

ALBERT MARTINA

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SECOND LIEUTENANT WILLIAM J BARNHART (Army Serial Number 0181393), Cavalry, Company B, 3rd Tank Battalion, United States Army, for gallantry in action in the vicinity of Merzig, Germany on 20 November 1944. With utter disregard for his own personal safety, Lieutenant Barnhart advanced over open ground to a hill occupied by the enemy one thousand yards distant where he assisted in the rescue and removal to safety of a wounded officer. This act was performed in daylight under continuous heavy observed enemy artillery and mortar fire, projectiles of which burst as close as ten to fifteen yards from the rescue party. The courage and determination displayed by Lieutenant Barnhart in his accomplishment are noteworthy and reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered the military service from Oklahoma.

FIRST SERGEANT ALBERT MARTINA (Army Serial Number 6747779), Company B, 3rd Tank Battalion, United States Army, for gallantry in action in the vicinity of Merzig, Germany on 20 November 1944. With utter disregard for his own personal safety, First Sergeant Martina advanced over open ground to a hill occupied by the enemy one thousand yards distant where he assisted in the rescue and removal to safety of a wounded officer. This act was performed in daylight under continuous heavy observed enemy artillery and mortar fire, projectiles of which burst as close as ten to fifteen yards from the rescue party. The courage and determination displayed by First Sergeant Martina in his accomplishment are noteworthy and reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered the military service from Virginia.

SERGEANT LOUIS PODERGOIS (Army Serial Number 36202636), Headquarters Company, 11th Tank Battalion, United States Army, for gallantry in action at Laurefeld, France on 16 November 1944. Disregarding his own personal safety, Sergeant Podergois rescued two wounded members of his platoon from a burning vehicle while subjected to heavy enemy artillery and mortar fire. After evacuating the wounded men, he returned to the burning vehicle and alone extinguished the flames in spite of potential danger from exploding ammunition. By his gallant and intrepid action, Sergeant Podergois brought inspiration to the members of his organization and great credit to himself and the military service. Entered the military service from Wisconsin.

TECHNICIAN FOURTH GRADE WALTER M LEE (Army Serial Number 34398336), Company B, 13th Tank Battalion, United States Army, for gallantry in action in the vicinity of Berg, Germany on 22 November 1944. When his tank became bogged in mud four hundred yards from an enemy pillbox which was concentrating heavy fire upon his vehicle, Technician Fourth Grade Lee, with utter disregard for his own safety, dismounted from his vehicle and attached a tow cable to a nearby tank and remained on the ground to direct the towing of his tank for approximately twenty minutes until it was able to function under its own power. This action saved the tank and crew from destruction and allowed it to proceed on its mission. The coolness and courage displayed by Technician Fourth Grade Lee under fire was a definite motivating force for all who witnessed the action. His achievement reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered the military service from Alabama.

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS JOHN MORAN (Army Serial Number 6145614) Headquarters Company, 3rd Tank Battalion, United States Army, for gallantry in action in the vicinity of Merzig, Germany on 20 November 1944. With utter disregard for his own personal safety, Private First Class Moran advanced over open ground to a hill occupied by the enemy one thousand yards distant where he assisted in the rescue and removal to safety of a wounded officer. This act was performed in daylight under continuous heavy observed enemy artillery and mortar fire, projectiles of which burst as close as ten to fifteen yards from the rescue party. The courage and determination displayed by Private First Class Moran in his accomplishment are noteworthy and reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered the military service from Massachusetts.

II. By direction of the President and under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular Number 6, Headquarters Third United States Army, dated 26 April 1944, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to:

CAPTAIN MORRIS WEINTRAUB (Army Serial Number 01101713), Corps of Engineers, Company A, 55th Armored Engineer Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States.

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near Haute Sierck, France, during the period 18 November 1944 to 19 November 1944. CAPTAIN WEINTRAUB personally assisted advance engineer elements in removing a road block and a mine field while under heavy enemy mortar and artillery fire. Later CAPTAIN WEINTRAUB personally supervised construction of a crossing over a demolished culvert and the repairing of a bridge across the Nied River, while under heavy enemy artillery and mortar fire. CAPTAIN WEINTRAUB'S actions contributed materially to the rapid and successful advance of our attacking forces, and reflect the highest credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States.

FIRST LIEUTENANT HARRY F CARL (Army Serial Number 01170675), Field Artillery, Battery C, 423d Armored Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States, in January, during the period 12 November 1944 to 23 November 1944. Upon the death of the battery commander, LIEUTENANT CARL assumed command and by his personal leadership and spirit held the battery together and led them into combat. He manned forward observation posts in the Infantry front lines and delivered effective artillery fire on the enemy, although his observation post was under heavy enemy 90mm and mortar fire. As the situation stabilized, LIEUTENANT CARL returned to his battery and acted as S-3 to mass the fires of his battery and a platoon of tanks. By his initiative, skill and leadership, LIEUTENANT CARL aided materially in completing an artillery mission. His efficiency and determination reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

FIRST LIEUTENANT ROBERT N BUSH (Army Serial Number 01017368), Cavalry, Company 3, 51st Tank Battalion, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States, in the vicinity of Uchange, France, on 10 November 1944. When two of his company's tanks became mired in the mud, LIEUTENANT BUSH, in spite of heavy observed enemy artillery fire, directed a daylight recovery operation and succeeded in quickly removing the tanks, thereby saving valuable equipment from destruction by the enemy. The courage, initiative and resourcefulness of LIEUTENANT BUSH enabled a tank platoon to remain at full strength during a sustained operation. His achievement reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered the military service from Indiana.

FIRST LIEUTENANT CLAUDE F ARRINGTON (Army Serial Number 0817554), Field Artillery, Battery A, 420th Armored Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States, in France, during the period 14 November 1944 to 21 November 1944. While temporarily assigned to an Infantry Assault Company, LIEUTENANT ARRINGTON performed his duties in a superior manner under enemy artillery fire, mortar fire and small arms fire. LIEUTENANT ARRINGTON maintained observation by keeping well forward, often dismounting from his vehicle and communicating with Battalion Fire Direction Center by portable radio and telephone relay. On completing his task with the Infantry, he joined a tank company and selected positions for tanks in their secondary missions, and helped them occupy these positions. During the last twenty-four hours of this period, LIEUTENANT ARRINGTON was suffering from an attack of influenza and was running a temperature of over 100°. The zeal, enthusiasm and professional ability displayed reflect great credit upon LIEUTENANT ARRINGTON and the military service. Entered the military service from Florida.

SECOND LIEUTENANT EMMETT R ARNOLD (Army Serial Number 01684081) Signal Corps, 180th Armored Signal Company, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States, in France, during the period 10 November 1944 to 21 November 1944. LIEUTENANT ARNOLD, by personal leadership, working with utter disregard to hours and to his own safety, was directly responsible for the installation and maintenance of a traffic control telephone system and a tactical telephone system, which, by affording personal contact between commanders and staff officers, contributed greatly to the successful completion of the first major operation of this Division, the crossing of the Moselle River and the clearance of the enemy in the zone from the area north of the Nied River. The courage displayed by LIEUTENANT ARNOLD in directing this work while under heavy enemy artillery fire, reflects great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Tennessee.

TECHNICIAN FIFTH GRADE CARL M LOGAN (Army Serial Number 18072148) Company B, 138th Ordnance Maintenance Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious service in

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connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in France, on 27 November 1944. Technician Fifth Grade Logan was a member of a patrol investigating small arms fire in the vicinity of Kerling, France. When a member of the patrol was injured by an anti-personnel mine, Technician Fifth Grade Logan immediately assisted in giving first aid and remained with the injured man until an ambulance arrived. While acting as one of the litter bearers carrying the wounded man across a mined field, Technician Fifth Grade Logan had his right foot blown off by another anti-personnel mine. In spite of this serious injury, Technician Fifth Grade Logan insisted that the other wounded man be given first consideration, and even attempted to remove his own field jacket in order that it might be used to cover the other wounded soldier. The unselfish sacrifice of Technician Fifth Grade Logan merits high commendation and reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

Wife of late: Mrs. Lene Logan (Grady), 608 West 2nd Avenue, Denver, Colorado.

TECHNICIAN FIFTH GRADE GEORGE GIPP, JR. (Army Serial Number 35568451) Company A, 132d Ordnance Maintenance Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in France, on 16 November 1944. Technician Fifth Grade Gipp, while a member of a maintenance detachment charged with the support of a Tank Force, successfully undertook the repair of the radiator of a three-quarter ton truck. This work was carried out within six hundred yards of the actual fighting and under constant enemy artillery, mortar, and small arms fire. Upon completion of this work, Technician Fifth Grade Gipp volunteered to retrieve a one-quarter ton truck that had been abandoned within four hundred yards of the enemy, when one of the occupants became a casualty. Again, under enemy artillery, mortar and small arms fire, Technician Fifth Grade Gipp succeeded in reaching the vehicle and returning it to a covered position. His courageous actions displayed in saving equipment from destruction by enemy fire, reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

CORPORAL AUGUSTINE BOTTEGLIO (Army Serial Number 31226659) Headquarters Battery, 425d Armored Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in France, 12 November 1944. Corporal Bottieglio was with an observer at an Infantry Observation Post. During heavy enemy shelling of this position, several casualties were sustained. Since there were not enough litter bearers present to take care of all the casualties, Corporal Bottieglio volunteered to assist in carrying a wounded officer to an Aid Station approximately one and one-half miles away, through an area subjected to heavy enemy shelling. Despite increasingly heavy enemy shelling, the wounded officer was carried safely to the Battalion Aid Station. This action, above and beyond the call of duty, reflects great credit upon Corporal Bottieglio and the military service. Entered the military service from Massachusetts.

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS ROBERT J COX (Army Serial Number 16150768), Headquarters Battery, 425d Armored Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in France, 12 November 1944. Private First Class Cox was with an observer at an Infantry Observation Post. During heavy enemy shelling of this position, several casualties were sustained. Since there were not enough litter bearers present to take care of all the casualties, Private First Class Cox volunteered to assist in carrying a wounded officer to an Aid Station approximately one and one-half miles away, through an area subjected to heavy enemy shelling. Despite increasingly heavy enemy shelling, the wounded officer was carried safely to the Battalion Aid Station. This action, above and beyond the call of duty, reflects great credit upon Private First Class Cox and the military service. Entered the military service from Michigan.

III. Under the provisions of first indorsement Headquarters, Third United States Army, file AG 200.6 - GEMCA-4, dated 10 August 1944, to letter Headquarters, European Theater of Operations, United States Army, file AG 200.6 MFGA, subject: Certificate of Merit, dated 28 June 1944, the Certificate of Merit is awarded to the following-named personnel in recognition of conspicuously meritorious and outstanding performance of military duty in France:

FIRST LIEUTENANT RICHARD R BRIGHT (Army Serial Number 0462062) Ordnance Department, Company B, 132d Ordnance Maintenance Battalion, United States Army.

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connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in France, on 27 November 1944. Technician Fifth Grade Logan was a member of a patrol investigating small arms fire in the vicinity of Kerling, France. When a member of the patrol was injured by an anti-personnel mine, Technician Fifth Grade Logan immediately assisted in giving first aid and remained with the injured man until an ambulance arrived. While acting as one of the litter bearers carrying the wounded man across a mined field, Technician Fifth Grade Logan had his right foot blown off by another anti-personnel mine. In spite of this serious injury, Technician Fifth Grade Logan insisted that the other wounded man be given first consideration, and even attempted to remove his own field jacket in order that it might be used to cover the other wounded soldier. The unselfish sacrifice of Technician Fifth Grade Logan merits high commendation and reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. *Wife of Gen. Mrs. Lena Logan (Mother)*
618 West 2nd Avenue, Denver, Colorado.

TECHNICIAN FIFTH GRADE GEORGE GIPP, JR. (Army Serial Number 33666-31) Company A, 132d Ordnance Maintenance Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in France, on 16 November 1944. Technician Fifth Grade Gipp, while a member of a maintenance detachment charged with the support of a Tank Force, successfully undertook the repair of the radiator of a three-quarter ton truck. This work was carried out within six hundred yards of the actual fighting and under constant enemy artillery, mortar, and small arms fire. Upon completion of this work, Technician Fifth Grade Gipp volunteered to retrieve a one-quarter ton truck that had been abandoned within four hundred yards of the enemy, when one of the occupants became a casualty. Again under enemy artillery, mortar and small arms fire, Technician Fifth Grade Gipp succeeded in reaching the vehicle and returning it to a covered position. His courageous actions displayed in saving equipment from destruction by enemy fire, reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

CORPORAL AUGUSTINE BOTTEGLIO (Army Serial Number 3122839) Headquarters Battery, 423d Armored Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States, in France, 12 November 1944. Corporal Botteglie was with an observer at an Infantry Observation Post. During heavy enemy shelling of this position, several casualties were sustained. Since there were not enough litter bearers present to take care of all the casualties, Corporal Botteglie volunteered to assist in carrying a wounded officer to an Aid Station approximately one and one-half miles away, through an area subjected to heavy enemy shelling. Despite increasingly heavy enemy shelling, the wounded officer was carried safely to the Battalion Aid Station. This action, above and beyond the call of duty, reflects great credit upon Corporal Botteglie and the military service. Entered the military service from Massachusetts.

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS ROBERT J COX (Army Serial Number 16150788), Headquarters Battery, 423d Armored Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in France, 12 November 1944. Private First Class Cox was with an observer at an Infantry Observation Post. During heavy enemy shelling of this position, several casualties were sustained. Since there were not enough litter bearers present to take care of all the casualties, Private First Class Cox volunteered to assist in carrying a wounded officer to an Aid Station approximately one and one-half miles away, through an area subjected to heavy enemy shelling. Despite increasingly heavy enemy shelling, the wounded officer was carried safely to the Battalion Aid Station. This action, above and beyond the call of duty, reflects great credit upon Private First Class Cox and the military service. Entered the military service from Michigan.

III. Under the provisions of first indorsement Headquarters, Third United States Army, file AG 200.6 - GAWA-4, dated 10 August 1944, to letter Headquarters, European Theater of Operations, United States Army, file AG 200.6 MPGA, subject: Certificate of Merit, dated 28 June 1944, the Certificate of Merit is awarded to the following-named personnel in recognition of conspicuously meritorious and outstanding performance of military duty in France:

FIRST LIEUTENANT RICHARD R HIGHT (Army Serial Number 0462062) Ordnance Department, Company B, 132d Ordnance Maintenance Battalion, United States Army.

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SECOND LIEUTENANT WILLIAM T HUSSEY, JR (Army Serial Number 01056420), Ordnance Department, Company B, 132d Ordnance Maintenance Battalion, United States Army
Sergeant Newell L Ross (Army Serial Number 3723274), Headquarters Battery, 420th Armored Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army.
Technician Fourth Grade Charles W Heal (Army Serial Number 13072136), Company B, 132d Ordnance Maintenance Battalion, United States Army.
Technician Fourth Grade Ray C Newport (Army Serial Number 33522357) Headquarters Battery, 420th Armored Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army.
Corporal Wallace N Newport (Army Serial Number 39322666) Headquarters Battery, 420th Armored Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army.
Technician Fifth Grade Redford L Bowsher (Army Serial Number 6661560) Company B, 132d Ordnance Maintenance Battalion, United States Army.
Private Travis Dunham (Army Serial Number 34322529) Company B, 132d Ordnance Maintenance Battalion, United States Army.
Private Harry E Cannon (Army Serial Number 32243726), Company C, 20th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army

By command of the DIVISION COMMANDER:

BASIL G. THAYER,
Colonel, G. S. C.,
Chief of Staff.

OFFICIAL:

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- I. AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR
- II. AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL
- III. AWARD OF THE SOLDIER'S MEDAL
- IV. AWARD OF THE CERTIFICATE OF MERIT

I. By direction of the President and under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular Number 6, Third United States Army, dated 26 April 1944, the Silver Star is awarded to:

✓ **LIEUTENANT COLONEL HENRY T CHERRY, JR** (Army Serial Number 019088), Cavalry, ~~1st~~ Tank Battalion, United States Army, for gallantry in action in France and in the vicinity of Merzig, Germany during the period 16 November 1944 to 27 November 1944. Lieutenant Colonel Cherry, with utter disregard for his own personal safety, led a rescue party over open ground to a hill occupied by the enemy one thousand yards distant where he assisted in the rescue of a wounded officer who was in immediate danger of being killed by enemy fire. The rescue was performed in daylight under continuous heavy observed enemy artillery and mortar fire, projectiles of which burst as close as ten to fifteen yards from the rescue party. The gallant act of Lieutenant Colonel Cherry reflects great credit upon himself and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Georgia.

✓ **LIEUTENANT COLONEL BARRY D BROWNE** (Army Serial Number O-21099), Field Artillery, ~~1st~~ Armored Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for gallantry in action in France and Germany during the period 15 November 1944 to 26 November 1944. Lieutenant Colonel Browne, a Field Artillery Battalion Commander, personally directed the fire of his Battalion from a forward observation post while under harassing enemy artillery and mortar fire. Several times during the action, enemy fire was so intense it became necessary for him to leave his observation post, but each time he returned and continued to direct the firing. On 26 November 1944 Lieutenant Colonel Browne coordinated and directed the fire of all the supporting weapons of a Combat Team in the assault and taking of Bethingen, Germany in such a manner as to result in minimum personnel losses to this team. His exemplary performance, initiative, and display of courage were an inspiration to the members of his command and reflects the highest credit upon himself as a leader of men and upon the military forces of the United States.

✓ **FIRST LIEUTENANT IGNACIO RODRIGUEZ** (Army Serial Number 01166821), Field Artillery, ~~1st~~ Armored Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for gallantry in action in the vicinity of Hargarten, France on 18 November 1944. As a forward observer for a task force, Lieutenant Rodriguez was leading a column in his half-track when the column was suddenly subjected to flanking fire from enemy 88 mm anti-tank guns located in a nearby wooded area. Going forward on foot, he located the enemy positions and directed artillery fire on them. In the action which followed, Lieutenant Rodriguez had moved his half-track forward to facilitate radio communication when it was struck by enemy fire. He was thrown from the vehicle and was wounded in the resultant explosion. Disregarding his wounds, and in spite of continuous enemy fire, Lieutenant Rodriguez returned to the vehicle and rescued his driver who was severely injured. His heroic achievement was inspiring to all who witnessed the incident and is worthy of high merit. Entered the military service from New York.

✓ **SECOND LIEUTENANT ROBERT C PERDELWITZ** (Army Serial Number O-1056190), Corps of Engineers, ~~1st~~ Armored Engineer Battalion, United States Army, for gallantry in action in the vicinity of Hargarten, France on 19 November 1944. Lieutenant Perdelwitz, with utter disregard for his own personal safety, removed a minefield at a cross road before a village in France while under heavy, close range enemy small arms and machine gun fire. This action made it possible for an armored column to continue its advance into the village in support of Armored Infantry which was engaged at the time in hand to hand combat with the enemy. The intrepidity and devotion to duty displayed by Lieutenant Perdelwitz reflect great credit upon himself, his organization, and the military service. Entered the military service from Wisconsin.

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PRIVATE FIRST CLASS MICHAEL J DANHO (Army Serial Number 36540839), Field Artillery, **Battery, ***Armored Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for gallantry in action at Petite Hottange, France on 7 November 1944. Private First Class Danko, as a member of a field artillery forward observation party, crossed the Moselle River under heavy fire. After setting up their radio in the open under heavy enemy artillery and mortar fire, the entire party was pinned down by enemy small arms automatic fire. Discovering that the officer in charge of his section had been wounded, Private First Class Danko, regardless of orders to remain under cover, moved forward under fire to assist the officer, refusing to abandon his radio even though it greatly impeded his progress. In order that another member of the party could withdraw and report the situation, he exposed himself to cover the withdrawal and was wounded in so doing. In spite of his own wound and enemy fire, he assisted the wounded officer to the rear. Private First Class Danko's courage, resourcefulness, and devotion to duty exemplify the high traditions of the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Michigan.

II. By direction of the President and under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular Number 6, Third United States Army, dated 26 April 1944, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to:

COLONEL JULIAN E RAYBOND (Army Serial Number 012814), Infantry, Combat Command **, 10th Armored Division, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in the vicinity of Metz, France during the period 14 November 1944 to 30 November 1944.

CAPTAIN CHARLES C STAUFFER (Army Serial Number 0424205), Medical Corps, **Medical Battalion, Armored, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States at Kaltweiler, France on 16 November 1944. Captain Stauffer, with one other officer and a small group of enlisted men, entered the burning village of Kaltweiler, France in order to establish a division forward clearing station. While under heavy enemy artillery and mortar fire, and before the area had been cleared of enemy infantry, Captain Stauffer, with utter disregard for his own safety, aided in the establishment of the division clearing station. Captain Stauffer untiringly aided in the medical care and evacuation of heavy casualties in the sector until further medical support was established. The courage, devotion to duty, and complete disregard for personal safety displayed by this officer, reflect credit upon himself and the military service. Entered the military service from North Carolina.

CAPTAIN WILLIAM S RITCHIE (Army Serial Number 01696439), Medical Corps, **Medical Battalion, Armored, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States at Kaltweiler, France on 16 November 1944. Captain Ritchie, with one other officer and a small group of enlisted men, entered the burning village of Kaltweiler, France in order to establish a division forward clearing station. While under heavy enemy artillery and mortar fire, and before the area had been cleared of enemy infantry, Captain Ritchie, with utter disregard for his own safety, aided in the establishment of the division clearing station. Captain Ritchie untiringly aided in the medical care and evacuation of heavy casualties in the sector until further medical support was established. The courage, devotion to duty, and complete disregard for personal safety displayed by this officer, reflect credit upon himself and the military service. Entered the military service from Washington, D.C.

CAPTAIN THOMAS J GILLICK (Army Serial Number 01016057), Cavalry, ***Tank Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States, at La Croix, France and Beckerholts, Germany on 16 November 1944. Captain Gillick, without regard for his own safety, directed and aided in the evacuation of a burning tank under direct enemy fire. This action permitted the remaining tank column to continue its advance toward the enemy. On a later occasion, he again directed the evacuation of disabled vehicles in order to open a passage for a tank column and was seriously wounded by shrapnel. The heroic actions on these two occasions serve as inspiring examples to all members of his organization and reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered the military service from California.

✓ CAPTAIN WILLIAM H BASH (Army Serial Number 287459), Infantry, *** Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in the vicinity of Margarten, France on 19 November 1944. Captain Bash led two armored infantry platoons and three medium tanks through a wooded area knocking out two 88 mm guns and eliminating a company of enemy infantry which were delaying the advance of an armored column. Reorganizing his party, he proceeded into a nearby town ahead of an armored column which was unable to enter because of a mined road. Despite pain from a burst eardrum suffered just prior to entering the town, Captain Bash led a final bayonet charge which resulted in the capture of 25 prisoners and forced the enemy to withdraw from the town. The soldierly qualities exhibited by this officer in this successful operation reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

✓ FIRST LIEUTENANT DONALD C LORD (Army Serial Number 01011554), Infantry, ***** Tank Battalion, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States at Borg, Germany on 20 November 1944. Lieutenant Lord, a platoon leader, led and directed a reinforced tank attack against a fortified pillbox across an open area under heavy enemy artillery and machine gun fire until it was decided to withdraw as further attack was useless and would result in the loss of the entire force without gaining the objective. The process of withdrawal was difficult as the attached infantry was exposed to enemy machine gun and artillery fire from a concrete pillbox less than 800 yards away. He not only led and directed the entire withdrawal without a single casualty, but he also relayed valuable information regarding enemy forces and gun emplacements to his supporting elements. Superior direction of the movement by Lieutenant Lord saved the lives of all the attacking force and also served as a sterling example of outstanding leadership in the face of insurmountable opposition. Entered the military service from New York.

✓ FIRST LIEUTENANT JOHN D DEVEREAUX (Army Serial Number 01311286), Infantry, *** Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States, in the vicinity of Borg, Germany on 22 November 1944. While under heavy mortar, artillery and small arms fire, Lieutenant Devereaux led his platoon in an attack through an open field on a fortified entrenched position held by the enemy. In reaching the objective it was necessary to go through dragons teeth and barbed wire which were dominated by a large pillbox. Leaving a group of men to fire into the apertures, Lieutenant Devereaux and two men attacked the pillbox from the flank. This action led to the capitulation of the pillbox and the immediate capture of 20 prisoners. Throughout the entire action, Lieutenant Devereaux's leadership, courage, and resourcefulness were a superior example to all his men and contributed immensely to the success of the operation. Entered the military service from New York.

✓ FIRST LIEUTENANT WILLIAM A SHADDEAU (Army Serial Number 01015181), Infantry, *** Tank Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States, at Launsfeld, France on 15 November 1944. While his company was under extremely heavy artillery and mortar fire, Lieutenant Shaddeau dismounted from his tank and aided in the evacuation of his deceased Company Commander and a wounded officer to a nearby aid station. He then assumed command of the company and continued on the assigned mission even after having received shrapnel wounds for which he refused medical aid. Lieutenant Shaddeau's action in assuming command of the company at a critical moment was a substantial contribution to the success of the company in their assigned mission. His calmness and courage displayed while evacuating casualties under fire were inspirational to his entire organization, a credit to himself, and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Georgia.

✓ FIRST LIEUTENANT JOSEPH H HERMAN (Army Serial Number 01018422), Cavalry, *** Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron (Mechanized), United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States, at Nockern, Germany on 22 November 1944. During an engagement in a small village, Lieutenant Herman's platoon was suddenly subjected to intense artillery fire. To escape the barrage, Lieutenant Herman decided to lead his men to the safety of a nearby cellar. In the dash for safety, the lieutenant and one of his men were wounded. Observing the serious condition of the wounded man, and

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✓ although painfully wounded himself, Lieutenant Herman dashed from safety into a shell raked street and assisted the wounded man to an aid station thirty yards distant. The courageous and unselfish action of this officer was inspirational to the members of his organization, a credit to himself and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Louisiana.

✓ SECOND LIEUTENANT HOLLAND C ADKISSON (Army Serial Number O-2049163) Medical Administrative Corps, ***Medical Battalion, Armored, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in the vicinity of Lemestroff, France, on 17 November 1944. Lieutenant Adkisson's collecting section of 5 ambulances with 15 enlisted men, while accompanying a tank column, were subjected to intense 88mm enemy anti-tank fire. This fire resulted in the killing of one member of the section and the wounding of five others. With complete disregard for his own safety, he administered medical care to the wounded, regrouped his section, and directed the medical care and casualty evacuation of the tank column throughout the engagement. Lieutenant Adkisson's conduct and leadership reflect great credit upon himself and the armed forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Tennessee.

✓ SERGEANT DONALD E HYDE (Army Serial Number 17156256), ***Armored Engineer Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States, in the vicinity of Kirschnaumen, France on 15 November 1944. Sergeant Hyde, with two other enlisted men, moved forward under direct, observed enemy fire and removed a wounded officer from a disabled tank. With utter disregard for his own safety from continuous enemy fire, he aided in moving the wounded officer two hundred yards to a defilade where the officer could be given medical aid. His intrepidity reflects great credit upon himself, his organization, and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from North Dakota.

✓ SERGEANT CLARENCE J HUBER (Army Serial Number 17156278), ***Armored Engineer Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States, in the vicinity of Kirschnaumen, France on 15 November 1944. Sergeant Huber, with two other enlisted men, moved forward under direct, observed enemy fire and removed a wounded officer from a disabled tank. With utter disregard for his own safety from continuous enemy fire, he aided in moving the wounded officer two hundred yards to a defilade where the officer could be given medical aid. His intrepidity reflects great credit upon himself, his organization, and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Minnesota.

✓ TECHNICIAN FIFTH GRADE HENRY H JOHNSON (Army Serial Number 35716786), ***Armored Engineer Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States, at Nennig, Germany, on 22 November 1944. The engineer platoon of which Technician Fifth Grade Johnson was a member, was assigned the task of filling or bridging an anti-tank ditch protecting a town in Germany in order that tank platoons could cross and attack the town. It was decided to fill the ditch with six dump truck loads of rock. Technician Fifth Grade Johnson, in the face of enemy small arms, mortar, and artillery fire, drove each of the six trucks to the ditch, turned them around, dumped the rock in the proper place, and brought the trucks back. The courage, coolness, and complete disregard for personal danger displayed by Technician Fifth Grade Johnson, reflects high esteem upon this enlisted man and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Kentucky.

✓ PRIVATE INGARD M CLAUSEN, JR (Army Serial Number 39863338), ***Armored Engineer Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States, in the vicinity of Kerling, France, on 13 November 1944. Private Clausen, with utter disregard for his own safety from intense, close range, enemy mortar fire, advanced in front of a task force, locating enemy mines by means of a mine detector until he was seriously wounded. His action made possible the removal of the mines and the continuation of the advance by the task force and reflects great credit upon himself and the military service of the United States. Entered the military service from Arizona.

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✓ PRIVATE CHARLES E MENDEL (Army Serial Number 35717306), ***Armored Engineer Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States, in the vicinity of Kirschnaumen, France, on 15 November 1944. Private Mendel, with two other enlisted men, moved forward under direct, observed enemy fire and removed a wounded officer from a disabled tank. With utter disregard for his own safety from continuous enemy fire, he aided in moving the officer two hundred yards to a defilade where the officer could be given medical aid. His intrepidity reflects great credit upon himself, his organization, and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Indiana.

III. By direction of the President and under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular Number 6, Third United States Army, dated 26 April 1944, the Soldier's Medal is awarded to:

✓ CAPTAIN GERALD J MURRAY (Army Serial Number 0450088), Field Artillery, *** Armored Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement at Fismes, France on 11 November 1944. Captain Murray was at work near a half track, which contained a combat load of small arms ammunition, grenades, and mines, when it caught on fire. Disregarding exploding small arms ammunition and the potential danger of the grenades and mines exploding from the intense heat, he, with an enlisted man, entered the vehicle, aided in the removal of the grenades and remaining ammunition, and assisted in fighting the fire until it was extinguished. Entered the military service from South Dakota.

✓ TECHNICAL SERGEANT ROBERT S TELLALIAN (Army Serial Number 31273442), *** Armored Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement at Fismes, France on 11 November 1944. Technical Sergeant Tellalian was at work near a half-track, which contained a combat load of small arms ammunition, grenades, and mines, when it caught on fire. Disregarding exploding small arms ammunition and the potential danger of the grenades and mines exploding from the intense heat, he, with an officer, entered the vehicle, aided in the removal of the grenades and remaining ammunition, and assisted in fighting the fire until it was extinguished. Entered the military service from Connecticut.

IV. Under the provisions of first indorsement Headquarters, Third United States Army, file AG 200.6 - GHECA-4, dated 10 August 1944, to letter Headquarters European Theater of Operations, United States Army, file AG 200.6 HPGA, subject: Certificate of Merit, dated 28 June 1944, the Certificate of Merit is awarded to the following named personnel in recognition of conspicuously meritorious and outstanding performance of military duty in France:

✓ CAPTAIN REVERDY WADSWORTH (Army Serial Number 0339964), Cavalry, ***Tank Battalion, United States Army.

✓ CAPTAIN THOMAS H KING (Army Serial Number 0315506), Infantry, *** Tank Battalion, United States Army.

✓ CAPTAIN WHEELER M THACKSTON (Army Serial Number 0327128), Infantry, ***Tank Battalion, United States Army.

✓ CAPTAIN KNOX S LONG (Army Serial Number 01101558), Corps of Engineers, ***Armored Engineer Battalion, United States Army.

✓ CAPTAIN JOHN C WILLIAMS (Army Serial Number 0412680), Infantry, ***Tank Battalion, United States Army.

✓ CAPTAIN WARREN O SHONDS (Army Serial Number 01101659), Corps of Engineers, *** Armored Engineer Battalion, United States Army.

✓ CAPTAIN JAMES F TURNER (Army Serial Number 0389369), Cavalry, ***Tank Battalion, United States Army.

✓ CAPTAIN WILLIAM B MC CHESNEY (Army Serial Number 0412765), Cavalry, ***Tank Battalion, United States Army.

✓ FIRST LIEUTENANT JOSEPH JACOBUS (Army Serial Number 0428374), Cavalry, ***Tank Battalion, United States Army.

✓ FIRST LIEUTENANT HENRY E CURTIS (Army Serial Number 01287487), Infantry, ***Tank Battalion, United States Army.

✓ FIRST LIEUTENANT LAWRENCE G LAYER, JR (Army Serial Number 01011140), Infantry, ***Tank Battalion, United States Army.

✓ SECOND LIEUTENANT RONALD R PITTFINGER (Army Serial Number 01059909), Corps of Engineers, ***Armored Engineer Battalion, United States Army.

✓ SECOND LIEUTENANT HARRY H BLONDIALE (Army Serial Number 01018122), Cavalry, ***Tank Battalion, United States Army.

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- ✓ WARRANT OFFICER JUNIOR GRADE CASIMIR J TOKARSKI (Army Serial Number W2128260), ***Tank Battalion, United States Army.
- ✓ Technical Sergeant Luke L Schoener (Army Serial Number 33075376), ***Tank Battalion, United States Army.
- ✓ Technical Sergeant John E Cunko (Army Serial Number 33012600), ***Tank Battalion, United States Army.
- ✓ Technical Sergeant Otis B Torkelson (Army Serial Number 37461429), ***Armored Signal Company, United States Army.
- ✓ Staff Sergeant Thomas J Finerty (Army Serial Number 31243179), ***Armored Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army.
- ✓ Staff Sergeant Willis J Shibley (Army Serial Number 33024801), ***Armored Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army.
- ✓ Staff Sergeant Claude B Allen (Army Serial Number 34051564), ***Armored Signal Company, United States Army.
- ✓ Sergeant James P Essian (Army Serial Number 16150818), ***Tank Battalion, United States Army.
- ✓ Sergeant Raymond A Plaut (Army Serial Number 31263786), ***Armored Signal Company, United States Army.
- ✓ Sergeant John R. L. Wanner (Army Serial Number 6893938), ***Tank Battalion, United States Army.
- ✓ Sergeant John R Hamilton (Army Serial Number 32155621), ***Tank Battalion, United States Army.
- ✓ Technician Fourth Grade Wesley C Keyes (Army Serial Number 37318768), ***Armored Engineer Battalion, United States Army.
- ✓ Technician Fourth Grade William F Quilty (Army Serial Number 6121954), ***Tank Battalion, United States Army.
- ✓ Technician Fifth Grade Julian H White (Army Serial Number 33443954), ***Tank Battalion, United States Army.
- ✓ Technician Fifth Grade Henry Wasilewski (Army Serial Number 33076090), ***Tank Battalion, United States Army.
- ✓ Technician Fifth Grade Stanley A Geddes (Army Serial Number 11117135), ***Tank Battalion, United States Army.
- ✓ Technician Fifth Grade George D Ritchie (Army Serial Number 35024330), Headquarters Company, 10th Armored Division, United States Army.
- ✓ Technician Fifth Grade Edmund K Vertner (Army Serial Number 13000464), ***Tank Battalion, United States Army.
- ✓ Private First Class Joe E Ozbolt (Army Serial Number 14140153), ***Armored Signal Company, United States Army.

Under the provisions of first indorsement Headquarters, Third United States Army, file AG 200.6 - GMECA-4, dated 10 August 1944, to letter Headquarters, European Theater of Operations, United States Army, file AG 200.6 MFGA, subject: Certificate of Merit, dated 28 June 1944, the Certificate of Merit is awarded to the following named personnel in recognition of conspicuously meritorious and outstanding performance of military duty in Germany:

- ✓ SECOND LIEUTENANT JAMES L BIDIGANS (Army Serial Number O1116330), Corps of Engineers, ***Armored Engineer Battalion, United States Army.
- ✓ Staff Sergeant Lewis E Bacchus (Army Serial Number 35568632), ***Armored Engineer Battalion, United States Army.
- ✓ Sergeant Paul E Cloos (Army Serial Number 38297409), ***Armored Engineer Battalion, United States Army.
- ✓ Corporal Silas T Corbett (Army Serial Number 19180661), ***Armored Engineer Battalion, United States Army.
- ✓ Private First Class Howard E Haganan (Army Serial Number 36785809), ***Armored Engineer Battalion, United States Army.
- ✓ Private First Class Claudié D Jordan (Army Serial Number 38446398), ***Armored Engineer Battalion, United States Army.
- ✓ Private John B Marshall, Jr (Army Serial Number 33771806), ***Armored Engineer Battalion, United States Army.

By command of the Division Commander:

BASIL G. THAYER,
Colonel, U.S. Army,
Chief of Staff.

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I. AWARD OF SILVER STAR - By direction of the President and under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular Number 6, Third United States Army, dated 26 April 1944, a Silver Star is awarded to:

✓ First Lieutenant HENRY G CARTER, JR, O462219, Field Artillery, **Armored Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For gallantry in action in the vicinity of ~~WETTINGEN~~, GERMANY on 22 November 1944. Lieutenant CARTER was acting as forward artillery observer in support of an armored infantry platoon, when it was suddenly counter-attacked from two directions by a superior number of the enemy. When it became necessary to place the artillery fire within 75 yards of his position, Lieutenant CARTER stood fast in the face of enemy fire and, by calling on certain guns of his battery, skillfully repulsed the counter-attack completely. His bravery, skill, and devotion to duty enabled the platoon to complete its mission and reflect great credit upon himself and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Georgia.

✓ First Lieutenant EARLE WALLACE, O1013883, Infantry, **Tank Battalion, United States Army. For gallantry in action in WALDWISSE, FRANCE on 24 November 1944. Upon being informed that the crew of two tanks were unable to move from their disabled vehicles because of intense enemy fire, Lieutenant WALLACE, with two enlisted men, exposed himself so as to draw enemy small arms and mortar fire from the disabled tanks, enabling the trapped members of the crews to escape. With complete disregard for his own safety, he and his companions worked their way to within approximately 30 yards of the nearest tank, when it suddenly exploded, showering ammunition over a large area. Lieutenant WALLACE remained in the area and assisted in moving injured men to the rear until all the wounded crew members had been evacuated without fatalities. Lieutenant WALLACE'S coolness and courage in the face of extreme danger was an inspiration to all who witnessed his actions, and reflect great credit upon himself and the armed forces of the United States. Entered the military service from North Carolina.

✓ Technical Sergeant DANIEL C ROPER, 20811064, **Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. For gallantry in action in ANCY SUR MOSELLE, FRANCE on 4 and 7 November 1944. During action in ANCY SUR MOSELLE, FRANCE, four men were wounded by enemy mortar fire. Technical Sergeant ROPER was present when the mortar fire began and immediately took charge and had the casualties under cover in a short time. When it was learned from medical aid men that two of the casualties could not be evacuated by litter, but would need transportation, Technical Sergeant ROPER returned to the battalion lines, secured an ambulance and returned to ANCY under observed enemy fire. Loading all casualties on the ambulance, he then returned them safely to a medical aid station. On a second occasion, Technical Sergeant ROPER was instrumental in evacuating wounded men to a place of safety while under terrific enemy fire. Technical Sergeant ROPER'S gallantry and bravery, in the face of extreme danger, merit the highest praise and reflect great credit upon himself and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Texas.

✓ Staff Sergeant WILLIAM E CLINE, R-209634, **Tank Battalion, United States Army. For gallantry in action in WALDWISSE, FRANCE on 24 November 1944. Upon being informed that the crew of two tanks were unable to move from their disabled vehicles because of intense enemy fire, Sergeant CLINE, with an officer and another enlisted man, exposed himself so as to draw enemy small arms and mortar fire from the disabled tanks, enabling the trapped members of the crews to escape. With complete disregard for his own safety, he and his companions worked their way to within approximately 30 yards of the nearest tank when it suddenly exploded, showering ammunition over a large area. Sergeant CLINE remained in the area and

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assisted in moving injured men to the rear until all the wounded crew members had been evacuated without fatalities. Sergeant CLINE'S coolness and courage in the face of extreme danger was an inspiration to all who witnessed his actions, and reflect great credit upon himself and the armed forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Vermont.

Staff Sergeant KENNETH T REED, 37477959, Company B, **Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. For gallantry in action in TETTIGEN, GERMANY on 22 November 1944. Staff Sergeant REED, with utter disregard for his own safety, advanced over open ground 100 yards beyond the line established by his platoon and rescued a wounded officer who was in immediate danger of being killed by enemy fire. The rescue was performed in daylight under direct enemy observation and subject to heavy enemy fire from small arms, machine guns, and mortars. The gallant act of Staff Sergeant REED reflects great credit upon himself and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Nebraska.

Staff Sergeant WILLIAM E GAGE, 32134184, Headquarters Company, **Tank Battalion, United States Army. For gallantry in action in BUDIGEN, GERMANY on 27 November 1944. During an action against the enemy in the vicinity of BUDIGEN, GERMANY, Staff Sergeant GAGE'S patrol was pinned down by heavy enemy fire and a member of the patrol was wounded. When it became necessary, Staff Sergeant GAGE immediately effected the withdrawal of his patrol and in utter disregard for his own safety, carried the wounded man on his back for a distance of 200 yards in the face of withering machine gun and small arms fire. His courageous action materially aided in saving the wounded man's life and resulted in the safe withdrawal of his patrol without further casualties. Staff Sergeant GAGE'S intrepidity and exemplary conduct is worthy of great merit. Entered the military service from New York.

Sergeant DEVAIN HARTICK, 38331960, Troop B, **Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron (Mechanized), United States Army. For gallantry in action in FRANCE on 18 November 1944. During an action against the enemy in the vicinity of NEUNKIRCHEN, FRANCE Sergeant HARTICK'S patrol was pinned down by heavy enemy fire and two members of the patrol were wounded. When it became necessary for the patrol to withdraw, Sergeant HARTICK, with utter disregard for his own safety, and in full view of the enemy, succeeded in evacuating one of the wounded soldiers. His courageous action materially aided in saving the wounded man's life. Sergeant HARTICK'S intrepidity and exemplary conduct is worthy of great merit. Entered the military service from Arkansas.

Sergeant JACK R LEONARD, 17040573, Headquarters Company, **Tank Battalion, United States Army. For gallantry in action in LAUNSTROFF, FRANCE on 18 November 1944. Sergeant LEONARD, with utter disregard for his own personal safety, left the comparative safety of a half-track and proceeded 100 yards in the face of intense enemy artillery and small arms fire to a wounded comrade whom he carried to a place of security. His heroic achievement was inspiring to all who witnessed the incident and reflects great credit upon himself, his organization, and the military service. Entered the military service from Nebraska.

Sergeant HENRY J GENDRON, 31243429, Company D, **Tank Battalion, United States Army. For gallantry in action in WALDISSE, FRANCE on 24 November 1944. Upon being informed that the crew of two tanks were unable to move from their disabled vehicles because of intense enemy fire, Sergeant GENDRON, with an officer and another enlisted man, exposed himself so as to draw enemy small arms and mortar fire from the disabled tanks, enabling the trapped members of the crews to escape. With complete disregard for his own safety, he and his companions worked their way to within approximately 30 yards of the nearest tank when it suddenly exploded, showering ammunition over a large area. Sergeant GENDRON remained in the area and assisted in moving injured men to the rear until all the wounded crew members had been evacuated without fatalities. Sergeant GENDRON'S coolness and courage in the face of extreme danger was an inspiration to all who witnessed his actions and reflect great credit upon himself and the armed forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Rhode Island.

Private First Class ULYSSES R LINGENFELT, 34398004, Company A, **Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. For gallantry in action in KERLING, FRANCE on 16 November 1944. Private First Class LINGENFELT, acting as first scout, moved in on an enemy position which was holding up the advance of an

armored column. With fixed bayonet, he advanced until within 15 yards of an enemy machine gun position. Then, firing a tracer bullet at this position, he ran up to a nearby foxhole and captured its two occupants. Continuing forward, he, with the remainder of his squad, completely neutralized the enemy strong point of resistance. As a result of his intrepid actions, 15 of the enemy were captured and the armored column was able to continue its advance. The initiative and tenacity of purpose shown by Private First Class LINDSEY served as an inspiring example to the other members of his organization and reflect great credit upon himself and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Alabama.

Private ROBERT F KALLAUGHER, 11102224, Headquarters Company, **Tank Battalion, United States Army. For gallantry in action in KNELLIK, FRANCE on 18 November 1944. During an engagement with the enemy, Private KALLAUGHER was serving as a bow runner of a tank when his platoon was suddenly subjected to intense artillery fire. With utter disregard for his own safety, he voluntarily left his position within the comparative safety of his tank and manned the exposed machine gun on the turret. His fire during the engagement materially aided in the silencing of the enemy artillery. The courageous action of Private KALLAUGHER was inspirational to the members of his organization, a credit to himself, and to the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Connecticut.

II. AWARD OF SOLDIER'S MEDAL - By direction of the President and under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular Number 6, Third United States Army, dated 26 April 1944, a Soldier's Medal is awarded to:

Captain VIRGIL M BOX, 01575776, Quartermaster Corps, **, 10th Armored Division, United States Army. For heroism not involving actual conflict with an enemy. Observing a soldier clinging to a capsized boat which was rapidly being carried down the flooded Moselle River, Captain BOX, with the aid of another officer and an enlisted man, quickly launched a nearby engineer boat, headed out into the swift water and by exerting every effort rescued the nearly drowned soldier from his precarious position and brought him to shore. On reaching shore, the rescue party discovered that they were in close proximity of enemy territory and it was therefore necessary for them to cross an enemy laid mine field to reach a road which led to the safety of friendly territory. In spite of all handicaps, the rescued man was safely evacuated with the party suffering no injuries. The courage displayed by Captain BOX is worthy of high commendation. Entered the military service from Louisiana.

Technician Third Grade THOMAS E MC FARLANE, 37441395, Signal Corps, **Armored Signal Company, United States Army. For heroism not involving actual conflict with an enemy. Upon being informed by two officers that a capsized boat, with a soldier clinging to it, was rapidly being carried down the flooded Moselle River, Technician Third Grade MC FARLANE, aided by two officers, quickly launched a nearby engineer boat, headed out into the swift water, and, by exerting every effort, rescued the nearly drowned soldier from his precarious position and brought him to shore. On reaching shore, the rescue party discovered that they were in close proximity of enemy territory and it was therefore necessary for them to cross an enemy laid mine field to reach a road which led to the safety of friendly territory. In spite of all handicaps, the rescued man was safely evacuated with the party suffering no injuries. The courage displayed by Technician Third Grade MC FARLANE is worthy of high commendation. Entered the military service from South Dakota.

III. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL.

1. By direction of the President and under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular Number 6, Third United States Army, dated 26 April 1944, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded posthumously to:

First Lieutenant CHARLES F HODGE, JR., 01011603, Infantry, Company C, *** Tank Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in the vicinity of KIRSCHBAUMEN, FRANCE on 16 November 1944. Lieutenant HODGE, upon learning of the evacuation of his company commander, unhesitatingly relinquished his duties as Company Maintenance and Executive Officer to assume command of his company which

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was then engaged in an attack. Lieutenant HODGE rallied his organization and led it through heavy artillery fire to the capture of an enemy held town. It was in this action that Lieutenant HODGE made the supreme sacrifice. The devotion to duty and the soldierly qualities exhibited by Lieutenant HODGE are in keeping with the high traditions of the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Missouri.

2. By direction of the President and under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular Number 6, Third United States Army, dated 26 April 1944, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded to:

Major RICHARD P SCOTT, 023787, Cavalry, Headquarters, **Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron (Mechanized), United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE and GERMANY during the period 14 November to 1 December 1944.

Major CARL P CRONINGER, 024507, Cavalry, Headquarters, Combat Command **, 10th Armored Division, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE during the period 15 November to 4 December 1944.

Major FRANK I PUTNAM, 0355243, Cavalry, Headquarters, Combat Command **, 10th Armored Division, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE during the period 15 November to 3 December 1944.

Captain ALBERT O KREIGSMAN, JR, 01165186, Field Artillery, Battery C, **Armored Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in the vicinity of BUDLING, FRANCE on 16 November 1944. Captain KREIGSMAN was Battery Commander of an advance guard battery when the head of the advance party was momentarily halted by enemy fire. Without regard for his own safety, he moved forward to the head of the column to insure artillery support. Captain KREIGSMAN'S determination and resolute action provided the advance party with adequate and accurate artillery fire throughout the engagement. His loyal devotion to duty is in keeping with the high traditions of the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Florida.

Captain EDMUND F MUMFITT, 0101107, Infantry, Headquarters Company, **Tank Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE and GERMANY during the period 15 November to 28 November 1944.

Captain JOHN A ISRAELSON, 01102127, Corps of Engineers, Company B, **Armored Engineer Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE and GERMANY during the period 15 November to 28 November 1944.

Captain EMER C TUNER, 0304760, Cavalry, Troop B, **Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron (Mechanized), United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE and GERMANY during the period 15 November to 30 November 1944.

First Lieutenant JOHN T DONOHUE, 01104128, Corp of Engineers, Company A, **Armored Engineer Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States at BORG, GERMANY on 22 November 1944. Lieutenant DONOHUE was in charge of an engineer party acting in support of a task force when its advance was halted by a large crater through dragon's teeth. With utter disregard for his own safety, Lieutenant DONOHUE, in the face of intense enemy fire, supervised the bridging of the crater. His tenacity of purpose and coolness under fire materially aided in the advance of the task force to its objective. Lieutenant DONOHUE'S courage and devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the armed forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Massachusetts.

First Lieutenant GEORGE L GARWOOD, 0374923, Corps of Engineers, Company C, **Armored Engineer Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States at

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✓ MALLING, FRANCE during the period 25 to 27 November 1944. During an engagement against the enemy, Lieutenant GARWOOD was given the mission of maintaining approaches to a bridge built across the Moselle River. When destruction of the bridge was threatened by the rapidly rising river, he, on his own initiative, ordered his company to recover and salvage the bridge. Lieutenant GARWOOD, by aggressive leadership and tireless efforts succeeded over a period of two days in saving the greater part of the bridge, thereby making available valuable equipment direly needed for future operations. His foresight and devotion to duty are a tribute to himself, his organization, and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Colorado.

✓ Second Lieutenant WILLIAM J BARNHART, 01015736, Cavalry, Company D, ** Tank Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE on 15 November 1944. While leading his platoon on a flank attack, Lieutenant BARNHART'S tank exploded an anti-tank mine, immobilizing the vehicle. One of the tank crew members was seriously wounded by the explosion. Lieutenant BARNHART went into dismounted action with one other member of the tank crew and killed the members of a German mortar crew who were shelling both the disabled tank and an engineer detail which was clearing mines from the field. After assisting in disposing of the enemy mortar crew, Lieutenant BARNHART went for medical aid for the wounded man, although he himself was wounded in the shoulder by shrapnel. Lieutenant BARNHART'S courage, devotion to duty and coolness in the face of great danger are in keeping with the traditions of the United States Army. Entered the military service from Oklahoma.

✓ Second Lieutenant EARL B GILLIGAN, 01314129, Infantry, Company C, **Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE and GERMANY during the period 14 November to 22 November 1944.

✓ Second Lieutenant ROBERT J ZIPSE, 01015684, Cavalry, Headquarters, Combat Command **, 10th Armored Division, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States, in FRANCE, during the period 15 November to 3 December 1944.

✓ First Sergeant ROBERT H FULLER, 6983718, Infantry, Headquarters Company, **Tank Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE and GERMANY during the period 21 November 1944 to 27 November 1944.

✓ Master Sergeant CHARLES H DUNCAN, 36005047, Infantry, Headquarters Company, Combat Command **, 10th Armored Division. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE during the period 15 November to 3 December 1944.

✓ Technical Sergeant STANLEY FOSTER, 37393629, Infantry, Headquarters Company, **Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States at ANCY SUR MOSELLE, FRANCE on 6 November 1944. During a raid on RONGUEVILLE by his platoon, Technical Sergeant FOSTER, realizing that observation from the Battalion Observation Post was unsatisfactory, went forward into the town of ANCY SUR MOSELLE, FRANCE and established an Observation Post on the third story of a building. From this advantageous point, Technical Sergeant FOSTER was able to direct effective mortar fire. Although his position was subjected to heavy enemy artillery fire, Technical Sergeant FOSTER remained at his post with utter disregard for his own safety, and continued to direct firing even after other battalion personnel had taken cover. Technical Sergeant FOSTER'S bravery in the face of danger, and his coolness and intrepidity are in keeping with the high standards of the armed forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Missouri.

✓ Technical Sergeant STEPHEN D MC MAHON, 31063022, Headquarters Company, ** Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States at ANCY SUR MOSELLE, FRANCE on 4 November 1944. When his platoon leader was evacuated due to injuries, Sergeant MC MAHON assumed command, and in several patrol actions, distinguished himself by outstanding leadership in the face of heavy enemy fire. His intrepidity enabled the platoon to hold a vital outpost, contributing immeasurably to the capitulation of the Letz garrison. His coolness and courage inspired

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the members of his organization and are a tribute to himself and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Massachusetts.

Staff Sergeant OMAR E DREYER, 35668698, Company A, **Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States at KERLING, FRANCE on 16 November 1944. Staff Sergeant DREYER and his Infantry squad were the head of an advancing combat team when its further progress was impeded by an enemy road block. Sergeant DREYER, with disregard for his own safety, and in the face of heavy enemy fire, skillfully deployed his squad and led them in an attack which resulted in the elimination of several machine gun and bazooka positions and the capture of 23 Germans. This action enabled the rest of the platoon to move up and secure the woods. His devotion to duty and exemplary leadership materially aided the advance of the combat team to its objective and reflect great credit to himself and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Kentucky.

Staff Sergeant EDWARD H SHEELY, 35715528, Company A, **Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States at KERLING, FRANCE on 16 November 1944. Staff Sergeant SHEELY and his Infantry squad were the head of an advancing column when its further progress was impeded by an enemy road block. Sergeant SHEELY, with disregard for his own safety, led his squad in the face of heavy enemy fire in a flanking movement. When he encountered a machine gun nest, he skillfully deployed his men and led them in an attack which resulted in the elimination of the machine gun nest and the capture of at least 15 Germans, with no casualties to his squad. His devotion to duty and exemplary leadership materially aided the advance of the column to its objective and reflect great credit to himself and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Kentucky.

Staff Sergeant HOWARD B PATTERSON, 34023407, Company A, **Armored Engineer Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States at BORG, GERMANY on 22 November 1944. Sergeant PATTERSON was a member of an engineer party acting in support of a task force when its advance was halted by a large crater through dragon's teeth. With utter disregard for his own safety, Sergeant PATTERSON, in the face of intense enemy fire, aided in the bridging of the crater. His tenacity of purpose and coolness under fire materially aided the advance of the task force to its objective. Staff Sergeant PATTERSON'S courage and devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the armed forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Tennessee.

Staff Sergeant WILLIAM R KNEEBONE, 17156256, Battery A, **Armored Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in the vicinity of TETTINGEN, GERMANY on 22 November 1944. Staff Sergeant KNEEBONE was acting as a member of a forward artillery observation party in support of an armored infantry platoon when it was suddenly counter-attacked from two directions by a superior number of the enemy. By his able assistance to the forward observer, both in handling the radio communication and in observing the effect of friendly artillery fire, Staff Sergeant KNEEBONE, despite heavy enemy fire, aided materially in the repulse of the counter-attack. His devotion to duty and calm determination in the face of grave danger are a tribute both to himself and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Minnesota.

Sergeant CARROLL N LAMP, 35613965, Company A, **Armored Engineer Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States at BORG, GERMANY on 22 November 1944. Sergeant LAMP was a member of an engineer party acting in support of a task force when its advance was halted by a large crater through dragon's teeth. With utter disregard for his own safety, Sergeant LAMP, in the face of intense enemy fire, aided in the bridging of the crater. His tenacity of purpose and coolness under fire materially aided the advance of the task force to its objective. Sergeant LAMP'S courage and devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the armed forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Ohio.

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Sergeant FRANCIS E SCOTT, JR., 33173624, Company A, **Armored Engineer Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States at BORG, GERMANY on 22 November 1944. Sergeant SCOTT was a member of an engineer party acting in support of a task force when its advance was halted by a large crater through dragon's teeth. With utter disregard for his own safety, Sergeant SCOTT, in the face of intense enemy fire, aided the bridging of the crater. His tenacity of purpose and coolness under fire materially aided the advance of the task force to its objective. Sergeant SCOTT'S courage and devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the armed forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Pennsylvania.

Technician Fourth Grade SAM L PINSKY, 31236086, Medical Detachment, **Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron (Mechanized), United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States at KERLING, FRANCE on 15 November 1944. Technician Fourth Grade Pinsky, a medical detachment aid man, was riding in an ambulance on a road under heavy enemy artillery fire when he was informed of the location of several wounded enlisted men. With utter disregard for his own safety, he, accompanied by another enlisted man, left the comparative safety of the vehicle and made his way for 200 yards in the face of enemy fire to assist in the evacuation of the wounded men. Later in the day he made several more trips into the same area to tend the wounded. His intrepidity reflects great credit upon himself, his organization, and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from New York.

Corporal EDWARD R KNAPP, 11084340, Military Police Platoon, 10th Armored Division, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE on 14 November and 23 November 1944. On two occasions, Corporal KNAPP, with complete disregard for his personal safety, calmly remained at his traffic post in the face of heavy enemy artillery, mortar, and sniper fire. His devotion to duty materially aided in the success of a military operation against the enemy. Corporal KNAPP'S heroic actions on these two occasions served as inspiring examples to all members of his organization and reflect great credit upon himself and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from New Hampshire.

Corporal GEORGE K MUSSER, 37549283, Company A, **Armored Engineer Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States at BORG, GERMANY on 22 November 1944. Corporal MUSSER was a member of an engineer party acting in support of a task force when its advance was halted by a large crater through dragon's teeth. With utter disregard for his own safety, Corporal MUSSER, in the face of intense enemy fire, aided in the bridging of the crater. His tenacity of purpose and coolness under fire materially aided the advance of the task force to its objective. Corporal MUSSER'S courage and devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the armed forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Minnesota.

Technician Fifth Grade EDWIN B GARLIN, 16053625, Medical Detachment, **Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron (Mechanized), United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States at KERLING, FRANCE on 15 November 1944. Technician Fifth Grade GARLIN was acting in his capacity as ambulance driver on a road under heavy enemy artillery fire when he was informed of the location of several wounded enlisted men. With utter disregard for his own safety, he, accompanied by another enlisted man, left his vehicle and made his way for 200 yards in the face of intense enemy fire to assist in the evacuation of the wounded men. Later in the day he made several more trips into the same area to tend the wounded. His intrepidity and devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself, his organization, and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Illinois.

Technician Fifth Grade JOHN F MARTIN, 31243287, Company A, **Armored Engineer Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States at BORG, GERMANY on 22 November 1944. Technician Fifth Grade MARTIN was a member of an engineer party acting in support of a task force when its advance was halted by a large crater through dragon's teeth. With utter disregard for his own safety, Technician Fifth Grade MARTIN, in the face of intense enemy fire, aided in the bridging of the crater.

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His tenacity of purpose and coolness under fire materially aided the advance of the task force to its objective. Technician Fifth Grade MARTIN'S courage and devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the armed forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Rhode Island.

Technician Fifth Grade FRANK RICE, 33399673, Company A, **Armored Engineer Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States at BORG, GERMANY on 22 November 1944. Technician Fifth Grade RICE was a member of an engineer party acting in support of a task force when its advance was halted by a large crater through dragon's teeth. With utter disregard for his own safety, Technician Fifth Grade RICE, in the face of intense fire, aided in the bridging of the crater. His tenacity of purpose and coolness under fire materially aided the advance of the task force to its objective. Technician Fifth Grade RICE'S courage and devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the armed forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Pennsylvania.

Technician Fifth Grade JOHN E TRUE, 33384008, Company A, **Armored Engineer Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States at BORG, GERMANY on 22 November 1944. Technician Fifth Grade TRUE was a member of an engineer party acting in support of a task force when its advance was halted by a large crater through dragon's teeth. With utter disregard for his own safety, Technician Fifth Grade TRUE, in the face of intense enemy fire, aided in the bridging of the crater. His tenacity of purpose and coolness under fire materially aided the advance of the task force to its objective. Technician Fifth Grade TRUE'S courage and devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the armed forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Maryland.

Private First Class JOHN H HAYES, 37393405, Company A, **Armored Engineer Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States at BORG, GERMANY on 22 November 1944. Private First Class HAYES was a member of an engineer party acting in support of a task force when its advance was halted by a large crater through dragon's teeth. With utter disregard for his own safety, Private First Class HAYES, in the face of intense enemy fire, aided in the bridging of the crater. His tenacity of purpose and coolness under fire materially aided the advance of the task force to its objective. Private First Class HAYES' courage and devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the armed forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Missouri.

Private First Class JOHN F MURPHY, 36535411, Medical Detachment, **Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron (Mechanized), United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States at KEHLING, FRANCE on 15 November 1944. Private First Class MURPHY went forward from the Troop Command Post in a 1/4 ton vehicle and with utter disregard for his own personal safety, traveled over an open road under enemy observation and fire to attend the wounded. Although the enemy was placing observed artillery and mortar fire on the area which was on the forward slope of a hill, Private First Class MURPHY, fully aware of the danger involved, stopped from time to time to administer aid to the wounded. After attending the wounded men furthest forward, Private First Class MURPHY then proceeded slowly to the rear, stopping to administer aid to those men found along the way, although the road for approximately 400 yards toward the rear was being subjected to observed enemy fire. His coolness and courage in the face of grave danger, and his utter disregard for his own safety, reflect great credit upon himself, his organization, and the military service. Entered the military service from Michigan.

Private First Class RAY N PLUMMER, 18147892, Company A, **Armored Engineer Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States at BORG, GERMANY on 22 November 1944. Private First Class PLUMMER was a member of an engineer party acting in support of a task force when its advance was halted by a large crater through dragon's teeth. With utter disregard for his own safety, Private First Class PLUMMER, in the face of intense enemy artillery and directed small arms fire, aided in the bridging of the crater. His tenacity of purpose and coolness under

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fire materially aided the advance of the task force to its objective. Private First Class PLANKER'S courage and devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the armed forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Oklahoma.

Private First Class KENNETH A HOLMGREN, 37313724, Company A, **Armored Engineer Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States at BORG, GERMANY on 22 November 1944. Private First Class HOLMGREN was a member of an engineer party acting in support of a task force when its advance was halted by a large crater through dragon's teeth. With utter disregard for his own safety, Private First Class HOLMGREN, in the face of intense enemy fire, aided in the bridging of the crater. His tenacity of purpose and coolness under fire materially aided the advance of the task force to its objective. Private First Class HOLMGREN'S courage and devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the armed forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Minnesota.

Private First Class MARK T WELCH, 31273349, Battery A, **Armored Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in the vicinity of TETTINGEN, GERMANY on 22 November 1944. Private First Class WELCH was acting as a member of a forward observation party in support of an armored infantry platoon, when it was suddenly counterattacked by a superior number of the enemy from two directions. By his able assistance to the forward observer, both in handling radio communication and in observing the effect of friendly artillery fire, Private First Class WELCH, despite heavy enemy fire, aided materially in the repulse of the counterattack. His devotion to duty and calm determination in the face of grave danger are a tribute to himself, his organization, and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Connecticut.

Private FORREST A BRITTSAN, 35056633, Company A, **Armored Engineer Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States at BORG, GERMANY on 22 November 1944. Private BRITTSAN was a member of an engineer party acting in support of a task force when its advance was halted by a large crater through dragon's teeth. With utter disregard for his own safety, Private BRITTSAN, in the face of intense enemy fire, aided in the bridging of the crater. His tenacity of purpose and coolness under fire materially aided the advance of the task force to its objective. Private BRITTSAN'S courage and devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the armed forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Ohio.

Private ROBERT H RUSSELL, 35568737, Medical Detachment, **Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron (Mechanized), United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States at KERLING, FRANCE on 15 November 1944. Private RUSSELL went forward from the troop command post in a 1/4 ton vehicle, and with utter disregard for his own personal safety, traveled over an open road under enemy observation and fire to attend wounded soldiers. Although the enemy was placing observed artillery and mortar fire on the area where he was on the forward slope of a hill, Private RUSSELL, fully aware of the danger involved, dismounted from the vehicle to administer aid to the wounded. After attending the wounded men furthest forward, Private RUSSELL then proceeded slowly to the rear, stopping to administer aid to those men found along the way, although the road for approximately 400 yards toward the rear was being subjected to enemy fire. His coolness and courage in the face of grave danger and his utter disregard for his own safety, reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered the military service from Indiana.

Private LYMAN L GOON, 39142092, Company A, **Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States at KERLING, FRANCE on 16 November 1944. Private GOON was a member of an infantry squad at the head of an advancing combat team when its further progress was impeded by an enemy road block protected by gun positions. Private GOON, with disregard for his own safety, in the face of heavy enemy fire, aggressively scouted the gun positions enabling his squad to move rapidly forward. In this engagement he killed two members of a machine gun

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crew and caused the remainder of the crew to flee. His devotion to duty and intrepidity materially aided the advance of the combat team to its objective and reflect great credit to himself and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from California.

Technician Fifth Grade JAMES D ARY, 37393014, Company A, **Armored Engineer Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States at NUIF, GERMANY on 22 November 1944. Technician Fifth Grade ARY was a member of an engineer party acting in support of a task force when its advance was halted by a large crater through dragon's teeth. With utter disregard for his own safety, Technician Fifth Grade ARY, in the face of intense enemy fire, aided in the bridging of the crater. His tenacity of purpose and coolness under fire materially aided the advance of the task force to its objective. Technician Fifth Grade ARY'S courage and devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the armed forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Missouri.

IV. AWARD OF PURPLE HEART - By direction of the President and under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-43, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, a Purple Heart is awarded to:

Master Sergeant RAYMOND W HANSON, 14014213, Headquarters Company, Combat Command **, 10th Armored Division, United States Army. For wounds received as a result of enemy action in FRANCE on 19 November 1944.

Technician Fifth Grade JOHN J HAWAN, 35717230, Headquarters Company, Combat Command **, 10th Armored Division, United States Army. For wounds received as a result of enemy action in FRANCE on 14 November 1944.

V. AWARD OF CERTIFICATE OF MERIT - Under the provisions of letter, Headquarters European Theater of Operations, United States Army, file AG 200.6 (PGA), subject: Certificate of Merit, dated 28 June 1944, a CERTIFICATE OF MERIT is awarded to the following named personnel in recognition of conspicuously meritorious and outstanding performance of military duty in FRANCE:

Captain WILLIAM R GEILER, 0373779, Corps of Engineers, Headquarters, **Armored Engineer Battalion, United States Army.

Captain ALBERT W AYKROYD, 0407716, Cavalry, Company D, **Tank Battalion, United States Army.

First Lieutenant WILLIAM L REED, 01726983, Medical Corps, Headquarters, **Tank Battalion, United States Army.

First Lieutenant VIRGIL S ADAMS, JR., 01100669, Corps of Engineers, Company B, **Armored Engineer Battalion, United States Army.

First Lieutenant JOHN W BRYNE, 01101945, Corps of Engineers, Company B, **Armored Engineer Battalion, United States Army.

First Lieutenant MELVIN I MASON, 01267557, Infantry, Company C, **Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army.

Second Lieutenant SAMUEL OVIATT, 01062526, Corps of Engineers, Company B, **Armored Engineer Battalion, United States Army.

Second Lieutenant JAMES L BRIDGARE, 01116330, Corps of Engineers, Company J, **Armored Engineer Battalion, United States Army.

Master Sergeant PATRICK E O'BRIEN, 6813636, Infantry, Headquarters, **Tank Battalion, United States Army.

Master Sergeant JOHN R HILL, 6693444, Headquarters, **Armored Engineer Battalion, United States Army.

Technical Sergeant EDWARD H STANAHAN, 13011633, Infantry, Headquarters, **Tank Battalion, United States Army.

Staff Sergeant FRANK DE PRINCE, 6813758, Infantry, Company C, **Tank Battalion, United States Army.

Sergeant ROBERT C SCHEIDLING, 32215516, Infantry, Headquarters, **Tank Battalion, United States Army.

Sergeant FLOYD K MC GAYAN, 36407735, Company A, **Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army.

Technician Fourth Grade SAM J LICARI, 37317565, Infantry, Headquarters, **Tank Battalion, United States Army.

Technician Fifth Grade JAMES F GALLAGHER, 33023641, Infantry, Headquarters, **Tank Battalion, United States Army.

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✓ Private JOHN J DAVIES, 37507081, Infantry, Headquarters, **Tank Battalion, United States Army.

By command of the DIVISION COMMANDER:

BASIL G. THAYER,
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Chief of Staff

OFFICIAL:

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I. AWARD OF SILVER STAR

1. By direction of the President and under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular Number 6, Third United States Army, dated 26 April 1944, a Silver Star is awarded posthumously to:

First Lieutenant WILLIAM A DODENHOFF, 01267492, Infantry, Company B, **Tank Battalion, United States Army. For gallantry in action in (GERMANY) on 21 November 1944. Lieutenant DODENHOFF, assuming command of his company following the evacuation of his wounded Commanding Officer, was wounded in a counter-attack by the enemy. Refusing to yield to his wounds, he regained his composure and attempted to continue leading his company in battle, but was again wounded; this time fatally. Lieutenant DODENHOFF'S efforts to go on in spite of insurmountable difficulties were typical of his entire service with his company and earned him the unqualified respect and admiration of all the officers and enlisted men of his organization. His devotion to duty is a shining example for all members of the military service. Entered the military service from New Jersey.

Staff Sergeant RALPH G BAEDEL, 36541783, Company A, **Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. For gallantry in action in (FRANCE) on 18 November 1944. While engaged in a patrol action against the enemy, Staff Sergeant BAEDEL and his men were subjected to continuous observed enemy fire for a period of several hours, preventing their further movement. A particularly heavy artillery concentration landed nearby which resulted in a slight wound to himself and serious injuries to two of his men. With absolute disregard for his own wound and safety, Staff Sergeant BAEDEL crawled to a foxhole where the more severely injured man lay and was in the act of rendering first aid when another concentration of shells landed, killing the Sergeant instantly. His courage, intrepidity, and unselfish devotion to his comrade's welfare exemplify the high traditions of the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Michigan.

2. By direction of the President and under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular Number 6, Third United States Army, dated 26 April 1944, a Silver Star is awarded to:

Captain WILLIAM F RYERSON, 0422559, Infantry, Company C, **Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. For gallantry in action in (GERMANY) on 29 November 1944. Captain RYERSON, commanding an Infantry Company, was given charge of a combat team whose mission was the taking and holding of HILFRINGEN, GERMANY and the destruction of the connecting bridge to MERZIG, GERMANY. Upon reaching the objective, despite intense enemy fire from artillery and machine guns, Captain RYERSON moved into the town, and despite his being wounded by enemy fire, he continued to courageously lead his men until the enemy was routed and the mission accomplished. Captain RYERSON'S devotion to duty and gallant achievement, in spite of his wounds, reflect high credit upon himself and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from New York.

First Lieutenant ELBERT D GWIN, 01015584, Infantry, Headquarters Company, **Tank Battalion, United States Army. For gallantry in action in (FRANCE) on 18 November 1944. Lieutenant GWIN was performing his duties as Commander of a Mortar Platoon when he was wounded and rendered unconscious. Ignoring the pain of his wound upon regaining consciousness, he immediately resumed his directing of effective mortar fire upon enemy positions, thereby silencing them. Lieutenant GWIN'S tenacity of purpose and devotion to duty were of material aid in the success of an operation against the enemy and are worthy of great merit. Entered the military service from Alabama.

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First Lieutenant ALLEN P HARVEY, JR., 01012148, Infantry, **Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. For gallantry in action in FRANCE on 16 November 1944. When the advance element of a task force was momentarily impeded by enemy fire in the vicinity of MONNEREN, FRANCE, Lieutenant HARVEY volunteered to take the lead tank and carry on the attack. He led the attack down the road from MONNEREN through DALSTON to CHEMERY-LES-DEUX in the face of almost constant fire from pill-boxes and enemy troops in position nearby. The speed of the dash forestalled the destruction of an important bridge in the vicinity of CHEMERY-LES-DEUX, as the enemy was in the midst of demolition preparations when Lieutenant HARVEY'S element arrived and dispersed them. His complete disregard for his personal safety in the face of enemy fire set an example of heroism and gallantry in action which contributed in a large measure to the success of the mission of the task force and is worthy of high merit. Entered the military service from Kentucky.

First Lieutenant FRANCIS B NELSON, 0511148, Medical Corps, Medical Detachment **Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron (Mechanized), United States Army. For gallantry in action in FRANCE on 15 November 1944. While engaged in assisting the medical aid men of another unit in the vicinity of KEPLING, FRANCE, Lieutenant NELSON was informed by an officer that an enlisted man in a nearby disabled tank was in need of medical attention. Lieutenant NELSON, in spite of the warning that the tank was in sight of the enemy and covered by their fire, voluntarily accompanied the officer. Upon arriving at the disabled tank, Lieutenant NELSON, with absolute disregard for his own safety from intense enemy fire, climbed upon the front of the tank and administered emergency first aid to the wounded man, after which he assisted in evacuating him to a place of safety. His intrepidity in the face of grave danger reflects high credit upon himself and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from New Jersey.

Second Lieutenant CARL W MOOT, JR., 0529853, Field Artillery, **Armored Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For gallantry in action in FRANCE on 18 November 1944. Lieutenant MOOT was acting as a forward artillery observer in support of a tank battalion when his column was halted at the outskirts of SCHWEDORFF, FRANCE by intense enemy fire. Without regard for his personal safety, he dismounted from his tank and went to the head of the column and directed effective artillery fire, allowing the column to proceed. After entering the town, the enemy counter-attacked, and again under enemy artillery, mortar, and small arms fire, Lieutenant MOOT dismounted and by means of a radio extension courageously directed artillery fire from a nearby church steeple until the enemy was forced to withdraw. His bravery, skill, and devotion to duty aided materially in the capture of the town and reflect high credit upon himself and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Texas.

Staff Sergeant WILLIAM KEELER, 6553275, Infantry, Company B, **Tank Battalion, United States Army. For gallantry in action in GERMANY on 22 November 1944. While acting as leader of a tank platoon at the head of a task force, the tank immediately preceding that of Staff Sergeant KEELER was disabled by direct anti-tank fire. He immediately took the lead position and continued the advance until his own tank was disabled. Despite point-blank enemy fire, Staff Sergeant KEELER, with complete disregard for his personal safety, remained in his tank returning the enemy fire, thus enabling the rest of the force to establish a bridgehead through the dragon's teeth of the Siegfried Line. The outstanding leadership demonstrated by Staff Sergeant KEELER and his heroic devotion to duty in the face of grave danger reflect great credit upon himself and the military service of the United States. Entered the military service from California.

Staff Sergeant GEORGE W SHUTT, 33023927, Infantry, Headquarters Company, **Tank Battalion, United States Army. For gallantry in action in GERMANY on 2 December 1944. While in charge of a mortar platoon with the mission of participation in a simulated crossing of the Saar River, Sergeant SHUTT successfully laid a smoke screen on the bank of the river despite heavy enemy fire. Although wounded, Sergeant Shutt refused to be evacuated and continued directing mortar fire against an enemy mortar position until the position was destroyed. His exemplary performance and display of courage were an inspiration to the members of his platoon and reflect high credit upon himself and upon the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Pennsylvania.

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Private First Class DANIEL RIPKIN, 13154028, Infantry, Company B, **Tank Battalion, United States Army. For gallantry in action in FRANCE on 18 November 1944. While serving as a cannoneer of a tank during an engagement against the enemy in the vicinity of BUZONVILLE, FRANCE, Private First Class RIPKIN received a head injury when his tank ran over a charge of dynamite. Even though shocked and dazed because of his injury, he remained at his station, continuing to load the tank gun throughout the entire action, until his tank was relieved and he could be evacuated. Private First Class RIPKIN'S devotion to duty and intrepidity materially aided the tank crew in fulfillment of their mission and is worthy of high merit. Entered the military service from Pennsylvania.

Private First Class ORVILLE G FORD, 33782178, Infantry, Company C, **Tank Battalion, United States Army. For gallantry in action in FRANCE on 18 November 1944. During an action against the enemy in the vicinity of HALSTROFF, FRANCE, Private First Class FORD, with another enlisted man, left the comparative safety of his tank to go to the aid of a wounded soldier in a nearby disabled tank. With complete disregard for his own safety, Private First Class FORD, under heavy enemy fire, assisted in rendering first aid and then moved the wounded man to a place of safety. His heroic action was instrumental in saving a man's life and reflects great credit upon himself and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Pennsylvania.

Private KENNETH N DILLON, 36407995, Infantry, Company C, **Tank Battalion, United States Army. For gallantry in action in FRANCE on 18 November 1944. During an action against the enemy in the vicinity of HALSTROFF, FRANCE, Private DILLON, with another enlisted man, left the comparative safety of his tank to go to the aid of a wounded soldier in a nearby disabled tank. With complete disregard for his personal safety, Private DILLON, under heavy enemy fire, assisted in rendering first aid and then moved the wounded man to a place of safety. His heroic action was instrumental in saving a man's life and reflects great credit upon himself and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Michigan.

II. AWARD OF SOLDIER'S MEDAL - By direction of the President and under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular Number 6, Third United States Army, dated 26 April 1944, a Soldier's Medal is awarded to:

Major JOHN H ZOTT, JR., 024048, Quartermaster Corps, **, 10th Armored Division, United States Army. For heroism not involving actual conflict with an enemy. Observing a soldier clinging to a capsized boat which was rapidly being carried down the flooded Moselle River, Major ZOTT, with the aid of another officer and an enlisted man, quickly launched a nearby engineer boat, headed out into the swift water, and, by exerting every effort, rescued the nearly drowned soldier from his precarious position and brought him to shore. On reaching shore, the rescue party discovered that they were in close proximity of enemy territory and it was therefore necessary for them to cross an enemy-laid mine field to reach a road which lead to the safety of friendly territory. In spite of all handicaps, the rescued man was safely evacuated with the party suffering no injuries. The courage displayed by Major ZOTT is worthy of high commendation. Entered the military service from Iowa.

Technician Fifth Grade NORMAN H SIEGFRIED, 37318307, Headquarters, **Armored Engineer Battalion, United States Army. For heroism not involving actual conflict with an enemy. Technician Fifth Grade SIEGFRIED was at work near a half-track, upon which maintenance was being performed, when it caught on fire, endangering nearby government property and personnel. In utter disregard for his own safety, he entered the burning vehicle and drove it to a point where the potential danger of the fuel tanks exploding from the intense heat was no longer dangerous to others. His courageous action exemplifies the traditions of the military service. Entered the military service from North Dakota.

Private First Class FELIX G BANIS, 11014050, Military Police Platoon, 10th Armored Division, United States Army. For heroism not involving actual conflict with an enemy. When a can of gasoline exploded in an adjacent room covering a soldier with flaming gasoline, Private First Class BANIS, acting with great

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presence of mind, caught the blindly running man and smothered the flames with a blanket. Disregarding his own burns, he carried the man from the burning room to a waiting vehicle and immediately took him to the nearest hospital. His heroic action saved a man from possibly fatal burns and is worthy of high commendation.

III. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL - By direction of the President and under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular Number 6, Third United States Army, dated 26 April 1944, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded to:

Technician Fifth Grade CHESTER F HOUTZ, 38021171, Company B, **Medical Battalion, Armored, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE on 10 November 1944. Technician Fifth Grade HOUTZ, while engaged in his duty as assistant ambulance driver, was stopped by an officer and informed of heavy casualties in the nearby town of ANCY-SUR-ROSELE. In spite of the warning that there was still heavy fighting in the town, Technician Fifth Grade HOUTZ, accompanied by the ambulance driver, with complete disregard for his own safety, drove to within fifty yards of the casualties. Within sight of heavy patrol action, he and his companion proceeded on foot until they located four seriously wounded men and with great difficulty carried them on improvised litters to the ambulance and evacuated them to a clearing station. Technician Fifth Grade HOUTZ'S courage and exemplary conduct reflect great credit upon himself and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Oklahoma.

Private CARL M STUMP, 35423787, Company B, **Medical Battalion, Armored, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE on 10 November 1944. Private STUMP, while engaged in his duty as an ambulance driver, was stopped by an officer and informed of heavy casualties in the nearby town of ANCY-SUR-ROSELE. In spite of the warning that there was still heavy fighting in the town, Private STUMP, accompanied by his assistant driver, with complete disregard for his own safety, drove to within fifty yards of the casualties. Within sight of heavy patrol action, he and his companion proceeded on foot until they located four seriously wounded men, and with great difficulty, carried them on improvised litters to the ambulance and evacuated them to a clearing station. Private STUMP'S courage and exemplary conduct reflect great credit upon himself and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Oklahoma.

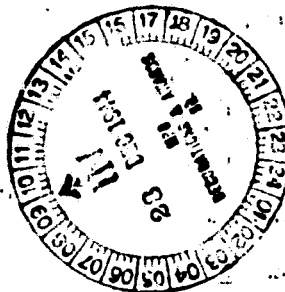
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IV. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL (OAK LEAF CLUSTER) - So much of Section I, General Orders Number 27, this headquarters, dated 27 November 1944, as pertains to Major THOMAS R IVERSON, Air Corps, is amended to read "Major THOMAS R IVERSON JR" and "a Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded".

By command of the DIVISION COMMANDER:

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I. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

1. By direction of the President and under the provisions of Army Regulation 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular Number 6, Third United States Army, dated 26 April 1944, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded posthumously to:

* Second Lieutenant ROBERT A BELL, 01182060, Field Artillery, Battery B, ** Armored Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE during the period 15 November 1944 to 20 November 1944.

2. By direction of the President and under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular Number 6, Third United States Army, dated 26 April 1944, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded to:

* Lieutenant Colonel ROBERT C MC CASE, 021069, Field Artillery, **Armored Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE and GERMANY during the period 31 October 1944 to 6 December 1944.

* Lieutenant Colonel WILLIAM W BEVERLY, 021107, Field Artillery, **Armored Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE and GERMANY during the period 31 October 1944 to 6 December 1944.

* Major WILLIS D CRITTENBERGER, JR., 024893, Field Artillery, **Armored Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE and GERMANY during the period 16 November 1944 to 23 November 1944.

* Captain DANIEL Q MARSHALL, 0372280, Ordnance Department, **Ordnance Maintenance Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE during the period 10 November 1944 to 27 November 1944.

* Staff Sergeant PETER W LECK, 32018455, Battery A, **Armored Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE and GERMANY during the period 14 November 1944 to 1 December 1944.

* Staff Sergeant ONYX L HICDON, 6576795, Infantry, Company C, **Tank Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in GERMANY during the period 24 November 1944 to 27 November 1944.

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Technician Fifth Grade FRANK J MORRIS, 36539932, Infantry, Headquarters Company, Combat Command **, 10th Armored Division, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE during the period 14 November 1944 to 7 December 1944.

11. AWARD OF CERTIFICATE OF MERIT - Under the provisions of letter, Headquarters European Theater of Operations, United States Army, file AG 200.6 HPGA, subject: Certificate of Merit, dated 28 June 1944, a CERTIFICATE OF MERIT is awarded to the following named personnel (in recognition of conspicuously meritorious and outstanding performance of military duty in FRANCE):

Major ROBERT E GRIFFIN, 0460878, Medical Corps, Headquarters Combat Command **, 10th Armored Division, United States Army.

Major JOHN E CHILDE, 0361772, Field Artillery, Headquarters, Division Artillery, 10th Armored Division, United States Army.

Major STANLEY R RESOR, 0374499, Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, **Armored Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army.

Captain GEORGE A REBOUX, 0415253, Infantry, Combat Command **, 10th Armored Division, United States Army.

Captain FRANKLIN H BROWN, 01166679, Field Artillery, Headquarters, Division Artillery, 10th Armored Division, United States Army.

Staff Sergeant WALTER F TADUSZ, 32033707, Service Battery, **Armored Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army.

Staff Sergeant CASMIER SZOCINSKI, 15042937, Infantry, Company B, **Tank Battalion, United States Army.

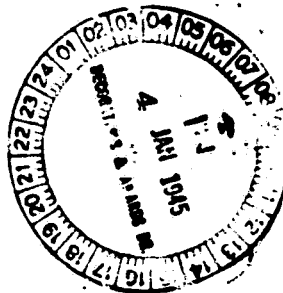
Private SIDNEY L HANNA, 35741766, Company B, **Medical Battalion, Armored, United States Army.

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By direction of the President and under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular Number 6, Third United States Army, dated 26 April 1944, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded to:

Captain WILLIAM F RYERSON, O422559, Infantry, Company C, **Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE on 16 November 1944. Captain RYERSON, Commander of an Infantry Company, was placed in charge of an armored combat team with the mission of seizing the town of KIRSCHALDEN, FRANCE. Upon reaching the edge of the town, further progress was impeded by an enemy road block and artillery shelling. Captain RYERSON, with complete disregard for his own safety, dismounted from the comparative safety of his half-track and went forward on foot under heavy sniper and mortar fire, reconnoitering for the column. When the column was again halted midway through the town by withering enemy fire, Captain RYERSON, undeterred by enemy action, calmly rallied his men and continued the advance. His exemplary performance, coolness, and display of courage inspired the men of his organization and reflect high credit upon himself as a leader of men and upon the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from New York.

Captain GORDON GEIGER, O1287514, Infantry, Headquarters Company, **Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE on 18 November 1944. Captain GEIGER, Commander of an Infantry Company, was with the leading element of a combat team in its advance against the enemy at HALSTROFF and SCHWERTDORFF, FRANCE. He personally located positions for the emplacement of his supporting weapons to insure the close support of the advancing team. He continuously remained in the forward lines under intense enemy fire, making reconnaissance of enemy targets and directing the fire of his heavy weapons. Through the actions of Captain GEIGER, supporting fire was used effectively to cover the successful advance of the combat team. His untiring efforts and coolness under fire reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered the military service from Indiana.

Captain OMAR R BILLETT, O1287464, Infantry, Company B, **Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in GERMANY on 30 November 1944. Captain BILLETT, Commander of an Infantry Company, was given the mission of making a night attack against an objective in the vicinity of HILBRINGEN, GERMANY which had been captured twice before and lost in subsequent enemy counter-attacks. Advancing under intense enemy fire, Captain BILLETT led his company against a superior force, and, as a result of his strategy and skillful planning, succeeded in capturing and holding the objective with a minimum of casualties. The outstanding leadership displayed by Captain BILLETT reflects great credit upon himself and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Kansas.

Captain JAMES V REVELL, O1012979, Infantry, **Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE on 19 November 1944. Captain REVELL distinguished himself while serving as a battalion maintenance officer. During an engagement with the enemy in the vicinity of SCHWERTDORFF, FRANCE, it became necessary to make a strategic withdrawal and ten mired vehicles of his battalion were abandoned between our lines and enemy lines. With utter disregard for his own safety, Captain REVELL led his maintenance crew under heavy enemy fire to the vehicles and succeeded in recovering them. This accomplishment saved directly needed government property and materially aided the battalion in ensuing operations against the enemy. Captain REVELL'S exemplary leadership and intrepidity reflect great credit upon himself and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Virginia.

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Captain WALTON K HOLEHOUSE, 01011389, Infantry, Company A, **Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE on 18 November 1944. Captain HOLEHOUSE, Commander of an Infantry Company, led the attack of a combat team against the enemy in the towns of HALSTROFF, BIZING, FLASTROFF, and SCHTER-DORFF, FRANCE. During the entire attack, Captain HOLEHOUSE, without regard for his personal safety, in the face of intense enemy fire, was with the leading platoon while directing the attack. His strategic and skilful planning of a defense system to hold the town of SCHTERDORFF resulted in the repulsing of two enemy counter-attacks with a minimum of casualties. The outstanding leadership displayed by Captain HOLEHOUSE reflects great credit upon himself and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Connecticut.

First Lieutenant ROBERT W GREENE, 01178168, Field Artillery, **Armored Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE during the period 7 November 1944 to 13 November 1944. While acting as forward artillery observer in support of an Infantry Battalion crossing the Moselle River, Lieutenant GREENE directed effective artillery support in the face of heavy enemy fire. Disregarding his own safety, he crossed the river with the second wave of infantry and by means of a portable radio, continued for the next five days to effectively direct artillery fire, often being within one hundred yards of enemy positions. His devotion to duty in the face of grave danger materially aided the advance of the battalion to its objective. His courageous achievement is worthy of high commendation. Entered the military service from Alabama.

First Lieutenant RAY J YANTIS, 0465405, Infantry, Company C, **Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in GERMANY on 29 November 1944 and 30 November 1944. Lieutenant YANTIS, acting as a combat team commander, was given the mission of capturing the towns of FITTEN and BALLERN, GERMANY. Without time for reconnaissance and very little time for map study, Lieutenant YANTIS started out on his mission over a difficult route in complete darkness. Upon reaching the first objective, despite intense enemy fire, the town was taken without casualties to his combat team and resulted in the capture of thirty of the enemy. Reorganizing his team, the next town was taken after an hour's siege. Soon after reporting the accomplishment of his mission, Lieutenant YANTIS received an order to capture the town of RECH, GERMANY. Despite the depletion of his forces through casualties and small holding forces left in the captured towns, he moved on to the next objective and occupied the town. The outstanding leadership of Lieutenant YANTIS was an inspiration to his men and reflects great credit upon himself and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Texas.

Staff Sergeant DONALD E MOFFETT, 17016001, Medical Detachment, **Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in GERMANY on 22 November 1944. During an engagement with the enemy before the town of TETTINGEN, GERMANY, Staff Sergeant MOFFETT personally directed his medical aid section in the evacuation of the wounded. With absolute disregard for his own safety, he went forward in the face of heavy enemy fire to bring in wounded men and, by this example, inspired other medical aid men to similar performances. Staff Sergeant MOFFETT'S exemplary action and leadership contributed directly in saving the lives of many men who might otherwise have died for lack of medical attention. His commendable performance of duty is in keeping with the high traditions of the Medical Corps of the United States Army. Entered the military service from Minnesota.

Staff Sergeant HENRY J ALLBRIGHT, 35499560, Company A, **Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE on 24 November 1944. Staff Sergeant ALLBRIGHT volunteered to lead a night patrol to obtain vital information concerning an anti-tank ditch to be bridged in the vicinity of WALDISSE, FRANCE. With utter disregard for his personal safety, he led the patrol under heavy artillery and mortar fire through strong enemy positions, avoiding numerous German patrols, until he located the objective and obtained the necessary information. Upon the return route, Staff Sergeant ALLBRIGHT was instrumental in capturing

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ing prisoners from an enemy outpost, from whom additional information was obtained which later resulted in the destruction of an enemy railroad tunnel. Staff Sergeant ALLBRIGHT'S exemplary leadership and initiative were an inspiration to the members of his organization and reflect great credit upon himself and the military service of the United States. Entered the military service from Kentucky.

Staff Sergeant JOHN E WILLIAMS, 31177511, Company A, **Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE on 17 November 1944. A light machine gun squad, of which Sergeant WILLIAMS was a member, was crossing a stream in the vicinity of HALSTROFF, FRANCE, when a concentration of mortar shells landed nearby, killing the squad leader and wounding several of the squad members. Sergeant WILLIAMS, disregarding his own safety, immediately took charge of reorganizing the remainder of the squad and led them through heavy enemy fire to a position where automatic weapons fire was sorely needed by his platoon which was then engaged in action against a superior number of the enemy. He immediately directed the placing of the squad's machine gun which rendered effective supporting fire throughout the remainder of the engagement, thereby materially aiding in repulsing the enemy. Sergeant WILLIAMS' exemplary leadership and initiative were an inspiration to the members of his organization and reflect great credit upon himself and the military service of the United States. Entered the military service from New Hampshire.

Sergeant DONALD E JOHNSON, 37320006, Headquarters Company, **Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in GERMANY on 29 November 1944. Sergeant JOHNSON was given the mission of determining whether or not the enemy still occupied the town of SILWINGEN, GERMANY. He led his patrol across exceedingly difficult terrain to a vantage point where he observed small groups of enemy soldiers in the town. Deciding more accurate information could be gained by going into the town, Sergeant JOHNSON continued the advance, but this time the patrol was pinned down by heavy machine gun and rifle fire which resulted in one of the members becoming seriously wounded. When the patrol had taken cover, he plotted the enemy positions, one of which was an observation post being used to direct artillery fire against friendly troops. After securing the necessary information, Sergeant JOHNSON withdrew with his patrol, including the wounded man, and succeeded in reaching his headquarters without further casualties. The information he secured contributed immeasurably to the ensuing attack on the enemy held town. The bravery, skill, and devotion to duty displayed by Sergeant JOHNSON reflect great credit upon himself and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Minnesota.

Sergeant LOUIS K PLOEGEMA, 35568919, Company F, **Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron (Mechanized), United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in GERMANY on 30 November 1944. While returning to an aid station in the vicinity of MITTEL-TURNSDORF, GERMANY with a seriously wounded officer, Sergeant PLOEGEMA'S vehicle aired, preventing its further movement. Sergeant PLOEGEMA, with another enlisted man, dismounted from the vehicle and, with complete disregard for his own safety, in the face of heavy enemy artillery fire, aided in carrying the officer across an open field to safety in spite of the officer's orders to the contrary. The courage, coolness, and intrepidity displayed by Sergeant PLOEGEMA on this occasion reflects great credit upon himself and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Indiana.

Sergeant FRED E MYERS, 34439638, Troop B, **Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron (Mechanized), United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in GERMANY on 26 November 1944. In order to secure information as to enemy positions, Sergeant MYERS led a patrol through enemy outposts between MITTEL-TURNSDORF and MOHN, GERMANY. When daylight broke before the patrol could return to their lines, Sergeant MYERS ordered his men into hiding and alone made his way back to his headquarters. After reporting his information, Sergeant MYERS was informed that artillery fire would be placed on the enemy positions providing his patrol could be withdrawn, whereupon, with utter disregard for his own safety, he again penetrated the enemy outposts, contacted his patrol and led them back to safety. The skilful leadership, courage, and resourcefulness displayed by Sergeant MYERS reflect great credit upon himself, his organization, and the armed forces of the United States. Entered the military service from North Carolina.

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Technician Fourth Grade BILLY L BRINKLEY, 38081155, Company A, **Tank Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE on 16 November 1944. During an engagement with the enemy in the vicinity of LAUMESFIELD, FRANCE, Technician Fourth Grade BRINKLEY left the comparative safety of his tank to go to the aid of several wounded soldiers in a nearby disabled tank. With complete disregard for his personal safety, in the face of heavy artillery and mortar fire, he removed the wounded men from the tank and rendered immediate and effective first aid. The wounded men were later evacuated by medical aid men. The heroic action on the part of Sergeant BRINKLEY was instrumental in saving the lives of two soldiers and reflects great credit upon himself and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Pennsylvania.

Technician Fourth Grade ARVI E NOROAL, 31187345, Company A, **Tank Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE on 26 November 1944. When the area in which a tank maintenance crew was located was subjected to heavy artillery and mortar fire, one of the shells penetrated and burst within the billet occupied by Technician Fourth Grade NOROAL and other members of the crew, injuring three of the occupants. Technician Fourth Grade NOROAL, without regard for his personal safety, immediately left the comparative security of the building and proceeded to an aid station where he secured a stretcher, and with the assistance of the remainder of the maintenance crew, evacuated the wounded. His prompt action materially aided in saving the lives of the wounded. The courage and coolness displayed by this enlisted man reflect great credit upon himself and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Massachusetts.

Technician Fourth Grade PHILIP R YOUNG, 31199884, Service Battery, **Armored Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE on 18 November 1944. Upon learning that an artillery observer's half-track was disabled in the vicinity of LAUNSTROFF, FRANCE, Technician Fourth Grade YOUNG immediately went forward to repair it, in spite of the fact that an engagement with the enemy was still in progress in the vicinity of the disabled vehicle. With complete disregard for his own safety, he negotiated the route of advance in a quarter ton truck over exposed forward slopes under enemy observation and artillery fire. Upon locating the vehicle, he made the necessary repairs, despite artillery and mortar shells which were bursting as close as 100 yards away. This action materially aided the successful completion of an artillery mission against the enemy and the courage and devotion to duty displayed by Technician Fourth Grade YOUNG is worthy of high commendation. Entered the military service from Vermont.

Technician Fourth Grade ANGELO COSTA, 11117165, Headquarters, **Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in GERMANY on 29 November 1944. Technician Fourth Grade COSTA, a radio operator, was in charge of a wire team with the night mission of installing an overhead communication wire in the rear of an attacking force, in order that a communication system could be established immediately upon the capture of the objective. After installing about one mile of wire, a member of the team became so exhausted from the strain of terrific enemy artillery fire that he could not go on. With complete disregard for his own safety, Technician Fourth Grade COSTA, by his outstanding leadership, determination, and efforts, encouraged the remainder of the team to complete the task, despite the warning by an officer whom they encountered, of the dangers before them. This accomplishment, under continuous heavy enemy fire and total darkness, materially aided the success of an operation against the enemy. By his exemplary leadership and intrepidity, Technician Fourth Grade COSTA brought inspiration to the members of his organization and great credit to himself and the military service of the United States. Entered the military service from Massachusetts.

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By direction of the President and under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular Number 6, Third United States Army, dated 26 April 1944, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded to:

Corporal HERBERT D FLYNN, 31237761, Headquarters Company, **Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE on 19 November 1944. Corporal FLYNN was given the night mission of carrying withdrawal orders to a friendly force in the village of SCHNEIDORFF, FRANCE. To accomplish this mission, it was necessary to travel three miles in complete darkness through enemy territory under heavy artillery and mortar fire. Fully cognizant of the dangers involved and the importance of the mission, Corporal FLYNN, accompanied another enlisted man and accomplished the mission with complete disregard for his own safety. This intrepid action enabled the friendly force in SCHNEIDORFF to withdraw safely under the cover of darkness without loss of personnel, and reflects great credit upon himself and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Massachusetts.

Name Corporal VINCENT J MC GINLEY, 12089204, Headquarters Company, **Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in GERMANY on 29 November 1944. During an engagement with the enemy in the vicinity of SILFINGEN, GERMANY, Corporal MC GINLEY was given the mission of obtaining information regarding enemy positions. With complete disregard for his own safety, Corporal MC GINLEY led his patrol under heavy enemy fire to within 100 yards of the enemy where he remained until he had sufficiently identified the location of their lines. He also discovered that a bridge which was to be used in the ensuing attack had been destroyed, and, before giving the order to withdraw, killed two enemy soldiers who were establishing an anti-tank gun position covering the bridge. The information obtained by Corporal MC GINLEY prevented troops from being trapped at the destroyed bridge and was of material aid in the ensuing capture of three towns. His exemplary leadership and courage reflect great credit upon himself and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from New York.

Name Technician Fifth Grade MARVIN S GEORGE, 34409490, Headquarters, **Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in GERMANY on 29 November 1944. Technician Fifth Grade GEORGE, a radio operator, was in charge of a wire team with the night mission of installing an overhead communication wire in the rear of an attacking force in order that a communication system could function immediately upon capture of the objective. After installing about one mile of wire two members of the team became so exhausted from the strain of terrific enemy artillery fire that they had to be sent to the rear. With complete disregard for his personal safety, Technician Fifth Grade GEORGE, displaying outstanding leadership and determination, encouraged the remainder of the team to continue the task of laying the last mile of wire on foot when their vehicle became mired in a ditch. This accomplishment, under continuous heavy enemy fire and total darkness, materially aided the success of an operation against the enemy. By his exemplary efforts and intrepidity, Technician Fifth Grade GEORGE brought inspiration to the members of his organization and great credit to himself and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Florida.

Private First Class MARZINE SMITH, 34474967, Company B, **Medical Battalion, Armored, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE on 10 November 1944. Private First Class SMITH was on duty as ambulance driver at an aid station when he was informed that repeated attempts to evacuate a wounded man in the vicinity of RECONVILLE, FRANCE had failed because of heavy enemy fire. With complete disregard for his own safety, in the face of enemy fire, Private First Class SMITH, accompanied by his assistant driver, drove to a point approximately 100 yards from

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where the casualty lay. At this point, he and his companion dismounted and advanced on foot under enemy rifle fire to reach the casualty. After administering first aid, Private First Class SMITH assisted in carrying the casualty to the ambulance, from where he was driven to a place of safety. The courage and devotion to duty displayed by Private First Class SMITH reflect great credit upon himself and the Medical Corps of the United States Army. Entered the military service from Mississippi.

Private First Class JOHN R NIELSEN, 38407475, Headquarters Company, **Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE on 19 November 1944. Private First Class NIELSEN volunteered to accompany a patrol on a night mission of carrying withdrawal orders to a friendly force in the village of SCHWERTDORFF, FRANCE. To accomplish this mission, it was necessary to travel three miles in complete darkness through enemy territory under heavy artillery and mortar fire. Fully cognizant of the dangers involved and the importance of the mission, Private First Class NIELSEN accompanied the patrol leader and accomplished the mission with complete disregard for his own safety. This intrepid action enabled the friendly force in SCHWERTDORFF to withdraw safely under the cover of darkness without loss of personnel and reflects great credit upon himself and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Oklahoma.

Private First Class CHESTER R A KREMEYER, 38297585, Company A, **Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE on 18 November 1944. During an engagement with the enemy in the vicinity of SCHWERTDORFF, FRANCE, Private First Class KREMEYER and his squad leader were injured by enemy artillery fire. With complete disregard for his own wounds and safety, Private First Class KREMEYER moved his sergeant to the comparative safety of a ditch where he rendered first aid under heavy enemy fire. When medical aid arrived half an hour later, he refused treatment of his own wounds until the sergeant was moved to a place of safety and given medical care. Private First Class KREMEYER'S courage and exemplary action were an inspiration to the men of his organization and reflect great credit upon himself and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Arkansas.

Private SIDNEY CHARIK, 11117392, Company A, **Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE on 19 November 1944. During the defense of SCHWERTDORFF, FRANCE, Private CHARIK and a companion were wounded by an artillery shell landing in the vicinity of their position. With complete disregard for his own wounds and safety, Private CHARIK made the wounded man comfortable and rendered first aid under heavy enemy fire. When aid arrived, he assisted in the removal of the injured soldier and refused medical treatment until his companion was properly cared for. Private CHARIK'S courage and exemplary action were an inspiration to the men of his organization and reflect great credit upon himself and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Massachusetts.

Private RAYMOND F WURLEY, 35568724, Medical Detachment, **Armored Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in GERMANY on 19 November 1944. During a night engagement with the enemy, an artillery battery was subjected to direct fire by enemy 88mm guns, resulting in casualties to members of the battery. Upon hearing a call for first aid, Private WURLEY, battery aid man, left the comparative safety of his fox hole and in the face of sporadic enemy fire and in total darkness went to the assistance of the injured. Finding two casualties, and after determining one of them was beyond aid, he devoted his efforts to rendering first aid to the other wounded soldier. His courageous action materially aided in saving the wounded man's life and reflects great credit upon himself, his organization, and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Indiana.

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Private HARVEY E SIBRACK, 36540065, Company B, #1 Medical Battalion, Armored, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE on 10 November 1944. Private SIBRACK was on duty as assistant ambulance driver at an aid station when he was informed that repeated attempts to evacuate a wounded man in the vicinity of REZONVILLE, FRANCE had failed because of heavy enemy fire. With complete disregard for his own safety, in the face of enemy fire, Private SIBRACK, accompanied by the ambulance driver, drove to a point approximately 100 yards from where the casualty lay. At this point, he and his companion dismounted and advanced on foot under enemy rifle fire to reach the casualty. After administering first aid, Private SIBRACK assisted in carrying the casualty to the ambulance, from where he was driven to a place of safety. The courage and devotion to duty displayed by Private SIBRACK reflect great credit upon himself and the Medical Corps of the United States Army. Entered the military service from Michigan.

Private GEORGE A FICARRA, 36743497, Company F, #2 Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron (Mechanized), United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in GERMANY on 30 November 1944. While returning to an aid station in the vicinity of WITTE-TURISDORF, GERMANY with a seriously wounded officer, Private FICARRA'S vehicle was derailed, preventing its further movement. Private FICARRA, with another enlisted man, dismounted from the vehicle and with complete disregard for his own safety, in the face of heavy enemy artillery fire, aided in carrying the officer across an open field to safety, in spite of the officer's orders to the contrary. The courage, coolness, and intrepidity displayed by Private FICARRA on this occasion reflects great credit upon himself and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Illinois.

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I. AWARD OF SILVER STAR

1. By direction of the President and under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular Number 6, Third United States Army, dated 26 April 1944, a Silver Star is awarded posthumously to:

Second Lieutenant EDWARD M. CLARKE, 01010682, Infantry, Company B, **Tank Battalion, United States Army. For gallantry in action in GERMANY on 21 November 1944. During an attack on enemy fortified positions, Lieutenant CLARKE'S tank, leading a platoon of tanks, was subjected to anti-tank fire and rendered immobile. Though seriously wounded, Lieutenant CLARKE, by means of his radio, directed the fire of the other tanks against the enemy installations until his tank was hit a second time, wounding him fatally. His courage and loyal devotion to duty were inspirational to the members of his organization and exemplify the high traditions of the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from New York.

Corporal ALGER N. ZAUNER, 36512240, Troop B, **Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron (Mechanized), United States Army. For gallantry in action in GERMANY on 30 November 1944. During an operation against the enemy, Corporal ZAUNER'S unit was pinned down by a heavy concentration of enemy fire resulting in wounds to three of his fellow soldiers. With complete disregard for his own safety, Corporal ZAUNER immediately administered emergency first aid, then placed two of them in a quarter ton vehicle, and sent them to an aid station. While awaiting the return of the vehicle, he remained in an exposed position to care for the remaining wounded man and was killed by an enemy artillery shell burst. Corporal ZAUNER'S gallant and unselfish deeds exemplify the high traditions of the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Michigan.

Corporal EDWARD J. FOURNIER, 31251679, Company A, **Tank Battalion, United States Army. For gallantry in action in GERMANY on 26 November 1944. During an engagement with the enemy, Corporal FOURNIER, by his alertness, located the source of sudden heavy enemy fire upon his tank platoon. In order that artillery fire could be brought to bear upon the enemy gun positions, Corporal FOURNIER, with utter disregard for his personal safety, left the comparative security of his tank and started in search of the forward artillery observer to report his information. While advancing in full view of the enemy, Corporal FOURNIER'S gallant and unselfish action was untimely interrupted when he received a fatal wound from artillery shrapnel. His courage and loyal devotion to duty were inspirational to the members of his organization and exemplify the high traditions of the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Connecticut.

2. By direction of the President and under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular Number 6, Third United States Army, dated 26 April 1944, a Silver Star is awarded to:

Captain FRED H. BRYAN, 0406994, Cavalry, **Tank Battalion, United States Army. For gallantry in action in FRANCE on 17 November 1944. During an engagement with the enemy in the vicinity of LAUNESFELD, FRANCE, all communications between forward elements of Captain BRYAN'S organization and the supporting artillery were severed by heavy enemy fire. Observing a radio equipped vehicle in an open field 200 yards distant, Captain BRYAN, with utter disregard for his personal safety, proceeded on foot in the face of heavy enemy artillery and mortar fire and safely reached the vehicle and drove it back across the fire swept field to his command post where he established communications with his supporting artillery. This action was instrumental in neutralizing the enemy fire, allowing an entire combat team to assemble and continue the advance. Captain BRYAN'S intrepidity and

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exemplary action were an inspiring example to the men of his organization and reflect great credit upon himself and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Arizona.

Second Lieutenant RALPH H RINKER, 01018191, Cavalry, Troop B, **Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron (Mechanized), United States Army. For gallantry in action in FRANCE on 18 November 1944. While patrolling in the vicinity of KIRCHEN LES BOUZONVILLE, FRANCE, Lieutenant RINKER, with his platoon, discovered an enemy pillbox. Sending his men to work their way to the rear of the pillbox, Lieutenant RINKER crawled forward under intense fire from machine guns and mortars and threw hand grenades into the pillbox through a breach previously created by fire from his 37mm cannon, killing the occupants. Finding his platoon pinned down by enemy fire, and noticing that one of his men was trying to carry a wounded man to safety, he crawled out to assist. Realizing the method they were using was too slow, Lieutenant RINKER rose to his feet, picked up the wounded man, and ran with him to safety. Discovering another man of his platoon had been wounded, Lieutenant RINKER again went forward and repeated the action. During both incidents, the enemy, observing the gallantry of this officer, withheld its fire. The courage, coolness and intrepidity displayed by Lieutenant RINKER reflect high credit upon himself, his organization, and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Washington.

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Technical Sergeant HENRY L BEARCE, 31228643, Company C, **Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. For gallantry in action in FRANCE on 16 November 1944. Technical Sergeant BEARCE distinguished himself while serving as an infantry platoon leader. During the attack on KIRSCHHAUEN, FRANCE, his unit, fighting from half-track vehicles, continued to advance in spite of many casualties from heavy enemy fire, until it was momentarily halted by an anti-tank gun position which Sergeant BEARCE and his men promptly neutralized in dismounted action. Despite the fact that the remainder of his company had not joined his platoon, Sergeant BEARCE ordered his men to remount and proceeded on his mission until the advance was halted by an enemy road block. Unable to move his vehicles from the road because of steep embankments on both sides and realizing that an enemy anti-tank gun covered the road block, he ordered his men, who were physically able, to dismount and take cover. With complete disregard for his personal safety, Sergeant BEARCE immediately began removing five wounded men who had been injured in the previous actions from his own vehicle. Shortly after he had evacuated the last wounded man, the vehicle was struck by an anti-tank shell, seriously wounding him. His intrepidity and exemplary leadership not only materially aided his company in reaching its objective, but also saved the lives of five wounded men. The gallant actions of Technical Sergeant BEARCE were an inspiring example to the men of his organization and exemplify the high traditions of the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Massachusetts.

Staff Sergeant JAMES C FINLEY, 6385251, Company C, **Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. For gallantry in action in FRANCE on 17 November 1944. Six infantrymen were advancing along a road in front of a group of tanks in the vicinity of OBERNAUIGAN, FRANCE, when they were suddenly subjected to heavy enemy machine gun fire, causing three casualties to their group. Five of the men crawled to safety under cover of fire from friendly troops, but one was wounded so badly he was unable to assist himself in any way. Observing the plight of this soldier, Sergeant FINLEY, with utter disregard for his own safety, crawled approximately 100 yards up the road under withering enemy fire, and swam a creek to reach the wounded man. He succeeded in reaching the wounded soldier and carried him back to the safety of friendly lines. The gallantry displayed by Sergeant FINLEY saved the life of a comrade. His courage and intrepidity reflect great credit upon himself and the military service of the United States. Entered the military service from South Carolina.

Staff Sergeant JOHN B BANDELIN, 37320371, Company C, **Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. For gallantry in action in GERMANY on 2 December 1944. During an attack upon DREISBACH, GERMANY, Staff Sergeant BANDELIN'S infantry platoon was delayed by heavy machine gun and artillery fire. With utter disregard for his own safety, Sergeant BANDELIN charged an enemy machine gun position. His daring example inspired his squad to follow him and resulted in the elimination of the position and the capture of four of the enemy. Although wounded in the action, Sergeant BANDELIN remained in command for two hours until ordered to withdraw. His initiative, gallantry, and loyal devotion to duty materially aided in the success

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of the attack and exemplify the high traditions of the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Minnesota.

✓ Private First Class GARLAND W SANDERS, 38523749, Company B, **Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. For gallantry in action in FRANCE on 22 November 1944. Private First Class SANDERS, a rifleman in an attacking force of infantry, fearlessly went forward beyond the line of attack and killed five of the enemy, silencing two light machine guns, thereby materially aiding in the advance of his unit. Later the same day when friendly troops were forced to withdraw under a heavy concentration of enemy fire, Private First Class SANDERS, with complete disregard for his personal safety, dashed over 600 yards of fire-swept terrain to secure tank support. Only after leading two tanks and placing them in favorable firing positions, did Private First Class SANDERS make known the fact that he had been severely wounded during the engagement. By his intrepid action, two rifle squads were saved from possible capture. The courage and exemplary action of Private First Class SANDERS were an inspiration to the men of his organization and reflect high credit upon himself and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Louisiana.

✓ Private ELMER C DAVIS, 35668702, Company C, **Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. For gallantry in action in GERMANY on 20 November 1944. With utter disregard for his own personal safety, Private DAVIS advanced over open ground to a hill occupied by the enemy one thousand yards distant where he assisted in the rescue and removal to safety of a wounded officer. This act was performed in daylight under continuous heavy observed enemy artillery and mortar fire, projectiles of which burst as close as ten to fifteen yards from the rescue party. The courage and determination displayed by Private DAVIS in his accomplishment are noteworthy and reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered the military service from Kentucky.

Private RICHARD H VOTRA, 35569436, Troop B, **Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron (Mechanized), United States Army. For gallantry in action in GERMANY on 30 November 1944. During an operation against the enemy in the vicinity of ORSEL, GERMANY, Private VOTRA'S unit was pinned down by a heavy concentration of enemy fire, resulting in wounds to three of his fellow soldiers. With complete disregard for his own safety, Private VOTRA, a truck driver, aided in placing two of the wounded men in a quarter ton vehicle and then drove them to an aid station. Running the gauntlet of enemy fire, he returned and was wounded while assisting in placing the third injured man in the vehicle. Private VOTRA'S tenacity of purpose and loyal devotion to duty were of material aid in saving the lives of two men and exemplify the high traditions of the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Indiana.

II. AWARD OF SOLDIER'S MEDAL - By direction of the President and under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular Number 6, Third United States Army, dated 26 April 1944, a Soldier's Medal is awarded to:

✓ Second Lieutenant MALCOLM K GRANT, 01823289, Army of the United States (Tank Destroyer), **Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army. For heroism not involving actual conflict with an enemy. When a gasoline engine exploded in a bivouac area covering a soldier with flaming gasoline, Lieutenant GRANT, acting with great presence of mind, pursued the blindly running man for fifty yards before overtaking him. With complete disregard for his own safety, he tackled the soldier and smothered the flames with his own body and hands, resulting in painful burns to himself. Lieutenant GRANT'S quick thinking saved the enlisted man from possible fatal burns. His heroic action reflects great credit upon himself and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from New York.

III. AWARD OF AIR MEDAL - By direction of the President and under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular Number 6, Third United States Army, dated 26 April 1944, an Air Medal is awarded to:

✓ First Lieutenant ROBERT K MOORE, 01181700, Field Artillery, Headquarters

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Battery, Division Artillery, 10th Armored Division, United States Army. For meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE and GERMANY from 9 November 1944 to 12 December 1944.

Second Lieutenant LOUIS R CARR, JR., 0551953, Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, Division Artillery, 10th Armored Division, United States Army. For meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE and GERMANY from 9 November 1944 to 12 December 1944.

IV. AWARD OF CERTIFICATE OF MERIT

1. Under the provisions of letter, Headquarters European Theater of Operations, United States Army, file AG 200.6 MPGA, subject: Certificate of Merit, dated 28 June 1944, a CERTIFICATE OF MERIT is awarded to the following named personnel in recognition of conspicuously meritorious and outstanding performance of military duty in GERMANY:

Sergeant HENRY D PERRY, 38081738, Infantry, Company B, **Tank Battalion, United States Army.
Technician Fifth Grade JOHN C PERKINS, 35892646, Headquarters, **Armored Engineer Battalion, United States Army.

2. Under the provisions of letter, Headquarters European Theater of Operations, United States Army, file AG 200.6 MPGA, subject: Certificate of Merit, dated 28 June 1944, a CERTIFICATE OF MERIT is awarded to the following named personnel in recognition of conspicuously meritorious and outstanding performance of military duty in FRANCE:

Major LEONARD B VOLKIN, 0327622, Medical Corps, Headquarters, Combat Command **, 10th Armored Division, United States Army
Captain GLEN E COLLINS, 01072912, Infantry, Headquarters, **Tank Battalion, United States Army
Captain HOWARD F KING, JR., 0407733, Cavalry, Headquarters, **Tank Battalion, United States Army.
Captain JOHN G PLOWDEN, 0420839, Cavalry, Headquarters, Combat Command **, 10th Armored Division, United States Army
Captain HORACE S MC ILROY, 0356163, Infantry, Headquarters, Combat Command **, 10th Armored Division, United States Army
First Lieutenant HENRY D HECKLINGER, 01062380, Coast Artillery Corps, Headquarters Company, **Tank Battalion, United States Army
First Lieutenant KENNETH H DADSWELL, 01016065, Infantry, Headquarters Company, **Tank Battalion, United States Army
First Lieutenant HENRY J SCHUEBMAN, JR., 01015016, Infantry, Headquarters, Combat Command **, 10th Armored Division, United States Army.
Technical Sergeant HAROLD W FRECH, 32156550, Infantry, Headquarters, **Tank Battalion, United States Army
Technical Sergeant CHARLES B MOORE, 34116590, Infantry, Headquarters, **Tank Battalion, United States Army
Technical Sergeant ALLAN A INGENITO, 32235100, Infantry, Headquarters, **Tank Battalion, United States Army
Technical Sergeant LESTER H KLEMENS, 6912269, Company C, **Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army

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AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

By direction of the President and under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular Number 6, Third United States Army, dated 26 April 1944, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded to:

✓ Major CURTIS L HANKINS, 0387290, Infantry, **Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE during the period 15 November to 25 November 1944. Major HANKINS was commanding an advance guard of a task force during its operations in the vicinity of KEPLICH, DALSTON, and CHEMERY-LES-DEUX, FRANCE. Through his capable supervision, the operations of the task force were carried out successfully. With complete disregard for his own safety, he performed his duties while constantly at the head of his group. In the face of enemy fire, his ceaseless energy, enthusiasm, and unselfish devotion to duty, were an inspiration to the officers and men with whom he came in contact. On one occasion during the advance when the infantry attached to his unit was halted at the outskirts of a town by heavy enemy small arms and mortar fire, Major HANKINS personally led the infantrymen forward to clear the town. The exemplary leadership displayed by this officer reflects great credit upon himself and upon the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Arkansas.

✓ Major ROBERT W BROWN, 0274312, Cavalry, Headquarters, **Tank Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in GERMANY on 2 December 1944. Major BROWN, executive officer of a tank battalion, voluntarily joined a dismounted patrol during an engagement with the enemy in the vicinity of DEUTSCHEN, GERMANY. With utter disregard for his own safety, in the face of enemy sniper fire, Major BROWN assisted in clearing a wooded area of enemy soldiers, capturing three enemy prisoners and forcing the remainder to flee. His voluntary action materially aided his unit in attaining its objective. Major BROWN'S intrepidity, initiative, and courage were an inspiration to the officers and men with whom he came in contact and reflect great credit upon himself and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Maryland.

✓ Captain TAYLOR D STOREY, 0292684, Infantry, Company B, **Tank Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE and GERMANY during the period 15 November to 20 November 1944. Captain STOREY, acting in his capacity as commander of a tank company, personally led his unit in a superior manner from KERLING, FRANCE to a point in the vicinity of HERRIG, GERMANY. In order that he could better select the route of advance, he continuously dismounted from his tank and while under constant enemy artillery and small arms fire, fearlessly reconnoitered enemy positions until he was wounded and forced to retire from the action. His intrepidity, with utter disregard for his own safety, materially aided a combat team in its advance from KERLING, FRANCE to BEHNIGEL, GERMANY. Captain STOREY'S initiative and loyal devotion to duty were an inspiration to his fellow officers and men and reflect great credit upon himself and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Georgia.

✓ Captain HAROLD H DYKE, JR., 0409648, Field Artillery, **Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in GERMANY on 25 November 1944. When the radio communication system of one of his platoons ceased to function, Captain DYKE, commander of a tank destroyer company, went forward with the platoon commander to establish an observation point. Under heavy small arms and mortar fire, they advanced to a point of vantage on a hill. After observing the terrain for several moments, the two officers suddenly discovered that they had penetrated enemy infantry positions and were surrounded by ten enemy soldiers. Unhesitatingly, Captain DYKE drew his pistol and, catching the enemy off guard, forced them to surrender, and returned with them to his own lines. The courage and initiative displayed by this officer reflects great credit upon himself and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Texas.

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✓ Second Lieutenant BURLEIGH P OXFORD, 0131123, Infantry, Headquarters Company, **Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE on 19 November 1944. An infantry battalion, upon consolidating its position in the recently captured city of SCHIEDORFF, FRANCE, was subjected early in the morning to a heavy enemy counter-attack. When the ammunition supply began to run low toward noon, Lieutenant OXFORD volunteered to drive a half-track to the rear to replenish the supply. With utter disregard for his personal safety, Lieutenant OXFORD drove through a gauntlet of enemy artillery fire for three miles to his unit's supply dump, and returned over the same heavily shelled route with a full load of ammunition. The ammunition thus obtained enabled the battalion to repulse the enemy counter-attack and to hold the city. Lieutenant OXFORD'S intrepidity, initiative, and courage reflect great credit upon himself and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Louisiana.

✓ First Sergeant HARRY A PASCALÉ, 33082727, Company B, **Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in GERMANY on 23 November 1944. Sergeant PASCALÉ accompanied a light tank section which had been given the mission of retrieving mired vehicles in the vicinity of KIRSCH HOLE, GERMANY. A smoke screen, which was intended to deprive the enemy of observation from the nearby woods, failed to materialize and as a result several of the rescuing tanks were hit by enemy artillery as they drew near the mired vehicles. One of the tanks immediately became an inferno of flames and the tank commander's clothes were set afire as he emerged from the turret. Sergeant PASCALÉ, with utter disregard for his personal safety, in the face of terrific enemy mortar and small arms fire, immediately rushed to the flaming soldier and by throwing him to the ground and rolling upon him, extinguished the flames, thereby saving him from possible fatal burns. Sergeant PASCALÉ'S initiative, intrepidity, and coolness under fire are a tribute to himself, his organization, and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Pennsylvania.

✓ Technical Sergeant HAROLD T MC AVOY, 33024948, Company B, **Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in GERMANY on 29 November 1944. During a night attack against the enemy in the vicinity of KIRSCH HOLE, GERMANY, Sergeant MC AVOY assumed command, replacing his wounded platoon leader. At day-break, the enemy identified lines of his unit, surrounded them and subjected the area to intense artillery fire. Disregarding his personal safety, Sergeant MC AVOY calmly directed his men against overwhelming odds, and by his gallant leadership, averted panic and maintained stability within the organization. His exceptional fortitude and exemplary conduct so inspired the men of his platoon that they were able to resist the enemy attack until reinforcements arrived. Sergeant MC AVOY'S intrepidity, courage, and coolness, in the face of grave danger, are a tribute to himself and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Pennsylvania.

✓ Technical Sergeant ORRIS S BURCH, 34202616, Headquarters Company, **Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE on 20 November 1944. Sergeant BURCH distinguished himself while acting as a forward observer for a mortar platoon. During an engagement with the enemy in the vicinity of WALDWISSE, FRANCE, it became necessary to establish a forward observation post to effectively direct mortar fire. Under enemy fire, Sergeant BURCH carried a radio to the crest of a wooded hill where he established an observation post. With complete disregard for his own safety from enemy mortar and artillery shells bursting in the immediate area, he directed fire of his mortars until his radio was hit and destroyed. Sergeant BURCH, on his own initiative, then laid a telephone wire to his observation post and continued to effectively direct fire until the enemy mortar batteries were silenced, thereby saving the lives of many riflemen stationed in the woods nearby. Sergeant BURCH'S initiative, intrepidity, and coolness, in the face of grave danger, reflect great credit upon himself and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Florida.

✓ Technical Sergeant ROBERT J FITZGERALD, 11116972, Company C, **Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in GERMANY during the

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period 26 November to 28 November 1944. During the absence of his platoon leader and platoon sergeant, Sergeant FITZGERALD assumed command, and by outstanding leadership in the face of heavy enemy fire, reorganized his men into a defensive position, arranging strategic positions for heavy guns and guard posts. With complete disregard for his own safety, Sergeant FITZGERALD personally brought up food from the battalion command post while under fire, and despite great physical sacrifice, worked night and day maintaining contact with his outposts and insuring a strong defense in his area. His devotion to duty, intrepidity, and initiative enabled the platoon to hold vital outposts and to repulse several enemy counter-attacks. Sergeant FITZGERALD'S coolness and courage inspired the members of his organization and are a tribute to himself and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Massachusetts.

Technical Sergeant ARTHUR W. SMITH, 18231281, Headquarters, **Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE on 20 November 1944. During an enemy artillery barrage on an area occupied by the command post of a combat command, a half-track containing ammunition and mines was hit and set on fire. Observing that a nearby half-track and quarter ton truck were endangered. Sergeant SMITH, with utter disregard for his personal safety, rushed to save them. He braved the fire of the blazing half-track and the potential danger of its cargo of mines and drove the quarter ton truck to safety. Sergeant SMITH then returned to the endangered half-track and upon discovering that the motor would not start, secured the assistance of a nearby tank and had the vehicle towed to safety. The courage and initiative displayed by Sergeant SMITH is a tribute to himself and the military service of the United States. Entered the military service from Texas.

Staff Sergeant ALFRED F. PERRAULT, 36599740, Company B, **Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE on 22 November 1944. Sergeant PERRAULT'S infantry squad, with other squads, were given the mission of engaging an enemy rifle company in the vicinity of WALDWISSE, FRANCE for the purpose of recovering eight previously abandoned tanks. Upon the successful completion of the mission, Sergeant PERRAULT discovered a wounded soldier lying upon the ground unnoticed by the withdrawing infantry. With utter disregard for his personal safety, he carried the wounded man over 600 yards of fire swept terrain, saving the man's life. Sergeant PERRAULT'S intrepidity, courage, and loyal devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Michigan.

Staff Sergeant ROGER J. AUBREY, 1110201, Infantry, Company A, **Tank Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE on 16 November 1944. During an engagement with the enemy, Sergeant AUBREY'S tank, along with two others, crossed a bridge over an anti-tank ditch and shortly thereafter was subjected to heavy fire from an enemy pillbox. Upon withdrawing, the leading tank was crossing the bridge at a high rate of speed when the bridge collapsed, injuring one member of the crew and causing shock to the others. With utter disregard for his own safety, Sergeant AUBREY, assisted in evacuating the crew and then supervised the filling of the ditch to enable the two remaining tanks to cross. This act was performed in daylight despite continuous heavy enemy artillery and mortar fire directed to the immediate area. By his inspiring initiative, courage, and leadership, Sergeant AUBREY made possible the evacuation of two tanks that would otherwise have been destroyed or captured by the enemy. The intrepidity and tenacity of purpose displayed by this enlisted man reflect great credit upon himself and the military service of the United States. Entered the military service from Connecticut.

Staff Sergeant WALTER LEPINSKI, 31177545, Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE on 18 November 1944. Upon being informed that a stalled vehicle, belonging to another unit, was in an exposed position in immediate danger of being destroyed by enemy artillery fire, Sergeant LEPINSKI, a motor sergeant, volunteered to recover it. With utter disregard for his personal safety, Sergeant LEPINSKI proceeded under heavy enemy

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Artillery and mortar fire to the stalled vehicle, made the necessary repairs, and drove it to a place of safety. Later that same day, when two infantry companies were ordered to withdraw in the face of heavy enemy artillery, Sergeant LEPINSKI, again, under heavy enemy fire, fearlessly assisted in towing and driving their vehicles to a more secure position to the rear. His loyal devotion to duty resulted in the saving of much valuable equipment direly needed for future operations. Sergeant LEPINSKI'S foresight and bravery, in the face of grave danger, are a tribute to himself, his organization, and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from New Hampshire.

Staff Sergeant NEIL W ALDAY, 32379737, Company C, **Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in GERMANY on 2 December 1944. During an attack against the enemy in the town of DRELSBACH, GERMANY, two members of Sergeant ALDAY'S squad were wounded. Observing that an enemy machine gun was firing upon the wounded men in their exposed position, Sergeant ALDAY, without regard for his personal safety, boldly dashed across seventy yards of open terrain in the face of direct machine gun fire, to a point near the enemy position. By first subjecting the machine gun crew to fire from his own weapon, he was able to move the wounded men to a sheltered position. He then neutralized the machine gun position by further offensive fire. His heroic action not only saved the lives of two men, but also enabled a delayed platoon to continue its advance. The courage, initiative, and intrepidity displayed by Sergeant ALDAY reflect great credit upon himself and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from New York

Sergeant MAX MARCUS, 33400155, Headquarters Company, **Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE on 26 November 1944. During an attack against the enemy in the vicinity of VALDUISSE, FRANCE, an enemy mortar shell exploded near a machine gun position occupied by Sergeant MARCUS and another enlisted man, wounding the latter. With complete disregard for his own safety, Sergeant MARCUS left the comparative safety of his dug-in position, and in the face of withering enemy fire, carried his wounded companion to safety, thereby saving the wounded man's life. The courage and intrepidity displayed by Sergeant MARCUS reflect great credit upon himself and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Pennsylvania.

Sergeant RALPH A FRANK, 6898050, Infantry, Company B, **Tank Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE on 18 November 1944. During an attack against the enemy in the town of CHEMERY-LFS-DEUX, FRANCE, Sergeant FRANK was commanding a section of tanks with the mission of clearing the enemy from a section of the town. While in the performance of his mission, Sergeant FRANK observed that a bridge over the main road in the town had been mined for demolition. Displaying exemplary initiative and efficiency, he cleared the bridge of mines and booby traps without accident. By his prompt action, Sergeant FRANK prevented the destruction of the bridge, thereby saving the route for subsequent use by friendly armored elements. The outstanding leadership and devotion to duty displayed by Sergeant FRANK reflect great credit upon himself and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Pennsylvania.

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AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

By direction of the President and under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular Number 6, Third United States Army, dated 26 April 1944, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded to:

✓ Captain WILLIAM B MC CHESNEY, 0412765, Cavalry, Headquarters, **Tank Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE on 18 November 1944. During an operation against the enemy in the vicinity of KIRSCHNAUMEN and OBERNAUME FRANCE, Captain MC CHESNEY was assigned the night mission of carrying the plan of attack to one of the task forces involved in the operation. Knowing only the approximate location of his objective, Captain MC CHESNEY, with five enlisted men proceeded along a road until further progress was halted by heavy enemy fire at the edge of the town of OBERNAUME. Joining a convoy of tanks and trucks that were to connect with the task force that he was seeking, Captain MC CHESNEY and his men safely advanced through the town and continued along the road until he found the place where the task force had turned off into the woods. With utter disregard for his own safety, he led the convoy through the unsecured woods under enemy fire until he located the command post of the task force and delivered the necessary plan of attack. His exemplary leadership materially aided a combat team in its capture of RIZING and LAUNSTROFF, FRANCE. The intrepidity and initiative displayed by Captain MC CHESNEY, in the face of grave danger, reflect great credit upon himself and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Virginia.

✓ Captain JAMES F TURNER, 0389369, Cavalry, Service Company **Tank Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE on 18 November 1944. When it became necessary to change the plans of an operation against the enemy in the vicinity of KIRSCHNAUMEN and REUELING, FRANCE, Captain TURNER was assigned the night mission of carrying the new orders to one of the task forces involved in the operation. Knowing only the approximate location of his objective, Captain TURNER, with four enlisted men, proceeded along a road until they found the place where the task force had turned off into the woods. Leaving his vehicle in the custody of three of his men, he, accompanied by the other enlisted man, boldly started on foot into the unsecured woods following the tracks left by the task force. With utter disregard for his personal safety from continuous enemy sniper and mortar fire, he valiantly advanced through the woods for a mile and a half on his mission until he located the command post of the task force and delivered the necessary orders. Upon returning to his vehicle, he met his team commander who had additional instructions for the task force which Captain TURNER delivered by fearlessly making another round trip to the command post under the same dangerous conditions. His heroic accomplishment of the missions materially aided a combat team in its capture of LAUNSTROFF and REUELING, FRANCE. The intrepidity, initiative, and bravery displayed in the face of grave danger reflect great credit upon himself and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Virginia.

✓ Captain REVERDY WADSWORTH, 0339964, Cavalry, Headquarters, **Tank Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE on 17 November 1944. During an operation against the enemy in the vicinity of KIRSCHNAUMEN and REUELING, FRANCE, Captain WADSWORTH was assigned the mission of carrying the plan of attack to one of the task forces involved in the operation. Knowing only the approximate location of his objective, Captain WADSWORTH, with four enlisted men, proceeded along a road until he found the place where the task force had turned off into the woods. Leaving his vehicles in the custody of two of his men, he, accompanied by the two other enlisted men, boldly started on foot into the unsecured woods following the tracks left by the task force. With utter disregard for his personal safety from continuous enemy sniper and mortar fire, he valiantly advanced through the woods for a mile and a half until he located the command post of the

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task force and delivered the necessary plan of attack. His heroic accomplishment of the mission materially aided a combat team in its capture of LAUNSTROFF and REMELING, FRANCE. The intrepidity, initiative, and bravery in the face of grave danger displayed by Captain WADSWORTH reflect great credit upon himself and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from New York.

First Lieutenant JOSEPH JACOBUS, 0428374, Cavalry, Headquarters, **Tank Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE on 18 November 1944. When it became necessary to change the plans of an operation against the enemy in the vicinity of KIRSCHNAHMEN and OBERNAHMEN, FRANCE, Lieutenant JACOBUS was assigned the night mission of carrying the new orders to one of the task forces involved in the operation. Knowing only the approximate location of his objective, Lieutenant JACOBUS, with five enlisted men, proceeded along a road until their two vehicles became mired in negotiating a bypass around a destroyed bridge. Realizing that it was imperative that he reach his objective before the previous scheduled time of attack, he succeeded in extricating one of the vehicles and continued on his mission with two of the enlisted men until he found the place where the task force had turned off into the woods. In spite of the fact that he had been informed by a passing reconnaissance patrol that the woods were occupied by the enemy, Lieutenant JACOBUS fearlessly led his men through them without mishap until he located the task force command post and delivered the necessary orders in time to prevent the premature departure of the unit. His exemplary action materially aided a combat team in its capture of RITZING and LAUNSTROFF, FRANCE. The intrepidity and initiative displayed by Lieutenant JACOBUS in the face of grave danger, reflect great credit upon himself and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Georgia.

Technical Sergeant WILLIAM F BURROUGHS, 6576727, Infantry, Headquarters, **Tank Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in GERMANY on 24 November and 25 November 1944. During an engagement with the enemy at BORG, GERMANY, Technical Sergeant BURROUGHS successfully laid a telephone line over a distance of 1500 yards, connecting a battalion command post to a recently captured enemy pillbox. This action was accomplished in the face of withering enemy artillery, mortar, and sniper fire. During the following night, Sergeant BURROUGHS constantly braved the fire swept terrain, repairing damage to the line caused by enemy fire. His valiant actions enabled the battalion commander to remain in constant communication with extreme front line troops, thereby substantially contributing to the success of operations against the enemy. The courage and intrepidity displayed by Sergeant BURROUGHS are a tribute to himself and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from California.

Staff Sergeant JAY F HOOVER, 36012051, Troop B, **Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron (Mechanized), United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in GERMANY on 24 November 1944. Sergeant HOOVER was given an early morning mission of determining the strength of the enemy in the vicinity of SILBINGEN, GERMANY. Taking three men with him, Sergeant HOOVER stealthily advanced through enemy lines until he encountered an enemy bivouac area. By excellent control of his patrol, he led his men among the sleeping occupants, noting the number of men, the types of their arms, and the location of defensive gun positions. Before withdrawing, Sergeant HOOVER and his detail captured two of the enemy. The enemy gun positions were promptly destroyed by artillery fire and the information obtained from the two prisoners materially aided future operations against the enemy. The intrepidity, initiative, and loyal devotion to duty displayed by Sergeant HOOVER reflect great credit upon himself and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Illinois.

Staff Sergeant HUBERT L SEATON, 34003822, Company C, **Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in GERMANY on 1 December 1944. During an engagement with the enemy in the vicinity of HILBRINGEN, GERMANY, Sergeant SEATON was assigned the mission of furnishing a group of engineers with covering fire to enable them to destroy the bridge across the Saar River connecting HILBRINGEN with MERZIG, GERMANY. By exemplary leadership and personal bravery, Sergeant SEATON so aggressively led his men forward under heavy enemy machine gun, artillery, and mortar fire, that he caused the enemy to destroy the bridge

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themselves, in the belief that it was in imminent danger of being taken intact by a superior force. The destruction of the bridge eliminated the necessity of the engineers further exposing themselves to the potential danger of enemy action. The initiative, courage, and loyal devotion to duty displayed by Sergeant SEATON reflect great credit upon himself and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Tennessee.

✓ Staff Sergeant JOHN P SMITH, 31235937, Company C, **Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in GERMANY on 2 December 1944. When the enemy reoccupied a machine gun position in the town of DREISBACH, GERMANY, threatening the withdrawal of an infantry platoon, Staff Sergeant SMITH and two of his squad fearlessly assaulted the position, killing four of the enemy. The removal of this menace enabled the platoon to withdraw safely when its mission of clearing the town had been completed. The initiative and intrepidity displayed by Staff Sergeant SMITH reflect great credit upon himself, his organization, and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Massachusetts.

✓ Staff Sergeant FREDERICK R PRICE, 35611865, Company B, **Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in GERMANY on 29 November 1944. When an infantry platoon, of which he was a member, was surrounded by the enemy and faced annihilation, Staff Sergeant PRICE and another soldier volunteered to carry a message calling for reinforcements. With utter disregard for their own safety, he and his companion crossed 600 yards of fire swept terrain, filtered through the enemy lines, and, gaining the safety of friendly territory, contacted an infantry force. Upon receipt of the message, the task force commander immediately dispatched reinforcements to the rescue of the trapped platoon. The undaunted devotion to duty displayed by Staff Sergeant PRICE was an inspiration to the men of his organization and reflects great credit upon himself and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Ohio.

✓ Staff Sergeant J T SMOTHERS, 34397357, Company C, **Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE on 19 November 1944. During an attack against the enemy between MONNEREN and CHEMNY-LIS-DEUX, FRANCE, the infantry platoon of which Sergeant SMOTHERS was a member was in the position of advance guard. The enemy territory was strongly defended, and in the subsequent action, Sergeant SMOTHERS was painfully wounded. In spite of his injuries, he courageously continued to fire his machine gun, effectively supporting the advance of the platoon and contributing substantially to the success of the entire operation. The intrepidity and loyal devotion to duty displayed by Sergeant SMOTHERS reflect great credit upon himself and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Alabama.

✓ Corporal ALBERT E MARSHALL, 35717206, Infantry, Company B, **Tank Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE on 17 November 1944. During an engagement in the vicinity of DALSTON, FRANCE, the tank in which Corporal MARSHALL was riding was disabled by enemy fire, wounding him slightly. Although there was ample time to escape, Corporal MARSHALL, with utter disregard for his own safety, in the face of heavy enemy fire, attempted the rescue of crew members who were trapped inside the tank. Although the enemy was in the immediate vicinity, and he was in danger of being killed or captured, Corporal MARSHALL succeeded in evacuating one of the wounded men to the safety of a nearby house from which they later escaped to friendly lines. His intrepidity reflects great credit upon himself and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Kentucky.

✓ Private First Class ALCIDE J DAVEN, 38317989, Infantry, Company B, **Tank Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in GERMANY during the period 22 November to 25 November 1944. While serving as gunner of the lead tank of an armored unit during an engagement with the enemy in the vicinity of BORG, GERMANY, Private First Class DAVEN, on the first day, badly injured his right hand in the turret revolving mechanism. Without informing the other crew members of his injury and ignoring the pain, he continued to load the tank gun throughout the

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remainder of the engagement, handling over 175 rounds of heavy ammunition. Private First Class DANTIN'S intrepidity was an inspiration to all members of the crew and materially aided his unit in attaining its objective. His courage and loyal devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Louisiana.

✓ Private First Class MIKE MESCO, 33399228, Medical Detachment, **Tank Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in GERMANY on 2 December 1944. During an attack on an enemy position in the vicinity of DREISBACH, GERMANY, Private First Class MESCO was informed that three wounded men were lying in an area exposed to enemy fire. With utter disregard for his personal safety, in the face of intense enemy machine gun and small arms fire, Private First Class MESCO advanced over open ground to the wounded, dressed their wounds, and then placed the man under cover. When the enemy small arms and machine gun fire lifted, he swiftly evacuated all of the wounded men to a place of safety, despite artillery fire in the immediate area. His devotion to duty materially aided in saving the lives of three men. Private First Class MESCO'S intrepidity, initiative, and courage reflect great credit upon himself and the Medical Corps of the United States Army. Entered the military service from Pennsylvania.

✓ Private First Class DOYLE K TAYLOR, 37461483, Company C, **Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in GERMANY on 28 November 1944. During an engagement with the enemy in the town of TETTINGEN, GERMANY, Private First Class TAYLOR'S unit was subjected to a sudden enemy counter-attack supported by heavy artillery fire. Private First Class TAYLOR was firing from a downstairs window of one of the houses when he was wounded by the explosion of an enemy hand grenade. In spite of the intense pain of his wound, he continued to return the fire of the enemy, until his rifle ceased to function. Realizing that another soldier firing from a window upstairs would be faced with an ammunition shortage if the counter-attack were prolonged, he crawled up the stairs and turned over his remaining ammunition, an act which contributed substantially to the repulse of the counter-attack. The initiative and intrepidity displayed by Private First Class TAYLOR, in the face of grave danger, reflects great credit upon himself and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Nebraska.

✓ Private First Class WALTER L GOODWIN, 31178934, Company C, **Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in GERMANY on 28 November 1944. During an engagement with the enemy in the town of TETTINGEN, GERMANY, Private First Class GOODWIN'S unit was subjected to a sudden enemy counter-attack supported by heavy artillery fire. In spite of intense pain from a severe wound, he remained at his post, continuing to return the fire of the enemy, until the engagement was over and he could be evacuated. Private First Class GOODWIN'S loyal devotion to duty and courage materially aided his unit in repulsing the counter-attack and holding the town. His intrepidity in the face of grave danger was an inspiration to the men of his organization and reflects great credit upon himself and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from New Hampshire.

✓ Private First Class WILLIAM C MC GOVERN, 33257301, Headquarters Company, **Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE on 7 November 1944. During an engagement with the enemy in ANCY SUR MOS-ELLE, FRANCE, an infantry platoon of which Private First Class MC GOVERN was a member, was subjected to an intense enemy artillery shelling, resulting in wounds to members of an attached unit. With complete disregard for his own safety, Private First Class MC GOVERN, accompanied by another enlisted man, proceeded 300 yards over the fire swept terrain to the aid of a seriously wounded man. Removing the injured soldier to a nearby shelter, Private First Class MC GOVERN administered first-aid, saving the man's life. His courageous and unselfish action reflects great credit upon himself, his organization, and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Pennsylvania.

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✓ Private First Class WILLIAM S PIPER, 35761662, Battery C, **Armored Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in GERMANY on 26 November 1944. Private First Class PIPER distinguished himself while serving as a driver for a forward artillery observer in the vicinity of WALDRUSSE, GERMANY. Upon being informed of casualties in a nearby area that were in need of immediate medical attention, he volunteered to transport them in his vehicle to the rear. With complete disregard for his personal safety, Private First Class PIPER, under increasingly heavy artillery fire, drove the wounded soldiers through an uncharted enemy mine field to an aid station, thereby saving their lives. The intrepidity, courage, and loyal devotion to duty displayed by Private First Class PIPER reflect great credit upon himself and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from West Virginia.

✓ Private First Class JOSEPH L HOYT, 14032010, Company C, **Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE on 19 November 1944. During an attack against the enemy between MONNEREN and CHEMERY LES DEUX, FRANCE, the infantry platoon of which Private First Class HOYT was a member, was in the position of advance guard. The enemy territory was strongly defended, and in the subsequent action, Private First Class HOYT was painfully wounded. In spite of his injuries, he courageously continued to fire his machine gun, effectively supporting the advance of the platoon and contributing substantially to the success of the entire operation. The intrepidity and loyal devotion to duty displayed by Private First Class HOYT reflect great credit upon himself and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Louisiana.

✓ Private First Class ELMER C BROWN, 38275565, Company B, **Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in GERMANY on 29 November 1944. When an infantry platoon, of which he was a member, was surrounded by the enemy and faced annihilation, Private First Class BROWN and another soldier volunteered to carry a message calling for reinforcements. With utter disregard for their own safety, he and his companion crossed 600 yards of fire swept terrain, filtered through the enemy lines, and, gaining the safety of friendly territory, contacted an infantry force. Upon receipt of the message, the task force commander immediately dispatched reinforcements to the rescue of the trapped platoon. The undaunted devotion to duty displayed by Private First Class BROWN was an inspiration to the men of his organization and reflects great credit upon himself and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Texas.

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SECTION I - Award of Bronze Star Medal
Section II - Award of Certificate of Merit

I. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL - By direction of the President and under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular Number 6, Third United States Army dated 26 April 1944, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded to:

✓ Lieutenant Colonel WILLIAM T S ROBERTS, 011679, Infantry, Headquarters, Combat Command **, 10th Armored Division, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE during the period 6 November 1944 to 1 December 1944.

✓ Major CHARLES E FINE, C308761, Cavalry, Headquarters, Combat Command **, 10th Armored Division, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE during the period 17 November 1944 to 1 December 1944.

✓ Captain HARRY W JOHNSON, 0450186, Cavalry, Headquarters, Combat Command **, 10th Armored Division, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE during the period 6 November 1944 to 1 December 1944.

✓ Captain RICHARD G CERIE, 0407725, Cavalry, Headquarters, Combat Command **, 10th Armored Division, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE during the period 6 November 1944 to 1 December 1944.

✓ Captain ALFRED C BEDFORD, JR., 01011333, Infantry, Headquarters, **Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE during the period 1 November 1944 to 8 November 1944.

✓ Technical Sergeant JOHN F MC CAMBRIDGE, 32120836, Headquarters, **Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE during the period 30 October 1944 to 8 November 1944.

✓ Technician Fifth Grade GEORGE E POWELL, 6822458, Infantry, Headquarters, **Tank Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE during the period 27 September 1944 to 11 December 1944.

II. AWARD OF CERTIFICATE OF MERIT - Under the provisions of letter, Headquarters European Theater of Operations, United States Army, file AG 200.6 MFGA, subject: Certificate of Merit, dated 28 June 1944, a CERTIFICATE OF MERIT is awarded to the following named personnel in recognition of conspicuously meritorious and outstanding performance of military duty in FRANCE:

✓ Sergeant EVERETT R PETERSON, 36024496, Infantry, Headquarters, **Tank Battalion, United States Army.

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- Technician Fourth Grade LA VERN A PAQUETTE, 36541349, Infantry, Headquarters,
**Tank Battalion, United States Army.
Technician Fourth Grade ALBERT PRUSSMAN, 33076094, Infantry, Headquarters, **Tank
Battalion, United States Army.
Technician Fourth Grade ALBERT L ADAMS, 16133640, Infantry, Headquarters, **Tank
Battalion, United States Army.
Technician Fifth Grade WENDELL L FOLLAUSHEE, 11084376, Infantry, Headquarters,
**Tank Battalion, United States Army.

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SECTION II - Award of Oak Leaf Cluster

I. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL - By direction of the President and under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular Number 6, Third United States Army, dated 26 April 1944, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded to:

Colonel THOMAS L. HARROLD, O16051, Cavalry, Combat Command **, 9th Armored Division, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in LUXEMBOURG during the period 17 December 1944 to 23 December 1944.

II. AWARD OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER - By direction of the President and under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular Number 6, Third United States Army, dated 26 April 1944, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal previously awarded, a Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to:

Lieutenant Colonel JAMES E. RUDER, O294916, Infantry, ** Infantry Regiment, 28th Infantry Division, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in LUXEMBOURG during the period 19 December 1944 to 23 December 1944.

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I. AWARD OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER - By direction of the President and under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular Number 6, Third United States Army, dated 26 April 1944, in addition to the Silver Star previously awarded, a Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to:

Sergeant DEWAIN HARTWICK, 38331960, Troop B, **Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron (Mechanized), United States Army. For gallantry in action in GERMANY on 26 November 1944. Sergeant HARTWICK was given a pre-dawn reconnaissance mission of determining enemy strength and disposition in the vicinity of NURN, GERMANY. After by-passing a series of three enemy machine gun positions in the darkness, Sergeant HARTWICK discovered at dawn that his four man patrol was situated between two closely placed enemy machine guns. Realizing it was imperative that the information he had secured reach his headquarters without delay, and surmising that any movement of the patrol in daylight would disclose its position to the enemy, Sergeant HARTWICK, unwilling to endanger the lives of his men, ordered them to remain in concealment while he returned to report. Abandoning all thought for personal safety, he began inching his way back until his progress was halted by machine gun fire. Seizing the initiative, he silenced the machine gun with three hand grenades and continued on until the enemy again discovered his presence and brought small arms fire to bear, wounding him slightly in the scalp. Sergeant HARTWICK returned the fire with such intensity that he was able to escape the trap and resume his progress to the rear. Upon reaching his headquarters, he reported the situation and volunteered to lead a party back to rescue his patrol from its precarious position. However, it was decided that darkness would afford them a better chance to escape. The information concerning the enemy, reported by Sergeant HARTWICK, was of material aid in subsequent operations in that vicinity. His intrepidity, initiative, and courage exemplify the high traditions of the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Arkansas.

II. AWARD OF SILVER STAR

1. By direction of the President and under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular Number 6, Third United States Army, dated 26 April 1944, a Silver Star is awarded posthumously to:

Second Lieutenant MILLARD R CARTY, 02018242, Cavalry, Company F, **Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron (Mechanized), United States Army. For gallantry in action in GERMANY on 30 November 1944. During an attack by Lieutenant CARTY'S tank platoon against the enemy in the vicinity of NOHLE, GERMANY, the leading tank in which he was riding exploded an anti-tank mine and was immobilized. Immediately after the explosion, enemy artillery fire began falling on the platoon, but Lieutenant CARTY, with determination to continue on his mission, dismounted from his tank and mounted another under the heavy fire. Later in the day, upon reaching the edge of the town, the platoon's advance was halted by an anti-tank ditch. Although his platoon was in close enough proximity to the town to accomplish its mission of delivering fire to support an advancing dismounted force, Lieutenant CARTY reconnoitered for material with which to bridge the ditch in order to give closer support to the attack. Accompanied by another officer and enlisted man, Lieutenant CARTY, while searching for the bridging material, was forced to seek shelter from the enemy artillery fire which was becoming more intense. The two officers and the enlisted man were entering a barn to take cover when an artillery shell exploded against the building, fatally wounding Lieutenant CARTY. The fighting determination and aggressive leadership of Lieutenant CARTY was inspirational to the members of his organization and exemplify the high traditions of the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Ohio.

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2. By direction of the President and under the provisions of Army Regulations 60-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular Number 6, Third United States Army, dated 26 April 1944, a Silver Star is awarded to:

✓ First Lieutenant WILLIAM SCHNITKE, 0359461, Infantry, Headquarters Company, **Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. For gallantry in action in FRANCE on 18 November 1944. During an engagement with the enemy at SCHWERDORFF, FRANCE, an armored unit of a Combat Command was stopped prior to entering the town by accurate close-range fire from enemy 88 mm artillery. In view of the critical nature of the situation, Lieutenant SCHNITKE realized the attacking infantry needed the immediate support of heavy weapons. Without waiting for the added support of tanks, he fearlessly raced forward at the head of his assault gun platoon, firing his .50 calibre machine gun as he advanced. The timely support afforded the infantry resulted in the capture of the town, the killing of thirty-five of the enemy and the capture of forty others. The bold and outstanding leadership displayed by Lieutenant SCHNITKE served as an example to his organization, and reflects high credit upon himself and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Ohio.

✓ First Lieutenant DANIEL B CULLINANE, JR, 026145, Infantry, Company A, **Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. For gallant action in FRANCE on 18 November 1944. During an attack against the enemy in the town of SCHWERDORFF, FRANCE, Lieutenant CULLINANE'S platoon was given the mission of spearheading the advance of an infantry company over an open stretch of ground for several hundred yards to seize a portion of the town. After advancing for approximately 150 yards, the platoon was pinned down by grazing fire from a well camouflaged enemy machine gun emplacement. Realizing that the success of the entire operation depended on the speed with which the automatic weapons fire could be silenced, Lieutenant CULLINANE ordered two of his men to cover him while he attempted to reach the enemy position. With complete disregard for his own safety, he fearlessly worked his way to the flank of the enemy machine gun nest and assaulted the position single-handedly, killing the machine gunner and capturing two others. The courageous actions of Lieutenant CULLINANE, in full view of his platoon, inspired his men to tenaciously and relentlessly assault the remaining enemy positions, driving the enemy back by the sheer force of the attack. His accomplishment assisted the company in the success of its mission. The heroic determination of Lieutenant CULLINANE, his utter fearlessness and courageous devotion to duty, exemplify the high traditions of the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Rhode Island.

✓ Staff Sergeant HENRY J ALLBRIGHT, 35499560, Company A, **Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. For gallantry in action in FRANCE on 18 November 1944. In the vicinity of SCHWERDORFF, FRANCE, the platoon, of which Sergeant ALLBRIGHT was a member, was pinned down by heavy enemy fire while crossing 500 yards of open ground. Skilfully perceiving that a dug-in machine gun in particular was causing the most danger, Sergeant ALLBRIGHT, with utter disregard for his own safety, wormed his way along a ditch for 200 yards to an open position on the flank of the machine gun. Abandoning all thought of caution, he boldly dashed across the remaining 50 yards of fire swept terrain and silenced the machine gun with grenades and rifle fire, enabling the delayed platoon to continue its advance. The heroism of Sergeant ALLBRIGHT, his courage and loyal devotion to duty exemplify the high traditions of the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Kentucky.

✓ Staff Sergeant RAYMOND H VIEBEY, 31251635, Company C, **Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. For gallantry in action in FRANCE on 18 November 1944 and 20 November 1944. Staff Sergeant VIEBEY repeatedly distinguished himself while serving as ammunition carrier. On 18 November, during an attack on LAUNSTROFF, FRANCE, he voluntarily accompanied two other enlisted men, under withering machine gun fire, to two burning tanks, ascertaining that none of the crew members were trapped therein. On 20 November, in the vicinity of LAUNSTROFF, Sergeant VIEBEY again voluntarily accompanied two other men on a rescue mission. Fearlessly leaving a concealed position, he boldly ran to two burning tanks in full view of the enemy, and, with utter disregard for his own safety, assisted in evacuating two of the wounded crew members. Later that same day, Sergeant VIEBEY courageously advanced over fire swept terrain to the crest of a hill to assist a wounded officer and, enlisting the aid of three other soldiers, assisted in evacuating the officer

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through intervals of concentrated enemy fire. His heroic actions saved the lives of three persons. The ever present courage, initiative, and coolness displayed by Staff Sergeant VIDSEY, in the face of grave danger, were inspirational to those with whom he came in contact and reflect great credit upon himself and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Connecticut.

Technician Fourth Grade CHARLES W KAY, 34657211, Medical Detachment, **Anti Aircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion, Self Propelled, United States Army. For gallantry in action in FRANCE on 1 November 1944. The unit of which Technician Fourth Grade KAY was a member was suddenly subjected to a heavy enemy artillery barrage in the vicinity of FLAVIGNY, FRANCE, wounding one of the enlisted men. Technician Fourth Grade KAY, with complete disregard for his personal safety, inched his way to the injured man, administered emergency first aid, and then moved him to an area of comparative safety beneath a nearby truck. While awaiting a vehicle, by which the wounded soldier could be evacuated, Technician Fourth Grade KAY remained with him, courageously shielding the wounded man with his own body when artillery projectiles burst as close as thirty yards from their position. His heroism saved the soldier's life. The courage and exemplary action of Technician Fourth Grade KAY were inspirational to the men of his organization and reflect high credit upon himself and the Medical Corps of the United States Army. Entered the military service from South Carolina.

Technician Fourth Grade ABRAHAM L CHAMIN, 32091332, Medical Detachment, **Armored Engineer Battalion, United States Army. For gallantry in action in FRANCE on 16 November 1944. With utter disregard for his own personal safety, Technician Fourth Grade CHAMIN advanced for more than 200 yards under enemy observation to a disabled tank in the vicinity of REPELING, FRANCE, where he rendered emergency first aid and assisted in the removal to safety of a wounded officer. This act was performed in daylight under continuous heavy enemy artillery and mortar fire, projectiles of which burst as close as 20 to 30 yards from the rescue party. The courage and devotion to duty displayed by Technician Fourth Grade CHAMIN is a credit to himself, his organization, and the Medical Corps of the United States Army. Entered the military service from New York.

Technician Fifth Grade IGNATIUS J VAZNONIS, 35360573, Medical Detachment, **Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. For gallantry in action in FRANCE during the period 18 November 1944 to 20 November 1944. Technician Fifth Grade VAZNONIS repeatedly distinguished himself while serving as a medical aid man to an infantry company in the vicinity of SCHNEIDORFF, FRANCE. For two days and nights, he continuously exposed himself to heavy enemy artillery and mortar fire in rendering first aid to the wounded, in spite of entreaties by the men he was serving to seek cover. On November 16, the halted vehicles of the company were continuously subjected to enemy fire for a period of from three to four hours, causing numerous casualties. Disregarding his own safety, Technician Fifth Grade VAZNONIS, the only medical aid man available, made repeated trips up and down the entire length of the column treating the wounded men in the vehicles, despite the danger from mortar projectiles bursting in the tree tops overhead. The next morning the infantry company entered SCHNEIDORFF, where he immediately established a temporary aid station, and with the assistance of captured German medical aid men, tirelessly continued treating the wounded until mid-afternoon, when a medical officer and other aid men arrived to relieve him. He refused to accept relief until the wounded had all been cared for and evacuated, at which time the medical officer was forced to give him a direct order to seek rest. His tireless efforts materially aided the comfort of many wounded and resulted in the prompt evacuation of thirty-four enlisted men to where proper medical treatment could be administered. His courage, bravery, and loyal devotion to duty displayed by Technician Fifth Grade VAZNONIS, in the face of grave danger, exemplify the high traditions of the Medical Corps of the United States Army. Entered the military service from Illinois.

Private First Class LYLE STROYD, 37668751, Medical Detachment, **Tank Battalion, United States Army. For gallantry in action in FRANCE on 16 November 1944. With utter disregard for his own personal safety, Private First Class STROYD advanced for more than 200 yards under enemy observation to a disabled tank in the vicinity of REPELING, FRANCE, where he assisted in the removal to safety of a wounded officer. This act was performed in daylight under continuous heavy enemy

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artillery and mortar fire, projectiles of which burst as close as 20 to 30 yards from the rescue party. The courage and devotion to duty displayed by Private First Class BOYD is a credit to himself, his organization, and the Medical Corps of the United States Army. Entered the military service from Iowa.

Private First Class ROY J SCHMIDT, 37320279, Company C, **Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. For gallantry in action in GERMANY on 2 December 1944. During an attack against the enemy on the outskirts of DREISBACH, GERMANY, Private First Class SCHMIDT, and three other members of an infantry platoon, were detailed to guard its right flank. Moving up a hill over open terrain, the four soldiers were suddenly subjected to intense enemy machine gun fire from a distance of only 10 yards. They dropped to the ground and without hesitation immediately opened fire, killing four of the enemy and forcing the remaining two to surrender. Private First Class SCHMIDT then forced one of his prisoners to point out the location of another machine gun position, which he neutralized by killing one of the crew with the butt of his rifle, and forcing the other to surrender. Private First Class SCHMIDT's intrepid action contributed effectively to the success of clearing the enemy from the town. His courage and coolness under fire reflects great credit upon himself, his organization, and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Minnesota.

III. AWARD OF SOLDIER'S MEDAL - By direction of the President and under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular Number 6 Third United States Army, dated 26 April 1944, a Soldier's Medal is awarded to:

Technician Fifth Grade ROLLA E FREYMAN, 35569225, Company F, **Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron (Mechanized), United States Army. For heroism not involving actual conflict with an enemy. Technician Fifth Grade FREYMAN was in the town of OBERNAUMEN, FRANCE, when he observed a truck loaded with gasoline and ammunition catch on fire. After warning two men in the rear of the truck, who were unaware of their danger, Technician Fifth Grade FREYMAN secured a fire extinguisher from a nearby tank, and with utter disregard for his personal safety, braved the fire of the blazing vehicle with the potential danger of its explosive cargo and extinguished the flames. The courage and initiative of Technician Fifth Grade FREYMAN reflect great credit upon himself and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Arkansas.

By command of the DIVISION COMMANDER:

BASIL G. TRAYER,
Colonel, G. S. C.,
Chief of Staff.

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AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

By direction of the President and under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular Number 6, Third United States Army, dated 26 April 1944, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded to:

✓ Captain CHARLES F CRAIG, 010140A2, Infantry, Service Company, **Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in GERMANY on 4 December 1944. When enemy fire disabled a medium tank, a ten-ton truck, a 2 1/2 ton truck, and a half-track on a crossroad in HILBRINGEN, GERMANY, Captain CRAIG, with two enlisted men, volunteered to clear the obstructions which were delaying the advance of troops engaged in assaulting the town. With utter disregard for their own personal safety from the unabated heavy shelling of the crossroad by the enemy, they removed the disabled vehicles to a place of safety. This heroic achievement not only permitted the delayed troops to continue the advance to their objective, but also saved much direly needed equipment for future operations against the enemy. The courage and initiative displayed by Captain CRAIG, in the face of grave danger, are in keeping with the high traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Illinois.

✓ First Lieutenant WILLIAM A NURTHEN III, 0518705, Infantry, Company B, **Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE on 21 November 1944. During an engagement with the enemy in the vicinity of WALDWISSE, FRANCE, Lieutenant NURTHEN led three squads of infantrymen in an assault to assist in the recovery of eight disabled tanks. By his superb leadership, he kept the determined enemy pinned down while the tanks were evacuated. Lieutenant NURTHEN steadfastly remained in his precarious position, holding off the enemy until the last of his men had withdrawn to safety, at which time he made his way back over 600 yards of fire swept terrain in full view of the enemy. His heroic achievement materially aided in the recovery of valuable equipment direly needed for future operations against the enemy. The gallant leadership, courage, and determination displayed by Lieutenant NURTHEN, in the face of grave danger, reflect great credit upon himself and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Pennsylvania.

✓ First Sergeant ADAM J GUTOWSKI, 6837754, Infantry, Company A, **Tank Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in GERMANY on 30 November 1944. Sergeant GUTOWSKI distinguished himself during a strategic withdrawal of an armored unit in the vicinity of SCHEIDENHOF, GERMANY. When the forward observer's tank received a direct hit from an enemy mortar shell, killing one of the crew members and causing the remainder to seek medical attention, Sergeant GUTOWSKI, who was in a nearby tank, volunteered to remove the tank which was blocking the route of withdrawal. With utter disregard for his personal safety, he left the comparative safety of his tank and attempted, in full view of the enemy, to remove the dead body from the driver's seat of the stalled tank. Unable to accomplish the task alone, he procured the assistance of another enlisted man who drove the tank to safety while he held the dead body of the driver away from the controls. This heroic action, accomplished during an enemy artillery and mortar barrage, not only enabled the delayed armored unit to continue its withdrawal, but also saved direly needed equipment for future operations against the enemy. The initiative and courage displayed by Sergeant GUTOWSKI, in the face of grave danger, exemplify the high traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Virginia.

✓ Technical Sergeant JOHN DONALD, 37322603, Headquarters Company, **Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE on 26 November 1944. Sergeant DONALD and his platoon was given the mission of supporting an infantry company during a night attack against the enemy in a

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wooded area near WALTISSE, FRANCE. At the start of the action, he deployed his platoon to protect the flanks of the infantry. When ordered to move forward, after the attack had been completed, he skillfully led his platoon through unsecured territory under intense enemy artillery fire to the area occupied by the infantry company, where he efficiently directed the placement of the machine guns to give defensive support. When two of his men were wounded by artillery fire, he carried them to a place of safety, completely disregarding his own safety. He refused to seek cover from the artillery barrage until he had checked each gun position and was assured that it was strategically emplaced and concealed. As a result of his foresight, a heavy enemy counter-attack was repulsed with no further casualties to his platoon. The intrepidity, initiative, and loyal devotion to duty displayed by Sergeant MC DONALD, in the face of grave danger, were inspirational to the men of his organization and reflect great credit upon himself and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Indiana.

Technical Sergeant WILLIAM R BENEFIELD, 34449551, Company C, **Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in GERMANY on 2 December 1944. During the attack upon the town of DREISBACH, GERMANY, Sergeant BENEFIELD'S platoon was pinned down by fire from an enemy machine gun which was situated in a well constructed trench twenty feet away. With utter disregard for his own safety, Sergeant BENEFIELD, accompanied by two enlisted men, boldly charged the position, in the face of withering fire, and, by intense fire from his own and the weapons of his two comrades, silenced the machine gun, capturing fourteen of the enemy. This heroic accomplishment enabled the delayed platoon to continue the advance to its objective. The intrepidity, initiative, and bravery of Sergeant BENEFIELD, in the face of grave danger, were inspirational to his fellow soldiers and are in keeping with the high traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Georgia.

Staff Sergeant JOSEPH P CROSSIN, 33082673, Infantry, Company A, **Tank Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in GERMANY on 1 December 1944. Sergeant CROSSIN distinguished himself during the attack upon the town of DREISBACH, GERMANY, when a tank was disabled by a track becoming disengaged, forming an obstruction in the path of oncoming vehicles involved in the attack upon the town. With utter disregard for his own safety, Sergeant CROSSIN, accompanied by three other enlisted men, left the comparative safety of their nearby tank, despite unabated heavy shelling of the immediate area, and fearlessly assisted in replacing the tank track. This heroic achievement not only permitted the advance of the assaulting troops to their objective with a minimum of delay, but also saved directly needed equipment for future operations against the enemy. The courage and initiative displayed by Sergeant CROSSIN, in the face of grave danger, are in keeping with the high traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Pennsylvania.

Sergeant RICHARD C KNAPP, 27322999, Company C, **Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in GERMANY on 2 December 1944. During the attack upon the town of DREISBACH, GERMANY, a platoon, of which Sergeant KNAPP was a member, was pinned down by fire from an enemy machine gun which was situated in a well constructed trench twenty feet away. With utter disregard for his own safety, Sergeant KNAPP, accompanied by two enlisted men, boldly charged the position, in the face of withering fire, and by intense fire from his own and the weapons of his two comrades, silenced the machine gun, capturing fourteen of the enemy. This heroic accomplishment enabled the delayed platoon to continue the advance to its objective. The intrepidity, initiative, and bravery of Sergeant KNAPP, in the face of grave danger, were inspirational to his fellow soldiers and are in keeping with the high traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered the military service from North Dakota.

Technician Fourth Grade ALBERT A DI MAURO, 33017386, Infantry, Company A, **Tank Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in GERMANY on 1 December 1944. Technician Fourth Grade DI MAURO distinguished himself during the attack upon the town of DREISBACH, GERMANY, when a tank was disabled by a track becoming disengaged, forming an obstruction in the path of oncoming vehicles involved in

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the attack upon the town. With utter disregard for his own safety, Technician Fourth Grade DI MAURO, accompanied by three other enlisted men, left the comparative safety of their nearby tank, despite unabated heavy shelling of the immediate area, and fearlessly assisted in replacing the tank track. This heroic achievement not only permitted the advance of the assaulting troops to their objective with a minimum of delay, but also saved direly needed equipment for future operations against the enemy. The courage and initiative displayed by Technician Fourth Grade DI MAURO, in the face of grave danger, are in keeping with the high traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Pennsylvania.

✓ Technician Fourth Grade EUGENE M CUTLIP, 35741897, Infantry, Company A, **Tank Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in GUTMANN on 1 December 1944. Technician Fourth Grade CUTLIP distinguished himself during the attack upon the town of DRELSBACH, GERMANY, when a tank was disabled by a track becoming disengaged, forming an obstruction in the path of oncoming vehicles involved in the attack upon the town. With utter disregard for his own safety, Technician Fourth Grade CUTLIP, accompanied by three other enlisted men, left the comparative safety of their nearby tank, despite unabated heavy shelling of the immediate area, and fearlessly assisted in replacing the tank track. This heroic achievement not only permitted the advance of the assaulting troops to their objective with a minimum of delay, but also saved direly needed equipment for future operations against the enemy. The courage and initiative displayed by Technician Fourth Grade CUTLIP, in the face of grave danger, are in keeping with the high traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered the military service from West Virginia.

✓ Technician Fourth Grade IRVIN L NIZYBORSKI, 36541621, Medical Detachment, **Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE on 19 November 1944. Immediately after a task force occupied the town of FREIS-TROFF, FRANCE, it was subjected to severe enemy artillery fire from 88mm and 150mm guns being directed by forward observers from high ground overlooking the town. The streets were under continuous heavy fire and all troops were warned to stay under cover. Despite precautions taken, heavy casualties were sustained. Technician Fourth Grade NIZYBORSKI, with utter disregard for his own personal safety, continuously moved up and down the streets, administering first aid and evacuating the wounded men. He steadfastly remained in the area receiving the heaviest shelling, and was the first to move forward when the call for aid was raised. His courage and loyal devotion to the wounded are a creditable reflection upon himself, his organization, and the Medical Corps of the United States Army. Entered the military service from Michigan.

✓ Technician Fourth Grade ALPHONSE A TYSKA, 31214318, Service Company, **Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in GERMANY on 4 December 1944. When enemy fire disabled a medium tank, a ten ton wrecker, a 2 1/2 ton truck, and a half-track on a crossroad in HILBRINGEL, GERMANY, Technician Fourth Grade TYSKA unhesitatingly volunteered to assist an officer and another enlisted man in clearing the congested area which was delaying the advance of troops engaged in assaulting the town. With utter disregard for their own personal safety from the unabated heavy shelling of the crossroad by the enemy, they removed the disabled vehicles to a place of safety. This heroic achievement not only permitted the delayed troops to continue the advance to their objective, but also saved much direly needed equipment for future operations against the enemy. The courage and initiative displayed by Technician Fourth Grade TYSKA, in the face of grave danger, are in keeping with the high traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Massachusetts.

✓ Corporal HERBERT SEEDER, 36406272, Infantry, Company A, **Tank Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in GERMANY on 1 December 1944. Corporal SEEDER distinguished himself during the attack upon the town of DRELSBACH, GERMANY, when a tank was disabled by a track becoming disengaged, forming an obstruction in the path of oncoming vehicles involved in the attack upon the town. With utter disregard for his own safety, Corporal SEEDER, accompanied by three other enlisted men, left the comparative safety of their nearby tank, despite unabated heavy

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shelling of the immediate area, and fearlessly assisted in replacing the tank track. This heroic achievement not only permitted the advance of the assaulting troops to their objective with a minimum of delay, but also saved direly needed equipment for future operations against the enemy. The courage and initiative displayed by Corporal **SEIBERT**, in the face of grave danger, are in keeping with the high traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Michigan.

✓ Corporal **ROBERT J RADULSKI**, 16150342, Infantry, Company A, **Tank Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in GERMANY on 30 November 1944. Corporal **RADULSKI** distinguished himself during a strategic withdrawal of an armored unit in the vicinity of **SCHNEIDEROP, GERMANY**. When the forward observer's tank received a direct hit from an enemy mortar shell, killing one of the crew members and causing the remainder to seek medical attention, Corporal **RADULSKI**, who was in a nearby tank, volunteered to assist in the removal of the tank which was blocking the route of withdrawal. With utter disregard for his personal safety, he left the comparative security of his tank, and in full view of the enemy, drove the tank to safety, while another enlisted man held the dead body of the driver away from the controls. This heroic action, accomplished during an enemy artillery and mortar barrage, not only enabled the delayed armored unit to continue its withdrawal, but also saved direly needed equipment for future operations against the enemy. The initiative, intrepidity, and courage displayed by Corporal **RADULSKI**, in the face of grave danger, exemplify the high traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Michigan.

✓ Technician Fifth Grade **FRED COFFEY**, 15042251, Service Company, **Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in GERMANY on 4 December 1944. When enemy fire disabled a medium tank, a ten ton wrecker, a 2 1/2 ton truck, and a half-track on a crossroad in **WILBRINGEN, GERMANY**, Technician Fifth Grade **COFFEY** unhesitatingly volunteered to assist an officer and another enlisted man in clearing the congested area which was delaying the advance of troops engaged in assaulting the town. With utter disregard for their own personal safety from the unabated heavy shelling of the crossroad by the enemy, they removed the disabled vehicles to a place of safety. This heroic achievement not only permitted the delayed troops to continue the advance to their objective, but also saved much direly needed equipment for future operations against the enemy. The courage and initiative displayed by Technician Fifth Grade **COFFEY**, in the face of grave danger, are in keeping with the high traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Kentucky.

✓ Private First Class **HERMAN T TAYLOR**, 34398051, Headquarters Company, **Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE on 24 November 1944. Private First Class **TAYLOR**, with another enlisted man, was acting as forward observer for a mortar platoon in the vicinity of **WISERWALD, FRANCE**, when their radio was destroyed by a fragment from an artillery shell. Acting upon their own initiative, Private First Class **TAYLOR** and his companion, fearlessly ran a gauntlet of enemy machine gun and sniper fire for 1500 yards to their mortar battery. Obtaining another radio, they returned over the same route, again under fire, to the observation post. This heroic action, accomplished during an intense enemy artillery and mortar barrage, enabled communication to be reestablished with the mortar platoon and resulted in the silencing of enemy mortar batteries, preventing further casualties to friendly troops in the vicinity. The initiative, courage, and loyal devotion to duty displayed by Private First Class **TAYLOR**, in the face of grave danger, reflect great credit upon himself and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Alabama.

By command of the DIVISION COMMANDER:

OFFICIAL: *F. J. Mallon*

F. J. MALLON,
Lt. Col., A.G.D.,
Adjutant General

BASIL G. THAYER,
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AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

1. By direction of the President and under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular Number 6, Third United States Army, dated 26 April 1944, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded posthumously to:

Sergeant JAMES D WHITTINGTON, 7002260, Company C, **Armored Engineer Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE on 26 November 1944. An engineer detail, of which Sergeant WHITTINGTON was a member, was assigned the mission of demolishing the entrance to an enemy railroad tunnel in the vicinity of WALDWISSE, FRANCE. Earlier reconnaissance reports showed that enemy patrols were infiltrating through the tunnel at night. Shortly after the engineer detail began its task, two friendly aircraft, in the belief that an enemy patrol was again in the vicinity of the tunnel entrance, dove in and bombed and strafed it, causing casualties among the engineers. Sergeant WHITTINGTON, with utter disregard for his own safety during the air attack, boldly carried one wounded man to safety and was fatally wounded while returning for another man. Sergeant WHITTINGTON'S initiative, determination, and steadfast concern for the welfare of his fellow soldiers reflect great credit upon himself, his organization, and the armed forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Mississippi.

Private First Class MAX SLOVACK, 31178911, Company C, **Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE on 18 November 1944 and 20 November 1944. Private First Class SLOVACK repeatedly distinguished himself while serving as a light machine gunner. On 18 November, during an attack on LAUNSTOFF, FRANCE, he voluntarily accompanied two other enlisted men, under withering enemy machine gun fire, to two burning tanks, ascertaining that none of the crew members were trapped therein. On 20 November, in the same vicinity, Private First Class SLOVACK again voluntarily accompanied two other men on a rescue mission. Leaving a concealed position, he boldly ran to two burning tanks, in full view of the enemy, and with utter disregard for his own safety, assisted in evacuating two of the wounded crew members. On 17 November, after the last non-commissioned officer had been evacuated, Private First Class SLOVACK assumed command of his machine gun squad, and continued to lead it in action until he made the supreme sacrifice on 22 November 1944. His heroic actions saved the lives of three of his comrades and were of invaluable assistance to his organization, contributing to the success of operations against the enemy. The courage, initiative, and devotion to duty displayed by Private First Class SLOVACK are in keeping with the high traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered the military service from New Hampshire.

2. By direction of the President and under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular Number 6, Third United States Army, dated 26 April 1944, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded to:

First Lieutenant VICTOR J HARRIS, 0382683, Field Artillery, Company A, ** Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in GERMANY on 25 November 1944. When the radio communication system of a Tank Destroyer platoon ceased to function, Lieutenant HARRIS, the platoon commander, went forward with the company commander to establish an observation point. Under heavy small arms and mortar fire, they advanced to a point of vantage on a hill. After observing the terrain for several minutes, the two officers suddenly discovered that they had penetrated enemy infantry positions and were surrounded by ten enemy soldiers. Unhesitatingly, Lieutenant HARRIS drew his pistol and killed one of them, and with the aid of the other officers, forced the remainder to surrender, returning with them to their own lines. The courage and initiative displayed by this officer reflects great credit upon himself and the military forces of the United States. Entered military service from Ohio.

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Second Lieutenant HOMER L CLENDENIN, 0111022, Corps of Engineers, Company C, **Armored Engineer Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE on 26 November 1944. An engineer detail, of which Lieutenant CLENDENIN was in charge, was assigned the mission of demolishing the entrance to an enemy railroad tunnel in the vicinity of WALDVIÈGE, FRANCE. Earlier reconnaissance reports showed that enemy patrols were infiltrating through the tunnel at night. Shortly after the engineer detail began its task, two friendly aircraft, in the belief that an enemy patrol was again in the vicinity of the tunnel entrance, dove in and bombed and strafed it, causing casualties among the engineers. Lieutenant CLENDENIN, realizing the danger of further air attack, fearlessly proceeded, at the risk of his own life, through an area known to contain enemy anti-personnel mines to the bombed area where he, though wounded himself, directed and assisted in the prompt evacuation of the wounded to a place of safety. Lieutenant CLENDENIN'S initiative, exemplary leadership, and steadfast concern for his men reflect great credit upon himself and exemplify the high traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Indiana.

Master Sergeant LAWRENCE M THOMPSON, 36202409, Infantry, Service Company, **Tank Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE on 18 November 1944. When a tank became disabled approximately two miles in advance of the front lines, in the vicinity of BOUJANVILLE, FRANCE, Master Sergeant THOMPSON volunteered to participate as a member of a recovery crew. Advancing over a heavily mined area and while under continuous harassing enemy artillery and machine gun fire, Master Sergeant THOMPSON succeeded in reaching the vehicle, and with the aid of his crew, returned it to safety. His action resulted in saving valuable equipment which might otherwise have been seized or destroyed by the enemy. The courage, initiative, and resourcefulness of Master Sergeant THOMPSON reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered the military service from Wisconsin.

Staff Sergeant LOUIS G HEINS, 37232535, Company C, **Armored Engineer Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE on 26 November 1944. An engineer detail, of which Sergeant HEINS was a member, was assigned the mission of demolishing the entrance to an enemy railroad tunnel in the vicinity of WALDVIÈGE, FRANCE. Earlier reconnaissance reports showed that enemy patrols were infiltrating through the tunnel at night. Shortly after the engineer detail began its task, two friendly aircraft, in the belief that an enemy patrol was again in the vicinity of the tunnel entrance, dove in and bombed and strafed it, causing casualties among the engineers. Sergeant HEINS, realizing the danger of further air attack, fearlessly proceeded, at the risk of his own life, through an area known to contain enemy anti-personnel mines to the bombed area where he assisted in the prompt evacuation of the wounded to a place of safety. Sergeant HEINS' initiative, determination, and steadfast concern for the welfare of his fellow soldiers reflect great credit upon himself and exemplify the high traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Missouri.

Staff Sergeant RUSSELL R PERCHAN, 35022463, Company C, **Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in GERMANY on 24 November 1944. Sergeant PERCHAN'S infantry squad was a part of a platoon which had established a bridgehead through dragon's teeth and fortified positions in the vicinity of BOIG, GERMANY. When the enemy suddenly counter-attacked with a platoon reinforced by flame throwers and a demolition man, he quickly rallied his men to meet the onslaught. Opening fire, he personally killed the demolition man, which action disorganized the enemy's plan of attack. Skillfully perceiving the situation, Sergeant PERCHAN called for an attack by his own squad, and with utter disregard for his personal safety, so adroitly led his men against the numerically superior opposition that the enemy was completely routed and forty-six prisoners were taken. The initiative, courage, and exemplary leadership displayed by Sergeant PERCHAN reflect great credit upon himself and are in keeping with the high traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered the military service from West Virginia.

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Staff Sergeant MARVIN B LIKES, 37323301, Company C, **Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in GERMANY on 24 November 1944. Staff Sergeant LIKES and one other enlisted man were on guard at an outpost when they were furiously attacked by a heavily armed enemy rifle platoon. Sounding the alarm, Sergeant LIKES and his companion heroically remained at their post in the face of numerically superior opposition and succeeded in holding the enemy at bay until their squad could join them. Sergeant LIKES' courageous stand aided in the repulse of the attack, killing two of the enemy and capturing over forty. His personal bravery, heroic determination, and unswerving devotion to duty exemplify the high traditions of the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from South Dakota.

Sergeant GASTON H LAUZE, 31116689, Company A, **Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in GERMANY on 24 November 1944. Sergeant LAUZE distinguished himself while serving as a tank destroyer gun commander in the vicinity of OBERLANKEN, GERMANY. When an infantry attack was delayed by a strongly defended enemy pillbox, Sergeant LAUZE dismounted from his vehicle to reconnoiter on foot for a strategic firing position. Sergeant LAUZE, with complete disregard for his own safety from continuous heavy enemy artillery and small arms fire, led his tank destroyer into the firing position and so effectively directed its fire that the enemy pillbox was neutralized. His heroic accomplishment enabled the delayed infantry to continue on the advance to its objective. Sergeant LAUZE'S bravery, technical skill, and steadfast devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and exemplify the high traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Maine.

Sergeant JIMMIE L PIERCE, 38322829, Company C, **Armored Engineer Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE on 26 November 1944. An engineer detail, of which Sergeant PIERCE was a member, was assigned the mission of demolishing the entrance to an enemy railroad tunnel in the vicinity of WALDWISSE, FRANCE. Earlier reconnaissance reports showed that enemy patrols were infiltrating through the tunnel at night. Shortly after the engineer detail began its task, two friendly aircraft, in the belief that an enemy patrol was again in the vicinity of the tunnel entrance, dove in and bombed and strafed it, causing casualties among the engineers. Sergeant PIERCE, realizing the danger of further air attack, fearlessly proceeded, at the risk of his own life, through an area known to contain enemy anti-personnel mines to the bombed area where he, though wounded himself, assisted in the prompt evacuation of the wounded to a place of safety. Sergeant PIERCE'S initiative, determination, and steadfast concern for the welfare of his fellow soldiers reflect great credit upon himself and exemplify the high traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Oklahoma.

Sergeant CLYDE H CLIFTON, 35588610, Company C, **Armored Engineer Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE on 26 November 1944. An engineer detail, of which Sergeant CLIFTON was a member, was assigned the mission of demolishing the entrance to an enemy railroad tunnel in the vicinity of WALDWISSE, FRANCE. Earlier reconnaissance reports showed that enemy patrols were infiltrating through the tunnel at night. Shortly after the engineer detail began its task, two friendly aircraft, in the belief that an enemy patrol was again in the vicinity of the tunnel entrance, dove in and bombed and strafed it, causing casualties among the engineers. Sergeant CLIFTON, realizing the danger of further air attack, immediately to the nearest aid station, obtained an ambulance and drove it to the scene of the attack, where he fearlessly assisted in the prompt evacuation of the wounded to a place of safety. Sergeant CLIFTON'S initiative, determination, and steadfast concern for the welfare of his fellow soldiers reflect great credit upon himself and exemplify the high traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Ohio.

Technician Fourth Grade JOSEPH M OTRUBIAK, 36006047, Infantry, Service Company **Tank Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE on 18 November 1944. When a tank became disabled ~~in the vicinity of~~ two miles in advance of the front

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lines in the vicinity of BOUZANVILLE, FRANCE, Technician Fourth Grade OTREBIAK volunteered to participate as a member of a recovery crew. Advancing over a heavily mined area and while under continuous harassing enemy artillery and machine gun fire, Technician Fourth Grade OTREBIAK succeeded in reaching the vehicle and aided in returning it to safety. His action resulted in saving valuable equipment which might otherwise have been seized or destroyed by the enemy. The courage, initiative, and resourcefulness of Technician Fourth Grade OTREBIAK reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered the military service from Illinois.

Technician Fifth Grade THOMAS J SCHOOGINS, 35687437, Company C, **Armored Engineer Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE on 26 November 1944. An engineer detail, of which Technician Fifth Grade SCHOOGINS was a member, was assigned the mission of demolishing the entrance to an enemy railroad tunnel in the vicinity of VALDUIS, FRANCE. Earlier reconnaissance reports showed that enemy patrols were infiltrating through the tunnel at night. Shortly after the engineer detail began its task, two friendly aircraft, in the belief that an enemy patrol was again in the vicinity of the tunnel entrance, dove in and bombed and strafed it, causing casualties among the engineers. Technician Fifth Grade SCHOOGINS, realizing the danger of further air attack fearlessly proceeded, at the risk of his own life, through an area known to contain enemy anti-personnel mines to the bombed area where he assisted in the prompt evacuation of the wounded to a place of safety. Technician Fifth Grade SCHOOGINS' initiative, determination and steadfast concern for the welfare of his fellow soldiers reflect great credit upon himself and exemplify the high traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Indiana.

Technician Fifth Grade WILLIAM E GARRON, 37923231, Infantry, Service Company, **Tank Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE on 18 November 1944. When a tank became disabled approximately two miles in advance of the front lines in the vicinity of BOUZANVILLE, FRANCE, Technician Fifth Grade GARRON volunteered to participate as a member of a recovery crew. Advancing over a heavily mined area and while under continuous harassing enemy artillery and machine gun fire, Technician Fifth Grade GARRON succeeded in reaching the vehicle and aided in returning it to safety. His action resulted in saving valuable equipment which might otherwise have been seized or destroyed by the enemy. The courage, initiative, and resourcefulness of Technician Fifth Grade GARRON reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered the military service from South Dakota.

Private First Class MYRON R BROWN, 33244237, Troop B, **Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron (Mechanized), United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in GERMANY on 30 November 1944. After destroying an enemy bridge at STEINBUCHLE, GERMANY, the platoon of which Private First Class BROWN was a member, was pinned down by intense enemy machine gun fire while crossing open ground. Skillfully perceiving the situation, Private First Class BROWN, upon his own initiative, boldly raced over 100 yards of fire swept terrain, and with complete disregard for his own safety, manned a heavy machine gun mounted upon an abandoned armored car. He so effectively directed fire against the enemy machine gun positions that the remainder of his platoon were able to withdraw to the safety of nearby woods and armored vehicles. The initiative, intrepidity, and courage displayed by Private First Class BROWN were inspirational to his fellow soldiers and reflect great credit upon himself and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Pennsylvania.

By command of the DIVISION COMMANDER:

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By direction of the President and under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular Number 6, Third United States Army, dated 26 April 1944, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded to:

Captain KEITH J ANDERSON, 0417393, Cavalry, Troop D, **Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron, (Mechanized), United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in GERMANY on 2 December 1944. In the vicinity of DREISBACH, GERMANY, Captain ANDERSON was leading a large patrol through a thickly wooded area with the mission of clearing it of the enemy when its further advance was halted by heavy enemy sniper fire. Skillfully perceiving the situation, Captain ANDERSON, from an exposed position not over 75 yards from the enemy, ordered a machine gun brought up. He personally directed the emplacement of the gun, in the face of continuous sniper action and so effectively controlled its fire that the snipers were forced into capture. Captain ANDERSON'S example in bravely drawing enemy sniper fire, not only served to inspire his men, but also contributed materially to the efficient and thorough completion of the mission assigned his patrol. His exemplary leadership and intrepidity reflect great credit upon himself and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Illinois.

First Lieutenant FRANCIS J TREACY, 01017432, Infantry, Headquarters Company, **Tank Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in GERMANY on 21 November 1944. During the withdrawal of Lieutenant TREACY'S reconnaissance patrol from the WISEWALD WOODS in GERMANY, one of its members was wounded by hostile fire. Lieutenant TREACY and an enlisted man remained with the wounded soldier, while the remainder of the patrol went on in search of medical aid. Realizing that the position then occupied was untenable, Lieutenant TREACY, with utter disregard for his personal safety, fearlessly assisted the enlisted man in carrying the wounded man through an enemy mortar barrage to safety. Upon reaching cover, Lieutenant TREACY administered first aid and remained with the wounded man until medical aid was obtained. His intrepidity, courage, and exemplary conduct are a creditable reflection upon himself, his organization, and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from INDIANA.

First Sergeant ODENO SCANZILLO, 1045984, Infantry, Company B, **Tank Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in GERMANY on 21 November 1944. When several tankmen of his company and members of supporting infantry were wounded during an attack on enemy pillboxes in the vicinity of TETTINGEN, GERMANY, First Sergeant SCANZILLO organized the available medical aid men and sent them forward. Realizing that this was insufficient, he, with complete disregard for his own safety, advanced over open, fire-swept ground and fearlessly assisted in the prompt evacuation of the wounded. This heroic act was performed in daylight under heavy enemy artillery fire, projectiles of which burst as close as 15 to 20 yards from him. His unselfish cooperation saved the lives of many soldiers. The initiative, courage, and determination displayed by First Sergeant SCANZILLO were inspirational to the men of his organization and are in keeping with the high traditions of the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Vermont.

Technical Sergeant DANIEL L ALLEN, 6969961, Company C, **Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in GERMANY on 23 November 1944. During an engagement with the enemy in the vicinity of BORG, GERMANY, the platoon of which Sergeant ALLEN was a member, was subjected to an intense enemy artillery and mortar shelling. The platoon leader and platoon sergeant became casualties, and as a result, the men became confused and panic. Realizing the critical nature of the situation, Sergeant ALLEN immediately took charge of the bewildered group, organized defensive positions, and without regard for his own safety during the constant shelling, circulated among the men, doing everything possible to

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improve their morale. His actions contributed immeasurably to the securing and holding of a bridgehead against possible enemy counter-attack. Sergeant ALLEN'S exemplary courage, leadership, and concern for the welfare of his fellow soldiers reflect great credit upon himself, his organization, and the armed forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Georgia.

Technical Sergeant JAMES W SARGENT, 33017642, Company F, **Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron (Mechanized), United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in GERMANY on 20 November 1944. While engaged in dismounted reconnaissance in the vicinity of N. W., GERMANY, fragments from an exploding enemy artillery shell killed the platoon leader and platoon sergeant of a tank platoon. Observing the accident, Sergeant SARGENT, a company motor sergeant, immediately rushed forward and assumed command. Displaying adept skill, he reorganized the leaderless platoon and placed it in a secure defensive position. Sergeant SARGENT remained in this area for six and one half hours while under heavy enemy artillery and small arms fire, maintaining complete control throughout the period. His action effectively contributed to the success of an attacking force of dismounted troops in taking the town. The exemplary proficiency, initiative, and courage displayed by Technical Sergeant SARGENT reflect great credit upon himself and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Pennsylvania.

Sergeant JOSEPH KUSAILA, 11094456, Company C, **Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in GERMANY on 22 November 1944. During engagement with the enemy in the vicinity of BOHEM, GERMANY, the platoon, of which Sergeant KUSAILA was a member, was subjected to an intense enemy artillery and mortar shelling. As the fire began to inflict casualties, the men became confused and panic and were having difficulty in meeting the onslaught. Realizing the seriousness of the situation, Sergeant KUSAILA immediately took charge of the bewildered men, organized defensive positions, and without regard for his own safety during the constant shelling, assisted medical aid men in caring for the wounded. His actions contributed immeasurably to the securing and holding of a bridgehead against possible enemy counter-attack. Sergeant KUSAILA'S exemplary courage, leadership, and concern for the welfare of his fellow soldiers reflect great credit upon himself, his organization, and the armed forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Connecticut.

Technician Fifth Grade HETSCHEL H HAUCK, 35687409, Company A, **Armored Engineer Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in GERMANY on 14 November 1944. Technician Fifth Grade HAUCK was with a tank column advancing against the enemy in the vicinity of HARGARTEN, GERMANY, when the lead tank, disabled by anti-tank mines, completely blocked the road. Abandoning all thought of caution, Technician Fifth Grade HAUCK left the comparative safety of his vehicle and advanced under close range enemy small arms fire to the disabled tank where he cleared a bypass of mines parallel to the road. This heroic act, accomplished during unabated artillery shelling of the halted column, enabled the tanks to continue on to their objective. The bravery, aggressiveness, and unswerving devotion to duty displayed by Technician Fifth Grade HAUCK reflect great credit upon himself and the Army of the United States. Entered the military service from Indiana.

Technician Fifth Grade FRED E ARNOLD, 38322612, Company C, **Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE on 18 November 1944. While advancing against the enemy in the town of BONZONVILLE, FRANCE; a half-track, driven by Technician Fifth Grade ARNOLD, received a direct hit from an enemy mortar shell, resulting in wounds to himself and another enlisted man and killing the remainder of the occupants. Ignoring the severe pain of his own injuries, he assisted his wounded comrade to a place of safety and returned to the then burning conveyance. With utter disregard for his personal safety from exploding mines on the burning half-track, Technician Fifth Grade ARNOLD, entered the vehicle and ascertained that its remaining occupants had been killed and were beyond help. His heroic action, accomplished in the midst of heavy enemy artillery, machine gun, and sniper fire, is a creditable reflection upon this soldier, his organization, and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Oklahoma.

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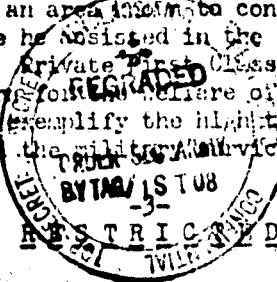
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Private First Class DOMINIC R GIAPPA, 31236075, Company C, **Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in GERMANY on 24 November 1944. Private First Class GIAPPA and one other enlisted man were on guard at an outpost when they were furiously attacked by a heavily armed enemy rifle platoon. Sounding the alarm, Private First Class GIAPPA and his companion, heroically remained at their post in the face of numerically superior opposition and succeeded in holding the enemy at bay until their squad could join them. Private First Class GIAPPA'S courageous stand aided in the repulse of the attack, killing two of the enemy, and capturing over forty. His personal bravery, heroic determination, and unswerving devotion to duty exemplify the high traditions of the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Massachusetts.

Private First Class LOUIS D DAVIS, JR, 36675656, Company C, **Armored Engineer Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE on 26 November 1944. An engineer detail, of which Private First Class DAVIS was a member, was assigned the mission of demolishing the entrance to an enemy railroad tunnel in the vicinity of WALDWISSE, FRANCE. Earlier reconnaissance reports showed that enemy patrols were infiltrating through the tunnel at night. Shortly after the engineer detail began its task, two friendly aircraft, in the belief that an enemy patrol was again in the vicinity of the tunnel entrance, dove in and bombed and strafed it, causing casualties among the engineers. Private First Class DAVIS, realizing the danger of further air attack, fearlessly proceeded at the risk of his own life, through an area known to contain enemy anti-personnel mines to the bombed area where he, though wounded himself, assisted in the prompt evacuation of the wounded to a place of safety. Private First Class DAVIS' initiative, determination, and steadfast concern for the welfare of his fellow soldiers reflect great credit upon himself and exemplify the high traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Illinois.

Private First Class WILLIAM E CROSSBY, 31268534, Company C, **Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in GERMANY on 2 December 1944. During the attack upon the town of BREISBACH, GERMANY, a platoon of which Private First Class CROSSBY was a member, was pinned down by fire from an enemy machine gun which was situated in a well constructed trench twenty feet away. With utter disregard for his own safety, Private First Class CROSSBY accompanied by two enlisted men, boldly charged the position in the face of withering fire, and by intense fire from his own and the weapons of his two comrades, silenced the machine gun, capturing fourteen of the enemy. This heroic accomplishment enabled the delayed platoon to continue the advance to its objective. The intrepidity, initiative, and bravery of Private First Class CROSSBY, in the face of grave danger, were inspirational to his fellow soldiers and are in keeping with the high traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered the military service from New Hampshire.

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Private First Class ROY L MC GUIRE, 34439663, Company C, **Armored Engineer Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE on 26 November 1944. An engineer detail, of which Private First Class MC GUIRE was a member, was assigned the mission of demolishing the entrance to an enemy railroad tunnel in the vicinity of WALDWISSE, FRANCE. Earlier reconnaissance reports showed that enemy patrols were infiltrating through the tunnel at night. Shortly after the engineer detail began its task, two friendly aircraft, in the belief that an enemy patrol was again in the vicinity of the tunnel entrance, dove in and bombed and strafed it, causing casualties among the engineers. Private First Class MC GUIRE, realizing the danger of further air attack, fearlessly proceeded at the risk of his own life, through an area known to contain enemy anti-personnel mines to the bombed area where he assisted in the prompt evacuation of the wounded to a place of safety. Private First Class MC GUIRE'S initiative, determination, and steadfast concern for the welfare of his fellow soldiers reflect great credit upon himself and exemplify the high traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered the military service from North Carolina.



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Private First Class **JOSPH A PAGLIUCA**, 31237870, Headquarters Company, **Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE on 19 November 1944. While in the town of FREISCHOFF, FRANCE, Private First Class PAGLIUCA, a half-track, loaded with mines and ammunition, received a direct hit by an artillery shell and burst into flames. Observing that a nearby howitzer motor carriage and ammunition trailer were being endangered, he left the comparative safety of his armored vehicle despite the continued shelling, and boldly ran to the endangered vehicle. With complete regard for his personal safety from the exploding cargo of the burning half-track, he coolly entered the motor carriage and drove it to a place of safety. By his intrepid action, direly needed equipment and supplies were saved for future operations against the enemy. The initiative and bravery displayed by Private First Class PAGLIUCA, in the face of grave danger, reflect great credit upon himself and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Massachusetts.

Private First Class **CECIL W KESTERSON**, 35030485, Headquarters Company, **Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE on 24 November 1944. Private First Class KESTERSON, with another enlisted man, was acting as forward observer for a mortar platoon in the vicinity of TISERWALD, FRANCE, when their radio was destroyed by a fragment from an artillery shell. Acting upon their own initiative, Private First Class KESTERSON and his companion, fearlessly ran a gauntlet of enemy machine gun and sniper fire for 1500 yards to their mortar battery. Obtaining another radio, they returned over the same route, again under fire, to the observation post. This heroic action, accomplished during an intense enemy artillery and mortar barrage, enabled communication to be re-established with the mortar platoon and resulted in the silencing of enemy mortar batteries, thereby preventing further casualties to friendly troops in the vicinity. The initiative, courage, and loyal devotion to duty displayed by Private First Class KESTERSON, in the face of grave danger, reflect great credit upon himself and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Ohio.

Private **JAMES C DAVIS**, 31256530, Company C, **Armored Engineer Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE on 26 November 1944. An engineer detail, of which Private DAVIS was a member, was assigned the mission of demolishing the entrance to an enemy railroad tunnel in the vicinity of WALDWISSE, FRANCE. Earlier reconnaissance reports showed that enemy patrols were infiltrating through the tunnel at night. Shortly after the engineer detail began its task, two friendly aircraft, in the belief that an enemy patrol was again in the vicinity of the tunnel entrance, dove in and bombed and strafed it, causing casualties among the engineers. Private DAVIS, realizing the danger of further air attack, fearlessly proceeded at the risk of his own life, through an area known to contain enemy anti-personnel mines to the bombed area where he assisted in the prompt evacuation of the wounded to a place of safety. Private DAVIS' initiative, determination, and steadfast concern for the welfare of his fellow soldiers reflect great credit upon himself and exemplify the high traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Massachusetts.

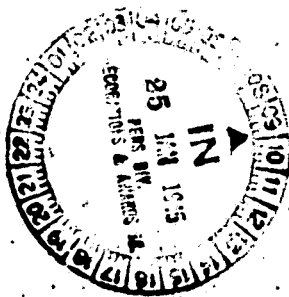
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AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

1. By direction of the President and under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular Number 6, Third United States Army, dated 26 April 1944, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded posthumously to:

Staff Sergeant CHARLES V ELLIOTT, 5274248, Troop E, **Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron (Mechanized), United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in GERMANY on 17 November 1944. After completing its mission of obtaining information concerning the strength and disposition of hostile forces in the vicinity of OBENLEUKEN, GERMANY, Staff Sergeant ELLIOTT'S patrol was about to withdraw when it was suddenly pinned down by cross fire from enemy machine gun positions. Realizing the gravity of the situation, Sergeant ELLIOTT manned the patrol's only machine gun, and with complete disregard for his personal safety, covered the withdrawal of his patrol over a 200 yard open stretch of ground by alternating his fire on the various unfriendly gun positions. He continued firing his weapon until his ammunition was gone and then boldly ran the gauntlet of enemy fire to rejoin his patrol and lead it back to his lines. As a result of his heroic action, vital information, subsequently used to advantage against the enemy was reported and his patrol was able to withdraw from a place of extreme danger without a casualty. Sergeant ELLIOTT'S invaluable service to his country was untimely ended three days later when he was killed in another engagement. The exemplary leadership, initiative, and courage displayed by Sergeant ELLIOTT were inspirational to the members of his organization and are in keeping with the high traditions of the United States Army. Entered the military service from Delaware.

Sergeant HUGHES E HILTON, 34202002, Headquarters Company, **Tank Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE on 15 November 1944. During an attack against the enemy in the vicinity of KERLING, FRANCE, Sergeant HILTON'S tank platoon was suddenly subjected to intense enemy fire. With utter disregard for his personal safety, Sergeant HILTON, from his exposed position in the turret of a tank, unhesitatingly fired his machine gun at the enemy with deadly effect. This action, in which Sergeant HILTON received a mortal wound, was instrumental in silencing several enemy 88mm anti-tank guns, and enabled the advance of his platoon to continue. Sergeant HILTON'S outstanding courage, inspirational leadership, and supreme devotion to duty exemplify the high traditions of the military service of the United States. Entered the military service from Florida.

Private GEORGE B BUSHONG, 17064693, Headquarters Company, **Tank Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE on 14 November 1944. Private BUSHONG was advancing with an assault gun platoon against the enemy in the vicinity of KERLING, FRANCE, when it was suddenly subjected to heavy enemy anti-tank fire. Abandoning all thought of caution, he rose in the face of continuous hostile fire and manned the machine gun mounted on the vehicle in which he was riding. With utter disregard for his personal safety, he continued firing on the enemy gun positions until he was killed by artillery shrapnel. His heroic sacrifice was instrumental in silencing the enemy guns and thereby saved many armored vehicles from almost certain destruction. Private BUSHONG'S intrepidity, courage, and outstanding devotion to duty were inspirational to the members of his organization and are in keeping with the high traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Indiana.

2. By direction of the President and under the provisions of Army Regulation 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular Number 6, Third United States Army, dated 26 April 1944, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded to:

First Lieutenant JERALD B HANCOCK, 34202002, Headquarters Company, **Tank Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE on 15 November 1944.

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Upon being informed of the location of three disabled tanks in the vicinity of HAUTE-SIERCK, FRANCE, Lieutenant MANION, a tank company maintenance officer, fearlessly advanced to the area through a heavy enemy mortar barrage. Upon reaching the scene, he observed that, by utilizing parts from the others, one of the tanks could be salvaged. He had just begun the task when he was wounded by the explosion of a mine. Ignoring the pain of his wound, he continued to work until he had completely repaired one tank and delivered it to front line units. Only then did he seek medical attention. His heroic action under fire was responsible for the return of a direly needed combat vehicle into action against the enemy. Lieutenant MANION'S intrepidity, courage, and initiative reflect great credit upon himself, his organization, and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Michigan.

Second Lieutenant EUGENE C PATTERSON, 0538924, Cavalry, Troop C, **Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron (Mechanized), United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE on 15 November and 19 November 1944. Lieutenant PATTERSON was given the mission of determining the disposition of enemy troops in the town of HAUTE-SIERCK, FRANCE. Entering the town, Lieutenant PATTERSON and his patrol moved from building to building and successfully cleared the town of the enemy, capturing twelve. Soon after this accomplishment, a friendly tank platoon, not knowing the town had been taken, rushed into the town with their cannon and machine guns firing in all directions. Lieutenant PATTERSON, without regard for his personal safety, dashed into the fire-raked street and halted the onrushing tank platoon. His action undoubtedly resulted in the saving of the lives of many of his own men as well as that of civilians in the town. On another occasion, Lieutenant PATTERSON further exhibited his outstanding qualities of leadership, when further progress of his unit was impeded by an enemy road block covered by 82mm fire. He immediately moved his platoon forward to the obstruction, oblivious to the intense enemy fire, and with the weapons of his platoon and those of another, succeeded in neutralizing the enemy fire, enabling his unit to continue its advance. The outstanding initiative and cool-headed leadership repeatedly displayed by Lieutenant PATTERSON exemplify the high traditions of the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Georgia.

Technical Sergeant ALBERT H WALTERS, 6946281, Infantry, Company C, **Tank Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in GERMANY during the period 1 December to 3 December 1944. In the vicinity of SCHWELINGEN, GERMANY, Technical Sergeant WALTERS, a motor sergeant, rendered invaluable assistance in the recovery of two medium tanks that had been disabled by mines. Despite constant enemy artillery and mortar shelling, he and his crew worked for two days in the close proximity and under the observation of the enemy, finally completing the salvaging operation to such an extent that the tank could be successfully evacuated. The courage and devotion to duty under fire displayed by Technical Sergeant WALTERS are in keeping with the high traditions of the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Pennsylvania.

Staff Sergeant CHARLES C KELLY, 6094295, Troop B, **Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron (Mechanized), United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE on 17 November 1944. During an engagement with the enemy in the vicinity of KIRSCHNAUBERT, FRANCE, a reconnaissance troop of which Staff Sergeant KELLY was a member, was subjected to sporadic enemy artillery barrages. During one of these assaults, an enlisted man was wounded when his weapon accidentally discharged while he was seeking cover in a fox hole. Hearing the cry for help, Staff Sergeant KELLY, with utter disregard for his personal security, left the comparative safety of his shelter, and braving the enemy fire, went to the aid of the injured soldier. With the assistance of another soldier, Staff Sergeant KELLY removed the wounded man to a nearby vehicle and evacuated him to a medical aid station. The courageous and unselfish actions of Staff Sergeant KELLY, in the face of grave danger, reflects great credit upon himself and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Maryland.

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Staff Sergeant JOSEPH CLEMENT, 32379787, Company F, **Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron (Mechanized), United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in GERMANY on 30 November 1944. While engaged in dismounted reconnaissance in the vicinity of NOHN, GERMANY two officers were severely wounded by the fragments of an enemy artillery shell. Observing their plight, Staff Sergeant CLEMENT, after securing the defenses of his tank platoon, left the comparative safety of his armored vehicle and hastened to the aid of the wounded officers. Although continually subjected to artillery and small arms fire, Staff Sergeant CLEMENT managed to carry each of the wounded to the shelter of a building where he administered first aid, then secured transportation for their evacuation. Staff Sergeant CLEMENT'S heroic action, above and beyond the call of duty, is a creditable reflection upon himself, his organization, and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from New York.

Sergeant WALTER D TAPOR, 13011451, Infantry, Headquarters Company, **Tank Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE on 15 November 1944. Sergeant TAPOR, a mortar squad leader, was seriously wounded during an engagement with the enemy in the vicinity of TRIGNELLES, FRANCE. Disregarding the severe pain of his wound and despite continuous enemy mortar, artillery, and small arms fire, he directed the emplacement of his mortar and established an observation post. With utter disregard for his personal safety and comfort, he courageously supervised the activities of his squad until its mission had been successfully accomplished. Only then did he seek needed medical attention. His heroic action was a substantial contribution to the success of the entire mortar platoon in its assigned mission. The courage, devotion to duty, and exemplary leadership displayed by Sergeant TAPOR reflect great credit upon himself and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Pennsylvania.

Sergeant PATRICK J GLEASON, 3606354, Infantry, Company D, **Tank Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE on 15 November 1944. Sergeant GLEASON'S tank was on a reconnaissance mission in the vicinity of OADRENE, FRANCE when it stalled in the midst of an enemy artillery concentration. With utter disregard for his personal security, he left the comparative safety of his vehicle and had just succeeded in coupling his tow cable to the tank ahead when he was wounded by a shell fragment. His heroic action enabled his tank to be towed to safety, saving a direly needed vehicle for future operations against the enemy. Sergeant GLEASON'S courage, fearless determination and steadfast devotion to duty are a tribute to himself, his organization, and the armed forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Illinois.

Technician Fourth Grade ELMER D VARNER, 16069054, Infantry, Company C, ** Tank Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in GERMANY during the period 1 December to 3 December 1944. In the vicinity of SCHWELINGEN, GERMANY, Technician Fourth Grade VARNER, a motor sergeant, rendered invaluable assistance in the recovery of two medium tanks that had been disabled by mines. Despite constant enemy artillery and mortar shelling, he and his crew worked for two days in the close proximity and under the observation of the enemy, finally completing the salvaging operation to such an extent that the tank could be successfully evacuated. The courage and devotion to duty under fire displayed by Technician Fourth Grade VARNER are in keeping with the high traditions of the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Illinois.

Technician Fourth Grade HARRY G HOSACK, JR., 20320632, Troop B, **Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron (Mechanized), United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE on 17 November 1944. During an engagement with the enemy in the vicinity of KIRSCHBAUEN, FRANCE, a reconnaissance troop of which Technician Fourth Grade HOSACK was a member, was subjected to enemy artillery barrages. During one of these assaults, an enlisted man was wounded when his weapon accidentally discharged while he was seeking cover in a fox hole. Hearing the cry for help, Technician Fourth Grade HOSACK, with utter disregard for his personal security, left the comparative safety of his shelter, and leaving the enemy fire, went to the

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aid of the injured soldier. With the assistance of another soldier, Technician Fourth Grade HOSACK removed the wounded man to a nearby vehicle and evacuated him to a medical aid station. The courageous and unselfish action of Technician Fourth Grade HOSACK, in the face of grave danger, reflect great credit upon himself and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Pennsylvania.

Private First Class LOUISE N COOMER, 35499583, Company C, **Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in GERMANY on 21 November 1944. Private First Class COOMER distinguished himself while serving as a rifleman in the vicinity of TETTINGEN, GERMANY. A platoon sergeant was severely wounded during the withdrawal of his platoon from an area covered by superior enemy fire power and repeated attempts to reach him had failed. Private First Class COOMER, with utter disregard for his own safety, voluntarily went forward to the sergeant, and in spite of a fusillade of enemy machine gun bullets, rendered emergency first aid and then carried him to a place of safety. The intrepidity, initiative, and courage displayed by Private First Class COOMER, in the face of grave danger, were inspirational to his fellow soldiers and are in keeping with the high traditions of the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Kentucky.

Private First Class WILLIAM L STEPHEN, 35565490, Company C, **Armored Engineer Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE on 26 November 1944. An engineer detail, of which Private First Class STEPHEN was a member, was assigned the mission of demolishing the entrance to an enemy railroad tunnel in the vicinity of WALDHEISE, FRANCE. Earlier reconnaissance reports showed that enemy patrols were infiltrating through the tunnel at night. Shortly after the engineer detail began its task, two friendly aircraft, in the belief that an enemy patrol was again in the vicinity of the tunnel entrance, dove in and bombed and strafed it, causing casualties among the engineers. Private First Class STEPHEN, realizing the danger of further air attack, fearlessly proceeded, at the risk of his own life, through an area known to contain enemy anti-personnel mines to the bombed area where he assisted in the prompt evacuation of the wounded to a place of safety. Private First Class STEPHEN'S initiative, determination, and steadfast concern for the welfare of his fellow soldiers reflect great credit upon himself and exemplify the high traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Indiana.

By command of the DIVISION COMMANDER:

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I. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

1. By direction of the President and under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular Number 6, Third United States Army, dated 26 April 1944, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded posthumously to:

Private First Class PETER J. LURE, 38297753, Headquarters, **Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron (Mechanized), United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE during the period 14 November 1944 to 24 November 1944.

2. By direction of the President and under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular Number 6, Third United States Army, dated 26 April 1944, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded to:

* Captain THOMAS E. MOSTYN, 0465786, Cavalry, Company F, **Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron (Mechanized), United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE during the period 15 November 1944 to 1 December 1944.

* Staff Sergeant ANDY OSBOWNE, 35668637, **Armored Signal Company, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE during the period 1 November 1944 to 27 November 1944.

* Technician Fourth Grade HAROLD J. LANGE, 26006438, Troop B, **Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron (Mechanized), United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in GERMANY during the period 13 November 1944 to 1 December 1944.

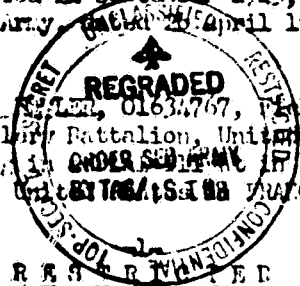
* Technician Fifth Grade ISIDORE I. SOMER, 33385034, Medical Detachment, **Tank Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in GERMANY during the period 16 November 1944 to 27 November 1944.

* Technician Fifth Grade JOSEPH STANIC, 36540773, Infantry, Headquarters, **Tank Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in GERMANY during the period 21 November 1944 to 23 November 1944.

* Technician Fifth Grade NEWMAN WILFIELD, 34397441, Headquarters, **Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron (Mechanized), United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE and GERMANY during the period 14 November 1944 to 24 November 1944.

II. AWARD OF AIR MEDAL - By direction of the President and under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular Number 6, Third United States Army, dated 26 April 1944, an Air Medal is awarded to:

* First Lieutenant JOSEPH C. WELLS, 01634767, Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, **Armored Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious achievement while participating in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE and GERMANY from 9 November 1944 to 7 December 1944.



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* First Lieutenant CHARLES F FOMMELY, 01184204, Field Artillery, **Armored Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE and GERMANY from 9 November 1944 to 7 December 1944.

* First Lieutenant HAROLD C GOLF, 0552218, Field Artillery, **Armored Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE and GERMANY from 9 November 1944 to 7 December 1944.

III. AWARD OF PURPLE HEART - By direction of the President and under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, a Purple Heart is awarded to:

Lieutenant Colonel MILLS L STANBISH, 0254344, Infantry, **Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. For wounds received as a result of enemy action in FRANCE on 3 November 1944.

IV. AWARD OF CERTIFICATE OF MERIT

1. Under the provisions of letter, Headquarters European Theater of Operations, United States Army, file AG 200.6 HPGA, subject: Certificate of Merit, dated 28 June 1944, a CERTIFICATE OF MERIT is awarded posthumously to the following named enlisted man in recognition of conspicuously meritorious and outstanding performance of military duty in FRANCE:

Technician Fifth Grade CHARLES A PHILLIPS, 31272486, Infantry, Service Company, **Tank Battalion, United States Army.

2. Under the provisions of letter, Headquarters European Theater of Operations, United States Army, file AG 200.6 HPGA, subject: Certificate of Merit, dated 28 June 1944, a CERTIFICATE OF MERIT is awarded to the following named enlisted man, who is missing in action, in recognition of conspicuously meritorious and outstanding performance of military duty in FRANCE:

Staff Sergeant STEPHEN J PEELIFFER, 33024048, Infantry, Service Company, **Tank Battalion, United States Army.

3. Under the provisions of letter, Headquarters European Theater of Operations, United States Army, file AG 200.6 HPGA, subject: Certificate of Merit, dated 28 June 1944, a CERTIFICATE OF MERIT is awarded to the following named personnel in recognition of conspicuously meritorious and outstanding performance of military duty in FRANCE:

Captain STANLEY B GLICK, 0443132, Cavalry, Headquarters, **Tank Battalion, United States Army.

Captain GEORGE H JENKINS, 0422337, Infantry, Service Company, **Tank Battalion, United States Army.

First Lieutenant VERNOR H SCHENCK, JR., 01010458, Corps of Military Police, Military Police Platoon, 10th Armored Division, United States Army.

Second Lieutenant WILLIAM B KOON, 0496794, Corps of Military Police, Military Police Platoon, 10th Armored Division, United States Army.

Technical Sergeant FRANCIS D MCKEY, 35499540, Headquarters, **Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron (Mechanized), United States Army.

Staff Sergeant EDWARD A BUCKER, 31100771, Military Police Platoon, 10th Armored Division, United States Army.

Staff Sergeant DEAN A FLETCHER, 6583626, Military Police Platoon, 10th Armored Division, United States Army.

Technician Fourth Grade IRVING A MUELLMAN, 33023853, Infantry, Service Company, **Tank Battalion, United States Army.

Technician Fifth Grade GLENN C HENLOCK, 36408042, Infantry, Service Company, **Tank Battalion, United States Army.

Technician Fifth Grade CHARLES E CLYDE, 14125630, Infantry, Service Company, **Tank Battalion, United States Army.

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Technician Fifth Grade CLIFFORD A MADONZO, 11065657, Infantry, Headquarters Company, Combat Command **, 10th Armored Division, United States Army. —
Technician Fifth Grade JOHN ALAMIT, 33371245, Infantry, Service Company, **Tank Battalion, United States Army. —
Technician Fifth Grade WILLIAM R HUTT, 32379793, Infantry, Service Company, **Tank Battalion, United States Army. —
Technician Fifth Grade ALFRED J DENNING, 35611757, Infantry, Service Company, **Tank Battalion, United States Army. —
Technician Fifth Grade WILLIAM C SAUNDERS, 34406773, Infantry, Service Company, **Tank Battalion, United States Army. —
Private First Class EDWARD H CARPENTER, 33217140, Infantry, Headquarters Company, Combat Command **, 10th Armored Division, United States Army. —
Private First Class ROBERT E BECKER, 39716360, Infantry, Service Company, **Tank Battalion, United States Army. —
Private First Class RAYMOND H ROSENTHAL, 36204639, Infantry, Service Company, **Tank Battalion, United States Army. —

4. Under the provisions of letter, Headquarters European Theater of Operations, United States Army, file AG 200.6 DECA, subject: Certificate of Merit, dated 26 June 1944, a CERTIFICATE OF MERIT is awarded to the following named enlisted man in recognition of conspicuously meritorious and outstanding performance of military duty in LUXEMBOURG:

Corporal WILLIAM G TROUTMAN, 13021754, Infantry, Company A, **Tank Battalion, United States Army. —

5. Under the provisions of letter, Headquarters European Theater of Operations, United States Army, file AG 200.6 DECA, subject: Certificate of Merit, dated 28 June 1944, a CERTIFICATE OF MERIT is awarded to the following named personnel in recognition of conspicuously meritorious and outstanding performance of military duty in GERMANY:

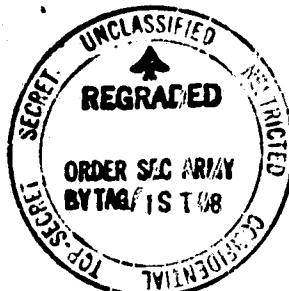
Staff Sergeant LEO C SCHACHLE, 36407795, Troop C, **Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron (Mechanized), United States Army.
Sergeant THOMAS R MONTE, 33024000, Infantry, Company A, **Tank Battalion, United States Army.
Corporal KENNETH J HAYDEN, 35588875, Infantry, Company C, **Tank Battalion, United States Army.
Corporal HERBERT SEEDER, 36406271, Infantry, Company A, **Tank Battalion, United States Army.
Technician Fifth Grade SIDNEY L KATIEL, 20226689, Medical Detachment, **Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army. —

By command of the DIVISION COMMANDER:

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SECTION I - Award of Oak-Leaf Cluster
SECTION II - Award of Bronze Star Medal

I. AWARD OF OAK-LEAF CLUSTER - By direction of the President and under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular Number 6, Third United States Army, dated 26 April 1944, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal previously awarded, a Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to:

Revised by HQ 23, 26 Jan 45
* Lieutenant Colonel MILES LEHMAN, 025434, Infantry, **Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in LUXEMBOURG during the period 18 December 1944 to 25 December 1944.

REV. BY GOF 211, 24 Jul 45
* Lieutenant Colonel WILLIAM E BECKLES, 0254174, General Staff Corps, **10th Armored Division, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in GERMANY and LUXEMBOURG during the period 1 December 1944 to 6 January 1945.

* Lieutenant Colonel JOSEPH A MC CHRISTIAN, 021966, General Staff Corps, **10th Armored Division, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in GERMANY and LUXEMBOURG during the period 1 December 1944 to 6 January 1945.

REV. BY GOF 216 - 14 Jul 45
* Lieutenant Colonel RILEY A CRAWFORD, 0298386, Signal Corps, **Armored Signal Company, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in GERMANY and LUXEMBOURG during the period 1 December 1944 to 6 January 1945.

* Lieutenant Colonel GOENELIUS A LICHTER, 018371, Cavalry, **Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron (Mechanized), United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in GERMANY and LUXEMBOURG during the period 1 December 1944 to 6 January 1945.

Amend. to citation (mic) by HQ 13 - 1/14/45.
* Major RANDOLPH T JORDAN, 045283, Cavalry, **10th Armored Division, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in GERMANY and LUXEMBOURG during the period 1 December 1944 to 24 December 1944.

II. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL - By direction of the President and under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular Number 6, Third United States Army, dated 26 April 1944, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded to:

Rec'd by HQ 264 - Aug 21, 45
* Lieutenant Colonel MERTIN K HILLSTEDT, 020880, Ordnance Department, **Ordnance Maintenance Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE, GERMANY, and LUXEMBOURG during the period 1 November 1944 to 6 January 1945.

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* Lieutenant Colonel EDWIN S WALLACE, 0281147, Medical Corps, **Medical Battalion, Armored, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE, GERMANY, and LUXEMBOURG during the period 1 November 1944 to 6 January 1945.

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* Lieutenant Colonel VALENTINE, 0391605, Quartermaster Corps, **10th Armored Division, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE, GERMANY, and LUXEMBOURG during the period 1 November 1944 to 6 January 1945.

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✓ Lieutenant Colonel JOHN W SHEFFIELD, 0242722, Cavalry, Combat Command **, 10th Armored Division, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE, GERMANY, and LUXEMBOURG during the period 1 November 1944 to 6 January 1945.

✓ Major WILLIAM A TAYLOR, JR., 0334870, General Staff Corps, **10th Armored Division, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE, GERMANY, and LUXEMBOURG during the period 1 November 1944 to 6 January 1945.

✓ Major WADSWORTH P CLAPP, 023687, Corps of Engineers, **Armored Engineer Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE, GERMANY, and LUXEMBOURG during the period 1 November 1944 to 6 January 1945.

✓ Major ROGER A RAYLEY, 0321370, General Staff Corps, **10th Armored Division, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE, GERMANY, and LUXEMBOURG during the period 1 November 1944 to 6 January 1945.

✓ Captain NOEL HINRICHS, 01014642, Infantry, **10th Armored Division, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE, GERMANY, and LUXEMBOURG during the period 1 November 1944 to 6 January 1945.

✓ Master Sergeant RUDOLPH W COOK, 32019276, Infantry, **10th Armored Division, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE, GERMANY, and LUXEMBOURG during the period 1 November 1944 to 6 January 1945.

✓ Master Sergeant JAMES W BEAN, 18152090, **10th Armored Division, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE, GERMANY, and LUXEMBOURG during the period 1 November 1944 to 6 January 1945.

✓ Technician Fourth Grade CLARENCE E CARROLL, 37393166, Infantry, **10th Armored Division, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE, GERMANY, and LUXEMBOURG during the period 1 November 1944 to 6 January 1945.

By command of the DIVISION COMMANDER:

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I. AWARD OF OAK-LEAF CLUSTER - By direction of the President and under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular Number 6, Third United States Army, dated 26 April 1944, in addition to the Silver Star previously awarded, a Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to:

Lieutenant Colonel THOMAS C CHAMBERLAIN, O23145, Cavalry, **Tank Battalion, United States Army. For gallantry in action in LUXEMBOURG on 15 December 1944. On 15 December, in the vicinity of HELLERHEL, LUXEMBOURG, Lieutenant Colonel CHAMBERLAIN, commanding a task force, learning of a critical situation resulting from an enemy attack, unhesitatingly went forward to personally direct the operations of his counter-attacking infantry. Disregarding the extreme danger from the overwhelming enemy shell fire, he advanced with his leading elements, encouraging and inspiring his men, and restoring the confidence of those who faltered. His personal gallantry, outstanding leadership, and solicitude for the welfare of his troops while under fire, were such as to bring immeasurable credit upon this officer, his organization, and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Ohio.

II. AWARD OF SILVER STAR - By direction of the President and under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular Number 6, Third United States Army, dated 26 April 1944, a Silver Star is awarded to:

Lieutenant Colonel ROBERT C MC CABE, O21089, Field Artillery, **Armored Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For gallantry in action in LUXEMBOURG on 20 December 1944. During an attack by an overwhelming enemy force in the vicinity of HONTENACH, LUXEMBOURG, beginning on 20 December 1944, Lieutenant Colonel MC CABE, commanded a field artillery battalion, which for a period of four days, effectively supported the defending troops. This officer distinguished himself by continually ignoring enemy fire in the performance of his duties. It was largely through his efforts that the battalion was able to assist in containing the enemy despite repeated thrusts that even imperiled battery positions. His intelligent estimate of the situation and constant supervision were responsible for accomplishing this difficult mission. The courage and coolness under fire displayed by Lieutenant Colonel MC CABE were inspirational to all members of his command. His gallantry, proficiency, and intrepidity are worthy of high commendation and reflect great credit upon himself, his organization, and the military forces of the United States. Entered military service from South Carolina.

Lieutenant Colonel WILLIAM W BEVELLY, O21107, Field Artillery, **Armored Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For gallantry in action in LUXEMBOURG on 20 December 1944. Lieutenant Colonel BEVELLY'S field artillery battalion was assigned the mission of furnishing artillery support for a task force

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during an attack in the vicinity of CHRISTWACH, LUXEMBOURG. Lieutenant Colonel **REWEELY** directed the forward elements of the attacking force to insure maximum support when he observed enemy troops advancing to intercept the column. Realizing the gravity of the situation, Lieutenant Colonel **REWEELY** personally established an observation post, and with utter disregard for his own safety despite hostile anti-tank and small arms fire, adjusted the fire of his artillery battalion with deadly effect, inflicting heavy casualties upon the German troops. His gallant action, accomplished in the midst of a heavy rocket and artillery barrage, was highly instrumental in disrupting the advance of the enemy. The exemplary performance, initiative, and courage of Lieutenant Colonel **REWEELY**, in the face of extreme danger, inspired the men of his command to great efforts and are in keeping with the high traditions of the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Virginia.

III. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL - By direction of the President and under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular Letter C, Third United States Army, dated 28 April 1944, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded to:

Lieutenant Colonel **THOMAS C CHAMBERLAIN**, 1231st Cavalry, 4th Tank Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in LUXEMBOURG on 22 December 1944. Lieutenant Colonel **CHAMBERLAIN**, commanding attack force, courageously made a determined stand, disrupting a German attack in the direction of the CITY of LUXEMBOURG. On 22 December 1944, in the vicinity of WALDILLIG, LUXEMBOURG, he was seen continually with his forward elements, and with utter disregard of heavy enemy shelling, he personally directed his counter-attacking infantry units. The outstanding personal leadership of this officer inspired his men to great efforts, giving them unbounded confidence and insured the success of the repelling operations. The intrepidity and soldierly qualities exhibited by Lieutenant Colonel **CHAMBERLAIN** are a creditable reflection upon himself, his organization, and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Ohio.

Lieutenant Colonel **JOHN R RILEY**, O344603, Infantry, 4th Tank Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in LUXEMBOURG during the period 18 December 1944 to 20 December 1944. As commander of a tank battalion, Lieutenant Colonel **RILEY** displayed marked devotion to duty and a determination to accomplish his assigned missions despite adverse conditions. With a comparatively small force, Lieutenant Colonel **RILEY** fought his way through stubborn enemy resistance and succeeded in capturing the town of SCHIMMEL, LUXEMBOURG and effected the relief of an infantry company trapped in the nearby town of ECHTERNACH. Lieutenant Colonel **RILEY** was constantly braving enemy fire in the performance of his duties, and by his excellent leadership and example, encouraged his unit to courageous valor against numerically superior enemy forces. The heroic efforts of Lieutenant Colonel **RILEY** and his troops contributed effectively to the disruption of a ferocious enemy attack in the sector. Lieutenant Colonel **RILEY**'s courage, ceaseless energy, and enthusiasm, were an inspiration to his fellow officers and men and are in keeping with the high traditions of the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Virginia.

By command of the DIVISION COMMANDER:

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I. AWARD OF SILVER STAR - By direction of the President and under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular Number 6, Third United States Army, dated 26 April 1944, a Silver Star is awarded to:

Captain HOWARD W. MACGREGOR, 01166552, Field Artillery, **Armored Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For gallantry in action in LUXEMBOURG on 25 December 1944. Captain MACGREGOR distinguished himself while serving as a field artillery battery commander in the vicinity of MEDEWACHT, LUXEMBOURG. When his battery position and the nearby battalion command post were suddenly subjected to a heavy enemy artillery barrage, Captain MACGREGOR, unhesitatingly, and in utter disregard for his own safety, went among the shell craters, studying them to obtain range and deflection information concerning the enemy batteries. From data obtained from these craters, he composed a detailed shell report and as a result of his information, effective counter fire was brought to bear upon the hostile gun positions. The intrepidity, courage and loyal devotion to duty displayed by Captain MACGREGOR, in the face of extreme danger, reflect great credit upon himself, his organization, and the armed forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Oregon.

Second Lieutenant PHILIP C. WALSH IV, 0595637, Field Artillery, **Armored Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For gallantry in action in FRANCE on 9 November 1944. During an attack by a force of infantry in the vicinity of KERLING, FRANCE, Lieutenant WALSH was assigned as forward observer for a supporting artillery battalion. Under fire, he courageously crossed the Moselle River in a rubber boat with the attacking infantry, and with utter disregard for his personal safety, advanced on shore with the foremost elements of the infantry, while under intense enemy tank and small arms fire, to insure effective artillery support. Lieutenant WALSH'S skilful direction of artillery fire contributed immeasurably to the successful advance of the friendly troops with a minimum of casualties, and was highly instrumental in stopping furious enemy night counter-attacks. His outstanding courage and ability is a creditable reflection upon himself, his organization, and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from New Jersey.

Second Lieutenant JOHN R. FRAY, 0467185, Field Artillery, **Armored Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For gallantry in action in LUXEMBOURG on 21 December 1944. An artillery battery was given the mission of supporting a company of combat engineers during an engagement with the enemy in the vicinity of MICHELSHOF, LUXEMBOURG. Lieutenant FRAY, as forward observer for the battery, established an observation post in front of the supported unit, and without regard for his personal safety, in the face of continuous heavy attacks by the enemy remained at his post directing friendly artillery fire. His unswerving determination to accomplish his mission in spite of his dangerous position prevented an enemy penetration in that sector. In addition to providing continuous artillery support, Lieutenant FRAY provided radio communication between the engineer company and its battalion headquarters at a time when loss of communication could have caused disaster. His efficiency, intrepidity and loyal devotion to duty are worthy of high commendation and reflect great credit upon himself, his organization, and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Missouri.

Sergeant ANGELO YEQUENDO, 39024841, Company F, **Medical Battalion, Armored, United States Army. For gallantry in action in BELGIUM on 24 December 1944. Sergeant YEQUENDO was serving in the besieged city of BASTOGNE, BELGIUM as a section leader in an aid station when it was suddenly subjected to a heavy enemy bombing attack. With utter disregard for his own safety from falling

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debris, he rushed to the upper floor of the aid station where, with blankets, he smothered the flames caused by an exploded stove, saving eleven men from serious burns. In spite of another direct bomb hit on the building, he continued extricating litter casualties from great quantities of plaster, brick, and heavy debris, and in one case, rescued a patient pinned beneath a red hot stove, rendering immediate first aid. When an adjoining building was also subjected to a bomb hit, he fearlessly entered it and again resumed his self-appointed task of removing the wounded, despite raging flames, intense smoke and continuous bomb explosions. His heroic accomplishments saved the lives of many wounded men. The intrepidity, courage and outstanding devotion to duty displayed by Sergeant YECUINEDO, in the face of extreme danger, are in keeping with the high traditions of the Medical Corps of the United States Army. Entered the military service from California.

✓ Sergeant FRED A HEDDERMAN, 31251769, Infantry, Company A, **Tank Battalion, United States Army. For gallantry in action in LUXEMBOURG on 20 December 1944. While awaiting orders for a combat mission against the enemy in the vicinity of ECHTERNACH, LUXEMBOURG, the position occupied by a tank section, of which Sergeant HEDDERMAN'S tank was a part, was suddenly subjected to a three-sided attack by hostile forces. With utter disregard for his personal safety, Sergeant HEDDERMAN boldly maneuvered his tank into an open position to afford it a more effective field of fire in spite of the fact that in so doing it was completely exposed on both flanks to hostile small arms and bazooka fire. Realizing the advantage of holding fire until the last possible moment, he delayed giving the order to his tank crew until the unfriendly forces were within sixty yards of his position. He had so effectively located his tank that its fire substantially aided in turning the enemy attack into a route and caused heavy casualties among them. The intrepidity, calmness and outstanding devotion to duty displayed by Sergeant HEDDERMAN, in the face of an extremely grave situation, were inspirational to the men of his section and are in keeping with the high traditions of the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Connecticut.

✓ Sergeant ABRAM B MININGER, 33075962, Infantry, Company A, **Tank Battalion, United States Army. For gallantry in action in LUXEMBOURG on 20 December 1944. While receiving his orders for a combat mission against the enemy in the vicinity of ECHTERNACH, LUXEMBOURG, the position occupied by Sergeant MININGER'S tank section was suddenly subjected to a three-sided attack by hostile forces. With utter disregard for his personal safety, he ran to his tank through a gauntlet of heavy enemy fire in order that he might deploy his section to repel the attack. He boldly maneuvered his section into an open position to afford it a more effective field of fire, in spite of the fact that in so doing it was completely exposed on both flanks to hostile small arms and bazooka fire. Sergeant MININGER delayed giving the order to fire until the unfriendly forces were within sixty yards of his position. He had so effectively deployed his section, that upon opening fire, the tanks turned the attack into a route with extremely heavy casualties to the enemy forces. He personally accounted for six enemy bazooka squads with the anti-aircraft machine gun on the turret of his tank. The intrepidity, calmness and outstanding performance of duty enacted by Sergeant MININGER, in the face of an extremely grave situation, were inspirational to the men of his section and are in keeping with the high traditions of the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Pennsylvania.

✓ Private JOSEPH I LIBBEY, 11085600, Battery B, **Armored Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For gallantry in action in GERMANY on 26 November 1944. During an attack against the enemy in the vicinity of OREPLENKE, GERMANY, it became apparent that serious losses would be inflicted upon the advancing infantry by heavy enemy mortar fire unless closer artillery support could be obtained. Private LIBBEY, without regard for his personal safety, voluntarily accompanied an artillery forward observer with the mission of advancing ahead of the infantry to seek out the enemy mortar positions. Upon the discovery of these positions, Private LIBBEY rendered invaluable assistance in maintaining communication and aiding the observer in directing artillery fire upon them until he was wounded by shrapnel from an exploding shell. His gallant and courageous action is worthy of high commendation and reflects great credit upon himself, his organization, and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Vermont.

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II. AWARD OF SOLDIER'S MEDAL - By direction of the President and under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular Number 6, Third United States Army, dated 26 April 1944, a Soldier's Medal is awarded to:

✓ Technician Fourth Grade **GEORGE HILL**, 3723276, Company B, **Armored Engineer Battalion, United States Army. For heroism not involving actual conflict with an enemy. When the vehicles of an engineer company were subjected to a strafing attack by enemy aircraft in the town of **HERSCH, LUXEMBOURG**, a box of incendiary grenades on a heavy bridge truck was ignited and its contents began exploding, endangering valuable equipment and lives in the vicinity. Technician Fourth Grade **HILL**, a mechanic serving with the company, warned others to stand clear, and with utter disregard for his own safety, entered the burning truck, removed the exploded grenades, put out the fire, and plugged a gasoline leak caused by a broken gas line. By his initiative and cool, level headed courage, he saved critical items of engineer equipment for future operations against the enemy. Technician Fourth Grade **HILL'S** intrepid action reflects great credit upon himself and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Kansas.

III. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL - By direction of the President and under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular Number 6, Third United States Army, dated 26 April 1944, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded to:

✓ First Lieutenant **MARION H WEBER**, 0383863, Field Artillery, **Armored Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in **GERMANY** on 22 November 1944. Lieutenant **WEBER** distinguished himself while serving as a forward artillery observer in the vicinity of **WETTINGEN, GERMANY**. When an infantry attack was momentarily pinned down by heavy enemy fire from machine gun positions and a distant pillbox, Lieutenant **WEBER**, with utter disregard for his personal safety, left his observation post, and accompanied by an assistant, advanced to the foremost infantry positions where he brought effective artillery fire to bear upon the opposing forces. He continued advancing to secure better observation amidst a hail of enemy fire until he was wounded, necessitating his removal to the rear. His outstanding courage, ability and tenacity enabled the delayed infantry to continue with a minimum of casualties and renewed confidence. The initiative, intrepidity and loyal devotion to duty displayed by Lieutenant **WEBER** reflect great credit upon himself and are in keeping with the high traditions of the United States Army. Entered the military service from Illinois.

✓ First Lieutenant **ELI M LONCHAR**, 01267552, Infantry, Company A, **Tank Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in **LUXEMBOURG** on 18 December 1944. Lieutenant **LONCHAR** distinguished himself as commander of a tank company in the vicinity of **ECHTERNACH, LUXEMBOURG**. Given the mission of taking the village of **SCHEIDGEN**, Lieutenant **LONCHAR**, without regard for his personal safety, entered the town despite intense enemy artillery and small arms fire, and by his skilful leadership, inflicted heavy losses to the numerically superior enemy. The coolness and courage displayed under enemy fire was an inspiration to his entire unit and was the deciding factor which contributed materially to the successful completion of the mission. Lieutenant **LONCHAR'S** initiative, fearless determination and loyal devotion to duty exemplify the high traditions of the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Illinois.

✓ Private First Class **KENNETH H MANNING**, 16193570, Battery C, **Armored Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in **LUXEMBOURG** on 21 December 1944. Private First Class **MANNING**, as a member of an artillery forward observer's team, assisted in furnishing continuous and effective observation for his unit during an engagement with the enemy in the town of **NICHELSDORF, LUXEMBOURG**. Although exposed to enemy small arms, mortar and artillery fire, he refused to seek shelter because of the urgent need for artillery support. When the friendly artillery fire had been stopped, Private **MANNING** remained at his post to provide the only means of communication between elements of the task force. His courage, determination and outstanding performance of duty under fire, reflect great credit upon himself, his organization, and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Oklahoma.

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Private First Class CHARLES W DAVIS, 13000511, Medical Detachment, **Tank Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States at CONSDORF, LUXEMBOURG on 21 December and 22 December 1944. Private First Class DAVIS repeatedly distinguished himself while serving as a medical aid man during an engagement with the enemy in the vicinity of CONSDORF, LUXEMBOURG. On one occasion, with utter disregard for his own safety, he advanced through a heavy hostile artillery and mortar concentration to a shell shocked soldier and assisted him back to the comparative security of a building. Again, on hearing a cry for medical assistance, Private First Class DAVIS ran without hesitation to the assistance of a wounded member of a tank crew, despite the fact that he was suffering from shock caused by an exploding mortar shell. Throughout the entire engagement he untiringly rendered expert first aid to the slightly injured, enabling their prompt return to duty and greatly reducing the necessity for medical evacuations. The initiative, courage and outstanding devotion to duty, under fire, displayed by Private First Class DAVIS, reflect great credit upon himself and are in keeping with the high traditions of the Medical Corps of the United States Army. Entered the military service from Maryland.

Private EDGAR R MARTIN, 33070519, Medical Detachment, **Tank Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in LUXEMBOURG on 21 December and 22 December 1944. During an engagement with the enemy in the vicinity of CONSDORF, LUXEMBOURG, Private MARTIN, a medical aid man, efficiently performed his duties while under direct enemy observation and fire. Throughout the entire engagement, he untiringly rendered expert medical attention to the slightly injured enabling their immediate return to duty and greatly reducing the necessity for medical evacuation. On one occasion, hearing a call for aid from a disabled vehicle of an adjoining tank unit, Private MARTIN, without hesitation, rushed through a heavy hostile artillery and mortar concentration to give aid to the wounded. The courage, proficiency and loyal devotion to duty displayed by Private MARTIN reflect great credit upon himself and are in keeping with the high traditions of the Medical Corps of the United States Army. Entered the military service from Pennsylvania.

IV. AMENDMENT OF GO NO. 8, THIS HQ, 10 JAN 1945 - So much of Section I, General Orders Number 8, this Headquarters, dated 10 January 1945 as pertains to the award of an Oak-Leaf Cluster to Major RANDOLPH H JORDAN, Cavalry, is amended to add: This officer is missing in action.

By command of the DIVISION COMMANDER:

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AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

1. By direction of the President and under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular Number 6, Third United States Army, dated 26 April 1944, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded posthumously to:

Private First Class JOSEPH B STODDARD, 37511945, Battery A, **Armored Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in GERMANY on 22 November 1944. Private First Class STODDARD distinguished himself while serving as assistant to a forward artillery observer in the vicinity of TETTINGEN, GERMANY. When an infantry attack was momentarily pinned down by heavy enemy fire from machine gun positions and a distant pillbox, Private First Class STODDARD, with utter disregard for his personal safety, voluntarily left his observation post with the forward observer and advanced to the foremost infantry positions where he assisted in bringing effective artillery fire to bear on the opposing forces. He continued advancing with the observer to secure better observation amidst a hail of enemy fire until he was mortally wounded. His heroic action effectively aided the delayed infantry to continue with a minimum of casualties and renewed confidence. The initiative, intrepidity and loyal devotion to duty displayed by Private First Class STODDARD reflect great credit upon himself and are in keeping with the high traditions of the United States Army. Entered the military service from Kansas. Next of kin: Mrs Estelle H Stoddard (Mother), 1315 Woodrow Drive, Wichita, Kansas.

2. By direction of the President and under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular Number 6, Third United States Army, dated 26 April 1944, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded to:

First Lieutenant JOSEPH T GEBHARDT, 01178160, Field Artillery, **Armored Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in LUXEMBOURG on 21 December 1944. Lieutenant GEBHARDT distinguished himself while serving as a field artillery battery executive officer in the vicinity of ALTRIER, LUXEMBOURG. While his battery was firing on attacking German infantry, it was suddenly subjected to heavy hostile counter fire. Lieutenant GEBHARDT, realizing the seriousness of the situation, immediately left the comparative safety of his half-track, and after assuring himself that the battery members were protected as well as possible by their vehicles, he, with utter disregard for his personal safety, remained exposed in the center of the battery position, encouraging his men to continue their fire. So urgent was the need for artillery support at that time that had the battery ceased fire or displaced to an alternate position, the temporary decrease in the fire power of the battalion might well have proved disastrous. The intrepidity, initiative and exemplary leadership displayed by Lieutenant GEBHARDT, in the face of an extremely critical situation, were inspirational to his men and are in keeping with the high traditions of the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Virginia.

First Lieutenant ALLARD A VAN DE BOGART, 01010637, Cavalry, Company F, **Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron (Mechanized), United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in GERMANY on 30 November 1944. Lieutenant VAN DE BOGART, motor officer of a reconnaissance tank company, was assigned the mission of coordinating the advance of two light tank platoons during their attack on HOHE, GERMANY. The leading platoon, upon reaching the outer edge of their objective, was stopped by an anti-tank ditch. Despite an intense enemy artillery barrage, Lieutenant VAN DE BOGART, with utter disregard for his personal safety, dismounted from the comparative security of his tank, and amidst a lethal hail of enemy artillery fire, personally undertook a search for burning material. Just as he was entering a nearby barn, an artillery shell exploded against the building, seriously wounding him. His initiative, courage, outstanding leadership and determination to overcome all obstacles were characteristic of a superior officer and reflect great credit.

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upon himself and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from New York.

Technical Sergeant CHARLES H TOLLISON, 30175163, Headquarters Company, **Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in LUXEMBOURG on 20 December 1944. Technical Sergeant TOLLISON, a platoon sergeant, distinguished himself when the enemy infiltrated to cut the road between BERDORF and COMSLOFF, LUXEMBOURG, disrupting the normal supply and communication channels between friendly forces in the two towns. Upon being informed of the location of twenty six wounded soldiers between the two towns, Sergeant TOLLISON, realizing that their evacuation was imperative in view of weather conditions, volunteered to drive an armored car to pick up the wounded and transport them back to the aid station at BERDORF. With utter disregard for his own safety, he made three round trips in total darkness, through an area still occupied by hostile forces and covered by harassing enemy artillery and small arms fire, successfully evacuating the casualties. His intrepidity, courage and concern for his fellow soldiers reflect great credit upon himself, his organization and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Arkansas.

Staff Sergeant EDWIN D YANCEY, 34398315, Company B, **Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in LUXEMBOURG on 20 December 1944. Staff Sergeant YANCEY, a squad leader, distinguished himself when the enemy infiltrated to cut the road between BERDORF and COMSLOFF, LUXEMBOURG, disrupting the normal supply and communication channels between friendly forces in the two towns. Upon being informed that a group of wounded soldiers were known to be somewhere between the two towns, he started out with a patrol to locate them. Ignoring heavy enemy artillery and harassing small arms fire, Sergeant YANCEY determinedly continued the search in unsecured territory and darkness until he located the wounded men, after which he made his way back and reported their location. The information secured by Sergeant YANCEY, in spite of the hazards involved, enabled twenty six casualties to be safely evacuated later that same night. His intrepidity, courage and exemplary leadership reflect great credit upon himself, his organization and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Alabama.

Staff Sergeant JOHN E FLANAGAN, 33023918, Infantry, Company A, **Tank Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in LUXEMBOURG on 18 December and 19 December 1944. Staff Sergeant FLANAGAN, a tank platoon sergeant, was assigned the mission of leading a group of two tanks and two squads of infantry into the unsecured town of DORTENACH, LUXEMBOURG to contact friendly forces. He proceeded at the head of his small force into the town, and despite heavy enemy small arms and bazooka fire, fearlessly continued to search for the friendly forces until he made contact with them, after which he withdrew as ordered. The next morning, with three more tanks, he again boldly led his force into the town to assist the friendly forces in relieving small units who had been cut off from the main body by the enemy. Once more he encountered heavy hostile fire, and in spite of his tank having received a hit by an enemy bazooka projectile, he continued the advance until he had accomplished his mission. Later that same day while his tank was functioning as a relay station in an important communication net, he was wounded during a hostile mortar and artillery barrage, necessitating his evacuation to the rear. His courage, initiative and exemplary leadership were inspirational to those with whom he came in contact and reflect great credit upon himself, his organization and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Pennsylvania.

Sergeant HORACE A REINHART, 33481572, Headquarters Company, **Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in GERMANY on 27 November 1944. Sergeant REINHART was placed in charge of maintaining wire communication between a battalion command post and forward companies which were occupying defensive positions in the vicinity of TETTENGER, GERMANY. When the wire parted during an intense enemy artillery barrage along its route, Sergeant REINHART, despite a warning, set out immediately to find the source of trouble. With utter

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disregard for his personal safety from the continuous artillery concentrations, he led his two man patrol along the wire to the break and repaired it. As a result of this intrepid action, the forward elements were able to repulse an ensuing enemy counter-attack by means of reinforcements promptly obtained through the medium of wire communication. The courage and outstanding devotion to duty, under fire, displayed by Sergeant REINHART, reflect great credit upon himself, his organization, and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Pennsylvania.

Sergeant RAYMOND L PLOTKOWSKI, 36541723, Company B, **Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in LUXEMBOURG on 19 December 1944. When a numerically superior force of enemy infantry counter-attacked his platoon in the town of BERDORF, LUXEMBOURG, and it became necessary for the platoon to withdraw, Sergeant PLOTKOWSKI remained at his machine gun position to cover the withdrawal. With utter disregard for his personal safety, with heavy enemy machine gun and bazooka fire drawing nearer, Sergeant PLOTKOWSKI remained at his machine gun, firing at the enemy until they were within forty yards before dashing down a street under a lethal hail of bullets to rejoin his unit. His intrepid action enabled his platoon to safely withdraw and also disrupted the enemy attack. Sergeant PLOTKOWSKI'S fearless action and outstanding devotion to duty reflect high credit upon himself and the army of the United States. Entered the military service from Michigan.

Sergeant WILLIAM R BASNER, 36108001, Troop C, **Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron (Mechanized), United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in LUXEMBOURG on 25 December 1944. During an engagement with the enemy in the vicinity of MOESTROFF, LUXEMBOURG, Sergeant BASNER, section leader of a reconnaissance squadron, was given the mission of laying a series of booby traps along the near bank of a river north of the town. Although the action took place at night, the moonlight was so bright that concealment on the flat plain along the river was impossible, and the enemy, 100 yards distant, began subjecting the entire area to intense 88mm, rocket, and mortar fire. Despite the heavy barrage, Sergeant BASNER encouraged his crew to continue working until the mission was accomplished. His heroic action resulted in securing a vital section of the river line and the closing of a possible route of approach should the enemy cross the river. Sergeant BASNER'S aggressive determination and loyal devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and exemplify the high traditions of the United States Army. Entered the military service from Michigan.

Sergeant JAMES E HALLIGAN, 32188166, Infantry, Company C, **Tank Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in LUXEMBOURG on 19 December and 20 December 1944. Sergeant HALLIGAN repeatedly distinguished himself while serving as a tank commander. The enemy had infiltrated to cut a road, disrupting the normal supply and communication channels between the task force command post at CONSDORF and the forward element of the command at BERDORF, LUXEMBOURG. With utter disregard for his personal safety, Sergeant HALLIGAN led a group of tanks in four round trips between the two towns under heavy hostile artillery, bazooka and small arms fire. He supplied a cut off force in BERDORF, gave first aid, and safely brought twenty five wounded men on his tanks to medical aid in CONSDORF; located and guided to safety two medical half-tracks loaded with fifteen wounded men, and fired upon and routed an enemy force which had cut off friendly forces in BERDORF. The intrepidity, courage and exemplary leadership displayed by Sergeant HALLIGAN reflect great credit upon himself, his organization, and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from New Jersey.

Technician Fifth Grade HERBERT STONE, 32652122, Headquarters, **Armored Engineer Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in LUXEMBOURG on 26 December 1944. Technician Fifth Grade STONE, acting as forward observer for a reconnaissance squadron, was assigned an exposed observer's position overlooking enemy occupied territory. Although under continuous enemy fire, and fully aware of the danger, he courageously recorded and reported the enemy activity until

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wounded by a shell bursting nearby. He was evacuated under protest and received medical attention, after which he insisted on immediately returning to his post to continue his vitally important work. Heroically remaining at his post for the balance of the day, Technician Fifth Grade STONE contributed valuable information which materially aided his unit in the accomplishment of its mission. His outstanding display of intrepidity and courage was inspirational to the officers and enlisted men of his organization and reflect great credit upon himself and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from New York.

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* Private First Class DANIEL T. CONGROVE, 35613964, Headquarters Company, ** Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in GERMANY on 26 November 1944. Private First Class CONGROVE was a member of a patrol charged with the maintenance of wire communication between a battalion command post and forward companies which were occupying defensive positions in the vicinity of TETTINGEN, GERMANY. When the wire parted during an intense enemy artillery barrage along its route, Private First Class ~~STONE~~ *Congrove*, despite a warning, set out immediately with the patrol to locate the source of trouble. With utter disregard for his personal safety from the continuous artillery concentrations, he assisted checking the wire to the break and in its repair. As a result of his intrepid action, the forward elements were able to repulse an ensuing enemy counter-attack by means of reinforcements promptly obtained through the medium of wire communication. The courage and outstanding devotion to duty, under fire, displayed by Private First Class ~~STONE~~ *Congrove*, reflect great credit upon himself, his organization, and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Ohio.

By command of the DIVISION COMMANDER:

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SECTION I - Award of Bronze Star Medal
SECTION II - Award of Air Medal
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I. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

1. By direction of the President and under the provisions of Army Regulation 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular Number 6, Third United States Army, dated 26 April 1944, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded posthumously to:

Technician Fifth Grade BENNETT H GRIFFIN, 38275734, Battery C, **Armored Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE during the period 12 November to 19 November 1944.

2. By direction of the President and under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular Number 6, Third United States Army, dated 26 April 1944, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded to:

Lieutenant Colonel LEON BIERI, 0305546, Field Artillery, **Armored Field Artillery Battalion, (Third United States Army), United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE and GERMANY during the period 15 November to 28 November 1944.

Major PAUL T SCOTT, 0299781, Field Artillery, **Armored Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE and GERMANY during the period 2 November to 26 December 1944.

Major ARTHUR C BALL, 0328166, Field Artillery, **Armored Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in LUXEMBOURG during the period 18 December to 23 December 1944.

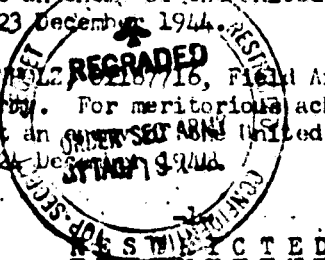
Major JAMES H HUTCHISON, 0284563, Field Artillery, **Armored Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in LUXEMBOURG during the period 18 December to 23 December 1944.

Captain SEYMOUR H CORKRAN, JR, 01166693, Field Artillery, **Armored Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE and GERMANY during the period 2 November to 4 December 1944.

Captain ROGER H KEENE, 0414613, Field Artillery, **Armored Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in LUXEMBOURG during the period 18 December to 23 December 1944.

Captain DAVID ANDERSEN, 0438577, Field Artillery, **Armored Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in LUXEMBOURG during the period 18 December to 23 December 1944.

Captain ALBERT F AHRENHOLDT, 02187716, Field Artillery, **Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in LUXEMBOURG during the period 18 December to 23 December 1944.



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✓ Captain NELSON O PRICE, 0260766, Coast Artillery Corps, **Anti-Aircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion (Self Propelled), United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in LUXEMBOURG during the period 18 December to 23 December 1944.

✓ Staff Sergeant THOMAS H SUPPLES, 36541363, Company B, **Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in LUXEMBOURG during the period 19 December to 20 December 1944.

✓ Staff Sergeant ELMO D CIRE, JR, 38374186, Battery C, **Armored Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE and GERMANY during the period 2 November to 30 November 1944.

✓ Staff Sergeant PAUL HAWK, 6889920, Battery A, **Armored Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in GERMANY during the period 7 November to 20 November 1944.

II. AWARD OF AIR MEDAL - By direction of the President and under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular Number 6, Third United States Army, dated 26 April 1944, an Air Medal is awarded to:

✓ First Lieutenant JOSEPH J BRENNAN, JR, 01173548, Field Artillery, **Armored Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE and GERMANY from 9 November to 5 December 1944.

✓ Second Lieutenant JAMES W SPANN, 01176199, Field Artillery, **Armored Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE and GERMANY from 9 November to 5 December 1944.

✓ Second Lieutenant JULIAN B RUFFIN, 0530143, Field Artillery, **Armored Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE and GERMANY from 9 November to 5 December 1944.

✓ Second Lieutenant VINCENT L KRISIC, 01180995, Field Artillery, **Armored Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE and GERMANY from 9 November to 5 December 1944.

✓ Staff Sergeant GRANT M THIEL, 33409682, Headquarters Battery, Division Artillery, 10th Armored Division, United States Army. For meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE and GERMANY from 11 November to 21 December 1944.

✓ Technician Fifth Grade LAWRENCE F DOUGLAS, 36004593, Headquarters Battery, Division Artillery, 10th Armored Division, United States Army. For meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE and GERMANY from 9 November to 26 December 1944.

III. AWARD OF CERTIFICATE OF MERIT

1. Under the provisions of letter, Headquarters European Theater of Operations, United States Army, file AG 200.6 MPGA, subject: Certificate of Merit, dated 28 June 1944, a CERTIFICATE OF MERIT is awarded to the following named

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personnel in recognition of conspicuously meritorious and outstanding performance of military duty in GERMANY:

- ✓ Corporal LEONARD A HERBST, 36209562, Battery B, **Armored Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army.
- ✓ Technician Fifth Grade ROBERT J ROSS, 36540568, Company F, **Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron (Mechanized), United States Army.
- ✓ Private First Class CUMMINGS S MAY, 37321981, Battery B, **Armored Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army.
- ✓ Private First Class PAUL E WEAVER, 33383884, Battery B, **Armored Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army.

2. Under the provisions of letter, Headquarters European Theater of Operations, United States Army, file AG 200.6 MPGA, subject: Certificate of Merit, dated 28 June 1944, a CERTIFICATE OF MERIT is awarded to the following named personnel in recognition of conspicuously meritorious and outstanding performance of military duty in FRANCE:

- ✓ First Lieutenant WILLIAM H LOOP, 01635040, Signal Corps, **Armored Signal Company, United States Army.
- ✓ First Lieutenant THOMAS B BEGGS, 01634506, Signal Corps, **Armored Signal Company, United States Army.
- ✓ Staff Sergeant DONALD E PORTER, 11118501, Battery B, **Armored Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army.
- ✓ Corporal CHRISTOPHER C ROWELL, 38263974, Headquarters Battery, **Armored Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army.

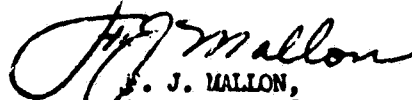
3. Under the provisions of letter, Headquarters European Theater of Operations, United States Army, file AG 200.6 MPGA, subject: Certificate of Merit, dated 28 June 1944, a CERTIFICATE OF MERIT is awarded to the following named personnel in recognition of conspicuously meritorious and outstanding performance of military duty in LUXEMBOURG:

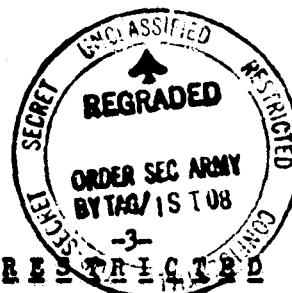
- ✓ Major DAN F HAZEN, JR., 0394814, Signal Corps, **Armored Signal Company, United States Army.
- ✓ Corporal ROBERT F SHEA, 31229123, Battery C, **Armored Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army.
- ✓ Corporal ROBERT N SPAIN, 36542052, Battery A, **Armored Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army.

By command of the DIVISION COMMANDER:

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SECTION I - Award of Silver Star
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SECTION IV - Amendment of General Orders No. 14, c.s.

I. AWARD OF SILVER STAR

1. By direction of the President and under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular Number 6, Third United States Army, dated 26 April 1944, a Silver Star is awarded posthumously to:

✓ First Lieutenant PAUL B GARRETT, 01182117, Field Artillery, **Armored Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For gallantry in action in LUXEMBOURG on 24 December 1944. Lieutenant GARRETT, a reconnaissance officer, was attached to a combat team to provide artillery support in an attack on MOESDORF, LUXEMBOURG. Placing himself at the head of the attacking force to insure adequate artillery support, he received a mortal wound shortly after the attack began. Despite his serious condition and the severe pain and shock from his wounds, Lieutenant GARRETT, tenaciously clinging to consciousness, directed his radio assistants to return a shell report to his battalion and instructed them on how to maintain artillery support until relief arrived. The outstanding devotion to duty, initiative and courage displayed by Lieutenant GARRETT, in the face of an extremely critical situation, reflect great credit upon himself and are in keeping with the high traditions of the United States Army. Entered the military service from Arkansas. (Nearest of kin: Mrs. Thelma Garrett (mother) Rt #2, Box 2, Okolona, Arkansas).

✓ Second Lieutenant HAROLD H WERTHEIMER, 01017722, Infantry, Company A, **Tank Battalion, United States Army. For gallantry in action in LUXEMBOURG on 18 December 1944. Lieutenant WERTHEIMER, a tank platoon leader, distinguished himself by gallantry in action at MULLERTHAL, LUXEMBOURG. While leading a tank attack against an enemy strong point, Lieutenant WERTHEIMER, with utter disregard for his own safety despite heavy hostile artillery and sniper fire, remained exposed in his tank turret in order that he could better direct the fire of his tank group. Ignoring the severe pain of a wound suffered earlier in the action, he courageously remained at his post directing the activities of his attacking force until he received a fatal wound. As a result of his heroic action, excellent tank support was rendered to an infantry group, insuring the success of their operations against the enemy. The exemplary performance, initiative and outstanding devotion to duty displayed by Lieutenant WERTHEIMER under fire were inspirational to his fellow officers and men and are in keeping with the high traditions of the United States Army. Entered the military service from New York. (Nearest of Kin: Mrs. Mary A. Wertheimer (wife) 529 E. 22nd Street, Brooklyn, New York).

✓ Technician Fifth Grade CAMILLO MATARAZZO, 31222085, Battery A, **Armored Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For gallantry in action in BELGIUM on 23 December 1944. During an intense hostile artillery barrage in the vicinity of SEWONCHAMPS, BELGIUM, an armored gun carriage was hit and set on fire. With utter disregard for his own life, Technician Fifth Grade MATARAZZO, having observed the incident, rushed to the blazing vehicle under a lethal hail of enemy artillery and mortar fire to attempt to extinguish the blaze and save surviving crew members. He courageously climbed upon the burning gun carriage and was in the act of extinguishing the fire, when a terrific explosion of the ammunition carried on the back deck of the vehicle mortally wounded him. The supreme sacrifice made by Technician Fifth Grade MATARAZZO above and beyond the call of duty, was a noble example of courage and heroism which reflects the high traditions of the military forces of the United States. (Nearest of Kin: Mr. John Matarazzo (cousin) 7 Lacock Street, Mahoning, Pennsylvania. Entered the military service from Maine.

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2. By direction of the President and under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular Number 6, Third United States Army, dated 26 April 1944, a Silver Star is awarded to:

✓ Captain NICHOLAS P KAFKALAS, 01287540, Infantry, Company C, **Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. For gallantry in action in GERMANY on 22 November 1944. Captain KAFKALAS, commander of an infantry company, repeatedly distinguished himself during an attack against the Siegfried Line in the vicinity of BORG, GERMANY. He repeatedly led his troops in successful attacks upon heavily fortified pillboxes. On one occasion he courageously led his men in establishing a bridgehead into the Siegfried Line, which he tenaciously held until following units could exploit the position. Despite heavy enemy artillery, mortar and sniper fire and adverse conditions, Captain KAFKALAS constantly concerned himself with the welfare of his front line soldiers, securing for them new and better tactical positions, assuring himself that they were well fed and in good physical condition and personally tending the wounded on the field of battle. The exemplary performance, initiative and courage displayed by Captain KAFKALAS, in the face of grave danger, inspired the men of his command to great efforts and are in keeping with the high traditions of the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Pennsylvania.

✓ Captain STEVE LANG, 01013660, Infantry, **Tank Battalion, United States Army. For gallantry in action in LUXEMBOURG during the period 18 December to 20 December 1944. During an engagement with the enemy in the village of BERDORF, LUXEMBOURG, Captain LANG, commanding officer of a tank company, was in command of a tank-infantry team with the mission of stopping a ferocious enemy attack and rescuing the remnants of two isolated infantry companies. Personally leading his troops, despite intense enemy artillery and rocket fire, Captain LANG contacted the friendly forces and began an offensive against a numerically superior hostile force. His display of bravery inspired his men to successfully drive the stubborn enemy from a section of the town and although their position was fanatically attacked time after time, the enemy was driven off in each instance. When orders were received to withdraw, Captain LANG so skilfully executed the movement after dark that the enemy was completely unaware of his action. His exemplary gallantry in action and loyal devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself as a leader of men and upon the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Illinois.

✓ First Lieutenant RICHARD B HOLLAND, 01312154, Infantry, Company B, **Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. For gallantry in action in LUXEMBOURG on 19 December and 24 December 1944. During an attack against the enemy in the vicinity of BERDORF, LUXEMBOURG, Lieutenant HOLLAND'S platoon was subjected to intense enemy rocket and artillery fire before they had secured dug-in positions. By courageously remaining at the head of his platoon in full view of his men, Lieutenant HOLLAND, with complete disregard for his own safety, prevented a disorderly withdrawal and assuming command when the company commander was evacuated, personally led his men forward in a successful assault. On another occasion, Lieutenant HOLLAND, acting in the capacity of company commander, led an attack against the enemy in the vicinity of STEGEN, LUXEMBOURG, and although again encountering murderous enemy fire, he effectively pushed the attack to its successful completion. His personal courage under fire and loyal devotion to duty were inspirational to his fellow officers and men, and are in keeping with the high traditions of the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Pennsylvania.

✓ First Lieutenant JOHN F HILL, 0537406, Infantry, Company B, **Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. For gallantry in action in LUXEMBOURG on 20 December 1944. Lieutenant HILL, an infantry platoon leader, distinguished himself by gallantry in action during the forced withdrawal of his platoon from the town of BERDORF, LUXEMBOURG. As the greater part of the town was occupied by enemy troops, his platoon's route of withdrawal was under the direct and close-in observation of heavily armed hostile snipers. When an order to withdraw was received, Lieutenant HILL, with utter disregard for his personal safety in full view of the enemy stepped into the street armed with a Browning Automatic Rifle. Boldly firing at the windows and niches of the buildings, despite enemy artillery and rocket fire directed against his position, he so effectively kept the hostile snipers under cover that his entire platoon was able to withdraw without suffering

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a single casualty. The intrepidity, courage and exemplary conduct displayed by Lieutenant HILL under fire were inspirational to his men and are in keeping with the high traditions of the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from North Carolina.

✓ First Lieutenant EARL DAVIS, O399043, Infantry, Company A, **Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. For gallantry in action in LUXEMBOURG on 19 December and 24 December 1944. In the absence of his company commander, Lieutenant DAVIS assumed command of an infantry-tank team which was given the mission of taking enemy held territory in the vicinity of BILDORF, LUXEMBOURG. Aggressively leading the attack over open ground, Lieutenant DAVIS, disregarding his personal safety, maintained excellent control of the situation under the withering fire. During the attack he skillfully maneuvered in such a manner as to direct his artillery support on enemy forces seeking to attack his flank, catching the enemy by complete surprise and inflicting extremely heavy casualties upon them. In another incident, when his company commander was wounded early in an attack and the troops were halted by intense enemy rocket fire, Lieutenant DAVIS, again assuming command, reorganized the company and personally led his men forward in a successful assault. His exemplary performance, initiative and display of courage inspired his men to great efforts and reflect high credit upon himself and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Ohio.

✓ Second Lieutenant JOHN F BRUNSON, O1180829, Field Artillery, **Armored Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For gallantry in action in BELGIUM during the period 23 December to 25 December 1944. Lieutenant BRUNSON distinguished himself while serving as a forward artillery observer in the vicinity of BASTOGNE, BELGIUM. When the enemy launched a strong attack against an infantry company, he skillfully directed artillery fire on the hostile force to within 100 yards of friendly troops, halting the enemy advance. During another attack by the enemy, when he lost radio communication with the supporting artillery unit, Lieutenant BRUNSON displayed extreme versatility by hastily manning a tank, and with an improvised crew, directed such effective fire that the enemy was decisively beaten off. The intrepid and courageous actions of Lieutenant BRUNSON under fire were largely responsible for the containing of the enemy to the outskirts of the town. His intrepid accomplishments and loyal devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and exemplify the high traditions of the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from South Carolina.

II. AWARD OF SOLDIER'S MEDAL - By direction of the President and under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular Number 6, Third United States Army, dated 26 April 1944, a Soldier's Medal is awarded to:

✓ Sergeant OLIVER F BRYAN, 19010231, Infantry, Company B, **Tank Battalion, United States Army. For heroism not involving actual conflict with an enemy. When a tank crossing a bridge at HESPERANGE, LUXEMBOURG, crashed through into the water trapping three crew members below the surface, a rescue party began work in an effort to save the trapped men. Sergeant BRYAN, a member of the party, with utter disregard for his personal safety, dove into the frigid water and entered the tank through the partially submerged driver's hatch. In total darkness he probed under the water until he succeeded in finding one of the crew members whom he managed to extricate to safety. Not until he had fully satisfied himself of the impossibility of removing the other crew members did Sergeant BRYAN, almost completely exhausted and benumbed, leave his task. His heroism above and beyond the call of duty reflects great credit upon himself and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Utah.

III. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL - By direction of the President and under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular Number 6, Third United States Army, dated 26 April 1944, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded to:

✓ First Lieutenant FRANCIS H BLACK, O1109146, Corps of Engineers, Headquarters **Armored Engineer Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy of the United States in FRANCE, GERMANY, and LUXEMBOURG during the period 1 November 1944 to 14 January 1945.

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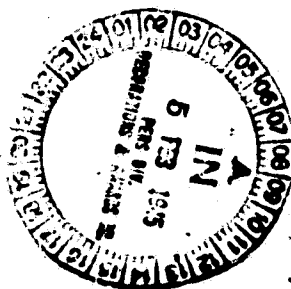
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IV. AMENDMENT OF GENERAL ORDERS NUMBER 14, G.S. - So much of Paragraph 2, General Orders Number 14, this Headquarters, dated 10 January 1945, as pertains to the award of a Bronze Star Medal to Private First Class DANIEL E CONGROVE, 35613964, Infantry, is changed to read "CONGROVE" wherein the name "DAVIS" appears.

By command of the DIVISION COMMANDER:

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I. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

1. By direction of the President and under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular Number 6, Third United States Army, dated 26 April 1944, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded posthumously to:

Private ALBERT T CALDON, 31422076, Infantry, Headquarters Company, **Tank Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in GERMANY during the period 14 November to 7 December 1944. During combat at WEHINGEN, GERMANY, Private CALDON, code clerk of a tank company, volunteered to act as a forward observer for a field artillery unit. Although constant enemy shelling was directed to his position, he courageously relayed valuable information throughout the dangerous operations. His skillful and untiring attention to duty materially contributed to the success of the mission of his unit. On another occasion, Private CALDON accompanied a detail to destroy towers suspected of being enemy artillery registration points. Although heavy artillery fire was falling in the immediate vicinity, he worked unceasingly at the task until the towers were completely demolished. His courage under fire and loyal devotion to duty were inspirational to his fellow combatants and reflect great credit upon himself and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Massachusetts. (Nearest of kin: Mrs. Agnes T. Caldon (mother), 53 Noble Street, West Newton, Massachusetts).

2. By direction of the President and under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular Number 6, Third United States Army, dated 26 April 1944, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded to:

Captain CLIFFORD R GOMAN, 0452141, Cavalry, Company D, **Tank Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in GERMANY on 24 November 1944. Captain GOMAN, commander of a light tank company, was in charge of a task force operating in the vicinity of BORG, GERMANY. To check and insure the preparedness of his force for an attack, Captain GOMAN, during a heavy enemy artillery and mortar barrage, dismounted from the comparative security of his tank, and with complete disregard for his personal safety, proceeded from tank to tank and to his attached infantry. Shortly after the attack had begun, he was informed that his lead vehicles were halted by what was thought to be a minefield. He again left the safety of his tank and made his way forward under fire to investigate. Finding the report to be unfounded, he gave the order to resume the attack and while returning to his tank was wounded, necessitating his evacuation from the area. His foresight and meticulous preparation for the attack was a substantial contributing factor in its ultimate success. The intrepidity, exemplary leadership and loyal devotion to duty displayed by Captain GOMAN were inspirational to his fellow officers and men and reflect great credit upon himself, his organization and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Minnesota.

Captain ARTHUR C EISBERG, 0422557, Infantry, Company A, **Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in LUXEMBOURG on 18 December 1944. Captain EISBERG, an infantry company commander, was given command of a task force element during operations in the vicinity of ECHTERNACH, LUXEMBOURG. In view of a critical situation due to the necessity of filling gaps driven into friendly lines, Captain EISBERG was ordered to attack, even though only limited tactical information was available. With utter disregard for his personal safety, Captain EISBERG advanced ahead of his attacking force, personally reconnoitering the terrain despite heavy hostile rocket and small arms fire. Through his reconnoissance he was able to employ his troops effectively in the ensuing action, minimizing casualties among his own men while causing heavy losses to the

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enemy. His courageous action and technical skill enabled his team to reach and hold a more advantageous position and contributed materially to the success of the plan of operations of the task force. The initiative, courage and exemplary leadership displayed by Captain EISBERG were inspirational to his fellow officers and men and reflect great credit upon himself and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from New Jersey.

✓ Captain WILLIAM F O'GRADY, 01013596, Infantry, Company B, **Tank Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in GERMANY during the period 22 November to 26 November 1944. Captain O'GRADY repeatedly distinguished himself in the vicinity of BORG, GERMANY while serving as commander of a tank company. With utter disregard for his personal safety, he led his company in the face of heavy enemy fire against the fortifications of the Siegfried Line and successfully established a bridgehead. During the remainder of the period, Captain O'GRADY, despite continuous heavy enemy artillery, mortar and sniper fire, constantly remained with his forward elements, assigning them targets, securing for them new and better tactical positions, and securing artillery support on known enemy concentrations. His exemplary performance and personal bravery inspired his men to great efforts. Captain O'GRADY'S exemplary leadership, initiative and courage reflect great credit upon himself and are in keeping with the high traditions of the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from New York.

✓ Staff Sergeant HOWARD HUNDERTPFUND, 32602808, Company A, **Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in LUXEMBOURG on 19 December 1944. Staff Sergeant HUNDERTPFUND, an infantry squad leader, was in charge of a squad of infantrymen and a platoon of tanks with the mission of contacting friendly troops and rescuing several squads of soldiers cut off from the main body in the enemy occupied city of ECHTERNACH, LUXEMBOURG. On the way into the city, he was wounded by an exploding bazooka shell which struck the lead tank upon which he was riding. With complete disregard for his own injuries, he dismounted and led his men on foot under heavy hostile fire until their mission was accomplished. On the return trip, Staff Sergeant HUNDERTPFUND directed the evacuation of wounded encountered on the way and also brought back a prisoner. Only upon arriving at his company's command post did he give any thought to his own wound. While being evacuated to an aid station, he insisted on stopping at the command post of his battalion to report valuable information garnered from the friendly troops in the besieged city. Staff Sergeant HUNDERTPFUND'S initiative, courage and outstanding devotion to duty were inspirational to the men with whom he came in contact and reflect great credit upon himself and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from New Jersey.

✓ Staff Sergeant EUGENE PRESTON, 35123868, Medical Detachment, **Armored Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in GERMANY on 4 December 1944. Staff Sergeant PRESTON, a medical non-commissioned officer, while in the vicinity of WEHINGEN, GERMANY, received a message to render medical aid to an enlisted man wounded by shrapnel. Traveling over a narrow, muddy, almost impassible route which was under constant enemy shelling, Staff Sergeant PRESTON reached the wounded man, rendered first aid and sent him to the rear in an ambulance. Upon receiving reports of three other wounded men in the same vicinity, Sergeant PRESTON advanced over 200 yards under such intense enemy fire that it was necessary for him to crawl in order to reach his destination. Arriving at the scene, he discovered that a truck had received a direct hit, the driver of which had been killed and two wounded occupants had crawled to safety. Observing that the damaged truck and an abandoned vehicle were blocking the road and hampering traffic, he mounted the abandoned truck amidst a hail of shell fire and used it to push the damaged vehicle off the road. The actions of this soldier both in line of and above and beyond the call of duty are a creditable reflection upon himself and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Kentucky.

✓ Staff Sergeant ALBERT L MOLOVA, 12102800, Headquarters Company, **Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in LUXEMBOURG on 24 December 1944. During an attack against the enemy over a barren ridge in the vicin-

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ity of FERME FOLKENDANGE, LUXEMBOURG, an infantry company encountered severe enemy rocket fire, suffering many casualties. The company, continuing on its mission, left more wounded behind than the company aid men could adequately care for. Promptly perceiving the situation, Staff Sergeant MOLOWA, section leader with a supporting mortar platoon, left the comparative security of his half-track and, with another enlisted man, boldly dashed to the ridge to aid in the care of the wounded. With utter disregard for his safety in the face of constant enemy fire, he assisted in giving first aid to the wounded and later, with the aid of other members of his platoon, evacuated seventeen men to an aid station. The quick thinking, courage and initiative displayed by Staff Sergeant MOLOWA, in the face of grave danger, reflect great credit upon himself, his organization and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from New York.

Sergeant RALPH L MILLER, 35933566, Company B, **Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in LUXEMBOURG on 19 December 1944. During an enemy counter-attack in the town of BERDORF, LUXEMBOURG, Sergeant MILLER, a machine gunner, was assigned the mission of covering the withdrawal of an infantry platoon. His machine gun was emplaced in a building facing an open field over which the numerically superior hostile force was attacking. With utter disregard for his own safety amidst a hail of enemy bazooka and machine gun fire, he remained at his post directing fire against the enemy until they were within thirty yards of his position, inflicting heavy casualties. When it became necessary for his own withdrawal, he boldly ran forty yards amidst a lethal hail of enemy projectiles to rejoin his successfully withdrawing organization. Sergeant MILLER'S intrepidity, courage and loyal devotion to duty under fire reflect great credit upon himself, his organization and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Indiana.

Technician Fourth Grade CHARLES J SEMNICK, 33358518, Headquarters Company, **Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE during the period 3 November to 8 November 1944. Technician Fourth Grade SEMNICK, a radio repairman, repeatedly distinguished himself while serving as a lineman between GRAVELLOTTE and REZONVILLE, FRANCE. When it became necessary during an engagement with the enemy to establish wire communication from a task force command post to forward elements, a communication line was laid over an exposed ridge. On three different occasions when the wire parted during artillery and mortar barrages, Technician Fourth Grade SEMNICK, with utter disregard for his personal safety, located and repaired the break. On one occasion, the artillery fire became so intense that he had to remain exposed for a full half hour before the fire lessened and he could complete repairs. As a result of his heroic accomplishment, communication with front line troops was maintained with a minimum of interruptions. The intrepidity, courage and loyal devotion to duty displayed by Technician Fourth Grade SEMNICK under fire reflect great credit upon himself, his organization and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Pennsylvania.

Corporal EDWARD F BRESLIN, 7021335, Infantry, Headquarters, **Tank Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in GERMANY during the period 14 November to 8 December 1944. During combat at WENDEN, GERMANY, Corporal BRESLIN, a tank commander, was acting as a voice relay station. Although constant enemy shelling was directed to his exposed position, he courageously relayed valuable information throughout the dangerous operations. His skilful and untiring attention to duty materially contributed to the success of the mission of his unit. On another occasion, Corporal BRESLIN accompanied a detail to destroy towers suspected of being enemy artillery registration points. With heavy artillery fire falling in the immediate vicinity he worked unceasingly at the task and although thrown to the ground several times by artillery concussion, he continued his labors until the towers were completely demolished. His courage under fire and loyal devotion to duty were inspiring to his fellow combatants and reflect great credit upon himself and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Pennsylvania.

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✓ Private First Class PRESLY GILLAND, 33385107, Headquarters Company, **Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in LUXEMBOURG on 24 December 1944. During an attack against the enemy over a barren ridge in the vicinity of FERRE FOLKENDANGE, LUXEMBOURG, an infantry company encountered severe enemy rocket fire, suffering casualties. The company, continuing on its mission, left more wounded behind than the company aid men could adequately care for. Promptly perceiving the situation, Private First Class GILLAND, rifleman with a supporting mortar platoon, left the comparative security of his half-track and with another enlisted man boldly dashed to the ridge to aid in the care of the wounded. With utter disregard for his safety in the face of constant enemy fire, he assisted in giving first aid to the wounded and later, with the aid of other members of his platoon, evacuated seventeen men to an aid station. The quick thinking, courage and initiative displayed by Private First Class GILLAND, in the face of grave danger, reflect great credit upon himself, his organization and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Maryland.

✓ Private First Class ORVIS P GARDNER, 13021422, Medical Detachment, **Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE on 18 November 1944. Private First Class GARDNER repeatedly distinguished himself while serving as a medical aid man attached to an infantry platoon during an engagement with the enemy in the vicinity of BOUZONVILLE, FRANCE. When ten men became casualties, he courageously advanced in the face of a terrific enemy mortar barrage to the wounded and remained in an exposed position while tending their wounds. Later the same day, when the platoon was suddenly pinned down by hostile machine gun fire and three men were wounded, he boldly dashed over a fire swept road, administered first aid and evacuated them to a place of safety. Twice during the day he was left behind the advancing troops to care for casualties, but he resolutely rejoined the forward elements in each instance to resume his station. The intrepidity, courage and outstanding devotion to duty displayed by Private First Class GARDNER, in the face of grave danger, are worthy of great merit and are in keeping with the high traditions of the Medical Corps of the United States Army. Entered the military service from Pennsylvania.

II. AWARD OF PURPLE HEART - By direction of the President and under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, a Purple Heart is awarded to:

✓ Lieutenant Colonel HENRY T CHERRY, JR., 019888, Cavalry, **Tank Battalion, United States Army. For wounds received as a result of enemy action in FRANCE on 16 November 1944.

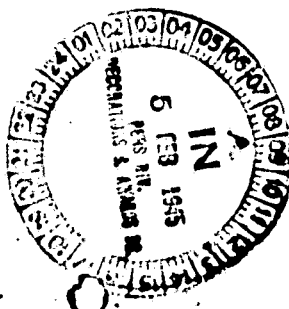
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H. ✓ III. AMENDMENT OF GENERAL ORDERS NUMBER 29, 1944 SERIES - So much of Section II, General Orders Number 29, this Headquarters, dated 29 November 1944, as pertains to Technician Fifth Grade CARL M LOGAN, 18072148, Ordnance, is amended to read: "A Bronze Star Medal is awarded posthumously". (Nearest of kin: Mrs. Lena Logan (mother), 608 West Second Avenue, Denver, Colorado.)

By command of the DIVISION COMMANDER:

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SECTION I - Award of Oak-Leaf Cluster
SECTION II - Award of Bronze Star Medal

I. AWARD OF OAK-LEAF CLUSTER - By direction of the President and under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular Number 6, Third United States Army, dated 26 April 1944, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal previously awarded, a Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to:

✓ Captain WILLIAM F O'GRADY, 01013596, Infantry, Company B, **Tank Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in LUXEMBOURG during the period 24 December to 26 December 1944. During a counter-attack against the enemy in the vicinity of STEGEN, LUXEMBOURG, the artillery and rocket fire of the hostile forces was so intense that the attack showed signs of slowing down. Captain O'GRADY, with a tank platoon, proceeded towards the front lines to assist in the attack and although wounded when his tank was immobilized by a mine, he continued forward until he established contact with the forward elements. Working throughout the shell-raked area, he efficiently coordinated the operations of the front line companies in a manner that insured their advance. Later, he consolidated and organized the captured territory into a defensive position which proved impregnable to enemy attack. Captain O'GRADY'S aggressive staff work and troop leadership effectively contributed to the successful operations of a task force against the enemy. His outstanding accomplishments, heroic determination and zealous devotion to duty are in keeping with the high traditions of the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from New York.

✓ Private First Class DANIEL E CONGROVE, 35613964, Headquarters Company, **Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE on 16 November 1944. During the withdrawal of the advance guard of a task force from the town of BUDLING, FRANCE, a half-track in the column was severely damaged by a direct hit from an enemy artillery shell. Private First Class CONGROVE, witnessing the accident, volunteered to recover the damaged vehicle. With complete disregard for his personal safety, he courageously left the comparative security of his half-track and, advancing under close range enemy small arms and artillery fire, mounted the damaged vehicle and succeeded in driving it out of range of the enemy. His heroic action resulted in the saving of essential engineer and demolition equipment stored in the vehicle which might otherwise have been seized or destroyed by the enemy. The courage, aggressiveness and intrepidity displayed by Private First Class CONGROVE in the face of grave danger reflect great credit upon himself and the Army of the United States. Entered the military service from Ohio.

II. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL - By direction of the President and under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular Number 6, Third United States Army, dated 26 April 1944, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded to:

✓ Second Lieutenant JOHN F GAYNOR, JR., 01016230, Infantry, Company C, **Tank Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in LUXEMBOURG on 18 December 1944. During an attack against the enemy in BERDORF, LUXEMBOURG, Lieutenant GAYNOR'S tank was hit by enemy fire, disabling its weapons. Completely disregarding his personal safety, the platoon leader dismounted from the comparative security of his vehicle and while under intense enemy shelling and small arms fire, removed the machine guns from a nearby immobilized tank and mounted them upon his own. Rushing back into the action, Lieutenant GAYNOR courageously continued his aggressive support of the infantry which was then facing counter-attack, until he was wounded by enemy bazooka fire and forced to leave the conflict. His actions effectively contributed to the success of the initial infantry assault and the repulse of the ensuing enemy counter-attack. The initiative, courage and determination to overcome all obstacles were characteristic of the service of this officer and reflect great credit upon himself and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from New York.

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Technical Sergeant HARLEY R LEMASTERS, 35743157, Company B, **Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in LUXEMBOURG on 20 December 1944. During an engagement with the enemy in the streets of BERDORF, LUXEMBOURG, one of the members of Staff Sergeant LEMASTERS' platoon was wounded. The enemy was covering all streets with heavy artillery, rocket and automatic weapons fire. Ignoring the lethal hail, Sergeant LEMASTERS left the comparative safety of a building, boldly rushed across a street in full view of the enemy, and removed the wounded man from his exposed position to the safety of the building. Staff Sergeant LEMASTERS' intrepidity, courage and concern for the welfare of his fellow soldiers reflect great credit upon himself and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from West Virginia.

Technician Fourth Grade R J PRICE, 38275426, Service Company, **Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE on 19 November and 20 November 1944. During an engagement with the enemy in the vicinity of SCHWERDORFF, FRANCE, it became necessary for an infantry battalion to make a withdrawal to a more strategic position, necessitating the abandonment of ten mired vehicles between its new lines and the enemy lines. Technician Fourth Grade PRICE, a motor mechanic, together with other members of a tank recovery vehicle crew, boldly advanced to the stalled vehicles, and with utter disregard for their personal safety, worked for three hours under a heavy enemy artillery and mortar barrage, succeeding in recovering seven of the conveyances. The next morning he and the other crew members volunteered to recover the remaining vehicles which they accomplished despite continuous heavy hostile fire and an encounter with two enemy infantrymen whom they captured. This heroic accomplishment saved direly needed combat equipment for future operations against the enemy. Technician Fourth Grade PRICE'S intrepidity and courage under fire reflect great credit upon himself, his organization and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Oklahoma.

Technician Fourth Grade WALTER E WINSHIP, 31217536, Service Company, **Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE on 19 November and 20 November 1944. During an engagement with the enemy in the vicinity of SCHWERDORFF, FRANCE, it became necessary for an infantry battalion to make a withdrawal to a more strategic position, necessitating the abandonment of ten mired vehicles between its new lines and the enemy lines. Technician Fourth Grade WINSHIP, a motor mechanic, together with other members of a tank recovery vehicle crew, boldly advanced to the stalled vehicles, and with utter disregard for their personal safety, worked for three hours under a heavy enemy artillery and mortar barrage, succeeding in recovering seven of the conveyances. The next morning he and the other crew members volunteered to recover the remaining vehicles which they accomplished despite continuous heavy hostile fire and an encounter with two enemy infantrymen whom they captured. This heroic accomplishment saved direly needed combat equipment for future operations against the enemy. Technician Fourth Grade WINSHIP'S intrepidity and courage under fire reflect great credit upon himself, his organization and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Maine.

Technician Fourth Grade OREN J LARKINS, 36541329, Service Company, **Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE on 19 November and 20 November 1944. During an engagement with the enemy in the vicinity of SCHWERDORFF, FRANCE, it became necessary for an infantry battalion to make a withdrawal to a more strategic position, necessitating the abandonment of ten mired vehicles between its new lines and the enemy lines. Technician Fourth Grade LARKINS, a motor mechanic, together with other members of a tank recovery vehicle crew, boldly advanced to the stalled vehicles, and with utter disregard for their personal safety, worked for three hours under a heavy enemy artillery and mortar barrage, succeeding in recovering seven of the conveyances. The next morning he and the other crew members volunteered to recover the remaining vehicles which they accomplished despite continuous heavy hostile fire and an encounter with two enemy infantrymen whom they captured. This heroic accomplishment saved direly needed combat equipment for future operations against the enemy. Technician Fourth Grade LARKINS' intrepidity and courage under fire reflect great credit upon himself, his organization and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Michigan.

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✓ Technician Fourth Grade DOUGLAS H MERRICK, 33044259, Armored, Company A, **Tank Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in LUXEMBOURG on 18 December 1944. When a tank became mired in the vicinity of MULLERTHAL, LUXEMBOURG, a tank retriever was brought up to extricate it. With utter disregard for his personal safety, under intense enemy fire, Technician Fourth Grade MERRICK, a tank mechanic, crawled through the lower escape hatch of the recovery vehicle, dragged a tow cable along the ground and hooked the cable to the mired tank. When the tank retriever also became mired in the process, Technician Fourth Grade MERRICK boldly dashed over 100 yards of fire swept terrain to contact two other tanks which assisted in removing the stalled vehicles. Technician Fourth Grade MERRICK'S spontaneous action was responsible for saving direly needed equipment from almost certain destruction by enemy shell fire. His initiative, courage and loyal devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and exemplify the traditions of the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from New York.

✓ Technician Fourth Grade JOHN H SNYDER, 33023890, Service Company, **Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE on 19 November and 20 November 1944. During an engagement with the enemy in the vicinity of SCHWERDORFF, FRANCE, it became necessary for an infantry battalion to make a withdrawal to a more strategic position, necessitating the abandonment of ten mired vehicles between its new lines and the enemy lines. Technician Fourth Grade SNYDER, a motor mechanic, together with other members of a tank recovery vehicle crew, boldly advanced to the stalled vehicles, and with utter disregard for their personal safety, worked for three hours under a heavy enemy artillery and mortar barrage, succeeding in recovering seven of the conveyances. The next morning he and the other crew members volunteered to recover the remaining vehicles which they accomplished despite continuous heavy hostile fire and an encounter with two enemy infantrymen whom they captured. This heroic accomplishment saved direly needed combat equipment for future operations against the enemy. Technician Fourth Grade SNYDER'S intrepidity and courage under fire reflect great credit upon himself, his organization and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Pennsylvania.

✓ Technician Fifth Grade COOPER H MC COY, 34476875, Company A, **Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in LUXEMBOURG on 20 December 1944. During an intense hostile artillery barrage in the village of CONS-DORF, LUXEMBOURG, a half-track loaded with ammunition and explosives was hit and set on fire. Having witnessed the incident, Technician Fifth Grade MC COY, disregarding his own security, drove two nearby half-tracks to safety despite the added danger of the intense shelling. His heroic achievement, above and beyond the call of duty, was inspirational to those witnessing the act and reflects great credit upon himself and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Mississippi.

✓ Technician Fifth Grade PAUL C TANNER, 33299026, Armored, Company A, **Tank Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in LUXEMBOURG on 18 December 1944. During salvaging operations in the vicinity of MULLERTHAL, LUXEMBOURG, a tank recovery vehicle had become badly mired while attempting to retrieve a disabled tank. Technician Fifth Grade TANNER, a member of the recovery crew, with utter disregard for his personal safety, courageously left the comparative security of his armored conveyance and while under close range enemy sniper and artillery fire attached a tow cable to a tank nearby, enabling the extrication of the recovery vehicle. The bravery and quick action of Technician Fifth Grade TANNER saved a critically needed tank retriever from almost certain destruction by enemy shell fire. His initiative, intrepidity and loyal devotion to duty in the face of grave danger reflect great credit upon himself and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Pennsylvania.

Technician Fifth Grade ALFRED R SEC ARMY 3308615785, Service Company, **Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE on 19 November and 20 November 1944. During an engagement with the enemy in the vicinity of

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SCHWERDORFF, FRANCE, it became necessary for an infantry battalion to make a withdrawal to a more strategic position, necessitating the abandonment of ten mired vehicles between its new lines and the enemy lines. Technician Fifth Grade ARNOLD, a motor mechanic, together with other members of a tank recovery vehicle crew, boldly advanced to the stalled vehicles, and with utter disregard for their personal safety, worked for three hours under a heavy enemy artillery and mortar barrage, succeeding in recovering seven of the conveyances. The next morning he and the other crew members volunteered to recover the remaining vehicles which they accomplished despite continuous heavy hostile fire and an encounter with two enemy infantrymen whom they captured. This heroic accomplishment saved direly needed combat equipment for future operations against the enemy. Technician Fifth Grade ARNOLD'S intrepidity and courage under fire reflect great credit upon himself, his organization and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Michigan.

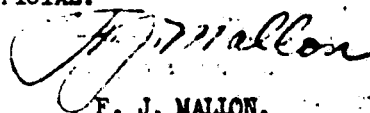
Private First Class CARL D BURKETT, 38297545, Armored, Company A, **Tank Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in LUXEMBOURG on 18 December 1944. During salvaging operations in the vicinity of MULLERTHAL, LUXEMBOURG, a tank recovery vehicle itself became badly mired while attempting to pull out a mired tank. Private First Class BURKETT, a cannoneer of a nearby tank, with utter disregard for his personal safety, courageously left the comparative security of his armored conveyance and while under close range enemy sniper and artillery fire, disengaged the trailing cable from the retriever making it possible for his own tank to extricate the recovery vehicle. The spontaneous actions of Private First Class BURKETT was instrumental in saving a critically needed tank retriever from almost certain destruction by enemy shell fire. His initiative, intrepidity and loyal devotion to duty in the face of grave danger reflect great credit upon himself and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Arkansas.

Private First Class WALLACE S MILLER, 38274929, Armored, **Tank Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in GERMANY during the period 14 November to 8 December 1944. During combat at WEHINGEN, GERMANY, Private First Class MILLER, bow gunner of a tank, was acting as a voice relay station. Although constant enemy shelling was directed to his exposed position, he courageously relayed valuable information throughout the dangerous operations. His skilful and untiring attention to duty materially contributed to the success of the mission of his unit. On another occasion, Private First Class MILLER accompanied a detail to destroy towers suspected of being enemy artillery registration points. With heavy artillery fire falling in the immediate vicinity, he worked unceasingly at the task and although thrown to the ground several times by artillery concussion, he continued his labors until the towers were completely demolished. His courage under fire and loyal devotion to duty were inspirational to his fellow combatants and reflect great credit upon himself and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Oklahoma.

By command of the DIVISION COMMANDER:

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AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

1. By direction of the President and under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular Number 6, Third United States Army, dated 26 April 1944, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded posthumously to:

✓ Staff Sergeant JOHN F PERALTA, 6556479, Armored, Company C, **Tank Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in GERMANY on 26 November 1944. Staff Sergeant PERALTA, a tank platoon sergeant, was ordered to move up to the lead tank position of a task force during an attack against the enemy in the vicinity of WONG, GERMANY. Upon arriving at his position, he was informed that a large caliber enemy artillery piece was located directly ahead over a ridge. Fully realizing the peril involved, Staff Sergeant PERALTA, with utter disregard for his personal safety, elected to advance over the ridge in an attempt to destroy the enemy gun. Upon exposing himself over the crest of the hill, his tank was immediately struck by an artillery shell, immobilizing it and fatally wounding the intrepid sergeant. The courage and extreme devotion to duty displayed by Staff Sergeant PERALTA inspired his comrades in arms to greater efforts and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Army. Entered the military service from California. (Nearest of Kin: Mrs. Concepcion Peralta (wife) Box 363, Nogales, Arizona).

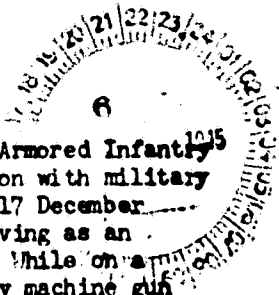
2. By direction of the President and under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular Number 6, Third United States Army, dated 26 April 1944, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded to:

✓ Technician Fourth Grade WILBUR H BOUWKAMP, 36408212, Service Company, **Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE on 19 November and 20 November 1944. During an engagement with the enemy in the vicinity of SCHWERTDORFF, FRANCE, it became necessary for an Infantry Battalion to make a withdrawal to a more strategic position, necessitating the abandonment of ten mired vehicles between its new lines and the enemy lines. Technician Fourth Grade BOUWKAMP, a motor mechanic, together with other members of a tank recovery vehicle crew, boldly advanced to the stalled vehicles, and with utter disregard for their personal safety, worked for three hours under a heavy enemy artillery and mortar barrage, succeeding in recovering seven of the conveyances. The next morning he and the other crew members volunteered to recover the remaining vehicles which they accomplished despite continuous heavy hostile fire and an encounter with two enemy infantrymen whom they captured. Technician Fourth Grade BOUWKAMP was wounded by shrapnel early in the second recovery action, but refused to be evacuated until all the vehicles had been removed to safety. This heroic accomplishment saved direly needed combat equipment for future operations against the enemy. Technician Fourth Grade BOUWKAMP's intrepidity and courage under fire reflect great credit upon himself, his unit, and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Michigan.

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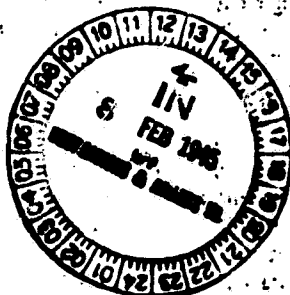
Private First Class VERNON W. JOHNSON, 37513595, Company A, **Armored Infantry¹⁹⁴⁵ Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in LUXEMBOURG on 17 December 1944. Private First Class JOHNSON distinguished himself while serving as an infantry platoon scout in the vicinity of ECHTERNACH, LUXEMBOURG. While on a mission of clearing a wooded area of the enemy, he sighted an enemy machine gun position about 50 yards to his front. Signaling the presence of the enemy to his platoon, he immediately opened fire on the hostile gun position, so effectively directing his fire that two of the enemy were killed, one wounded, and eight in the act of fleeing were killed by other members of the platoon. Later the same day, Private First Class JOHNSON volunteered to lead a patrol to locate a troublesome enemy artillery piece. With utter disregard for his own safety, he led his patrol under heavy hostile fire, located the artillery position and so accurately reported its location that it was subsequently speedily silenced by counter battery action. The initiative, courage and aggressiveness displayed by Private First Class JOHNSON under fire reflect great credit upon himself, his organization and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Missouri.

By command of the DIVISION COMMANDER:

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SECTION I - Award of Bronze Star Medal
SECTION II - Award of Certificate of Merit

I. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL - By direction of the President and under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular Number 6, Third United States Army, dated 26 April 1944, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded to:

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✓ Captain **NEARL L MC CUBBIN**, 01015984, Infantry, Headquarters, Combat Command **, 10th Armored Division, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE and LUXEMBOURG during the period 11 November to 25 December 1944.

✓ First Lieutenant **EDWARD D NEACHAN**, 01016073, Infantry, Headquarters, **Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE, GERMANY, and LUXEMBOURG during the period 15 November to 26 December 1944.

✓ First Lieutenant **LESTER W KAHLER**, 01013452, Infantry, **Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE and GERMANY during the period 12 November to 25 December 1944.

✓ First Lieutenant **EDGAR F MILLS**, 01015941, Infantry, Company D, **Tank Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE and LUXEMBOURG during the period 11 December to 25 December 1944.

✓ Technical Sergeant **LESTER D JOHNSON**, 36304648, Headquarters, **Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE, GERMANY, and LUXEMBOURG during the period 15 December to 26 December 1944.

II. AWARD OF CERTIFICATE OF MERIT

1. Under the provisions of letter, Headquarters European Theater of Operations, United States Army, file AG 200.6 MPCA, subject: Certificate of Merit, dated 28 June 1944, a **CERTIFICATE OF MERIT** is awarded to the following named personnel in recognition of conspicuously meritorious and outstanding performance of military duty in FRANCE, GERMANY, and LUXEMBOURG:

✓ First Lieutenant **DONALD G ANDERSON**, 01016003, Infantry, Company A, **Tank Battalion, United States Army.

✓ Sergeant **WENDELL R FULLER** 31237783, Headquarters, **Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army.

✓ Technician Fifth Grade **RANDOLPH W RICH**, 31226315, Headquarters, **Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army.

✓ Private First Class **HOWARD S JOHNSON**, 32298978, Armored, Headquarters, **Tank Battalion, United States Army.

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2. Under the provisions of letter, Headquarters European Theater of Operations, United States Army, file AG 200.6 MPGA, subject: Certificate of Merit, dated 28 June 1944, a CERTIFICATE OF MERIT is awarded to the following named personnel in recognition of conspicuously meritorious and outstanding performance of military duty in FRANCE and LUXEMBOURG:

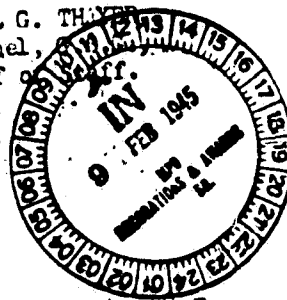
- ✓ First Lieutenant ANTHONY J SCANNON, 01166840, Field Artillery, Headquarters, Combat Command **, 10th Armored Division, United States Army.
- ✓ Technician Fourth Grade FRANK L CARRIEN, 31229427, Armored, Headquarters Company, Combat Command **, 10th Armored Division, United States Army.
- ✓ Technician Fourth Grade MARVIN J JETHIGAN, 38275689, Armored, Headquarters Company, Combat Command **, 10th Armored Division, United States Army.

3. Under the provisions of letter, Headquarters European Theater of Operations, United States Army, file AG 200.6 MPGA, subject: Certificate of Merit, dated 28 June 1944, a CERTIFICATE OF MERIT is awarded to the following named personnel in recognition of conspicuously meritorious and outstanding performance of military duty in LUXEMBOURG:

- ✓ Staff Sergeant JESSE P NIETO, 38275547, Company A, **Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army.
- ✓ Corporal CHARLES R REED, 32377832, Company A, **Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army.
- ✓ Technician Fifth Grade WILLIS L TWITE, 36408439, Battery C, **Armored Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army.
- ✓ Private First Class THEODORE J ROSKOWSKI, 36687245, Company A, **Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army.
- ✓ Private First Class WILLIAM H KING, 7010004, Company A, **Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army.

By command of the DIVISION COMMANDER:

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AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

1. By direction of the President and under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular Number 6, Third United States Army, dated 26 April 1944, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded posthumously to:

Second Lieutenant JOHN K IRVINE, OLC15652, Cavalry, Troop D, **Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron (Mechanized), United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE on 15 November 1944. During an engagement with the enemy in the vicinity of KONNISBERG, FRANCE, enemy artillery and mortar shells burst in the area occupied by Lieutenant IRVINE'S cavalry reconnaissance platoon, causing wounds to three of its members. Without regard for his personal safety, Lieutenant IRVINE, although himself painfully wounded, magnanimously evacuated the three wounded men to a place of safety. Immediately after receiving treatment at a medical aid station, Lieutenant IRVINE, although sickened from the pain of an injured leg, refused further evacuation and courageously continued to lead his men on patrol until his condition weakened him to the point of exhaustion, finally necessitating his evacuation. The initiative, courage, outstanding leadership and determination to overcome all obstacles were characteristic of the entire service of Lieutenant IRVINE and reflect great credit upon this officer and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Iowa. (Nearest of kin: Mr. R. A. Gaynor (uncle), 2900 Jones Street, Sioux City, Iowa).

Technician Fourth Grade CHARLES E. PEPPER, 35025386, Armored, Headquarters, **Tank Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in BELGIUM on 19 December 1944. During a heavy enemy attack in the vicinity of BASTOGNE, BELGIUM, a tank section, consisting of two tanks, commanded by Technician Fourth Grade PEPPER, was ordered to engage the enemy column from the flank. Realizing that there was insufficient time to maneuver his tanks into an advantageous defiladed position, Technician Fourth Grade PEPPER, with complete disregard for his personal safety amidst a lethal hail of enemy mortar fire, boldly led his tank section into a running artillery duel with several hostile Tiger Tanks, destroying one by a direct hit. During the exchange of fire, however, his tank was in turn struck by an enemy shell, mortally wounding the intrepid soldier. Through his supreme sacrifice, Technician Fourth Grade PEPPER materially delayed the enemy sufficiently to enable a reinforcing unit to prepare positions from which it successfully defended the City of BASTOGNE. His intrepidity and outstanding devotion to duty were inspirational to his fellow soldiers and are in keeping with the high traditions of the United States Army. Entered the military service from Ohio. (Nearest of kin: Mr. Orus Pepper (Father), 223 Jewett Street, Akron, Ohio).

Technician Fourth Grade JOHN CARNEY, 38024468, Armored, Headquarters Company, **Tank Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in GERMANY on 5 December 1944. Technician Fourth Grade CARNEY distinguished himself during a night reconnaissance patrol with the mission of determining enemy strength and disposition in the vicinity of SCHWELINGEN, GERMANY. Acting in his capacity of scout, Technician Fourth Grade CARNEY, despite intense enemy mortar, artillery and small arms fire, boldly reconnoitered enemy outposts and heavily fortified emplacements. When a member of the patrol was wounded on the return from the successful mission, he, with another enlisted man, amidst continuous enemy fire, evacuated the wounded man to safety. Shortly after they had rejoined the withdrawing patrol, Technician Fourth Grade CARNEY was instantly killed by shrapnel from a bursting enemy artillery shell. His calmness and aggressive action in the performance of his duties were inspirational to his fellow soldiers and contributed substantially to the success in combat of his organization. The heroic accomplishment of Technician Fourth Grade CARNEY at this critical moment is worthy of the highest commendation and exemplifies the fine traditions of the United States Army. Entered the military service from Oklahoma. (Nearest of kin: Mrs. John Carney (Wife), Box 81, Quinton, Oklahoma).

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✓ Private First Class JOHN R UPCHURCH, JR., 34811806, Company C, **Armored Engineer Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE on 11 November 1944. During an assault against the enemy in the vicinity of THIONVILLE, FRANCE, repeated attempts to bridge the Moselle River had failed because of intense enemy artillery and mortar fire. It therefore became necessary after the initial assault to establish a ferry service with motor boats in order to supply the beach-head with reinforcements, food, ammunition and medical supplies. Private First Class UPCHURCH, an electrician, operated one of the boats and despite a lethal hail of hostile artillery and mortar fire, fearlessly made repeated crossings of the river, evacuating the wounded and enemy prisoners on the return trips. He continued the task without let-up until he was mortally wounded. The heroic accomplishment of Private First Class UPCHURCH at the cost of his life is worthy of the highest commendation and exemplifies the fine traditions of the United States Army. Entered the military service from Alabama. (Nearest of Kin: Mrs. Mary D. G. Upchurch (Mother), 1218 Cleveland Avenue, Montgomery, Alabama).

2. By direction of the President and under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular Number 6, Third United States Army, dated 26 April 1944, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded to:

✓ First Sergeant ROY R WOOD, 6123562, Troop D, **Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron (Mechanized), United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in BELGIUM on 24 December 1944. First Sergeant WOOD distinguished himself while serving with a reconnaissance troop in the town of BASTOGNE, BELGIUM. During a heavy aerial bombardment, Sergeant WOOD voluntarily organized a party for the evacuation of wounded from a damaged building. With utter disregard for his own safety while enemy planes were still in the vicinity, he supervised the searching of the burning ruins, employing a bucket brigade to extinguish the fire as he worked. His heroic action was responsible for saving the lives of two wounded soldiers trapped in the building. Sergeant WOOD'S exemplary performance reflects great credit upon himself and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Maine.

✓ Technical Sergeant W A STAFFORD, 7006793, Company A, **Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in GERMANY during the period 26 November to 28 November 1944. During the absence of his platoon leader, Technical Sergeant STAFFORD, a platoon sergeant, assumed command and distinguished himself over a period of two days while engaged in successfully holding a wooded position in the vicinity of TETTINGEN, GERMANY. Despite heavy enemy artillery and mortar fire, he constantly concerned himself with the welfare of the platoon members, personally encouraging them, and assuring himself that each man was located in the most advantageous tactical position and that supporting weapons were properly emplaced. The exemplary performance, initiative and courage displayed by Technical Sergeant STAFFORD, in the face of grave danger, inspired the men of his platoon to great efforts and reflect great credit upon himself and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Alabama.

✓ Staff Sergeant ABRAM MININGER, 33075962, Armored, Company A, **Tank Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in LUXEMBOURG on 23 December 1944. During an engagement with the enemy in the vicinity of SCHEIDGEN, LUXEMBOURG, Sergeant MININGER distinguished himself as a tank platoon leader. When the town was threatened by an enemy attack, Sergeant MININGER skilfully posted each of his tanks with a small group of infantrymen in a manner designed to best defend the town against a superior number of enemy troops. Shortly after posting his men, the enemy subjected their area with such overwhelming artillery and rocket fire that the positions became untenable, causing his men to become panicky. Realizing that denying the town to the enemy was imperative, Sergeant MININGER, without regard for his own safety, moved from one outpost to the other in the face of deadly enemy fire, cheering his men and checking each outpost to make certain the positions were properly maintained. His initiative, coolness and bravery under fire were a material contribution to the successful repulse of the enemy in the sector. Sergeant MININGER'S outstanding, intrepid leadership reflects great credit upon himself and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Pennsylvania.

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✓ Staff Sergeant ROBERT T MAYS, 16016409, Company C, **Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in BELGIUM on 19 December 1944 and 20 December 1944. Staff Sergeant MAYS repeatedly distinguished himself while serving as a platoon sergeant during an enemy attack upon the town of NOVILLE, BELGIUM. At dusk, soon after his platoon had moved into position, the area was subjected to heavy enemy artillery fire, wounding three of his men. With complete disregard for his personal safety, amid the shelling, he personally directed their evacuation. Early the next morning a large hostile force, supported by numerous tanks and intense artillery fire, attacked the portion of the town occupied by the platoon. Staff Sergeant MAYS calmly took charge of two tank destroyers and ignoring bursting artillery shells, fearlessly led them on foot into firing position. He so effectively directed their fire that seven enemy tanks were destroyed, contributing substantially to the delay of the numerically superior hostile force. The initiative, courage and outstanding devotion to duty displayed under fire by Staff Sergeant MAYS reflect great credit upon himself, his organization and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Illinois.

✓ Sergeant WILLIAM R MALLORY, 17156251, Company C, **Armored Engineer Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE on 11 November 1944. During an assault against the enemy in the vicinity of TRIGNVILLE, FRANCE, repeated attempts to bridge the Moselle River had failed because of intense enemy artillery and mortar fire. It therefore became necessary, after the initial assault, to establish a ferry service with motor boats in order to supply the beach head with reinforcements, food, ammunition and medical supplies. Sergeant MALLORY, a machine gun crew chief, operated one of the boats, and despite a lethal hail of hostile artillery and mortar fire, fearlessly made repeated crossings of the river, evacuating the wounded and enemy prisoners on the return trips. He continued the task without let up until he was wounded, necessitating his evacuation from the scene. The heroic accomplishment and intrepidity of Sergeant MALLORY, in the face of grave danger, are worthy of high commendation and exemplify the fine traditions of the United States Army. Entered the military service from Minnesota.

✓ Corporal CAVIN L WASHBURN, JR., 12021614, Armored, Headquarters Company, **Tank Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in GERMANY on 27 November 1944. Corporal WASHBURN, a squad leader scout, distinguished himself by determining enemy strength and disposition in and around the town of ORSCHOLZ, GERMANY. Shortly after encountering the initial fortified positions of the Siegfried Line near ORSCHOLZ, heavy enemy mortar fire began bursting in the immediate vicinity of Corporal WASHBURN'S patrol. Despite this danger, Corporal WASHBURN volunteered with a small group to enter the town itself. While crossing an open field, enemy 88mm fire was brought to bear upon them. Despite the enemy action and with utter disregard for his personal safety, Corporal WASHBURN continued on his mission. Upon gaining the shelter of a building in the town, he calmly noted the source of the enemy artillery fire and located and plotted other enemy gun positions and emplacements in the area. This valuable contribution materially affected the success of later operations against the enemy in the sector. The intrepidity, courage and loyal devotion to duty displayed by this soldier reflect great credit upon himself and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from New York.

✓ Technician Fifth Grade WALTER J TOLBERT, 33217226, Company C, **Armored Engineer Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE on 11 November 1944. During an assault against the enemy in the vicinity of TRIGNVILLE, FRANCE, repeated attempts to bridge the Moselle River had failed because of intense enemy artillery and mortar fire. It therefore became necessary, after the initial assault, to establish a ferry service with motor boats in order to supply the beach head with reinforcements, food, ammunition and medical supplies. Technician Fifth Grade TOLBERT, a tool room keeper, operated one of the boats, and despite a lethal hail of hostile artillery fire, fearlessly made repeated crossings of the river, evacuating the wounded and enemy prisoners on the return trips. He continued the task without let up until he was exhausted from loss of sleep. The heroic accomplishment and intrepidity of Technician Fifth Grade TOLBERT, in the face of grave danger, are worthy of high commendation and exemplify the fine traditions of the United States Army. Entered the military service from Virginia.

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✓ Technician Fifth Grade DON J BALDRESS, 35568914, Company C, **Armored Engineer Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE on 11 November 1944. During an assault against the enemy in the vicinity of THIONVILLE, FRANCE, repeated attempts to bridge the Moselle River had failed because of intense enemy artillery and mortar fire. It therefore became necessary, after the initial assault, to establish a ferry service with motor boats in order to supply the beach head with reinforcements, food, ammunition and medical supplies. Technician Fifth Grade BALDRESS, a jackhammer operator, operated one of the boats, and despite a lethal hail of hostile artillery and mortar fire, fearlessly made repeated crossings of the river, evacuating the wounded and enemy prisoners on the return trips. He continued the task without let up until exhausted from loss of sleep. The heroic accomplishment and intrepidity of Technician Fifth Grade BALDRESS, in the face of grave danger, are worthy of great merit and exemplify the fine traditions of the United States Army. Entered the military service from Indiana.

✓ Technician Fifth Grade WAYNER OSBORNE, 34409594, Headquarters Company, **Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in BELGIUM on 20 December 1944. Technician Fifth Grade OSBORNE, a half-track driver, distinguished himself when his company's position in the town of NOVILLE, BELGIUM was subjected to a series of heavy hostile attacks. Technician Fifth Grade OSBORNE, manning a machine gun in an outpost position during the initial attacks, was ordered to withdraw when his position became untenable due to intense enemy artillery and tank fire. Upon reaching the Command Post area, he noticed that several half-tracks mounting 50 caliber machine guns had been abandoned because of the intense hostile fire. With complete disregard for his personal safety, Technician Fifth Grade OSBORNE voluntarily entered one of the vehicles and fearlessly directed the fire of the machine gun against the unfriendly forces attempting to advance from a wooded area 500 yards to his front. He so effectively placed his fire that the enemy advance was delayed long enough to permit the orderly withdrawal of his out-numbered unit. Only when given a direct order, did he move his half-track to a more secure position in the town. The intrepidity, courage and initiative displayed by Technician Fifth Grade OSBORNE, in the face of grave danger, were inspirational to his fellow soldiers and reflect great credit upon himself and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Georgia.

✓ Private First Class JOHN C MC LAUGHLIN, JR., 34795539, Company C, **Armored Engineer Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE on 11 November 1944. During an assault against the enemy in the vicinity of THIONVILLE, FRANCE, repeated attempts to bridge the Moselle River had failed because of intense enemy artillery and mortar fire. It therefore became necessary, after the initial assault, to establish a ferry service with motor boats in order to supply the beach head with reinforcements, food, ammunition and medical supplies. Private First Class MC LAUGHLIN, a carpenter, operated one of the boats, and despite a lethal hail of hostile artillery and mortar fire, fearlessly made repeated crossings of the river, evacuating the wounded and enemy prisoners on the return trips. He continued the task without let up until exhausted from loss of sleep. The heroic accomplishment and intrepidity of Private First Class MC LAUGHLIN, in the face of grave danger, are worthy of great merit and exemplify the fine traditions of the United States Army. Entered the military service from Florida.

By command of the DIVISION COMMANDER:

BASIL G. THAYER,
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AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

1. By direction of the President and under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular Number 6, Third United States Army, dated 26 April 1944, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded posthumously to:

✓ Technician Fifth Grade ROBERT H KURZ, 350463A1, Field Artillery, **Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in BELGIUM on 20 December 1944. When an enemy force threatened to attack the town of NOVILLE, BELGIUM, Technician Fifth Grade KURZ, without regard for his personal safety, skillfully maneuvered his tank destroyer to a position on the edge of town to effectively assist in warding off the coming attack. As a result of the courageous maneuver, four of seven attacking enemy tanks were destroyed and the others routed. A short time later, observing enemy infantry forces moving towards the town, he maneuvered the vehicle to a point of vantage and the enemy was subjected to such effective fire that a large number were killed and the others forced to flee. Technician Fifth Grade KURZ continued his aggressive actions until mortally wounded during an encounter the following day. His display of courage and loyal devotion to duty were inspiring to his comrades in arms and are in keeping with the high traditions of the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Ohio. (Nearest of Kin: Mrs. Margaret Kurz (Mother), 34 St. Louis Avenue, Youngstown, Ohio).

✓ Private JOHN J PENDZIWATER, 31124367, Field Artillery, **Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in BELGIUM on 20 December 1944. Private PENDZIWATER distinguished himself as a tank destroyer driver during an engagement with the enemy in the town of NOVILLE, BELGIUM. When the enemy massed their tanks for an assault against the town, Private PENDZIWATER, without regard for his personal safety, skillfully maneuvered his tank destroyer to an extremely exposed position to effectively oppose the oncoming tanks. As a result of the courageous maneuver, five of the enemy armored vehicles were destroyed before the destroyer itself was hit, causing mortal wounds to the intrepid driver. The exemplary courage and loyal devotion to duty under fire displayed by Private PENDZIWATER were inspiring to his comrades in arms and are in keeping with the high traditions of the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Connecticut. (Nearest of Kin: Estelle Montfusco (Sister), 800 George Street, New Haven, Connecticut).

✓ Private MICHAEL J HUGHES, 33275633, Field Artillery, **Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in BELGIUM on 20 December 1944. When an enemy force threatened to attack the town of NOVILLE, BELGIUM, the tank destroyer of which Private HUGHES was cannoneer, was placed in position on the edge of the town to assist in warding off the coming attack. Sighting seven enemy tanks approaching, Private HUGHES, with utter disregard for his personal safety from the overwhelming opposition, courageously remained in his dangerously exposed firing position, firing round after round at the tanks until four were destroyed and the others routed. A short time later, observing enemy infantry forces moving towards the town, he fired at them so skillfully and efficiently that a large number were killed and the others forced to flee. Private HUGHES continued his aggressive actions until mortally wounded during an encounter the following day. His display of courage and loyal devotion to duty were inspiring to his comrades in arms and are in keeping with the high traditions of the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Pennsylvania. (Nearest of Kin: Mrs. Florence Hughes (Wife), RD #5, Stiffin, Ohio).

2. By direction of the President and under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular Number 6, Third United States Army, dated 26 April 1944, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded to:

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✓ Staff Sergeant HUGAR D KNIGHT, 39241993, Armored, Company A, **Tank Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in LUXEMBOURG on 18 December and 19 December 1944. Staff Sergeant KNIGHT, a tank platoon sergeant, upon learning of the death of his platoon leader, without hesitation assumed command during an operation against the enemy in the vicinity of MULLERHALL, LUXEMBOURG. Staff Sergeant KNIGHT rallied his men and placed his tanks in the most possible strategic positions. With utter disregard for his personal safety, despite heavy hostile fire, he remained exposed in his tank turret in order to more effectively direct the fire of his tanks, destroying an enemy anti-tank gun by fire from his own tank. Upon gaining his objective, he organized the position and held it until relieved. The devotion to duty and exemplary leadership displayed by Staff Sergeant KNIGHT under fire reflect great credit upon himself and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from California.

✓ Sergeant JOHN P PILON, 31046266, Field Artillery, Company C, **Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in BELGIUM on 20 December 1944. When an enemy force threatened to attack the town of NOVILLE, BELGIUM, the tank destroyer of which Sergeant PILON was gun commander, was placed in position on the edge of the town to assist in warding off the coming attack. Sighting seven enemy tanks approaching, Sergeant PILON, with utter disregard for his personal safety from the overwhelming opposition, courageously remained in his dangerously exposed firing position, firing round after round at the tanks until four were destroyed and the others routed. A short time later, observing enemy infantry forces moving towards the town, he fired at them so skillfully and efficiently that a large number were killed and the others forced to flee. Sergeant PILON'S action contributed immeasurably to the repulse of the enemy attack and merits high commendation. His display of courage and his loyal devotion to duty reflect high credit upon himself and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Vermont.

✓ Sergeant LEWIS C KELLEY, 35583547, Company C, **Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in LUXEMBOURG on 20 December 1944. During an attack against the enemy in the town of BREITBILER, LUXEMBOURG, one of the members of Sergeant KELLEY'S squad was wounded. Ignoring the lethal hail of intense enemy fire, Sergeant KELLEY courageously left the comparative safety of his position, boldly rushed forward thirty yards in full view of the enemy and removed his wounded comrade to a place of safety. Sergeant KELLEY'S intrepidity, courage and concern for the welfare of his fellow soldier reflect great credit upon himself and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Ohio.

✓ Sergeant RICHARD H BEASTER, 16006589, Field Artillery, Company C, **Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in BELGIUM on 20 December 1944. Sergeant BEASTER distinguished himself as a gun commander of a tank destroyer during an engagement with the enemy in the town of NOVILLE, BELGIUM. When the enemy massed their tanks for an assault against the town, Sergeant BEASTER, without regard for his personal safety, ordered his vehicle into an extremely exposed position to effectively oppose the oncoming tanks. As a result of the courageous maneuver, five of the enemy armored vehicles were destroyed before the destroyer itself was hit, causing wounds to the intrepid gun commander. The exemplary courage and loyal devotion to duty displayed by Sergeant BEASTER were inspiring to his comrades in arms and are in keeping with the high traditions of the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Wisconsin.

✓ Corporal JUSTIN D DOUBLE, 33113939, Field Artillery, Company C, **Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in BELGIUM on 20 December 1944. When an enemy force threatened to attack the town of NOVILLE, BELGIUM, the tank destroyer of which Corporal DOUBLE was runner, was placed in position on the edge of the town to assist in warding off the coming attack. Sighting seven enemy tanks approaching, Corporal DOUBLE, with utter disregard for his personal safety from the overwhelming opposition, courageously remained in his dangerously

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exposed firing position, firing round after round at the tanks until four were destroyed and the others routed. A short time later, observing enemy infantry forces moving towards the town, he fired at them so skilfully and efficiently that a large number were killed and the others forced to flee. Corporal DOUBLE'S action contributed immeasurably to the repulse of the enemy attack. His display of courage and his loyal devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Pennsylvania.

✓ Corporal COLBY N RICKER, 31116666, Field Artillery, Company C, **Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in BELGIUM on 20 December 1944. Corporal RICKER distinguished himself as a tank destroyer gunner during an engagement with the enemy in the town of NOVILLE, BELGIUM. When the enemy massed their tanks for an assault against the town, Corporal RICKER, without regard for his personal safety, skilfully manned his weapon from the exposed gun position, effectively opposing the oncoming tanks. His courageous efforts materially contributed to the destruction of five of the enemy armored vehicles before the destroyer itself was hit, causing wounds to the intrepid gunner. The exemplary courage and loyal devotion to duty displayed by Corporal RICKER were inspiring to his comrades in arms and are in keeping with the high traditions of the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Maine.

✓ Private First Class EDGAR L CALVERT, 34180449, Field Artillery, **Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in BELGIUM on 20 December 1944. When an enemy force threatened to attack the town of NOVILLE, BELGIUM, the tank destroyer of which Private First Class CALVERT was a cannoner, was placed in position on the edge of the town to assist in warding off the coming attack. Sighting enemy tanks approaching, Private First Class CALVERT, with utter disregard for his personal safety from the overwhelming opposition, courageously remained in the dangerously exposed firing position, firing round after round at the tanks until four were destroyed and the others routed. A short time later, observing enemy infantry forces moving towards the town, he fired at them so skilfully and efficiently that a large number were killed and the others forced to flee. Private First Class CALVERT'S action contributed immeasurably to the repulse of the enemy attack. His display of courage and his loyal devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Tennessee.

✓ Private First Class FRANK P FUCHS, 33399672, Company C, **Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in GERMANY on 27 November 1944. During an operation against the enemy in the vicinity of TOTTINGEN, GERMANY, the platoon of which Private First Class FUCHS was a member, received orders to withdraw to a more strategic position in view of the intensity of enemy artillery, mortar and small arms fire. Private First Class FUCHS, a machine gunner, volunteered to stay behind and cover the withdrawal with his automatic weapon. With utter disregard for his personal safety, he continuously sprayed possible enemy positions in such a manner that the enemy was unaware of the withdrawing movement. In spite of constant heavy enemy fire from a pillbox overlooking his position, he remained at his post until his platoon had properly dug in at their new position, from which it successfully repulsed an enemy attack the following morning. The courage and coolness displayed by Private First Class FUCHS in the performance of his duties reflect great credit upon himself and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Pennsylvania.

✓ Private First Class JOHN F CARR, 33399669, Company A, **Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in LUXEMBOURG on 19 December 1944. During an attack against the enemy in BIEDRE, LUXEMBOURG, an anti-tank platoon of which Private First Class CARR was a member, was in reserve in the woods outside the town. The position was under intense artillery and rocket fire, resulting in serious wounds to one of the platoon members. With utter disregard for his personal safety, Private First Class CARR, a cannoner, left his protective shelter and made his way towards the wounded man. While administering first aid, he was himself wounded. The heroism and courage displayed by Private

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First Class CARR were inspirational to his fellow soldiers and reflect great credit upon himself and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Pennsylvania.

✓ Private ELLIE MC MANUS, 34098849, Field Artillery, Company C, **Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in BELGIUM on 20 December 1944. Private MC MANUS distinguished himself as a tank destroyer cannoneer during an engagement with the enemy in the town of NOVILLE, BELGIUM. When the enemy massed their tanks for an assault against the town, Private MC MANUS, without regard for his personal safety, skillfully manned his weapon from the exposed gun position, effectively opposing the oncoming tanks. His courageous efforts materially contributed to the destruction of five of the enemy armored vehicles before the destroyer itself was hit, causing wounds to the intrepid cannoneer. The exemplary courage and loyal devotion to duty displayed by Private MC MANUS were inspiring to his comrades in arms and are in keeping with the high traditions of the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from South Carolina.

✓ Private FLETCHER E GOODRICH, 33516580, Company A, **Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in GERMANY on 26 November 1944. During an engagement with the enemy in the vicinity of TETTINGEN, GERMANY, the communication wire between the advance elements of a task force and the Command Post was cut by enemy mortar and artillery shells. In the absence of the communication sergeant, Private GOODRICH, a rifleman, volunteered to repair and maintain the wire throughout the night. On six different occasions with complete disregard for his personal safety, he courageously ventured into the shell raked terrain, locating and repairing the breaks in the line. His heroic accomplishment prevented advance elements from becoming isolated at a critical period when a counter-attack by the enemy seemed imminent. The intrepidity and initiative displayed by Private GOODRICH in the face of grave danger are in keeping with the high traditions of the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Virginia.

✓ Private TALMADGE MC BETH, 30194454, Medical Detachment, **Tank Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in GERMANY on 24 November 1944. During a heavy enemy artillery concentration in the vicinity of BONG, GERMANY, Private MC BETH, a medical aid man, observed several men receive wounds from a nearby shell burst. With utter disregard for his own security, he left the comparative safety of his sheltered position and boldly ran to assist the wounded men. While in the act of administering first aid, the intrepid aid man was himself seriously wounded by shrapnel. The courageous efforts and extreme devotion to duty displayed by Private MC BETH are exemplary and are in keeping with the finest traditions of the Medical Corps of the United States Army. Entered the military service from Louisiana.

By command of the DIVISION COMMANDER:

BASIL G. TRAYER,
Colonel, G.S.C.,
Chief of Staff

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I. AWARD OF SILVER STAR

1. By direction of the President and under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular Number 6, Third United States Army, dated 26 April 1944, a Silver Star is awarded posthumously to:

✓ Corporal DONALD W EVERETT, 6151679, Troop D, 8th Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron (Mechanized), United States Army. For gallantry in action in BELGIUM on 19 December 1944. Corporal EVERETT, a squad leader, was returning with ten men from LONGVILLY enroute to rejoin his troop in BASTOGNE, BELGIUM, when they encountered a group of leaderless, disorganized men. Corporal EVERETT assumed leadership of these men and led them with his own group on towards BASTOGNE. Upon arriving at the outskirts of MAGERET, he contacted a force of friendly infantry and learned that the presence of enemy in the town blocked the only escape route to BASTOGNE. Realizing the seriousness of the situation, Corporal EVERETT organized his group and joined the infantry in an attack upon the town. With utter disregard for his personal safety, he advanced at the head of his small force, encouraging and leading them in the face of direct hostile artillery fire until his gallant action was terminated during the final phase of the attack when he received fatal wounds. His courage and exemplary leadership greatly aided in opening an avenue of escape from LONGVILLY to BASTOGNE and in clearing the town of MAGERET of hostile forces. The initiative and outstanding devotion to duty displayed by Corporal EVERETT, in the face of grave danger, are worthy of high commendation and are in keeping with the fine traditions of the United States Army. Entered the military service from Massachusetts. (Nearest of Kin: Mrs. Jessie K Everett (Wife), Box 8, Rt #1, Grove, Oklahoma).

2. By direction of the President and under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular Number 6, Third United States Army, dated 26 April 1944, a Silver Star is awarded to:

✓ Lieutenant Colonel MILES L STANDISH, 0254344, Infantry, Headquarters, **Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. For gallantry in action in LUXEMBOURG during the period 17 December to 20 December 1944. As Commanding Officer of a Task Force in the vicinity of BERTDORF, LUXEMBOURG, Lieutenant Colonel STANDISH personally led his forward elements in a renewed attack against a stubbornly resisting enemy. His utter disregard for his personal safety in the face of heavy artillery and small arms fire, and his cool and confident demeanor, inspired his men to drive the Germans from BERTDORF in house to house fighting. He also encouraged adjoining forces in the vicinity to resume the offensive and, coordinating the attack, inflicted heavy casualties upon the enemy. When ordered by higher authority to withdraw along a road which at the time was subjected to hostile artillery and sniper fire, Lieutenant Colonel STANDISH so effectively organized and executed the movement that no losses in men or vehicles were suffered. His exemplary leadership won him unremitting admiration from his officers and men and materially contributed to the failure of the German counter-offensive in that sector. Lieutenant Colonel STANDISH'S gallantry in action and his outstanding devotion to duty in the face of extreme danger merit great praise and are in keeping with the high traditions of the United States Army. Entered the military service from Indiana.

✓ First Lieutenant HILLMAN L BISHOP, 01016102, Infantry, Company B, **Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. For gallantry in action in LUXEMBOURG on 18 December 1944. During an engagement with the enemy in the town of BERTDORF, LUXEMBOURG, Lieutenant BISHOP'S platoon was in the vanguard of an attack that halted an enemy offensive in the sector. Continuously exposing himself to danger, Lieutenant BISHOP courageously led his men in house to house fighting, entering buildings occupied by the enemy and assaulting them with bazooka fire. Although

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repeatedly counter-attacked by the numerically superior enemy, his exemplary leadership, initiative and complete disregard for his personal danger inspired his men to great efforts and contributed immeasurably to the success of the operations of his organization. The outstanding accomplishments of Lieutenant BITOP, his driving tenacity of purpose and zealous devotion to duty are in keeping with the high traditions of the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Oklahoma.

✓ Staff Sergeant PAUL J CURRAN, 31003824, Troop D, **Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron (Mechanized), United States Army. For gallantry in action in BELGIUM on 19 December 1944. When the tactical situation in LONGVILLY, BELGIUM became tense, Staff Sergeant CURRAN, a platoon sergeant, accompanied another enlisted man on a personal reconnaissance to locate their platoon leader who had left previously to contact higher headquarters and whose return was overdue. They boldly proceeded in their vehicle along a road to MAGERET until their further progress was halted by several disabled, burning tanks. Disregarding enemy artillery fire, Sergeant CURRAN and his companion turned around to return to their platoon when a tank in front of them was hit and exploded, the resulting concussion overturning their vehicle. After unsuccessfully attempting to contact their platoon by means of the radio in their disabled vehicle, they fearlessly worked their way back on foot to their platoon in the face of intense artillery, tank and small arms fire, the latter so close on one occasion that Sergeant CURRAN'S gun was torn from his grasp. Upon reaching their platoon, they were able to successfully lead it to a place of safety in view of the information they had garnered on their reconnaissance. Sergeant CURRAN'S initiative, courage and loyal devotion to duty were inspirational to his fellow soldiers and are in keeping with the high traditions of the United States Army. Entered the military service from Massachusetts.

✓ Sergeant SIDNEY A BLACK, JR., 34439561, Troop D, **Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron (Mechanized), United States Army. For gallantry in action in BELGIUM on 19 December 1944. When the tactical situation in LONGVILLY, BELGIUM became tense, Sergeant BLACK, a section leader, accompanied another enlisted man on a personal reconnaissance to locate their platoon leader who had left previously to contact higher headquarters and whose return was overdue. They boldly proceeded in their vehicle along a road to MAGERET until their further progress was halted by several disabled, burning tanks. Disregarding enemy artillery fire, Sergeant BLACK and his companion turned around to return to their platoon when a tank in front of them was hit and exploded, the resulting concussion overturning their vehicle. After unsuccessfully attempting to contact their platoon by means of the radio in their disabled vehicle, they fearlessly worked their way back on foot to their platoon in the face of intense artillery, tank and small arms fire, the latter so close on one occasion that the gun of Sergeant BLACK'S companion was torn from his grasp. Upon reaching their platoon, they were able to successfully lead it to a place of safety in view of the information they had garnered on their reconnaissance. Sergeant BLACK'S initiative, courage and loyal devotion to duty were inspirational to his fellow soldiers and are in keeping with the high traditions of the United States Army. Entered the military service from North Carolina.

✓ Technician Fifth Grade PAUL W ISRAEL, 34438338, Troop D, **Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron (Mechanized), United States Army. For gallantry in action in BELGIUM on 19 December 1944. Following a reconnaissance mission in the town of LONGVILLY, BELGIUM, Technician Fifth Grade ISRAEL was enroute to the rear to report the situation when his vehicle was suddenly subjected to severe enemy machine gun fire, wounding an officer passenger and himself. Without regard for his personal safety and his wounds, the intrepid driver crawled along a ditch until he encountered his commanding officer to whom he imparted the information he had gained. The courage and loyal devotion to duty displayed by this enlisted man is exemplary and a creditable reflection upon himself and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from South Carolina.

II. AWARD OF OAK-LEAF CLUSTER - By direction of the President and under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular Number 6, Third United States Army, dated 26 April 1944, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal previously awarded, a Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to:

✓ Captain GEORGE L GANAXOD, 0374923, Corps of Engineers, Company C, **Armored Engineer Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with

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military operations against an enemy of the United States in BELGIUM during the period 20 December to 21 December 1944. Captain GARWOOD distinguished himself while serving as commanding officer of an engineer company in the vicinity of TILLET, GERIMONT and MAGEROTTE, BELGIUM. When an enemy armored attack became imminent on all sides, threatening his organization as well as other units in the area, Captain GARWOOD, realizing the seriousness of the situation, in conjunction with three other unit commanders, sent out patrols to determine the strength and disposition of the enemy and the possibility of a route of evacuation for their total of 150 unarmed vehicles. As a result of this action, an avenue of escape was determined and Captain GARWOOD and his fellow officers courageously led the column through a hail of enemy fire, and by maneuvering daringly, negotiated the withdrawal without casualties and losing only four vehicles to enemy action. The outstanding accomplishment of Captain GARWOOD; his courage under enemy fire, and his loyal devotion to duty are in keeping with the high traditions of the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Colorado.

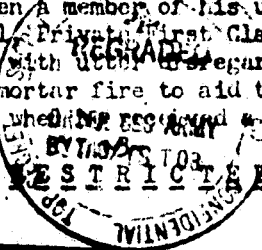
III. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

1. By direction of the President and under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular Number 6, Third United States Army, dated 26 April 1944, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded posthumously to:

✓ Corporal LYNDRETH L PALMER, 38275496, Armored, Headquarters Company, **Tank Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in GERMANY on 5 December 1944. Corporal PALMER distinguished himself during a night reconnaissance patrol with the mission of determining enemy strength and disposition in the vicinity of SCHNEIDLINGEN, GERMANY. Acting in his capacity of scout, Corporal PALMER, despite intense enemy mortar, artillery and small arms fire, boldly reconnoitered enemy outposts and heavily fortified emplacements. When a member of the patrol was wounded on the return from the successful mission, he, with another enlisted man, amidst continuous heavy enemy fire, evacuated him to safety. Shortly after they had rejoined the withdrawing patrol, Corporal PALMER was instantly killed by shrapnel from a bursting enemy artillery shell. His calmness and aggressive action in the performance of his duties were inspirational to his fellow soldiers and contributed substantially to the success in combat of his organization. The heroic accomplishment of Corporal PALMER, at the cost of his life, is worthy of the highest commendation and exemplifies the fine traditions of the United States Army. Entered the military service from Oklahoma. (Nearest of Kin: Mr. William Palmer (Father), Route 4, Anadarko, Oklahoma).

✓ Technician Fifth Grade MELVIN A KLINE, 35515344, Company B, **Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in BELGIUM on 19 December 1944. Technician Fifth Grade KLINE'S company was assembled at its Command Post in the town of NOVILLE, BELGIUM, when the Germans made a strong counter-attack with both tanks and infantry. One of the enemy tanks succeeded in breaking through the outpost and moved down the road toward the Command Post. Without hesitation, Technician Fifth Grade KLINE, a rifleman, organized a bazooka team and led it into an exposed position under intense enemy fire. With utter disregard for his personal safety, he opened fire against the tank, slowing its progress sufficiently to enable an approaching friendly tank to bring destructive fire to bear on the enemy vehicle. Technician Fifth Grade KLINE'S prompt action materially aided in the repulse of the enemy assault. The initiative, tenacity of purpose and intrepidity displayed by this soldier under fire reflect great credit upon himself and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Ohio. (Nearest of Kin: Mrs. Melvin Kline (Wife) 1562 West 102nd Street, Cleveland 2, Ohio).

✓ Private First Class MAURICE M PLUMMER, 34437978, Troop D, **Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron (Mechanized), United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE on 15 November 1944. When a member of his unit was injured by a tree burst from an enemy mortar shell, Private First Class PLUMMER, a truck driver of a cavalry reconnaissance troop, with utter disregard for his personal safety, went forward under the intense mortar fire to aid the wounded man. His courageous attempt was untimely frustrated when he received a mortal wound from another



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tree burst just as he had reached his comrades. Private First Class PLUMMER'S admirable qualities of character had earned him the unrelenting respect and admiration of the officers and men of his organization throughout his term of service. His outstanding display of heroism is a shining example for all members of the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from North Carolina. (Nearest of Kin: Mrs. Maude H. Plummer (Mother), Box 374 North Fayetteville Street, Asheboro, North Carolina).

2. By direction of the President and under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular Number 6, Third United States Army, dated 26 April 1944, a France Star Medal is awarded to:

✓ Staff Sergeant PATRICK V FLAHERTY, 31212666, Company B, 3rd Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in BELGIUM on 19 December 1944. Staff Sergeant FLAHERTY'S company was assembled at its Command Post in the town of NOVILLE, BELGIUM, when the Germans made a strong counter-attack with both tanks and infantry. One of the enemy tanks succeeded in breaking through the outpost and moved down the road toward the Command Post. Without hesitation, Staff Sergeant FLAHERTY, a squad leader, organized a bazooka team and led it into an exposed position under intense enemy fire. With utter disregard for his personal safety, he opened fire against the tank, slowing its progress sufficiently to enable an approaching friendly tank to bring destructive fire to bear on the enemy vehicle. Staff Sergeant FLAHERTY'S prompt action materially aided in the repulse of the enemy assault. The initiative, tenacity of purpose and intrepidity displayed by this soldier under fire reflect great credit upon himself and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Massachusetts.

✓ Staff Sergeant CHARLES B HIBBITTS, 35560364, Company B, 3rd Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in BELGIUM on 19 December 1944. Staff Sergeant HIBBITTS'S company was assembled at its Command Post in the town of NOVILLE, BELGIUM, when the Germans made a strong counter-attack with both tanks and infantry. One of the enemy tanks succeeded in breaking through the outpost and moved down the road toward the Command Post. Without hesitation, Staff Sergeant HIBBITTS, a squad leader, organized a bazooka team and led it into an exposed position under intense enemy fire. With utter disregard for his personal safety, he opened fire against the tank, slowing its progress sufficiently to enable an approaching friendly tank to bring destructive fire to bear on the enemy vehicle. Staff Sergeant HIBBITTS'S prompt action materially aided in the repulse of the enemy assault. The initiative, tenacity of purpose and intrepidity displayed by this soldier under fire reflect great credit upon himself and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Kentucky.

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IV. REVOCATION IN GENERAL ORDERS NUMBER 8, THIS HEADQUARTERS, C.S.- So much of Section I, General Orders Number 8, this headquarters, dated 10 January 1945, as pertains to the award of an Oak-Leaf Cluster to Lieutenant Colonel MILLS L STANDISH, 0254344, Infantry, is revoked.

By command of the DIVISION COMMANDER:

BASIL G. THAYER,
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Chief of Staff

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AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

1. By direction of the President and under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular Number 6, Third United States Army, dated 26 April 1944, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following named enlisted men, who are missing in action:

✓ Corporal WILLIAM D FRANKLIN, 33012633, Armored, Company A, **Tank Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in BELGIUM on 19 December 1944. During an engagement with the enemy in the vicinity of FOY, BELGIUM, a tank was hit and set afire by a shell from an enemy 88mm gun, wounding two of the crew members so severely they were unable to escape. With utter disregard for his personal safety, with the potential danger of exploding gasoline and ammunition, Corporal FRANKLIN, the tank gunner, with the assistance of the tank driver, removed the two wounded men from the blazing vehicle to a place of safety where they administered first aid. After insuring that the injured men were properly cared for by medical aid personnel, Corporal FRANKLIN left the scene with the intention of returning to friendly lines. To this date, however, he has not rejoined his organization and has been reported missing in action. The courageous and unselfish actions of Corporal FRANKLIN, in the face of grave danger, reflect great credit upon himself and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Pennsylvania. (Nearest of Kin: Mr. David Franklin (Father), Upper Strasburg, Pennsylvania).

✓ Technician Fifth Grade JAMES A GLASS, 33443795, Company C, **Armored Engineer Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE on 11 November 1944. During an assault against the enemy in the vicinity of THIONVILLE, FRANCE, repeated attempts to bridge the Moselle River had failed because of intense enemy artillery and mortar fire. It therefore became necessary, after the initial assault, to establish a ferry service with motor boats in order to supply the beach head with reinforcements, food, ammunition and medical supplies. Technician Fifth Grade GLASS, a jackhammer operator, operated one of the boats, and despite a lethal hail of hostile artillery and mortar fire, fearlessly made repeated crossings of the river, evacuating the wounded and enemy prisoners on the return trips. He continued the task without let up until he disappeared from the scene. The heroic accomplishment and intrepidity of Technician Fifth Grade GLASS, in the face of grave danger, are worthy of high commendation and exemplify the fine traditions of the United States Army. Entered the military service from Virginia. (Nearest of Kin: Mrs. Rosa L Gray (Sister), Route #1, Afton, Virginia).

2. By direction of the President and under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular Number 6, Third United States Army, dated 26 April 1944, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded to:

✓ Captain CARLOS D SHANK, 0293796, Field Artillery, Service Battery, **Armored Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in BELGIUM on 20 December and 21 December 1944. Captain SHANK distinguished himself while serving as commanding officer of a field artillery battery in the vicinity of TILLET, CEREFONT and MERGHEUTTE, BELGIUM. When an enemy armored attack became imminent on all sides, threatening his organization as well as other units in the area, Captain SHANK, realizing the seriousness of the situation, in conjunction with three other unit commanders, sent out patrols to determine the strength and disposition of the enemy and the possibility of evacuation for their total of 150 unarmed vehicles. As a result of this action, an avenue of escape was determined and Captain SHANK and his fellow officers courageously led the column through a hail of enemy fire, and by skillful maneuvering, negotiated the withdrawal without casualties and losing only four vehicles to enemy action. The outstanding accomplishment of Captain SHANK under enemy fire, and his loyal devotion to duty are in keeping with the traditions of the military forces of the United States. Entered military service from California.

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✓ Captain WARREN C SCHULZE, 0465398, Infantry, Service Company, **Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in BELGIUM on 20 December and 21 December 1944. Captain SCHULZE distinguished himself while serving as commanding officer of an infantry company in the vicinity of TILLET, GERDONT and MARGEROTTE, BELGIUM. When an enemy armored attack became imminent on all sides, threatening his company as well as other units in the area, Captain SCHULZE, realizing the seriousness of the situation, acted in conjunction with three other company commanders, sending out patrols to determine the strength and disposition of the enemy and the possibility of a route of evacuation for their total of 150 unarmed vehicles. As a result of this action, an avenue of escape was determined and Captain SCHULZE and his fellow officers courageously led the column through a hail of enemy fire, and by maneuvering daringly, negotiated the withdrawal without casualties and losing only four vehicles to enemy action. The outstanding accomplishment of Captain SCHULZE; his courage under enemy fire, and his loyal devotion to duty are in keeping with the high traditions of the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Texas.

✓ Captain ARTHUR E MATHEIS, 01030395, Cavalry, Service Company, **Tank Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in BELGIUM on 20 December and 21 December 1944. Captain MATHEIS distinguished himself while serving as commanding officer of a tank company in the vicinity of TILLET, GERDONT, and MARGEROTTE, BELGIUM. When an enemy armored attack became imminent on all sides, threatening his company as well as other units in the area, Captain MATHEIS, realizing the seriousness of the situation, acted in conjunction with three other company commanders, sending out patrols to determine the strength and disposition of the enemy and the possibility of a route of evacuation for their total of 150 unarmed vehicles. As a result of this action, an avenue of escape was determined and Captain MATHEIS and his fellow officers courageously led the column through a hail of enemy fire, and by maneuvering daringly, negotiated the withdrawal without casualties and losing only four vehicles to enemy action. The outstanding accomplishment of Captain MATHEIS; his courage under enemy fire, and his loyal devotion to duty are in keeping with the high traditions of the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Michigan.

✓ Second Lieutenant MARION C DIETRICH, JR., 0535597, Field Artillery, **Armored Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in GERMANY during the period 15 November to 21 November 1944. During an engagement with the enemy in the vicinity of BESCH, GERMANY, Lieutenant DIETRICH distinguished himself while serving as a field artillery forward observer. When the task force with which he was operating was momentarily halted by an anti-tank ditch, he moved his tank to the head of the column, and despite continuous fire from enemy 88mm and 150mm guns, remained in the position providing protective fire for the bridging of the ditch. When a bridge had been constructed, his vehicle was the first to cross for purposes of adjusting fire on enemy machine guns delaying the advancing task force. His ensuing bold maneuvering far to the front to obtain strategic positions for observation throughout the remainder of the attack materially aided the task force in reaching its objective. The intrepidity, courage and skill displayed by Lieutenant DIETRICH reflect great credit upon himself and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Massachusetts.

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✓ Staff Sergeant FREDERICK R PRICE, 35611865, Company B, **Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in BELGIUM on 19 December 1944. Staff Sergeant PRICE'S company was assembled at its Command Post in the town of NOVILLE, BELGIUM, when the Germans made a strong counter-attack with both tanks and infantry. One of the enemy tanks succeeded in breaking through the outpost and moved down the road toward the Command Post. Without hesitation, Staff Sergeant PRICE, a platoon sergeant, organized a bazooka team and led it into an exposed position under intense enemy fire. With utter disregard for his personal safety, he opened fire against the tank, slowing its progress sufficiently to enable an approaching friendly tank to bring destructive fire to bear on the enemy vehicle. Staff Sergeant PRICE'S prompt action materially aided in the repulse

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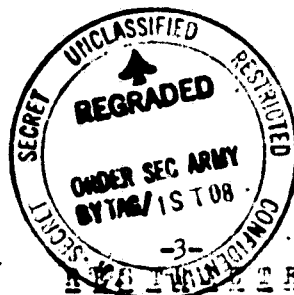
of the enemy assault. The initiative, tenacity of purpose and intrepidity displayed by this soldier under fire reflect great credit upon himself and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Ohio.

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SECTION I - Award of Bronze Star Medal
SECTION II - Award of Oak-Leaf Cluster
SECTION III - Award of Certificate of Merit

I. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL - By direction of the President and under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular Number 6, Third United States Army, dated 26 April 1944, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded to:

✓ Major JOHN E CHILDE, O361772, Field Artillery, **Division Artillery, 10th Armored Division, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in LUXEMBOURG during the period 16 December to 26 December 1944.

✓ Captain FRANKLIN H BROWN, O1166679, Field Artillery, **Division Artillery, 10th Armored Division, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in LUXEMBOURG during the period 16 December to 26 December 1944.

✓ Captain JOHN H K SHANNAHAN, O323001, Field Artillery, **Division Artillery, 10th Armored Division, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in LUXEMBOURG during the period 18 December to 26 December 1944.

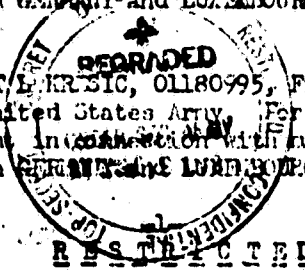
✓ Captain PETER L SAPIENZA, O513745, Medical Corps, **Tank Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE, GERMANY and LUXEMBOURG during the period 16 November 1944 to 8 January 1945.

✓ Technical Sergeant ALBERT W ZIMMERMAN, 36073933, Armored, **10th Armored Division, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE and LUXEMBOURG during the period 1 November 1944 to 15 January 1945.

II. AWARD OF OAK-LEAF CLUSTER - By direction of the President and under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular Number 6, Third United States Army, dated 26 April 1944, in addition to the Air Medal previously awarded, a Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to:

✓ First Lieutenant JOSEPH J BREEMAN, JR, O1173548, Field Artillery, **Armored Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in GERMANY and LUXEMBOURG from 6 December to 26 December 1944.

✓ First Lieutenant VINCENT L KRUSIC, O1180995, Field Artillery, **Armored Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in GERMANY and LUXEMBOURG from 6 December to 26 December 1944.



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✓ First Lieutenant JAMES V SPANN, 01176199, Field Artillery, **Armored Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in GERMANY and LUXEMBOURG from 6 December to 26 December 1944.

✓ Staff Sergeant GRANT H THIER, 33400682, **Division Artillery, 10th Armored Division, United States Army. For meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in GERMANY and LUXEMBOURG from 22 December 1944 to 3 January 1945.

III. AWARD OF CERTIFICATE OF MERIT - Under the provisions of letter, Headquarters European Theater of Operations, United States Army, file AG 200.6 HPGA, subject: Certificate of Merit, dated 28 June 1944, a CERTIFICATE OF MERIT is awarded to the following named personnel in recognition of conspicuously meritorious and outstanding performance of military duty in FRANCE:

- ✓ Sergeant THEODORE NASON, 31217379, Armored, Headquarters Company, **Tank Battalion, United States Army.
- ✓ Corporal ALVIN G THURE, 37322710, Armored, Company A, **Tank Battalion, United States Army.
- ✓ Technician Fifth Grade RALPH RABESA, 31229955, Armored, Service Company, **Tank Battalion, United States Army.
- ✓ Private First Class RONALD E WANG, 37323771, Armored, Service Company, **Tank Battalion, United States Army.
- ✓ Private First Class HOMER L WHITE, 36956865, Armored, Headquarters Company, ** Tank Battalion, United States Army.

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- SECTION I - Award of Air Medal
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- SECTION III - Amendment of GO No. 24, this Hq, cs.

I. AWARD OF AIR MEDAL - By direction of the President and under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular Number 6, Third United States Army, dated 26 April 1944, an Air Medal is awarded to the following named officer, who is missing in action:

* Major RANDOLPH M JORDAN, 0452683, Cavalry, **10th Armored Division, United States Army. For meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in LUXEMBOURG during the period 17 December 1944 to 24 December 1944.

II. AWARD OF COMBAT INFANTRYMAN BADGE - Under the provisions of War Department Circular 186, 11 May 1944, the Combat Infantryman Badge is awarded to the following named officer for exemplary conduct in action against the enemy:

Lieutenant Colonel JACK J RICHARDSON, 019902, Infantry, **Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army.

III. AMENDMENT OF GENERAL ORDERS NUMBER 24, THIS HEADQUARTERS, CS.-

1. So much of General Orders Number 24, this Headquarters, dated 26 January 1945, pertaining to Staff Sergeant FREDERICK R PRICE, 35611865, Infantry, as reads "a Bronze Star Medal is awarded" is amended to read "a Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded".

2. So much of General Orders Number 24, this Headquarters, dated 26 January 1945, pertaining to Second Lieutenant MARION C DIETRICH, JR., 0535597, Field Artillery, as reads "Entered the military service from Massachusetts" is amended to read "Entered the military service from Ohio".

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AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

By direction of the President and under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular Number 6, Third United States Army, dated 26 April 1944, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded to:

✓ Captain ALBERT V AYKROYD, O407718, Cavalry, Company D, **Tank Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE on 16 November 1944. In the vicinity of REBELING, FRANCE, a tank had become disabled by enemy shell fire, trapping an injured officer in the wreckage. When informed of the situation, Captain AYKROYD, a tank company commander, sent three men forward to extricate the injured officer while he went in search of medical assistance. Upon securing two medical aid men, Captain AYKROYD led them to the scene where first aid was given to the badly injured officer who had been removed from the damaged tank. Despite enemy small arms and mortar fire, the rescue party placed the casualty on a litter, and without benefit of cover, successfully withdrew, traveling 250 yards completely exposed to observation by the hostile forces. The gallant participation of Captain AYKROYD in saving the life of a comrade is praiseworthy and is a creditable reflection upon himself and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Massachusetts.

✓ First Lieutenant JOHN J MAHER, O1017411, Cavalry, Company D, **Tank Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE and GERMANY during the period 16 November to 26 December 1944. In an attack upon the town of KALBENBURG, FRANCE, Lieutenant MAHER led his tanks in a successful night assault, capturing 82 of the enemy and wounding 14. Despite heavy mortar and sniper fire, the attack was so skillfully executed that no casualties were suffered by the assaulting force. At a later date, the intrepid tank company commander successfully withdrew his small forces from the vicinity of BORG, GERMANY when faced by the overwhelming superiority of the enemy. As a result of this action, he was able to reorganize his forces effectively for ensuing action. The outstanding leadership and ability to make sound tactical decisions displayed by Lieutenant MAHER under severe battle conditions reflect great credit upon this officer and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from New York.

✓ Second Lieutenant JOHN P PULLEN, JR., O521873, Corps of Engineers, Headquarters, **Armored Engineer Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in GERMANY on 3 December 1944. After repeated previous attempts had failed, Lieutenant PULLEN, assistant battalion intelligence officer, was assigned the hazardous mission of sketching the bridge connecting HILBRINGEN and MERZIG, GERMANY. Upon arriving at the town of HILBRINGEN, Lieutenant PULLEN, accompanied by an enlisted man, advanced fearlessly from house to house through streets commanded by continuous German artillery and mortar fire directed from nearby Siegfried Line fortifications, finally reaching a building from which he could observe the bridge. Establishing himself in the top story of this house, Lieutenant PULLEN, with absolute unconcern for his own safety, began his sketching. Despite constant bombardment by the enemy artillery, several projectiles of which struck the house, Lieutenant PULLEN remained at his post for two hours before completing the drawing. The information taken from the completed sketch contributed substantially to the planning of an ensuing tactical movement over the Saar River. The tenacity of purpose, courage and outstanding devotion to duty under most adverse conditions displayed by Lieutenant PULLEN reflect great credit upon himself and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Virginia.

✓ Second Lieutenant AUGUSTUS W. CURRAN, III, O535434, Field Artillery, **Armored Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in BELGIUM on 24 December 1944. During an attack on the City of BASTOGNE, BELGIUM, several bombs were dropped in the vicinity of a battalion aid station.

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One building, containing wounded men, received a direct hit from one of the bombs and was set on fire. With enemy planes still overhead, Lieutenant VAN CORTLANDT, with utter disregard for his own safety, entered the burning building and with the assistance of an enlisted man, managed to dig through the burning ruins, clearing a passageway through which they evacuated five wounded men from the blazing inferno. The outstanding accomplishment of Lieutenant VAN CORTLANDT; his intrepidity in the face of grave danger, reflect great credit upon himself and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from New York.

✓ First Sergeant JAMES H FREE, 34083648, Armored, Service Company, **Tank Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in BELGIUM on 20 December 1944. During the movement of a tank battalion service company from BASTOGNE, BELGIUM, the column of vehicles was continually subjected to heavy enemy artillery and mortar cross fire. First Sergeant FREE, a member of the company, observing a gasoline loaded truck swerve from the road, immediately ordered the driver of his vehicle to stop. Upon investigating, he found that the driver of the peculiarly acting vehicle had been killed by shrapnel from exploding artillery shells. Without regard for his personal safety, Sergeant FREE entered the driverless truck, and although all its tires had been punctured by shrapnel, courageously drove the vehicle slowly over approximately six miles of shell raked road to safety. The courage, aggressiveness and intrepidity displayed by Sergeant FREE in the face of grave danger reflect great credit upon himself and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Georgia.

! Staff Sergeant WILLIAM H FRENCH, 6584386, Armored, Company B, **Tank Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in GERMANY on 22 November 1944. In the vicinity of BORG, GERMANY, an infantry platoon was attempting to clear the enemy from a wooded area when a hostile machine gun pinned down the group, causing several casualties. Staff Sergeant FRENCH, a tank platoon sergeant, was covering the operation of the infantry in his tank at the edge of the woods when he was advised of the situation. Despite the fact that the woods were heavily mined and the area covered by bazooka fire, Staff Sergeant FRENCH volunteered to take his heavy vehicle into the woods to alleviate the situation. Speeding to the scene, he and his crew subjected the enemy gun position to intense fire and completely wiped it out. Returning to his strategic position, Sergeant FRENCH brought back with him the seriously wounded to a nearby aid station. The courage and intrepidity displayed by this non-commissioned officer in his accomplishment are worthy of great merit and reflect great credit upon himself and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from California.

✓ Staff Sergeant PAUL J CURRAN, 31003824, Troop D, **Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron (Mechanized), United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in GERMANY on 17 November and 26 November 1944. During an engagement with the enemy at HARIENHOFF, GERMANY, Staff Sergeant CURRAN, observing an enemy bazooka team sighting on his platoon leader's vehicle, quickly annihilated the enemy position with fire from his 50 caliber machine gun. His action was accomplished with a complete disregard for his own safety while being subjected to intense enemy fire at the time. At a later date, the intrepid cavalry platoon sergeant skilfully assisted in reorganizing and setting up the defenses of BETHINCHEM, GERMANY during intense bombardment from enemy shells, thereby successfully averting a threatening hostile counter-attack. The outstanding accomplishments of Sergeant CURRAN; his initiative, courage and zealous devotion to duty are highly commendable and reflect great credit upon himself, his organization and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Massachusetts.

✓ Sergeant KENNETH L HILL, 12004722, Company B, **Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in GERMANY on 25 November 1944. During an attack on the town of NERBIG, GERMANY, Sergeant HILL was acting as messenger and was delivering rations and ammunition to the front lines. When the company, of which he was a member, was pinned down by intense enemy fire, causing heavy casualties, Sergeant HILL volunteered to evacuate the wounded. With complete disregard for his own safety, he continued the evacuation, even after his 1/4 ton truck became extremely difficult to manage as a result of a broken

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brake line. Working under constant enemy artillery and small arms fire, he evacuated a total of 15 wounded men to a medical aid station. By his intrepid action, Sergeant HILL was instrumental in saving the lives of his fellow soldiers, most of whom were seriously wounded. Sergeant HILL'S courage and initiative displayed in the face of grave danger were inspirational to all who witnessed his accomplishment and are in keeping with the high traditions of the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from New York.

✓ Sergeant **BERNARD O LANGSTON**, 6397627, Headquarters Battery, **Armored Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in LUXEMBOURG on 19 December 1944. Upon completion of a mission in the vicinity of ECHTERNACH, LUXEMBOURG, the members of an artillery forward observation team were about to withdraw when they noticed that a neighboring tank had stalled in the path of enemy artillery fire. Disregarding their own safety, Sergeant LANGSTON, an instrument operator, and the other members of the team, dismounted from their armored vehicle, and amid a hail of artillery and small arms fire, attached a tow cable to the disabled tank. On remounting their vehicle, they realized that the enemy was aware of the situation as 88mm and bazooka fire was directed toward the two vehicles at the start of the towing operation. Despite the efforts of the enemy, the two vehicles and their crews were withdrawn safely out of range of the hostile forces. The intrepid participation of Sergeant LANGSTON in the operation is worthy of great merit and is a creditable reflection upon himself and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from North Carolina.

✓ Sergeant **RICHARD C HAFNER**, 37620372, Headquarters, **Armored Engineer Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in GERMANY on 3 December 1944. After repeated previous attempts had failed, Sergeant HAFNER, a battalion draftsman, was assigned the hazardous mission of sketching the bridge connecting HILBRINGEN and MERZIG, GERMANY. Upon arriving at the town of HILBRINGEN, Sergeant HAFNER, accompanied by an officer, advanced fearlessly from house to house through streets commanded by continuous German artillery and mortar fire directed from nearby Siegfried Line fortifications, finally reaching a building from which he could observe the bridge. Establishing himself in the top story of this house, Sergeant HAFNER, with absolute unconcern for his own safety, began his sketching. Despite constant bombardment by the enemy artillery, several projectiles of which struck the house, Sergeant HAFNER remained at his post for two hours before completing the drawing. The information taken from the completed sketch contributed substantially to the planning of an ensuing tactical movement over the Saar River. The tenacity of purpose, courage and outstanding devotion to duty under most adverse conditions displayed by Sergeant HAFNER reflect great credit upon himself and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Missouri.

✓ Corporal **HAROLD S LORAN**, 33371461, Headquarters Battery, **Armored Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in LUXEMBOURG on 19 December 1944. Upon completion of a mission in the vicinity of ECHTERNACH, LUXEMBOURG; the members of an artillery forward observation team were about to withdraw when they noticed that a neighboring tank had stalled in the path of enemy artillery fire. Disregarding their own safety, Corporal LORAN, a tank gunner, and the other members of the team dismounted from their armored vehicle, and amid a hail of artillery and small arms fire, attached a tow cable to the disabled tank. On remounting their vehicle, they realized that the enemy was aware of the situation as 88mm and bazooka fire was directed toward the two vehicles at the start of the towing operation. Despite the efforts of the enemy, the two vehicles and their crews were withdrawn safely out of range of the hostile forces. The intrepid participation of Corporal LORAN in the operation is worthy of great merit and is a creditable reflection upon himself and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Pennsylvania.

✓ Technician Fifth Grade **ALBERT MASTASI**, 3229727, Headquarters Battery, **Armored Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in LUXEMBOURG on 19 December 1944. Upon completion of a mission in the vicinity of

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✓ ECHTERNACH, LUXEMBOURG, the members of an artillery forward observation team were about to withdraw when they noticed that a neighboring tank had stalled in the path of enemy artillery fire. Disregarding their own safety, Technician Fifth Grade NASTASI, a tank driver, and the other members of the team dismounted from their armored vehicle, and amid a hail of artillery and small arms fire, attached a tow cable to the disabled tank. On remounting their vehicle, they realized that the enemy was aware of the situation as 88mm and bazooka fire was directed toward the two vehicles at the start of the towing operation. Despite the efforts of the enemy, the two vehicles and their crews were withdrawn safely out of range of the hostile forces. The intrepid participation of Technician Fifth Grade NATASI in the operation is worthy of great merit and is a creditable reflection upon himself and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Pennsylvania.

✓ Private First Class ATLAS E GREEN, 15045005, Company C, **Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in GERMANY on 30 November 1944. The infantry platoon, of which Private First Class GREEN was a member, had taken up positions in the vicinity of DREISBACH, GERMANY and was being subjected to intense enemy fire. When other means of communication had failed, Private First Class GREEN, a rifleman, volunteered to carry a vitally important message back to the company command post. Without regard for their personal safety, Private First Class GREEN and a companion, climbed 600 yards up an exposed slope under 88mm, mortar and small arms fire and safely reached the command post. When orders had been prepared, directing the platoon to withdraw, Private First Class GREEN again volunteered his services, and with his companion, negotiated the perilous return trip, carrying the withdrawal orders. Guided by these men, the platoon was safely displaced to a new position. The audacity, coolness and exemplary conduct under fire displayed by Private First Class GREEN during his intrepid accomplishment reflect great credit upon himself and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Kentucky.

✓ Private First Class LUTHER E INMAN, 14126208, Company C, **Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in GERMANY on 30 November 1944. The infantry platoon, of which Private First Class INMAN was a member, had taken up positions in the vicinity of DREISBACH, GERMANY and was being subjected to intense enemy fire. When other means of communication had failed, Private First Class INMAN, a rifleman, volunteered to carry a vitally important message back to the company command post. Without regard for their personal safety, Private First Class INMAN and a companion, climbed 600 yards up an exposed slope under 88mm, mortar and small arms fire and safely reached the command post. When orders had been prepared, directing the platoon to withdraw, Private First Class INMAN again volunteered his services, and with his companion, negotiated the perilous return trip, carrying the withdrawal orders. Guided by these men, the platoon was safely displaced to a new position. The audacity, coolness and exemplary conduct under fire displayed by Private First Class INMAN during his intrepid accomplishment reflect great credit upon himself and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from South Carolina.

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- SECTION I - Award of Oak-Leaf Cluster
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SECTION IV - Award of Bronze Star Medal

I. AWARD OF OAK-LEAF CLUSTER - By direction of the President and under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular Number 6, Third United States Army, dated 26 April 1944, in addition to the Silver Star previously awarded, a Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded posthumously to:

First Lieutenant PAUL B. GARRETT, O1182117, Field Artillery, Battery B, **Armored Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For gallantry in action in LUXEMBOURG on 21 December 1944. Lieutenant GARRETT distinguished himself while acting as a forward artillery observer during an infantry attack upon the enemy occupied town of WALDBILLIG, LUXEMBOURG. Shortly after the attack began, Lieutenant GARRETT abandoned his forward observation post and, carrying his radio, advanced on foot with the forward infantry elements in order to more effectively direct supporting artillery fire. When the advance was pinned down by terrific enemy mortar and machine gun fire, Lieutenant GARRETT established himself in an exposed position amid flying shrapnel and machine gun bullets and effectively adjusted artillery concentrations upon the enemy positions until his radio was demolished by a shell fragment. His intrepid action enabled the infantry to prosecute the attack to a successful conclusion. The audacity, initiative and calm devotion to duty displayed under fire by Lieutenant GARRETT reflect great credit upon himself and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Arkansas. (Nearest of Kin: Mrs. Thelie Garrett, (Mother) Rt 2, Box 2, Okolona, Arkansas).

II. AWARD OF SILVER STAR

1. By direction of the President and under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular Number 6, Third United States Army, dated 26 April 1944, a Silver Star is awarded posthumously to:

Staff Sergeant WALTER WEIMANN, 32119840, Armored, Headquarters Company, **Tank Battalion, United States Army. For gallantry in action in BELGIUM on 19 December 1944. During the defense of CHATEAU NEFFE, BELGIUM, Staff Sergeant WEIMANN, a supply sergeant, courageously moved under heavy mortar fire from place to place encouraging the men of his unit and directing fire against a numerically superior enemy. When a chateau which the friendly forces were holding became engulfed in flames and had to be abandoned, Staff Sergeant WEIMANN volunteered to drive two wounded men through withering enemy machine gun fire to a place of safety. Sergeant WEIMANN'S unselfish action was untimely interrupted when he was mortally wounded before he could reach cover. Through his intrepidity, however, the wounded men were safely evacuated. Sergeant WEIMANN'S outstanding display of heroism is a shining example for all members of the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from New York. (Nearest of Kin: Mr. Aiver Weimann (Brother), 3211 Rogers Avenue, Brooklyn, New York).

Private HERBERT SIMONS, 38232553, Troop D, **Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron (Mechanized), United States Army. For gallantry in action in FRANCE on 17 November 1944. During an engagement with the enemy in the vicinity of MARLENHOFF, FRANCE, the platoon, of which Private SIMONS was a member, was suddenly subjected to intense mortar and small arms fire. Having taken cover as ordered, Private SIMONS, a machine gunner, observed five enemy infantrymen supported by fire from a machine gun advancing upon his position. Ignoring the lethal hail of flying shrapnel and small arms bullets, Private SIMONS left the comparative safety of his position in a ditch and fearlessly dashed to a nearby abandoned quarter-ton truck upon which was mounted a machine gun. Manning the gun, he directed automatic fire against the advancing infantry, killing three of them and silencing the hostile machine gun. In the exchange of fire, the intrepid soldier

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was mortally wounded. The gallantry and supreme devotion to duty in the face of grave danger displayed by Private SIMMONS were inspirational to his comrades and are in keeping with the high traditions of the United States Army. Entered the military service from Texas. (Nearest of Kin: Mrs. Louella Simmons (Mother), Box 125, Route 1, Brownwood, Texas).

2. By direction of the President and under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular Number 6, Third United States Army, dated 26 April 1944, a Silver Star is awarded to:

First Lieutenant DAVID W COOK, O1287483, Infantry, Company C, **Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. For gallantry in action in LUXEMBOURG on 22 December 1944. During an engagement with the enemy in the vicinity of WALDBILLIG, LUXEMBOURG, First Lieutenant COOK was assigned the mission of capturing a section of the town in conjunction with attacks by other units. The intrepid platoon leader courageously advanced with his troops over open terrain against pulverizing artillery, mortar and machine gun fire. Personally killing an enemy sniper, Lieutenant COOK continued to expose himself to draw enemy fire in order to discover enemy positions for he and his men to neutralize. His outstanding aggressiveness was instrumental in the ensuing capture of the town and 125 of the enemy as well as the inflicting of very heavy casualties in killed and wounded among the stubborn force of seasoned enemy troops. Lieutenant COOK'S exemplary conduct demonstrated high qualities of leadership, courage and gallantry and reflect great credit upon himself, his organization and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Pennsylvania.

Second Lieutenant WALLACE BUNT, O537508, Corps of Engineers, Headquarters Company, **Armored Engineer Battalion, United States Army. For gallantry in action in LUXEMBOURG on 25 December 1944. During operations against the enemy in the vicinity of GILSDORF, LUXEMBOURG, Lieutenant BUNT was given the mission of sketching a bridge over the Sure River. Upon approaching the town and learning the enemy was still in possession, the intrepid engineer reconnaissance officer unhesitatingly infiltrated the enemy lines and, proceeding through cellars and rooms of buildings, succeeded in reaching a position from which he could view the bridge. After completing his sketch, he again courageously infiltrated the enemy positions, successfully reaching his own lines with information vital to the ensuing operations of an Army Corps. The resoluteness and tenacity of purpose exhibited by Lieutenant BUNT in the face of almost insurmountable odds were inspirational to his fellow officers and men and are in keeping with the traditions of the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Michigan.

Technical Sergeant ANTON F TOTI, 35588239, Company A, **Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. For gallantry in action in GERMANY on 30 November 1944. Technical Sergeant TOTI was leading his squad on the right flank of an infantry platoon during an advance toward the Saar River in the vicinity of WELTINGEN, GERMANY when it was suddenly subjected to a lethal hail of enemy machine gun fire. Realizing that any further advance would subject his men to almost certain death, Sergeant TOTI, ignoring his personal safety, crawled forward amid the withering fire and determined the exact location of the hostile machine gun. Returning to his hidden men, the intrepid Technical Sergeant maneuvered them into positions from which they threw hand grenades, after which action he personally led them in a bayonet charge, completely destroying the enemy position. He then reorganized his squad and continued the advance until withdrawal orders were received. Acting as platoon sergeant, he so effectively supervised the withdrawal that no further casualties were suffered despite heavy hostile machine gun and small arms fire. The cool, exemplary leadership and quick thinking under fire displayed by Technical Sergeant TOTI were inspirational to his fellow soldiers and are in keeping with the high traditions of the United States Army. Entered the military service from Ohio.

Technician Fourth Grade GEORGE S COWARD, JR., 33399145, Troop D, **Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron (Mechanized), United States Army. For gallantry in action in BELGIUM on 19 December 1944. Technician Fourth Grade COWARD distinguished himself while acting as a gunner of an armored car during an enemy counter-attack at NOVILLE, BELGIUM. Upon observing two enemy tanks approaching his position, he quickly manned the vehicle's 37mm gun, firing the weapon until the two enemy tanks

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were destroyed. During the action, a hostile shell hit a wall above a nearby tank destroyer, killing one of its crew and wounding another. After having exhausted his ammunition supply, Technician Fourth Grade COWARD, with utter disregard for his own safety, left the comparative security of his vehicle under intense hostile fire and with the assistance of the radio operator, removed the injured soldier to the shelter of a nearby house. Returning to his vehicle, Technician Fourth Grade COWARD continued firing with small arms during the heat of the ensuing battle. Technician Fourth Grade COWARD'S intrepidity, tenacity of purpose and zealous devotion to duty is worthy of high commendation and reflect great credit upon himself and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Pennsylvania.

Technician Fourth Grade HAROLD C KNUPPENBURG, 12138783, Troop D, **Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron (Mechanized), United States Army. For gallantry in action in BELGIUM on 19 December 1944. During counter-attack by the enemy at NOVILLE, BELGIUM, Technician Fourth Grade KNUPPENBURG was performing his duties as a radio operator, transmitting messages to the headquarters of a combat command. When informed that two enemy tanks were approaching his position, he quickly mounted the turret of his armored car to direct the fire of the vehicle's 37mm gun, and remaining in his dangerously exposed position, he continued to direct fire until the two enemy tanks were destroyed. During the action, a hostile shell hit a wall above a nearby tank destroyer, killing one of its crew and wounding another. After having exhausted his ammunition, Technician Fourth Grade KNUPPENBURG, with utter disregard for his own safety, left the comparative security of his vehicle under intense hostile fire, and with the assistance of his gunner, removed the injured soldier to the shelter of a nearby house. Returning to his vehicle, Technician Fourth Grade KNUPPENBURG continued to maintain radio contact with the combat command headquarters during the heat of the ensuing battle and assisted in maneuvering the armored car to a place of safety upon the withdrawal of friendly forces from the town. During the entire engagement, his radio was the only means of contact between elements fighting in NOVILLE and their headquarters in BASTOGNE. Technician Fourth Grade KNUPPENBURG'S intrepidity, tenacity of purpose and zealous devotion to duty is worthy of high commendation and reflect great credit upon himself and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from New York.

Private First Class HUBERT W COKER, 34475070, Company C, **Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. For gallantry in action in LUXEMBOURG on 21 December 1944. Private First Class COKER repeatedly distinguished himself while serving as a machine gunner with an infantry company during an attack upon the enemy held town of WALDBELLIG, LUXEMBOURG. Advancing over an open field 800 yards from the town, the troops were subjected to intense Germany artillery, mortar and small arms fire. As a result of small arms fire Private First Class COKER was wounded in the arm. With complete indifference to the pain of his wounds, he, assisted by another enlisted man, replaced his machine gun and maintained such an effective rate of fire that the enemy was pinned down, enabling his fellow soldiers to advance. Following the advance, Private First Class COKER moved to within 50 yards of the town where he was wounded again in the stomach by shrapnel while placing his weapon in firing position. Refusing to succumb to the intense pain of his wounds, he continued firing his automatic weapon until the advancing infantry had successfully entered the town, at which time he submitted to first aid treatment and then crawled 800 yards through an intense artillery barrage to an aid station. The heroic determination, courage and marked devotion to duty under fire displayed by this audacious soldier reflect great credit upon himself and are in keeping with the high traditions of the United States Army. Entered the military service from Mississippi.

III. AWARD OF OAK-LEAF CLUSTER - By direction of the President and under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular Number 6, Third United States Army, dated 26 April 1944, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal previously awarded, a Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to:

Captain ARTHUR C EISBERG, 0422557, Infantry, Company A, **Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE on 16 November 1944. During an engagement with the enemy at ST. ESTIENNE, FRANCE, Captain EISBERG, assuming command of the leading element of a task force, distinguished himself by outstanding leadership. Disregarding the extreme danger from overwhelming enemy

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artillery and mortar fire, the intrepid infantry commander courageously led his troops forward, encouraging and inspiring his men in their advance against the stubborn enemy. Later, during darkness, he skilfully consolidated the captured ground and organized a defensive position on the reverse slope of a heavily shelled ridge, successfully forestalling a counter-attack by the numerically superior enemy forces. Captain EISEBERG'S intrepidity, initiative and display of superior tactical knowledge is highly commendable and reflect great credit upon himself and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from New Jersey.

Technician Fourth Grade IRVIN L NIZYBORSKI, 36541621, Medical Detachment, **Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in LUXEMBOURG on 18 December 1944. During combat in the vicinity of BERDORF, LUXEMBOURG, Technician Fourth Grade NIZYBORSKI, a medical aid man, while engaged in caring for the wounded, was completely cut off from friendly forces by infiltrating enemy patrols. Abandoning all thought for his personal safety, Technician Fourth Grade NIZYBORSKI, aided by two other enlisted men, established a medical collecting point in complete darkness and, despite heavy enemy artillery, bazooka and small arms fire, administered medical treatment to approximately 46 men. He continuously moved among the wounded, encouraging them, giving them his own warm outer clothing and, in general, giving them aid and comfort throughout the remainder of the night until the following morning when they were all successfully evacuated by repeated trips of an armored car. The valor, tenacity of purpose and staunch devotion to duty under fire displayed by Technician Fourth Grade NIZYBORSKI were inspirational to all with whom he came in contact and reflect great credit upon himself and the Medical Corps of the United States Army. Entered the military service from Michigan.

IV. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL - By direction of the President and under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular Number 6, Third United States Army, dated 26 April 1944, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded to:

Private First Class WILLIAM D LEWIS, 6134586, Headquarters Battery, **Armored Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in LUXEMBOURG on 19 December 1944. Upon completion of a mission in the vicinity of ECHTERNACH, LUXEMBOURG, the members of an artillery forward observation team were about to withdraw when they noticed that a neighboring tank had stalled in the path of enemy artillery fire. Disregarding their own safety, Private First Class LEWIS, a machine gunner, and the other members of the team dismounted from their armored vehicle and, amid a hail of artillery and small arms fire, attached a tow cable to the disabled tank. On remounting their vehicle, they realized that the enemy was aware of the situation as 88mm and bazooka fire was directed toward the two vehicles at the start of the towing operation. Despite the efforts of the enemy, the two vehicles and their crews were withdrawn safely out of range of the hostile forces. The intrepid participation of Private First Class LEWIS in the operation is worthy of great merit and a creditable reflection upon himself and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Massachusetts.

By command of the DIVISION COMMANDER:

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SECTION I -- Award of Oak-Leaf Cluster
SECTION II -- Award of Bronze Star Medal
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SECTION IV -- Award of Certificate of Merit

I. AWARD OF OAK-LEAF CLUSTER - By direction of the President and under the provisions of Army Regulation 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular Number 6, Third United States Army, dated 26 April 1944, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal previously awarded, a Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to:

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* First Lieutenant **HERMAN C. JACOBS**, 01287537, Infantry, Headquarters **Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in **BELGIUM** during the period 18 December to 20 December 1944.

II. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL - By direction of the President and under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular Number 6, Third United States Army, dated 26 April 1944, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded to:

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* Lieutenant Colonel **HENRY T. CHERRY, JR.**, 019888, Cavalry, Headquarters, **Tank Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in **FRANCE, GERMANY and BELGIUM** during the period 15 November 1944 to 16 January 1945.

* Major **FRED H. BRYAN**, 0408994, Cavalry, Headquarters, **Tank Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in **FRANCE, GERMANY and LUXEMBOURG** during the period 20 November to 26 December 1944.

* Major **RICHARD M. SHEPHERD**, 0424059, Ordnance Department, **Ordnance Maintenance Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in **FRANCE, GERMANY and LUXEMBOURG** during the period 1 November 1944 to 17 January 1945.

* Major **JAMES B. DUNCAN**, 01287496, Infantry, Headquarters, **Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in **BELGIUM** during the period 18 December to 20 December 1944.

* Captain **DONALD C. MC WILLIAMS**, 0370422, Cavalry, Headquarters, **Tank Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in **FRANCE, GERMANY and LUXEMBOURG** during the period 16 November to 26 December 1944.

* Capt. in **JOHN H. MADDELL**, 0465402, Infantry, **Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in **BELGIUM** during the period 18 December to 20 December 1944.

* Captain **RAYMOND KALGREN**, 01287544, Infantry, Headquarters, **Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in **BELGIUM** during the period 18 December to 20 December 1944.

* First Lieutenant **JOHN J. MURRAY**, 01017711, Infantry, Service Company, **Tank Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in **FRANCE, GERMANY and LUXEMBOURG** during the period 18 November to 21 November 1944.

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✓ First Lieutenant CHARLES P PALMACCIO, 01052913, Coast Artillery Corps, **Anti-Aircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion, Self Propelled, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE and BELGIUM during the period 14 November 1944 to 17 January 1945.

✓ Second Lieutenant SAUL PARANSKY, 01015501, Infantry, Service Company, **Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE, GERMANY and LUXEMBOURG during the period 15 November to 26 December 1944.

✓ Warrant Officer Junior Grade EDWARD P DUDERETICZ, W-2127875, Service Company, **Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE, GERMANY and LUXEMBOURG during the period 15 November to 19 November 1944.

✗ Technical Sergeant CHARLES W MAURER, 32330545, Armored, **10th Armored Division, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE and LUXEMBOURG during the period 23 September 1944 to 21 January 1945.

✗ Sergeant JOHN H BRAYMAN, JR., 35528416, Battery B, **Anti Aircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion, Self Propelled, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE, GERMANY and BELGIUM during the period 14 November 1944 to 17 January 1945.

✗ Sergeant JAMES MC CARTHY, 36572649, Battery B, **Anti Aircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion, Self Propelled, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE, GERMANY and BELGIUM during the period 14 November 1944 to 17 January 1945.

III. AWARD OF AIR MEDAL - By direction of the President and under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular Number 6, Third United States Army, dated 26 April 1944, an Air Medal is awarded to:

✓ First Lieutenant BERNARD M WINSBERG, 01178392, Field Artillery, **Armored Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE, GERMANY and LUXEMBOURG during the period 9 November 1944 to 22 January 1945.

✓ First Lieutenant JAMES R CHAPPELL, 01170311, Field Artillery, **Armored Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE, GERMANY and LUXEMBOURG during the period 12 November 1944 to 23 January 1945.

✗ Private First Class E. L. B DOUGHERTY, 6955813, Battery C, **Armored Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE and LUXEMBOURG during the period 26 November 1944 to 18 January 1945.

IV. AWARD OF CERTIFICATE OF MERIT - Under the provisions of letter, Headquarters European Theater of Operations, United States Army, file AG 200.6 HPGA, subject: Certificate of Merit, dated 28 June 1944, a CERTIFICATE OF MERIT is awarded to the following named personnel in recognition of conspicuously meritorious and outstanding performance of military duty in the European Theater of Operations:

Captain JOE R FRITZ, 01287507, Infantry, Headquarters, **Tank Battalion, United States Army.

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Staff Sergeant GEORGE C GILMAN, 31200187, Armored, Company B, **Tank Battalion, United States Army.

Sergeant BERNARD F KASZA, 36541674, Headquarters, **Armored Engineer Battalion, United States Army.

Technician Fourth Grade ARTHUR W PROMNE, 11117446, Company B, **Medical Battalion, Armored, United States Army.

Technician Fourth Grade HARVEY E JULLAN, 31212991, Company B, **Medical Battalion, Armored, United States Army.

Technician Fifth Grade FRANK E BURDA, 32048477, Medical Detachment, **Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army.

Technician Fifth Grade SAM M PALLAGIOTIS, 35565535, Company B, **Medical Battalion, Armored, United States Army.

By command of the DIVISION COMMANDER:

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SECTION I - Award of Silver Star
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I. AWARD OF SILVER STAR

1. By direction of the President and under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular Number 6, Third United States Army, dated 26 April 1944, a Silver Star is awarded posthumously to:

Private First Class FRED H PUCCI, 31198456, Company B, **Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. For gallantry in action in LUXEMBOURG on 18 December 1944. During an attack against the enemy in BERDORF, LUXEMBOURG, the advance of an infantry squad was halted by intense enemy fire. Private First Class PUCCI, a rifleman, remained in an exposed position providing a covering fire, enabling his comrades to reach the security of a nearby building. In this action, he was mortally wounded by sniper fire. The initiative, courageousness and outstanding devotion to duty displayed by Private First Class PUCCI in the face of insurmountable odds was inspirational to his fellow soldiers and is in keeping with the high traditions of the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Connecticut. (Nearest of Kin: Mrs. Anna Pucci (Mother), Valley Road, Coscob, Connecticut).

2. By direction of the President and under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular Number 6, Third United States Army, dated 26 April 1944, a Silver Star is awarded to:

Technician Fifth Grade AUBRY J RICOUARD, 34234446, Medical Detachment, **Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. For gallantry in action in LUXEMBOURG on 21 December 1944. A combat team in the vicinity of BERDORF, LUXEMBOURG was suddenly subjected to an intense enemy artillery barrage, causing numerous casualties, including Technician Fifth Grade RICOUARD, the only medical aid man present. He directed non-medical personnel in the treatment of his own wounds, and by having the other wounded brought to him, supervised the administration of first aid and the evacuation of thirty five battle casualties over a period of five hours. Only then did he permit himself to be evacuated. Technician Fifth Grade RICOUARD'S loyal devotion to duty under the most adverse conditions of combat reflect great credit upon himself and the Medical Corps of the United States Army. Entered the service from Louisiana.

Private First Class ALEXANDER J SMIALEK, 31214280, Company B, **Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. For gallantry in action in LUXEMBOURG on 20 December and 24 December 1944. When a heavy enemy attack was launched against the town of BERDORF, LUXEMBOURG on 20 December 1944, Private First Class SMIALEK, aided by two other enlisted men, bravely manned a bazooka and covered the withdrawal of his fellow squad members to a more tenable position. On 24 December 1944 in the vicinity of FERME RUKENDANGE, LUXEMBOURG, he and an officer effected the rescue of a seriously wounded soldier lying in an exposed position under intense hostile mortar and artillery fire. The courage and intrepidity under the most adverse combat conditions displayed by this courageous soldier reflect great credit upon himself and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Massachusetts.

II. AWARD OF OAK-LEAF CLUSTER - By direction of the President and under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular Number 6, Third United States Army, dated 26 April 1944, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal previously awarded, an Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to:

Second Lieutenant MARION C BENTRICH, JR., 0535597, Field Artillery, **Armored Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of ECHTERNACH, LUXEMBOURG, the members of an artillery forward observation team were about to

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withdraw when they noticed that a neighboring tank had stalled in the path of enemy artillery fire. Disregarding their own safety, Lieutenant DIETRICH, the observer, and the other members of the team dismounted from their armored vehicle and, amid a hail of artillery and small arms fire, attached a tow cable to the disabled tank. On remounting their vehicle, they realized that the enemy was aware of the situation as 88mm and bazooka fire was directed toward the two vehicles at the start of the towing operation. Despite the efforts of the enemy, the two vehicles and their crews were withdrawn safely out of range of the hostile forces. The intrepid participation of Lieutenant DIETRICH in the operation is worthy of great merit and is a creditable reflection upon himself and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Ohio.

Technical Sergeant HARLEY R LEMASTERS, 35743157, Company B, **Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in LUXEMBOURG on 20 December 1944. Technical Sergeant LEMASTERS and his infantry squad were occupying a defensive position in a building in the town of MERBACH, LUXEMBOURG when the Germans suddenly launched a fierce counter-attack. The position became untenable when a defending machine gun was rendered useless. Technical Sergeant LEMASTERS ordered his men to withdraw from the rear of the building while he, aided by two enlisted men, covered the withdrawal. Abandoning all thought for his own safety, Technical Sergeant LEMASTERS, armed with a bazooka, opened fire on the advancing enemy as they entered an open area immediately before his position, inflicting many casualties among them. Despite a lethal hail of enemy bazooka and small arms fire, he and the other men continued firing their weapons so effectively that the enemy were delayed long enough to enable the squad to safely withdraw and take up a new position. Only after he had assured himself that his squad had safely vacated the building did Technical Sergeant LEMASTERS and his companions withdraw. The exemplary leadership and quick thinking under fire displayed by this audacious soldier were inspirational to his fellow combatants and reflect great credit upon himself and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from West Virginia.

III. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

1. By direction of the President and under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular Number 6, Third United States Army, dated 26 April 1944, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded posthumously to:

Corporal KINGSLEY B BOWERS, 37461396, Troop D, **Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron (Mechanized), United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in GERMANY on 25 November 1944. Corporal BOWERS, an assistant squad leader, accompanied a patrol with the mission of determining enemy strength and disposition in the area between WENNINGEN and BETHINGEN, GERMANY. During the advance, the patrol leader was incapacitated by shock resulting from a mortar shell bursting within 15 feet of his position. Corporal BOWERS, ignoring the continued heavy mortar fire, made his way to the patrol leader and effected his evacuation to a place of safety. Reorganizing the patrol, he led it on into the enemy infested territory until further progress was halted by a lethal hail of hostile machine gun fire, pinning his patrol to the ground. Bravely ignoring the continuous fire, Corporal BOWERS reconnoitered until he had determined the exact location of the machine gun position. Withdrawing the patrol, he safely led them back to their headquarters where he reported the location of the machine gun together with other valuable military information that materially aided in the capture of the town of BETHINGEN the following day. The initiative, bravery and exemplary leadership displayed by this intrepid soldier, in the presence of grave danger, were inspirational to his fellow soldiers and reflect great credit upon himself and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from South Dakota. (Nearest of Kin: Ruby M Bowers (Wife), Bereford, South Dakota).

2. By direction of the President and under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular Number 6, Third United States Army, dated 26 April 1944, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded to:

First Lieutenant MILTON E FRANK, 01116377, Corps of Engineers, Company C, **Armored Engineer Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in

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connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in GERMANY on 21 November 1944. When an armored column was halted by an anti-tank ditch in the vicinity of BESCH, GERMANY, Lieutenant FRANK, although subjected to intense hostile fire, efficiently directed the bridging of the ditch, permitting the column to proceed on its mission with a minimum of delay. The courage and professional skill exhibited under fire by the intrepid engineer platoon leader reflect great credit upon himself and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Illinois.

Second Lieutenant THOMAS A O'DONNELL, 0547325, Infantry, Company A, **Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in LUXEMBOURG on 19 December and 24 December 1944. When a heavy attack was launched by the enemy in the vicinity of BERDORF, LUXEMBOURG on 19 December 1944, Lieutenant O'DONNELL skilfully led his platoon into the fire fight, replacing a casualty depleted platoon in time to repel the enemy onslaught. On 24 December 1944, although painfully wounded in the leg, Lieutenant O'DONNELL effectively assisted in reorganizing an infantry company which had been subjected to intense rocket fire. His courage and devotion to duty under fire inspired his fellow officers and men and reflect great credit upon himself and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Massachusetts.

Technical Sergeant OLIMPIO A BARBARA, 32205048, Company A, **Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in LUXEMBOURG on 20 December and 24 December 1944. On 20 December 1944 an infantry platoon in the vicinity of BERDORF, LUXEMBOURG was suddenly subjected to intense enemy artillery and mortar fire, causing many casualties. Observing the disastrous effect of the shelling, Technical Sergeant BARBARA, the ranking non-commissioned officer, went among his men and displaced them in such a manner that further losses did not materialize. On 24 December 1944 under similar circumstances, the intrepid sergeant repeated his courageous performance. His outstanding leadership and coolness under the most adverse conditions of combat has won for him the unlimited respect and admiration of his fellow soldiers and reflect great credit upon himself and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from New York.

Technical Sergeant OSCAR U MESSER, 6380232, Company B, **Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in LUXEMBOURG on 19 December and 24 December 1944. On 19 December 1944 an infantry platoon attacking in the vicinity of BERDORF, LUXEMBOURG, was suddenly pinned down by intense enemy artillery fire. By courageously remaining in front of his platoon encouraging the men by his exemplary conduct and advice, Technical Sergeant MESSER prevented panic and led them safely forward from the center of the barrage. On 24 December 1944 he audaciously repeated his courageous performance under similar circumstances. The outstanding leadership and coolness in the face of extreme combat danger displayed by this intrepid platoon sergeant inspired his fellow soldiers to great efforts and reflect great credit upon himself and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Alabama.

Technical Sergeant VERDON L NORSEN, 32141922, Company B, **Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in GERMANY and LUXEMBOURG on 21 November and 19 December 1944. When his squad was pinned down by intense enemy fire during an attack against the enemy on 21 November 1944 in the vicinity of BESCH, GERMANY, Technical Sergeant NORSEN inspired his men to continue forward to successfully exploit the attack. On 19 December 1944 during an engagement at BERDORF, LUXEMBOURG when he and 13 others were trapped in a house between two burning buildings with both entrances blocked by enemy fire, Technical Sergeant NORSEN stepped to the rear of the house, and firing his automatic rifle, killed two of the enemy and wounded another, enabling the escape of the group. His intrepid actions in the face of enemy fire reflect great credit upon himself and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from New York.

Staff Sergeant RAYMOND A DOUCETTES, 6152701, Company A, **Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military

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ary operations against an enemy of the United States in LUXEMBOURG on 22 December 1944. During an engagement with the enemy in the vicinity of CHRISTNACH, LUXEMBOURG, Staff Sergeant DOUCETTE, a squad leader, upon hearing a cry for help from two wounded members of another squad, left the comparative safety of his shelter to go to their aid. Without thought for his personal safety, he boldly inched his way forward to the wounded men and, amid intense hostile artillery and rocket fire, rendered emergency first aid. After completing the first aid treatment, he succeeded in evacuating both men over fire swept terrain to a place of safety. The outstanding heroism and exemplary conduct under fire displayed by Staff Sergeant DOUCETTE were inspirational to his fellow soldiers and exemplify the fine traditions of the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Massachusetts.

Staff Sergeant EDMUND W PETROWSKI 33358609, Company A, **Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in LUXEMBOURG on 22 December 1944. Staff Sergeant PETROWSKI distinguished himself as an assistant infantry squad leader during an engagement with the enemy in the vicinity of CHRISTNACH, LUXEMBOURG. During a heavy concentration of enemy artillery and mortar fire, Sergeant PETROWSKI, hearing a cry for help, courageously crawled fifty yards over the shell-raked terrain in response. While administering first aid to a wounded man, the intrepid sergeant was himself wounded in the face. Despite his own wounds, he carried his injured comrade through the intense enemy fire to a place of safety. Sergeant PETROWSKI'S heroic accomplishment is a creditable reflection upon himself, his organization and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Pennsylvania.

Staff Sergeant BERNARD S SLOWIK, 36005624, Armored, Headquarters Company, **Tank Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in LUXEMBOURG on 21 December 1944. The mortar platoon, of which Staff Sergeant SLOWIK was serving as a squad leader, was preparing to fire in support of a counter attack by friendly troops in the vicinity of WALDBILLIG, LUXEMBOURG when the platoon was suddenly brought under heavy enemy artillery fire, killing the company commander and seriously injuring the platoon leader. Realizing the seriousness of the situation, Staff Sergeant SLOWIK immediately withdrew the platoon to a safe area where he quickly reorganized it and then led the platoon to its previous position. Installing a radio in an abandoned truck, Staff Sergeant SLOWIK, with an assistant, went forward under heavy artillery fire to an advanced observation post where he brought effective mortar fire on the opposing forces, greatly assisting the advance of friendly troops. The coolness and courage displayed by Staff Sergeant SLOWIK under enemy fire at such a critical time was an inspiration to his entire platoon. His initiative, fearless determination and loyal devotion to duty exemplify the high traditions of the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Illinois.

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AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

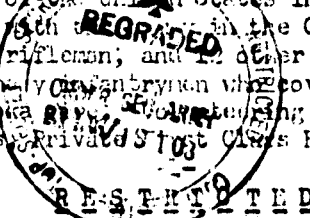
By direction of the President and under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular Number 6, Third United States Army, dated 26 April 1944, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded to:

Staff Sergeant ROY A CARLSON, 37323346, Company B, **Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in LUXEMBOURG on 20 December 1944. During a task force attack in the vicinity of BERDORF, LUXEMBOURG, enemy artillery and mortar fire became very intense, pinning down friendly troops and causing many casualties. Staff Sergeant CARLSON, a leader of a mortar squad in reserve, left his sheltered position and attempted to summon medical aid. Finding that available medical attention was insufficient, he organized the administering of first aid treatment and the evacuation of the wounded, utilizing enlisted personnel of other units in the vicinity in addition to his own mortar squad. When the enemy cut off the route to an aid station, Staff Sergeant CARLSON located a route to another evacuation point and, courageously braving enemy artillery barrages and small arms fire, made repeated trips back and forth, personally aiding and directing the evacuation of approximately 45 casualties. The outstanding courage and initiative displayed by Staff Sergeant CARLSON is highly commendable and reflect great credit upon himself and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Minnesota.

Technician Fourth Grade CHARLES W REMICK, 6583435, Armored, Company C, ** Tank Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE on 18 November 1944. Technician Fourth Grade REMICK, a tank driver, volunteered to aid in the recovery of a disabled tank in the vicinity of BOUZANVILLE, FRANCE. Abandoning all concern for his personal safety, Technician Fourth Grade REMICK accompanied a recovery crew two miles into enemy infested territory where they located the crippled armored vehicle and succeeded in extricating it to a place of safety. This heroic action accomplished amid continuous intense enemy artillery and machine gun fire, saved direly needed combat equipment from almost certain destruction and materially aided future operations against the enemy. The courage, aggressiveness and loyal devotion to duty in the face of danger displayed by Technician Fourth Grade REMICK reflect great credit upon himself, his organization and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from California.

Technician Fifth Grade DALE M FRYE, 36202134, Armored, Headquarters Company, **Tank Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in LUXEMBOURG on 21 December 1944. Technician Fifth Grade FRYE distinguished himself while serving as a member of a mortar platoon supporting an infantry attack on the town of WALDBILLIG LUXEMBOURG. After his platoon had come under heavy enemy artillery fire, killing his company commander and seriously injuring his platoon leader, Technician Fifth Grade FRYE voluntarily assisted his squad leader install a radio on a truck and then drove him under heavy enemy shelling to a foremost observation post where he aided materially in bringing effective mortar fire to bear on the opposing forces. His heroic action effectively aided the advance of the friendly forces in the capture of the town. The initiative, intrepidity and loyal devotion to duty displayed by Technician Fifth Grade FRYE reflect great credit upon himself and are in keeping with the high traditions of the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Wisconsin.

Private First Class JOHNNIE O BURT, 38246775, Company A, **Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in LUXEMBOURG on 20 December 1944. During an engagement in the City of BERDORF, LUXEMBOURG, Private First Class BURT, a rifleman, and 12 other squad members were trapped in a building by approaching enemy infantrymen who covered all escape passages with intense small arms and bazooka fire. BURT volunteered to man a machine gun and cover the withdrawal of the others. Private First Class BURT fired at the enemy from an



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opening in the front of the building, while the other men made a safe withdrawal through the rear. With utter disregard for his personal safety, he purposely drew fire on his gun position which he held until the enemy approached within 15 yards before he withdrew. His bold and fearless action not only permitted his squad to successfully withdraw, but also allowed sufficient time for the squad to take up new defensive positions. Private First Class BURNS' quick thinking and courage under fire reflects great credit upon himself and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Texas.

Private First Class LOUIS J MEROLA, 11102211, Armored, Company C, **Tank Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE on 18 November 1944. Private First Class MEROLA, a machine gunner, volunteered to aid in the recovery of a disabled tank in the vicinity of BOUZANVILLE, FR. GE. Abandoning all concern for his personal safety, Private First Class MEROLA accompanied a recovery crew two miles into enemy infested territory where they located the crippled armored vehicle and succeeded in extricating it to a place of safety. This heroic action accomplished amid continuous intense enemy artillery and machine gun fire, saved direly needed combat equipment from almost certain destruction and materially aided future operations against the enemy. The courage, aggressiveness and loyal devotion to duty in the face of danger displayed by Private First Class MEROLA reflect great credit upon himself, his organization, and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Connecticut.

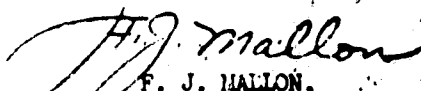
Private First Class KENNETH A SANDERS, 34478137, Company A, **Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE on 26 November 1944. Private First Class SANDERS distinguished himself while serving as a rifleman during an engagement with the enemy in the vicinity of VALDENESSE, FRANCE. When an enlisted man was badly wounded during a heavy concentration of enemy artillery and mortar fire, Private First Class SANDERS went to his aid. With utter disregard for his own safety, he braved the enemy fire and upon reaching the seriously injured soldier and determining the nature of his wounds, again braved enemy fire to obtain medical assistance. After the wounds of his comrade had been dressed, Private First Class SANDERS assisted the aid man in successfully evacuating the casualty. The unselfish concern of Private First Class SANDERS for his comrades is highly commendable and reflects great credit upon himself and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Mississippi.

Private JAMES A MOUNTAIN, 33400026, Company A, **Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE on 19 November 1944. When a member of his unit was injured during a German counter-attack in the vicinity of SCHVERDORFF, FRANCE, Private MOUNTAIN, a rifleman, with utter disregard for his personal safety, went forward under intense enemy artillery, mortar and small arms fire to aid the wounded man. Upon reaching him, Private MOUNTAIN administered first aid and then boldly carried him over 200 yards of fire swept terrain to a place of safety, saving the wounded man's life. The outstanding heroism and tenacity of purpose displayed by this audacious soldier under fire reflect great credit upon himself and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Pennsylvania.

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SECTION I - Award of Bronze Star Medal
SECTION II - Award of Air Medal
SECTION III - Award of Certificate of Merit

I. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL - By direction of the President and under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular Number 6, Third United States Army, dated 26 April 1944, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded to:

✓ Major WHEELER H THACKSTON, O32712E, Infantry, Headquarters, **Tank Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE, GERMANY and BELGIUM during the period 15 November 1944 to 16 January 1945.

✓ Captain THOMAS H KING, O315506, Infantry, Headquarters, **Tank Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE, GERMANY and BELGIUM during the period 15 November 1944 to 16 January 1945.

✓ Second Lieutenant JAMES J FLOOD, O1017425, Cavalry, Troop C, **Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron (Mechanized), United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE, GERMANY and LUXEMBOURG during the period 17 November 1944 to 28 December 1944.

✓ Master Sergeant PATRICK E O'BRIENE, 681363E, Armored, Headquarters, **Tank Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE, GERMANY and BELGIUM during the period 15 November 1944 to 16 January 1945.

✓ Staff Sergeant WILLIAM GUERS, 13008000, Troop C, **Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron (Mechanized), United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE, GERMANY and LUXEMBOURG during the period 15 November 1944 to 30 January 1945.

✓ Sergeant ROBERT C SCHMIDLING, 3221551E, Armored, Headquarters, **Tank Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE, GERMANY and BELGIUM during the period 15 November 1944 to 16 January 1945.

II. AWARD OF AIR MEDAL - By direction of the President and under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular Number 6, Third United States Army, dated 26 April 1944, an Air Medal is awarded to:

✓ Captain REFOR H HISKETT, O1174324, Field Artillery, **Division Artillery, 10th Armored Division, United States Army. For meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE, GERMANY and LUXEMBOURG during the period 10 November 1944 to 20 January 1945.

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III. AWARD OF CERTIFICATE OF MERIT - Under the provisions of letter, Headquarters European Theater of Operations, United States Army, file AG 200.6 MPGA, subject: Certificate of Merit, dated 28 June 1944, a CERTIFICATE OF MERIT is awarded to the following named personnel in recognition of conspicuously meritorious and outstanding performance of military duty in the European Theater of Operations:

- Technical Sergeant RAYMOND J BENEDE, 33059001, Armored, Headquarters, **Command, 10th Armored Division, United States Army.
- Technical Sergeant CARLTON J ROONEY, 31046183, Armored, Headquarters, **Command, 10th Armored Division, United States Army.
- Staff Sergeant JOHN M BODNAR, 33599362, Armored, Headquarters, **Command, 10th Armored Division, United States Army.
- Staff Sergeant ALFRED J STECKIEL, 33023837, Armored, Headquarters Company, **Tank Battalion, United States Army.

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AWARD OF COMBAT INFANTRYMAN BADGE

Under the provisions of War Department Circular Number 408, dated 17 October 1944, the Combat Infantryman Badge is awarded to the following named Officer for exemplary conduct in action against the enemy. This award is retroactive to 2 November 1944.

Major STANLEY WEINER, 0416200, Infantry, **Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army.

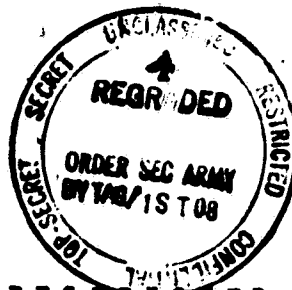
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AWARD OF PURPLE HEART

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By direction of the President and under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, a Purple Heart is awarded to:

Private First Class EDWARD H CARPENTER, 33217140, Headquarters Company, Combat Command **, 10th Armored Division, United States Army. For wounds received as a result of enemy action in GERMANY on 26 February 1945.

By command of the DIVISION COMMANDER:

JOSEPH A. MC CHRISTIAN,
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Acting Chief of Staff.

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SECTION I - Award of Oak-Leaf Cluster
SECTION II - Award of Silver Star
SECTION III - Award of Bronze Star Medal

I. AWARD OF OAK-LEAF CLUSTER

1. By direction of the President and under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular Number 6, Third United States Army, dated 26 April 1944, in addition to the Silver Star previously awarded, a Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to the following named officer who is missing in action:

Lieutenant Colonel MILNE L STANDISH, O254344, Infantry, **Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. For gallantry in action in GERMANY on 25 February 1945. During an engagement with the enemy in the vicinity of IRSCH, GERMANY, Lieutenant Colonel STANDISH constantly remained with the advance elements of his command, leading his troops in an attack through the Siegfried Line. Despite serious wounds received during the encounter, he refused to be evacuated even though his condition was such that it was necessary for him to be supported by two of his men. His supreme devotion to duty and outstanding accomplishment in the face of almost unsurmountable odds was an inspiration to his fellow officers and men and exemplify the high traditions of the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Indiana. (Nearest of Kin: Mrs. Esma J. Standish, (Wife), 1742 Pine Tree Road, Augusta, Georgia.)

2. By direction of the President and under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular Number 6, Third United States Army, dated 26 April 1944, in addition to the Silver Star previously awarded, a Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to the following named officer:

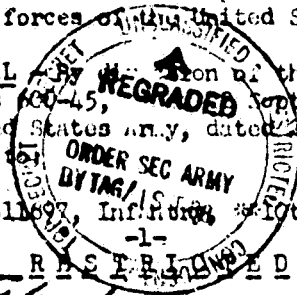
Colonel HAROLD H MC CLUNE, O7101, Infantry, **Infantry Regiment, 94th Infantry Division, United States Army. For gallantry in action in GERMANY during the period 19 February to 27 February 1945. During this period, Colonel MC CLUNE directed the establishment of a bridgehead over the Saar River in the vicinity of AYL, GERMANY. Despite the intensity of enemy mortar and small arms fire, he remained constantly with the advance elements of his command, personally conducting and supervising the various phases of the difficult operation until he was wounded, necessitating his evacuation from the scene. Colonel MC CLUNE'S conspicuous gallantry, exemplary leadership and intrepidity exemplify the high traditions of the military forces of the United States.

II. AWARD OF SILVER STAR - By direction of the President and under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular Number 6, Third United States Army, dated 26 April 1944, a Silver Star is awarded to:

Colonel BASIL G THAYER, O12794, General Staff Corps, **10th Armored Division, United States Army. For gallantry in action in GERMANY during the period 19 February to 24 February 1945. During this period, Colonel THAYER coordinated the efforts of the various elements of a regimental combat team in the successful establishment of a bridgehead over the Saar River. Without regard for his personal safety, he remained at the ferry site under constant enemy artillery, mortar and small arms fire, working unceasingly at his task until he was wounded by shrapnel and evacuated. His outstanding leadership and tireless devotion to duty materially contributed to the success of the operation and reflect great credit upon himself and the military forces of the United States.

III. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL - By direction of the President and under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular Number 6, Third United States Army, dated 26 April 1944, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded posthumously to:

Major WALTER S BARNES, O311897, Infantry, **10th Armored Division, United States Army



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States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE and GERMANY during the period 23 September 1944 to 24 February 1945.

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AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

1. By direction of the President and under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular Number 6, Third United States Army, dated 26 April 1944, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded posthumously to:

Second Lieutenant ROBERT H EVERETT, O1061109, Infantry, Company A, **Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in LUXEMBOURG on 19 December 1944. Learning that two of his men had been wounded and left behind enemy lines in the vicinity of BERDORF, LUXEMBOURG, Lieutenant EVERETT, a platoon leader, commandeered a medium tank, infiltrated the enemy lines and, keeping the enemy at bay with machine gun fire, succeeded in rescuing the wounded men. His intrepid performance is worthy of great merit and is in keeping with the high traditions of the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Florida. (Nearest of Kin: Mrs. K. K. Everett (Mother), 101 E. Broward Blvd, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida).

2. By direction of the President and under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular Number 6, Third United States Army, dated 26 April 1944, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded to:

Lieutenant Colonel JACK J RICHARDSON, O19902, Infantry, **Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in GERMANY during the period 27 February to 1 March 1945. Lieutenant Colonel RICHARDSON was assigned the mission of holding the strategic towns of ZERF and OBERZERF, GERMANY with a small task force against an enemy numerically superior and in prepared positions. Despite continuous enemy artillery and mortar fire and strong infantry-tank attacks, Lieutenant Colonel RICHARDSON so skilfully employed his meager forces that they were able to successfully defend their vitally important positions. Lieutenant Colonel RICHARDSON'S intrepid leadership was inspirational to his troops; his courage and loyal devotion to duty exemplify the high traditions of the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Texas.

First Lieutenant FRED J ROKOS, JR O1018120, Cavalry, Headquarters, **Tank Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE on 16 November 1944. When the advance of a task force was halted by a mine field in the vicinity of LAUMESFELD, FRANCE, Lieutenant ROKOS, without regard for his own safety, personally directed the clearing operations. Under his supervision, the mine field was cleared so rapidly that the task force was able to proceed and catch the enemy unprepared which resulted in the taking of many prisoners and enemy materiel. The skill and intrepidity displayed by Lieutenant ROKOS reflect great credit upon himself and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from South Carolina.

First Sergeant FRANK L BALES, 6767570, Armored, Company C, **Tank Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in BELGIUM on 20 December 1944. During the siege of BASTOGNE, BELGIUM, First Sergeant BALES volunteered to man an outpost on one of the main roads into the city. Remaining in an exposed position during an entire night, he singlehandedly repulsed a vicious attack by hostile bazooka teams and infantry, killing five of the enemy and forcing the remainder to flee. First Sergeant BALES' intrepid determination and unswerving devotion to duty exemplify the high traditions of the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Kansas.

Technical Sergeant ROBERT A BASTY, O9105110, Company A, **Ordnance Maintenance Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in GERMANY during

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1 March to 3 March 1945. Technical Sergeant BUSICK, a section sergeant, volunteered to assist in the repair of a direly needed assault tank which had been disabled by enemy mortar fire in ZERF, GERMANY. Although the town was subjected to enemy artillery fire during which the disabled tank was again struck, this courageous soldier continued at his task for two days until it was completed. The intrepidity and courage in the face of grave danger displayed by Technical Sergeant BUSICK reflect great credit upon himself, his organization and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Oregon.

Technical Sergeant OTIS B TORKELOSON, 37461429, **Armored Signal Company, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in GERMANY during the period 24 February to 26 February 1945. During heavy enemy artillery fire on the town of AYL, GERMANY, all communication lines across the Saar River connecting the division and its combat command posts were severed. Working unceasingly for a 56 hour period, Technical Sergeant TORKELOSON made numerous crossings of the river under the enemy fire until he had re-established the vital communications. The cool-headed, courageous performance of duty by Sergeant TORKELOSON, with complete disregard for personal danger reflects great credit upon himself and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from South Dakota.

Staff Sergeant MICHAEL E TURK, 15078569, Company C, **Ordnance Maintenance Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in GERMANY on 24 February 1945. Staff Sergeant TURK was acting as platoon leader of an ordnance section in support of a combat command's operations against the enemy in the vicinity of TAWERN, GERMANY. When the section's position was suddenly subjected to an enemy artillery barrage and the officer in charge incapacitated by wounds, Sergeant TURK assumed command and fearlessly supervised the evacuation of men and vehicles to an alternate position. The initiative and calm leadership displayed by this courageous soldier reflect great credit upon himself and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Ohio.

Staff Sergeant HOWARD C DEBUS, 36541551, Company A, **Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE on 28 November 1944. Staff Sergeant DEBUS, a mess sergeant, voluntarily took charge of a telephone used to relay information to a task force headquarters during an attack against the enemy in the vicinity of WALDWISSE, FRANCE. When the telephone wire was cut during a hostile artillery barrage, he fearlessly traced the wire to the break and repaired it. After re-establishing the communications line, he remained in a forward position with his company, maintaining communications and aiding in the evacuation of wounded. Staff Sergeant DEBUS' courageous action and coolness and initiative under fire reflect great credit upon himself and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Michigan.

Technician Third Grade HAROLD M CLAPP, 19105084, Company A, **Ordnance Maintenance Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in GERMANY during the period 1 March to 3 March 1945. Technician Third Grade CLAPP, a crew chief, volunteered to assist in the repair of a direly needed assault tank which had been disabled by enemy mortar fire in ZERF, GERMANY. Although the town was subjected to enemy artillery fire during which the disabled tank was again struck, this courageous soldier continued at his task for two days until it was completed. The intrepidity and courage in the face of grave danger displayed by Technician Third Grade CLAPP reflect great credit upon himself, his organization and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Washington.

Sergeant ALEXANDER R TICKELL, 13115034, Company B, **Ordnance Maintenance Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in BELGIUM on 19 December 1944. When radio parts were urgently needed by forces besieged in BASTOGNE, BELGIUM, Sergeant TICKELL, a liaison sergeant, voluntarily proceeded to obtain the parts and returned with them over a road subjected to heavy enemy shell fire. The courage, intrepidity, and devotion to duty displayed by Sergeant TICKELL are in keeping with the high traditions of the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from New Jersey.

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Sergeant JOSEPH H CREWS, 33045048, Troop D, **Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron (Mechanized), United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in BELGIUM on 19 December 1944. Having completed their mission of securing valuable information concerning enemy strength and disposition in the vicinity of LONGCHAMPS, BELGIUM, Sergeant CREWS and another enlisted man were returning to their headquarters at NOVILLE when they discovered that the town had been surrounded by Germans wearing American uniforms. Despite both friendly and enemy fire directed against them, the intrepid soldiers skillfully infiltrated the lines to their headquarters and reported their information. The initiative, courage and tenacity of purpose displayed by Sergeant CREWS, in the face of grave danger, reflect great credit upon himself and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Virginia.

Sergeant JAMES A MARTIN, 6699271, Troop D, **Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron (Mechanized), United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in BELGIUM on 19 December 1944. Having completed their mission of securing valuable information concerning enemy strength and disposition in the vicinity of LONGCHAMPS, BELGIUM, Sergeant MARTIN and another enlisted man were returning to their headquarters at NOVILLE when they discovered that the town had been surrounded by Germans wearing American uniforms. Despite both friendly and enemy fire directed against them, the intrepid soldiers skillfully infiltrated the lines to their headquarters and reported their information. The initiative, courage and tenacity of purpose displayed by Sergeant MARTIN, in the face of grave danger, reflect great credit upon himself and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Virginia.

Sergeant FRANK BULLANO, 13012690, Armored, Company C, **Tank Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in BELGIUM on 21 December 1944. Upon observing a burning friendly tank in the vicinity of BASTOGNE, BELGIUM, Sergeant BULLANO left the comparative safety of his tank and advanced through a curtain of enemy mortar, artillery and small arms fire to the disabled tank. He made two attempts to mount the blazing vehicle, but was driven back by the intense heat. Only after determining that there was no one left alive did he withdraw because of the approach of the enemy to the vicinity of his position. The courageous and exemplary conduct of Sergeant BULLANO is worthy of high merit. Entered the military service from Pennsylvania.

Sergeant LESTER H ANDRIST, 36216499, Company C, **Tank Destroyer Battalion (Self Propelled), United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in BELGIUM on 14 January 1945. During an enemy attack upon the town of FOY, BELGIUM, Sergeant ANDRIST, a gun commander, was directed to occupy a predetermined position in the town with his tank destroyer. Leading his vehicle on foot, he suddenly encountered several enemy tanks against which he so skillfully directed his fire that one was completely destroyed and the other severely damaged, thereby delaying the enemy sufficiently to enable friendly troops to safely withdraw from the town. Sergeant ANDRIST'S quick thinking and courageous actions in the face of superior enemy forces reflect great credit upon himself and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Wisconsin.

Technician Fourth Grade WILLIAM E MORGENTHAU, 13087859, Company A, **Ordnance Maintenance Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in GERMANY during the period 1 March to 3 March 1945. Technician Fourth Grade MORGENTHAU, an auto mechanic, volunteered to assist in the repair of a direly needed assault tank which had been disabled by enemy mortar fire in ZERF, GERMANY. Although the town was subjected to enemy artillery fire during which the disabled tank was again struck, this courageous soldier continued at his task for two days until it was completed. The intrepidity and bravery in the face of grave danger displayed by Technician Fourth Grade MORGENTHAU reflect great credit upon himself, his organization and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Pennsylvania.

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Technician Fourth Grade ROBERT G CLEVELAND, 19105206, Company A, **Ordnance Maintenance Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in GERMANY during the period 1 March to 3 March 1945. Technician Fourth Grade CLEVELAND, an automotive electrician, volunteered to assist in the repair of a direly needed assault tank which had been disabled by enemy mortar fire in ZERF, GERMANY. Although the town was subjected to enemy artillery fire during which the disabled tank was again struck, this courageous soldier continued at his task for two days until it was completed. The intrepidity and courage in the face of grave danger displayed by Technician Fourth Grade CLEVELAND reflect great credit upon himself, his organization and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Oregon.

Technician Fifth Grade GEORGE E DONAHUE, 38322642, Armored, Headquarters Company, **Tank Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in BELGIUM on 20 December 1944. During an attack against the enemy in the vicinity of MAGARET, BELGIUM, Technician Fifth Grade DONAHUE and 14 other enlisted men were surrounded by hostile troops. Volunteering to secure help, Technician Fifth Grade DONAHUE, accompanied by another enlisted man, ran through a gauntlet of intense enemy fire to friendly lines where he reported the situation. The intrepidity, courage and initiative displayed by Technician Fifth Grade DONAHUE in the face of grave danger reflect great credit upon himself and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Oklahoma.

Technician Fifth Grade JEROME E JENNY, 32749150, Company A, **Ordnance Maintenance Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in GERMANY during the period 1 March to 3 March 1945. Technician Fifth Grade JENNY, an auto mechanic, volunteered to assist in the repair of a direly needed assault tank which had been disabled by enemy mortar fire in ZERF, GERMANY. Although the town was subjected to enemy artillery fire during which the disabled tank was again struck, this courageous soldier continued at his task for two days until it was completed. The intrepidity and courage in the face of grave danger displayed by Technician Fifth Grade JENNY reflect great credit upon himself, his organization and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from New York.

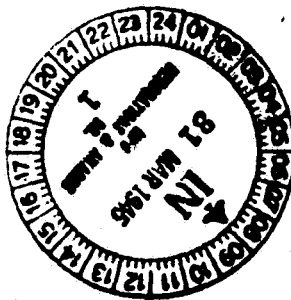
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SECTION I - Award of Oak-Leaf Cluster
SECTION II - Award of Silver Star
SECTION III - Award Purple Heart

I. AWARD OF OAK-LEAF CLUSTER - By direction of the President and under the provisions of Army Regulation 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular Number 6, Third United States Army, dated 26 April 1944, in addition to the Silver Star previously awarded, a Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded posthumously to:

First Lieutenant **ELBERT D GWIN**, 01015588, Infantry, Headquarters Company, **Tank Battalion, United States Army. For gallantry in action in **LUXEMBOURG** on 21 December 1944. Despite the fact that he was suffering with influenza and confined to bed in an aid station, Lieutenant **GWIN** left the aid station to join his mortar platoon which was going into action in the vicinity of **WALDBILLING, LUXEMBOURG**. Shortly after the platoon had begun operations, Lieutenant **GWIN** was killed by enemy artillery fire. The supreme devotion to duty displayed by this officer is worthy of great merit and is in keeping with the finest traditions of the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Alabama. (Nearest of Kin: Mrs. Elbert D Gwin, (Wife), Uriah, Alabama).

II. AWARD OF SILVER STAR - By direction of the President and under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular Number 6, Third United States Army, dated 26 April 1944, a Silver Star is awarded to:

Lieutenant Colonel **JACK J RICHARDSON**, 019902, Infantry, **Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. For gallantry in action in **GERMANY** on 2 March 1945. Lieutenant Colonel **RICHARDSON**, with complete disregard for his personal safety, led his Tank-Infantry Task Force on a night attack, through seven kilometers of unrecconnoitered enemy territory, into the City of **TRIER** and captured intact one of the two bridges over the Moselle River in that city. By this bold and daring stroke, Lieutenant Colonel **RICHARDSON** caught the enemy by surprise and insured the continued advance of the Division in its attack to the northeast. His actions reflect the highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered the military service from Texas.

Lieutenant Colonel **HARRY B FELDMAN**, 0246030, Chemical Warfare Service, **10th Armored Division, United States Army. For gallantry in action in **GERMANY** during the period 21 February to 28 February 1945. Lieutenant Colonel **FELDMAN** personally supervised the laying of a smoke screen to cover the movement of troops over the Saar River in the vicinity of **OCKFEN, GERMANY**. Exposing himself to heavy enemy artillery, mortar and small arms fire, he directed the emplacement and relocation of smoke generator units according to changing wind and weather conditions, effectively screening the successful crossing of six infantry battalions. Lieutenant Colonel **FELDMAN'S** exemplary performance of a vitally important mission is worthy of great merit and is in keeping with the traditions of the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Massachusetts.

Captain **EDWARD P HYDUKE**, 01015688, Cavalry, Company A, **Tank Battalion, United States Army. For gallantry in action in **BELGIUM** on 18 and 19 December 1944. During the German breakthrough in **BELGIUM**, Captain **HYDUKE** was placed in command of an advance guard with orders to defend a position in the vicinity of **LONGVILLY, BELGIUM**. Facing overwhelming odds, Captain **HYDUKE**, by his cool leadership and exemplary conduct, inspired and held the position for eighteen hours against repeated enemy attacks until withdrawal orders were received. Reorganizing his forces, he safely led them to the main body of friendly troops which he joined in the fight for **BAGVILLIERS**. The gallantry displayed by Captain **HYDUKE** under adverse combat conditions is of great credit upon himself and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Michigan.

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First Lieutenant SHELDON MOYER, 01063012, Ordnance Department, Company C, **Ordnance Maintenance Battalion, United States Army. For gallantry in action in GERMANY on 24 February 1945. When an ordnance section in the vicinity of TATERN, GERMANY was subjected to enemy artillery fire, Lieutenant MOYER, in charge, ordered his detachment to move to an alternate position. During the movement, the Lieutenant and two of his men were wounded by shell fragments. Ignoring his own wounds, Lieutenant MOYER gave aid to the injured men and continued to direct operations until weakened by loss of blood. The gallant leadership under fire displayed by this officer is a creditable reflection upon himself and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Michigan.

First Lieutenant ABRAHAM M ELLMAN, 01016074, Infantry, Service Company, ** Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. For gallantry in action in GERMANY on 26 February 1945. When traffic between ZERF and IRSCH, GERMANY was halted by disabled and abandoned vehicles blocking the road, Lieutenant ELLMAN, despite heavy enemy artillery and sniper fire in the immediate area, personally cleared a passage by driving the undamaged vehicles clear of the road and pushing the burning ones clear with his own vehicle. Before proceeding on his way, Lieutenant ELLMAN secured the assistance of medical personnel to evacuate the wounded from a nearby damaged aid station. Lieutenant ELLMAN'S gallant and intrepid actions are worthy of great merit and are in keeping with the traditions of the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from New York.

Second Lieutenant TONY GENTILE, 01016521, Infantry, Headquarters Company, **Tank Battalion, United States Army. For gallantry in action in FRANCE on 16 November 1944. Lieutenant GENTILE was acting as a forward observer for his assault gun platoon during an engagement with the enemy in the vicinity of LAUMESFELD, FRANCE when an artillery shell exploded nearby killing his half-track driver, disabling his radio and wounding himself and two of his crew. Ignoring his wounds, he drove over fire swept terrain to his gun positions, and while personally leading his gun platoon to a more advantageous position, he was again wounded, necessitating his evacuation. Lieutenant GENTILE'S courage and exemplary devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Ohio.

Sergeant ROBERT M MALISH, 36541804, Armored, Company D, **Tank Battalion, United States Army. For gallantry in action in BELGIUM on 18 December 1944. During an engagement with the enemy in the vicinity of LONGVILLY, BELGIUM, Sergeant MALISH'S tank received a direct hit by an enemy 88mm shell. Abandoning the burning tank, he led his crew toward friendly lines until their further progress was prevented by fire from an enemy machine gun. Despite the withering fire, Sergeant MALISH flanked the hostile gun and singlehandedly killed its crew, enabling his men to safely withdraw. The intrepidity, courage and initiative displayed by Sergeant MALISH under the most adverse combat conditions reflect great credit upon himself and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Michigan.

Sergeant JAMES W ALEXANDER, 6850283, Armored, Company D, **Tank Battalion, United States Army. For gallantry in action in FRANCE on 18 November 1944. When his tank hit a mine during an attack upon the town of MARGARTEN, FRANCE, Sergeant ALEXANDER aided his dazed and wounded crew to dismount and led them to cover in a nearby ditch. Despite heavy enemy anti-tank, machine gun and small arms fire, Sergeant ALEXANDER engaged the enemy singlehandedly with the cannon of his disabled tank and so accurately directed his fire that the enemy was forced to withdraw. By his courageous and intrepid action, Sergeant ALEXANDER eliminated a serious obstacle in the path of a task force. His achievement reflects great credit upon himself and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Virginia.

Technician Fourth Grade ROY E KILFIAN, 35611843, Service Battery, **Armored Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For gallantry in action in BELGIUM on 23 December 1944. During an engagement with the enemy in the vicinity of SENONCHAMPS, BELGIUM, Technician Fourth Grade KILFIAN was assigned the mission of recovering vitally needed vehicles abandoned in enemy territory. The intrepid tank mechanic, with his recovery crew, made repeated trips under intense enemy artillery, mortar and small arms fire and successfully salvaged a light tank,

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a quarter ton truck and the radio of an unsalvageable tank. The tenacity of purpose demonstrated by Technician Fourth Grade KILFIAN in the face of insurmountable odds reflects great credit upon himself and is commensurate with the high traditions of the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Ohio

Technician Fifth Grade GLENN D CAMP, 35335956, Medical Detachment, **Armored Engineer Battalion, United States Army. For gallantry in action in GERMANY on 23 February 1945. During an Engineer-Infantry assault crossing of the Saar River in the vicinity of AYL, GERMANY, Technician Fifth Grade CAMP, a medical aid man, constantly exposed himself to withering enemy artillery and machine gun fire, picking up the wounded and evacuating them in his vehicle to an aid station. Technician Fifth Grade CAMP'S cool-headed, courageous devotion to duty reflects great credit upon himself and the Medical Corps of the United States Army. Entered the military service from Ohio.

Private First Class LOUIS D RZASA, 31178920, Medical Detachment, **Armored Engineer Battalion, United States Army. For gallantry in action in GERMANY on 23 February 1945. During a crossing of the Saar River by an engineer company in the vicinity of AYL, GERMANY, Private First Class RZASA, a medical aid man, constantly exposed himself to withering enemy artillery, mortar and small arms fire, picking up the wounded and evacuating them in his vehicle to an aid station. Private RZASA'S cool-headed, courageous devotion to duty reflects great credit upon himself and the Medical Corps of the United States Army. Entered the military service from Michigan.

Private ROBERT A BURGOYNE, 37772250, Medical Detachment, **Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. For gallantry in action in GERMANY on 27 and 28 February 1945. During an intense enemy artillery and mortar barrage in the vicinity of ZERF, GERMANY, Private BURGOYNE, a medical aid man, went to the aid of three wounded soldiers. Despite small arms fire directed against him, he administered first aid and then evacuated them to a place of safety. The next day he evacuated two more wounded soldiers under similar circumstances and was himself wounded, refusing to be evacuated until given a direct order. Private BURGOYNE'S intrepidity and devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the Medical Corps of the United States Army. Entered the military service from Minnesota.

III. AWARD OF PURPLE HEART - By direction of the President and under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, a Purple Heart is awarded to:

Major WILLIAM R GEILER, 0373779, Corps of Engineers, **Armored Engineer Battalion, United States Army. For wounds received as a result of enemy action in GERMANY on 22 February 1945.

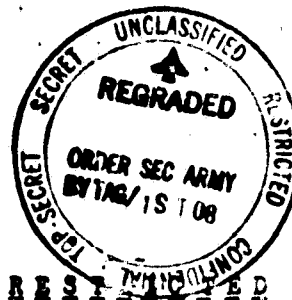
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SECTION I - Award of Oak-Leaf Cluster
SECTION II - Award of Bronze Star Medal

I. AWARD OF OAK-LEAF CLUSTER - By direction of the President and under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular Number 6, Third United States Army, dated 26 April 1944, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal previously awarded, a Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to:

Second Lieutenant RAYMOND A CARPENTER, O2006445, Field Artillery, Battery B, Field Artillery Observation Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in GERMANY during the period 24 to 28 February 1945. During intense enemy artillery shelling in the vicinity of AYL, GERMANY, Second Lieutenant CARPENTER went among the shell craters, studying them to obtain range and deflection information. From this data, he composed detailed shell reports and, as a result of his information, effective counter fire was brought to bear upon the previously unlocated hostile gun positions. The intrepidity, courage and loyal devotion to duty displayed by Lieutenant CARPENTER, in the face of grave danger, reflect great credit upon himself, his organization, and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from New York.

II. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

1. By direction of the President and under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular Number 6, Third United States Army, dated 26 April 1944, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded posthumously to:

First Lieutenant RICHARD M DAVIDSON, O1823990, Army of the United States (Tank Destroyer), Company C, Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in BELGIUM on 3 January 1945. During a heavy enemy attack in the vicinity of NOVILLE, BELGIUM, Lieutenant DAVIDSON, a platoon commander, was ordered to move his tank destroyers forward in support of infantry positions which were being overrun by German tanks. Despite a limited knowledge of the tactical situation, he led two tank destroyers forward until he encountered five enemy tanks. Deploying his armored vehicles, he so skilfully directed their fire that two of the tanks were destroyed and the remainder forced to withdraw. Lieutenant DAVIDSON'S exemplary leadership and courageous actions in the face of superior enemy forces reflect great credit upon himself and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Georgia.

First Lieutenant KENNETH H DADSWELL, O1016065, Infantry, Headquarters Company, Tank Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in BELGIUM on 19 December 1944. After his vehicles had been destroyed during heavy fighting in the vicinity of NAGERET, BELGIUM, Lieutenant DADSWELL reorganized his mortar platoon into an infantry patrol and, augmented by stragglers, set out cross country toward BASTOGNE. Discovering at dawn the next morning that his small force was completely surrounded by a numerically superior enemy, he, by skilfully directing an attack, broke through the hostile forces and led his men safely to friendly lines. The courage, initiative and exemplary leadership displayed by Lieutenant DADSWELL, in the face of overwhelming odds, reflect great credit upon himself and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from New York.

2. By direction of the President and under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular Number 6, Third United States Army, dated 26 April 1944, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded to:

First Lieutenant EDWARD F GLADDEN, O1175610, Army of the United States (Tank Destroyer), Company C, Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army. For heroic

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achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in BELGIUM on 21 December 1944. During an engagement with the enemy in the vicinity of BASTOGNE, BELGIUM, intense hostile artillery fire began falling in the area of Lieutenant GLADDEN'S platoon. Realizing a nearby house in which some of his men were quartered would probably be shelled, Lieutenant GLADDEN dashed to the building and proceeded to direct its occupants to take shelter in a nearby ditch. His intrepid act was timely, for shortly thereafter, the house was demolished by the enemy fire. Lieutenant GLADDEN'S courage and concern for the safety of his men reflects great credit upon himself and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Pennsylvania.

Technical Sergeant LUKE L SCHOENER, 33075376, Armored, Headquarters, **Tank Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in BELGIUM on 30 December 1944. When a direct hit from an enemy bomb destroyed the command post of a tank battalion, killing the communications officer and disrupting communication facilities, Technical Sergeant SCHOENER immediately took charge. Organizing a crew from the small group of available personnel, he skillfully supervised the repair of radio equipment and, by utilizing operative parts from the wreckage, reestablished communication with both higher and subordinate headquarters within a minimum of time. The intrepid achievement of Technical Sergeant SCHOENER is worthy of great merit and reflects great credit upon himself and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Pennsylvania.

Staff Sergeant JOSEPH E FILLINGER, 14081266, Reconnaissance Company, **Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in BELGIUM on 24 December 1944. As a prelude to an aerial bombardment of the City of BASTOGNE, BELGIUM, German pathfinder planes dropped flares within the city to illuminate the target for succeeding waves of bombers. Skillfully perceiving the situation, Staff Sergeant FILLINGER, ignoring his own safety amid falling artillery shells and aerial bombs, bravely advanced from flare to flare extinguishing them, thereby limiting the effectiveness of the aerial bombardment. The quick thinking and initiative displayed by this intrepid platoon sergeant reflect great credit upon himself and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from New Jersey.

Sergeant HERMAN R MOORE, 34476867, Armored, Company C, **Tank Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in BELGIUM on 24 December 1944. During a bombardment of the City of BASTOGNE, BELGIUM by enemy aircraft and artillery, Sergeant MOORE worked relentlessly in rescuing casualties from debris and fire swept buildings. In one instance, after an aid station had received a direct bomb hit, the intrepid tank commander assisted in evacuating 7 casualties. The outstanding rescue work performed by Sergeant MOORE is worthy of high praise and exemplifies the high traditions of the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Mississippi.

Sergeant VERNON D COFFMAN, 15324428, Company B, **Armored Infantry Battalion United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operation against an enemy of the United States in GERMANY on 22 November 1944. During an attack on the town of TETTINGEN, GERMANY, Sergeant COFFMAN was in charge of a machine gun protecting the advance of a platoon of infantry. Under a hail of fire from enemy pillboxes, the intrepid assistant squad leader directed the fire of his weapon until two of his crew were fatally wounded. Although he was fully aware of his precarious position, Sergeant COFFMAN personally manned the machine gun until he too was wounded. The heroic determination and courageous devotion to duty displayed by Sergeant COFFMAN reflect great credit upon himself and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from West Virginia.

Technician Fourth Grade JAMES A DEMEREST, 36408387, Armored, Company A, **Tank Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in GERMANY on 1 December 1944. During the advance of an armored column in the vicinity of DRESBACH, GERMANY, a tank had thrown a track and had blocked the road. Despite intense

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enemy fire, Technician Fourth Grade DEMEREST, a tank driver, voluntarily left the comparative safety of his armored vehicle and assisted in the repair of the disabled tank. The intrepid and courageous devotion to duty displayed by Technician Fourth Grade DEMEREST reflect great credit upon himself and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Michigan.

Technician Fourth Grade ROBERT J SMITH, 16150804, Armored, Company C, ** Tank Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in BELGIUM on 24 and 25 December 1944. During a bombardment of the City of BASTOGNE, BELGIUM by enemy aircraft and artillery, Technician Fourth Grade SMITH worked relentlessly in rescuing casualties from debris and fire swept buildings. In one instance, after an aid station had received a direct bomb hit, the intrepid tank driver assisted in evacuating seven casualties. The outstanding rescue work performed by Technician Fourth Grade SMITH is worthy of high praise and exemplifies the traditions of the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Michigan.

Technician Fourth Grade WARREN W VAN CUREN, 36542227, Armored, Company C, ** Tank Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in BELGIUM on 24 and 25 December 1944. During a bombardment of the City of BASTOGNE, BELGIUM by enemy aircraft and artillery, Technician Fourth Grade VAN CUREN worked relentlessly in rescuing casualties from debris and fire swept buildings. In one instance, after an aid station had received a direct bomb hit, the intrepid tank driver assisted in evacuating seven casualties. The outstanding rescue work performed by Technician Fourth Grade VAN CUREN is worthy of high praise and exemplifies the traditions of the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Michigan.

Technician Fourth Grade ERNEST K HAUSER, 33384940, Headquarters Battery, ** Armored Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in LUXEMBOURG on 20 December 1944. During the defense of BERDORF, LUXEMBOURG, the wire communication line from the artillery observation tank to the forward observation post was severed by enemy fire. Technician Fourth Grade HAUSER voluntarily left the safety of his tank and despite a constant hostile rocket and artillery barrage, traced the wire to the break and repaired it. During the remainder of the day, he repaired three more breaks in the line under similar circumstances, maintaining continuous communication. The intrepidity and unswerving devotion to duty displayed by this courageous tank commander reflect great credit upon himself and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Maryland.

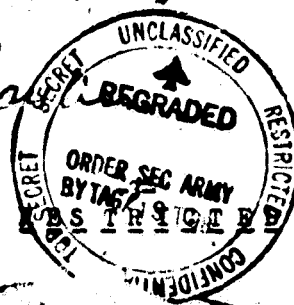
Private First Class ELMER L MC CANN, 36542023, Headquarters Battery, ** Armored Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in LUXEMBOURG on 20 December 1944. At BERDORF, LUXEMBOURG when radio communication failed from the forward artillery observation post to the batteries, Private First Class MC CANN was instructed to lay a telephone line. Despite continuous enemy artillery and rocket fire, he completed his assigned mission. Later the same day he repaired a break in the line under similar circumstances, thereby maintaining continuous communication which assured adequate artillery support for the defense of the town. The courage and outstanding devotion to duty displayed by Private First Class MC CANN reflect great credit upon himself and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Michigan.

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SECTION II - Award of Bronze Star Medal
SECTION III - Award of Oak-Leaf Cluster
SECTION IV - Award of Purple Heart
SECTION V - Award of Certificate of Merit

I. AWARD OF OAK-LEAF CLUSTER - By direction of the President and under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular Number 6, Third United States Army, dated 26 April 1944, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal previously awarded, a Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to:

Major CURTIS L HANKINS, 0387290, Infantry, Headquarters, **Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in LUXEMBOURG during the period 18 to 26 December 1944.

II. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL - By direction of the President and under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular Number 6, Third United States Army, dated 26 April 1944, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded to:

Major FRANCIS S DUTTENHOFER, 0411794, Cavalry, Headquarters, **Tank Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE during the period 6 to 16 November 1944.

Captain DONALD G BROWN, 01166678, Field Artillery, **Armored Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in LUXEMBOURG during the period 18 to 23 December 1944.

Captain GERALD J MURRAY, 0450088, Field Artillery, **Armored Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE, GERMANY and LUXEMBOURG during the period 2 November to 26 December 1944.

First Lieutenant MAX N SCHOENBERG, 01016348, Infantry, Headquarters, **Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE, GERMANY and LUXEMBOURG during the period 15 November to 26 December 1944.

First Lieutenant LAWRENCE O MAYER, JR, 01011140, Infantry, Headquarters, **Tank Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE, GERMANY and BELGIUM during the period 15 November 1944 to 16 January 1945.

First Lieutenant HARRY E FURAY, 01016244, Infantry, Service Company, **Tank Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE, GERMANY and LUXEMBOURG during the period 16 November 1944 to 3 February 1945.

Master Sergeant THEODORE BEPANEK, 1160134, Armored, Headquarters, **Tank Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE, GERMANY and LUXEMBOURG during the period 16 November 1944 to 19 February 1945.

Technical Sergeant GEORGE P GENDRE, 1168000, Company C, **Ordnance Maintenance Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in GERMANY during the period 18 February to 8 March 1945.

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Technical Sergeant **HERSCHEL JONES, JR**, 39015863, Company C, **Ordnance Maintenance Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in GERMANY during the period 18 February to 8 March 1945.

Private First Class **ALBERT O BROWN**, 6369064, Corps of Military Police, Military Police Platoon, 10th Armored Division, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE and GERMANY during the period 1 November 1944 to 20 February 1945.

III. AWARD OF OAK-LEAF CLUSTER - By direction of the President and under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular Number 6, Third United States Army, dated 26 April 1944, in addition to the Air Medal previously awarded, a Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to:

First Lieutenant **ROBERT K MOORE**, 01181700, Field Artillery, **, Division Artillery, 10th Armored Division, United States Army. For meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in LUXEMBOURG during the period 13 December 1944 to 6 February 1945.

First Lieutenant **LOUIS R CARR, JR**, 0551953, Field Artillery, **, Division Artillery, 10th Armored Division, United States Army. For meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in LUXEMBOURG during the period 13 December 1944 to 6 February 1945.

IV. AWARD OF PURPLE HEART - By direction of the President and under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, a Purple Heart is awarded to:

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* Lieutenant Colonel **JACK R RICHARDSON**, 019902, Infantry, **Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. For wounds received as a result of enemy action in GERMANY on 2 March 1945.

V. AWARD OF CERTIFICATE OF MERIT - Under the provisions of letter, Headquarters European Theater of Operations, United States Army, file AG 200.6 MFGA, subject: Certificate of Merit, dated 28 June 1944, a CERTIFICATE OF MERIT is awarded to the following named personnel in recognition of conspicuously meritorious and outstanding performance of military duty in the European Theater of Operations:

Chief Warrant Officer **HOWARD S LIDDIC**, W-2119937, Army of the United States, ** Tank Battalion, United States Army.
Staff Sergeant **DENNIS L LATHAM**, 36544619, Headquarters Company, **Tank Battalion, United States Army.
Staff Sergeant **JAMES N GIFFORD**, 6957117, Armored, Headquarters, **Tank Battalion, United States Army.
Sergeant **JOHN LESHKO**, 33023986, Armored, Headquarters Company, **Tank Battalion, United States Army.
Technician Fourth Grade **JOHN BALOG**, 13020942, Armored, Company C, **Tank Battalion, United States Army.
Technician Fourth Grade **MAX L FERGUSON**, 35565338, Armored, Company C, **Tank Battalion, United States Army.
Technician Fourth Grade **WILFRED NEWMAN**, 33216912, Armored, Company C, **Tank Battalion, United States Army.
Technician Fourth Grade **JAMES P KOONTZ**, 35668662, Service Battery, **Armored Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army.
Corporal **WILLIAM E ROSENBERY**, 33017095, Armored, Headquarters, **Tank Battalion, United States Army.
Technician Fifth Grade **FLOYD HENSLEY**, 35611833, Service Battery, **Armored Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army.
Technician Fifth Grade **CHARLES H SCHAEFER**, 34451476, Service Battery, **Armored Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army.
Technician Fifth Grade **CHARLES J BATT**, 12087591, Armored, **10th Armored Division, United States Army.

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Technician Fifth Grade JOSEPH YURACKO, 33399293, Armored, Headquarters Company, **Tank Battalion, United States Army.
Technician Fifth Grade WILLIAM K WRIGHT, 34396937, Armored, Headquarters, **Tank Battalion, United States Army.
Private First Class PAUL F JOHNSON, 34398798, Armored, Headquarters, **Tank Battalion, United States Army.
Private First Class GARVIE J SETTLE, 34439655, Armored, Headquarters Company, **Tank Battalion, United States Army.
Private First Class STEPHEN F MARSCH, 33024046, Armored, Headquarters Company, **Tank Battalion, United States Army.
Private First Class CLARENCE BAYES, 35668392, Armored, Headquarters, **Tank Battalion, United States Army.
Private First Class EUGENE K FRANZEL, 36532609, Armored, Headquarters, **Tank Battalion, United States Army.
Private First Class JAMES F MARTIN, 36542057, Armored, Headquarters Company, **Tank Battalion, United States Army.
Private First Class MARCEL L LEHNER, 39721934, Armored, Headquarters, **Tank Battalion, United States Army.
Private First Class ROBERT W HUTCHINSON, 36544436, Armored, Headquarters Company, **Tank Battalion, United States Army.

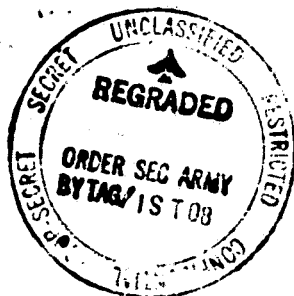
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AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

By direction of the President and under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular Number 6, Third United States Army, dated 26 April 1944, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded to:

Captain MAX ROBERT VIENE-STEM, Cavalry, D.G.S.S., French Army, (attached 10th Armored Division). For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE, LUXEMBOURG and GERMANY during the period 1 November 1944 to 6 January 1945.

Lieutenant JULIEN MARIE CAMILLE BERNARD LE CLERC, Cavalry, French Army, (attached 10th Armored Division). For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE, LUXEMBOURG and GERMANY during the period 1 November 1944 to 6 January 1945.

First Lieutenant DEAN M CHAPMAN, 0537511, Field Artillery, **10th Armored Division, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE, GERMANY and LUXEMBOURG during the period 16 December 1944 to 21 March 1945.

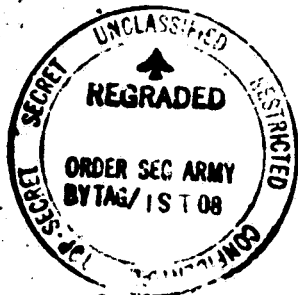
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AWARD OF COMBAT INFANTRYMAN BADGE

Under the provisions of War Department Circular Number 408, dated 17 October 1944, the Combat Infantryman Badge is awarded to the following named Officer for exemplary conduct in action against the enemy. This award is retroactive to 8 March 1945.

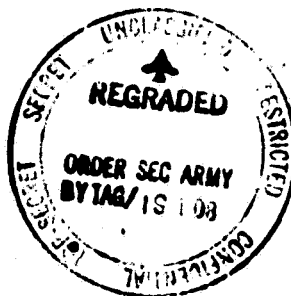
Lieutenant Colonel JOSEPH A. MC CHRISTIAN, 021966, General Staff Corps, 10th Armored Division, United States Army.

By command of Major General MORRIS:

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- SECTION I - Award of Bronze Star Medal
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I. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL - By direction of the President and under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular Number 6, Third United States Army, dated 26 April 1944, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded to:

Lieutenant GASTON SCHLATTER, Cavalry, D.G.S.S., French Army, (attached 10th Armored Division). For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE, GERMANY and LUXEMBOURG during the period 1 November 1944 to 6 January 1945.

II. AWARD OF PURPLE HEART - By direction of the President and under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, a Purple Heart is awarded to:

Captain FRED D SCYPHERS, 0373370, Coast Artillery Corps, Headquarters, Combat Command **, 10th Armored Division, United States Army. For wounds received as a result of enemy action in BELGIUM on 20 December 1944.

III. AWARD OF CERTIFICATE OF MERIT - Under the provisions of letter, Headquarters European Theater of Operations, United States Army, file AG 200.6 MPCA, subject: Certificate of Merit, dated 28 June 1944, a CERTIFICATE OF MERIT is awarded to the following named personnel in recognition of conspicuously meritorious and outstanding performance of military duty in the European Theater of Operations:

- Master Sergeant JAMES J DOYLE, 6883848, **, 10th Armored Division, United States Army.
- Staff Sergeant LOUIS R STOCKSTILL, 18193689, **, 10th Armored Division, United States Army.
- Sergeant PASQUALE J PESCE, 32811905, **, 10th Armored Division, United States Army.

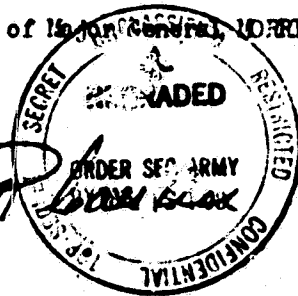
IV. AMENDMENT OF GO NO. 46, THIS HQ, CS - So much of Section IV, General Orders Number 46, this Headquarters, dated 15 March 1945, as reads: "Lieutenant Colonel JACK T RICHARDSON, 019902" is amended to read: "Lieutenant Colonel JACK J RICHARDSON, 019902".

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AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

1. By direction of the President and under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular Number 6, Third United States Army, dated 26 April 1944, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded posthumously to:

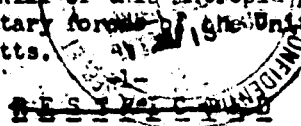
First Lieutenant JOHN C LAWLEY, 01311405, Infantry, Company C, ^{1st} Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in GERMANY on 22 November 1944. During action in DREISBACH, GERMANY, the lead platoon of a task force became isolated by enemy troops reappearing to the rear from underground communication trenches. Lieutenant LAWLEY, realizing that the advance elements were unaware of their precarious position, assaulted the entrenched enemy with sixteen men of his anti-tank platoon as riflemen. This daring move, in the face of heavy hostile fire, prevented the enemy from completely cutting off and annihilating the isolated platoon. The exemplary leadership, bravery and combat skill displayed by Lieutenant LAWLEY reflect great credit upon himself and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Alabama. (Nearest of Kin: Mrs. Virginia Lawley (Wife), Fayette, Alabama).

Staff Sergeant PANTALE CICOLELLO, 32106545, Armored, Company D, ^{11th} Tank Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in GERMANY on 27 February 1945. Given the mission of escorting supply vehicles to front line elements, Staff Sergeant CICOLELLO was traveling over a road in the vicinity of ZERP, GERMANY when the trailer of a vehicle ahead of his tank overturned, spilling its contents of gasoline and ammunition. Realizing the vital necessity for these supplies, the intrepid platoon sergeant left the comparative safety of his vehicle and, disregarding the enemy fire, supervised and assisted in righting and reloading the trailer. His marked devotion to duty reflects great credit upon himself and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from New York. (Nearest of Kin: Mrs. Rose Cicolello (Mother), 51 Bay 47th Street, Brooklyn, New York).

2. By direction of the President and under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular Number 6, Third United States Army, dated 26 April 1944, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded to:

Major ROBERT G RATE, 024372, Medical Corps, ^{20th} Medical Battalion, Armored, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in GERMANY on 27 February 1945. When the town of AYL, GERMANY was suddenly subjected to artillery shelling, Major RATE, upon hearing the calls of the wounded, repeatedly exposed himself to the enemy fire in order to direct and personally assist in the evacuation of several casualties to nearby aid stations. The courageous devotion to duty displayed by Major RATE was exemplary and in keeping with the traditions of the Medical Corps of the United States Army. Entered the military service from Iowa.

Second Lieutenant WILLIAM E RANDALL, JR, 01062050, Infantry, Company B, ^{11th} Tank Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in GERMANY on 27 February 1945. While lead vehicle of an armored task force during an attack upon a strongly defended enemy position south of PELLINGEN, GERMANY, Lieutenant RANDALL'S tank was disabled by an enemy mine. Ignoring his own wound and the lethal hail of hostile fire directed against his position, he removed the radio from his tank and installed it in another from where he directed deadly fire upon the enemy positions, inflicting heavy casualties and enabling the column to resume its advance. The courage and combat skill of this intrepid platoon leader reflect great credit upon himself and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Massachusetts.



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3. Second Lieutenant JOSEPH P MC MAHON, 01826214, Infantry, Headquarters Company, **Tank Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in GERMANY on 7 March 1945. While advancing toward the enemy in the vicinity of REIDTEILER, GERMANY, a half-track was struck by an artillery shell and set on fire. Lieutenant MC MAHON, despite heavy enemy fire and exploding ammunition entered the burning vehicle and assisted in the evacuation of the six occupants. After removing the occupants, he dug another man from beneath the half-track where he had been partially pinned and then rendered valuable assistance in administering first aid. The cool-headed, courageous performance of this intrepid officer reflects great credit upon himself and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Illinois.

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Second Lieutenant WILLIAM M WILSON, 01108421, Corps of Engineers, **Armored Engineer Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in GERMANY on 24 February 1945. During the assault crossing of the Saar River in the vicinity of AYL, GERMANY; Lieutenant WILSON constantly exposed himself to intense enemy artillery, mortar and small arms fire while receiving and relaying information and orders concerning enemy action and progress being made by the engineer and smoke generator personnel working at the site. When more boats were needed, he personally reconnoitered the river bank for a considerable distance under heavy hostile bombardment. The courage and loyal devotion to duty displayed under fire by this intrepid reconnaissance officer exemplify the high traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Nebraska.

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Staff Sergeant BARTY C CHAPPELL, 38275885, Infantry, Company C, **Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in GERMANY on 27 November 1944. While on outpost duty in the vicinity of TETTINGEN, GERMANY, Sergeant CHAPPELL dispersed a ten man enemy patrol by accurate fire of his automatic rifle. Despite having been wounded by mortar shell fragments, he crawled to a more advantageous position as the enemy regrouped. Withholding his fire until the most opportune time, he again dispersed the Germans, killing three and wounding two. The intrepidity, courage and combat skill of Sergeant CHAPPELL reflect great credit upon himself and exemplify the traditions of the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Oklahoma.

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Sergeant MARION E SIDUR, 36588326, Company C, **Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in LUXEMBOURG on 21 December 1944. During an infantry attack against the town of WALDBILLIG, LUXEMBOURG, Sergeant SIDUR volunteered to act as platoon scout. Advancing more than fifty yards ahead of his unit, despite great danger from continuous sniper and machine gun fire, the intrepid rifleman cut the fences in the path of the troops. By this courageous action Sergeant SIDUR enabled his platoon to speed its advance, holding casualties to a minimum. His courage and heroic devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and exemplify the traditions of the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Michigan.

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Sergeant JOSEPH LANGONI, 18069819, Armored, Company B, **Tank Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE on 16 November 1944. Without the aid of maps, Sergeant LANGONI, a tank commander, successfully led a task force from LA CROIX to BOUZANVILLE WOODS, FRANCE. When a shell casing became lodged in his tank gun during the advance, he dismounted and braved anti-tank fire to remove it rather than delay the column by maneuvering his vehicle to a protected area. Sergeant LANGONI's courage and aggressiveness contributed materially to the success of the task force and reflect great credit upon himself and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Colorado.

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Sergeant JOHN F MC CAMBRIDGE, 36006365, Armored, Company D, **Tank Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in GERMANY on 27 February 1945. Sergeant MC CAMBRIDGE maintained effective liaison between a combat command and forward elements during the drive to TRIER, GERMANY by operating alone in a light tank close to enemy lines. In addition, he extricated a mired vehicle during a hostile

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artillery barrage, saving it and its occupants from almost certain destruction. While freeing an ambulance loaded with wounded from a traffic entanglement, he was wounded by enemy artillery fire. The courage and loyal devotion to duty displayed by this intrepid tank commander reflect great credit upon himself and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Illinois.

Technician Fourth Grade JAMES C CAMPBELL, 19121349, Company B, ^{137nd} **Ordnance Maintenance Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in GERMANY on 22 March 1945. During an attack by hostile aircraft at KAISERLAUTERN, GERMANY, an artillery repair truck was set afire. Observing the incident, Technician Fourth Grade CAMPBELL, a wrecker driver, entered the flaming vehicle and, despite the danger of exploding ammunition, extinguished the fire. By his prompt action he saved a valuable and critical item of ordnance from destruction. Technician Fourth Grade CAMPBELL'S exemplary performance reflects great credit upon himself and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Idaho.

Technician Fourth Grade DELBERT E TRAYLOR, 36004633, Armored, Company B, ^{114th} ** Tank Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in GERMANY on 27 February 1945. Technician Fourth Grade TRAYLOR distinguished himself as a tank driver while driving one of the leading tanks of a task force attacking the enemy in the vicinity of PELLINGEN, GERMANY. Because of poor visibility, he was driving in an exposed position when he received a painful injury on his forehead as a result of enemy fire. Disregarding his own welfare and ignoring his injury, Technician Fourth Grade TRAYLOR chose to continue to drive his tank rather than hold up the advance of the armored column. Not until the following day when his wound had become infected, did he make known his injury. His heroic determination and loyal devotion to duty are worthy of high merit and are in keeping with the traditions of the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Illinois.

Technician Fifth Grade JOHN A DOPIERALSKI, 36537268, Armored, Company D, ^{211th} ** Tank Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in GERMANY on 25 February 1945. During an engagement with the enemy at IRSCH, GERMANY, the tank of which Technician Fifth Grade DOPIERALSKI was bow gunner, was struck by an artillery shell, seriously wounding the tank commander and setting the vehicle on fire. Despite heavy enemy fire from hostile positions less than fifty yards distant, he promptly set about rescuing his wounded comrade and with great difficulty succeeded in evacuating him to a place of safety. Technician Fifth Grade DOPIERALSKI'S courageous and exemplary action under fire reflects great credit upon himself and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Michigan.

Technician Fifth Grade THEODORE E YRI, 37323772, Headquarters Company, ^{20th} ** Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in BELGIUM on 19 December 1944. Technician Fifth Grade YRI, a half-track driver, dismounted the machine gun from his vehicle and moved it to a forward position where he could cover his platoon front during an enemy attack in the vicinity of NOVILLE, BELGIUM. He remained in this position constantly for twenty consecutive hours, despite repeated attacks and heavy hostile fire and so skilfully directed his fire that he eliminated a hostile machine gun squad and materially aided in repulsing the enemy with heavy losses. His heroic action and devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from North Dakota.

Technician Fifth Grade IVAN J RICHARD, 31229424, Armored, Company D, ^{114th} ** Tank Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in GERMANY on 1 March 1945. While advancing with the leading elements of an armored column attacking TRIER, GERMANY, the tank driven by Technician Fifth Grade RICHARD was suddenly disabled by intense enemy anti-tank fire. Although wounded, he remained in his vehicle, locating targets for his gunner, until directly order by the tank commander to abandon his position. Dismounting from the tank, he assisted in the defense of the leading forces, refusing to submit to medical treatment and evacuation until reinforcements

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arrived the following day. The intrepidity, courage and combat skill of this enlisted man reflect great credit upon himself and exemplify the traditions of the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Massachusetts.

Technician Fifth Grade PATRICK P CALAMARE, 31187568, Medical Detachment, ⁵⁵⁴ ** Armored Engineer Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in GERMANY on 23 February 1945. During ferrying operations over the Saar River near AYL, GERMANY, Technician Fifth Grade CALAMARE, a medical aid man, worked unceasingly for a period of twelve hours treating and evacuating the wounded amid a hail of enemy machine gun fire. When at the point of exhaustion he was ordered to rest, he remained inactive only long enough to regain his strength and then continued his task until the river crossing had been completed. The exemplary courage and devotion to duty displayed by Technician Fifth Grade CALAMARE are in keeping with the traditions of the Medical Corps of the United States Army. Entered the military service from Massachusetts.

Private First Class MURRAY LANDER, 12150468, ¹⁵⁰⁴ ** Armored Signal Company, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in GERMANY on 1 March 1945. During combat operations in the vicinity of NEIDBERZERF, GERMANY, Private First Class LANDER, a driver, volunteered to assist in cutting enemy telephone cables which ran through the town. Accompanied by another soldier, he entered the town in an unarmored vehicle, and although subjected to heavy enemy artillery fire, he and his comrade managed to locate and sever the enemy cables, thereby depriving the enemy of a vitally important communication link. His courageous devotion to duty reflects great credit upon himself and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from New York.

Private First Class HERMAN C ENGSTROM, 36220823, Armored, Headquarters Company, ³ ** Tank Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in GERMANY on 7 March 1945. While advancing against the enemy in the vicinity of HEIDWELLER, GERMANY, a half-track was struck by an artillery shell and set on fire. Private First Class ENGSTROM, despite heavy enemy fire and exploding ammunition, entered the burning vehicle and assisted in the evacuation of the six occupants. After removing the occupants, he dug another man from beneath the half-track where he had been partially pinned and then rendered valuable assistance in administering first aid. The cool-headed, courageous performance of this intrepid enlisted man reflects great credit upon himself and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Michigan.

By command of Major General MORRIS:

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AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

1. By direction of the President and under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular Number 6, Third United States Army, dated 26 April 1944, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded posthumously to:

Private First Class HENRY T COLLINS^{11th}WORTH, 38336629, Armored, Company B, ** Tank Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in GERMANY on 27 February 1945. During an attack upon TRIER, GERMANY, a task force column was suddenly subjected to heavy enemy fire. Private First Class COLLINS^{11th}WORTH, a tank gun loader, accurately directed the fire of his exposed turret machine gun, silencing the guns of the enemy in the near vicinity and permitting the column to proceed towards its objective. The courageous aggressiveness displayed by Private First Class COLLINS^{11th}WORTH reflect great credit upon himself and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Louisiana.

2. By direction of the President and under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular Number 6, Third United States Army, dated 26 April 1944, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded to:

First Lieutenant HAROLD G CONNICK^{11th}, 01015517, Infantry, Company B, **Tank Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in GERMANY on 28 February 1945. During an attack against the enemy in the vicinity of PELLINGEN, GERMANY, Lieutenant CONNICK distinguished himself as a tank platoon leader. Upon reaching his objective, despite heavy enemy mortar and sniper fire, he dismounted from his tank, and placing his platoon into a support position for the assault of the town, he directed highly effective fire upon the enemy. He so skillfully executed the assault that no casualties were suffered by his troops during the engagement. The outstanding leadership of Lieutenant CONNICK under severe battle conditions reflects great credit upon himself and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Massachusetts.

First Lieutenant WILLIAM J NICHOLSON^{61st}, 01298428, Infantry, Company C, **Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in GERMANY on 21 December 1944. During an attack on WALT^{61st}LLIG, GERMANY when his platoon was suddenly subjected to intense enemy fire, Lieutenant NICHOLSON aggressively led a bayonet and grenade assault up a 600 yard open slope and routed the enemy. Later in the day when his company's advance was held up by enemy sniper fire, he again led his platoon in a bayonet and grenade assault, causing the enemy to flee. Lieutenant NICHOLSON was wounded in this action. His courage and aggressive leadership reflect great credit upon himself and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from New York.

Technical Sergeant ROBERT M BIDDLE, 35611868, Military Police Platoon, 10th Armored Division, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in GERMANY on 26 February 1945. During the assault crossing of the Saar River in the vicinity of AYL, GERMANY, Technical Sergeant BIDDLE, despite heavy hostile artillery, mortar and small arms fire, voluntarily manned a telephone at a traffic control post near the ferry site to prevent any possible traffic congestion. Upon being informed of a traffic entanglement on the other side, he crossed the river, and despite heavy enemy fire, remained until he had the traffic again flowing smoothly toward the combat lines. The aggressive and exemplary conduct of Sergeant BIDDLE proved him a courageous soldier and exemplified the finest traditions of the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Ohio.

Staff Sergeant TRACY A HALL^{11th}, 12119662, Armored, Service Company, **Tank Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in GERMANY on 28 February 1945.

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Staff Sergeant HALL volunteered for the third consecutive night to take supplies to combat elements in the vicinity of IRSCH, GERMANY. The route used was under constant enemy artillery, mortar and small arms fire from infiltrating patrols. Learning of a possible short cut, he voluntarily preceded the other vehicles because of the possibility of mines. By this action, he opened a short, safer route to the front lines. The courage, initiative and marked devotion to duty displayed by Staff Sergeant HALL reflect great credit upon himself and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Georgia.

Staff Sergeant PHILIP C ALMOND, 6576839, Armored, Company D, ^{11th} Tank Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in GERMANY on 1 March 1945. When an armored task force advancing on TRIER, GERMANY was temporarily halted by anti-tank gun positions, Sergeant ALMOND was given command of an advance guard to continue the attack. Despite intense hostile artillery and small arms fire directed against his position, Sergeant ALMOND so skillfully directed the assault that the hostile gun positions were overrun and destroyed. The courage, exemplary leadership and coolness under fire displayed by this intrepid platoon leader are in keeping with the traditions of the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from California.

Staff Sergeant NICHOLAS BECK, 32589150, Company C, ^{61st} Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in GERMANY on 24 November 1944. During an advance upon TETTINGEN, GERMANY, Staff Sergeant BECK was in charge of a machine gun squad attacking an enemy pillbox protected by dragons teeth, a communications trench and emplaced riflemen. He fearlessly moved his machine gun to an advanced position and, despite heavy enemy fire, so skillfully directed his fire that the enemy riflemen were forced to withdraw into the protection of the pillbox, enabling engineers to destroy the position with dynamite. Staff Sergeant BECK'S exemplary performance is in keeping with the traditions of the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from New York.

Staff Sergeant HOMER L BELL, 38232527, Company B, ^{80th} Medical Battalion, Armored, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in BELGIUM on 24 December 1944. During an enemy aerial bombardment in BASTOGNE, BELGIUM, Staff Sergeant BELL fearlessly exposed himself to bomb explosions and falling debris while extracting patients from burning buildings. In the course of his work, he located and with great difficulty extricated a trapped patient who was unable to walk and also removed two abandoned litter patients from the upper floor of a burning building. The personal bravery and zealous devotion to duty displayed by this intrepid platoon sergeant reflect great credit upon himself and the Medical Corps of the United States Army. Entered the military service from Texas.

Staff Sergeant LEONARD B KING, 36993627, Company B, ^{20th} Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in GERMANY on 26 February 1945. While approaching the town of OBERZERF, GERMANY, an infantry platoon was suddenly pinned down by heavy enemy bazooka, machine gun and small arms fire. Realizing that immediate action was necessary, Sergeant KING, armed with a bazooka and accompanied by another enlisted man, fearlessly advanced to an exposed position about thirty yards from the enemy where he opened fire so effectively that the platoon was able to eliminate the enemy positions and continue its advance. The heroic action and combat skill of this intrepid assistant squad leader reflect great credit upon himself and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Illinois.

Staff Sergeant JAMES P ESIAN, 16150818, Armored, Company B, ^{71st} Tank Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in GERMANY on 17 February 1945. While crossing an enemy mine field in the vicinity of PILLINGEN, GERMANY, Staff Sergeant ESIAN, upon observing wounded friendly troops in an area in which no medical aid was available, left the safety of his tank and in the face of heavy enemy fire went to their aid. Advancing through the mine field, he personally carried the wounded to his tank and evacuated them to an aid station after which he quickly returned to resume combat operations. His courageous achievement reflects great credit upon himself and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Michigan.

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Staff Sergeant CLAUDE B ALLEN, 34051564, ^{19th} Armored Signal Company, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in GERMANY on 23 and 25 February 1945. When enemy artillery shells fell in WINCHENDON, GERMANY on 23 February 1945, setting fire to a building in which Staff Sergeant ALLEN was removing wire installations, he quickly extinguished the flames, thereby saving valuable communication equipment. On 25 February in the vicinity of AYL, GERMANY, in order to facilitate communication between two military installations separated by the Saar River, he personally laid a wire line across the river while under intense enemy fire. Staff Sergeant ALLEN'S achievements merit high commendation and exemplify the traditions of the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Florida.

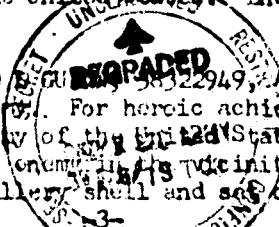
Sergeant SPURGEON G BREWER, 31222187, Armored, Headquarters Company, ^{11th} Tank Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE on 17 and 19 November 1944. On 17 November 1944 at LA CROIX, FRANCE, when Sergeant BREWER'S assault gun section was suddenly subjected to sniper fire, he retaliated with carbine fire, wounding one of the enemy and forcing the others to surrender. On 19 November in the vicinity of BOUZANVILLE, FRANCE, Sergeant BREWER, although painfully wounded while carrying ammunition, refused first aid and continued his task until he was again wounded, necessitating his evacuation. His courageous devotion to duty reflects great credit upon himself and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Maine.

Corporal FULVIO J BRAZZI, 39085701, Military Police Platoon, 10th Armored Division, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in GERMANY on 24 February 1945. When the town of AYL, GERMANY was suddenly subjected to artillery and mortar shelling, Corporal BRAZZI and two of his men were wounded while guarding an important installation. Despite the pain of his own wounds and the continuous enemy shelling Corporal BRAZZI secured medical aid for his men and then resumed his duties as guard, refusing to be evacuated until he was regularly relieved from his post. The courageous devotion to duty displayed by Corporal BRAZZI is exemplary and in keeping with the traditions of the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from California.

Technician Fifth Grade KENNETH D MAY, 39045828, Service Company, ^{10th} Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in GERMANY on 2 March 1945. While driving through the streets of TRIER, GERMANY, Technician Fifth Grade MAY'S vehicle was suddenly subjected to enemy machine gun and sniper fire, seriously wounding his passenger and three other soldiers in the immediate area. Ignoring the continual fire, he drove his wounded companion to an aid station and obtained a half-track ambulance with which he evacuated the remaining wounded. Technician Fifth Grade MAY'S heroic accomplishment reflects great credit upon himself and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from California.

Technician Fifth Grade FRANK J KOLNACKI, 31177559, Headquarters Company, ^{55th} Armored Engineer Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in GERMANY on 22 February 1945. During ferrying operations over the Saar River near AYL, GERMANY, Technician Fifth Grade KOLNACKI, a driver, volunteered to accompany an officer to the site of the river crossing. After driving his vehicle as close to the river as practicable, despite the fact that the area was being subjected to intense enemy fire, he accompanied the officer to the river bank where he acted as liaison between the commanders involved in the crossing and performed many valuable services which contributed to its success. Technician Fifth Grade KOLNACKI'S intrepidity and loyal devotion to duty was exemplary and reflects great credit upon himself and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from New Hampshire.

Technician Fifth Grade HOWARD E. SUGRUE, 3822949, Armored, Headquarters Company, ^{2d} Tank Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in GERMANY on 7 March 1945. While advancing against the enemy in the vicinity of HILDWELLER, GERMANY, a half-track was struck by an artillery shell and set on fire. Technician Fifth Grade SUGRUE, a driver, immediately volunteered to accompany an officer to the site of the river crossing. After driving his vehicle as close to the river as practicable, despite the fact that the area was being subjected to intense enemy fire, he accompanied the officer to the river bank where he acted as liaison between the commanders involved in the crossing and performed many valuable services which contributed to its success. Technician Fifth Grade SUGRUE'S intrepidity and loyal devotion to duty was exemplary and reflects great credit upon himself and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from New Hampshire.



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Grade GUNN, despite heavy enemy fire and exploding ammunition, entered the burning vehicle and assisted in the evacuation of the six occupants. After removing the occupants, he dug another man from beneath the half-track where he had been partially pinned and then rendered valuable assistance in administering first aid. The cool-headed, courageous performance of this intrepid enlisted man reflects great credit upon himself and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Oklahoma.

Private First Class MICHAEL F GILL, 32510826, Company A, ^{20th} Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in GERMANY on 1 March 1945. During combat operations in the vicinity of NEIDERZERF, GERMANY, Private First Class GILL, a linesman, volunteered to cut enemy telephone cables which ran through the town. Accompanied by a driver, he entered the town in an unarmored vehicle, and although subjected to heavy enemy artillery fire, he managed to locate and sever the enemy cables, thereby depriving the enemy of a vitally important communication link. His courageous devotion to duty reflects great credit upon himself and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from New York.

Private First Class RICHARD S FIELD, 16150541, Headquarters Company, ^{30th} Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in BELGIUM on 20 December 1944. During a powerful attack by hostile troops in the vicinity of NOVILLE, BELGIUM, Private First Class FIELD, a radio tender, secured a radio from a nearby half-track and placed it in a position where he could use it as a channel of communication between both assault and machine gun platoon and company and battalion command posts. Although painfully wounded, he remained at his post for twenty consecutive hours while under a constant hail of enemy tank and machine gun fire. His conspicuous heroism and courageous devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Michigan.

Private First Class OSCAR L DAVIS, 34922120, Armored, Company B, ^{11th} Tank Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in GERMANY on 28 February 1945. In the vicinity of NEIDERZERF, GERMANY, a tank had been hit and set on fire by an enemy shell. Having observed the incident, Private First Class DAVIS, gunner of a nearby tank, secured a fire extinguisher and, despite the prevalence of enemy shelling, succeeded in extinguishing the flames and assisted in removing the tank crew to whom he gave first aid. Private First Class DAVIS' heroic accomplishment reflects great credit upon himself and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Tennessee.

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- SECTION IV - Award of Bronze Star Medal

I. AWARD OF OAK-LEAF CLUSTER

1. By direction of the President and under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular Number 6, Third United States Army, dated 26 April 1944, in addition to the Silver Star previously awarded, a Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded posthumously to:

Captain HASSEL G WALL, 01015775, Infantry, Company C, ^{3d} Tank Battalion, United States Army. For gallantry in action in GERMANY on 1 and 2 March 1945. Captain WALL, a tank company commander, aggressively led an armored column through intense enemy fire from FRANZENHEIM, GERMANY to the Moselle River, cutting enemy escape routes north and east of TRIER. That same night, while leading his troops into TRIER, direct enemy 88mm fire was encountered. Under his direction, the enemy positions were eliminated and the northeastern portion of the city was occupied early the following morning. The leadership, intrepidity and combat skill displayed by Captain WALL reflect great credit upon himself and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from North Carolina. (Nearest of kin: Mrs. Gertrude B. Wall (Wife), 218 Lee Street, Shelby, North Carolina).

2. By direction of the President and under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular Number 6, Third United States Army, dated 26 April 1944, in addition to the Silver Star previously awarded, a Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to:

Captain EARL DAVIS, 0399043, Infantry, Company A, ^{11th} Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. For gallantry in action in GERMANY on 9 March 1945. Captain DAVIS, an infantry company commander, aggressively led the spearhead element of a task force in its advance to WHITTLICH, GERMANY, crossing the Salm River in the midst of an enemy artillery barrage. When an enemy mine field was encountered, he constantly remained exposed to enemy fire, personally directing the clearing of a path through the field, after which he led the column into the city, taking many prisoners and destroying much enemy equipment. The exemplary leadership, courage and combat skill displayed by Captain DAVIS reflect great credit upon himself and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Ohio.

Captain STEVE LANG, 01013660, Infantry, Company C, ^{11th} Tank Battalion, United States Army. For gallantry in action in GERMANY on 1 March 1945. Given the mission of capturing the City of TRIER, GERMANY, Captain LANG aggressively led his combat team against stubborn enemy resistance. When his column was stopped by an enemy road block protected by machine gun fire, he dismounted from his tank and led an infantry attack against the enemy position, as a result of which several of the enemy were killed and the remainder forced to flee. The last enemy obstacle having been removed, Captain LANG then led his triumphant forces into the city. Captain LANG'S intrepid accomplishment reflects great credit upon himself and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Illinois.

Captain WILLIAM J BROWN, 01016540, Cavalry, Company B, ^{3d} Tank Battalion, United States Army. For gallantry in action in GERMANY during the period 28 February to 12 March 1945. Captain BROWN, a Tank Company Commander, aggressively led his combat team, smashing through intense enemy fire and overrunning three complete batteries of nebelwerfers, destroying them to enter the town of SALMFOHR, GERMANY. Finding the bridge in the town damaged, he personally led his troops in clearing the town on the near side of the river to protect a crossing site vital to subsequent operations. The ~~intrepid~~ leadership displayed by Captain BROWN contributed materially to the success of his unit and reflects great credit upon himself and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Maryland.

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II. AWARD OF SILVER STAR

1. By direction of the President and under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular Number 6, Third United States Army, dated 26 April 1944, a Silver Star is awarded posthumously to:

Private First Class WILLIAM H BILLINGSLEY, 37683707, Armored, Company D, ^{11th} Tank Battalion, United States Army. For gallantry in action in GERMANY on 1 March 1945. The tank, of which Private First Class BILLINGSLEY was gunner, was hit and rendered immobile by enemy anti-tank fire while leading a column of armored vehicles advancing on the City of TRIER, GERMANY. Firing the tank cannon, Private First Class BILLINGSLEY covered the advance of the remainder of the column, inflicting heavy casualties among the enemy. Although wounded when another shell struck the tank, he assisted the driver to escape before taking cover in a nearby ditch. As he was receiving first aid for his wounds, Private First Class BILLINGSLEY was mortally wounded by fragments of still another exploding shell which struck the tank. His heroic devotion to duty reflects great credit upon himself and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Iowa. (Nearest of Kin: Mrs. Iva Billingsley (Mother), RFD No. 2, Lockridge, Iowa).

2. By direction of the President and under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular Number 6, Third United States Army, dated 26 April 1944, a Silver Star is awarded to:

Captain GEORGE L GARWOOD, 0374923, Corps of Engineers, Company C, ^{55th} Armored Engineer Battalion, United States Army. For gallantry in action in GERMANY on 4 and 9 March 1945. On 4 March 1945, when an advancing task force was halted by a demolished bridge over the unfordable Ruwer River near EITELSBACH, GERMANY, Captain GARWOOD, an engineer company commander, personally supervised and assisted his men in erecting a trestle bridge across the river despite a lethal hail of enemy artillery, mortar and nebelwerfer fire. On 9 March 1945, he duplicated this feat at the Salm River near DORBACH. The exemplary skill, courage and outstanding devotion to duty displayed by Captain GARWOOD on these occasions reflect great credit upon himself and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Colorado.

Captain RAYMOND B HAVLOVITZ, 01287526, Infantry, Company C, ^{61st} Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. For gallantry in action in LUXEMBOURG on 19 December 1944. Captain HAVLOVITZ, commanding a combat team, skillfully directed a counter-attack against the enemy in the vicinity of MULLERTHAL, LUXEMBOURG. The hostile forces were severely beaten and forced to withdraw from the town. During the action, Captain HAVLOVITZ was continually present with his forward elements, leading his troops amid furious enemy fire. The outstanding leadership displayed on this occasion by Captain HAVLOVITZ reflects great credit upon himself and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Kansas.

^{55th} First Lieutenant MILTON E FRANK, 01116377, Corps of Engineers, Company A, ^{55th} Armored Engineer Battalion, United States Army. For gallantry in action in GERMANY on 26 February 1945. While on a reconnaissance mission for an armored column, Lieutenant FRANK, an engineer battalion operations officer, discovered two bridges at BEURIG, GERMANY which had been wired for demolition by the enemy. Ignoring enemy small arms fire and the possibility of imminent explosion, he calmly proceeded beneath each bridge where he cut the demolition wires. His timely actions permitted an uninterrupted flow of armored vehicles which were vital to operations in the area. The courage and daring displayed by Lieutenant FRANK reflects great credit upon himself and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Illinois.

^{420th} Second Lieutenant RICHARD A BABCOCK, 01178402, Field Artillery, Battery B, ^{420th} Armored Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For gallantry in action in GERMANY on 25 February 1945. Lieutenant BABCOCK, a forward artillery observer, advanced ahead of the infantry under heavy enemy artillery fire during the crossing of the Saar River near IRSCH, GERMANY. Upon reaching the other side of the river, he discovered that two enemy pillboxes on the crest of a nearby steep cliff were delaying the advance. Fearlessly climbing to the top of the cliff, he adjusted artillery fire which completely destroyed the strong points, permitting the infantry to advance with a minimum of casualties. Lieutenant BABCOCK'S intrepid devotion to duty reflects great credit upon himself and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from New York.

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Staff Sergeant BARTY J BROOKS, 36407066, Company C, ^{61st} **Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. For gallantry in action in LUXEMBOURG on 21 December 1944. During an attack against WALDBILLIG, LUXEMBOURG, Staff Sergeant BROOKS and his infantry squad were pinned down on an open slope by intense enemy fire. Sergeant BROOKS fearlessly advanced ahead of his men, urging them forward out of the concentration of fire, thereby avoiding many casualties. Upon entering the town, he administered first aid to five wounded men and then dashed back through sniper fire to obtain an aid man to assist in the evacuation of the wounded. The intrepid and courageous devotion to duty displayed by Staff Sergeant BROOKS reflects great credit upon himself and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Michigan.

Technician Fourth Grade MERTEN D HARTER, 36564238, ^{150th} **Armored Signal Company, United States Army. For gallantry in action in GERMANY on 24 and 25 February 1945. On 24 February 1945 in the vicinity of AYL, GERMANY, Technician Fourth Grade HARTER, in charge of a wire crew, successfully established wire communications over the Saar River despite intense enemy artillery, mortar and small arms fire directed at the site. On 25 February in the same vicinity, Technician Fourth Grade HARTER prevented several enemy prisoners from escaping when he shot and killed their leader after the prisoner guards had been shot by an enemy sniper. The courageous and intrepid devotion to duty displayed by Technician Fourth Grade HARTER reflects great credit upon himself and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Michigan.

Technician Fifth Grade CLIFFORD A BLODGETT, 11085657, Headquarters Company, Combat Command ^{**} 10th Armored Division, United States Army. For gallantry in action in GERMANY on 25 February 1945. Amid intense enemy artillery and machine gun fire, Technician Fifth Grade BLODGETT voluntarily drove his 1/4 ton vehicle to the Saar River in the vicinity of AYL, GERMANY, assisted in ferrying the vehicle across the river and immediately thereafter set up communication facilities between forward combat elements and their headquarters. His vehicle was the first to successfully cross the river at that point. His initiative and daring contributed materially to ferrying operations in that vicinity and reflects great credit upon himself and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Vermont.

Private First Class GEORGE KALLAIL, 37723272, Armored, Company A, ^{11th} **Tank Battalion, United States Army. For gallantry in action in GERMANY on 28 February 1945. Private First Class KALLAIL, a tank gunner, observed a tank of his platoon become stalled during an attack upon PELLINGEN, GERMANY. Despite heavy anti-tank, artillery and small arms fire, he dismounted from his tank and hooked a tow cable to the stalled vehicle enabling it to be towed to safety. A few minutes later, he again braved heavy enemy fire while he removed several wounded comrades from a disabled tank and administered first aid. The aggressive and intrepid conduct of Private KALLAIL reflect great credit upon himself and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Kansas.

Private LESTER R KULP, 33837533, Company B, ^{20th} **Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. For gallantry in action in GERMANY on 26 February 1945. During an attack against the town of OBERZERP, GERMANY, an infantry platoon was suddenly pinned down by intense enemy fire. On his own initiative, Private KULP, a rifleman, braved the enemy fusillade to approach within 25 yards of entrenched enemy riflemen where he fired upon them, killing and wounding several and routing the remainder. Spurred by his display of cool courage, the platoon resumed its attack and successfully captured the town. Private KULP'S display of courage and intrepidity reflects great credit upon himself and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Pennsylvania.

III. AWARD OF OAK-LEAF CLUSTER - By direction of the President and under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular Number 6, Third United States Army, dated 26 April 1944, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal previously awarded, a Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to:

Staff Sergeant THALES BOWEN, JR., 12193037, Battery B, ^{470th} **Armored Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in GERMANY on 26 February 1945. During operations against the enemy in the vicinity of IRSCH, GERMANY,

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Staff Sergeant BOWEN accompanied a forward artillery observer to a position far in advance of infantry lines where he transmitted firing data by radio to a battalion fire direction center. This heroic action by the intrepid reconnaissance sergeant, performed while under constant enemy fire, was instrumental in thwarting an imminent enemy counter-attack. The courage, coolness and complete disregard for personal danger displayed on this occasion by Sergeant BOWEN reflect great credit upon himself and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Washington, D.C.

Sergeant PATRICK J GLEASON, 36006354, Armored, Company D, ¹¹⁴⁴**Tank Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in GERMANY on 1 March 1945. While advancing with the advance guard of an armored column attacking on the outskirts of TRIER, GERMANY, Sergeant GLEASON'S tank was suddenly subjected to intense enemy anti-tank fire. Although wounded and his tank immobilized by the intense enemy fire, the intrepid tank commander remained in his vehicle firing at the enemy until a second direct hit rendered his guns useless. Dismounting from his tank, he then successfully evacuated his crew to the safety of friendly lines. Sergeant GLEASON'S conspicuous heroism and courageous devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Illinois.

Sergeant JOSEPH LANGONI, 18069819, Armored, Company B, ¹¹⁴⁴**Tank Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in GERMANY on 27 February 1945. While in lead vehicle of an armored task force during an attack on TRIER, GERMANY, Sergeant LANGONI'S tank was disabled by an enemy mine. Ignoring his own dazed condition and the lethal hail of enemy fire directed against his position, Sergeant LANGONI led his crew in a dismounted attack against the enemy positions, capturing six of the enemy and so neutralizing the hostile fire that the task force was enabled to continue to its objective. The courage and combat skill of this enlisted man reflect great credit upon himself and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from North Dakota.

IV. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL - By direction of the President and under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular Number 6, Third United States Army, dated 26 April 1944, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded to:

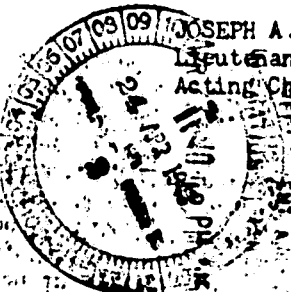
First Lieutenant JOHN F BUKOWIEC, 01016451, Infantry, Company B, ¹¹⁴⁴**Tank Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in GERMANY on 27 February 1945. During an attack on TRIER, GERMANY, the advance guard of a task force was delayed by a heavily defended minefield, causing many casualties. Lieutenant BUKOWIEC, a platoon leader, unhesitatingly dismounted from his tank in the face of enemy fire, quickly organized the evacuation of the wounded and effectively reorganized his forces for the ensuing action which ultimately resulted in the capture of the city. The outstanding leadership displayed by Lieutenant BUKOWIEC under severe battle conditions reflects great credit upon himself and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from New Jersey.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL MORRIS:

¹¹⁴⁴JOSEPH A. MC CHRISTIAN,
Lieutenant Colonel, GSC,
Acting Chief of Staff.

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HARRY G. OLAY,
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I. AWARD OF SILVER STAR

1. By direction of the President and under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular Number 6, Third United States Army, dated 26 April 1944, a Silver Star is awarded posthumously to:

Staff Sergeant JOHN E MAHER, 12036412, Company B, ^{609th} Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army. For gallantry in action in GERMANY on 7 March 1945. When tank reinforced enemy infantry counter-attacked in the vicinity of SCHWEICH, GERMANY, Staff Sergeant MAHER, an intrepid platoon sergeant, voluntarily set out on foot to obtain artillery support since there were no other means of communication. Despite intense enemy fire and the presence of enemy patrols, Staff Sergeant MAHER managed to contact a tank destroyer unit and obtain its support with which the enemy attack was decisively repulsed. The courageous devotion to duty displayed by Staff Sergeant MAHER reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered the military service from New York. (Nearest of Kin: Mr. Timothy Maher (Father), 200 W. 96th Street, New York, New York).

2. By direction of the President and under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular Number 6, Third United States Army, dated 26 April 1944, a Silver Star is awarded to:

Lieutenant Colonel NED T NORRIS, 020222, Cavalry, Headquarters Combat Command ⁴⁴, 10th Armored Division, United States Army. For gallantry in action in GERMANY during the period 27 February to 3 March 1945. During an advance from PELLINGEN toward TRIER, GERMANY, the tactical situation required the employment of a fresh task force. Lieutenant Colonel NORRIS, executive officer of a combat command, organized reserve troops and an impromptu staff into an effective task force. After conducting a personal reconnaissance in daylight under heavy enemy artillery fire, he directed a sustained attack against stubborn enemy resistance and materially contributed to the capture of TRIER. The outstanding leadership displayed by Lieutenant Colonel NORRIS reflects great credit upon himself and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Michigan.

Captain MORRIS WEINTRAUB, 01101713, Corps of Engineers, Company A, ^{55th} Armored Engineer Battalion, United States Army. For gallantry in action in GERMANY on 25 February 1945. Captain WEINTRAUB, an engineer company commander, personally supervised the ferrying of a large force of armored vehicles over the Saar River in the vicinity of AYL, GERMANY. Exposing himself to heavy enemy artillery, mortar and small arms fire for a period of twelve hours, he directed the loading of the ferries, dispatching them to the other side with a minimum of delay, thereby contributing materially to the enlargement of the bridgehead across the river. The tenacity of purpose and resourcefulness under fire displayed by Captain WEINTRAUB reflect great credit upon himself and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from New York.

First Lieutenant JOHN W MAYHEW, 01101945, Corps of Engineers, Company B, ^{55th} Armored Engineer Battalion, United States Army. For gallantry in action in GERMANY on 24 February 1945. In the vicinity of AYL, GERMANY, Lieutenant MAYHEW, an engineer company commander, personally directed the ferrying of infantry units across the Saar River. Despite the prevalence of enemy artillery, mortar and small arms fire, Lieutenant MAYHEW continually exposed himself to insure the success of the crossing. His very presence at the ferry site encouraged his men to great efforts. The heroic accomplishment of Lieutenant MAYHEW reflects great credit upon himself and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Maryland.

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First Lieutenant ROBERT I TAYLOR, JR, 0538302, Field Artillery, Headquarters Combat Command ~~**~~, 10th Armored Division, United States Army. For gallantry in action in GERMANY on 25 February 1945. In the vicinity of AYL, GERMANY, Lieutenant TAYLOR, an Aide-de-Camp, directed and assisted a ferrying crew to ferry a radio equipped vehicle across the Saar River under heavy artillery and small arms fire. This vehicle was the first to cross at that point. Through his intrepid efforts a vital communications link was established which contributed materially to the success of the operations of a combat command. The heroic accomplishment of Lieutenant TAYLOR reflects great credit upon himself and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Tennessee.

55th First Lieutenant RONALD R PITTENGER, 01059909, Corps of Engineers, Company C, ~~**~~Armored Engineer Battalion, United States Army. For gallantry in action in GERMANY on 9 March 1945. When an advancing task force was halted by a demolished bridge over the Salm River near SALMROHE, GERMANY, Lieutenant PITTENGER, an engineer platoon leader, personally supervised and assisted his men in erecting a bridge across the river despite a lethal hail of enemy artillery, mortar and small arms fire. Although the approaches to the bridge had to be constantly maintained, three teams of a task force had crossed by dawn and reached their objective that day. The skill and courageous devotion to duty displayed by Lieutenant PITTENGER reflect great credit upon himself and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Colorado.

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Second Lieutenant EVERETT H LORD-WOOD, 01327637, Infantry, Company B, ~~**~~Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. For gallantry in action in GERMANY on 5 March 1945. Second Lieutenant LORD-WOOD, an infantry platoon leader, courageously led an infantry assault over the Kyll River in the vicinity of EHRANG, GERMANY. Although enemy artillery fire had destroyed all assault boats after a comparatively small force had crossed, Lieutenant LORD-WOOD managed to establish a bridgehead. During the night after the crossing, his troops beat off five enemy counter-attacks. The following morning, although having been wounded, Lieutenant LORD-WOOD swam the river to report the location of his wounded to facilitate their recovery for treatment. The heroic devotion to duty displayed by Lieutenant LORD-WOOD reflects great credit upon himself and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Pennsylvania.

20th
Technical Sergeant CHARLES A STEWART, 33468202, Headquarters Company, ~~**~~Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. For gallantry in action in BELGIUM on 19 December 1944. During a heavy enemy assault upon NOVILLE, BELGIUM, Technical Sergeant STEWART, an assault gun platoon sergeant, was painfully wounded while in the pursuit of his duties as observer for the guns of his platoon. Noticing that an officer had also been wounded, he continued forward to his side, administered first aid and assisted him to an aid station. He then returned to his observation post and continued to direct fire, refusing medical treatment until reinforcements arrived later in the day. Technical Sergeant STEWART'S initiative, courage and outstanding devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Pennsylvania.

11th
Sergeant WILLIAM PETSCHKE, 36006560, Armored, Company D, ~~**~~Tank Battalion, United States Army. For gallantry in action in GERMANY on 1 March 1945. During the advance of an armored column on TRIER, GERMANY, Sergeant PETSCHKE, a tank platoon sergeant, managed to continue firing his tank cannon and inflict heavy casualties among the enemy despite the fact that he had been wounded and his tank previously rendered immobile by enemy anti-tank guns. When enemy fire rendered his guns useless, Sergeant PETSCHKE ordered his crew to evacuate the tank, gave first aid to a fatally wounded comrade, and led the remaining crew members to the safety of friendly lines. The courageous devotion to duty displayed by Sergeant PETSCHKE reflects great credit upon himself and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Illinois.

II. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL - By direction of the President and under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular Number 6, Third United States Army, dated 26 April 1944, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded to:

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Corporal ANGELO CAPALBO, 31198561, ~~**~~ Division Artillery, 10th Armored Division, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military

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operations against an enemy of the United States in GERMANY on 1 March 1945. At PELLINGEN, GERMANY, Corporal CAPALBO, in charge of a wire crew, had just completed servicing wire communications lines when the town was subjected to intense enemy artillery fire. Corporal CAPALBO promptly directed his men to the shelter of nearby cellars. He was in the act of guiding his wire truck to a covered position when the vehicle struck a mine, severely wounding the corporal and setting the truck ablaze. Despite his wounds, the courageous non-commissioned officer directed his men in salvaging the equipment within the burning vehicle. The intrepidity and loyal devotion to duty displayed by Corporal CAPALBO reflect great credit upon himself and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Connecticut.

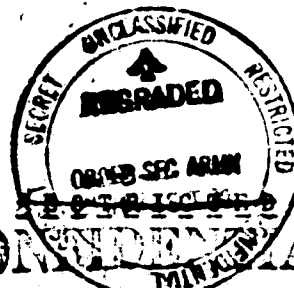
Private First Class HARVEY E BOOTH, 36467095, Headquarters Company, ^{20th} Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in GERMANY on 21 March 1945. During an engagement with the enemy at WALDFISCHBACH, GERMANY, Private First Class BOOTH, a truck driver, noticed that a severely wounded crewman of a disabled tank was lying beside a house 100 yards from his position. Despite heavy enemy machine gun and small arms fire, he obtained a litter and crawled to the side of the wounded soldier. After administering first aid, he, with the assistance of three other men, carried the wounded man to a place of safety. The heroic actions of Private First Class BOOTH reflect great credit upon himself and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Michigan.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL MORRIS:

JOSEPH A. MC CHRISTIAN,
Lieutenant Colonel, GSC,
Acting Chief of Staff.

OFFICIAL:

John A. Marszal
JOHN A. MARSZAL,
2nd Lt., A. G. D.,
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I. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL - By direction of the President and under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular Number 6, Third United States Army, dated 26 April 1944, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded to::

Major WILLIAM S HUFF, 0341722, Cavalry, Hq 10th Armored Division Trains, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE, GERMANY and LUXEMBOURG during the period 23 September 1944 to 31 March 1945.

Major JACK L BALTHIS, 0412753, Cavalry, Headquarters, Combat Command **A**, 10th Armored Division, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in GERMANY during the period 10 January to 7 March 1945.

Major ERNEST W POSSE, 0273159, Ordnance, Headquarters, ¹³²Ordnance Maintenance Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE, GERMANY and LUXEMBOURG during the period 1 November 1944 to 25 March 1945.

Captain KNOX S LONG, 01101558, Corps of Engineers, Headquarters, ⁵⁵Armored Engineer Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE and LUXEMBOURG during the period 3 December 1944 to 6 January 1945.

Captain FRED D SCYPHERS, 0373370, Coast Artillery Corps, Headquarters, ¹³²Combat Command **B**, 10th Armored Division, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in BELGIUM, FRANCE and GERMANY during the period 15 December 1944 to 27 March 1945.

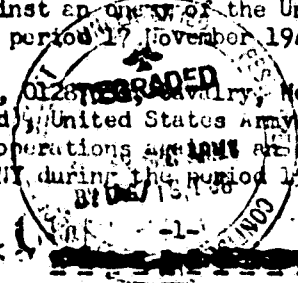
Captain HOWARD V DONOHUE, 0462058, Ordnance, Company C, ¹³²Ordnance Maintenance Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in GERMANY during the period 18 February to 25 March 1945.

Captain ROBERT I FELCH, 0412567, Ordnance, ¹³²Ordnance Maintenance Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE and GERMANY during the period 19 February to 25 March 1945.

Captain PERCY C SHANDS, JR, 0328554, Cav, Hq Co, 10th Armored Division Trains, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE, LUXEMBOURG and GERMANY during the period 23 September 1944 to 31 March 1945.

Captain THEODORE G SCOTT, 0462045, Ordnance, Headquarters, ¹³²Ordnance Maintenance Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE, LUXEMBOURG and GERMANY during the period 17 November 1944 to 1 March 1945.

Captain SIDNEY D HILTON, 0128783, Cavalry, ⁹⁰Headquarters, ¹³²Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron (Mechanized), United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE, LUXEMBOURG and GERMANY during the period 15 November 1944 to 25 March 1945.



First Lieutenant ROBERT L TALBERT, 01544201, Medical Administrative Corps, Company B, Medical Battalion Armored, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in BELGIUM during the period 18 to 26 December 1944. ✓

First Lieutenant JAMES P SWIFT, 0522364, Ordnance, Company B, ¹³²Ordnance Maintenance Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE, LUXEMBOURG and GERMANY during the period 2 February 1945 to 15 March 1945. ✓

Master Sergeant HAROLD E DRANE, 35154555, Quarter Master Corps, Hq, 10th Armored Division, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE, LUXEMBOURG and GERMANY during the period 1 November 1944 to 12 March 1945. ✓

Technical Sergeant NEIL L NUZZO, 32148501, Company C, ⁶¹Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE, LUXEMBOURG and GERMANY during the period 1 November to 26 December 1944. ✓

Staff Sergeant RICHARD T JONES, 35162793, Service Company, ²⁰Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE and GERMANY during the period 19 February to 24 March 1945. ✓

Staff Sergeant RICHARD R MEDCALF, 15046330, Service Company, ²⁰Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE and GERMANY during the period 19 February to 24 March 1945. ✓

Technician Third Grade ALBERT H CALHOON, 19105326, Company B, ¹³²Ordnance Maintenance Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE, BELGIUM, LUXEMBOURG and GERMANY during the period 11 November 1944 to 15 March 1945. ✓

Sergeant JOHN H McCABE, 12244432, ³⁰⁴⁸Quartermaster Graves Registration Company, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE, LUXEMBOURG and GERMANY during the period 4 November 1944 to 13 March 1945. ✓

Technician Fourth Grade LAURENCE D FREIER, 36006640, Armored, Company D, ¹¹⁴Tank Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE, LUXEMBOURG and GERMANY during the period 16 November 1944 to 2 March 1945. ✓

Corporal JAMES B HOLLAND, 3755484, Service Company, ²⁰Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE and GERMANY during the period 19 February to 24 March 1945. ✓

Technician Fifth Grade AUSBEL H CASHON, 35717435, Headquarters, ²⁰Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE, BELGIUM, LUXEMBOURG and GERMANY during the period 1 November 1944 to 1 March 1945. ✓

Private First Class EDWARD H. CARPENTER, 33217140, Armored, Headquarters Company, Combat Command A, 10th Armored Division, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE, LUXEMBOURG and GERMANY during the period 15 November 1944 to 15 March 1945. ✓

II. AWARD OF OAK-LEAF CLUSTER - By direction of the President and under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular Number 6, Third United States Army, dated 26 April 1944, in addition to an Air Medal and one Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster to the Air Medal previously awarded, a second Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to:

First Lieutenant LOUIS R CARR, Jr, 0551953, Field Artillery, Hq Btry, Div Artillery, 10th Armored Division, United States Army. For meritorious achievement

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while participating in aerial flight in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE and GERMANY during the period 6 February to 25 February 1945.

First Lieutenant ROBERT K MOORE, 01181700, Field Artillery, Hq Btry, Div Artillery, 10th Armored Division, United States Army. For meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE and GERMANY during the period 6 February to 25 February 1945.

Staff Sergeant GRANT M THIEM, 33409682, Field Artillery, Hq Btry, Div Artillery, 10th Armored Division, United States Army. For meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE and GERMANY during the period 3 January to 25 February 1945.

III. AWARD OF AIR MEDAL - By direction of the President and under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular Number 6, Third United States Army, dated 26 April 1944, an Air Medal is awarded to:

Second Lieutenant CHARLES A PEARODY, 0440445, Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in GERMANY during the period 20 February to 3 March 1945.

Technician Fifth Grade CHARLES F COMBS, 15338587, Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in GERMANY during the period, 20 February to 3 March 1945.

IV. AWARD OF CERTIFICATE OF MERIT

1. Under the provisions of letter, Headquarters European Theater of Operations, United States Army, file AG 200.6 MPGA, subject: Certificate of Merit, dated 28 June 1944, a CERTIFICATE OF MERIT is awarded posthumously to the following named enlisted man in recognition of conspicuously meritorious and outstanding performance of military duty in the European Theater of Operations:

Sergeant JOSEPH J DORCSD, 33468258, Armored, Headquarters Company, ³**Tank Battalion, United States Army.

2. Under the provisions of letter, Headquarters European Theater of Operations, United States Army, file AG 200.6 MPGA, subject: Certificate of Merit, dated 28 June 1944, a CERTIFICATE OF MERIT is awarded to the following named enlisted man who has been reported missing in action in recognition of conspicuously meritorious and outstanding performance of military duty in the European Theater of Operations:

Technician Fifth Grade GUSTAV A CARLSON, 31255769, Armored, Headquarters Company, ³**Tank Battalion, United States Army.

3. Under the provisions of letter, Headquarters European Theater of Operations, United States Army, file AG 200.6 MPGA, subject: Certificate of Merit, dated 28 June 1944, a CERTIFICATE OF MERIT is awarded to the following named personnel in recognition of conspicuously meritorious and outstanding performance of military duty in the European Theater of Operations:

Second Lieutenant WILBUR L GARRICK, 0106301, Ordnance, Company B, ¹³²**Ordnance Battalion, United States Army.

Technical Sergeant ROBERT F ALBRIGHT, 1307077, Armored, Headquarters, ³**Tank Battalion, United States Army.

Technical Sergeant GEORGE E MITCHELL, 112358, Armored, Headquarters, ³**Tank Battalion, United States Army.

Technical Sergeant LONIS J LAMARCA, 3232723, Sergeant Major Corps, Hq 10th Armored Division, United States Army.

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Technical Sergeant MATTHEW J KUSEK, 36006110, Quartermaster Corps, Hq 10th Armored Division, United States Army.

Technical Sergeant ERVIN G URDON, 19105310, Headquarters Company, ¹³²Ordnance Maintenance Battalion, United States Army.

Technician Third Grade BURTON SHEPANI, 13100196, Company B, ¹³²Ordnance Maintenance Battalion, United States Army.

Technician Third Grade CECIL PALMER, 14011158, Company B, ¹³²Ordnance Maintenance Battalion, United States Army.

Sergeant JAMES J. MCGINNIS, 13006045, Quartermaster Corps, Hq 10th Armored Division, United States Army.

Sergeant JOHN T KOSTOWICZ, 36202594, Corps Military Police, Military Police Platoon, 10th Armored Division, United States Army.

Sergeant WILLIAM J JONES, 33781356, Armored, Headquarters Company, ³**Tank Battalion, United States Army.

Technician Fourth Grade ABRAHAM L CHAMBERLAIN, 32091332, Medical Detachment, ¹³²Armored Engineer Battalion, United States Army.

Technician Fourth Grade LEO J FALLON, 21236059, Headquarters Company, ¹³²Ordnance Maintenance Battalion, United States Army.

Technician Fourth Grade VERN A MCGOWAN, 19105348, Company B, ¹³²Ordnance Maintenance Battalion, United States Army.

Technician Fourth Grade SAM H YOUNG, 19105445, Company B, ¹³²Ordnance Maintenance Battalion, United States Army.

Technician Fourth Grade CHARLES G PRICE, 19105265, Company B, ¹³²Ordnance Maintenance Battalion, United States Army.

Technician Fourth Grade JOHN J HOFFMAN, 37393299, ¹⁵⁰**Armored Signal Company, United States Army.

Technician Fourth Grade DANIEL J BURKE, 31212634, Armored, Headquarters, ³**Tank Battalion, United States Army.

Technician Fourth Grade ROBERT M FITZGERALD, 13014766, Armored, Headquarters, ³**Tank Battalion, United States Army.

Corporal JESSE V DORSETT, 35568162, Armored, Headquarters, ³**Tank Battalion, United States Army.

Corporal MARSHALL N HEYMAN, 12074596, Armored, Headquarters Company, ³**Tank Battalion, United States Army.

Technician Fifth Grade PABLO L GARZA, 38359009, Company B, ¹³²Ordnance Maintenance Battalion, United States Army.

Technician Fifth Grade PHILIP B PIMENTAL, 31236046, Company B, ¹³²Ordnance Maintenance Battalion, United States Army.

Technician Fifth Grade CLAIR H HARTRANFT, 33491858, Armored, Headquarters, ³**Tank Battalion, United States Army.

Technician Fifth Grade ALFRED GROSS, 33329572, Company B, ¹³²Ordnance Maintenance Battalion, United States Army.

Technician Fifth Grade GEORGE O CROWELL, 16150550, Company B, ¹³²Ordnance Maintenance Battalion, United States Army.

Technician Fifth Grade WILLIAM J LLOYD, 13087942, Company B, ¹³²Ordnance Maintenance Battalion, United States Army.

Technician Fifth Grade EDGAR W MURPHY, 38358651, Company B, ¹³²Ordnance Maintenance Battalion, United States Army.

Technician Fifth Grade CLAUD C McLEOD, JR, 35486903, Company B, ¹³²Ordnance Maintenance Battalion, United States Army.

Technician Fifth Grade ARTHUR T ALLEN, 38275260, Armored, Headquarters, ³**Tank Battalion, United States Army.

Private First Class JOHN J DAVIES, 37507081, Armored, Headquarters, ³**Tank Battalion, United States Army.

Private First Class HJALMER VALTANEN, 36952747, Armored, Headquarters Company, ³**Tank Battalion, United States Army.

Private First Class CHARLES E RIMEL, JR, 33393842, Corps Military Police, Military Police Platoon, 10th Armored Division, United States Army.

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- SECTION II - Award of Oak-Leaf Cluster
- SECTION III - Award of Bronze Star Medal

6 April 1945

ORIGINAL ORDER

I. AWARD OF SECOND OAK-LEAF CLUSTER - By direction of the President and under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular Number 6, Third United States Army, dated 26 April 1944, in addition to a Bronze Star Medal and one Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal previously awarded, a second Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to:

* ~~Lieutenant Colonel WILLIAM E ECKLES, 0254154, General Staff Corps, Headquarters, 10th Armored Division, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in GERMANY during the period 7 January to 31 March 1945.~~
* ~~REV. BY GO# 216 - 24 Aug 45~~ *2nd OLC to BSA*

* ~~Lieutenant Colonel RILEY A GRAHAM, 0398386, Signal Corps, 150th Armored Signal Company, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in GERMANY during the period 7 January to 31 March 1945.~~

II. AWARD OF OAK-LEAF CLUSTER - By direction of the President and under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular Number 6, Third United States Army, dated 26 April 1944, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal previously awarded, a Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to:

* ~~Colonel THOMAS M BRINKLEY, 012189, Infantry, Headquarters, 10th Armored Division Trains, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE, LUXEMBOURG and GERMANY during the period 28 November 1944 to 31 March 1945.~~
* ~~REV. BY GO# 216 - 24 Aug 45~~ *REV. BY GO# 237 - 1 Aug 45*

* ~~Lieutenant Colonel CLARK WEDDIE, 021761, General Staff Corps, Headquarters 10th Armored Division, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE, LUXEMBOURG and GERMANY during the period 29 November 1944 to 31 March 1945.~~
* ~~RESC. BY GO# 268 - 22 Aug 45~~

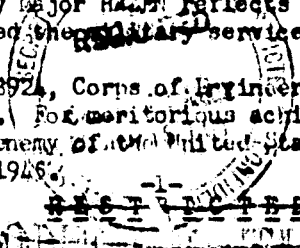
* ~~Lieutenant Colonel JOHN LAUBIG, 017726, General Staff Corps, Headquarters 10th Armored Division, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE, LUXEMBOURG and GERMANY during the period 28 November 1944 to 31 March 1945.~~
* ~~RESC. BY GO# 264 - 21 Aug 45~~

* ~~Lieutenant Colonel JOHN W SHEFFIELD, 0212722, Cavalry, Headquarters 10th Armored Division, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE, LUXEMBOURG and GERMANY during the period 7 January to 31 March 1945.~~

III. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL - By direction of the President and under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular Number 6, Third United States Army, dated 26 April 1944, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded to:

Major DAN F HAZEN, 0394814, Signal Corps, 150th Armored Signal Company, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in GERMANY on 1 March 1945. At NIEDERZERF, GERMANY, Major HAZEN braved constant enemy artillery and mortar fire to sever the enemy's main north-south communication cables. His actions contributed materially to the advance of the Division upon the City of TRIER. The intrepidity and skill displayed on that occasion by Major HAZEN reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered the military service from Illinois.

Major ROGER F HALL, 0368924, Corps of Engineers, Headquarters 10th Armored Division, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in GERMANY during the period 20 February to 25 March 1945.



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Major JOHN M ZOTT, JR, 024048, Quartermaster Corps, Headquarters 10th Armored Division, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE, LUXEMBOURG and GERMANY during the period 1 November 1944 to 30 March 1945.

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Major LEIGH S PLUMMER, 0521546, Sp4, Headquarters 10th Armored Division, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE, LUXEMBOURG and GERMANY during the period 19 November 1944 to 31 March 1945. *REV. BY GO 237 - 1 Aug 45*

Captain GEORGE TERPAK, JR, 01043520, Coast Artillery Corps, Headquarters 10th Armored Division, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE, LUXEMBOURG and GERMANY during the period 1 November 1944 to 30 March 1945.

Captain WILLIAM A MC KANEY, JR, 0401337, Cavalry, ^{90th} Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron (Mechanized), United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE, LUXEMBOURG and GERMANY during the period 12 November 1944 to 31 March 1945.

First Lieutenant JERE W SMITH, 01311336, Infantry, Headquarters 10th Armored Division, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE, LUXEMBOURG and GERMANY during the period 20 February 1945 to 24 March 1945.

First Lieutenant GAINS B HAWKINS, 01014894, Cavalry, ^{90th} Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron (Mechanized), United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE, LUXEMBOURG and GERMANY during the period 12 November 1944 to 30 March 1945.

Second Lieutenant WARREN P HOSS, 01050566, Coast Artillery Corps, Headquarters 10th Armored Division, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE, LUXEMBOURG and GERMANY during the period 1 November 1944 to 31 March 1945.

Warrant Officer Junior Grade WILLIAM J VENKER, W-2128235, ^{150th Arm'd Sig Co} Army of the United States, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in GERMANY during the period 19 February to 31 March 1945.

Master Sergeant WILLIAM L HOOVER, 36542226, Headquarters 10th Armored Division, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE, LUXEMBOURG and GERMANY during the period 1 November 1944 to 31 March 1945.

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~~Master Sergeant JAMES J BOYLE, 08 3040, Headquarters 10th Armored Division, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE, LUXEMBOURG and GERMANY during the period 12 November 1944 to 31 March 1945.~~

Technical Sergeant HARRY A HUNSBERGER, 33052872, ^{150th} Armored Signal Company, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in GERMANY during the period 24 February to 31 March 1945.

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~~Staff Sergeant LOUIS R STOCKSTILL, 10193689, Headquarters 10th Armored Division, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE, LUXEMBOURG and GERMANY during the period 12 November 1944 to 31 March 1945.~~

Staff Sergeant HERBERT J DYNAN, 52120166, Headquarters 10th Armored Division, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE, LUXEMBOURG and GERMANY during the period 20 February 1945 to 24 March 1945.

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Staff Sergeant ALBERT J CHANEY, 13075543, Headquarters 10th Armored Division, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE, LUXEMBOURG and GERMANY during the period 1 November 1944 to 30 March 1945.

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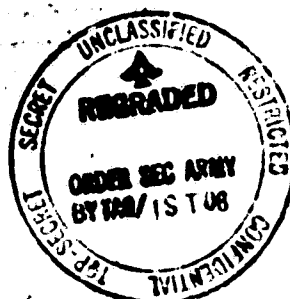
* Sergeant PASCAL PESCE, 32811705, Headquarters 10th Armored Division, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in LUXEMBOURG and GERMANY during the period 15 December 1944 to 31 March 1945.

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SECTION I - Award of Purple Heart
SECTION II - Revocation in GO No. 57, cs.
SECTION III - Award of Certificate of Merit

I. AWARD OF PURPLE HEART - By direction of the President and under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, a Purple Heart is awarded to:

Second Lieutenant GEORGE R ABBEY, 01019227, Infantry, Headquarters Company, Combat Command A, 10th Armored Division, United States Army. For wounds received as a result of enemy action in GERMANY on 17 April 1945.

Technician Fourth Grade GEORGE J HEDNAR, 33358315, ¹⁵⁰**Armored Signal Company, United States Army. For wounds received as a result of enemy action in GERMANY on 18 April 1945.

Technician Fifth Grade KENNETH J NORMAN, 37317551, ¹⁵⁰**Armored Signal Company, United States Army. For wounds received as a result of enemy action in GERMANY on 17 March 1945.

Private First Class ELLIS A MUNRO, 16150426, ¹⁵⁰**Armored Signal Company, United States Army. For wounds received as a result of enemy action in GERMANY on 18 April 1945.

Private First Class ERNEST C FUGH, 33217430, ¹⁵⁰**Armored Signal Company, United States Army. For wounds received as a result of enemy action in GERMANY on 18 April 1945.

II. REVOCATION IN GENERAL ORDERS NUMBER 57, CS - So much of Section III, General Orders Number 57, this Headquarters, dated 6 April 1945, as pertains to the award of a Bronze Star Medal to the following named enlisted man is revoked:

Master Sergeant JAMES J DOYLE, 6883848
Staff Sergeant LOUIS R STOCKSTILL, 18193689
Sergeant PASQUALE J PESCE, 32811905

III. AWARD OF CERTIFICATE OF MERIT:- Under the provisions of letter, Headquarters European Theater of Operations, United States Army, file AG 200.6 MPGA, subject: Certificate of Merit, dated 28 June 1944, a CERTIFICATE OF MERIT is awarded to the following named personnel in recognition of conspicuously meritorious and outstanding performance of military duty in the European Theater of Operations:

Master Sergeant JAMES J DOYLE, 6883848, Headquarters 10th Armored Division, United States Army.
Staff Sergeant LOUIS R STOCKSTILL, 18193689, Headquarters 10th Armored Division, United States Army.
Sergeant PASQUALE J PESCE, 32811905, Headquarters 10th Armored Division, United States Army.

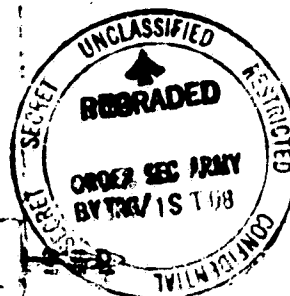
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AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

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By direction of the President and under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded to:

4234 SECOND LIEUTENANT LEO R KRATKIEWICZ, 01176696, Field Artillery, Battery C, ^{20th}Armored Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Germany on 21 February 1945. When an artillery shell struck an ammunition storage building at Dittlingen, Germany, setting the building on fire, Lieutenant Kratkiewicz, battery motor officer accompanied by three enlisted men, entered the burning building and began removing the explosives. Although small arms ammunition began to detonate from the intense heat, he continued his task until all ammunition, including mortar and artillery shells, was removed from the building. The courageous action of Lieutenant Kratkiewicz in eliminating a hazard to personnel and in saving valuable stores reflects great credit upon himself and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Hamtramck, Michigan.

SECOND LIEUTENANT EDWARD V DORSEY, 01327721, Infantry, Company B, ^{20th}Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Germany on 3 March 1945. During the advance of an infantry company in the vicinity of Ehrang, Germany, it became necessary to determine if it was possible for troops to make a crossing of the Kyll River on the tangled girders of a blown bridge. Lieutenant Dorsey volunteered to attempt the crossing and reconnoiter the opposite bank of the river to determine the disposition of enemy troops. Accompanied by another officer, he succeeded in crossing to within five yards of the far side when sudden enemy fire forced them to withdraw. His heroic action in exposing an enemy ambush reflects great credit upon himself and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Maryland.

SECOND LIEUTENANT EVERETT H LORD-WOOD, 01327637, Infantry, Company B, ^{20th}Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Germany on 3 March 1945. During the advance of an infantry company in the vicinity of Ehrang, Germany, it became necessary to determine if it was possible for troops to make a crossing of the Kyll River on the tangled girders of a blown bridge. Lieutenant Lord-Wood volunteered to attempt the crossing and reconnoiter the opposite bank of the river to determine the disposition of enemy troops. Accompanied by another officer, he succeeded in crossing to within five yards of the far side when sudden enemy fire forced them to withdraw. His heroic action in exposing an enemy ambush reflects great credit upon himself and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Springfield, Pennsylvania.

Technical Sergeant Clifford H Gregory, 7040561, Armored, Company B, ^{11th}Tank Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Germany on 28 February 1945. Despite heavy enemy artillery and mortar fire, Technical Sergeant Gregory, acting motor sergeant, proceeded with the crew of a tank recovery vehicle from Steinbach to Zerf, Germany where he directed the recovery of a disabled half-track and then located and picked up battalion personnel who had been left in the town. Although the return route was under direct and observed enemy artillery fire and clogged with disabled vehicles, he led his party safely back to Steinbach. The courageous devotion to duty displayed by Technical Sergeant Gregory reflects great credit upon himself and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Mississippi.

Staff Sergeant Amos B Danforth, 3204423, Armored, Company B, ^{3d}Tank Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Belgium on 18 January 1945. Staff Sergeant Danforth, upon his own initiative and without orders, took charge of a disabled tank, organized a crew, and with their assistance made extensive repairs upon the damaged vehicle despite the presence of enemy artillery, mortar and nebelwerfer fire. Completing the repairs, he proceeded with his tank and crew to

the front lines in the vicinity of Lahez, Belgium, where he put the tank into action. The initiative and resourcefulness displayed by this intrepid tank platoon sergeant resulted in an essential combat vehicle being returned to action with a minimum of delay and reflect great credit upon himself and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Pennsylvania.

Sergeant Justin J Worthen, 38017912, Company B, ^{55th} Armored Engineer Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Germany on 5 March 1945. During an attack upon Trier, Germany, a half-track occupied by Sergeant Worthen and his squad was hit by anti-tank fire. After ordering his men to abandon the vehicle, he discovered that one man was missing. Despite heavy hostile small arms fire, he, accompanied by another soldier, dashed back to the vehicle where the missing man was found seriously wounded. They carried him to safety just before another shell scored a direct hit on the vehicle. Sergeant Worthen's courageous action reflects great credit upon himself and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Oklahoma.

Technician Fourth Grade Louis E Teall, 36407324, Armored, Company A, ^{11th} Tank Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Germany on 18 March 1945. During an attack on Gosserweiler, Germany, Technician Fourth Grade Teall, a tank driver, observed a friendly half-track receive a direct hit by an enemy artillery shell and burst into flame. Despite a lethal hail of hostile fire, Technician Fourth Grade Teall and three companions dismounted from their tank and dashed 150 yards to the aid of the half-track crew. Ignoring the danger of exploding ammunition in the burning vehicle, he assisted in evacuating the sole survivor to a place of safety. The initiative, courage and intrepidity displayed by Technician Fourth Grade Teall reflect great credit upon himself and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Grand Junction, Michigan.

Technician Fourth Grade Andrew G Belak, 33082823, Armored, Company B, ^{3d} Tank Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Germany on 20 March 1945. In the vicinity of Neustadt, Germany, Technician Fourth Grade Belak, tank commander and gunner, observed two large enemy tanks nearby with their guns pointed in the direction of his tank. Immediately opening fire, he succeeded in destroying one enemy tank and forcing the crew to evacuate the other. As a result, a new type of enemy heavy tank was captured intact and made available for study by ordnance experts. The heroic contribution of Technician Fourth Grade Belak reflects great credit upon himself and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Old Forge, Pennsylvania.

Corporal Marvin L George, 36540886, Battery C, ^{42d} Armored Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Germany on 21 February 1945. When an artillery shell struck an ammunition storage building at Dittlingen, Germany, setting the building on fire, Corporal George, a machine gunner, accompanied by an officer and two other enlisted men, entered the burning building and began removing the explosives. Although small arms ammunition began to detonate from the intense heat, he continued his task until all ammunition, including mortar and artillery shells was removed from the building. The courageous action of Corporal George in eliminating a hazard to personnel and in saving valuable stores reflects great credit upon himself and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Detroit, Michigan.

^{3d} Technician Fifth Grade Charles A Reilly, Jr, 31220840, Medical Detachment, ^{3d} Tank Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Germany on 7 April 1945. Technician Fifth Grade Reilly performed outstanding service as a litter bearer during an attack against the enemy in the vicinity of Roth, Germany. Observing several wounded men lying in an exposed position directly in line of fire from enemy and friendly troops, he braved the dangerous cross-fire to go to their aid. After administering to their wounds, he carried the injured soldiers to waiting vehicles which bore them to a place of safety. His intrepid action reflects great credit upon himself and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Maine.

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Technician Fifth Grade Maurice Koss, 31272367, Company B, ⁵⁵**Armored Engineer Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Germany on 5 March 1945. During an attack upon Trier, Germany, Technician Fifth Grade Koss, a driver, observed that two vehicles were being endangered by intense concentrations of enemy artillery and small arms fire. Despite the continual enemy fire, he drove both the vehicles to safety. The courageous devotion to duty under fire displayed by Technician Fifth Grade Koss reflects great credit upon himself and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from New London, Connecticut.

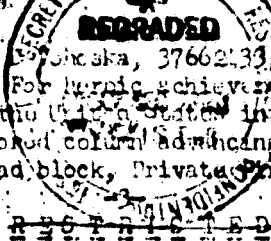
Technician Fifth Grade Wilburn F Bennett, 38264017, Battery C, ^{423d}**Armored Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Germany on 21 February 1945. When an artillery shell struck an ammunition storage building at Dittlingen, Germany, setting the building on fire, Technician Fifth Grade Bennett, an ammunition handler, accompanied by an officer and two other enlisted men, entered the burning building and began removing the explosives. Although small arms ammunition began to detonate from the intense heat, he continued his task until all ammunition, including mortar and artillery shells, was removed from the building. The courageous action of Technician Fifth Grade Bennett in eliminating a hazard to personnel and in saving valuable stores reflects great credit upon himself and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Leesville, Louisiana.

Technician Fifth Grade Donald F Rust, 31273218, Company B, ^{20th}**Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Germany on 28 February 1945. When a group of parked vehicles on an open hillside in the vicinity of Pellingen, Germany were suddenly subjected to direct enemy artillery fire, Technician Fifth Grade Rust, a half-track driver, volunteered to remove his vehicle from the danger area. Despite the continual enemy fire, he proceeded to evacuate his vehicle and was enroute to cover when the half-track received a direct hit and was set on fire, causing severe burns to the intrepid driver. The exemplary devotion to duty displayed by Technician Fifth Grade Rust reflects great credit upon himself and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Simsbury, Connecticut.

Technician Fifth Grade Frederick E Woods, 15102907, Armored, Company D, ^{11th}**Tank Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Germany on 11 March 1945. Technician Fifth Grade Woods was driving the lead tank of an armored column advancing upon the town of Novland, Germany when his vehicle was disabled by an anti-tank mine. Despite heavy hostile artillery, mortar and small arms fire, he dismounted from his tank, attached a tow cable to another vehicle and then proceeded on foot to remove additional mines from the path of the advance. The courageous and intrepid devotion to duty displayed by Technician Fifth Grade Woods reflects great credit upon himself and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Akron, Ohio.

Technician Fifth Grade Robert J Emerfohl, 37320247, Battery C, ^{423d}**Armored Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Germany on 21 February 1945. When an artillery shell struck an ammunition storage building at Dittlingen, Germany, setting the building on fire, Technician Fifth Grade Emerfohl, a telephone operator, accompanied by an officer and two other enlisted men, entered the burning building and began removing the explosives. Although small arms ammunition began to detonate from the intense heat, he continued his task until all ammunition, including mortar and artillery shells, was removed from the building. The courageous action of Technician Fifth Grade Emerfohl in eliminating a hazard to personnel and in saving valuable stores reflects great credit upon himself and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from St. Paul, Minnesota.

Private First Class Vernon Vohoska, 37662433, Armored, Company D, ^{11th}**Tank Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Germany on 10 March 1945. When further progress of an armored column advancing upon the town of Platten, Germany was impeded by an enemy road block, Private First Class Vohoska, a tank bow



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gunner, fearlessly dismounted from his tank and proceeded forward on foot to the barricade. He remained exposed to intense enemy artillery, mortar and small arms fire for thirty minutes while assisting in the removal of the road block so as to permit the column to continue its advance. The courageous and intrepid devotion to duty displayed by Private First Class Vohoska reflects great credit upon himself and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Riverside, Iowa.

Private First Class Henry Persons, ⁵⁵⁴34449278, Company C, ⁵⁵⁴**Armored Engineer Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Germany on 25 February 1945. During an assault crossing of the Saar River near Ayl, Germany, heavy enemy artillery and mortar fire had disabled a large number of assault boats being used to transport troops. Realizing the necessity for quick action, Private First Class Persons volunteered to operate a power ferry and for a period of three hours remained constantly exposed to the intense hostile fire, making repeated crossings of the river until the remaining assault troops were successfully ferried across. The initiative, courage and outstanding devotion to duty under adverse conditions displayed by Private First Class Persons reflect great credit upon himself and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Talbotton, Georgia.

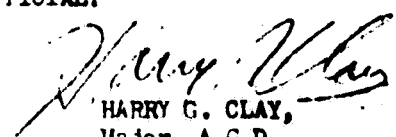
Private Dominick R DelGaudio, ⁵⁵⁴42184005, Company B, ⁵⁵⁴**Armored Engineer Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Germany on 2 April 1945. During a counter-attack by the enemy in the town of Unterwieschenheim, Germany, Private DelGaudio, a utility repairman, observed a wounded man in a nearby bullet-swept street, painfully struggling to reach cover. Dashing to the aid of the injured soldier, despite intense small arms fire, he administered first aid and slowly and laboriously dragged the wounded man to safety. Private DelGaudio's intrepid action reflects great credit upon himself and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Elmhurst, New York.

Private Kenneth E Ketels, ²⁰⁴39051078, Company B, ²⁰⁴**Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Germany on 20 March 1945. While passing through Muffchen, Germany, a column of half-track vehicles was suddenly subjected to direct enemy artillery fire, resulting in the abandonment of three vehicles in exposed positions. After driving his own vehicle to cover, Private Ketels, exposed to the withering fire, moved the remaining vehicles to cover. Through his bold action, direly needed combat equipment was saved from almost certain destruction. The initiative, bravery and zealous devotion to duty displayed by Private Ketels reflect great credit upon himself and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Alameda, California.

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SECTION I - Award of Bronze Star Medal (Oak-Leaf Cluster)
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I. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL (OAK-LEAF CLUSTER) -

1. By direction of the President and under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal previously awarded, a bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded posthumously to:

LIEUTENANT COLONEL WILLIAM T S ROBERTS 014679, Infantry, ^{54th} Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Belgium on 26 December 1944. During an enemy aerial bombardment of the besieged City of Bastogne, Belgium, an ammunition dump was set on fire, endangering numerous military vehicles nearby. Despite intermittent hostile artillery fire and the danger of exploding ammunition, Lieutenant Colonel Roberts, Executive Officer of a Combat Command, calmly assisted in removing the vehicles to safety. The initiative and courage displayed by Lieutenant Colonel Roberts on that occasion reflect great credit upon himself and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Maryland. (Next of Kin: Mrs Marian M Roberts (wife), 4532 Reno Road, Washington, D.C.)

Staff Sergeant Pantale Ciccolello, 32106545, Armored, Company D, ^{11th} Tank Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Germany on 10 March 1945. When further progress of an armored column advancing upon the town of Platten, Germany was impeded by an enemy road block, Staff Sergeant Ciccolello, a tank platoon sergeant, fearlessly dismounted from his tank and proceeded forward on foot to the barricade. He remained exposed to intense enemy artillery, mortar and small arms fire for thirty minutes while assisting in the removal of the road block so as to permit the column to continue its advance. The courageous and intrepid devotion to duty displayed by Staff Sergeant Ciccolello reflects great credit upon himself and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Brooklyn, New York. (Next of Kin: Mrs Rose Ciccolello (Mother), 51 Bay 47th Street, Brooklyn, New York).

2. By direction of the President and under the provisions of Army Regulation 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal previously awarded, a bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to:

BRIGADIER GENERAL EDWIN W PIBURN, 07493, United States Army, Combat Command ^{**}, 10th Armored Division, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Germany on 16 March 1945. In the vicinity of Oberhoffen, Germany, when the leading elements of Brigadier General Piburn's command were held by intense 20mm anti-aircraft direct fire and 105mm artillery concentrations, he went forward with complete disregard for his own safety to assist the progress of the column. Passing through a mine field, he arrived at the furthest point of advance, where, exposed to heavy fire and in close proximity to the enemy, he coordinated the attack of other elements of his command to reduce the fire and permit the advance to be resumed. His brilliant leadership and courageous example characterize the highest traditions of the United States Armed Forces. Entered the military service from Oklahoma.

Staff Sergeant Amos B Danforth, 33017424, Armored, Company B, ^{32d} Tank Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Germany on 20 March 1945. During an engagement with the enemy in the vicinity of Moustady, Germany, Staff Sergeant Danforth, a tank platoon sergeant, assumed command of his platoon when the platoon leader was evacuated because of wounds. He took command of his platoon when the company commander was killed. Despite most difficult combat conditions, his aggressive leadership inspired his men and the day's mission was accomplished in a minimum of time. His courage, determination and zealous devotion to duty displayed by Staff Sergeant Danforth reflect great credit upon himself and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Pennsylvania.

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II. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL -

1. By direction of the President and under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded posthumously to:

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Sergeant Noble C Long, 15335422, Company C, ****Armored Medical Battalion, United States Army.** For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Germany on 28 February 1945. Sergeant Long, a section leader and member of an ambulance detail enroute to Zerf, Germany, was forced to seek cover from an enemy barrage in the vicinity of Irach, Germany. Under a continual hail of enemy fire, Sergeant Long assisted in removing the several resulting casualties to an aid station where he then assisted in administering aid and later in evacuating them to a clearing station. His heroic devotion to duty reflects great credit upon himself and is in keeping with the high traditions of the Medical Department of the United States Army. (Next of Kin: Mrs. Sarah F. Long (Mother), Danville, Indiana.) Entered the military service from Indiana.

^{11th}
Sergeant John O Wilson, 35356299, Armored, Company D, ****Tank Battalion, United States Army.** For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Germany on 10 March 1945. When further progress of an armored column advancing upon the town of Platten, Germany was impeded by an enemy road block, Sergeant Wilson, a tank bow gunner, fearlessly dismounted from his tank and proceeded on foot to the barricade. He remained exposed to intense enemy artillery, mortar and small arms fire for thirty minutes while assisting in the removal of the road block so as to permit the column to continue its advance. The courageous and intrepid devotion to duty displayed by Sergeant Wilson reflects great credit upon himself and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Terre Haute, Indiana. (Next of Kin: Mrs. Margaret E. Wilson (wife), RR #5, Box 60, Terre Haute, Indiana).

^{80th}
Corporal Emmett G Gilberts, 37323736, Company C, ****Armored Medical Battalion, United States Army.** For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Germany on 28 February 1945. Corporal Gilberts, a squad leader and member of an ambulance detail enroute to Zerf, Germany, was forced to seek cover from an enemy barrage in the vicinity of Irach, Germany. Under a continual hail of enemy fire, Corporal Gilberts assisted in removing the several resulting casualties to an aid station where he then assisted in administering aid and later in evacuating them to a clearing station. His heroic devotion to duty reflects great credit upon himself and is in keeping with the high traditions of the Medical Department of the United States Army. Entered the military service from Amboy, Minnesota. (Next of Kin: Mrs. Grace Gilberts (Mother), Box 369, Amboy, Minnesota).

2. By direction of the President and under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following named enlisted man who has been reported Missing In Action:

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Private First Class Milo I Humphrey, 31222104, Armored, Company D, ****Tank Battalion, United States Army.** For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Germany on 10 March 1945. When further progress of an armored column advancing upon the town of Platten, Germany was impeded by an enemy road block, Private First Class Humphrey, a tank bow gunner, fearlessly dismounted from his tank and proceeded forward on foot to the barricade. He remained exposed to intense enemy artillery, mortar and small arms fire for thirty minutes while assisting in the removal of the road block so as to permit the column to continue its advance. The courageous and intrepid devotion to duty displayed by Private First Class Humphrey reflects great credit upon himself and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Monarda, Maine. (Next of Kin: Mrs. Anne Harkins (Sister), Monarda, Maine).

3. By direction of the President and under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded to:

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FIRST LIEUTENANT ROBERT FIGG, 01823280, Field Artillery, Company A, ****Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army.** For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Germany on 26 February

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1945. Lieutenant Figg's platoon was in direct support of a force of infantry during a night assault on the town of Zerf, Germany. Advancing on foot ahead of his platoon, Lieutenant Figg braved intense enemy fire to direct the destruction of enemy strong points, thereby insuring maximum support to infantry troops. His heroic action greatly aided in the taking of the town and the capture of six of the enemy. Lieutenant Figg's intrepidity in the face of grave danger reflects great credit upon himself and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Indianapolis, Indiana.

FIRST LIEUTENANT JULIAN B RUFFIN, 0530143, Field Artillery, Battery C, ^{42nd} Armored Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Germany on 23 February 1945. Lieutenant Ruffin, an artillery reconnaissance officer, accompanied an infantry battalion during its assault crossing of the Saar River near Ayl, Germany as the officer in charge of an artillery reconnaissance crew. Upon reaching the other side, he advanced with the infantry, contributing to the destruction of enemy pillboxes and strongpoints by adjusting artillery concentrations while remaining exposed to constant enemy artillery, mortar and small arms fire for a period of 36 hours. Lieutenant Ruffin's courageous and intrepid devotion to duty reflects great credit upon himself and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Hopewell, Virginia.

Staff Sergeant Clayton P Badgley, 36546670, Armored, Company A, ^{11th} Tank Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Germany on 18 March 1945. During an attack on Gossweiler, Germany, Staff Sergeant Badgley, a tank platoon sergeant, observed a friendly half-track receive a direct hit by an enemy artillery shell and burst into flame. Despite a lethal hail of hostile fire, Staff Sergeant Badgley and three companions dismounted from their tank and dashed 150 yards to the aid of the half-track crew. Ignoring the danger of exploding ammunition in the burning vehicle, he assisted in evacuating the sole survivor to a place of safety. The initiative, courage and intrepidity displayed by Staff Sergeant Badgley reflect great credit upon himself and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Grindstone City, Michigan.

Staff Sergeant Joseph Stefanisko, 32598781, Company B, ^{61st} Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Germany on 25 February 1945. During an attack on Schoden, Germany, an infantry platoon was suddenly pinned down by machine gun fire from a hidden pillbox. Staff Sergeant Stefanisko, a squad leader, advanced 200 yards under heavy machine gun and artillery fire to within 30 yards of the enemy position where he determined the exact location of the pillbox and directed its destruction by tank destroyer fire. Staff Sergeant Stefanisko's intrepid action reflects great credit upon himself and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from New Jersey.

Corporal Kenneth G Eisert, 35499386, Armored, Company A, ^{41st} Tank Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Germany on 18 March 1945. During an attack on Gossweiler, Germany, Corporal Eisert, a tank gunner, observed a friendly half-track receive a direct hit by an enemy artillery shell and burst into flame. Despite a lethal hail of hostile fire, Corporal Eisert and three companions dismounted from their tank and dashed 150 yards to the aid of the half-track crew. Ignoring the danger of exploding ammunition in the burning vehicle, he assisted in evacuating the sole survivor to a place of safety. The initiative, courage and intrepidity displayed by Corporal Eisert reflect great credit upon himself and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from New Albany, Indiana.

Corporal Frederick J Doody, 31236968, Battery C, ^{41st} Armored Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Germany on 23 February 1945. Corporal Doody, a reconnaissance corporal, accompanied an infantry battal-

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ion during its assault crossing of the Saar River near Ayl, Germany as a member of an artillery reconnaissance crew. Upon reaching the other side, he advanced with the infantry, contributing to the destruction of enemy pillboxes and strong points by assisting to adjust artillery concentrations, while remaining exposed to constant enemy artillery, mortar, and small arms fire for a period of 36 hours. Corporal Doody's courageous and intrepid devotion to duty reflects great credit upon himself and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Dorchester, Massachusetts.

Private First Class Ellis G Anthony, 38275531, Armored, Company A, ¹¹⁴**Tank Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Germany on 18 March 1945. During an attack on Gosserweiler, Germany, Private First Class Anthony, a tank gunner, observed a friendly half-track receive a direct hit by an enemy artillery shell and burst into flame. Despite a lethal hail of hostile fire, Private First Class Anthony and three companions dismounted from their tank and dashed 150 yards to the aid of the half-track crew. Ignoring the danger of exploding ammunition in the burning vehicle, he assisted in evacuating the sole survivor to a place of safety. The initiative, courage and intrepidity displayed by Private First Class Anthony reflect great credit upon himself and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Gracemont, Oklahoma.

Private First Class Robert E Blackney, 35892194, Battery C, ^{4v3d}**Armored Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Germany on 23 February 1945. Private First Class Blackney, a radio operator, accompanied an infantry battalion during its assault crossing of the Saar River near Ayl, Germany as a member of an artillery reconnaissance crew. Upon reaching the other side, he advanced with the infantry, contributing to the destruction of enemy pillboxes and strongpoints by assisting to adjust artillery concentrations while remaining exposed to constant enemy artillery, mortar and small arms fire for a period of 36 hours. Private First Class Blackney's courageous and intrepid devotion to duty reflects great credit upon himself and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Valparaiso, Indiana.

Private First Class Marvin Clevinger, 35637319, Company B, ^{61st}**Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Germany on 26 March 1945. During an attack on Schoden, Germany, an infantry platoon was suddenly pinned down by machine gun and sniper fire from a well concealed pillbox. Private First Class Clevinger, a scout, advanced 150 yards under the intense fire to within 5 yards of the enemy position from where he threw grenades through an embrasure in the pillbox, silencing the enemy fire. Private First Class Clevinger's intrepid action reflects great credit upon himself and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Belcher, Kentucky.

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SECTION I - Award of Silver Star
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SECTION III - Award of Bronze Star Medal

I. AWARD OF SILVER STAR - By direction of the President and under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, a Silver Star is awarded to:

A BRIGADIER GENERAL EDWIN W PIBURN 07493, United States Army, Combat Command **, 10th Armored Division, United States Army. For gallantry in action in Germany during the period 7 April to 10 April 1945. Following the seizure of Crailsheim by elements of General Piburn's command, the enemy exerted an extreme effort to effect its recapture through employment of air bombardment and strafing, an extremely wide variety of ground weapons, and upwards of 3000 infantry. At the height of this desperate action and at a time when the enemy air force was active in the area and all ground routes of access to the town were severed, General Piburn flew to Crailsheim in a small artillery liaison plane. His brilliant tactical command, courageous personal example and gallant leadership exercised in close proximity to the enemy and under a condition of great exposure to enemy fire, contributed in the highest degree to the success of his command in repelling a savagely determined enemy. His courageous personal example and gallant leadership exemplify the highest traditions of the United States armed forces. Entered the military service from Oklahoma.

LIEUTENANT COLONEL JOSEPH A MC CHRISTIAN 021966, General Staff Corps, Headquarters 10th Armored Division, United States Army. For gallantry in action in Germany on 6 March 1945. Lieutenant Colonel Mc Christian, Assistant to the Division Chief of Staff, assuming temporary command of an armored infantry battalion, led the unit cross-country through heavy woods to the Kyll River and despite intense artillery, mortar and small arms fire, directed a successful crossing of the river near Ehrang, Germany. Through his courageous leadership and personal example, he inspired his troops to establish and hold a bridgehead which paved the way for the subsequent northward advance of the 10th Armored Division. Lieutenant Colonel Mc Christian's gallant achievement reflects great credit upon himself and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Florida.

MAJOR CURTIS L HANKINS 0387290, Infantry, Headquarters, ^{61st} Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. For gallantry in action in Germany during the period 6 April to 10 April 1945. Major Hankins, Battalion Commander, although separated from his supporting elements and denied any route of supply and physical communication, led his task force against fanatical air and ground resistance to enter and capture Crailsheim, Germany. For the next three days he remained with front line elements in close proximity to the enemy, personally directing and coordinating the successful efforts of his command in repelling repeated fanatical counter-attacks of numerical superiority supported by intense artillery, mortar and small arms fire and heavy aerial bombardment. Major Hankins' gallant achievement reflects great credit upon himself and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Pine Bluff, Arkansas.

II. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL (OAK-LEAF CLUSTER) - By direction of the President and under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal and a bronze oak-leaf cluster previously awarded, a second bronze oak-leaf cluster is awarded to:

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MAJOR RICHARD G CREERIE 0407725, General Staff Corps, Headquarters 10th Armored Division, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Germany during the period 8 January to 31 March 1945.

III. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL - By direction of the President and under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, dat 22 September 1943, as amended, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded to:

CAPTAIN LESTER M NICHOLS 01010113, Cavalry, Headquarters 10th Armored Division, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in France, Luxembourg and Germany during the period 23 September 1944 to 26 April 1945.

CAPTAIN THOMAS ST JOHN O'RORKE 01011252, Cavalry, Headquarters Company, 10th Armored Division, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in France, Luxembourg and Germany during the period 12 December 1944 to 31 March 1945.

FIRST LIEUTENANT VERNOR M SCHENCK, JR 01010458, Corps of Military Police, Military Police Platoon, 10th Armored Division, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in France, Luxembourg and Germany during the period 12 November 1944 to 31 March 1945.

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I. AWARD OF SILVER STAR (OAK-LEAF CLUSTER) - By direction of the President and under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, in addition to the Silver Star previously awarded, a bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded posthumously to:

LIEUTENANT COLONEL JACK J RICHARDSON 019902, Infantry, Headquarters, ^{20th} Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. For gallantry in action in Germany on 30 March 1945. When the advance of a task force in the vicinity of Walldorf, Germany was momentarily delayed by six enemy anti-tank guns and normal artillery communications had failed, Lieutenant Colonel Richardson, commander of the force, fearlessly proceeded beyond the lead vehicle of the column despite heavy enemy anti-tank and small arms fire and successfully adjusted artillery fire on the hostile positions through command radio channels, thereby permitting the task force to continue its advance. Lieutenant Colonel Richardson's gallant action on this occasion reflects great credit upon himself and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Texas. (Nearest of Kin: Mrs. Jack J Richardson (wife), 2019 Kennedy Drive, Augusta, Georgia).

II. AWARD OF SILVER STAR - By direction of the President and under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, a Silver Star is awarded to:

CAPTAIN KEITH J ANDERSON 0417393, Cavalry, Troop D, ^{9th} Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron (Mechanized), United States Army. For gallantry in action in Germany on 21 March 1945. When the leading elements of a reconnaissance squadron encountered heavy enemy panzerfaust and small arms fire, Captain Anderson, a troop commander, moved to the point of the column to personally direct the advance. He constantly exposed himself to enemy fire for a period of four hours while walking at the head of the column directing and encouraging his men, and so inspiring them to aggressive action that their objective was taken with remarkable speed. Captain Anderson's gallant action on this occasion reflects great credit upon himself and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Moweaqua, Illinois.

First Sergeant Louis G Heins 37232535, Company A, ^{58th} Armored Engineer Battalion, United States Army. For gallantry in action in Germany on 25 February 1945. First Sergeant Heins, a platoon sergeant, was placed in charge of three engineer platoons with the mission of transporting three battalions of infantry over the Saar River near Ayl, Germany. Although drenched by freezing water and exposed to intense enemy artillery, mortar and small arms fire, he directed the activities of the assault boat crews during a five hour period. First Sergeant Heins' gallant action on this occasion reflects great credit upon himself and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Blackburn, Missouri.

Staff Sergeant Anthony J Silva 31243062, Company B, ^{20th} Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. For gallantry in action in Germany on 24 February 1945. During an assault upon an enemy pillbox near Irsch, Germany, Staff Sergeant Silva, a squad leader, voluntarily moved a machine gun forward in the face of heavy enemy small arms fire to a position immediately in front of the pillbox where he opened fire on the embrasures of the fortified position, forcing the enemy away from them.

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His intrepid action enabled the remainder of the assault squad to destroy the ammo box, killing three of the enemy and forcing 27 to surrender. Staff Sergeant Iva's gallant action on this occasion reflects great credit upon himself and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Providence, Rhode Island.

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Staff Sergeant James W McLaurine 33383454, Company C, **Armored Engineer Battalion, United States Army. For gallantry in action in Germany on 25 February 1945. Staff Sergeant McLaurine's platoon was assigned the mission of transporting two battalions of infantry during an assault crossing of the Saar River near Ayl, Germany. He continually exposed himself to intense enemy artillery, mortar and small arms fire while encouraging his men and coordinating the movement of the infantry to the assault boats. When individual boat crew members became overtly fatigued, he took their places to enable them to rest and in this manner made over twenty crossings of the river. Staff Sergeant McLaurine's gallant action on this occasion reflects great credit upon himself and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Baltimore, Maryland.

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Staff Sergeant Charles B Hibbitts 35668364, Company B, **Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. For gallantry in action in Germany on 6 March 1945. During an engagement with the enemy in the vicinity of Ehrang, Germany, Staff Sergeant Hibbitts, a squad leader, constantly exposed himself to intense enemy artillery, mortar and small arms fire for a period of two hours while assisting in evacuating a number of casualties from exposed positions to a place of safety. Staff Sergeant Hibbitts' gallant action on this occasion reflects great credit upon himself and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from London, Kentucky.

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Sergeant Earl L Miller 16006418, Company B, **Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army. For gallantry in action in Germany on 1 March 1945. Sergeant Miller, commander of a tank destroyer, was assigned the mission of supporting a task force in the vicinity of Filsch, Germany. During the early hours of the morning, he engaged three enemy gun positions and, despite heavy return fire, eliminated them. On several occasions that same day, he voluntarily exposed himself to hostile fire while directing the fire of his tank destroyer against concentrations of enemy anti-tank guns, resulting in the destruction of seven 88mm guns and many enemy personnel. Sergeant Miller's gallant action on this occasion reflect great credit upon himself and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Green Bay, Wisconsin.

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Sergeant Jose L Falcon 38071050, Armored, Company B, **Tank Battalion, United States Army. For gallantry in action in Germany on 19 March 1945. When their tank was struck by anti-tank fire near Wellerbach, Germany, necessitating the evacuation of the tank commander by two other members of the crew, Sergeant Falcon and the tank cannoner voluntarily resumed combat operations. Sergeant Falcon, a driver, upon command of the cannoner, started the tank forward to the attack and, alternately driving and operating the bow machine gun despite heavy enemy fire, he quickly overran an enemy anti-tank gun position, enabling a column following to speedily continue its advance. Sergeant Falcon's gallant achievement reflects great credit upon himself and the military service of the United States. Entered the military service from Sondersen, Texas.

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Sergeant Charles R Glazier 15324559, Company F, **Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron (Mechanized), United States Army. For gallantry in action in Germany on 19 March 1945. When their tank was set ablaze by an enemy shell in the vicinity of Ottweiler, Germany, Sergeant Glazier and a fellow crew member bravely maneuvered the tank in position to form a road block. Preparing to leave the burning vehicle, Sergeant Glazier discovered that his comrade was still within the tank and attempted to rescue him, but was wounded by shell fragments and forced to seek cover from the fire of the enemy. The courageous and intrepid devotion to duty