry, Company B, 415th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 23 February 1945. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

Staff Sergeant Cornelius L. Kuhn (then Sergeant) (Army Serial Number 36436547), Field Artillery, Battery C, 385th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 9 April 1945. Entered military service from Carlyle, Illinois.

Staff Sergeant L. B. Wigeley (then Corporal, Sergeant, and Staff Sergeant) (Army Serial Number 38275925), Field Artillery, Battery B, 385th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 23 October 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Shawnee, Oklahoma.

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Sergeant William P. Dunbar (Army Serial Number 20141611), Field Artillery, Battery B, 385th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 23 October 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from East Concord, New Hampshire.

Sergeant Calvin E. Larson (Army Serial Number 37557902), Infantry, Company B, 415th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 20 April 1945. Entered military service from Northwood, North Dakota.

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*Sergeant Philip R. ~~Munich~~ (Army Serial Number 37398094), Field Artillery, Service Battery, 386th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 22 February 1945. Entered military service from St. Louis, Missouri.

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Corporal John F. Gallagher (Army Serial Number 31236830), Field Artillery, Battery C, 385th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 24 March 1945. Entered military service from Somerville, Massachusetts.

Technician Fifth Grade Edwin Ray (Army Serial Number 37397948), Field Artillery, Service Battery, 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 5 May 1945. Entered military service from St. Louis, Missouri.

Technician Fifth Grade Louis J. Sebastian (then Private First Class) (Army Serial Number 11079959), Field Artillery, Battery A, 385th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 23 October 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Bridgeport, Connecticut.

Private First Class Merville M. Birch (Army Serial Number 37509955), Coast Artillery Corps, Battery A, 555th Anti-aircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion (Mobile), United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Germany from 5 February to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Glasco, Kansas.

Private First Class Larry C. Bushnell (Army Serial Number 31403908), Infantry, Company E, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 14 April 1945. Entered military service from Montpelier, Vermont.

Private First Class Rufus O. Clark (Army Serial Number 38688373), Infantry, Company F, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 1 March 1945. Entered military service from Dallas, Texas.

Private First Class Robert H. Curry (Army Serial Number 38674398), Infantry, Company B, 415th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 25 March 1945. Entered military service from Houston, Texas.

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Private First Class Hugh F. Daly, Jr. (Army Serial Number 11069019), Infantry, Headquarters Company, 415th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 24 April 1945. Entered military service from Roslindale, Massachusetts.

Private First Class Joseph O. Lucken (Army Serial Number 37323026), Field Artillery, Service Battery, 386th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 22 February 1945. Entered military service from Fargo, North Dakota.

Private First Class John E. McGill (Army Serial Number 42091437), Infantry, Headquarters Company, 415th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 24 April 1945. Entered military service from Jamestown, New York.

Private First Class Richard O. Miner (Army Serial Number 17156279), Infantry, Anti-Tank Company, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 6 December 1944. Entered military service from Duluth, Minnesota.

Private First Class Eugene C. Reynolds (Army Serial Number 34394747), Infantry, Company F, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 16 April 1945. Entered military service from Anniston, Alabama.

Private First Class Leonard H. Rosenthal (Army Serial Number 33701801), Field Artillery, Battery C, 385th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 15 April 1945. Entered military service from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Private First Class Loyd Sexton (Army Serial Number 34491064), Field Artillery, Service Battery, 386th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 1 March 1945. Entered military service from Newport, Tennessee.

Private First Class James M. Sprouse, Jr. (Army Serial Number 13071004), Infantry, Headquarters Company, 415th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 24 April 1945. Entered military service from Williamson, West Virginia.

Private First Class Alonzo E. Stewart (Army Serial Number 36967406), Infantry, Company F, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 1 March 1945. Entered military service from South Bend, Indiana.

Private First Class Willard G. Wilson (Army Serial Number 38276115), Infantry, Company A, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 10 and 11 December 1944. Entered military service from Eagletown, Oklahoma.

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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, a bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to the following enlisted men:

Technical Sergeant Clifford R. Bungamer (then Staff Sergeant) (Army Serial Number 34438910), Infantry, Company B, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 12 April 1945. Entered military service from Millers Creek, North Carolina. Awarded the Bronze Star Medal in General Orders No. 137, Headquarters, 104th Infantry Division, 12 May 1945.

Corporal Richard G. Clark (Army Serial Number 36436337), Infantry, Headquarters Company, 415th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 24 April 1945. Entered military service from Peoria, Illinois. Awarded the Bronze Star Medal in General Orders No. 12, Headquarters, 104th Infantry Division, 12 November 1944.

V--AIR MEDAL (SECOND 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 Air Medal previously awarded in General Orders No. 45, Headquarters, 104th Infantry Division, 28 December 1944, a second bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded, posthumously, to the following officer:

First Lieutenant ROBERT C. DWELLY, JR. (Army Serial Number 01170723), Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, 385th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight as Field Artillery air observation pilot in Germany from 2 March to 8 May 1945. During this period, Lieutenant Dwelly completed thirty-five front line sorties involving front line reconnaissance and adjustment and registration of artillery fire on enemy installations. In the accomplishment of these missions, this officer displayed a high degree of courage and professional skill, reflecting the highest credit upon himself and the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Oakham, Massachusetts. Next of kin: Mrs. Anne M. Dwelly, General Delivery, Oakham, Massachusetts.

VI--AIR MEDAL (OAK-LEAF CLUSTER)--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 Air Medal previously awarded in General Orders No. 92, Headquarters, 104th Infantry Division, 30 March 1945, a bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to the following officer:

Second Lieutenant HAROLD C. STARR (Army Serial Number 01998430), Field Artillery, Headquarters, 387th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight as Field Artillery aerial observer in Germany from 23 February to 19 April 1945. Entered military service from Fort Worth, Texas.

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VII--PURPLE HEART (OAK-LEAF CLUSTER)--Awards--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 indicated, the bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to the following enlisted men:

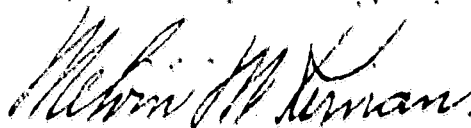
Staff Sergeant Walter M. Kittle (Army Serial Number 37521853), Infantry, Company L, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for wounds received as a result of enemy action in Germany on 15 April 1945. Entered military service from Kansas, Missouri. Awarded the Purple Heart in General Orders No. 57, Headquarters, 414th Infantry, 20 March 1945.

Staff Sergeant Verdell C. Short (Army Serial Number 12100504), Infantry, Company L, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for wounds received as a result of enemy action in Germany on 25 March 1945. Entered military service from Wilmington, Delaware. Awarded the Purple Heart in General Orders No. 1, Headquarters, 164th General Hospital, 5 January 1945.

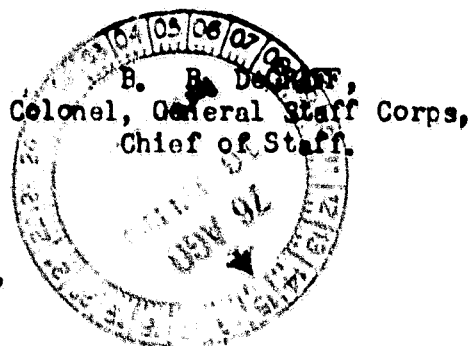
Staff Sergeant John F. Wright (Army Serial Number 11103081), Infantry, Company E, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for wounds received as a result of enemy action in Germany on 21 April 1945. Entered military service from Hartford, Connecticut. Purple Heart previously awarded.

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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:

Second Lieutenant WILFRED J. SHIELDS (Army Serial Number 02008382), Infantry, Company F, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in Germany on 15 April 1945. Leading his platoon in a fierce action, Lieutenant Shields constantly exposed himself to withering enemy fire to lead his men in a series of brilliantly executed moves to clear a section of a town. Fighting throughout the afternoon and early evening, Lieutenant Shields was seriously wounded, but he refused all aid until the objective was secured and an effective defense established. He then withdrew, guarding four enemy prisoners on his trip to the aid station. As a result of his brilliant leadership and gallantry, six enemy soldiers were killed and four were captured, and his actions, above and beyond the call of duty, exemplify the finest traditions of the American officer and combat leader. Entered military service from Bellmore, New York.

Technical Sergeant Evy L. Bryant (then Staff Sergeant) (Army Serial Number 35686185), Infantry, Company C, 413th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in Germany on 23 and 24 March 1945. Advancing toward the objective under heavy enemy fire, Sergeant Bryant and his platoon destroyed an enemy machine gun nest, killing two enemy soldiers and capturing twenty-eight prisoners. The platoon's positions in three houses became untenable, and a withdrawal was ordered. Recklessly exposing himself to enemy fire, Sergeant Bryant coolly led the withdrawal across fire-swept terrain and supervised the digging of defensive positions, which were held throughout the night. The fearless gallantry and superb courage and leadership displayed by Sergeant Bryant exemplify the finest traditions of the American soldier and combat leader. Entered military service from Louisville, Kentucky.

Staff Sergeant Spilon L. Swain (Army Serial Number 34670542), Infantry, Company E, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in Germany on 30 March 1945. As the armor-infantry column in which he was advancing was subjected to heavy enemy fire, Sergeant Swain voluntarily led his squad in an

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assault on enemy positions. Acting as first scout, he advanced under heavy fire until his squad encountered heavy fire and was halted. Placing his men in position, he crawled forward alone to an exposed position on a hill, from which he placed accurate fire on an enemy machine gun nest and killed the enemy soldier manning the weapon. By his courageous action, he eliminated a formidable obstacle and allowed the column to advance without casualties. Sergeant Swain's actions, far above and beyond the call of duty, exemplify the finest traditions of the American combat soldier. Entered military service from Cumberland, North Carolina.

Private First Class Byrne Perry (Army Serial Number 35221417), Infantry, Company B, 415th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in Holland on 31 October 1944. When his company encountered intense enemy mortar and self-propelled artillery fire and its means of communication were destroyed, Private Perry, voluntarily and at great risk to his life, crossed open terrain to contact the commanding officer and register counter battery fire on the enemy positions. Although he was seriously wounded by enemy fire and was too weak to carry his weapon, he staggered across four hundred yards of fire-swept terrain, delivering his message and pointing out enemy gun positions. He refused treatment for his wounds until his objective was accomplished. The gallantry and intrepid courage displayed by Private Perry are in keeping with the finest traditions of the American combat soldier. Entered military service from Springfield, Ohio.

Private First Class Dale R. Walrath (Army Serial Number 15120243), Infantry, Headquarters Company, 2d Battalion, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in Germany on 17 April 1945. As the enemy launched an attack on his squad's position in a house on the extreme flank of the battalion, Private Walrath and a companion took up an exposed position covering an archway, and despite withering enemy fire, they maintained a deadly stream of fire on the enemy, interspersed with accurately thrown hand grenades, inflicting heavy casualties on the enemy and forcing them to withdraw. They remained alert throughout the night, repelling several attempts to infiltrate the squad position and killing at least seven enemy soldiers. The gallantry and intense devotion to duty displayed by Private Walrath, above and beyond the call of duty, are in keeping with the finest traditions of the American combat soldier. Entered military service from North Kingsville, Ohio.

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, warrant officer, and enlisted men:

Captain JOSEPH E. COOK (Army Serial Number 01165064), Field Artillery, Battery B, 387th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 26 November 1944. Entered military service from Peoria, Illinois.

Captain GUS A. CRAIG, JR. (Army Serial Number 0408532), Field Artillery, Battery C, 387th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 26 November 1944. Entered military service from Tuckerman, Arkansas.

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Captain EDWIN L. GOODMAN (Army Serial Number 01167864), Field Artillery, Headquarters, 387th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 25 October 1944 to 8 March 1945. Entered military service from New York City, New York.

Captain THOMAS E. HARRINGTON (then First Lieutenant and Captain) (Army Serial Number 01002234), Adjutant General's Department, 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 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Goldsboro, North Carolina.

Captain OATS A. PYNES, JR. (Army Serial Number 01168041), Field Artillery, Battery A, 387th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 26 November 1944. Entered military service from Shreveport, Louisiana.

First Lieutenant PAUL M. FUSHOUR (Army Serial Number 01181256), Field Artillery, Service Battery, 386th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Germany from 9 November 1944 to 5 May 1945. Entered military service from Decatur, Illinois.

First Lieutenant JOHN M. SARTORIUS (Army Serial Number 0440456), Field Artillery, Service Battery, 386th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 23 October 1944 to 5 May 1945. Entered military service from Yonkers, New York.

Second Lieutenant HARRY L. ROGERS (then Staff Sergeant and Second Lieutenant) (Army Serial Number 02000906), Field Artillery, Battery B, 385th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 23 October 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Somerset, Texas.

Warrant Officer Junior Grade CHARLES P. CROWLEY (Army Serial Number W2109027), 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 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Duluth, Minnesota.

First Sergeant Joseph G. Rose (then Staff Sergeant and First Sergeant) (Army Serial Number 39087540), Field Artillery, Battery A, 385th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 23 October 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Hollister, California.

Technical Sergeant John A. Caesar (then Technician Fourth Grade and Technical Sergeant) (Army Serial Number 19098909), Field Artillery, Headquarters, Battery, 385th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 23 October 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Los Angeles, California.

Technical Sergeant Dominick Paris (Army Serial Number 32092467), Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, 104th Division Artillery, United States Army,

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for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 23 October 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Mt. Vernon, New York.

Technical Sergeant Wilbert R. Stephens (Army Serial Number 37171200), Field Artillery, Service Battery, 387th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 23 October 1944 to 28 April 1945. Entered military service from Washburn McLean, North Dakota.

Technician Third Grade Joseph Y. Edinger (Army Serial Number 20948144), Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, 387th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 24 October 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Aberdeen, Washington.

Technician Third Grade George L. Hendrickson (Army Serial Number 6933460), Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, 104th Division Artillery, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 23 October 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Springtown, Arkansas.

Sergeant Alexander Balnis (Army Serial Number 33470533), Corps of Military Police, Military Police Platoon, 104th Infantry Division, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Germany from 20 January to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Sergeant Roland M. Drew, Jr. (Army Serial Number 36709093), Corps of Military Police, Military Police Platoon, 104th Infantry Division, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Germany from 1 February to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

Sergeant Jack Gardner (Army Serial Number 33395318), Field Artillery, Battery B, 385th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 23 October 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Fayette City, Pennsylvania.

Sergeant Joe E. Hausman (then Corporal and Sergeant) (Army Serial Number 37398066), Field Artillery, Battery A, 929th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 24 October 1944 to 27 February 1945. Entered military service from Overland, Missouri.

Sergeant Orville E. King (then Corporal and Sergeant) (Army Serial Number 37324173), Field Artillery, Battery B, 387th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 23 October 1944 to 28 April 1945. Entered military service from St. Paul, Minnesota.

Sergeant Roel I. Palmer (Army Serial Number 38002764), Field Artillery, Battery B, 385th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 23 October 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Phoenix, Arizona.

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Sergeant Paul O. Rodgers (Army Serial Number 34590396), Corps of Military Police, Military Police Platoon, 104th Infantry Division, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Germany from 23 February to 1 May 1945. Entered military service from Maiden, North Carolina.

Sergeant Harold W. Round (Army Serial Number 38062984), Field Artillery, Battery B, 387th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 23 October 1944 to 11 March 1945. Entered military service from Blackwell, Oklahoma

Sergeant Jerry R. Zak (then Technician Fourth Grade) (Army Serial Number 38155264), Field Artillery, Battery A, 387th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 24 October 1944 to 28 April 1945. Entered military service from Victoria, Texas.

Technician Fourth Grade Harvey W. Brabb (Army Serial Number 37002557) Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, 387th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 23 October 1944 to 28 April 1945. Entered military service from Junction City, Kansas.

Technician Fourth Grade Cleve L. Kennedy (Army Serial Number 33482504), Infantry, 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 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Allentown, Pennsylvania.

Technician Fourth Grade Stanley S. Niemczyk (Army Serial Number 32627770), Field Artillery, Battery B, 385th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 23 October 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Nassau, New York.

Technician Fourth Grade LeRoy S. Shupp (Army Serial Number 33399997), Field Artillery, Battery B, 387th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 23 October 1944 to 28 April 1945. Entered military service from Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania.

Technician Fourth Grade Ellerslie W. Stevenson, Jr. (Army Serial Number 39565582), Field Artillery, Battery B, 385th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 21 March 1945. Entered military service from Los Angeles, California.

Technician Fourth Grade Francis T. Van Wickler (then Technician Fifth Grade) (Army Serial Number 33643252), Field Artillery, Battery A, 929th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 26 March 1945. Entered military service from Norfolk, Virginia.

Technician Fourth Grade Roger L. Weaver (then Technician Fifth Grade and Technician Fourth Grade) (Army Serial Number 34570645), Field Artillery,

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Battery A, 929th 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 May 1945. Entered military service from Baxley, Georgia.

Corporal Robert W. Ffahm (then Private First Class) (Army Serial Number 37442931), Field Artillery, Battery A, 387th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 23 October 1944 to 28 April 1945. Entered military service from Tama, Iowa.

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Corporal Raymond E. Johnson (Army Serial Number 37531318), Field Artillery, ~~Service Battery~~, 386th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 11 April 1945. Entered military service from Blue Mound, Kansas.

Technician Fifth Grade George E. Rposito (then Private First Class and Technician Fifth Grade) (Army Serial Number 33258373), Field Artillery, Battery A, 929th 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 May 1945. Entered military service from Johnstown, Pennsylvania.

Technician Fifth Grade Robert E. Gordon (Army Serial Number 17011113), Field Artillery, Service Battery, 386th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 23 October 1944 to 5 May 1945. Entered military service from Ebro, Minnesota.

Technician Fifth Grade Robert F. Kindrew (Army Serial Number 33359550), Field Artillery, Service Battery, 386th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 22 February 1945. Entered military service from Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania.

Technician Fifth Grade Vernon C. Klingler (then Private, Private First Class, and Technician Fifth Grade) (Army Serial Number 16170779), Field Artillery, Battery A, 929th 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 May 1945. Entered military service from Elkhart, Indiana.

Technician Fifth Grade Bruce L. Martin (then Private First Class) (Army Serial Number 19010340), Field Artillery, Battery C, 385th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 9 April 1945. Entered military service from Salt Lake City, Utah.

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 1a(1), Memorandum No. 34, Headquarters, Ninth United States Army, 8 September 1944, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal previously awarded in General Orders No. 53, Headquarters, 104th Infantry Division, 21 February 1945, a bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to the following officers:

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First Lieutenant WARREN A. WINSKAITIS (Army Serial Number O1179252), Field Artillery, Battery C, 929th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 25 March 1945. Entered Military Service from Oak Park, Illinois.

IV--BRONZE STAR MEDAL--Amendments:

1. So much of section II, General Orders No. 153, this headquarters, pertaining to Staff Sergeant Francis M. Prettie, 16102385, as reads, ". . . in Germany on 25 February 1944 . . .," is amended to read, ". . . in Germany on 25 February 1945. . . ."

2. So much of section III, General Orders No. 155, this headquarters, 30 May 1945, as reads, "First Lieutenant MORTON D. KAUFMAN (Army Serial Number O1289269). . . .," is amended to read, "First Lieutenant MORTON D. KAUFFMAN (Army Serial Number O1289269), . . ."

V--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 1a(1), Memorandum No. 34, Headquarters, Ninth United States Army, 8 September 1944, in addition to the Air Medal previously awarded in General Orders No. 73, Headquarters, 104th Infantry Division, 13 March 1945, a bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to the following officer:

First Lieutenant OTTO S. ABER (Army Serial Number O1184444), Field Artillery, Headquarters, 104th Division Artillery, United States Army, for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight as Field Artillery air observation pilot in Germany from 8 February to 27 April 1945. Entered military service from Honolulu, Territory of Hawaii.

VI--AIR MEDAL (SECOND 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 Air Medal previously awarded in General Orders No. 38, Headquarters, 104th Infantry Division, 7 February 1945, a bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to the following officer:

Captain KENNETH A. MORRIS (Army Serial Number O1176741), Field Artillery, Headquarters, 104th Division Artillery, United States Army, for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight as Field Artillery air observation pilot in Germany from 19 March to 30 April 1945. Entered military service from Fayetteville, Arkansas.

VII--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 Stanley R. Stevens (then Corporal) (Army Serial Number 39323637), Infantry, Headquarters Company, 3d Battalion, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for wounds received as a result of enemy action in Germany on 2 December 1944. Entered military service from Portland, Oregon.

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Staff Sergeant George R. Zanck (Army Serial Number 36710805), Infantry, Company E, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for wounds received as a result of enemy action in Germany on 30 March 1945. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

Sergeant David C. Gourley (Army Serial Number 34490966), Infantry, Company L, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for wounds received as a result of enemy action in Germany on 18 November 1944. Entered military service from Johnson City, Tennessee.

Corporal Joseph A. LaPuma (then Private First Class) (Army Serial Number 39270575), Infantry, Headquarters Company, 3d Battalion, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for wounds received as a result of enemy action in Germany on 23 November 1944. Entered military service from Los Angeles, California.

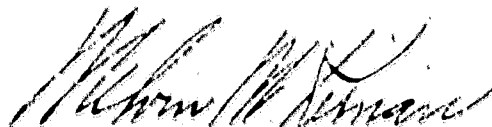
Corporal George M. Montgomery (Army Serial Number 34399044), Infantry, Company M, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for wounds received as a result of enemy action in Germany on 25 November 1944. Entered military service from Aliceville, Alabama.

Corporal Morton B. Smith, Sr. (Army Serial Number 35762915), Infantry, Company E, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for wounds received as a result of enemy action in Germany on 30 March 1945. Entered military service from Paden City, West Virginia.

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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:

Sergeant James T. Sobansky (Army Serial Number 13170765), Infantry, Company E, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in Germany on 15 April 1945. As an armor-infantry column encountered heavy enemy fire which wounded his platoon leader, Sergeant Sobansky took command of his platoon and led it forward across five hundred yards of open terrain in the face of deadly enemy fire. He dauntlessly rushed forward and single-handedly attacked enemy fox holes, killing two enemy soldiers and capturing five prisoners. Again resuming the advance, he eliminated several enemy strong points with well directed rifle and grenade fire, enabling his men to secure the objective without loss to themselves. The intrepidity, daring, and superb leadership displayed by Sergeant Sobansky were in keeping with the finest traditions of the American soldier and combat leader. Entered military service from Washington, Pennsylvania. Next of kin: Mrs. Mary Sobansky, 149 Belvue Avenue, Washington, Pennsylvania.

Sergeant David S. Thomas (Army Serial Number 38470060), Infantry, Company L, 413th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in Germany on 24 March 1945. Skillfully maneuvering his squad in an advance to relieve a besieged platoon, Sergeant Thomas exposed himself to enemy fire to lead his men forward. Reaching a point twenty-five yards from an enemy machine gun, he coolly raised himself to an upright position, shot two enemy soldiers, and rushed the enemy positions. In the fierce fire-fight that followed, Sergeant Thomas was mortally wounded, but his men, inspired by the gallantry of their leader, captured the objective. The heroism and intense devotion to duty displayed by Sergeant Thomas were in keeping with the finest traditions of the American combat soldier. Entered military service from Perry, Oklahoma. Next of kin: Mrs. Eula S. Thomas, 414, 8th Street, Perry, 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:

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Second Lieutenant KEITH V. THOMPSON (Army Serial Number 02000603), Medical Administrative Corps, Medical Detachment, 413th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in Germany on 23 February 1945. During an important river crossing, Lieutenant Thompson continuously exposed himself to extremely heavy enemy fire for many hours. In order to expedite the evacuation of wounded men, Lieutenant Thompson repeatedly crossed a one thousand-yard stretch of open terrain to reconnoiter routes for the evacuation of casualties and to supervise the movements of litter bearers. On one occasion he rode on the bumper of a "jeep" carrying casualties and was wounded himself by a nearby shell burst. He refused to be evacuated until the other men were cared for and taken to the aid station. His courageous actions, above and beyond the call of duty, reflect the highest credit on Lieutenant Thompson and the military service. Entered military service from Santa Monica, California.

First Sergeant John Logan (Army Serial Number 6650769), Infantry, Company K, 413th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in Germany on 23 February 1945. As his company launched an assault across a flooded, turbulent river, Sergeant Logan courageously exposed himself to enemy fire to direct the launching of assault boats and to encourage his men in their difficult task. Crossing the river with the third wave, he made his way through a heavily mined area, crossing three hundred yards of coverless terrain to a large factory, where he set up an outpost which he manned despite withering enemy fire until his company had secured the objective and consolidated its positions. The gallantry and devotion to duty displayed by Sergeant Logan, far above and beyond the call of duty, exemplify the finest traditions of the American soldier and combat leader. Entered military service from El Paso, Texas.

Staff Sergeant Carroll W. Gates (Army Serial Number 18103465), Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in Germany on 20 November 1944. When enemy artillery began shelling a heavy concentration of troops and numerous casualties were incurred, Sergeant Gates, at great risk to his life, left his covered position and began directing the evacuation of the wounded. Despite the heavy fire which continually rained on the area, Sergeant Gates personally located each casualty, directed the walking wounded to the temporary aid station, and brought litter teams to those who were unable to walk. Although he was painfully wounded himself, Sergeant Gates refused to be evacuated until all the other casualties had been cared for. His courageous actions, above and beyond the call of duty, exemplify the finest traditions of the American medical soldier. Entered military service from San Antonio, Texas.

Staff Sergeant William W. Young (Army Serial Number 12216249), Infantry, Company A, 414th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in Germany on 2 April 1945. After directing his men to take cover when his platoon encountered withering enemy fire, Sergeant Young voluntarily and at great risk to his life, crossed two hundred yards of fire-swept terrain to the side of a seriously wounded man. Lifting the man to his shoulders, he returned across the same treacherous route and immediately administered first aid and arranged for the evacuation of the man, saving his life. The gallantry and superb devotion to duty and to his comrade displayed by Sergeant Young exemplify the finest traditions of the American soldier, reflecting distinct credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Endicott, New York.

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Sergeant James J. Aiello, Jr. (then Private First Class) (Army Serial Number 12154185), Infantry, Company H, 415th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in Germany on 24 February 1945. When his company was pinned down by devastating enemy machine gun fire after advancing to within three hundred yards of the objective, Sergeant Aiello set up his gun in a completely exposed position, and despite the fact that enemy fire spattered the dirt around him, he poured a devastating stream of fire on the enemy positions, forcing one enemy machine gun crew to surrender and preventing the enemy from infiltrating until the objective was secured. The singular gallantry and extreme devotion to duty displayed by Sergeant Aiello are in keeping with the finest traditions of the American combat soldier. Entered military service from Woodside, Long Island, New York.

Technician Fifth Grade Irving Kessler (Army Serial Number 32811381), Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 413th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in Germany on 23 November 1944. Voluntarily and at great risk to his life, Technician Kessler remained in a forward position after a withdrawal had been ordered to administer first aid to two seriously wounded men. After treating one casualty, he crossed three hundred yards of open, fire-swept terrain to reach a second man. After traveling to the rear to look for litter bearers, he returned across the same treacherous route and carried one man to safety through a hail of enemy fire. He was then able to procure two litter bearers and led them forward to evacuate the second seriously wounded man. Technician Kessler's courage and intense devotion to duty in the performance of this self-assigned task, far beyond the call of duty, were directly responsible for saving the lives of two of his comrades, and his actions exemplify the finest traditions of the American medical soldier. Entered military service from Brooklyn, New York.

Private First Class Robert A. Brandon (Army Serial Number 34439387), Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, 929th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for gallantry in action in Germany on 5 April 1945. On the morning of 31 March 1945, Private Brandon and an officer were captured while engaged in their liaison duties. Upon receiving information that friendly troops were only a short distance away, Private Brandon and two companions dressed as French refugees and mingled with the refugees in the vicinity. On the morning of 5 April 1945, Private Brandon and his comrades decided to attempt to escape. Skillfully and courageously the men traveled through the enemy lines and heavy artillery fire from both sides of the line and reported to friendly troops with vital information as to the strength and location of enemy installations. The intrepid gallantry and coolness in the face of grave danger displayed by Private Brandon exemplify the finest traditions of the American combat soldier. Entered military service from Dallas, North Carolina.

Private First Class James D. Harris (Army Serial Number 34399035), Infantry, Company F, 413th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in Germany on 25 February 1945. Seeing an enemy machine gunner and two snipers shifting their positions to fire on two wounded men, Private Harris exposed himself to murderous enemy fire to take up an exposed position from which he killed the enemy machine gunner and both snipers with his machine gun. Retaining his position, he covered the advance of his comrades in the assault and capture of the objective. Private Harris's gallantry and intense devotion to duty were re-

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responsible for saving the lives of two of his comrades and exemplified the finest traditions of the American combat soldier, reflecting the highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Birmingham, Alabama.

Private First Class Bishop T. Woodson (Army Serial Number 38541195), Infantry, Company B, 415th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in Germany on 25 March 1945. Advancing with a combat patrol to clear buildings on the company's flank, Private Woodson and his companions captured nine enemy soldiers in a house, but the enemy in adjoining buildings immediately laid down a terrific small arms and machine gun barrage which cut off the patrol's withdrawal. Voluntarily and at great risk to his life, Private Woodson stealthily flanked an enemy machine gun and wiped it out with well-aimed hand grenades, killing the gunner and wounding the assistant. By his courageous action, Private Woodson cleared a safe route of withdrawal for his men, and his actions, above and beyond the call of duty, exemplify the finest traditions of the American combat soldier. Entered military service from Conroe, Texas.

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, warrant officers, and enlisted men:

Major THOMAS G. BROOKS (Army Serial Number 0451842), Corps of Engineers, Headquarters, 329th Engineer Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 23 October 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Atlanta, Georgia.

Major ALLEN H. HATCH (then Captain) (Army Serial Number 0452396), Field Artillery, Headquarters, 385th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Germany from 21 March to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Whitefish, Montana.

Major OTTO H. MEYER (Army Serial Number 0268401), Field Artillery, Headquarters, 385th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Germany from 21 March to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Corvallis, Oregon.

Major JOHN K. SAYERS (Army Serial Number 0403614), Infantry, Headquarters, 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 7 May 1945. Entered military service from Mobile, Alabama.

Captain WILLIAM P. HOFFMAN (Army Serial Number 01102294), Corps of Engineers, Headquarters, 329th Engineer Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Germany from 25 January to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Captain J. GUY HOOVER (Army Serial Number 0511105), Medical Corps, Medical Detachment, 329th Engineer Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany

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from 23 October 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Eustis, Nebraska.

Captain HERBERT L. PHILLIPS (Army Serial Number O1168028), Field Artillery, Battery C, 385th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 23 October 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Barre, Vermont.

Captain FRANK C. RATCLIFF (Army Serial Number O1168043), Field Artillery, Battery B, 385th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 23 October 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Pelly, Texas.

Captain LEE B. SANDERS (Army Serial Number O1168061), Field Artillery, Headquarters, 385th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Germany from 23 February to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Ogden, Utah.

First Lieutenant WILLIAM F. HACKETT (Army Serial Number O1591776), Corps of Engineers, Company B, 329th Engineer Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Germany from 15 November 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Cleveland, Ohio.

First Lieutenant ARTHUR C. HARRIS (Army Serial Number O1106799), Corps of Engineers, Headquarters and Service Company, 329th Engineer Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 23 October 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from San Diego, California.

First Lieutenant EDWARD H. PICKERING (Army Serial Number O1168029), Field Artillery, Battery A, 385th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 23 October 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Lodi, California.

First Lieutenant NORMAN L. SODMAN (Army Serial Number O1168087), Field Artillery, Battery A, 385th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 23 October 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Elk River, Minnesota.

Second Lieutenant DONALD H. GAUTREAU (then Technical Sergeant) (Army Serial Number O2008536), Infantry, Company G, 413th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 13 November 1944. Entered military service from National City, California.

Warrant Officer Junior Grade SIDNEY E. JOHNSON (Army Serial Number W2107865), Headquarters and Service Company, 329th Engineer Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 23 October 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Aberdeen, Washington.

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Warrant Officer Junior Grade RICHARD L. WHALEN (Army Serial Number W2129505), Headquarters, 329th Medical Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 23 October 1944 to 7 May 1945. Entered military service from Minneapolis, Minnesota.

First Sergeant Van M. Barrington (Army Serial Number 36200056), Medical Department, Company A, 329th Medical Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 23 October 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from South Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Technical Sergeant Herman T. Cook, Jr. (then Staff Sergeant) (Army Serial Number 12155883), Infantry, Company G, 413th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 2 March 1945. Entered military service from Long Island, New York.

Technical Sergeant Walter O. George (then Staff Sergeant) (Army Serial Number 32612463), Infantry, Headquarters Company, 3d Battalion, 413th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 13 April 1945. Entered military service from Long Island, New York.

Technical Sergeant John M. Walsh (then Staff Sergeant) (Army Serial Number 32661140), Infantry, Company L, 413th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 14 April 1945. Entered military service from Troy, New York.

Technical Sergeant Joy A. Woodward (Army Serial Number 17050458), Medical Department, Headquarters Detachment, 329th Medical Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 23 October 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Staff Sergeant Charles H. Blaask (Army Serial Number 37465045), Field Artillery, Service Battery, 387th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 23 October 1944 to 28 February 1945. Entered military service from Omaha, Nebraska.

Staff Sergeant Curtis O. Cathay (Army Serial Number 37107889), Medical Department, Company A, 329th Medical Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 23 October 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Harrell, Arkansas.

Staff Sergeant Wayne M. Hess (Army Serial Number 36436331), Infantry, Headquarters Company, 3d Battalion, 413th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 26 February 1945. Entered military service from Washington, Illinois.

Staff Sergeant Dwight M. Ladd (Army Serial Number 37202439), Field Artillery, Service Battery, 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 28 March 1945. Entered military service from Garden City, Kansas

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Staff Sergeant Leo K. Oren (Army Serial Number 37663626), Infantry, Company I, 413th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 28 November 1944. Entered military service from Waterloo, Iowa.

Staff Sergeant Harold W. Plummer (Army Serial Number 32660006), Medical Department, Company A, 329th Medical Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 23 October 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Altamont, New York.

Staff Sergeant Arthur L. Toggis (Army Serial Number 20812938), Field Artillery, Battery C, 929th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 24 October 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Wichita Falls, Texas.

Sergeant Vincent R. Cotter (Army Serial Number 37118721), Medical Department, Company A, 329th Medical Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 23 October 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Brewster, Minnesota.

Sergeant Glover E. Harrison (Army Serial Number 34478788), Medical Department, Company A, 329th Medical Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 23 October 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Hickory, Mississippi.

Sergeant Loy F. Sharon (Army Serial Number 37398176), Corps of Military Police, Military Police Platoon, 104th Infantry Division, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 23 October 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Mount Vernon, Missouri.

Sergeant Kelly Stephens (then Technician Fifth Grade and Sergeant) (Army Serial Number 39270111), Infantry, Headquarters, Special Troops, 104th Infantry Division, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 23 October 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Baldwin Park, California.

Sergeant Dwight O. Thompson (Army Serial Number 37142692), Medical Department, Company A, 329th Medical Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 23 October 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Osage City, Kansas.

Technician Fourth Grade Michael S. Gogio (then Technician Fifth Grade) (Army Serial Number 35591781), Field Artillery, Battery B, 385th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from 23 October 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Canton, Ohio.

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