

III, Awards of Bronze Star, Cont'd.

✓ WILLIAM I. POWELL, 33654476, Staff Sergeant, Field Artillery, 605th Field Artillery Battalion. For meritorious service in combat during the period 27 January 1945 to 2 May 1945, in the Apennine Mountains and Po Valley, Italy. Entered the military service from Roanoke, Virginia.

✓ MELVIN BEAMAN, 37665203, Sergeant, Infantry, 87th Mountain Infantry. For meritorious service in combat on 3 March 1945, in the Apennine Mountains, Italy. Entered the military service from Murray, Iowa.

✓ CLYDE C. BOWMAN, 34720885, Sergeant, Infantry, 87th Mountain Infantry. For meritorious service in combat on 17 April 1945, in the Apennine Mountains, Italy. Entered the military service from Johnson City, Tennessee.

✓ WILLIAM H. CHILDRESS, 34853571, Sergeant; (then Private First Class), Infantry, 87th Mountain Infantry. For meritorious service in combat on 17 April 1945, near Mt Serra, Italy. Entered the military service from Central, South Carolina.

✓ FRED DALE, 31445760, Sergeant, Infantry, 87th Mountain Infantry. For meritorious service in combat on 3 March 1945, near Mt Della Vedetta, Italy. Entered the military service from Providence, Rhode Island.

✓ EDWARD E. HARRINGTON, 31241441, Sergeant, Infantry, 87th Mountain Infantry. For heroic achievement in action on 4 March 1945, near Mt Della Vedetta, Italy. Entered the military service from New Bedford, Massachusetts.

✓ RAY E. LEONARD, 33783443, Sergeant, Infantry, 87th Mountain Infantry. For meritorious service in combat during the period 2 February 1945 to 2 May 1945, in the Apennine Mountains and Po Valley, Italy. Entered the military service from Thorndale, Pennsylvania.

✓ FRANK NARDINI, 34923114, Sergeant, Infantry, 87th Mountain Infantry. For meritorious service in combat during the period 2 March 1945 to 2 May 1945 in the Apennine Mountains, and Po Valley, Italy. Entered the military service from Loraine, Ohio.

✓ RAYMOND W. REED Jr., 31282895, Sergeant, Infantry, 87th Mountain Infantry. For meritorious service in combat on 17 April 1945, near Mt Serra, Italy. Entered the military service from Southwest Harbor, Maine.

✓ VERNON J. ROGERS, 39377628, Sergeant, Infantry, 87th Mountain Infantry. For heroic achievement in action on 19 February 1945, near Mt Solvedere, Italy. Entered the military service from Grand Coulee Dam, Washington.

✓ JOHN C. LENZEN, 20951813, Technician Fourth Grade, Infantry, 87th Mountain Infantry. For meritorious service in combat during the period 2 February 1945 to 2 May 1945 in the Apennine Mountains and Po Valley, Italy. Entered the military service from Tacoma, Washington.

III Awards of Bronze Star, contd.

✓ ARTHUR K JOHNSON, 39180257, Corporal, Infantry, 87th Mountain Infantry. For meritorious service in combat on 5 March 1945, near Castel d' Aiarno, Italy. Entered the military service from Tuvallup, Washington.

✓ WALTER B HANWELL, 31270005, Corporal, Infantry, 86th Mountain Infantry. For meritorious service in support of combat operations during the period 19 February 1945 to 2 May 1945, in the Apennine Mountains and Po Valley, Italy. Entered the military service from South Hamilton, Massachusetts.

✓ LYMAN A FROSTER, 12201315, Corporal, Infantry, 87th Mountain Infantry. For meritorious service in combat on 5 March 1945, near Abbettia, Italy. Entered the military service from Montour Falls, New York.

✓ KERRILL K DYER, 36800156, Technician Fifth Grade, Infantry, 87th Mountain Infantry. For meritorious service in combat during the period 3 February 1945 to 2 May 1945, in the Apennine Mountains and Po Valley, Italy. Entered the military service from Ripon, Wisconsin.

✓ ROBERT C LACINA, 37659309, Technician Fifth Grade, Infantry, 87th Mountain Infantry. For meritorious service in combat during the period 3 February 1945 to 2 May 1945, in the Apennine Mountains and Po Valley, Italy. Entered the military service from Fort Dodge, Iowa.

✓ HAROLD E OSWALD, 33856576, Technician Fifth Grade, Infantry, 87th Mountain Infantry. For meritorious service in combat during the period 2 February 1945 to 2 May 1945, in the Apennine Mountains and Po Valley, Italy. Entered the military service from Hertztown, Pennsylvania.

✓ WYLAND F PERINA, 37575096, Technician Fifth Grade, Infantry, 85th Mountain Infantry. For meritorious service in combat on 22 February 1945, near Gaggio Montano, Italy. Entered the military service from Duluth, Minnesota.

✓ GULO R RIPP I, 20002811, Technician Fifth Grade, Infantry, 87th Mountain Infantry. For meritorious service in combat on 14 April 1945, near Torre Iussi, Italy. Entered the military service from Joliet, Illinois.

✓ WILLIAM C SHAW, 39190512, Technician Fifth Grade, Infantry, 86th Mountain Infantry. For meritorious service in combat on 30 April 1945, near Nago, Italy. Entered the military service from Ronald, Washington.

✓ WILLIAM H WITSON, 34717549, Technician Fifth Grade, Field Artillery, 605th Field Artillery. For meritorious service in combat on 20 February 1945, near Lizzano, Italy. Entered the military service from Memphis, Tennessee.

✓ CARL STINGL, Jr., 39195872, Technician Fifth Grade, Infantry, 87th Mountain Infantry. For meritorious service in combat during the period 19 February 1945 to 25 February 1945, in the Apennine Mountains, Italy. Entered the military service from Brenton, Washington.

✓ WILLIAM F ANTHONY, 33083190, Private First Class, Infantry, 87th Mountain Infantry. For heroic achievement in action on 29 April 1945, near Spiazzi, Italy. Entered the military service from Patrick Springs, Virginia.

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III. Records of Meritorious Service, cont'd.

✓ ALBERT A. BISSON Jr., 37704706, Private First Class, Infantry, 87th Mountain Infantry. For meritorious service in combat during the period 19 February 1945, to 2 May 1945, in the Apennine Mountains and Po Valley, Italy. Entered the military service from Denver, Colorado.

✓ JOE S. BRICKER, 34 0012, Technician Fifth Grade, Field Artillery Battalion, Headquarters 10th Mountain Division Artillery. For meritorious service in combat during the period 14 April 1945 to 2 May 1945, in the Apennine Mountains and Po Valley, Italy. Entered the military service from Lanett, Alabama.

✓ JOSEPH A. BENTON VENCO, 4214 868, Private First Class, Infantry, 87th Mountain Infantry. For meritorious service in combat on 27 April 1945 in the Po Valley, Italy. Entered the military service from Trenton, New Jersey.

✓ ARNOLD BOOLE, 30558 81, Private First Class, Medical Department, 10th Mountain Medical Battalion. For meritorious service in combat during the period 2 February 1945 to 2 May 1945, in the Apennine Mountains and Po Valley, Italy. Entered the military service from Albany, New York.

✓ NELLIE A. BUNDY, 39928558, Private First Class, Infantry, 87th Mountain Infantry. For heroic achievement in action on 15 April 1945, near Turbole, Italy. Entered the military service from Ft Trumbull, Arizona.

✓ ARTURO F. CALABRESE, 39580835, Private First Class, Infantry, 87th Mountain Infantry. For meritorious service in combat on 16 April 1945, near Monte di Redona, Italy. Entered the military service from Pease, Arizona.

✓ JACK W. CANNON, 3911997, Private First Class, Infantry, 87th Mountain Infantry. For heroic achievement in action on 19 April 1945, near Longiorgi, Italy. Entered the military service from Pledger, Texas.

✓ CLOYD L. COCRAN, 30325117, Private First Class, Infantry, 87th Mountain Infantry. For meritorious service in combat on 23 April 1945 near San Sondato, Italy. Entered the military service from Redden, Oklahoma.

✓ ANTHONY CORRIGANO, 32855199, Private First Class, Infantry, 87th Mountain Infantry. For meritorious service in combat on 5 March 1945, near Bettola, Italy. Entered the military service from Rochester, New York.

✓ CHESTER C. CROOK, 37634592, Private First Class, Infantry, 87th Mountain Infantry. For meritorious service in combat during the period 2 February 1945 to 2 May 1945 in the Apennine Mountains and Po Valley, Italy. Entered the military service from Doniphan, Missouri.

✓ MILTON DIAMONDSTONE, 32976314, Private First Class, Medical Department 87th Mountain Infantry. For meritorious service in combat during the period 2 February 1945, to 2 May 1945, in the Apennine Mountains and Po Valley, Italy. Entered the military service from New York, New York.

III Awards of Bronze Star, contd.

✓ WICK F DUBB, 38375096, Private First Class, Infantry, 87th Mountain Infantry. For heroic achievement in action on 19 February 1945, near Mt Belvedere, Italy. Entered the military service from Bellingham, Washington.

✓ CLINTON H EDWARDS, 35089801, Private First Class, Infantry, 87th Mountain Infantry. For heroic achievement in action on 16 April 1945, near Marina di Robiano, Italy. Entered the military service from Belle, West Virginia.

✓ WARREN J FRANCI, 39586739, Private First Class, Infantry, 87th Mountain Infantry. For meritorious service in combat during the period 23 April 1945 to 25 April 1945, near Canatta, Italy. Entered the military service from Los Angeles, California.

✓ DONALD J FRANK, 39389052, Private First Class, Infantry, 87th Mountain Infantry. For meritorious service in combat on 15 April 1945, near St Croce, Italy. Entered the military service from San Leandro, California.

✓ WILLIAM A GAULT, 38464752, Private First Class, Infantry, 87th Mountain Infantry. For meritorious service in combat on 14 April 1945, near Torre Iussi, Italy. Entered the military service from Wiseman, Arkansas.

✓ ROY D GREEN, 39125560, Private First Class, Infantry, 86th Mountain Infantry. For meritorious service in combat during the period 18 February 1945 to 2 May 1945 in the Apennine Mountains and Po Valley, Italy. Entered the military service from San Rafael, California.

✓ VINCENT D GUERUCCI, 36990124, Private First Class, Infantry, 87th Mountain Infantry. For meritorious service in combat on 29 April 1945, near Spezia, Italy. Entered the military service from Kenosha, Wisconsin.

✓ KEITH A HENDERSON, 39929247, Private First Class, Infantry, 87th Mountain Infantry. For meritorious service in combat on 15 April 1945, near Tole, Italy. Entered the military service from Aberdeen, Idaho.

✓ ROBERT A HENNEY, 39283713, Private First Class, Infantry, 87th Mountain Infantry. For meritorious service in combat during the period 2 February 1945 to 2 May 1945, in the Apennine Mountains and Po Valley, Italy. Entered the military service from Huntington Beach, California.

✓ FLOYD J HEYING, 37661531, Private First Class, Infantry, 87th Mountain Infantry. For meritorious service in combat during the period 2 February 1945 to 2 May 1945, in the Apennine Mountains and Po Valley, Italy. Entered the military service from Dubuque, Iowa.

✓ FREDERICK L HEYLE, 39591465, Private First Class, Infantry, 87th Mountain Infantry. For meritorious service in combat during the period 14 April 1945 to 2 May 1945, in the Apennine Mountains and Po Valley, Italy. Entered the military service from Arlington, California.

✓ SAMUEL G HOCHLER, 36992710, Private First Class, Infantry, 87th Mountain Infantry. For meritorious service in combat during the period 18 February 1945 to 2 May 1945, in the Apennine Mountains and Po Valley, Italy. Entered the military service from Gridley, Illinois.

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III. Award of Bronze Star, Cont'd.

✓ JERRY E. HUBBELL, 37661773, Private First Class, Infantry, 87th Mountain Infantry. For meritorious service in combat during the period 2 February 1945, to 2 May 1945, in the Apennine Mountains and Po Valley, Italy. Entered the military service from Des Moines, Iowa.

✓ CHARLES W. HUDSON, 37215285, Private First Class, Infantry, 87th Mountain Infantry. For heroic achievement in action on 3 March 1945, near Mt Teradole, Italy. Entered the military service from Fort Angeles, Washington.

✓ ROBERT V. HUFF, 37661731, Private First Class, Infantry, 87th Mountain Infantry. For meritorious service in combat during the period 3 February 1945, to 2 May 1945, in the Apennine Mountains and Po Valley, Italy. Entered the military service from Rock Island, Illinois.

✓ HERBERT J. HUNT, 3424464, Private First Class, Infantry, 87th Mountain Infantry. For heroic achievement in action on 14 April 1945, near Torre Iussi, Italy. Entered the military service from Pensacola, Florida.

✓ HERBERT H. HUNT, 39547638, Private First Class, Infantry, 87th Mountain Infantry. For heroic achievement in action on 14 April 1945, near Torre Iussi, Italy. Entered the military service from Sand Point, Idaho.

✓ RAYMOND D. ILMKOWSKI, 3696505, Private First Class, Infantry, 87th Mountain Infantry. For meritorious service in combat on 14 April 1945, near Torre Iussi, Italy. Entered the military service from Detroit, Michigan.

✓ FERDINAND KAPSTEIN, 31466781, Private First Class, Infantry, 87th Mountain Infantry. For heroic achievement in action on 15 April 1945, near Mt Figna, Italy. Entered the military service from Detroit, Michigan.

✓ WILBERT A. KANE, 36964261, Private First Class, Infantry, 87th Mountain Infantry. For meritorious service in combat during the period 2 February 1945 to 2 May 1945 in the Apennine Mountains and Po Valley, Italy. Entered the military service from Springfield, Illinois.

✓ GUSTAV KATH, 37773105, Private First Class, Infantry, 87th Mountain Infantry. For meritorious service in combat on 27 April 1945, near Torre del Bance, Italy. Entered the military service from Bureka, South Dakota.

✓ EDWARD J. NIFFEN, 36641805, Private First Class, Infantry, 87th Mountain Infantry. For heroic achievement in action on 23 April 1945, near San Benedetto, Italy. Entered the military service from Chicago, Illinois.

✓ MICHAEL A. SNEYEN, 42051701, Private First Class, Infantry, 87th Mountain Infantry. For meritorious service in combat on 14 April 1945, near Torre Iussi, Italy. Entered the military service from Brooklyn, New York.

III of Franco Star, contd.

- ✓ FRANK J. L. FORTE, 42143178, Private First Class, Infantry, 87th Mountain Infantry. For meritorious service in combat on 27 April 1945, near Lake Garda, Italy. Entered the military service from Garfield, New Jersey.
- ✓ WILLIAM G. LITTLE, 38692545, Private First Class, Infantry, 87th Mountain Infantry. For meritorious service in combat during the period 2 February 1945 to 2 May 1945, in the Apennine Mountains and Po Valley, Italy. Entered the military service from Drumright, Oklahoma.
- ✓ LLOYD LERO, 33835048, Private First Class, Infantry, 87th Mountain Infantry. For meritorious service in combat on 15 April 1945, near Torre Tussi, Italy. Entered the military service from New York, New York.
- ✓ FERDINAND LOBELLO, 39587401, Private First Class, Infantry, 87th Mountain Infantry. For meritorious service in combat on 21 April 1945, near the Po River, Italy. Entered the military service from San Diego, California.
- ✓ HERBERT H. LUNT WIST, 31417434, Private First Class, Infantry, 87th Mountain Infantry. For meritorious service in combat on 15 April 1945, near Mt. Diana, Italy. Entered the military service from Holden, Massachusetts.
- ✓ THOMAS R. MADOLE, 37695916, Private First Class, Infantry, Headquarters Company 10th Mountain Division. For meritorious service in combat during the period 15 April 1945 to 2 May 1945, in the Apennine Mountains and Po Valley, Italy. Entered the military service from Waterloo, Iowa.
- ✓ LEOPOLD M. MANDEVILLE, 31410770, Private First Class, Infantry, 87th Mountain Infantry. For meritorious service in combat on 14 April 1945, near Torre Tussi, Italy. Entered the military service from Middletown, Connecticut.
- ✓ LESTER A. MANUEL, 42104804, Private First Class, Infantry, 87th Mountain Infantry. For heroic achievement in action on 15 April 1945, near Tole, Italy. Entered the military service from New York, New York.
- ✓ WILLIAM D. MC KENZIE, 37614056, Private First Class, Medical Department, 10th Mountain Medical Battalion. For meritorious service in combat during the period 2 February 1945 to 2 May 1945, in the Apennine Mountains and Po Valley, Italy. Entered the military service from Glencoe, Missouri.
- ✓ JOHN MC LELLAN, 11127859, Private First Class, Infantry, 87th Mountain Infantry. For meritorious service in combat on 19 February 1945, near Querciola, Italy. Entered the military service from Redstone, New Hampshire.
- ✓ DANIEL J. MUFFOLETTO, 33904216, Private First Class, Infantry, 87th Mountain Infantry. For heroic achievement in action on 23 April 1945, near the Po River, Italy. Entered the military service from Baltimore, Maryland.
- ✓ RALPH M. MURPHY, 39508977, Private First Class, Infantry, 87th Mountain Infantry. For meritorious service in combat on 14 April 1945, near Torre Tussi, Italy. Entered the military service from Los Angeles, California.

III. Award of Bronze Star, cont'd.

✓ DAVID PHILLIPS, 34966430, Private First Class, Infantry, 87th Mountain Infantry. For meritorious service in combat during the period 1 March 1945 to 3 March 1945, near Abetia, Italy. Entered the military service from Warren, South Carolina.

✓ ALFRED D. PROVINI, 31416096, Private First Class, Infantry, 87th Mountain Infantry. For meritorious service in combat on 15 April 1945, near La Costa, Italy. Entered the military service from Springfield, Massachusetts.

✓ OLIVER T. RILEY, 3065647, Private First Class, Infantry, 87th Mountain Infantry. For meritorious service in combat on 21 April 1945, near Buggazzano, Italy. Entered the military service from Lethair, Kentucky.

✓ LAWRENCE SHUTE, 34974063, Private First Class, Infantry, 87th Mountain Infantry. For heroic achievement in action on 24 April 1945, near Zanonara, Italy. Entered the military service from New Haven, Michigan.

✓ JOHN A. SEROWICZ, 34923661, Private First Class, Infantry, 87th Mountain Infantry. For heroic achievement in action on 16 April 1945, near Mount Rosa, Italy. Entered the military service from Detroit, Michigan.

✓ MAX SHERMAN, 42041305, Private First Class, Infantry, 87th Mountain Infantry. For heroic achievement in action on 19 April 1945, near Longiorgio, Italy. Entered the military service from Brooklyn, New York.

✓ KENNETH H. SHURLEY, 36452947, Private First Class, Infantry, 87th Mountain Infantry. For heroic achievement in action on 26 April 1945, near San Benedetto, Italy. Entered the military service from Stanton, Michigan.

✓ ARTHUR K SICKLES, 22985782, Private First Class, Infantry, Headquarters Company, 10th Mountain Division. For meritorious service in combat on 24-25 February 1945, near Lisano, Italy. Entered the military service from Baldwin, New York.

✓ KENNETH L. STANTON, 39051696, Private First Class, Infantry, 87th Mountain Infantry. For meritorious service in combat on 16 April 1945, near Mt Rosa, Italy. Entered the military service from Eureka, California.

✓ ORVIN L. STORRS, 34700989, Private First Class, Infantry, 87th Mountain Infantry. For heroic achievement in action on 17 April 1945, near Rodna di Rodiano, Italy. Entered the military service from Vernon, Texas.

✓ THOMAS D. TEBES, 33891997, Private First Class, Infantry, 87th Mountain Infantry. For meritorious service in combat on 21 April 1945, near Calcara, Italy. Entered the military service from Baltimore, Maryland.

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III Awards of Bronze Star, contd.

✓ JESSE L TRENTON, 39586681, Private First Class, Infantry, 87th Mountain Infantry. For meritorious service in combat during the period 16 April 1945 to 20 April 1945, in the Apennine Mountains and Po Valley, Italy. Entered the military service from San Diego, California.

✓ DON EAR WELLS, 39929715, Private First Class, Infantry, 87th Mountain Infantry. For heroic achievement in action on 29 April 1945, near Spiazzi, Italy. Entered the military service from Ogden, Utah.

✓ ROBERT J WILLIAMS, 35906140, Private First Class, Infantry, 87th Mountain Infantry. For heroic achievement in action on 15 April 1945, near Tole, Italy. Entered the military service from New Albany, Indiana.

✓ JOHN C ENGLER, 6662060, Private First Class, Infantry, 87th Mountain Infantry. For meritorious service in combat on 21 April 1945, in the Po Valley, Italy. Entered the military service from Louisville, Kentucky.

✓ JOHN T RHODES, 30400726, Private, Infantry, 87th Mountain Infantry. For meritorious service in combat on 3 March 1945, near Pietra Colona, Italy. Entered the military service from Ada, Oklahoma.

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ORIGINAL ORDER

24 November 1945

GENERAL ORDER

NUMBER 176

- I Award of Bronze Star.
- II Amendment of General Order.

**I Award of Bronze Star.**

Under the provisions of Army Regulation 600-45, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following named enlisted men:

**LESLIE C. HALLER, 13792502, Private First Class, Infantry, 86th Mountain Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in combat on 26 April 1945, near Pescostira, Italy. Entered the military service from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.**

**II Amendment of General Order.**

*of* In view of General Order No. 174, this Headquarters, dated 23 November 1945, awarding Bronze Star Medals, is amended to read General Order No. 175.

**BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL HALL:**

**R. F. THOMAS  
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Adj. 1st Lt. USA**

HEADQUARTERS  
10TH MOUNTAIN DIVISION  
Camp Carson, Colorado

24 November 1945

GENERAL ORDER )

ORIGINAL ORDER

NUMBER 177 )

I Awards of Oak Leaf Cluster to Bronze Star.  
II Awards of Bronze Star.

I Awards of Oak Leaf Cluster to Bronze Star.

Under the provisions of Army Regulation 600-45, as amended, the First Oak Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following named enlisted men, United States Army:

HARLAND W RAGLAND, 34767018, Staff Sergeant, Infantry, 86th Mountain Infantry. For heroic achievement in action on 30 April 1945, near Tortole, Italy. Entered the military service from Adel, Georgia.

ROBERT E MANNING, 37701631, Private First Class, Infantry, 86th Mountain Infantry. For meritorious service in combat on 27 April 1945, near Lake Garda, Italy. Entered the military service from Denver, Colorado.

II Awards of Bronze Star.

Under the provisions of Army Regulation 600-45, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following named officers and enlisted men, United States Army:

MARTIN A. BRUNSTRONG, W2120781, Warrant Officer Junior Grade, 605th Field Artillery. For meritorious service in support of combat operations during the period 27 January 1945 to 2 May 1945, in the Apennine Mountains and Po Valley, Italy. Entered the military service from Excello, Ohio.

JOSEPH DEL VECCHIO, 31246920, Staff Sergeant, Infantry, 86th Mountain Infantry. For meritorious service in combat during the period 19 February 1945 to 2 May 1945, in the Apennine Mountains and Po Valley, Italy. Entered the military service from Providence, Rhode Island.

DONALD H FORNER, 39279479, Staff Sergeant, Infantry, 86th Mountain Infantry. For meritorious service in combat on 4 March 1945, near Sassonolere, Italy. Entered the military service from Burbank, California.

RICHARD P LONGAKER, 33582148, Technician Fourth Grade, Infantry, 85th Mountain Infantry. For meritorious service in support of combat operations during the period 24 January 1945 to 2 May 1945, in the Apennine Mountains and Po Valley, Italy. Entered the military service from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

JOHN J BEARSHEIMER, 32879481, Technician Fourth Grade, Medical Department, 86th Mountain Infantry. For meritorious service in combat on 3 March 1945, near Mt Tennaale, Italy. Entered the military service from Long Island, New York.

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II Awards of Bronze Star, contd.

ROBERT G MONROE, 32807252, Technician Fourth Grade, Infantry, 86th Mountain Infantry. For meritorious service in combat during the period 19 February 1945 to 2 May 1945, in the Apennine Mountains and Po Valley, Italy. Entered the military service from Detroit, Michigan.

HOBART W TILLSON, 32936034, Technician Fourth Grade, Infantry, 86th Mountain Infantry. For meritorious service in combat on 17 April 1945, near Montepastore, Italy. Entered the military service from Watertown, New York.

JOHAN H GEDDE, 32718198, Technician Fifth Grade, Infantry, 86th Mountain Infantry. For meritorious service in combat on 6 March 1945, near Mt Grande di Aiano, Italy. Entered the military service from Lynbrook, New York.

DEAN R MONSON, 39975102, Technician Fifth Grade, Infantry, 86th Mountain Infantry. For meritorious service in combat during the period 19 February 1945 to 2 May 1945, in the Apennine Mountains and Po Valley, Italy. Entered the military service from Idaho Falls, Idaho.

AARON J SCHENCK, 39615983, Technician Fifth Grade, Infantry, 86th Mountain Infantry. For meritorious service in combat on 4 March 1945, near Sassomolare, Italy. Entered the military service from Great Falls, Montana.

WALTER BOYCE, Jr., 39477403, Private First Class, Infantry, 86th Mountain Infantry. For meritorious service in combat on 14 April 1945, near Torre Iussi, Italy. Entered the military service from Independence, Oregon.

LESLIE E HAWKINS, 39909453, Private First Class, Infantry, 85th Mountain Infantry. For meritorious service in support of combat operations during the period 24 January 1945 to 2 May 1945, in the Apennine Mountains and Po Valley, Italy. Entered the military service from Reno, Nevada.

GEORGE E HUMBERT, 37742494, Private First Class, Infantry, 86th Mountain Infantry. For meritorious service in combat on 29 April 1945, near Nago, Italy. Entered the military service from St Joseph, Missouri.

WILLIE H MC BEE, Jr., 34980006, Private First Class, Infantry, 86th Mountain Infantry. For meritorious service in combat during the period 19 February 1945 to 2 May 1945, in the Apennine Mountains and Po Valley, Italy. Entered the military service from Allen Hurish, Georgia.

HEFMAN VOGEL, 32891868, Private First Class, Infantry, 85th Mountain Infantry. For meritorious service in combat on 17 March 1945, near Mt Della Spe, Italy. Entered the military service from New York, New York.

MILFORD WILLIAMS, 38664732, Private First Class, Infantry, 87th Mountain Infantry. For meritorious service in combat on 21 April 1945, near Bagganzano, Italy. Entered the military service from Jonesboro, Arkansas.

ARTHUR J ZAJDEL, 42093915, Private First Class, Infantry, 86th Mountain Infantry. For meritorious service in combat on 4 March 1945, near Sassomolare, Italy. Entered the military service from Buffalo, New York.

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II Awards of Bronze Star, contd.

WESLEY E MINIC, 37535310, Private, Infantry, 86th Mountain Infantry. For meritorious service in combat during the period 19 February 1945 to 2 May 1945, in the Apennine Mountains and Po Valley, Italy. Entered the military service from Kirksville, Missouri.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL HAYS:

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**26 November 1945**

**GENERAL ORDER )**

**ORIGINAL ORDER** *6-1-46*

**NUMBER 179 )**

**Award of Bronze Star**

Under the provisions of Army Regulation 600-45, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following named enlisted men:

**GEORGE E. FETTERICH, X998973**, Private First Class, Infantry, 89th Mountain Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in combat during the period 20 March 1945 to 2 May 1945, in the Apennine Mountains and Po Valley, Italy. Entered the military service from Rochester, New York.

**BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL HARRIS:**

**F. F. SHROCK**  
Colonel, GSC  
Chief of Staff

**OFFICIAL:**

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**A. W. LONG**  
Captain, 1st  
Asst Adjutant General

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10TH MOUNTAIN DIVISION  
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GENERAL ORDER )

ORIGINAL ORDER

NUMBER 181 )

- I Awards of Silver Star, Posthumous.
- II Awards of Silver Star.
- III Awards of Oak Leaf Cluster to Bronze Star.
- IV Award of Bronze Star.
- V Awards of Purple Heart.
- VI Amendment of General Order.

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I Awards of Silver Star, Posthumous.

Under the provisions of Army Regulation 600-45, as amended, the Silver Star Medal is awarded posthumously to the following named enlisted men:

JOHN J WELCH, 31076311, Staff Sergeant, Infantry, 87th Mountain Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 15 April 1945, near Mt Croce, Italy. In the attack upon strategic enemy-held positions, Staff Sergeant WELCH, leader of a squad of mountain infantrymen, was assigned the mission of eliminating an automatic weapons emplacement determinedly held by a large force of the enemy. Realizing the danger to the attack of the fire from this position, he gallantly led his men forward into the fierce concentration of deadly fire. Although receiving two serious wounds, Staff Sergeant WELCH courageously remained at his post, utilizing superb combat skill, tactical ability, and displaying such spirit that his men were inspired to their greatest efforts. Across the treacherous mountain side, he moved steadily onward, assaulting a hostile foxhole and killing the enemy holding out in that position. Continuing forward, Staff Sergeant WELCH succeeded in directing his men to overpower the hostile force, gaining the objective, and eliminating this great danger to the planned attack. While engaged in organizing the defense of this newly-won area, Staff Sergeant WELCH was again severely wounded by enemy fire and died almost at once. For his splendid achievements, distinguished by his supreme devotion to duty, aggressiveness, and daring courage, he has justly earned the sincere respect, gratitude, and praise of all who know of his deeds. Entered the military service from Beverly, Massachusetts. Next of kin: Mrs. Doris L Welch (Wife), 26 Northern Avenue, Beverly, Massachusetts.

CARL F HUJANEN, 37202265, Sergeant, Infantry, 87th Mountain Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 15 April 1945, near Mt Croce, Italy. As an automatic rifleman, Sergeant HUJANEN contributed greatly to the success of his mountain infantry company in its attack upon important enemy-held mountain positions. With the objective of clearing a group of buildings at the base of the mountain, he courageously advanced with his unit across the treacherous terrain in the face of deadly fire from strategically located enemy guns. Continuing onward, the company reached a point less than one hundred yards from the buildings when terrific rifle and machine gun fire halted the assault and forced the mountain infantrymen to seek cover. Aware of the extreme danger in this situation, Sergeant HUJANEN gallantly stood up, and firing his automatic weapon from his hip, assaulted one of the enemy positions, so skillfully maneuvering his attack that

**I Awards of Silver Star, Posthumous, contd.**

he succeeded in eliminating the fire and killing several enemy. The silencing of this hazard enabled the resumption of the attack and the achievement of the objective with a minimum of casualties. While engaged in this noble task, Sergeant HUIJANEN was mortally wounded. His notable accomplishments, indicative of singular courage, fortitude, determination, and combat skill, justly demand the highest respect and praise of all, adding much to the finest standards of the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Tower, Minnesota. Next of kin: Mr. Peter Hujanen (Father), Route No. 1, Box No. 71, Tower, Minnesota.

**II Awards of Silver Star.**

Under the provisions of Army Regulation 600-45, as amended, the Silver Star Medal is awarded to the following named officers:

**JOHN A. YOUNG, 0540592, First Lieutenant, Infantry, 86th Mountain Infantry, United States Army.** For gallantry in action from 5 to 7 March 1945, near Mt Grando, Italy. With the mission of establishing an observation post eight hundred yards to the front of his most forward defenses, First Lieutenant YOUNG utilized superior combat skill in the splendid manner with which he accomplished this difficult assignment. Leading a platoon of mountain infantrymen across the hazardous rocky terrain, he skillfully directed his men onward, indicating advantageous lanes of advance and directing accurate fire at the enemy. At the proposed position for the establishing of the outpost, terrific concentrations of small arms and machine gun fire were encountered. In spite of all hazards, First Lieutenant YOUNG succeeded in establishing the position. Because of the thoroughness and tactical soundness of his defense plans, he was able to successfully repulse three desperate counterattacks and to remain in this most dangerous position for three days. Throughout the entire action, First Lieutenant YOUNG conducted himself with gallant courage and displayed such spirit and concern for his men and the completion of his vital assignment that all observers were inspired to great efforts. His performance under such hazardous conditions is justly worthy of fine respect and praise, indicative of the highest traditions of the United States Army. Entered the military service from Brunson, South Carolina.

**RICHARD C. GILLYON, 02039493, Second Lieutenant, Infantry, 86th Mountain Infantry, United States Army.** For gallantry in action on 5 March 1945, near Monteforte, Italy. Attacking strategic enemy-held positions, a platoon of mountain infantrymen was suddenly halted by intense and accurate fire from two hostile machine guns. An automatic rifleman, attempting to advance to a position where he might direct fire on the deadly emplacement, was instantly killed by the terrific fire. Second Lieutenant GILLYON, realizing the extreme danger in remaining under such devastating fire, gallantly left his covered position and skillfully made his way to the automatic rifleman, seizing the weapon, and directing fire at the enemy. At the height of the enemy barrage, he opened such accurate and effective fire upon the hostile forces that the hazardous fire was immediately silenced and the enemy troops killed or forced to retreat. This bold action, performed in spite of the greatest difficulties of direct fire, rough, mountainous terrain, and excellent observation, enabled the resumption of the attack and the achievement of the objective with a minimum of casualties. For his splendid courage, determined sense of duty and responsibility, and keen combat skill and daring, Second Lieutenant GILLYON has justly merited the unlimited respect, praise, and commendation of all associates, establishing a high standard for future performances in the United States Army. Entered the military service from Burbank, California.

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III Awards of Oak Leaf Cluster to Bronze Star.

Under the provisions of Army Regulation 600-45, as amended, the First Oak Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal is awarded the following named officer and enlisted man, United States Army:

GEORGE L HINDS, 01184647, First Lieutenant, Field Artillery, Headquarters 10 Mountain Division Artillery. For meritorious service in combat during the period 1 February 1945 to 28 February 1945, in the Apennine Mountains, Italy. Entered the military service from Denver, Colorado.

ALBERT L POSKUS, 31276316, Sergeant (then Private First Class), Infantry, 86th Mountain Infantry. For meritorious service in combat on 16 April 1945, near Bardia, Italy. Entered the military service from New Britain, Connecticut.

IV Award of Bronze Star.

Under the provisions of Army Regulation 600-45, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following named enlisted man, United States Army:

PAUL V GRISWOLD, 24657322, Private First Class, Infantry, 85th Mountain Infantry. For meritorious service in combat on 5 February 1945, near Mt La Serra, Italy. Entered the military service from Cary, North Carolina.

V Awards of Purple Heart.

Under the provisions of Army Regulation 600-45, as amended, the Purple Heart Medal is awarded to the following named enlisted men, United States Army:

JAMES K FERRELLS, 33693465, Corporal, Infantry, 10th Mountain Infantry Anti-Tank Battalion. For wounds received in action against the enemy in Italy on 15 April 1945.

JOHN E DWYER, 36453849, Private First Class, Field Artillery, 60th Field Artillery Battalion. For wounds received in action against the enemy in Italy on 18 March 1945.

VI Amendment of General Order.

So much of General Order No 166, this Headquarters, 13 November 1945, that pertains to Sergeant Albert L Poskus, 31276316, is revoked.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL HAYS:

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10TH MOUNTAIN DIVISION  
Camp Carson, Colorado

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I Awards of Bronze Star.  
II Award of Purple Heart. ORIGINAL ORDER

I Awards of Bronze Star.

Under the provisions of Army Regulation 600-45, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following named enlisted men, United States Army:

THOMAS P O'NEIL, Jr., 33787655, Staff Sergeant, Infantry, 86th Mountain Infantry. For meritorious service in combat during the period 20 February 1945 to 2 May 1945, in the Apennine Mountains and Po Valley, Italy. Entered the military service from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

PAUL G SCHLITZ, Jr., 38780316, Private First Class, Infantry, 86th Mountain Infantry. For meritorious service in combat on 17 April 1945, near Italy. Entered the military service from Carter, Oklahoma.

Under the provisions of Army Regulation 600-45, as amended, the Purple Heart Medal is awarded to the following named officers, United States Army:

FRANK D GORNAM, O-15645, Captain (acting Lieutenant), Field Artillery, 605th Field Artillery Battalion. For wounds received in action against enemy in Italy 28 February 1945.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL HAYS:

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10th MT INF ANTI TANK BATTALION  
APO 345 US Army

25 February 1945

GENERAL ORDER  
NUMBER 1)

Section I Award of Combat Infantryman Badge

I. Award of Combat Infantryman Badge.

Under the provisions of War Department Circular 408, 17 October 1944, the following named enlisted men, 10th Mountain Infantry Anti-Tank Battalion, are awarded the Combat Infantryman's Badge for satisfactory performance of duty in ground combat against the enemy:

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| ✓ T Sgt Ernest V. Stein | 34271450 | ✓ Pfc Owen A. Kuohn       | 37566773 |
| ✓ Cpl Bronce F. McClain | 34725965 | ✓ Pfc Hildreth D. Roberts | 35695259 |

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| ✓ 1 Sgt Richard A. Paolo      | 32009525 | ✓ Pfc John A. Hill          | 36478644 |
| ✓ T Sgt Dwight L. Triplitt    | 18058371 | ✓ Pfc John A. Hull Jr       | 37212879 |
| ✓ T Sgt Norman D. Forley      | 17044495 | ✓ Pfc Anthony Kalusne       | 37996583 |
| ✓ S Sgt Selwyn T. Alexander   | 35582892 | ✓ Pfc Clement O. Kunda      | 33465195 |
| ✓ S Sgt Paul J. Bogdanski     | 32225102 | ✓ Pfc John A. Mercer Jr     | 34764885 |
| ✓ S Sgt Frank L. Ambrowski    | 32226357 | ✓ Pfc Cyrian V. Miller      | 36663509 |
| ✓ S Sgt James R. Stobbs       | 35531499 | ✓ Pfc Charles T. Montgomery | 35590288 |
| ✓ Sgt Donald C. Baker         | 37451132 | ✓ Pfc Herman R. Peters      | 32773696 |
| ✓ Sgt John F. Brown           | 37284123 | ✓ Pfc Anthony J. Puzovitch  | 35828513 |
| ✓ Sgt Edward S. Kahovec       | 32201955 | ✓ Pfc Ernest R. Pritchard   | 32857612 |
| ✓ Tec 4 Bernhard I. Almied    | 37431702 | ✓ Pfc Walter V. Roach       | 33510220 |
| ✓ Tec 4 Leonard A. Coppololla | 33477737 | ✓ Pfc Charles J. Runyan     | 33683894 |
| ✓ Tec 4 James R. Garrett      | 36477653 | ✓ Pfc John W. Schmidt       | 36477426 |
| ✓ Cpl Ira Culbreth            | 34754002 | ✓ Pfc Floriando Scialdoni   | 31467438 |
| ✓ Cpl James Wargrove          | 34709053 | ✓ Pfc Bruno M. Tesolini     | 39054598 |
| ✓ Cpl James K. Perhacs        | 33593443 | ✓ Pfc Richard N. Updegraff  | 37529652 |
| ✓ Tec 5 Lester Carlson        | 36809543 | ✓ Pfc Cassell G. Vass       | 33549252 |
| ✓ Tec 5 Thomas N. Davis       | 37722928 | ✓ Pfc Orville V. Wagner     | 35843719 |
| ✓ Tec 5 Clifford W. Ratcliff  | 33590324 | ✓ Pfc John W. West          | 34725121 |
| ✓ Tec 5 Stanley V. Reckowski  | 32772480 | ✓ Pfc Max M. Whitmore       | 35843830 |
| ✓ Pfc John W. Blanchard       | 38557747 | ✓ Pfc Meyer Volkowitsky     | 32809131 |
| ✓ Pfc Elvin Gagle             | 34257976 | ✓ Pfc Robert T. Wright      | 35144440 |
| ✓ Pfc Charles B. Coker        | 39015134 | ✓ Pfc Joseph M. Wysocki     | 32225148 |
| ✓ Pfc John M. DiSilvestro     | 33590276 | ✓ Pfc Vincent V. Zubrod     | 37563808 |
| ✓ Pfc Theodore R. Dobias      | 42137157 | ✓ Pvt Calvin J. Bradford    | 34728348 |
| ✓ Pfc Walter Drahan           | 33455171 | ✓ Pvt James F. Brewster     | 35843314 |
| ✓ Pfc Walter J. Dryndas       | 32842485 | ✓ Pvt Louis D. Gronowski    | 31408809 |
| ✓ Pfc Casey A. Fabiano        | 33567350 | ✓ Pvt Lester F. Hart        | 33867286 |
| ✓ Pfc William J. Gelatka      | 15174755 | ✓ Pvt Jess I. Hesson        | 37079287 |
| ✓ Pfc Nils A. Goranson        | 32037525 | ✓ Pvt William J. Shelar     | 39710183 |
| ✓ Pfc Walter T. Gordon        | 34800197 |                             |          |

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| ✓ 1 Sgt James L. Dooling Jr | 32188887 | ✓ Sgt William J. Kennedy | 35123484 |
| ✓ P Sgt Andrew Mathew       | 6135379  | ✓ Sgt Linwood B. McComb  | 30273733 |
| ✓ S Sgt Ralph A. Andert     | 20757145 | ✓ Cpl William R. Gale    | 39428116 |
| ✓ S Sgt Edward P. McVey     | 37474211 | ✓ Cpl Edward S. Krewpen  | 37603774 |
| ✓ S Sgt Vinton O. Egan      | 35711171 | ✓ Tec 5 George O. Brun   | 38232888 |
| ✓ S Sgt Richard B. ...      |          |                          |          |
| ✓ Sgt Milton P. ...         |          |                          |          |

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Tec 5	William F Koepke Jr	33805715	Pfc	Cyrus J Simpson	34420997
Pfc	Malcolm D Bates	33309956	Pfc	Victor E Simon	35280000
Pfc	Ronald L Benson	34800234	Pfc	Malvin J Souza	39054608
Pfc	George O Cleveland	34725754	Pfc	Jewell D Thaxton	37608894
Pfc	Robert J Dolan	31303235	Pfc	Leroy Van Horn	35761999
Pfc	Vernon R Evans	37518073	Pfc	Edward R Vieich	35099987
Pfc	Donald A Haas	37527712	Pfc	Angus J Weber	38694533
Pfc	Edward R Knowles	37555130	Pvt	Herbert B Colburn	31471627
Pfc	Barney W Layne	34725884	Pvt	William T Dunmyre	33850948
Pfc	Almus R Lowell	39327951	Pvt	Bernard A Falter	36977302
Pfc	Sterling L Meldrum	39915841	Pvt	George I T Fleshner	36902279
Pfc	David B Myhre	37500092	Pvt	Hubert J Gallant	31081701
Pfc	Robert J Nemeth	39577228	Pvt	James C Hoffman	35086762
Pfc	David C Neuhaus	35057340	Pvt	Edmond A Kovacs	42145993
Pfc	Millard W Paul	42145732	Pvt	Bernard C Mack	42141102
Pfc	Donald V Peavy	34764828	Pvt	Benjamin Rausa	42101683
Pfc	Ralph Rocca	36991584	Pvt	James D Osborne	34862928
Pfc	Richard L Seibt	36991415	Pvt	George I Schubring	36991992
Pfc	Frank J Schneider	42055796	Pvt	James R Sipe	34725890

By Command of Lt Col CORDTS:

EDWARD J. McINERNEY  
10JG, USA,  
Asst. Adjutant

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 10TH MT INF BATTALION  
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7 May 1945

GENERAL ORDER)  
 NUMBER 2) I Award of the Purple Heart  
 II Award of Combat Infantryman Badge

I - Award of the Purple Heart

Under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, the Purple Heart is awarded to the following enlisted men for wounds received as a result of enemy action:

IRVIN C. WASH, 5249355, Private First Class, Company A, 10th Mountain Infantry Anti-Tank Battalion, 17 April 1945, Italy. Entered the military service from Goodlake, Texas.

JAMES R. WAGNER, 56477555, Technician Fourth Grade, Company A, 10th Mountain Infantry Anti-Tank Battalion, 27 February 1945, Italy. Entered the military service from Liverpool, Iowa.

ARTHUR J. WATSON, 5245190, Private First Class, Company A, 10th Mountain Infantry Anti-Tank Battalion, 15 April 1945, Italy. Entered the military service from Henryetta, Oklahoma.

JACK W. WOODRUP, 55729644, Private First Class, Company A, 10th Mountain Infantry Anti-Tank Battalion, 15 April 1945, Italy. Entered the military service from Paducah, Kentucky.

II Award of Combat Infantryman Badge

Under the provisions of War Department Circular 406, 17 October 1944, the following named officers and enlisted men, 10th Mountain Infantry Anti-Tank Battalion, are awarded the Combat Infantryman Badge for satisfactory performance of duty in ground combat against the enemy:

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Pfc John Montgomery	53941519	Pfc Robert Montgomery	55822122
Pfc Donald Mosher	57711254	Pfc Robert Schraugh	5245152
Pfc Robert Turner	54857127		

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1st Lt James W. Blakey	0525548	Tec 5 Ernest Boehl	5761205
2d Lt Bernard A. Gorta	01527507	Tec 5 Raymond G. Dunham	5571705
3 Sgt Louis Lomas	52245798	Pvt Wesley E. Eley	55240575
3 Sgt Frederick Lockwell	5209204	Pvt Norman A. McClain	55284050
Tec 5 John F. Kloster	57646555	Pvt George Melvin	56945572
Tec 5 Robert L. Math	54465537	Pvt Alford Miller	57537508
Tec 4 Lester M. Rosta	57609276	Pvt Ernest Weibarger	55985545

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AWARDS OF PURPLE HEART

Under the provisions of Army Regulation 600-45, as amended, the Purple Heart is awarded to the following named enlisted men for wounds received in action against the enemy:

FRANK B. OLSEN, 36014389, First Sergeant, Field Artillery, United States Army, Italy, 28 February 1945. Entered the military service from Sycamore, Illinois.

EDWARD M. JENS, 39460969, Technician Fifth Grade, Field Artillery, United States Army, Italy, 6 March 1945. Entered the military service from Spokane, Washington.

STANLEY L. GOLDBERG, 12206371, Private, Field Artillery, United States Army, Italy, 6 March 1945. Entered the military service from Newark, New Jersey.

By command of Brigadier General RUFFNER:

WILLIAM CATLIN, JR.  
Major, CAC  
Adjutant

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AWARDS OF PURPLE HEART

Under the provisions of Army Regulation 600-45, as amended, the Purple Heart Medal is awarded to the following named officer and enlisted man for wounds received in action against the enemy:

RAWLEIGH WARNER JR., O-528844, First Lieutenant, Field Artillery, Headquarters 10th Mountain Division Artillery, United States Army, Italy, 29 April 1945. Entered the military service from Winnetka, Illinois.

BILL RAGAN, 7085025, Private First Class, Field Artillery, Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 10th Mountain Division Artillery, United States Army, Italy, 20 April 1945. Entered the military service from Durham, North Carolina.

BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER GENERAL RUFFNER:

JOHN B. SWEGER  
Major, F. A.  
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Schofield Barracks, T. H.  
February 7, 1942

AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, dated August 8, 1932, as amended by Changes No. 2, August 10, 1938, The Purple Heart is awarded to the following named enlisted man:

VINCENT P. SIDOTI, (Army Serial No. 6978060), Corporal, Battery "C", 63rd Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For a singularly meritorious act of essential service in action at Schofield Barracks, Territory of Hawaii, on December 7, 1941. During the air attack by Japanese forces on Schofield Barracks and vicinity, he received a machine gun bullet wound in the left leg when a Japanese plane strafed the 63rd Field Artillery Battalion Barracks. Despite his wound, Corporal Sidoti, after receiving first aid treatment rejoined his organization in time for the initial occupation of field positions and continued to serve in the capacity of gunner of the third gun section until the following day. The meritorious conduct of Corporal Sidoti, on this occasion, reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Residence at enlistment: Albany, New York.

By Command of Brigadier General WILSON:

ROBERT L. SPRAGINS,  
Colonel, General Staff Corps,  
Chief of Staff.

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Schofield Barracks, T.H.,  
February 11, 1942.

AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, dated August 8, 1932, as amended by Changes No. 2, August 10, 1938, The Purple Heart is awarded to the following named enlisted man:

ANGELO F. MARCHESI, (Army Serial No. 11024791), Private, Headquarters Battery, 52nd Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for a singularly meritorious act of essential service in action at Schofield Barracks, Territory of Hawaii, on December 7, 1941. During the air attack by Japanese forces on Schofield Barracks and vicinity, he received a machine gun bullet wound on the left cheek when a Japanese plane strafed the 52nd Field Artillery Battalion Quadrangle. After receiving medical treatment, despite his wound, Private Marchesi rejoined his organization and assisted with the preparatory work of moving into the field, and performed the duties of lineman in the field. The meritorious conduct of Private Marchesi, on this occasion, reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Residence at enlistment: Winchester, Massachusetts.

By command of Brigadier General WILSON:

ROBERT L. SPAGINS,  
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Schofield Barracks, T. H.  
February 14, 1942.

AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, dated August 8, 1932, as amended by changes No. 2, August 10, 1939, The Purple Heart is awarded to the following named enlisted men:

WAYNE L. R. HARDEN, (Army Serial No. 19030016), Private Truck Company, 11th Quartermaster Battalion, United States Army. For a singularly meritorious act of essential service in action at Schofield Barracks, Territory of Hawaii, on December 7, 1941. During the air attack by Japanese forces on Schofield Barracks and vicinity, he received a wound in the left thigh from a bomb fragment when Japanese planes attacked the Motor Pool of the 11th Quartermaster Battalion. Despite the presence of hostile aircraft overhead, Private Harden placed his truck under cover and was on his way to the dispatch office for further orders when wounded. The meritorious conduct of Private Harden, on this occasion, reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Residence at enlistment: Richmond, Indiana.

PETER F. SCHAROSCH, (Army Serial No. 6533795), Private, Truck Company, 11th Quartermaster Battalion, United States Army. For a singularly meritorious act of essential service in action at Schofield Barracks, Territory of Hawaii, on December 7, 1941. During the air attack by Japanese forces on Schofield Barracks and vicinity, he received a wound in the base of the head from a bomb fragment when Japanese planes attacked the Motor Pool of the 11th Quartermaster Battalion. Despite the presence of hostile aircraft overhead Private Scharosch was attempting to place his truck under cover when he was wounded. The meritorious conduct of Private Scharosch, on this occasion, reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Residence at enlistment: Mott, North Dakota.

By command of Brigadier General WILSON:

ROBERT L. SPRAGINS,  
Colonel, General Staff Corps,  
Chief of Staff.

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Schofield Barracks, T. H.,  
February 24, 1942.

AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, dated August 8, 1932, as amended by Changes No. 2, August 10, 1939, The Purple Heart is awarded to the following named enlisted men:

WILLIAM L. KELLAR, 13002048, Private, Service Battery, 52nd Field Artillery Battalion. For a singularly meritorious act of essential service at Schofield Barracks, Territory of Hawaii, on December 7, 1941. During the air attack by Japanese forces on Schofield Barracks he was wounded in the right shoulder when struck by an enemy machine gun bullet. Residence at enlistment: York, Pennsylvania.

JAMES P. CORTER, 12028863, Private, Battery "A", 52nd Field Artillery Battalion. For a singularly meritorious act of essential service at Schofield Barracks, Territory of Hawaii, December 7, 1941. During the air attack by Japanese forces on Schofield Barracks he was wounded in the right knee when struck by an enemy machine gun bullet. Residence at enlistment: Ringwood, New Jersey.

By command of Brigadier General WILSON:

ROBERT L. SPRAGINS,  
Colonel, General Staff Corps,  
Chief of Staff.

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Schofield Barracks, T. H.  
March 3, 1942.

AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-25, dated August 8, 1939, as amended by Changes No. 2, August 10, 1938, The Purple Heart is awarded to the following named enlisted men:

JAMES V. FISHER, Army Serial No. 14019870, Corporal, (then Private, specialist 3rd class), Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 11th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For a singularly meritorious act of essential service in action at Schofield Barracks, Territory of Hawaii, on December 7, 1941. During the air attack by Japanese forces on Schofield Barracks and vicinity, he received a machine gun bullet wound in the left leg while, as non-commissioned officer in charge of quarters, he was performing the essential duty of informing all officers and married non-commissioned officers of his organization of the air attack. Despite his wound, Corporal Fisher continued with his duties until ordered to the dispensary by his battery commander. The meritorious conduct of Corporal Fisher, on this occasion, reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Residence at enlistment: Griffin, Georgia.

WOODROW TYSON, Army Serial No. 6554600, Sergeant, (then Corporal), Battery "C", 11th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For a singularly meritorious act of essential service in action at Schofield Barracks, Territory of Hawaii, on December 7, 1941. During the air attack by Japanese forces on Schofield Barracks, and vicinity, he received a machine gun bullet wound in the left thigh while preparing his section to take the field. Despite his wound, Sergeant Tyson, after receiving first aid treatment, returned to his section and commanded it during the march to and occupation of his gun position. The meritorious conduct of Sergeant Tyson reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Residence at enlistment: Savannah, Georgia.

By command of Brigadier General WILSON:

ROBERT L. SPRAGINS,  
Colonel, General Staff Corps,  
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A.F.O. 957.  
May 3, 1942.

AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, dated August 8, 1932, as amended by Changes No. 2, August 10, 1938, The Purple Heart is awarded to the following-named enlisted man:

WILFRED J. FIELDS, Army Serial No. 149068, Master Sergeant, Headquarters Battery, 24th Division Artillery, United States Army. For a singularly meritorious act of essential service in action at Hickam Field, Territory of Hawaii, on December 7, 1941. During the air attack by Japanese forces on Hickam Field and vicinity, he received, while on authorized leave to Hickam Field, a penetrating wound on the nose from a bomb fragment. Despite his wound, Master Sergeant Fields returned to his organization at Schofield Barracks and assumed command of the installation of the communications system for his organization for several hours until ordered by his organization commander to receive medical attention. The meritorious conduct of Master Sergeant Fields, on this occasion, reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Residence at enlistment: Evansville, Indiana.

By command of brigadier General WILSON:

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GENERAL ORDERS )

A.P.O. #957,

Number 35 )

June 24, 1942.

POSTHUMOUS AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, August 8, 1932, as amended by change No 2, August 10, 1938, and Section II, Circular No 125, War Department, c.s., and Circular No 2, Headquarters Hawaiian Department, c.s., The Purple Heart is awarded posthumously as follows:

JASPER E. THOMURE, deceased, Private, Specialist 5th Class, Army Serial Number 6938740, Company "D", 19th Infantry, United States Army. While performing a meritorious act of essential service during the torpedo attack by a Japanese submarine on the USAT "Royal T. Frank", off Maui, Territory of Hawaii, on January 28, 1942 which resulted in his death by drowning. Nearest of kin: Mrs. Mary Thomure (Mother), Flat River, Missouri. Residence at enlistment: St. Louis, Missouri.

By command of Major General WILSON:

MAX W. SULLIVAN,  
Colonel, General Staff Corps,  
Chief of Staff.

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Number 36 )

A.P.O. #367,  
June 26, 1942.

AWARDS OF THE PURPLE HEART

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, dated August 8, 1932, as amended by Changes No. 2, August 10, 1938, The Purple Heart is awarded to the following-named enlisted men:

✓ FRED R. MILLER, Army Serial No. 6981321, Private First Class, Company "D", 19th Infantry, United States Army. For a singularly meritorious act of essential service in action off Maui, Territory of Hawaii, on January 28, 1942. During the torpedo attack by a Japanese submarine on the USAT "ROYAL T. FRANK", while performing the important duties of a member of a gun crew, he suffered cuts, bruises, and shock requiring subsequent hospital treatment. Despite his injuries, and though without a life-preserver, Private First Class MILLER endeavored to aid other persons in the water after the ship went down. The meritorious conduct of Private First Class MILLER on this occasion reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Residence at enlistment: Newburgh, New York.

✓ ORVILLE H. WHITE, Army Serial No. 15067203, Private First Class, Company "D", 19th Infantry, United States Army. For a singularly meritorious act of essential service in action off Maui, Territory of Hawaii, on January 28, 1942. During the torpedo attack by a Japanese submarine on the USAT "ROYAL T. FRANK", while performing the important duties of a member of a gun crew he suffered a wound in the hand and shock requiring subsequent hospital treatment. Private First Class WHITE was entering a life boat when it was overturned by the sinking ship and was left adrift in the water without support. The meritorious conduct of Private First Class WHITE on this occasion reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Residence at enlistment: Dayton, Ohio.

✓ WARREN W. TURNER, Army Serial No. 6988802, Corporal, Company "D", 19th Infantry, United States Army. For a singularly meritorious act of essential service in action off Maui, Territory of Hawaii, on January 28, 1942. During the torpedo attack by a Japanese submarine on the USAT "ROYAL T. FRANK", while performing the important duties of a non-commissioned officer in charge of a gun crew. Corporal TURNER was thrown in a heavy sea without a life-preserver where he remained for nearly an hour, partially blinded by oil, and semi-conscious as a result of the torpedo explosion. The meritorious service of Corporal TURNER on this occasion reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Residence at enlistment: Florence, Indiana.

✓ ALFRED MONACO, Army Serial No. 7031435, Private First Class, Company "D", 19th Infantry, United States Army. For a singularly meritorious act of essential service in action off Maui, Territory of Hawaii, on January 28, 1942. During the torpedo attack by a Japanese submarine on the USAT "ROYAL T. FRANK", while performing the important duties of a gunner, he gave the general alarm, it being the first notice of the attack. Adrift in the water and partially blinded by oil after the ship went down, Private First Class MONACO aided and assisted in the support of others, particularly an aged Filipino who could not swim, until rescued. The meritorious conduct of Private First Class MONACO on this occasion reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Residence at enlistment: Marcus Hook, Pennsylvania.

G. J. HMD., June 26, 1942.

By command of Major General WILSON:

MAX W. SULLIVAN,  
Colonel, General Staff Corps,  
Chief of Staff.

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Number 57 )

December 31, 1942.

Under the provisions of paragraph 3, g, Army Regulations 600-45, August 8, 1932, as amended by Change No. 4, September 4, 1942, the Purple Heart is posthumously awarded as follows:

THEODORE J. LEWIS, deceased, Corporal, Army Serial Number 5897750, Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 63rd Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For a singularly meritorious act of essential service at Schofield Barracks, T. H., on December 7, 1941: During the Japanese air attack on Schofield Barracks at approximately 8:15 A.M., while on the porch of Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 63rd Field Artillery Battalion, Corporal THEODORE J. LEWIS received fatal bullet wounds as a result of hurling himself forward to push another soldier out of the line of fire from a diving Japanese plane. The meritorious conduct of Corporal LEWIS, reflects great credit upon himself and the military service, in that he honorably and courageously gave his life against the enemy. Nearest of kin: Mrs. Anna Spitz (Mother), 4511 North Broad Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Residence at enlistment. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

By command of Major General IRVING:

A. S. NEWMAN,  
Colonel, General Staff Corps,  
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GENERAL ORDERS )  
Number 2 )

A. P. O. #24,  
February 7, 1943.

AWARDS OF SOLDIER'S MEDAL

By direction of the President, under the provisions of the act of Congress approved 2 July 1926 (Ball.No. 8, W.D., 1926) and pursuant to authority contained in paragraph 6, AR 600-45 (Award and Supply of Decorations for Individuals), 8 August 1932, as amended by Changes No. 6, 28 October 1942, a Soldier's Medal is awarded to each of the following-named officers and enlisted men:

SAUL B. ALSTON (7023514), corporal, Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroism on the Island of Oahu, T. H., on 16 December 1942. Residence at enlistment: Windsor, North Carolina.

HORACE L. BROOKSHIRE (6385434), staff sergeant, Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroism on the Island of Oahu, T. H., on 16 December 1942. Residence at enlistment: Canton, North Carolina.

WILLIS L. CHILCOTE, second lieutenant, Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroism on the Island of Oahu, T. H., on 16 December 1942. Entered military service from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

LEON K. HERREN (14098042), private, Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroism on the Island of Oahu, T. H., on 16 December 1942. Residence at enlistment: Eldridge, Alabama.

FRANCIS E. HODG (15069446), corporal, Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroism on the Island of Oahu, T. H., on 16 December 1942. Residence at enlistment: Springfield, Ohio.

JOHN A. RUSH, captain, Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroism on the Island of Oahu, T. H., on 16 December 1942. Entered military service from Kansas City, Missouri.

By command of Major General IRVING:

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27 December 1943.

AWARD OF SOLDIER'S MEDAL

By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved 2 July 1926, (Bulletin 8, W. D., 1926), a Soldier's Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 24th Infantry Division, to the following named enlisted man:

Technician 4th Grade WILLIAM F. SHOWN, 6915436, Headquarters 24th Infantry Division, United States Army. For heroism at Alligator Creek, near Camp Caves, Queensland, Australia on 6 November 1943. Home address: Mr. Clifford Shown, (father), 411 North Grand Avenue, Waukesha, Wisconsin.

By command of Major General IRVING:

A. S. NEWMAN,  
Colonel, G. S. C.,  
Chief of Staff.

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Number 2 )

A. P. O. #24,  
18 January 1944.

AWARD OF SOLDIER'S MEDAL

By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved 2 July 1926, (Bulletin 8, W. D., 1926), a Soldier's Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 24th Infantry Division, to the following named enlisted man:

Private ROBERT E. HEATON, 11027235, Service Battery, 40th Field Artillery Battalion. For heroism at Yagpoon Beach, Green Island, Australia, on 28 November 1943. Home address: Mrs. Sadie I. Heaton (mother), 99A Spenser Street, Boston, Massachusetts.

By command of Major General IRVING:

A. S. NESIAN,  
Colonel, G. S. C.,  
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A. P. O. # 24,  
25 March 1944.

AWARDS OF SOLDIER'S MEDAL

By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved 2 July 1926 (Bulletin 8, I.D., 1926) a Soldier's Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 24th Infantry Division, to each of the following:

Captain RAYMOND G. ORSINGER, O-502951, Dental Corps, United States Army, A.P.O. #24. For heroism near the ~~Island of New Guinea~~ on 7 March 1944. Home address: Mr. William F. Orsinger, (Father), 7531 North Hoyne Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

Technician 4th Grade JOSEPH E. EDANA, 39159198, Infantry, United States Army, A.P.O. #24. For heroism near the ~~Island of New Guinea~~ on 7 March 1944. Home address: Mrs. Esther Reyder, (Sister), 1006 Decater Street, Brooklyn, New York.

By command of Major General IRVING:

A. S. NEWMAN,  
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A. P. O. #24,  
10 April 1944.

AWARD OF SOLDIER'S MEDAL

By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved 2 July 1926 (Bulletin P, W.D., 1926) a Soldier's Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 24th Infantry Division, to each of the following:

Private NELL L. MITCHELL, 39123527, Infantry, United States Army, A.P.O. #24. For heroism off an island near New Guinea on 31 March 1944. Home address: Mrs. Dorothy Mitchell, (Mother), 23 Top Place, Salinas, California.

Private HANFORD F. RANTS, 39462202, Infantry, United States Army, A.P.O. #24. For heroism off an island near New Guinea on 31 March 1944. Home address: Mr. Inaddeus M. Rants, (Father), Rt. #5, Yakima, Washington.

By command of Major General IRVING:

A. S. NEUMAN,  
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Number 9 )

18 May 1944.

By direction of the President, under the provisions of the act of Congress approved 7 July 1918 (Bulletin 43, WD, 1918), a Silver Star is awarded by the Commanding General, 24th Infantry Division, to the following-named officers:

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Colonel CHARLES B. LYMAN, O-3770, Infantry, U. S. Army. For gallantry in action near HOLLANDIA AIRBORNE, DUTCH NEW GUINEA, from 22 to 26 April 1944. Colonel Lyman in his capacity as Commanding Officer of an Infantry Regimental Combat Team, landed with the first group of assault troops on the shores of MANAH MERAH BAY, DUTCH NEW GUINEA, 22 April 1944. Disregarding his personal safety, he moved forward with advance elements, personally directing front line units in contact with the enemy while under fire, and accomplished his assigned mission with the occupation and seizure of HOLLANDIA DRONE on 26 April 1944. Colonel Lyman's absolute disregard for personal safety, his voluntary actions and willingness to be of service above and beyond any call of duty reflect highest credit on himself and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from the TERRITORY OF HAWAII. Home address: Mrs. Charles B. Lyman, wife, 1717 Fox Hill Road N. W., Washington, D. C.

By Command of Major General IRVING:

A. S. NERBYN,  
Colonel, G. S. C.,  
Chief of Staff.

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I. SILVER STAR -- By direction of the President, under the provisions of the act of Congress approved 9 July 1913 (Bull. S, MD, 1913) the Silver Star is posthumously awarded by the Commanding General, 24th Infantry Division, to the following-named enlisted men:

Staff Sergeant VITO F. MARCHESI, 13029985, Infantry, U. S. Army. For gallantry in action near ~~INDONESIA~~ ~~SUMBAWA~~ ~~INDONESIA~~, 1 May 1944. Staff Sergeant Marchesi, mortally wounded while leading his patrol in an assault upon an enemy group, raised to his knees and continued to fire. When no longer able to fire, with utter disregard for his own personal survival, he handed his machine gun to his second in command and ordered him to withdraw the patrol. This spirit of sacrifice on the part of Staff Sergeant Marchesi will serve as an everlasting example to his comrades. Next of Kin: Mr. Joseph Marchi, Uncle, 317 John Street, Steelton, Pennsylvania.

Staff Sergeant NICHOLAS J. ORSILLO, 13027330, Field Artillery, U. S. Army. For gallantry in action at ~~INDONESIA~~ ~~DUTCH NEW GUINEA~~, 24 April 1944. Staff Sergeant Orsillo set up and operated a radio relay station which was surrounded by enemy patrols and in full view of enemy observation. With utter disregard for his own personal safety he continued to relay important information and fire missions from the front lines until killed by a Japanese patrol. This outstanding service performed by Staff Sergeant Orsillo aided the rapid advances of our forces to the HOLLANDESE AIR BOND, ~~DUTCH NEW GUINEA~~. Next of Kin: Mrs. Julia Vanecore, Sister, 23-11, Linden Place, Flushing, Long Island, New York.

II. SILVER STAR -- By direction of the President, under the provisions of the act of Congress approved 9 July 1913 (Bull. S, MD, 1913) the Silver Star is awarded by the Commanding General, 24th Infantry Division, to the following-named personnel:

Captain ALBERT H. BRADEN, 302, Quartermaster, Medical Corps, U. S. Army. For gallantry in action on the island of ~~INDONESIA~~ ~~SUMBAWA~~, ~~INDONESIA~~, 23 May 1944 to 24 May 1944. During the night an undetermined number of Japanese attacked the perimeter of the unit to which Captain Braden was attached. With complete disregard for his own personal safety, he administered medical care to our wounded and checked the dead, using a flashlight, thereby endangering his own life by becoming a visible target for the enemy. Captain Braden's calmness and devotion to duty under hostile fire reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

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Home Address: Dr. A. H. Braden, Father, 2351 Kelving Street, Houston, Texas.

✓ Sergeant WILLIAM E. BOYD, 16033720, Corps of Engineers, U. S. Army. For gallantry in action near ~~WATERLOO LAKE, DUTCH NEW GUINEA~~, 14 May 1944. Sergeant Boyd a member of a three man patrol on reconnaissance of an area through difficult jungle terrain, to determine whether or not groups of the enemy might still be in position to menace an engineer working party in the vicinity, encountered a group of fourteen armed Japanese soldiers. With utter disregard for his own personal safety, by swift and efficient employment of limited fire power he assisted in systematically annihilating the enemy group by concentrating fire on those attempting to throw hand grenades. The skillful and rapid planning, and the perfect execution of the plan by Sergeant Boyd are worthy of the highest traditions of the military service. Home Address: Mrs. Lissie Boyd, Mother, Route 1, Blooming Grove, Texas.

✓ Private LEO J. BURKARD, 37144140, Infantry, U. S. Army. For gallantry in action approximately eight hundred yards Northwest of ~~PLANTATION, DUTCH NEW GUINEA~~, 5 May 1944. The patrol of which Private Burkard was a member contacted a Japanese force of approximately twenty men with rifles and automatic weapons. Although wounded during the fire fight that followed, Private Burkard continued to bring fire upon the enemy until hit a second time when he was dislodged from his firing position and rolled over the side of the bank of a ravine toward the enemy. When being removed from the ravine he pleaded to be left behind rather than endanger the lives of his comrades. In complete disregard of his personal safety in an effort to negate the mission of his patrol reflects great credit upon Private Burkard and the military service. Home address: Mr. John Burkard, Father, Route 2, Fall Rapids, South Dakota.

✓ Lieutenant Colonel THOMAS E. CLIFFORD, JR., O-20239, Infantry, U. S. Army. For gallantry in action at ~~IMPAPRE, DUTCH NEW GUINEA~~, 22 April 1944. Lieutenant Colonel Clifford commanded a Battalion of an Infantry Regiment, which landed at ~~IMPAPRE, DUTCH NEW GUINEA~~, on 22 April 1944, and participated in the capture of the ~~HOLLAND AIR BASE~~ on 21 April 1944. Throughout the entire period of this operation, often under enemy fire, Lieutenant Colonel Clifford performed his duties in an outstanding manner, distinguishing himself by gallantry in action above and beyond the call of duty by showing complete disregard for his own personal safety under all circumstances in order to accomplish his mission. Home Address: Mrs. Brenda F. Clifford, Wife, Box 232, Corado, West Virginia.

✓ Sergeant GLETON R. GOULD, 4981651, Corps of Engineers, U. S. Army. For gallantry in action near ~~WATERLOO LAKE, DUTCH NEW GUINEA~~, 14 May 1944. Sergeant Gould, a member of a three man patrol on reconnaissance of an area through difficult jungle terrain, to determine whether or not groups of the enemy might still be in position to menace an engineer working party in the vicinity, encountered a group of fourteen armed Japanese soldiers. With utter disregard for his personal safety, by swift and efficient employment of limited fire power, he assisted in systematically annihilating the enemy group by concentrating fire on those attempting to throw hand grenades. The skillful and rapid planning, and the perfect execution of the plan by Sergeant Gould are worthy of the highest traditions of the military service. Home Address: Mrs. Ruth Oberbacher, Mother, Roward Valley, New York.

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✓ Sergeant EUGENE HADDOCK, 6296925, Infantry, U. S. Army. For gallantry in action near KANTOMI VILLAGE, DUTCH NEW GUINEA, 23 April 1944. Sergeant Haddock was halted by enemy fire on the bank of an unnamed creek. He halted his squad, and with two other Sergeants, went across the creek to try to locate the enemy gun positions, the others in his squad following. The fire was so intense, all three Sergeants were forced to withdraw across the creek and were pinned down. Sergeant Haddock made two other trips across the creek; once to bring back a casualty and once more to obtain valuable information for his platoon leader, enabling artillery and mortar fire to be placed on the enemy positions, thereby reducing our casualties in overcoming this particular enemy strong point. All this was accomplished with total disregard for his personal safety. Sergeant Haddock's action reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Home Address: Mrs. Virginia Hess, Sister, 55 Isabella Street, Charleston, South Carolina.

Private ARCHIE J. HAUSKINS, 1914244, Medical Department, U. S. Army. For gallantry in action near JACKONDS, DUTCH NEW GUINEA, 1 May 1944. A patrol of which Private Hauskins was the medical aid man ran into a Japanese ambush. The patrol leader, and a number of the patrol were wounded in the action, and both fell when shot; both were in the line of enemy fire. Private Hauskins, with complete disregard for his own personal safety, went in and pulled the wounded men out of the danger area to a defile, and administered first aid, though under enemy machine gun fire. Private Hauskins made the wounded as comfortable as possible and stayed with them until evacuated. The enemy ambush was partially wiped out, and the rest of the enemy withdrew. Private Hauskins showed courage and devotion to duty in the performance of his tasks. Home Address: Mr. Charles E. Hauskins, Brother, General Delivery, Lovelock, Nevada.

✓ Private MONROE A. MCGEE, 34199670, Infantry, U. S. Army. For gallantry in action near KANICEL, DUTCH NEW GUINEA, 23 April 1944. Private McGee crossed an unnamed creek under heavy fire from an enemy machine gun. While crossing he killed two Japanese. After Private McGee's squad got across the creek, the fire was so intense it pinned them to the ground and necessitated withdrawal. Without regard for his personal safety, Private McGee exposed himself to enemy fire in covering the withdrawal of his squad and the evacuation of the wounded, by raising upon his knees, throwing a grenade, and firing a sub-machine gun into the Japanese positions. He was one of the last men to withdraw. Private McGee's conduct during the above mentioned action is worthy of emulation. Home Address: Mrs. Nancy Ann McGee, Mother, General Delivery, Houston, Mississippi.

✓ Staff Sergeant FRANKLIN W. MOYE, 1A011501, Infantry, U. S. Army. For gallantry in action near EREHI POSITION, DUTCH NEW GUINEA, 5 May 1944. Staff Sergeant Moyer was a member of a patrol which contacted a force of approximately twenty Japanese. During the fire fight that followed one of his men, was wounded and rolled down the bank of a ravine toward the enemy, who continued to fire on the wounded man. With complete disregard for his personal safety, Staff Sergeant Moyer rushed to the aid of the man, thereby exposing himself to the aimed fire of the automatic weapons of the enemy. He succeeded in bringing the wounded man to safety.

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Staff Sergeant Moyo's calmness and devotion to duty in the face of enemy fire reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Home Address: Mrs. Mollie Yorico Moyo, Mother, Polham, Georgia.

✓ Captain JACOB L. RILEY, JR., O-23433, Infantry, U. S. Army. For gallantry in action near ~~PASS-NGRAHN~~, ~~DUTCH NEW GUINEA~~, 3 May 1944. Captain Riley was leading a combat patrol of two rifle platoons and one light machine gun section, when it came upon an enemy strong point, consisting of approximately thirty five men, armed with rifles and machine guns. With cool disregard for his own safety, Captain Riley deployed and efficiently directed the successful attack on the strong point, overcoming the Japanese resistance with a loss of only two men killed and three wounded as contrasted with enemy casualties of seventeen killed and three more probably killed. Captain Riley's actions in the above-mentioned engagement reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Home Address: Mr. Jacob Riley, Sr., Father, 90 Byrer Avenue, Uniontown, Pennsylvania.

✓ Captain EDWARD E. SHAPIRO, O-416539, Medical Corps, U. S. Army. For gallantry in action near ~~PASS-NGRAHN~~, ~~DUTCH NEW GUINEA~~, 3 May 1944. Captain Shapiro accompanied a company of infantry, on a combat patrol which encountered an enemy strong point. On hearing a call for medical aid, Captain Shapiro crawled forward three separate times under enemy machine-gun and rifle fire, in complete disregard for his own personal safety. Captain Shapiro's outstanding action in caring for the men under the above circumstances was an inspiration to all. Home Address: Dr. M. Shapiro, Father, 750 Avenue C, Bayonne, New Jersey.

✓ First Lieutenant FRED WEHLE, JR., O-405752, Corps of Engineers, U. S. Army. For gallantry in action near ~~WIBNON-BAND~~, ~~DUTCH NEW GUINEA~~, 14 May 1944. Lieutenant Wehle, with two non-commissioned officers while making a reconnaissance of an area through difficult jungle terrain, to determine whether or not groups of the enemy might still be in position to menace an engineer working party in the vicinity, encountered a group of fourteen armed Japanese soldiers. With utter disregard for his personal safety, by swift and efficient employment of limited fire power, the outnumbered, but courageous patrol of which he was a member systematically annihilated the enemy group by concentrating fire on those attempting to throw hand grenades or escape. The skilful and rapid planning, and the perfect execution of the plan by Lieutenant Wehle are worthy of the highest traditions of the service. Home Address: Mr. Fred Wehle, Sr., Father, 2233 Bonnycastle, Louisville, Kentucky.

✓ Private First Class DALLAS L. YORK, 36385615, Medical Department, U. S. Army. For gallantry in action near ~~FERINGON~~, ~~DUTCH NEW GUINEA~~, 21 May 1944. The patrol of which Private First Class York was a member was pinned down by heavy enemy fire and hand grenades from a pill box containing five enemy soldiers. Private First Class York and another soldier suggested a plan of attack. This plan was agreed upon and the patrol advanced. When it was again pinned down Private First Class York with admirable courage, and complete disregard for his own personal safety waded out into the ocean, exposing himself to direct enemy fire in order that he might keep the Japs pinned down or draw their fire, thus protecting the other members of the patrol and permitting them to advance on the

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pill box. At this opportunity two hand grenades were thrown at the pill box. The patrol rushed the pill box, with Private First Class York the second man on the right flank. When the other soldier ahead of Private First Class York ran out of ammunition he killed the lone remaining Jap Soldier with rifle fire. Private First Class York's daring act was an inspiration to the men of his company. Home Address: R. L. Artie York, Wife, Oanh, Illinois.

III. SOLDIER'S MEDAL -- By direction of the President, under the provisions of the act of Congress approved 2 July 1926 (Ball. 8, D, 1926) a Soldier's Medal is posthumously awarded by the Commanding General, 24th Infantry Division, to the following-named enlisted man:

Staff Sergeant WILLIAM R. JOHNSON, JR., 15063398, Infantry, U. S. Army. On the morning of 21 April 1944, after landing with the first wave at TAMBUKUNAN BAY, DUTCH NEW GUINEA, Staff Sergeant Johnson's platoon moved through a swamp close to the beach. The swamp was of sufficient depth to drown a person. A sergeant of his platoon fell into a hole in the swamp with all of his equipment, and was in danger of being quickly and completely submerged. Staff Sergeant Johnson rushed to his aid and attempted to pull him out, during which time the rifle of the man in distress was accidentally discharged, thereby killing Staff Sergeant Johnson. Next of Kin: Mr. Hubert Lee Johnson, Brother, RR. 4, Easton, Ohio.

IV. SOLDIER'S MEDAL -- By direction of the President, under the provisions of the act of Congress approved 2 July 1926 (Ball. 8, D, 1926) a Soldier's Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 24th Infantry Division, to the following-named officer and enlisted man:

Major KENNETH R. BLACKER, O-356224, Field Artillery, U. S. Army. At approximately 1900 on 26 May 1944 a dump on the beach at TAMBUKUNAN BAY, DUTCH NEW GUINEA, caught fire from undetermined cause. Within twenty feet of the burning dump were several hundred rounds of 105mm ammunition, a "buffalo", an L-4 Tank, and a ration dump. Nearby were two batteries of artillery. Major Blacker, with complete disregard for his own personal safety immediately organized the few men who had not fled from the area, started to move the ammunition, secured fire extinguishers from parked vehicles, effectively prevented the flames from spreading outside the gasoline dump, and eventually brought the fire under control. Major Blacker's prompt and effective action not only prevented the destruction of valuable supplies, ammunition, and material, but also prevented possible casualties to personnel. Home Address: Mrs. Agnes Blacker, Wife, 2664 Kauipe Street, Honolulu, T. H.

Staff Sergeant WILLIAM M. LONG, 10000181, Infantry, U. S. Army. On the morning of 22 April 1944, Staff Sergeant Long saved two enlisted men both of an infantry company, and one other unidentified enlisted man from certain drowning in the JARAU RIVER, HOLLANDIA, DUTCH NEW GUINEA. The above cited acts were performed at the risk of Staff Sergeant Long's life, both from the possibility of himself drowning and the danger of potential enemy fire. Home Address: Mrs. Helen Mae Long, Mother, Traskwood, Arkansas.

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V. **Bronze Star Medal** — By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sec. 11, Bull. 3, WD, 1944), a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 24th Infantry Division, to the following-named personnel:

✓ **First Lieutenant MALCOLM D. AITKEN, O-426100, Infantry, U. S. Army.** For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near **Passagrah (Government House) Dutch New Guinea, 2 May 1944.** Lieutenant Aitken was placed in charge of 30 men in varying stages of illness who were awaiting evacuation by boat. Shortly before dusk the party observed a lone enemy soldier on the trail approaching their perimeter. The enemy escaped and Lieutenant Aitken visualized the probability that the enemy would return with reinforcements during the night. He hastily moved his men and displaced an automatic rifle and a machine gun into a new position commanding the trail and high ground. During the night the wisdom of his action was demonstrated. An enemy group which outnumbered his own party were soon coming up the trail, and when they were within fifteen yards of the perimeter, Lieutenant Aitken ordered the automatic rifle and machine gun to open fire. The enemy were completely surprised and retreated in disorder. The following morning four of the enemy were found dead, and the trail of retreat drenched with blood. Lieutenant Aitken's initiative, skill, resourcefulness, and brilliant leadership reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Home Address: Mrs. Wallie J. Aitken, Rte. 2724 Kapiu Street, Honolulu, T. H.

✓ **Technician Fourth Grade RALPH W. ALVESTAD, 17022009, Corps of Engineers (then Infantry), U. S. Army.** For meritorious service between 23 March and 15 June 1944. During this period, Technician Fourth Grade Alvestad performed his duties as draftsman in the G-2 Section of a combat Infantry Division, **"BUSHNERS" LANDING FORCE, indefatigably and skillfully.** His energy, alert mind, cheerful disposition and rapid and accurate completion of all assignments during the planning phase as well as during the execution of the plans for amphibious landings in the **BUKHEM-BAY-HOLLANDIA** Sector, **DUTCH NEW GUINEA,** was an inspiration to all with whom he came in contact. Home Address: Mr. Henry Alvestad, Father, Roland, Iowa.

**Chief Warrant Officer JOSEPH A. A. ANCTIL, W-2110593, U. S. Army.** For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy as Acting Division Automotive Officer of the **TAMBUKUNTA LANDING FORCE** in the **HOLLANDIA-TAMBUKUNTA, DUTCH NEW GUINEA** campaign, 23 March to 15 June 1944. During this period Mr. Anctil was required, because of the absence of the Division Automotive Officer, to perform the duties of a position normally assigned to an officer of a much higher grade. The planning for the amphibious operation involved the preparation of detailed plans and instructions for the water-proofing of all vehicles of the **LANDING FORCE.** Mr. Anctil, by his thorough technical knowledge, sound judgement, perseverance and unselfish devotion to duty performed the duties of automotive officer in an outstanding manner and contributed materially to the success of the operation. Home address: Mrs. Aurora Anctil, Mother, Great Road, Jattiston, Massachusetts.

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✓ First Lieutenant HARRY R. BENNETT, O-1283261, Infantry, U. S. Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at GOODENOUGH ISLAND and the HOLLANDIA-TANAMBORAN Sector, DUTCH NEW GUINEA, from 31 March to 1 June 1944. During the planning phase of the HOLLANDIA-TANAMBORAN campaign, Lieutenant Bennett worked tirelessly day and night to complete the plans of the S-2 section compiling and presenting information to the Regiment which was vital to the success of the operation. When required to perform as S-2 of the Regiment for a period of time he quickly assumed the responsibilities of that position and performed his duties in a superior manner. In his eagerness to secure information of the enemy, personally led a patrol of ten men on a reconnaissance and secured information which resulted in the formation of a task force which annihilated a large group of the enemy. Lieutenant Bennett's outstanding achievements reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Anna W. Bennett, Mother, 24 Gilbert Street, Ridgefield, Connecticut.

✓ Sergeant JOHN BOYCE, 12028391, Infantry, U. S. Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near TEMBUKON, DUTCH NEW GUINEA, from 13 May to 21 May 1944. Due to his exceptional ability as a scout, in breaking new trails and in stalking out the enemy coupled with his exhibition of unusual courage and coolness, Sergeant Boyce contributed greatly to the success of his platoon which killed twenty-two and captured one enemy during this period. Home address: Mrs. Catherine Boyce, Mother, 2000 Lopez Avenue, Bronx, New York.

✓ Technician Fifth Grade JAMES T. CARTER, JR., 37132915, Infantry, U. S. Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the HOLLANDIA-TANAMBORAN Sector, DUTCH NEW GUINEA, 23 April to 1 June 1944. Technician Fifth Grade Carter demonstrated outstanding leadership and great courage when he supervised the laying of communication lines to outposts deep in enemy territory. He performed diligent work and exhibited outstanding courage which contributed greatly to the success of the communication platoon in maintaining communications vital to the success of the operation. Technician Fifth Grade Carter's untiring devotion to duty reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mr. James T. Carter, Sr., Father, RR., 1, Bell City, Missouri.

✓ Lieutenant Colonel JOHN J. CLERGE, O-209933, Chemical Warfare Service, U. S. Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy as Chemical Warfare Officer of the TANAMBORAN LANDING FORCE in the HOLLANDIA-TANAMBORAN, DUTCH NEW GUINEA, campaign, 23 March to 15 June 1944. He performed all of his regular duties in the planning and the operation itself in an outstanding manner. He also performed many task assignments under the Assistant Chief of Staff G-3 giving his full energy and efforts to their efficient completion. On one occasion during the operation he was in direct charge of moving 4.2 chemical mortars and ammunition forward by hand-pulled carts and over many miles of difficult jungle trail to support the infantry who were advancing beyond the limits of effective artillery support.

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With great energy and determination he pushed this difficult mission through, inspiring his men to their best efforts by his own example. Most of this movement was through an area under constant threat by enemy patrols. The energetic and efficient service of Lieutenant Colonel Clarke contributed materially to the success of the operation. Home Address: Mrs. Dorothy M. Clarke, Wife, 2211 22d North, Seattle, Washington.

Major THOMAS H. COMPERE, O-237205, Infantry, U. S. Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy as Acting Assistant Chief of Staff G-1 of the TANIMBERAH LANDING FORCE in the ~~HOLLANDIA-TANIMBERAH, DUTCH NEW GUINEA~~ campaign 23 March to 14 June 1944. Major Compere supervised the administrative planning for the operation, including the establishment of a well organized personnel administrative center. His carefully made plans for the handling of enemy casualty and strength reports during the operation functioned successfully in spite of the heavy obstacles of difficult communication over long distances of jungle terrain to widely separated units. When the landing was made on D-Day, he went ashore in an early wave and found there was a deep swamp of undetermined extent blocking the approach toward the area in which the LANDING FORCE command post was to go. Without hesitation he personally led a group through this swamp, not knowing whether or not he would unexpectedly run into enemy snipers or installations, and pushed forward with such energy as to be ahead of any combat troops on the route he followed, thus quickly discovering that the location of the proposed command post site would have to be changed. Through his careful attention to detail in the planning period and in supervising the functioning of his staff section during the actual campaign, Major Compere materially contributed to the success of the operation. Home Address: Mrs. Elise Compere, Wife, Portland, Arkansas.

Second Lieutenant VERN R. COX, O-1700271, Infantry, U. S. Army. For meritorious achievement in direct support of military operations against the enemy at ~~SEMPY, DUTCH NEW GUINEA~~, from 10 May to 20 May 1944. During this period Lieutenant Cox displayed superior leadership and aggressive action as a patrol leader in search of remnants of enemy forces. By his cool judgment and excellent presence of mind he was able to complete his mission without a casualty. Lieutenant Cox's outstanding courage and untiring devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Martha Cox, Wife, Route 1, Dayton, Washington.

Sergeant DONALD E. DAVIDSON, 11019780, Infantry, U. S. Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on ~~GOODNOTCH ISLAND~~ and the ~~HOLLANDIA-TANIMBERAH~~ Sector, DUTCH NEW GUINEA from 1 March to 20 May 1944, as assistant regimental sergeant major and chief clerk of the regimental headquarters. Sergeant Davidson through his hard work and devotion to duty was instrumental in formulating plans for the ~~HOLLANDIA-TANIMBERAH~~ campaign. Through his personal efforts and close supervision of the enlisted staff he contributed materially to accomplishment of this all important task. Upon landing

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on D-Day, Sergeant Davidson assisted the regimental adjutant in scouting the area for a suitable site in which to establish a command post and exposed himself to enemy fire from enemy snipers and patrols operating in the area at times when he was actually ahead of the advancing front lines. Sergeant Davidson's untiring devotion to duty and outstanding courage reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Home Address: Mr. Clarence E. Davidson, Father, 2105 Main Street, Bridgeport, Connecticut.

✓ Sergeant **BARRETT FROELS**, 6579911, Infantry, U. S. Army. For meritorious service between 10 March and 20 May 1944. During this period, while assigned to the G-3 Section of the **TANIMBERAH LANDING FORCE**, Sergeant Froels' unceasing and time-consuming work in the reproduction of maps, overlays, and sketches required painstaking and meticulous craftsmanship with perfection as the only acceptable standard. Sergeant Froels' outstanding performance of duty during the planning phase of the amphibious landings in the **TANIMBERAH BAY-HOLLANDIA** Sector of **DUTCH NEW GUINEA**, materially contributed to the efficient functioning of the section. Home Address: Mrs. Mary L. Garrison, Mother, 1070 American Avenue, Long Beach, California.

✓ Private **BURL FOX**, 5391710, Infantry, U. S. Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near **MAE, DUTCH NEW GUINEA**, on 10 May 1944. With complete disregard for his own safety and on his own initiative, Private Fox went to the assistance of another soldier who had manned an abandoned machine gun and succeeded in destroying the enemy and thwarting his attempt to throw hand grenades into the main body of the platoon. Private Fox's outstanding courage reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Home Address: Mrs. Bessie Fox, Mother, Morgantown, West Virginia.

✓ First Lieutenant **RICHARD B. GOOAS**, O-1581147, Quartermaster Corps, U. S. Army. For meritorious achievement in direct support of combat operations against the enemy. Lieutenant Gooas was detailed to temporary duty in the office of the Chief of Staff of the **TANIMBERAH LANDING FORCE** in the **HOLLANDIA-TANIMBERAH, DUTCH NEW GUINEA** campaign, 23 March to 15 June 1944. He was in direct charge of maintaining all arrangements for the planning room of the Division General Staff during the preparation and assembling of the Field Order and Administrative Order for the operation. He further acted as liaison officer between various staff sections and absorbed much of the weight of details which would otherwise have slowed down the preparation of orders. On one occasion he stayed up two nights in succession without sleep in his thorough and untiring efforts to insure the rapid and complete assembling of the many parts of these voluminous orders into the bound copies for rapid distribution to all units. During the operation he was given many task assignments of various types, all of which he performed with enthusiasm, energy and good judgment. The efficient and thorough work of Lieutenant Gooas materially contributed to the success of the operation. Home Address: Mrs. Marguerite G. Gooas, Wife, 915 Green Street, Honolulu, T. H.

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✓ Staff Sergeant EUFORD B. HOPPER, 7003044, Infantry, U. S. Army. For meritorious service between 23 March to 15 June 1944. During this period, Staff Sergeant Hopper performed his duties in a diligent and cheerful manner. As clerk typist and supervisor of other enlisted personnel of the G-3 Office of the ~~TANAMBELAH~~ LANDING FORCE, he accomplished vital work requiring long hours of extra duty with marked energy and enthusiasm. His unselfish devotion to duty during the planning phase as well as during the execution of the plans for the amphibious landings in the ~~TANAMBELAH BAY~~-HOLLANDIA Sector of DUTCH NEW GUINEA was an outstanding contribution to the efficient functioning of the section. Home Address: Mrs. Irlson T. Hopper, Mother, 109 South Grove, Huntsville, Alabama.

✓ Second Lieutenant ROGER W. HUDSON, O-2035946, Infantry, U. S. Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at ~~DEPAPES~~, DUTCH NEW GUINEA from 22 April to 27 April 1944. During the amphibious landing and the attack on HOLLANDIA DROME, Lieutenant Hudson commanded a defense platoon. Throughout this period, he displayed a high degree of initiative and leadership by quickly establishing control of his men after landing, maintaining order throughout all phases of the advance to the airfield, and accomplishing his mission with no casualties either from enemy action or accidental firing. Lieutenant Hudson's skill in organizing the defenses of each regimental command post location, and his unselfish devotion to duty during this operation, reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Catherine Brannon, Mother, 15 A Magnolia Street, Arlington, Massachusetts.

✓ Private First Class LAWRENCE A. JULLIE, 36383322, Infantry, U. S. Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at ~~DEPAPES~~, DUTCH NEW GUINEA, 23 to 24 April 1944. As a runner at an infantry command post, he worked indefatigably and without regard for his own personal safety, successfully clearing and delivering messages all through the hours of darkness. He performed his duties in a superior manner exposing himself to harassing fire by the enemy who during the same period killed three men and wounded one within the perimeter of his command post. Private First Class Jullie displayed great devotion to duty and courage of a high degree which reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Home Address: Mrs. Anna Jullie, Mother, 2042 North Larnora, Chicago, Illinois.

Captain WILLIAM A. KAYE, O-374751, Chemical Warfare Service, U. S. Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy as liaison officer in the office of the Assistant Chief of Staff G-4, of the ~~TANAMBELAH~~ LANDING FORCE, in the ~~HOLLANDIA~~-~~TANAMBELAH~~, ~~DUTCH~~-NEW GUINEA campaign, 23 March to 15 June 1944. During the planning phase he displayed great energy, unusual perseverance and meticulous attention to detail in preparing the mass of logistical data required for so large an amphibious operation. His intimate knowledge of ship plans and loading operations combined with a facile mind enabled him to prepare accurately loading tables complete in every detail. When the command post moved to HOLLANDIA DROME area during the operation, Captain Kaye remained at ~~TANAMBELAH BAY~~ as the sole representative of the G-4 Section where he performed all the duties of the section in a superior



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manner incident to the distribution and control of large amounts of supplies landed there. By his outstanding performance of duty, Captain Kaye contributed materially to the success of the operation. Home Address: Mr. Leo A. Kaye, Father, 520 Camino Delmar, San Francisco, California.

Lieutenant Colonel WALTER J. KLOPINGER, O-14839, General Staff Corps, U. S. Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy as Assistant Chief of Staff G-4, of the TAMAHERRAH LANDING FORCE, in the HOLLANDIA-TAMAHERRAH, DUTCH NEW GUINEA campaign 23 March to 15 June 1944. Lieutenant Colonel Klopinger supervised the numerous administrative details incident to the assembling, distributing and loading of supplies both for the over-water route to the staging area and for the actual amphibious operation. Through his ingenuity and preciseness in planning, many additional tons of vital supplies and equipment were made available to assault units in the limited shipping space available. During the actual operation a swamp close to the landing beach severely restricted the space available to carry out the administrative plan; construction of the proposed road from the landing beach to the supply dispersal area was found to be impossible thus requiring shore-to-shore movement of supplies, equipment and ammunition; a landslide and bad weather combined to make the main supply road impassable to vehicles except in severely restricted areas. In spite of these obstacles he organized his supply plan and maintained the flow of supplies to the rapidly advancing forward elements of the LANDING FORCE. Lieutenant Colonel Klopinger's careful and accurate planning, and his energetic supervision of the execution of these plans in the face of heavy and discouraging obstacles contributed materially to the success of the operation. Home address: Mrs. Martha H. Klopinger, wife, 250 Opelika Road, Auburn, Alabama.

Captain ADOLF J. KUNCL, O-391140, Infantry, U. S. Army. For meritorious achievement in performing outstanding services as S-3 of an Infantry Battalion during the period 26 December 1943 to 28 May 1944. Captain Kuncl, during this period, displayed outstanding initiative and knowledge in preparation and supervision of the Battalion training activities. Captain Kuncl's continued unselfish efforts and superior knowledge of the problems involved contributed materially to his Battalion's success during the HOLLANDIA-TAMAHERRAH, DUTCH NEW GUINEA campaign. Home Address: Mrs. Virginia G. Kuncl, wife, 905 Douglas Avenue, Ames, Iowa.

Lieutenant Colonel RICHARD H. LAWSON, O-18526, General Staff Corps, U. S. Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy as Assistant Chief of Staff G-2 of the TAMAHERRAH LANDING FORCE, in the HOLLANDIA-TAMAHERRAH, DUTCH NEW GUINEA, campaign, 23 March to 15 June 1944. Lieutenant Colonel Lawson through ingenuity and dogged persistence collected aerial photographs, maps, hectographs and terrain studies of the operational area. Based on a careful and painstaking study of these, he obtained valuable information about the terrain and the extent of enemy defense installations all of which proved to be extremely accurate. Due to the necessity for utmost secrecy during

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the initial planning stage, Lieutenant Colonel Lawson was compelled to perform many tasks which normally would have been performed by subordinate officers or enlisted personnel. He personally prepared numerous sketches and overlays, he read, extracted and recorded every item of enemy air and ground activity as well as friendly air strikes for plotting at a later time. Much of this work was of necessity performed at night after his office force had gone off duty. Notwithstanding this he continued working during the day obtaining intelligence material and preparing his detailed plan for the collection, evaluation and dissemination of intelligence data. During the operation he made an effective and careful reconnaissance of forward areas, thus verifying by personal observation his estimate of the enemy situation. Lieutenant Colonel Lawson's outstanding performance of duty contributed materially to the success of the operation. Home Address: Mrs. Ruth L. Lawson, Wife, 377 Mount Vernon Avenue, Marion, Ohio.

Technician Fourth Grade JOSEPH L. LESER, 13004305, Medical Department, U. S. Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near TELUKOH, DUTCH NEW GUINEA, 21 May 1944. Technician Fourth Grade Leser materially assisted a patrol in attacking and completely wiping out an enemy pill box manned by five men. When his patrol was pinned down by enemy fire and hand grenades, he suggested and participated in a plan of attack in which he led the right flank of the patrol. With disregard for his own personal safety Technician Fourth Grade Leser picked up a sub-machine gun and rushed the enemy pill box which was completely destroyed. Home address: Mr. John Leser, Father, 305 North Jordan Street, Allentown, Pennsylvania.

Private OTTO F. LEGEL, JR., 32983162, Infantry, U. S. Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near MARI, DUTCH NEW GUINEA, 10 May 1944. With complete disregard for his own personal safety, he manned an abandoned machine gun when informed that an enemy group was approaching a trail block. He opened fire on the enemy and held them at bay thereby precluding the enemy's advance and thwarting their attempt to throw hand grenades into the main body of the platoon. Private Legel's keen presence of mind and outstanding courage reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Home Address: Mr. Otto Legel, Sr., Father, 213 West 44th Street, New York.

Private JOHN H. LIPPL, 6981871, Infantry, U. S. Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of TELUKOH, DUTCH NEW GUINEA on 22 May 1944. Private Lippl was a member of a patrol which destroyed an enemy pill box. With complete disregard for his own personal safety, he exposed himself and drew enemy fire from the pill box. Private Lippl then proceeded forward within hand grenade range and destroyed the pill box. Home Address: Mr. Henry Lippl, Father, 35 Park Avenue, Brooklyn, New York.

Staff Sergeant ARTHUR F. McNEEL, 6946568, U. S. Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the HOLLANDIA-TANAMBORAH Sector, DUTCH NEW GUINEA, from 22 April to 2 June 1944 as Regimental Message Center Chief of an Infantry regiment. Staff Sergeant McNeel through his initiative, perseverance and qualities of

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leadership, organized and operated the Regimental Message Center and successfully handled the overflow of communications for an entire combat team and many attached units. Staff Sergeant McNeal's untiring energy and outstanding devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mr. John R. McNeal, Father, 204 East Broad Street, Williamstown, Pennsylvania.

Lieutenant Colonel ALMON W. MENDOZA, O-19413, Ordnance Department, U. S. Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy as Ordnance Officer of the TAMATEERAH LANDING FORCE, in the HOLLANDIA-TAMATEERAH, DUTCH NEW GUINEA campaign from 23 March to 15 June 1944. Through his untiring energy and clear foresight he was largely responsible for the completeness of the Ordnance material and supplies for the operation, including the assembly of various types of ammunition. He rendered very effective assistance in the loading for the over-water move to the staging area, and for the final operation. His careful supervision of his section during the planning phase was followed up by personal supervision of Ordnance activities in the actual operation. On landing it was found that a swamp blocked the entrance to some of the artillery position areas, and to most of the planned dispersal areas for Ordnance supplies and ammunition. He threw the full weight of his personal resources to face the emergency construction of a vital road across this obstacle. His efforts contributed materially toward eliminating this obstacle, in time to allow the early movement of large amounts of ammunition from the congested beach area to the dispersal areas. Lieutenant Colonel Mendoza's untiring efforts materially contributed to the success of this operation. Home address: Mrs. Marian W. Mendoza, Wife, 525 Vandover Avenue, Fayetteville, Arkansas.

Private ALFRED C. MATHIS, 3276113, Infantry, U. S. Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of TAMBORA, DUTCH NEW GUINEA, on 22 May 1944. Private Mathis was a member of a patrol which destroyed an enemy pill box. With complete disregard for his own personal safety, he exposed himself and drew enemy fire from the pill box. Private Mathis then proceeded forward within hand grenade range and destroyed the pill box. Home address: Mrs. Luella Mathis, Mother, Osborne Avenue, Pine Hill, New Jersey.

Private First Class LES V. MISSELL, 3479000, Infantry, U. S. Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near TAMBORA, DUTCH NEW GUINEA, from 1 May to 13 May 1944. Private First Class Missell volunteered for and participated in many patrols during which he executed the duties of a scout in an exceptionally courageous manner. His coolness, alertness and ability to grasp the situation contributed greatly to the success of his platoon in killing twenty-three and capturing three enemy during this period. Private First Class Missell's outstanding and courageous achievement reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mr. Firton Missell, Father, Ridgeville, South Carolina.

Private First Class ANTHONY A. MORLES, 3927060, Field Artillery, U. S. Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near LAUNOE, DUTCH NEW GUINEA, during the

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period 27 April to 26 April 1944. When his assignment was seriously wounded, Private First Class Morales took over a radio relay station which was outside the Infantry perimeter and with the aid of only two men, neither of whom had any previous experience in operating a radio, maintained continuous communication between forward and rear elements, thus being the only communication channel open at that time. The rendition of this outstanding service by Private First Class Morales materially aided the rapid advance to the HOLLANDIA BRIDGE, and reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Home Address: Mrs. Dolores Morales, Father 337 1/2 Patton Street, Los Angeles, California.

Colonel AUREY S. NEWMAN, O-16099, General Staff Corps, U. S. Army. For exceptionally meritorious achievement on 25 April 1944 in connection with military operations against the enemy as Chief of Staff of the TAMMERSMAN LANDING FORCE in the HOLLANDIA-TAMMERSMAN, DUTCH NEW GUINEA campaign. Colonel Newman's inspiring aggressiveness, fearless leadership, unusual ability, and unflinching devotion to duty was notably displayed when with utter disregard for his own personal safety he made a reconnaissance by foot through rain and quagmire over a hazardous jungle track, where there was under constant threat of enemy snipers and patrols, for the purpose of determining the requirements for resuming the movement of critical supplies to the front line units. The forward movement of supplies had been stopped due to incessant rain, landslides and mud. As a result of this reconnaissance Colonel Newman prepared a plan which involved a pack-train/brigade system of hand carrying supplies and the establishment of supply dumps at various points along the trail. The resultant, highly successful supply system inaugurated from his plan was indicative of his keen judgment and ingenuity. Colonel Newman's intelligent application, quick decision and outstanding ability to cope with trying situations reflect the highest credit upon himself and the military service. Home Address: Professor C. J. Newman, Father, 112 Sassa Road, Clemson College, South Carolina.

Major Gordon B. Page, O-32749, General Staff Corps (then Corps of Engineers), U. S. Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy as Assistant to the Assistant Chief of Staff G-4 of the TAMMERSMAN LANDING FORCE in the HOLLANDIA-TAMMERSMAN, DUTCH NEW GUINEA campaign from 25 March to 25 June 1944. He worked for long hours in the planning phase, mainly by materially in the preparation of logistical data and the location for the final operations. During the actual operation Major Page worked tirelessly attending to the unusually large amount of paper work, and at the same time supervised the movement of supplies over difficult jungle trail. He personally made a reconnaissance of the trail at a time when it was still under threat from enemy patrols for the purpose of determining the distances supplies could be carried by vehicles and porters/coolies for the shuttle movement of supplies. By frequent reconnaissance of the trail he was able to direct immediate and efficient work at critical spots thereby insuring the uninterrupted flow of supplies. Major Page by his outstanding performance of duty contributed materially to the success of the operation. Home Address: Mrs. Lillian K. Page, Wife, Route 3, Box 943, Alhambra, California.

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Sergeant GRADY R. PATTERSON, 340A0042, Medical Department, U. S. Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at HOLLANDIA, DUTCH NEW GUINEA, from 25 April to 18 May 1944. When a Portable Surgical Hospital was rushing four jeeps loaded with hospital supplies to HOLLANDIA DROME, it became necessary to make road repairs, and to build several bridges across streams and chasms. Sergeant Patterson worked tirelessly and through his able leadership, ingenuity and personal physical efforts, he was greatly responsible for facilitating the passage of vital hospital supplies to the region where they were most critically needed at the time. After the hospital was established, Sergeant Patterson in the capacity of a cook, continued his outstanding service. Under the most difficult conditions for cooking, he managed to prepare food and warm drinks all hours of the day and night for the sick and wounded men. Sergeant Patterson's personal efforts and extreme devotion to duty were responsible factors in aiding the recovery of many patients. Home address: Mrs. Sallie Patterson, Lother, Route 1, Rockvale, Tennessee.

Private First Class GORDON W. FILSON, 3312-0410, Infantry, U. S. Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy near WAIL, DUTCH NEW GUINEA, from 23 April to 12 May 1944. As a member of a Battalion Intelligence Section Private First Class Filson accompanied patrols into enemy territory every day during the period. He performed his duties in an exemplary manner and succeeded in securing valuable information of the enemy with complete disregard for his own personal safety. Home address: Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Filson, 110, Box 12, Smart, Virginia.

Lieutenant Colonel JAMES W. PURCELL, 0256926, Signal Corps, U. S. Army. For exceptionally meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy as Signal Officer of the THAMESBUSH LANDING FORCE in the HOLLANDIA-THAMESBUSH, DUTCH NEW GUINEA campaign, 23 April to 15 June 1944. During the training and planning phase Lieutenant Colonel Purcell assembled large amounts of signal supplies required for the operation, established a thorough servicing and water-proofing procedure, and organized a school for radio operators to give them special training for the operation. He also showed a high degree of technical skill in preparing the signal plan for the operation, and in effecting coordination of signal procedures with the Navy, higher headquarters and other elements of the Landing Force. Upon landing in the operational area he was faced with the handicaps of rain and a jungle track that was impassable to all vehicles. The assault echelon advanced much faster than had been expected and the communications problem was thus increased, several landslides periodically blocked the jungle track and disrupted communication lines; the enemy cut the wire lines and attempted radio jamming. Through all these discouraging obstacles Lieutenant Colonel Purcell worked tirelessly day and night with little food or sleep, personally directing the installation and maintenance of signal lines along miles of jungle track. It was primarily through Lieutenant Colonel Purcell's personal example and will-to-do that these obstacles were overcome and communication with forward elements maintained. This outstanding performance of duty by Lieutenant Colonel Purcell contributed materially to the success of the operation. Home address: Mrs. A. E. Woolley, Sister, 539 Marine Street, Brooklyn, New York.

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Chief Warrant Officer ALFRED J. REDD, W-2110612, U. S. Army. For meritorious service in the performance of his duties as Custodian of Classified Documents of an Infantry Division from 13 April to 15 June 1944. Mr. Redd was charged with the safeguarding and distribution of highly secret documents in connection with the HOLLANDIA-TANAHMERAH campaign. This required his personal handling of many documents throughout many nights in addition to his such increased daily duties. His persistence for long hours in this quick personal delivery of these highly secret documents regardless of the hour aided materially in keeping lower units informed of all planning developments. During the actual combat operations, he continued this untiring devotion to duty by volunteering to go forward over a long and difficult jungle trail under threat of enemy patrols to secure timely secret information necessary for the preparation of casualty reports when all other means of communication for securing this data failed. Mr. Redd's energy and long continued persistence in the efficient performance of his duties was above that which could reasonably be expected of him. Home Address: Mrs. Fannie E. Lear, Lother, Palisade, Colorado.

Private BUCK SELLERS, 14005996, Infantry, U. S. Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near WADJOLE, DUTCH NEW GUINEA from 25 April to 4 May 1944. During this period Private Sellers volunteered for and participated in six patrols and displayed great courage and initiative as lead scout in patrolling old trails and breaking new ones, never knowing what he might encounter. He personally accounted for seven enemy killed and three captured. Private Seller's meritorious conduct in the performance of his duties contributed greatly to the success of the patrols. Home Address: Mrs. Volma Sellers, Mother, Peterson, Alabama.

Private First Class MORTON O. SEYDELL, 6567345, Infantry, U. S. Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near WARI, DUTCH NEW GUINEA from 1 May to 16 May 1944. Private First Class Seydell volunteered for and participated in countless patrols during which he executed his duties in an exceptionally courageous manner. His coolness, alertness, and initiative contributed greatly to the success of his company in the HOLLANDIA-TANAHMERAH, DUTCH NEW GUINEA operation. Home Address: Mrs. Leona M. Seydell, Mother, 1721 South 44th Street, Tacoma, Washington.

Private First Class KENNETH L. SIMPSON, 39307694, Infantry, U. S. Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the HOLLANDIA-TANAHMERAH Sector, DUTCH NEW GUINEA on 9 May 1944. Through his keen observation and scouting ability while acting rear guard on a combat patrol, he detected an enemy group which was in position to ambush the main body of the patrol. He killed two of the enemy and, with complete disregard for his own personal safety, pursued another down an unscouted ravine. He wounded the enemy soldier and then scouted the commanding ground to insure that the remainder of the patrol would not be surprised by a counter-attack while searching the enemy dead. Private First Class Simpson's courageous achievement reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Home Address: Mrs. Nellie E. Simpson, Mother, 225 South West 5th Street, Pendleton, Oregon.

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Corporal EDWARD J. SMITH, 6190268, Field Artillery, U. S. Army. For heroism in connection with military operations against the enemy near HOLLANDIA, DUTCH NEW GUINEA, 25 April 1944. Corporal Smith was a member of the guard when a group of Japanese attacked the perimeter of his area. As a result of this attack by the enemy, one of the men in his organization was wounded. Corporal Smith left his slit trench, summoned the Battalion Surgeon and led the way through darkness to the scene of the action. In the face of probable enemy fire and with disregard for his own personal safety, Corporal Smith evacuated the wounded man to a place of safety. Home Address: Mrs. Elizabeth Smith, Mother, 103 New Britain Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut.

Staff Sergeant DAVID H. STEINBERG, 15069939, Infantry, U. S. Army. For meritorious service between 23 March and 15 June 1944. During this period Staff Sergeant Steinberg, as chief clerk in the G-2 Section of the TARIKUPURAH LANDING FORCE performed his duties unfalteringly and expertly, combining excellent judgement and industry with initiative. His devotion to duty and thorough and willing approach to every problem during the planning phase as well as during the execution of the plans for the amphibious landings in the TARIKUPURAH BAY-HOLLANDIA Sector of DUTCH NEW GUINEA, served as an outstanding example and contributed to the efficient functioning of the G-2 Section. Home Address: Mrs. Rosa Steinberg, Mother, Phillips, Wisconsin.

Captain TOM W. SUBER, O-292657, Infantry, U. S. Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near PASSANGRAHE, DUTCH NEW GUINEA, from 29 April to 3 May 1944. When two patrols of an infantry regiment were ambushed and pinned down by intense enemy machine gun fire, Captain Suber immediately organized and personally led another platoon to the scene. Due to his excellent leadership, initiative and good judgement, the enemy was taken by surprise and quickly fled, thus relieving the beleaguered patrols. Throughout this entire period Captain Suber displayed a high degree of initiative and leadership, quickly establishing control of his men after landing, and maintaining excellent control and order during the advance to HOLLANDIA DROMA, in spite of tremendous supply and evacuation difficulties. Captain Suber's unselfish devotion to duty during this entire period reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Home Address: Mr. Zach W. Suber, Father, Whitire, South Carolina.

Sergeant STANLEY SVOBODA, 17040759, Infantry, U. S. Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy while on duty with a Regimental S-2 section of an Infantry regiment at GOODENOUGH ISLAND and the HOLLANDIA-TARIKUPURAH Sector, DUTCH NEW GUINEA from 19 March to 30 May 1944. He worked efficiently and untiringly during the planning of the HOLLANDIA-TARIKUPURAH campaign under difficult conditions caused by the shortage of proper facilities, equipment, and time. Sergeant Svoboda's diligent and zealous services rendered during the entire operation contributed appreciably to the success and combat efficiency of the organization and reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Home Address: Mrs. Margaret Svoboda, Mother, 4216 South 11th Street, Omaha, Nebraska.

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Second Lieutenant LOPAZ H. TERRELL, O-235396, Infantry, U. S. Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near DOROLEWA-DZANI, DUTCH NEW GUINEA, 22 April 1944. Lieutenant Terrell was assigned the dangerous mission of reconnoitering an overland trail through enemy territory. In spite of the fact that the nearest friendly forces were seven miles from his small patrol, Lieutenant Terrell assumed his grave responsibility in a courageous manner and efficiently accomplished the hazardous mission in a far shorter time than was anticipated. Lieutenant Terrell displayed initiative in determining the attitude of the natives and in enlisting the aid of a native guide to locate and facilitate the prompt reconnaissance of the overland trail and secured highly valuable information which contributed materially to the success of the operation. Home address: Mrs. Ada G. Terrell, Mother, Route 2, Altoona, Alabama.

Lieutenant Colonel LESTER L. WHEELER, O-19551, Infantry (then General Staff Corps), U. S. Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy as Assistant to the Assistant Chief of Staff G-3 of the ~~TALISMAN~~ LANDING FORCE in the HOLLANDIA-MAHALBERAH, DUTCH NEW GUINEA campaign 23 March to 15 June 1944. Lieutenant Colonel Wheeler assisted in the planning and the preparation of the tactical plan for the operation. When faced with limited space in the staging area, a shortage of transportation and the requirement that ships be loaded in one day, Lieutenant Colonel Wheeler made a personal study of the staging areas, number and location of troops to be moved and the amount of transportation available. He then quickly prepared a troop movement and landing plan. This hastily prepared plan was so complete in every detail that it was executed without confusion and on the planned time schedule. When the General Officer supervising the actual loading became ill, Lieutenant Colonel Wheeler took over his duties and completed the task in a thoroughly efficient manner. He continued to give his best efforts during the operation as the LANDING FORCE representative with the forward units. Lieutenant Colonel Wheeler's sound judgment and willingness to work long hours contributed materially to the success of the operation. Home address: Mrs. Dorothy H. Wheeler, Wife, 150 26th Avenue North, St. Petersburg, Florida.

Sergeant RAYMOND E. WOOD, 11009472, Infantry, U. S. Army. For heroism in connection with military operations against the enemy. When one of the men in the perimeter became hysterical in the belief that an enemy soldier was in his position and with the confusion that naturally resulted, Sergeant Wood was ordered to contact his platoon leader and have him report to the Battalion command post. Although aware of the dangers involved, he immediately began to make his way to the position. With disregard for his own personal safety in exposing himself to enemy rifle fire and exploding grenades, he contacted the platoon leader. By Sergeant Wood's heroic actions the situation was finally brought under control. This heroic achievement is worthy of the best traditions of the service. Home address: Mrs. Ross M. Wood, Mother, Route 1, South Sutton, Massachusetts.



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Private First Class JOSE F. YARRA, 39685228, Infantry, U. S. Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near KARIBOE, DUTCH NEW GUINEA from 25 April to 7 May 1944. Private First Class Ybarra volunteered for and participated in five patrols. It was due to his keen observance and expert handling of his weapon on one of these patrols that he succeeded in killing an enemy soldier before the latter could throw a hand grenade into the main body of the patrol. During this period Private First Class Ybarra showed exceptional courage and initiative and contributed greatly to the success of the patrols. Home Address: Mr. Juan F. Ybarra, Father, Route 2, Box 245, Sanger, California.

Lieutenant Colonel FREDERICK R. ZIERATH, O-19211, Infantry (then General Staff Corps), U. S. Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy as Assistant Chief of Staff G-3 of the TANAMBORAN LANDING FORCE in the HOLLANDIA-TANAMBORAN, DUTCH NEW GUINEA campaign, 23 March to 15 June 1944. During this period Lieutenant Colonel Zierath worked long hours under constant pressure preparing the tactical plans for the TANAMBORAN LANDING FORCE, which was a major part of the largest joint amphibious operation in the Southwest Pacific up to that time. With tact and perseverance he maintained effective liaison with attached units and the other services, thus materially assisting in the close coordination between Army, Navy and other elements of the LANDING FORCE throughout the entire planning period. During the operation he continued to give his best efforts, including a personal reconnaissance of the forward areas. Lieutenant Colonel Zierath's personal example and effective performance of duty contributed materially to the success of the operation. Home Address: Mrs. Alva C. Zierath, Wife, 818 South 15th Street, Sheboygan, Wisconsin.

VI. PURPLE HEART -- Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, a Purple Heart is awarded by the Commanding General, 24th Infantry Division, to the following-named enlisted men:

Private First Class CONRAD F. LOCKERT, 36409850, Cavalry, U. S. Army. For wounds received in action at LAKE SENTANI, DUTCH NEW GUINEA on 4 May 1944. Home Address: Mr. Conrad F. Lockert, Father, Route 2, Box 200, Michigan.

Private WALTER A. SADOWSKI, 25629727, Cavalry, U. S. Army. For wounds received in action at LAKE SENTANI, DUTCH NEW GUINEA on 4 May 1944. Home Address: Mrs. Alexandra Sadowski, Mother, 2459 Armitage Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

By command of Major General IRVING:

A. S. HEFNER,  
Colonel, G. S. C.,  
Chief of Staff.

**O F F I C I A L:**

*Walter Cunningham*  
WALTER CUNNINGHAM,  
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SILVER STAR—Award . . . . . Section I  
BRONZE STAR MEDAL—Award . . . . . II

I. SILVER STAR — By direction of the President; under the provisions of the act of Congress approved 9 July 1918 (Bulletin 43, WD, 1918), a Silver Star is awarded by the commanding General, 24th Infantry Division, to the following named officer and enlisted men:

Private First Class CARLTON ALCOTT, JR., 12132714, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action at Dosojo, Dutch New Guinea, on 3 May 1944. While in the course of mopping up armed Japanese resistance in the native village, the advance of his patrol was retarded by enemy fire from a native hut. Following the intense counter-concentration of fire laid down by members of his patrol, Private First Class Alcott unhesitatingly, with utter disregard for his own personal safety, rushed forward and entered the hut killing the two remaining enemy soldiers by fire from his weapon. The daring and fearless courage displayed by Private First Class Alcott in this outstanding accomplishment is worthy of the highest military traditions and reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mr. Carlton Alcott, Sr., (father), 181 Washington Street, Mt. Holly, New Jersey.

Private First Class JOHN M. ROSS, 36252920, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against an armed enemy on 28 April 1944, near Lake Santani, Dutch New Guinea. Private First Class Ross crawled to within four feet of a Japanese dugout to recover a wounded soldier, during which time, he was subjected to rifle fire and grenade action. Private First Class Ross' courageous action in risking his life to save a fellow soldier is worthy of the highest traditions of the service. Home address: Mrs. Ella Ross (mother), Hammond, Wisconsin.

Second Lieutenant TROY P. STALLRECHT, 02035391, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action at Dosojo, Dutch New Guinea, on 18 May 1944. As his patrol approached a native village, Second Lieutenant Stallrecht observed smoke escaping from one of the native huts. With complete disregard for his personal safety, he immediately rushed the hut and fired his individual shoulder weapon through a small opening in the wall at the Japanese soldiers within. Then he entered the hut later six enemy soldiers were found. Second Lieutenant Stallrecht's keen judgment, excellent leadership and fearless courage exhibited in this accomplishment are worthy of the highest traditions of the army and reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Hazel Bodette (sister), Boyceville, Wisconsin.

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II. BRONZE STAR MEDAL -- By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Spec. II, Bulletin 3, D, 1944), a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 24th Infantry Division, to the following named officers and enlisted men:

Staff Sergeant ROBERT W. ASHE, 11024513, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Sabron, Dutch New Guinea, during the night of 23-24 April 1944. With complete disregard for his own personal safety, Staff Sergeant Ashe, rendered aid to wounded and dying men amidst enemy sniffer and mortar fire. This act required him to spend the greater part of the night above ground, using a small flashlight and making himself a target for enemy fire. Staff Sergeant Ashe's heroic conduct in the performance of his duties was an inspiration to all and reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Flora Sanborn (sister), General Delivery, Detroit, Maine.

Private First Class DOMINGO T. ASUNCION, 39436559, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Dutch New Guinea, from 22 April 1944 to 19 June 1944. During this period Private First Class Asuncion participated in numerous combat patrols, as leading scout, displaying outstanding initiative, courage, and ability to use his weapons expertly. He was a wary scout and closed with the enemy silently and swiftly. His cooperative attitude and willingness contributed largely to the success of these patrols. Home address: Mr. Germino S. Tamana (uncle), 1133-A Liverpool Street, Honolulu, Territory of Hawaii.

Private First Class ROBERT C. BARRIENTOS, 36071561, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Wab, Dutch New Guinea, on 17 June 1944. Private First Class Barrientos was a member of a combat patrol near Wab. The enemy was encountered and he was wounded in the leg by a Jap sniper. After first aid had been administered Private First Class Barrientos insisted on continuing with the patrol. The patrol covered a distance of approximately six miles over hazardous jungle terrain during which time the enemy was encountered three times. In these encounters he was always in the thick of the activity, carrying out his part in the team-work, with complete disregard for his condition and danger involved. The courage and soldierly spirit displayed by Private First Class Barrientos was an inspiration to the men in his patrol and a credit to the military service. Home address: Mrs. Juovina Barrientos (mother), 1785 N. Wheeler, Victoria, Texas.

Lieutenant Colonel HERBERT L. BEVER, 024108, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy from 22 April 1944 to 27 April 1944, as commander of a Field Artillery Battalion of the Tanahmarah Landing Force, in the Hollandia-Tanahmarah, Dutch New Guinea, operation. In spite of adverse terrain conditions and traffic congestion at the beach-head, Lieutenant Colonel Bever, by his own personal reconnaissance and initiative, succeeded in getting one of his firing batteries in position ready to fire by 1045 and another by 1230 on D-Day, and displaced forward during the succeeding two days. He

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personally registered the fire of his initial battery by advancing with forward elements of the infantry. He accomplished his mission of supporting an infantry regiment by overcoming extremely difficult terrain and communication difficulties until the supported unit had advanced beyond the range of his weapons. Upon his insistent requests he was given permission to attempt to advance one howitzer section over the extremely difficult jungle trail. He succeeded in this difficult attempt - this howitzer section arriving on Hollandia Airrome on 27 April 1944. Lieutenant Colonel Beaver's leadership, devotion to duty, and untiring energy served as an inspiration to all the officers and men of his battalion. Home address: Mr. C. A. Beaver (father), 402 East 9th Street, Yankton, South Dakota.

Major PHILIP E. BERG, 0344549, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Tanahmerah Bay, Dutch New Guinea, from 23 to 26 April 1944, as commander of a Field Artillery Battalion attached to the Tanahmerah-Hollandia Landing Force. Major Berg, through his aggressiveness, personal energy and excellent judgment succeeded in getting elements of his battalion through a congested beach-head area, over extremely difficult terrain, to inland positions where effective artillery fire could be delivered on the entire airrome area under attack. His initiative in putting liaison-type airplanes to immediate use was instrumental in obtaining air adjustments on the airfields. Major Berg's accurate planning and timely execution of harassing and interdiction fires on the night of 24-25 April 1944 were largely responsible for the neutralization of the airromes, served to demoralize the enemy and contributed materially to the success of the operation. Home address: Mrs. Rosemary Berg (wife), 1260 Grant Avenue, Loveland, Colorado.

Sergeant JUNIOR P. BILLS, 39020950, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy at Gonjan, Dutch New Guinea, on 29 May 1944. Sergeant Bills displayed exceptional leadership and judgment in organizing the ambush of a large group of Japanese soldiers. While guarding a trail junction near Gonjan, several enemy scouts approached his position. Waiting until the main body of enemy approached, he then ordered his men to open fire, thereby annihilating the entire enemy group. The superior leadership, initiative, and sound judgment displayed by Sergeant Bills reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Mattie Bills (mother), General Delivery, Casa Calina, Chino, California.

First Lieutenant FRANK W. BINCKLEY, 0391417, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Tanahmerah Bay, Dutch New Guinea, from 22 to 26 April 1944. During the planning phase of the campaign, First Lieutenant Binckley's skillful planning of the coordination of his survey section with an attached Engineer Topographical Survey Platoon proved highly successful in actual combat. Under extremely adverse terrain conditions aggravated by deep mud, dense growth and underbrush, First Lieutenant Binckley made a very accurate survey of the Hollandia-Tanahmerah Sector. His survey determined the scale of maps and photos, magnetic declinations and other important data

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which were furnished all artillery batteries as basic firing data. The accurate data obtained by First Lieutenant Dinkley contributed materially to the successful firing by all artillery units. His outstanding achievement, energy and devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. M. E. Dinkley (mother), Rural Route #1, Neosho, Missouri.

Staff Sergeant EDWARD BRANNEN, 11007445, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Dezai, Dutch New Guinea, on 24 April 1944. During the advance on the Hollandia Drome, Staff Sergeant Brannen was with the point of the advance guard when it came upon an enemy armored car apparently in position covering the trail. Without regard for his own safety, Staff Sergeant Brannen advanced and opened the vehicle door to see if it was occupied. A few hundred yards further the column came to an open field dominated by a high hill. When volunteers were called for to go across the open field, Staff Sergeant Brannen was the first to respond. These acts of heroism were an inspiration to his comrades and thereby contributed materially to the success of the operation. Home address: Mrs. Catherine Brannen (mother), 15 A Magnolia Street, Arlington, Massachusetts.

Captain WALTER H. BRIDGFORTH, 0391861, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Hari, Dutch New Guinea, from 2 May 1944 to 20 May 1944. During this period he performed the duties of task force commander in a manner highly complimentary to his ability as a leader. The success of the task force in killing and capturing 14 Japanese was due largely to the diligence, initiative, and intelligent tactics of Captain Bridgforth. Home address: Mr. Allen Bridgforth (father), East Broadway, Yazoo City, Mississippi.

Chaplain (Captain) VINCENT L. BURKE, 0469441, Chaplains Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Tanahmerah Bay, Dutch New Guinea, from 22 April 1944 to 10 June 1944. Chaplain Burke, during this entire period, displayed superb devotion to duty, to our Maker, and to our Country. He demonstrated a keen desire to be of assistance to all in both spiritual and temporal matters. On every occasion when a task force or patrol was organized he was the first to volunteer, not for the excitement or glory, but to help his men. His prime purpose was to be on hand when the men needed a little extra courage, mental or physical comfort, or prayers. When not actually assigned to a specific task force or mission, Chaplain Burke visited one outpost after another spending long arduous hours. Chaplain Burke has well earned the admiration and respect of all officers and men who came in contact with him on this mission mainly because of his sincerity and keen desire to be of assistance, no matter what the risk. Home address: Mrs. Nellie J. Burke (mother), 33 Davis Street, Orinda, California.

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Private First Class JOHNNY CARTER, 34359085, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Bookisi, Dutch New Guinea, on 27 May 1944. Private First Class Carter was manning a trench block when it was attacked by five enemy soldiers. In the action that followed two of the attacking soldiers attempted to escape. Private First Class Carter, with complete disregard for his personal safety, pursued and killed the soldiers. His daring and vigorous actions reflect great credit upon himself and upon his organization. Home address: Mrs. Beadie Jordan Carter (mother), Route #2, Millwood, Georgia.

Captain WALTER L. CRAMPTON, 0351357, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Goodenough Island and Tanahmerah Bay, Dutch New Guinea, from 26 December 1943 to 4 May 1944. Captain Crampton performed outstanding and meritorious service while commanding his company during this period. His devotion to his company, its welfare, training, and general well-being was an example to all. During the Hollandia operation his initiative and leadership stood out above all others until he was seriously wounded by enemy action while leading a patrol. Home address: Mr. Walter H. Crampton (father), Route 3, Sigourney, Iowa.

Staff Sergeant (then Corporal) CARL G. ERICKSON, 36321174, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy between 25 March and 15 April 1944. During this period, Staff Sergeant Erickson, working as a draftsman in a combat team headquarters which was part of the Tanahmerah Landing Force, helped complete two splendid sand table models of landing areas for amphibious operations in record time. Staff Sergeant Erickson labored long hours with great patience and attention to detail, in order to complete these models in time to be taken along on the sea trip for use by officers and men in last-minute orientation. He showed unusual initiative in procuring materials and colors to make the models as realistic as possible. As there were no maps available, all details of the areas involved had to be determined by studying aerial photographs. His outstanding technical skill combined with his cheerful, tireless attention to duty produced splendid results which reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Hanna Erickson (mother), 818 Commercial Street, Danville, Illinois.

Private First Class HENRY J. FRENCH, 7004917, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Bookisi, Dutch New Guinea, on 28 May 1944. Private First Class French, although not the senior in the patrol, but because of his previous experience, assumed the responsibilities of patrol leader. He demonstrated exceptional leadership ability in leading the patrol and completed his mission, killing eight Japanese soldiers, without the loss or injury of any member of the patrol. The initiative of Private First Class French reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mr. Henry R. French (father), Perry, Florida.

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**Private First Class MORRIS L. GAMMILL, 38087657, Medical Department, United States Army.** For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Salam, Dutch New Guinea, during the night of 23-24 April 1944. In the capacity of medical aid man attached to a rifle company, Private First Class Gammill went outside the company perimeter when it became apparent that a wounded man, exposed to enemy fire, would die from exposure or enemy fire if not rescued. With a two-man patrol, and while directly exposed to enemy fire, he rendered first aid and assisted in carrying the wounded man to safety. His outstanding courage and devotion to duty was an inspiration to all and reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Clarence Gamall (mother), Route #5, Sulphur Springs, Texas.

**Chaplain (Captain) HARRY G. GRIFFITHS, 0435023, Chaplains Corps, United States Army.** For meritorious achievement in the vicinity of Banta and Gaiton, Dutch New Guinea, from 20 April 1944 to 1 June 1944. Chaplain Griffiths' spiritual guidance and comfort to the wounded and sick at advance outposts, and his painstaking efforts to give the deceased the burial they deserved were materially responsible for the high morale of the troops on combat missions. His unarmored presence in the midst of enemy activity was a courageous example and inspiration to members of the front force. Home address: Mrs. Harry G. Griffiths, (wife), 111 Cherry Street, Clyde, Ohio.

**Master Sergeant MERL W. HAWTHORNE, 6577455, Quartermaster Corps, United States Army.** For meritorious achievement during operations at Tanahmura Bay, Dutch New Guinea, from 22 April 1944 to 10 May 1944. Upon landing with the assault troops he established guards over all Quartermaster supplies to prevent without instruction and pilferage. He worked long hours to insure the proper distribution of food and clothing to troops on two beachheads. He personally directed and supervised the establishment of a Class III Supply Dump, which was carefully camouflaged. Master Sergeant Hawthorne's initiative, energy and devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Esther H. Hawthorne (wife), General Delivery, Coral Gables, Florida.

**Technician Fifth Grade FRANCIS P. HELLER, 38443857, Field Artillery, United States Army.** For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy from 24 April 1944 to 26 April 1944, at Tanahmura Bay, Dutch New Guinea. After part of the Division Artillery Headquarters personnel was used to a forward command post, only a few men were left behind to operate the main command post and perform fire direction duties. It was principally through the initiative, untiring effort and resourcefulness of Technician Fifth Grade Heller that the operations at the main command post were carried on. He readily shouldered additional duties, including those of Operations Sergeant. He was forced to work exceedingly long hours, and volunteered to work even more. In spite of these obstacles, he was calm, reliable and used excellent judgment whenever the occasion arose for an immediate decision. His outstanding performance of duty reflects great credit on himself and the military service. Home address: Mr. Charles A. Heller (father), 31 East 17th Street, New York, New York.

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Captain JACK W. HELLMAN, 01572372, Quartermaster Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Tanahmerah Bay, Dutch New Guinea, from 22 April to 10 May 1944, as Assistant Division Quartermaster of an infantry division. Captain Hellman landed with the assault troops at Tanahmerah Bay. Confronted with the problem of providing Quartermaster services to troops in the area--a task made extremely difficult by adverse jungle terrain--Captain Hellman immediately selected sites for Quartermaster dumps, directed the clearing of the sites, arranged for the construction of roads to the dumps, and supervised with marked success the movement of supplies and equipment from a congested area. His intelligent planning materially contributed in a large measure to the successful accomplishment of the mission of the landing force. His loyalty and untiring devotion to duty are worthy of the best traditions of the service and reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Chris Hellman (mother), Hickman Hills, Missouri.

Staff Sergeant DAVID A. HUDZINSKI, 16009722, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in military operations against the enemy near Tanahmerah Bay, Dutch New Guinea, on 7 May 1944. Staff Sergeant Hudzinski was lead scout of a patrol that contacted five enemy soldiers. He approached them from a downhill position and when his movements were detected, charged the enemy with such rapidity that they were unable to fire. Staff Sergeant Hudzinski's initiative, bravery, and good judgment has served as an inspiration to the men in his company. Home address: Mrs. Sophia Koslowski (mother), Route #1, Box 128, Wisconsin Dells, Wisconsin.

First Lieutenant WILLIAM C. HUGHES, JR., 01283199, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Hollandia Airbase, Dutch New Guinea, 9 May 1944. Lieutenant Hughes was leading a patrol which had the mission of capturing prisoners, when an enemy patrol was encountered. After one of the enemy had been killed, Lieutenant Hughes ordered his patrol to cease firing, advanced and single-handedly subdued and captured a Japanese soldier in spite of the danger from enemy fire. The cool and conduct of Lieutenant Hughes in accomplishing his mission with complete disregard for his own personal safety reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mr. D. C. Hughes (father), 5th Avenue, Attala, Alabama.

Private First Class JOSEPH E. JOHANNESSEN, 18056931, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Tomingah, Dutch New Guinea, from 13 May 1944 to 21 May 1944. Due to his exceptional ability as a scout and his coolness, initiative, and courage in breaking new trails and stalking out the enemy, his platoon was successful in killing twenty-two and capturing one Japanese soldier during this period. Home address: Mrs. Blanche G. Johannessen (mother), Route #2, Leander, Texas.



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First Lieutenant **KENNETH C. KINKLE**, O198344, Corps of Military Police, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy from 22 April 1944 to 25 May 1944, as Provost Marshal of a Landing Force in the Hollandia-Bunauerah Bay, Dutch New Guinea operation. Closely following the assault waves on D-Day he quickly organized the Military Police and posted his men to direct traffic on a congested beach-head handicapped by limited facilities and limited trained Military Police personnel. First Lieutenant Kinkle demonstrated outstanding leadership and resourcefulness in carrying on simultaneously the processing of Prisoners of War of the operation of guard and traffic control posts on the hazardous Ijapo-Hollandia Drome trail. The number of prisoners of War processed was the largest that had been captured by any task force in the Southwest Pacific Area up to that time. First Lieutenant Kinkle's dependability, untiring energy and enthusiasm in the performance of duty reflect great credit upon himself and upon the military service. Home address: Mr. Ernest L. Kinkle (father), 196 Atlantic Street, Bridgeton, New Jersey.

Staff Sergeant **ALBERT P. JUNGLOIT**, 20226395, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the Hollandia-Tanauerah Sector, Dutch New Guinea, from 23 April to 26 April 1944. Staff Sergeant Jungloit demonstrated outstanding skill and diligence in completing and maintaining wire communications over extremely unfavorable terrain as well as in the servicing men necessary by the continuous destruction of these lines. His initiative, energy, and patience in overcoming these obstacles served as an outstanding example to his men. Home address: Mrs. Anna Jungloit (mother), 625 Broad St., Beverly, New Jersey.

Captain **HARRIS N. LANG**, O374029, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Boekisi, Dutch New Guinea, from 23 May to 20 June 1944. As commander of a task force he demonstrated qualities of leadership which are a tribute to his ability as an officer. The success of the task force in killing 127 of the enemy was achieved largely as a result of the initiative, leadership, diligence and resourcefulness of Captain Lang. Home address: Mrs. H. N. Lang (mother), 210 West Liberty Street, Savannah, Georgia.

Lieutenant Colonel **THOMAS J. O'CONNOR**, O19125, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Tanauerah Bay, Dutch New Guinea, from 10 March 1944 to 23 May 1944. Colonel O'Connor as Executive Officer of an Infantry regiment organized and coordinated a comparatively new regimental staff, developing it into a smooth efficient and reliable organization. He organized and directed an amphibious embarkation group of several thousand men so that it functioned with outstanding efficiency. His means were limited, yet he confidently and diligently undertook his task in spite of almost insurmountable difficulties. Undismayed by all obstacles, he forged ahead to the successful completion of his mission.

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Upon arrival on the hostile shore, he continued to direct and coordinate the work of his staff with outstanding diligence, foresight and efficiency. Colonel O'Connor's outstanding performance of duty reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Laurson T. O'Connor (wife), 921A Ridge Boulevard, Brooklyn, New York.

Technical sergeant STANLEY J. POZLATEK, 6718719, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Temiyoh, Dutch New Guinea, on 21 May 1944. Technical Sergeant Pozlatek led a patrol which encountered an enemy pill box manned by five Japanese soldiers. With exceptional skill he crawled to within fifteen feet of the pill box before being detected. When one of the soldiers emerged, Technical Sergeant Pozlatek shot the soldier and then maneuvered his patrol so that the pill box was completely destroyed without casualty to any member of the patrol. Home address: Mr. John Pozlatek (father), Minckley, New York.

Private First Class MAURICE A. RIDGWAY, 30076769, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Wari, Dutch New Guinea, from 2 May 1944 to 12 May 1944. Private First Class Ridgway, a member of the Wari Task Force, volunteered for and participated in daily patrols. During these patrols he displayed outstanding courage and dependability. On one occasion his patrol was held up by enemy forces. He voluntarily proceeded to within fifteen yards of the enemy position and accurately reported its location. Private First Class Ridgway's energy and courageous action served as an outstanding example to the men of his company. Home address: Mr. Virgil Ridgway (father), Route #2, Hunter Oklahoma.

Captain (then First Lieutenant) ALBERT K. ROEHRIG, 01145202, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Tanahmerah Bay, Dutch New Guinea, 22 to 26 April 1944. Although hampered by adverse terrain and weather conditions, insufficient signal equipment and personnel, Captain Roehrig, as Division Artillery Communications Officer, succeeded in maintaining almost constant wire and radio communication between artillery headquarters and the field artillery battalions. He overcame severe obstacles in laying wire through dense swamps, along precipitous sea cliffs and under water. His diligent devotion to duty, driving energy and outstanding leadership contributed materially to the success of operations in the Hollandia-Tanahmerah Sector. Home address: Mrs. Ruth K. Roehrig (wife), 130 Washington Street, Wellesley Hills, Massachusetts.

Sergeant CLAUDE D. SANDERSON, 6224504, Quartermaster Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Humboldt Bay, Dutch New Guinea, from 24 April to 4 May 1944. Sergeant Sanderson, in charge of a detachment of Quartermaster personnel diverted from their original objective area, was confronted with the problem of providing Quartermaster service on a beach littered with equipment and supplies. With a limited number of personnel, he immediately started segregating supplies by class, prevented pilferage of essential stores and worked unstintingly to provide food and clothing

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for combat troops whose supplies had been destroyed by fire. Sergeant Sanderson's loyalty, devotion to duty and outstanding accomplishment of this all-important task contributed materially to the success of the operation and reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Anna Sanderson (mother), 915 East Colorado Boulevard, Dallas, Texas.

Major (then Captain) CLARENCE E. SHORT, 0293580, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy from 6 March 1944 to 20 May 1944. Major Short was a combat team Plans and Training Officer during the planning and execution of the amphibious landing at Dapare, Dutch New Guinea, and the ensuing attack on the Hollandia Airdrome. Throughout the planning phase which culminated in the preparation and editing of a voluminous field order, he exhibited initiative and organizing ability of the highest order. During the landing and the succeeding attack against the Hollandia Airdrome, Major Short's skill and speed in working out the details of the constantly changing plans which were formulated to cope with the rapid advance to the airfield contributed immeasurably to the success of the operation. Home address: Mrs. Elizabeth M. Short (wife), 17314 Riverway Drive, Lakewood, Ohio.

First Lieutenant NICHOLAS E. SLOAN, 0360248, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy from 6 March 1944 to 15 April 1944. Throughout this entire period Lieutenant Sloan supervised and coordinated the work of the several subordinate transport quartermasters of an embarkation group totaling approximately five thousand persons. He exhibited great skill and attention to detail, working long hours and frequently remaining on the job several nights in succession in order that important plans might be properly completed on time. Lieutenant Sloan labored industriously and patiently, demonstrating unusual adaptability to the many changes in plans necessitated by unforeseen circumstances. His unselfish devotion to duty in the accomplishment of his task greatly facilitated the efficient loading of the ships. Home address: Mrs. Kathryn C. Sloan (wife), RR #3, Hoopston, Illinois.

Private BILLY C. SMITH, 36726200, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in direct support of combat operations at Tanaharuch Bay, Dutch New Guinea, from 22 to 26 April 1944, as Field Artillery airplane mechanic. Private Smith through untiring devotion to duty, professional skill and tireless efforts, was chiefly responsible for preparing liaison-type aircraft for operation immediately after landing. His ability to maintain the liaison planes in excellent flying condition during the entire period of combat indicated thorough training and an excellent aptitude for accomplishment while under pressure. Private Smith's technical proficiency, high sense of duty, and hard work contributed materially to the success of the operation. Home address: Mrs. Marguerite Smith (mother), 407 Chestnut Street, Evansville, Illinois.

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Master Sergeant ALFRED A. SOUSA, 30100045, Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Tanahmerah Bay, Dutch New Guinea, 22 April to 27 April 1944, as construction supervisor in the S-3 section of a combat Engineer Battalion. Master Sergeant Sousa personally directed and supervised the construction of a section of vital road along the mountainous jungle track leading from Depapre Bay to Hollandia Drome, Dutch New Guinea. Without regard for his personal comfort, with little or no sleep and insufficient rations, Master Sergeant Sousa remained on the trail for four days and four nights overcoming severe obstacles caused by landslides and heavy rains and successfully accomplished the difficult task of constructing a passable road. He exhibited outstanding ability and admirable qualities of leadership in the accomplishment of this important work. Through his untiring devotion to duty, rugged stamina and outstanding aggressiveness, Master Sergeant Sousa contributed materially to the success of the operation and was a constant inspiration to the officers and men of his organization. Home address: Mrs. Isabel Sousa (wife), 1450 Lusitania Street, Honolulu, Territory of Hawaii.

Major (then Captain) JESSE A. SULLIVAN 0505100, Quartermaster Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Hollandia, Dutch New Guinea, from 24 April 1944 to 4 May 1944. Major Sullivan, in charge of a small detachment of Quartermaster troops which had been diverted to Pio Beach, was directed to open a supply line to troops advancing on Hollandia Drome. Operating with limited help and faced with the problem of supplying troops from a bombed and littered beach, he displayed unusual initiative and organizational ability in segregation by class, guarding, and processing supplies destined for troops in forward areas. Major Sullivan's devotion to duty, his ability to function with a high degree of efficiency under adverse conditions reflect great credit to himself and to the military service. Home address: Mrs. Gertrude E. Sullivan (wife), 886 18th Avenue, SE, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Master Sergeant CARREL WALLACE, 13014252, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Tanahmerah Bay, Dutch New Guinea, from 22 April to 26 April 1944. The diligent, forceful and efficient manner in which Master Sergeant Wallace led and supervised the other enlisted men in the organization of the Division Artillery command post on the first day of the operation was outstanding. On 24 April 1944, with the greatest devotion to duty he efficiently organized the forward command post with reduced personnel. His ready and voluntary assumption of additional duties when but a few personnel were available, coupled with his faithful and superior work at all times, served as an inspiration to all the officers and enlisted men working with him. Master Sergeant Wallace's untiring devotion to duty, real and energetic solution of trying problems contributed materially to the success of the operation. Home address: Mrs. Bessie Wallace (mother), Praise, Kentucky.

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Lieutenant Colonel FREDERICK R. WEBER, O18148, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy from 6 March 1944 to 26 April 1944. Lieutenant Colonel Weber was a combat team Executive Officer during the planning and execution of the amphibious landing at Dapatre, Dutch New Guinea, and the ensuing attack on the Hollandia Airdrome. Throughout the planning phase which culminated in the preparation and editing of a voluminous field order, he exhibited initiative and energy of the highest order. During the landing on 22 April 1944, and the succeeding successful attack against the Hollandia Airdrome, Lieutenant Colonel Weber's decisive control of reserve elements of the combat team insured their prompt transfer from one beach to another and their continuance in close support of the assault battalion during the advance to the Hollandia airfield, thereby contributing immeasurably to the success of the operation. Home address: Mrs. Katharine K. Weber (wife), c/o Col. R. W. Kingman, Home A, Florida.

Lieutenant Colonel (then Major) WALTER C. WICKBOLDT, O22047, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Tanahmorah Bay, Dutch New Guinea, from 10 March to 20 May 1944. During this entire period, Colonel Wickboldt as Commander of an infantry battalion, demonstrated outstanding ability to command and lead his organization. By thorough planning, coordination, and study he was able to overcome seemingly insurmountable difficulties of the particular jungle operation in which his battalion was engaged. With skill and determination his unit established a beachhead. With utter disregard for his own personal safety he personally supervised the establishment of the front line perimeters. In a minimum of time contact was established with the adjoining units. Colonel Wickboldt's outstanding performance of duty reflects great credit upon himself and upon the military service. Home address: Mrs. Marjorie L. Wickboldt (wife), 2013 Saint Phillips Street, New Orleans, Louisiana.

By command of Major General IRVING:

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H. B. TAYLOR,  
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AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sect. II, Bulletin 3, WD, 1944), a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 24th Infantry Division, to the following named officers and enlisted men:

Master Sergeant CHARLES H. BANKS, R-651287, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Hollandia, Dutch New Guinea, from 22 April 1944 to 26 April 1944. Master Sergeant Banks was Regimental Sergeant Major of an infantry regiment during its attack on the Hollandia Drome. During this period he worked tirelessly and ceaselessly in coordinating the efforts of the enlisted men of the staff sections in effecting the orderly movement of necessary administrative equipment and supplies over extremely difficult terrain. The rapid advance of front line units necessitated frequent moves of the regimental CP. Master Sergeant Banks' initiative, resourcefulness and loyalty to duty were an inspiration to both officers and men and reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Anna H. Banks (wife), 802 S. Ellis Street, Salisbury, North Carolina.

Private First Class RAYMOND J. GISTER, 36279629, Medical Corps, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy during the night of 23-24 April 1944 at Dopapre, Dutch New Guinea. Hearing a call for a first aid man, Private First Class Gister unhesitatingly proceeded through small arms and grenade fire with complete disregard for his own safety. Upon finding the soldier dead and with the idea of preventing further excitement and confusion he informed others in the area that the soldier would be all right. Without protection of a fox hole he remained with the body until morning. Private First Class Gister's courage, presence of mind and devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Josephine Gister (mother), 1509 Howe Street, Racine, Wisconsin.

Second Lieutenant ELMER C. HOOD, 01300037, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic and meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Biak, Schouten Islands, from 28 June 1944 to 30 June 1944. Second Lieutenant Hood, as battalion supply officer, performed outstanding work in personally supervising the hand carrying of supplies through thick jungle terrain to the front lines and the selection and operation of supply dumps in forward areas subjected to enemy fire and infiltration, showing at all times complete disregard for his own safety. It was through his efficiency and brave action that this difficult problem of supply was solved. He was an inspiration to his men and vitally contributed to the success of the operation. Home address: Mr. William A. Hood (father) Number 5, Del-Lin Drive, University City, Missouri.

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Master Sergeant WILLIAM R. JONES, 15041484, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Humboldt Bay, Dutch New Guinea, 24-25 April 1944, as maintenance chief of an infantry regiment. When two 2½ Ton trucks had become completely submerged during the amphibious landing in Humboldt Bay, Master Sergeant Jones immediately secured bulldozers and pulled the trucks onto the beach. After ascertaining that the motors of both trucks contained sand and salt water rendering them incapable of use, he worked all night, while exposed to fragments from hand grenades, directing the few available mechanics and personally laboring to repair the motors. Although handicapped by lack of help and supplies, Master Sergeant Jones succeeded in accomplishing his task and had both trucks fit for duty the following morning. His untiring devotion to duty, professional skill and disregard for his own personal safety reflect great credit on himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Mottie L. Jones (mother), 1499 Tenax Court, Ypsilanti, Michigan.

Second Lieutenant FRED D. KLINGBAIL, 02035949, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the Hollandia-Tanahmerah Bay, Dutch New Guinea, operation from 28 April 1944 to 7 June 1944. He displayed exceptional ability as a patrol leader and platoon leader. Second Lieutenant Klingbail's leadership, tactical judgment, and aggressiveness under enemy fire were largely responsible for his patrol's killing fifty Japanese during this period. Home address: Mr. Fred C. Klingbail (father), 3321 North Oakland Avenue, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Technician Fifth Grade ANGELO V. MAURIELLO, 31082131, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy between 25 March and 15 April 1944. During this period, Technician Fifth Grade Mauriello, working as a draftsman in a combat team headquarters which was part of the Tanahmerah Landing Force, helped complete two splendid sand table models of landing areas for amphibious operations in record time. Technician Fifth Grade Mauriello labored long hours with great patience and attention to detail, in order to complete these models in time to be taken along on the sea trip for use by officers and men in last-minute orientation. He showed unusual initiative in procuring materials and colors to make the models as realistic as possible. As there were no maps available, all details of the areas involved had to be determined by studying aerial photographs. His outstanding technical skill combined with his cheerful, tireless attention to duty produced splendid results which reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Marie L. Mauriello (mother), 36 Arlington Street, Worcester, Massachusetts.

Second Lieutenant WILLIAM M. MEYERS, 02035960, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Dumeta and Genjen, Dutch New Guinea, from 26 April 1944 to 7 June 1944. During this period he led numerous reconnaissance and combat patrols against the enemy which accounted for 19 Japanese dead and one prisoner. Lieutenant Meyer's outstanding leadership, tactical judgment and aggressiveness reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Nora A. Devine (mother), 601 North Vine Street, Zonia, Ohio.

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Chaplain (Captain) HARMON D. MOORE, 0486244, Chaplains Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Tanahmerah Bay, Dutch New Guinea, from 22 April 1944 to 30 May 1944. Chaplain Moore demonstrated sincerity, love of duty, and an outstanding desire to be of assistance to the sick and wounded. Under trying and dangerous conditions he went out of his way to be near the men at the front to comfort them and assist them. His outstanding ability to instill confidence was greatly responsible for the excellent morale of the fighting men. Home address: Mr. T. D. Moore (father), Medowee, Alabama.

Second Lieutenant WILLIAM H. PAULL, 01303938, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Dosojo and Doromona, Dutch New Guinea, from 28 April 1944 to 29 April 1944. Second Lieutenant Paull distinguished himself by his aggressiveness and efficient leadership displayed in attacking the enemy at Dosojo, killing twenty-two Japanese soldiers and releasing eight Japanese prisoners. On the following night, by his prompt employment of members of his patrol, he succeeded in killing three and capturing two of the enemy before they could escape. Home address: Mrs. Margaret Paull (mother), 1323 Walnut Street, Long Beach, California.

Captain HARRY E. POMERANC, 0420735, Medical Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Dentu, Gonjen and Berap, Dutch New Guinea, from 28 April 1944 to 12 June 1944. During this period Captain Pomeranc distinguished himself in the performance of his duty as surgeon of the Dentu Task Force. His untiring efforts in administering to the sick and wounded at advance outposts was a direct contribution to the high combat efficiency of the patrols. Working under hardships in combatting jungle diseases, handicapped by supply, evacuation, and communication problems, Captain Pomeranc succeeded in maintaining a high standard of health and sanitation. Home address: Mr. Joseph Pomeranc (father), 7727 North Hermitage Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

Private First Class DOMINIC T. VINCENZO, 31115614, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Tadingoh, Dutch New Guinea, from 22 April 1944 to 19 June 1944. Private First Class Vincenzo displayed outstanding initiative and aggressiveness against the enemy as scout and B.M. man on combat patrols. His alertness and quick action on many occasions enabled him to kill two or three Japanese soldiers at a time. Private First Class Vincenzo's outstanding performance has proved him to be a superior infantryman and reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Christine Vincenzo (mother), 3 South Street, Hartford, Connecticut.

Staff Sergeant GEORGE A. WALTERS, 6069821, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Dentu, Dutch New Guinea, from 22 April 1944 to 7 June 1944. During this entire period Staff Sergeant Walters, although past the age where vigorous physical activity might be expected, assumed command of a platoon in the absence of the regularly assigned platoon sergeant. Despite the hardships of the jungle and the treacherous mountain trails he stayed with his men, and with unusual energy, led them expertly against the enemy forces. Staff Sergeant Walters' outstanding devotion to duty is an inspiration to the men in his organization, and reflects credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Harriet A. Matty (widow), 2165 Main Street, Springfield, Massachusetts.



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Major JOHN E. WOODILLA, 0244571, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy from 6 March 1944 to 26 April 1944. Major Woodilla was a combat team Supply Officer during the planning and execution of the amphibious landing at Dapapro, Dutch New Guinea, and the ensuing attack on the Hollandia Airdrome. Throughout the planning phase, Major Woodilla was faced with the tremendous dual task of supplying his combat team and of arranging for the receipt and delivery of supplies to the dock areas for loading. In performing this task he worked unstintingly day and night handling the immense mass of details involved with great energy and dispatch. From 22 April 1944, the day of the landing at Dapapro, until the capture of the Hollandia Airdrome, Major Woodilla worked in close cooperation with all supply agencies in such a manner that the maximum amount of supplies and equipment were made available to the assault unit. His loyalty and attention to duty aided greatly in the accomplishment of the combat team mission. Home address: Mrs. Bernice J. Woodilla (wife), 99 Pythian Avenue, Torrington, Connecticut.

By command of Major General IRVING:

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AMSO-DA 201 Vincenzo, Dominic T.  
31 1st Lt (19 Oct 55)

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**SUBJECT:** Letter Orders - Amendment of General Orders

**TO:** Mr. Dominic T. Vincenzo  
36 S. Hatch Point Colony  
Hartford, Connecticut

So much of General Order 14, Headquarters 24th Infantry Division, dated 19 July 1944, as pertains to the award of the Bronze Star Medal to Dominic T. Vincenzo, 31 1st Lt, which reads "Private First Class" is amended to read "Private."

**IN ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:**

*David N. Arp*

Adjutant General

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I. SILVER STAR -- By direction of the President, under the provisions of the act of Congress approved 9 July 1918 (Bull. 43, WD, 1918) the Silver Star is awarded by the Commanding General, 24th Infantry Division, to the following-named officers and enlisted men:

Second Lieutenant EARL B. KELLEY, O1175188, Field Artillery, United States Army. For gallantry in action at Tanahmorah Bay and Gonjem, Dutch New Guinea, from 23 April 1944 to 30 April 1944. At Tanahmorah Bay, Second Lieutenant Kelley quickly located and assembled his liaison airplane, with floats attached, and volunteered to fly his first mission a few hours after landing. Taking off and landing on a choppy sea, he flew many missions over enemy territory within range of hostile anti-aircraft fire. After the capture of Hollandia Drome, he enthusiastically responded to a call to fly supplies to and evacuate wounded from Gonjem. This mission called for landing on an improvised and difficult landing strip. Second Lieutenant Kelley's exemplary conduct, initiative and courage contributed greatly to the success of the operation and reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Verna M. Kelley (wife), Hennessy, Oklahoma.

Second Lieutenant JAMES B. POWER, O1175543, Field Artillery, United States Army. For gallantry in action in the Hollandia-Tanahmorah Bay Sector, Dutch New Guinea, between 23 April and 26 May 1944. During this period, as liaison pilot for a Field Artillery Battalion, Second Lieutenant Power flew many hazardous missions from small, improvised landing strips, over enemy-held territory well within range of hostile anti-aircraft fire. In addition to his observation missions, he made numerous flights evacuating casualties during a period when land evacuation was virtually impossible. Second Lieutenant Power's courageous accomplishment of his many tasks contributed materially to the success of our forces in this area and reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Elizabeth Power (mother), 3129 Chalotte, Kansas City, Missouri.

Private First Class GENNARO J. SANTOSTEFANO, 3632224, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Borap, Dutch New Guinea, on 3 May 1944. While accompanying a combat patrol, Private First Class Santostefano, with complete disregard for his own safety, went forward under direct enemy fire to administer first aid to a seriously wounded fellow soldier. Home address: Mrs. Louise Santostefano (mother), 114 E. 24th Street, Chicago Heights, Illinois.

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II. **SOLDIER'S MEDAL** -- By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved 2 July 1926 (Dull. 8, MD, 1926), a Soldier's Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 24th Infantry Division, to the following-named officers:

Second Lieutenant JAMES A. SMITH, 01175864, Field Artillery, United States Army. At approximately 1800 on 26 May 1944, a dump on the beach at Tanahmorah Bay, Dutch New Guinea, caught fire from undetermined causes. Within twenty feet of the burning dump were several hundred rounds of 105mm ammunition, a "buffalo", an M4 tank and a ration dump. Nearby were two batteries of artillery. Second Lieutenant Smith, with complete disregard for his own personal safety immediately assumed command of the composite group of men, who brought fire extinguishers from parked vehicles and tanks, and effectively organized them into fire fighting groups. Second Lieutenant Smith personally directed the activities of one group, thus preventing the flames from spreading outside the gasoline dump, and eventually brought the fire under control. Second Lieutenant Smith's prompt and effective action not only prevented the destruction of valuable supplies, ammunition and materiel, but also prevented possible casualties to personnel. Home address: Mrs. Gertrude B. Smith (wife), 2485 North Oakland Avenue, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

III. **BRONZE STAR MEDAL** -- By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944, (Sec. II, Dull. 3, MD, 1944), a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 24th Infantry Division, to the following-named officers and enlisted men:

Master Sergeant STEVE BAICH 6563229, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy from 1 April 1944 to 31 May 1944, at Goodenough Island and Tanahmorah Bay, Dutch New Guinea. During the above period Master Sergeant Baich served in the capacity of Assistant Regimental Supply Sergeant and later as Regimental Supply Sergeant of an Infantry Regiment. During the period of prior planning his work required long hours without sleep while handling the distribution and movement of supplies and equipment. Upon landing at Tanahmorah Bay, he assumed the duties of Regimental Supply Sergeant. The handling of supplies for distribution to numerous outposts over jungle trails and by water became his responsibility. In all these tasks he displayed exceptional initiative and thoroughness without thought of personal limitations of sleep and effort. Master Sergeant Baich's performance of duties was an invaluable contribution to the success of the operation and a credit to the military service. Home address: Mrs. Sophie Ponovich (mother), 141 South 2d East Street, Salt Lake City, Utah.

First Lieutenant ROBERT F. DOMIGUR., 01283198, Infantry, United States Army. For exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services at Goodenough Island and Tanahmorah Bay, Dutch New Guinea, as Assistant Regimental Adjutant and later as Regimental Adjutant from 10 March 1944 to 10 June 1944. During this entire period he demonstrated outstanding ability to organize and coordinate the tasks placed before him. As Adjutant of an embarkation group numbering some 5000 troops he, with only two enlisted assistants, administered the many affairs connected with a group of this size with dexterity, energy and patience. He demonstrated great capacity for work as proved by his efforts which on occasion required him to do with-

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out sleep or food for as much as sixty continuous hours. In spite of the strain he continued with meticulous attention to detail, with tact, and with sound judgment. During the progress of the operation in which his Regiment was engaged he was elevated to the position of Regimental Adjutant and discharged his duties in the same exemplary manner. Throughout this period Lieutenant Bonagura worked without regard for time, his physical limitations or physical health and contributed materially to the success of his Regiment's mission. Home address: Mrs. Tillie Bonagura (mother), 779 55th Street, Brooklyn, New York.

Lieutenant Colonel GEORGE H. CHAPMAN, JR., 019064, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy as an Infantry Battalion Commander on Goodenough Island and in the Tanahmerah Bay operation from 1 December 1943 to 21 May 1944. Lieutenant Colonel Chapman demonstrated leadership, strategy, coolness, sound judgment and devotion to duty, all of an extraordinary degree. He conscientiously supervised and coordinated the training of his battalion preparatory to operations to such a high degree that his men were instilled with confidence in themselves and their leader. During the actual operation he personally organized and supervised the large scale carrying parties which made the supply of forward elements of his Division possible. Lieutenant Colonel Chapman's integrity and devotion to duty without regard for his own physical limitations materially contributed to the success of the operation. Home address: Mrs. Helen Todd Chapman (wife), 133 West Main Street, Mt. Kisco, New York.

First Lieutenant ROBERT B. CHAPMAN, 0441395, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Borap, Dutch New Guinea, on 7 May 1944. Lieutenant Chapman led a rifle company from Donte to Gonjon, Dutch New Guinea, on 7 May 1944. When about to enter the village of Borap, fire from approximately 20 well hidden Japanese was directed at his unit. For all of the men present this was the first experience of armed, organized enemy opposition, which naturally resulted in confusion. From his position at the head of the column, Lieutenant Chapman calculating the issue at hand and realizing the bewildered state of mind of his men, ostentatiously exposed himself with the intent of calming his unit and instilling in them confidence and aggressiveness. Producing the desired effect, his quick directions as to deployment were complied with in a manner worthy of veterans. As a direct result of this fine display of leadership and courage by Lieutenant Chapman, the village was taken and several of the enemy were killed, while our unit suffered only one slight casualty. Home address: Mrs. Mary C. Chapman (wife), 17 North Parkside Avenue, Chicago, Ill.

Master Sergeant ROBERT R. HARRIS, JR., 34241411, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Dutch New Guinea, from 10 March to 29 May 1944. Master Sergeant Harris, as Sergeant Major of an Infantry regiment organized and coordinated the activities of the enlisted personnel of the staff, developing it into a smooth, efficient organization. The innumerable responsibilities placed upon him during the planning for the Tanahmerah Bay operation were discharged in an outstandingly capable manner. The facilities and equipment for the performance of his work during the operation were extremely limited, yet, undaunted by these obstacles he performed his duties with the same outstanding efficiency with which he had performed duties under optimum conditions. Sergeant Harris' superior performance of duty reflects credit upon

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himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Mae M. Harris (mother), 3114 11th Avenue, Tampa, Florida.

Private First Class WAYNE H. HARRIS, 20934901, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Dorap, Dutch New Guinea, from 2 May 1944 to 23 May 1944. Private First Class Harris was a member of a platoon whose mission was to effect a trail block at Dorap, Dutch New Guinea. Numerous patrols were dispatched during this period and Private First Class Harris volunteered for each one. A total of eleven patrols were accomplished, and Private First Class Harris volunteered as lead scout in each instance. He consistently displayed superior aggressiveness and combat discipline. On one occasion, he personally captured an enemy officer and killed a total of six. Private First Class Harris developed a new method of firing the BAR which has proved to be very effective. Home address: Mrs. Candis Harris (mother), 2104 48th Avenue, Long View, Washington.

Major ELLER G. HOWARD, 0309430, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the South West Pacific Area during the period 26 December 1943 to 27 May 1944, as Battalion Executive Officer. His devotion to duty, his untiring efforts and his constant check on the execution of all orders prevented much extra work and loss of time by subordinate units. Throughout this period his initiative, perseverance and devotion to duty were outstanding. On 26 December 1943, he was assigned as Commanding Officer, Provisional Port Battalion. In this he displayed unusual ability in organizing the work and maintaining a high standard of discipline. His relations with the civilian stowaways were handled in a very tactful manner. Upon return to his battalion, Major Howard was largely responsible for the low sickness rate, high morale and efficient operation of the battalion and materially contributed to his battalion's success during the Hollandia-Tanahmerah Bay, Dutch New Guinea operation. Home address: Mrs. Dorothy Mae Howard (wife), 25 High Street, New Haven, Connecticut.

Private EDWARD W. INGRAHAM, 36382993, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Sapari, Dutch New Guinea on 28 April 1944. Private Ingraham was a member of a reconnaissance patrol which discovered a large group of armed Japanese sheltered in native huts. With complete disregard for his personal safety, he approached two of the huts and routed the enemy by placing fire on them thereby enabling the other members of the patrol to account for twenty of the enemy as well as liberating five Japanese, held as prisoners by the enemy. Private Ingraham's courage, keen observation and soldierly skill reflect great credit upon himself and on the military service. Home address: Mrs. Elizabeth Ingraham (mother), 2018 North 72nd Court, Elmwood Park, Chicago, Illinois.

Colonel HOMER W. KIEFER, 012701, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on 23 April 1944, at Tanahmerah Bay, Dutch New Guinea. A formidable swamp paralleling the beach caused traffic to become congested to such an extent that relatively few vehicles could reach their assigned destinations. The large number of vehicles standing on the beachhead presented an excellent

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target for enemy aircraft. Among the units immobilized was a 155mm gun battery, the only field artillery unit with sufficient range to provide adequate support for a fast advancing infantry and also to reach the distant enemy held airbases. Possessing the necessity of alleviating the traffic congestion at the beachhead, and the extremely difficult obstacles to be overcome, Colonel Kiefer, with outstanding initiative and leadership, impressed all necessary labor from many troops not engaged in vital work to speed up the construction of a road across the swamp. As a result of his driving force, energy and tenacity, the road was completed the same day, a task which no one thought could be accomplished until the following day, making possible the effective neutralization of the airbases by the heavy artillery. The rare judgment, leadership, initiative and devotion to duty displayed by Colonel Kiefer in the performance of this vital mission reflect great credit to himself and to the military service. Home address: Mrs. Rosemona B. Kiefer (wife), 306 Woodland Terrace, Alexandria, Virginia.

Master Sergeant JOSEPH L. MC GLINCHEY, 7026184, Field Artillery United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy from 23 April 1944 to 26 April 1944 at Tanahmerah Bay, Dutch New Guinea. In the absence of the Artillery Communications Officer, Sergeant Mc Glinchey assumed and discharged with credit the responsibilities normally delegated to that officer. The satisfactory maintenance of communications under most discouraging conditions was due largely to his sound judgment and exceptional devotion to duty. The enthusiastic initiative and capacity demonstrated by Sergeant Mc Glinchey in the performance of these added responsibilities reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mr. William Mc Glinchey (brother), 6809 Marshall Road, Upper Merion, Pennsylvania.

First Sergeant HENRY POLOCK, 6097705, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Hollandia, Dutch New Guinea, from 22 April 1944 to 26 April 1944. As First Sergeant of an infantry company he displayed exceptional initiative and ability coordinating the efforts of his company in unloading and moving supplies overland to troops at the front line. Though hampered by extremely difficult jungle terrain, he pushed supplies forward with energy and enthusiasm. The driving force and constant devotion to duty displayed by Sergeant Pollock in the performance of this important task reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Mary Sadowski (sister), 145 45th Street, Brooklyn, New York.

Second Lieutenant JAMES D. WILLIAMS, 01324215, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Tanahmerah Bay, Dutch New Guinea, from 28 April 1944 to 7 June 1944. Lieutenant Williams performed the duties of platoon leader and patrol leader during this period in an outstanding manner. He led numerous reconnaissance and combat patrols against the enemy. Lieutenant Williams' leadership, tactical judgment, and aggressiveness under enemy fire were outstanding. Home address: Mrs. Frances M. Williams (wife), 314 Harris Street, Burlington, North Carolina.

IV. COMBAT INFANTRYMAN BADGE -- Under the provisions of Section I, War Department Circular 16, 269, dated 27 October 1943, the following named Regimental Commanders are awarded the Combat Infantryman Badge for exemplary performance.

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ance of duty in action against the enemy during operations in the Hollandia-Tanahmerah Bay section of Dutch New Guinea from 22 April to 6 June 1944:

Colonel CHARLES W. JONES, O-157, Infantry  
Colonel CHARLES D. HENSON, O-1500, Infantry  
Colonel WILLIAM W. SENNA, O-1542, Infantry

By command of Major General IWMING:

A. S. WHELAN,  
Colonel, G. S. C.,  
Chief of Staff.

**OFFICIAL:**

*James K. Shore*  
JAMES K. SHORE,  
Capt, AGC,  
Assistant Adjutant General.

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IV, COMBAT INFANTRYMAN BADGE -- Under the provisions of Section I, War Department, Circular No. 269, dated 27 October 1943, the following-named Regimental Commanders are awarded the Combat Infantryman Badge for exemplary performance of duty in action against the enemy during operations in the Hollandia-Tanahmerah Bay section of Dutch New Guinea, from 22 April to 6 June 1944.

- Colonel CHARLES H. JONES, 05457, Infantry
- Colonel CHARLES B. LYMAN, 03590, Infantry
- Colonel WILLIAM W. JENNA, 08642, Infantry

By command of Major General IRVING:

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I. SILVER STAR — By direction of the President, under the provisions of the act of Congress approved 9 July 1918 (Bulletin 8, WD, 1918) the Silver Star is posthumously awarded by the Commanding General, 24th Infantry Division, to the following named enlisted man:

Private ROBERT Q. ZEIGLER, 37470978, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action at Biak, Schouten Islands on 29 June 1944. With utter disregard for his personal survival, Private Zeigler charged an enemy machine gun position designating their exact location by his rifle fire. This heroic action, which led to the reduction of this position, cost Private Zeigler his life. Private Zeigler's performance, beyond the call of duty, and his supreme sacrifice for his country will serve as an everlasting example to his comrades and is worthy of the highest traditions of the armed services. Next of Kin: Mrs. Minnie L. Zeigler (mother), Springview, Nebraska.

II. SILVER STAR — By direction of the President, under the provisions of the act of Congress approved 9 July 1918 (Bulletin 43, WD, 1918) the Silver Star is awarded by the Commanding General, 24th Infantry Division, to the following named officers and enlisted men:

First Lieutenant PAUL AUSTIN, 01288495, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action at Biak, Schouten Islands on 29 June 1944. On this day, the company commanded by First Lieutenant Austin, was cut off from the rest of the battalion and subjected to concentrated fire from the enemy. Lieutenant Austin personally made efforts to re-gain communication with the battalion, exposing himself to the aimed fire of the enemy while so doing. When this failed, he continued to direct his men and through his able leadership and courage inspired his men to the point that they professed themselves willing to hold the position to the last man. In the ensuing action an estimated one hundred and thirty-five of the enemy were destroyed. When contact with the battalion was finally effected, orders were issued to withdraw and attempt to rejoin the battalion. During the evacuation of the wounded, Lieutenant Austin crawled under enemy fire on three occasions, dragging one wounded man to safety and finding the others dead. The company made a successful withdrawal, evacuating all of their wounded. Lieutenant Austin was the last man to leave the position, remaining there until the last of his men had reached a zone of safety. His undaunted courage and fearless leadership under fire

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was an inspiration to his men and reflects great credit upon himself, his organization and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Ouida I. Austin (wife), Burleson, Texas.

Staff Sergeant SAUVEL B. BANKS, 15041118, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action at Biak, Schouten Islands on 29 June 1944. In an area where his platoon had run into strong enemy opposition, who had inflicted casualties by automatic weapons fire, Sergeant Banks, with utter disregard for his own safety, voluntarily proceeded to a designated position from which he held off the enemy until seriously wounded. His gallant action proved to be an inspiration to his men and a credit to the armed services. Home address: Mrs. Anita Francis (mother), Route 3, Snow Hill, North Carolina.

Staff Sergeant ROY FLOYD, 15042581, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy at Biak, Schouten Islands on 29 June 1944. On this day, Sergeant Floyd's platoon was pinned down by heavy automatic weapons fire from the enemy holding a position on the high ground to the front. Taking over the duties of his platoon sergeant, who had been mortally wounded, Sergeant Floyd, although seriously wounded, carried out his work during the five hour course of the action with marked ability and courage. Sergeant Floyd's display of courage served as an inspiration to his platoon, and reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Della Floyd (mother), 504 South 25th Street, New Castle, Indiana.

Technical Sergeant EARL W. HALL, 19017278, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action at Damanboa, Dutch New Guinea on 5 June 1944. Sergeant Hall was second in command of an eight man patrol which was fired upon by a force of approximately forty Japanese. During the skirmish that followed Sergeant Hall was cut off from the patrol. Realizing the heavy odds against the patrol, he drew back in a direction away from the patrol and was pursued by the enemy. During the fight that followed Sergeant Hall killed fourteen of the enemy while the patrol dispersed the remainder of the Japs. Sergeant Hall's display of courage, resourcefulness and willingness to bear the greatest danger himself in order to safeguard the lives of the members of the patrol reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Gladys Hall (mother), Tilmot, South Dakota.

Second Lieutenant ALEXANDER KRALICH, 01298409, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action at Biak, Schouten Islands on 29 June 1944. On this day, while his platoon was under heavy enemy automatic weapons fire, Lieutenant Kramich repeatedly left his cover and exposed himself to this fire with complete disregard for his own safety, to give aid to and save wounded men of his platoon. He personally covered the evacuation of the wounded with a machine gun, holding off the enemy while his men carried out the evacuation, being himself subjected to enemy sniper fire at his position. His bravery and ability under fire instilled a fighting spirit in his men which

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made possible the casualties inflicted on the enemy and the successful evacuation of the wounded members of his platoon. Lieutenant Kranich's extraordinary heroism will serve as an everlasting example to his men and is worthy of the highest traditions of the military service. Home address: Mrs. Augusta Kranich (mother), 112 Sarah Street, McKees Rock, Pennsylvania.

Staff Sergeant FRANK A. LEGAC, 32010303, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action at Biak, Schouten Islands, on 26 June 1944. Sergeant Legac was a member of a patrol moving through hostile territory. When a group of enemy riflemen were encountered, Sergeant Legac elected to remain in position to cover the withdrawal to the company perimeter of his platoon sergeant who had been wounded in the initial action. He returned the fire of the enemy, killing one who charged him with a bayonet and inflicting casualties on the others until they dispersed. Instead of returning to the safety of his assigned position within the perimeter, Sergeant Legac chose to help defend a machine gun position threatened by the enemy. When the enemy charged the position, Sergeant Legac stood his ground and by his fire inflicted casualties on the enemy, once more killing an enemy rifleman at point blank range, who had charged him with a bayonet. Sergeant Legac's gallant actions were in a large measure responsible for the failure of the enemy's attack. His utter disregard for his personal safety was an inspiration to his fellow men and reflects much credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mr. Paul Legac (brother), 3286 30th Street, Astoria, Long Island, New York.

First Lieutenant RICHARD F. LUTHY, 01175495, Field Artillery, United States Army. For gallantry in action in the Hollandia Tanahmorah Bay Section of Dutch New Guinea, from 24 April to 26 April 1944. As pilot of a liaison airplane, First Lieutenant Luthy flew many missions over enemy-occupied territory well within range of enemy observation, anti-aircraft and small-arms fire. In addition to his observation and accurate reporting of artillery targets, he performed invaluable service by dropping medical supplies, ammunition and radio equipment to an isolated patrol of the supported infantry. Lieutenant Luthy's intrepid performance of duty under hazardous conditions is worthy of the finest traditions of the service. Home address: Mrs. Mary M. Luthy (wife), 1224 West 39th Street, Kansas City, Missouri.

Private First Class CASIMIR J. MICHON, 36670694, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action at Biak, Schouten Islands on 29 June 1944. Private Michon aided by a fellow soldier advanced up a ridge and succeeded in killing one of the two enemy machine gunners who had killed three men and wounded two others of his squad. When the enemy launched a counterattack against his company at the foot of the ridge, Private Michon, from his refuge point on the ridge,

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helped kill six of the enemy. His company, believing him to be dead, withdrew with their wounded. Private Michon waited until early the next morning when the moon was setting and made his way through our own artillery fire and mortar barrage to our lines. He brought with him valuable information concerning the strength of the enemy and the disposition of their troops. Private Michon's courage and bravery was an inspiration to his fellow men and reflects great credit to the armed services. Home address: Mrs. Myrtle Michon (wife), 204 West 17th Street, Chicago, Illinois.

Private First Class DAVID RAFALOWITZ, 32010917, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against an armed enemy. On 29 June 1944, at Biak, Schouten Islands, Private Rafalowitz aided by a fellow soldier advanced up a ridge and succeeded in killing one of the two enemy machine gunners who had killed three men and wounded two others of his squad. When the enemy launched a counter-attack against his company at the foot of the ridge, Private Rafalowitz from his refuge point on the ridge, helped kill six of the enemy. His company, believing Private Rafalowitz was dead, withdrew successfully with their wounded. Private Rafalowitz waited until early the next morning when the moon was setting and then made his way successfully through our own artillery fire to our own lines. Private Rafalowitz brought with him valuable information concerning the strength of the enemy and the disposition of their troops. His courage and bravery was an inspiration to his fellow men and reflects great credit upon himself and the armed services. Home address: Mrs. Mary Rafalowitz (mother), 1819 Weeks Avenue, New York City, New York.

Private First Class VICTOR REINICK, 38084465, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action at Biak, Schouten Islands on 29 June 1944. In an area where his platoon had run into strong enemy automatic fire, Private Reinick voluntarily proceeded to a designated position exposed to the aimed fire of the enemy, from which he held off the opposition until seriously wounded. His gallant action served as an inspiration to his fellow men and reflects great credit to the armed services. Home address: Mrs. Catherine Reinick (mother), General Delivery, Merino, Colorado.

III. SOLDIER'S MEDAL -- By direction of the President, under the provisions of the act of Congress approved 2 July 1926 (Bulletin 8, ID, 1926), a Soldier's Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 24th Infantry Division, to the following named officers:

Second Lieutenant HOWARD H. WHITNEY, 02035410, Infantry, United States Army. For heroism at Hollandia, Dutch New Guinea, on 18 June 1944. At approximately 0900, 18 June 1944, Technical Sergeant Carmello A. Briguglio, enlisted man of an Infantry company at Hollandia, Dutch New Guinea, swam off-shore about twenty-five yards. An L.S.T. which was beached nearby, started its motors and backed off the beach. The current and under-tow created by its motors carried Sergeant Briguglio

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further out to sea. Unable to combat it and completely exhausted, he shouted for help. Hearing his cry for help, Lieutenant Whitney, at the risk of his own life, swam to Sergeant Briguglio and kept him afloat in the strong current until a boat could come to the rescue. Lieutenant Whitney's extraordinary heroism and utter disregard for his own safety is worthy of the highest traditions of the military service. Home address: Mrs. H. H. Whitney (wife), 10<sup>1/2</sup> West Eau Claire Street, Rice Lake, Wisconsin.

**IV. BRONZE STAR MEDAL** — By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sec II, Bulletin 3, WD, 1944), the Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 24th Infantry Division, to the following named officers and enlisted men:

First Lieutenant VICTOR J. BAZZINOTTI, 01295149, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy from 28 April to 6 June 1944 at Gonjom, Berap, and Denta, Dutch New Guinea. Home address: Mrs. Mike Bazzinotti (mother), Cadogan, Pennsylvania.

Technical Sergeant DAVID H. RIBBY, 32062017, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Eiak, Scheuten Islands on 28-29 June 1944. Home address: Mrs. Barbara Ribby, (wife), Essex County Hospital, Cedar Grove, New Jersey.

Major (then Captain) RICHARD C. BIGGS, 0377019, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Tanahmerah Bay, Dutch New Guinea, from 10 March 1944 to 10 June 1944. Home address: Mrs. Elizabeth S. Biggs (wife), 242 30th Avenue, San Francisco, California.

Private First Class JAMES B. BRADY, 35492102, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Denta and Berap, Dutch New Guinea, from 30 April 1944 to 7 June 1944. Private Brady, as a BAR man, displayed outstanding courage and initiative throughout this period. On 3 May 1944 at Berap, Dutch New Guinea, a patrol of which Private Brady was a member, contacted the enemy. Almost immediately four of his comrades fell wounded. Private Brady, on his own initiative, and with complete disregard for his personal safety, manuevered his BAR in such a manner as to kill two of the enemy. By his quick thinking, skillful handling of his weapon, and initiative, he was undoubtedly responsible for saving his comrades from more serious injury. Private Brady's courageous performance of duty reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs Anna M. Brady, (mother), Route #1, Raywick, Kentucky.

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Second Lieutenant PAUL J. CAIN, 01296993, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Mokmer Village, Biak, Schouten Islands. Lieutenant Cain, with utter disregard for his own life, helped carry his wounded company commander 150 yards to safety through an area subjected to a heavy mortar barrage by the enemy. The coolness and courage of Lieutenant Cain is worthy of the highest traditions of the military service. Home address: Mrs. Florence Cain (wife), 605 South Prairie Street, Champaign, Illinois.

Captain THOMAS M. CATHCART JR., 0390497, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with operations against the enemy at Biak, Schouten Islands on 29 June 1944. Serving in the capacity of Battalion S-3, Captain Cathcart, from a position to the rear of a company pinned down by enemy small arms and machine gun fire, noticed that the company commander had been seriously wounded to the extent that he would have to be evacuated. Although not duty bound in so doing, Captain Cathcart crawled under heavy fire with utter disregard for his own safety, to a position from which he quickly grasped the situation. He then crawled back to the rear, again being exposed to the aimed fire of the enemy, and placed mortars into action that allowed the company to continue the advance. In this action Captain Cathcart displayed initiative, coolness and courage, inspiring his men and worthy of the highest traditions of the military service. Home address: Mrs. Mary E. Cathcart (wife), 1210 8th Street, Hartsville, South Carolina.

Captain RALPH L. DALTON, 0390064, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Tanahmerah Bay, Dutch New Guinea, from 10 March 1944 to 10 June 1944. Home address: Mr. Ralph L. Dalton, (father), 1730 Sunset Avenue, Seattle, Washington.

Technician 5th Grade JOSEPH DOGAN, 32010254, Medical Detachment, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Biak, Schouten Islands on 26 June 1944. In an area subjected to repeated enemy attacks and mortar fire, Technician 5th Grade Dogan, as chief aid-man, with complete disregard for his personal safety, attended to the wounded and later supervised in their evacuation, taking an active part in the carrying when litter bearers were unavailable. His ability, coolness and courage under fire was a steadying influence on the rest of the men and is worthy of the highest traditions of the armed services. Home address: Mrs. Alexandria Dogan (mother), 374 East 10th Street, New York, New York.

Captain CHARLES H. DELAETER, 0377027, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Tanahmerah Bay, Dutch New Guinea, from 17 March 1944 to 22 April 1944. Home address: Mrs. Josephine C. Delaeter (wife), Box #265, Waialua, Territory of Hawaii.

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Technician 5th Grade WILLIAM J. DILLON, 37175554, Medical Department, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Dazai, Dutch New Guinea, during the night of 23-24 April 1944. Home address: Mr. Walter E. Dillon, (father), Route 8, White Bear, Minnesota.

Second Lieutenant FRED A. DRUFKE, 01309049, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Biak, Schouten Islands on 29 June 1944. The platoon led by Lieutenant Drufer on that day was engaged in combat with the enemy and being subjected to heavy automatic weapons fire. With utter disregard for his personal safety, Lieutenant Drufer exposed himself to the aimed fire of the enemy to drag a wounded man to safety. Although the platoon was greatly outnumbered by the enemy, Lieutenant Drufer's cool, determined courage and skillful direction made possible the destruction of a large number of the opposing force. He personally covered the evacuation of the wounded from a rear position under enemy fire, leaving only when the last of his men had reached a zone of safety. His inspiring leadership and bravery in the face of enemy fire was a vital factor in the success of the evacuation. Lieutenant Drufer's courageous actions reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Agnes B. Drufer, (mother), 1648 North Laramie Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

Technical Sergeant L. D. FRIENDLY, 14008071, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy. On 18 June 1944, near Kolmer Village, Biak, Schouten Islands, Sergeant Friendly, seeing his company commander wounded and disabled, with complete disregard for his own life, went through an intense enemy mortar barrage to help carry the wounded officer to safety. Sergeant Friendly's courage and inspiring leadership under fire reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Rosa E. Wood, (mother), Route #1, Nesses, South Carolina.

Technical Sergeant LUTHER D. GROSS, 15041049, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Biak, Schouten Islands on 26 June 1944. While a member of a patrol in an area known to be occupied by enemy troops, Sergeant Gross was seriously and painfully wounded by enemy fire. After being wounded, Sergeant Gross returned the fire of the attacking force, helping to break up the attack and permit the safe return to the perimeter of all members of the patrol. Upon his return to the perimeter, while his wound was being treated and in the midst of hostile small arms fire and a barrage of knee mortar and artillery shells which were landing within 25 yards of his position, Sergeant Gross did, beyond the call of duty, continue to perform his duties as platoon sergeant, ordering his men to reform, dig in, and organize for expected future attack which did materialize. Sergeant Gross' courage and inspiring leadership under fire reflects great credit to himself and the armed services. Home address: Mr. Brooks Gross (father), Route #1, Box #2, Cedar Bluff, Virginia.



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Private First Class SERAFINO J. GUINTA, 32093805, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Biak, Schouten Islands on 26 June 1944. Private Guinta was a member of a machine gun crew guarding the company's perimeter. He held his position adjacent to the gun during a fierce and determined charge on the gun position by a group of seemingly crazed enemy riflemen, and personally disposed of the enemy who charged him with a bayonet. As the enemy charged in from the dense brush, Private Guinta, from a kneeling position, warded off the enemy's bayonet with his rifle, felled him with the butt of his rifle, and subsequently disposed of him with a knife and rifle shots, the enemy dropping about five feet from the machine gun. His action not only prevented harm to the gun or other members of the crew but aided in the final break-up of the attack from that direction. Private Guinta's heroic action reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Anita Guinta (mother), 60 Third Street, Brooklyn, New York.

Captain FRANCIS J. HARTIGAN, 0378131, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Demta and Genjem, Dutch New Guinea from 28 April 1944 to 12 June 1944. Captain Hartigan has distinguished himself by exceptional meritorious conduct in the performance of his duty as a Company Commander. On 10 May 1944, while on reconnaissance accompanied by one rifle squad, he encountered 12 of the enemy two miles south of Genjem along the Lake Sentani-Bongerrang-Genjem track who opened fire on the leading scouts. Captain Hartigan rapidly engaged the enemy with a frontal and flanking attack that successfully defeated enemy attempts to infiltrate the company perimeter. On 4 June 1944 Captain Hartigan led a reinforced rifle platoon into an engagement with 40 armed Japs at the village of Demenkoa, Dutch New Guinea. He personally scouted within 25 yards of the enemy column and determined their strength and direction of movement. He then skillfully maneuvered his company into the most favorable position and withheld his fire until a maximum number of the enemy bunched presenting a frontal target. In the resulting fight twenty-one of the enemy were killed without loss to our own troops. The superior leadership and outstanding tactical ability displayed by Captain Hartigan during this period are a credit to his organization and to the military service. Home address: Mrs. E. Hartigan (mother), 539 Crescent Street, New Haven, Connecticut.

Captain WILBERT G. HOFFER, 0340308, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Depapre, Dutch New Guinea, from 24 April 1944 to 27 April 1944. Home address: Mr. G. N. Hoffer (father), 1127 North Grant Street, West Lafayette, Indiana.

Staff Sergeant WADE M. JENKINS, 6387367, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Depapre, Dutch New Guinea from

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24 April 1944 to 27 April 1944. Home address: Mrs. Mable Hodges (sister), 429 B Street, Fayetteville, North Carolina.

Sergeant ARTHUR E. KLINEFELDT, 37113956, Medical Department, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Dazai, Dutch New Guinea, 23 April 1944. Home Address: Mrs. Louise K. Priebe (sister), 1905 E. 24th Street, Des Moines, Iowa.

Staff Sergeant NORMAN R. LISTER, 6988929, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Hollandia Airrome, Dutch New Guinea, from 22 April 1944 to 11 May 1944. Home address: Mrs. Anna H. Lister (mother), 42 Greenfield Street, Lawrence, Massachusetts.

Private First Class MARION L. LONG, 14020428, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Tancherah Bay-Hollandia area, Dutch New Guinea, from 23 April 1944 to 24 July 1944. Acting as lead scout on numerous patrols, Private Long displayed rare courage and skill. He was particularly adept in tracking down the enemy in dense jungles and difficult terrain. Upon contacting the enemy he closed in swiftly and fearlessly, and invariably he annihilated them. On one occasion, while mining the area adjacent to his organization's bivouac, he encountered two of the enemy. He immediately engaged them, killing one almost instantly. He pursued the other into the heavy undergrowth beyond, eventually overtaking and killing him. The outstanding combat efficiency displayed by Private Long during this entire period reflects credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mr. Levi Long (father), Alpharetta, Georgia.

Sergeant (then Private) ROBERT J. MALONEY, 13014892, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Denta, Dutch New Guinea, from 22 April 1944 to 7 June 1944. Sergeant Maloney demonstrated outstanding leadership and initiative as leader of a mortar squad. On 23 May 1944, the patrol of which Sergeant Maloney was a member, was fired upon from the underbrush. With complete disregard for his safety, he charged the underbrush and killed the two Japanese soldiers. During the entire period Sergeant Maloney displayed outstanding courage and tactical judgement which won the admiration of all members of his organization and reflected great credit on the military service. Home address: Mrs. Margaret Maloney (mother), 18 Berkley Avenue, Cohoes, New York.

Private First Class JOHN H. MILLER JR., 35108338, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Biak, Schouten Islands on 29 June 1944. Private Miller was a member of a company moving along a narrow trail

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through thick jungle. Enemy machine gun and rifle fire pinned down the scouts and halted the advance. On his own initiative, Private Miller slipped through the jungle to a position where he could place fire on the enemy. With utter disregard for his personal safety, he rose to his knees, exposed to the aimed fire of the enemy, and succeeded in killing both of the enemy machine gunners. He then covered the ridge with fire permitting the company to continue their advance. Private Miller's courageous action was an inspiration to his fellow men and a credit to the military service. Home address: Mrs. J. Henry Miller (mother), Hodgenville, Kentucky.

Captain ROBERT F. MUNCH, 0120730, Medical Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy from 23 May 1944 to 20 June 1944 at Boekisi, Dutch New Guinea. As Assistant Battalion Surgeon, Captain Munch organized and operated a hospital for natives at Boekisi, Dutch New Guinea. Home address: Dr. Frederick E. Munch (father), 8018 South Peoria Street, Chicago, Illinois.

Private First Class ALFRED M. MUNOZ, 39023058, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy from 22 April 1944 to 12 June 1944 at Tanahmerah Bay, Dutch New Guinea. Home address: Mrs. Gilbert M. Munoz (brother), Box 148, Chandler, Arizona.

Second Lieutenant EDWARD J. PHILLIPS JR., 01108928, Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Dosajo, Dutch New Guinea on 28 April 1944. Home address: Dr. E. J. Phillips (father), 287 East Main Street, Bradford, Pennsylvania.

Private JOHN W. RICCARDI, 35769749, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Lilly Pad Point, Lake Rombobai, Dutch New Guinea, from 19 May 1944 to 19 July 1944. Home address: Mrs. Anna Riccardi (mother), 321 2nd Avenue, Montgomery, West Virginia.

Staff Sergeant WILLIAM W. SPRADLIN, 15041096, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Biak, Schouten Islands from 27 June 1944 to 30 June 1944. Home address: Mrs. V. L. Spradlin (mother), Whitehouse, Kentucky.

First Lieutenant ALBERT P. THIBODEAUX, 01284790, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations as battalion supply officer during the period 28-30 June 1944 at Biak, Schouten Islands. Home address: Mrs. Agnes L. Broussard (sister), Box #1724, Borwick, Louisiana.

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Staff Sergeant **EMANUEL S. WEIKELMAN**, 37143556, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Genjem, Dutch New Guinea on 5 June 1944. Home address: Mr. Eph Yantz, (uncle), Route 1, St. George, Kansas.

Private **ARCHIE D. WICKS**, 7070001, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Tanahmerah Bay, Demta, and Genjem, Dutch New Guinea from 22 April 1944 to 7 June 1944. Upon the loss of the platoon guide and platoon sergeant Private Wicks assumed command of the platoon. Private Wicks has demonstrated his superior leadership since D-Day, acting first as lead scout in the initial mission and later at Demta and Genjem, Dutch New Guinea. He led numerous patrols which resulted in the killing and capturing of enemy-sight of the enemy without the loss of a single man. Private Wicks' outstanding leadership, tactical judgement and devotion to duty were contributing factors to the success of the various missions. Home address: Mrs. Jennie Smith (mother), 1051 Hamilton Street, Painted Post, New York.

Private First Class **GEORGE W. WOOTON**, 39111348, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy from 22 April 1944 to 20 May 1944 near Tanahmerah Bay, Dutch New Guinea. Home address: Elizabeth Wooton (wife), 728 Jefferson Street, Solinas, California.

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I. **SILVER STAR.**—By direction of the President, under the provisions of the act of Congress approved 9 July 1918 (Dull. 8, ED, 1918), the Silver Star is posthumously awarded by the Commanding General, 24th Infantry Division, to the following-named enlisted men:

Private **LAWRENCE L. HROMALIK**, 32939094, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against an armed enemy. On 29 June 1944, at Biak, Schouten Islands, Private Hromalik was a member of a platoon leading an attack against an enemy held ridge. When heavy machine gun fire threatened to annihilate his squad, Private Hromalik, with utter disregard for his personal safety, proceeded through the enemy fire and with the assistance of others in his squad succeeded in eliminating the enemy position. This gallant action which permitted the advance to continue, cost Private Hromalik his life. His fearless performance, beyond the call of duty, and his spirit of self-sacrifice is worthy of the highest traditions of the military service. Home address: Mr. Michael Hromalik (father), 55 Concord Street, Johnson City, New York.

Private First Class **CHARLES R. ORR**, 37505362, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action at Biak, Schouten Islands, on 29 June 1944. With complete disregard for his personal safety, Private Orr charged an enemy position and succeeded in killing the two occupants. This gallant action secured the safe withdrawal of his company to the battalion perimeter, but cost Private Orr his life. His fearless performance, beyond the call of duty, and his spirit of self-sacrifice is worthy of the highest traditions of the military service. Home address: Mr. Charles Orr (father), 1360 North Jefferson Street, Springfield, Missouri.

Private **FRANK S. PUGLIESE**, 33792376, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against an armed enemy on 29 June 1944, at Biak, Schouten Islands. Private Pugliese was a member of a platoon leading an attack against an enemy held ridge. When heavy machine gun fire threatened to annihilate his squad, Private Pugliese with utter disregard for his personal safety, proceeded through the enemy fire and with the assistance of others in his squad succeeded in eliminating the enemy position. This gallant action which permitted the advance to continue, cost Private Pugliese his life. His fearless performance, beyond the call of duty, and his spirit of self-sacrifice is worthy of the highest

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traditions of the military service. Home address: Mrs. Rose Pugliese (mother), 7030 Wissinoming Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Private First Class CHAINOEY E. WAGGONER, 35211714, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against an armed enemy on 29 June 1944, at Diak, Schouten Islands. Private Waggoner was a member of a platoon leading an attack against an enemy held ridge. When heavy machine gun fire threatened to annihilate his squad, Private Waggoner with utter disregard for his personal safety, proceeded through the enemy fire and with the assistance of others in his squad succeeded in eliminating the enemy positions. This gallant action which permitted the advance to continue, cost Private Waggoner his life. His fearless performance, beyond the call of duty, and his spirit of self-sacrifice is worthy of the highest traditions of the military service. Home address: Mrs. Virginia Waggoner (mother), Route #2, Spencer, West Virginia.

II. SILVER STAR.—By direction of the President, under the provisions of the act of Congress approved 9 July 1916 (Dull. 43, 1D, 1916), the Silver Star is awarded by the Commanding General, 24th Infantry Division, to the following-named enlisted men:

Sergeant SIDNEY BELOSTOCK, 11021041, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy at Lookisi, Dutch New Guinea, on 24 May 1944. Sergeant Belostock was a member of a patrol that encircled 22 Japanese soldiers. In the fire fight that followed Sergeant Belostock was wounded by enemy fire, knocking him unconscious and temporarily blinding him in one eye. He quickly regained consciousness and pursued and killed three of the enemy who were trying to escape. After receiving slight medical attention he joined the other members of the patrol in a further search of the area. Sergeant Belostock's outstanding display of courage and devotion to duty reflect great credit on himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Fannie Belostock (mother), 182 Eutaw Avenue, Lynn, Massachusetts.

Private First Class JOSEPH H. CASWELL, 37159157, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action at Diak, Schouten Islands, on 29 June 1944. Private Caswell was ordered to place his machine gun in a position subjected to heavy enemy fire. With utter disregard for his personal survival, he elected to remain in position in face of repeated enemy assaults. His daring action of permitting the enemy to approach within ten feet of his position resulted in his personal destruction of an estimated thirty-five of the opposing force. This action continued for a period of two hours during which Private Caswell was seriously wounded. His extraordinary heroism and gallant devotion to duty was a vital factor in the success of the mission and reflect great credit to himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Frances Robinson (mother), Box Elder, South Dakota.

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Private First Class ROBERT W. HUTCHINGS, 6913156, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy on 7 May 1944 at Borap, Dutch New Guinea. Private Hutchings was a member of a company encountering a sizable enemy force on the outskirts of the village. The enemy had set up positions overlooking the bridge leading into the village. Since the bridge was the sole means of entry into the village, Private Hutchings rushed across it, engaging the enemy with exceptionally accurate fire from his BAR. He successfully pinned the enemy down, and eventually dislodged them from their cover. In the ensuing fight, Private Hutchings continued to engage the enemy, preventing them from directing effective fire. Through his exceptional display of aggressiveness and courage, the village was successfully cleared of the enemy and several were killed. Private Hutchings' superior performance of duty reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mr. Austin Hutchings (father), Sanitarium, Northville, Michigan.

Private First Class JAMES G. HUTCHISON, 33224721, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action at Gonjon, Dutch New Guinea, on 14 May 1944. Private Hutchison was a member of the outpost in the village of Gonjon, Dutch New Guinea, on 14 May 1944 when his force was fired upon by an undetermined number of the enemy. Private Hutchison was one of four men ordered to flank the enemy and gauge his strength. The group approached a low bank which was swept by fire, and one man was to cover Private Hutchison while he crossed the bank. As he started across the man who was covering him was wounded and cried out. Private Hutchison immediately returned to the wounded man although the enemy fire continued unabated. He reached the wounded man and dragged him to safety while continually under fire from the enemy. Private Hutchison displayed rare courage and initiative, and through his gallant efforts saved the life of one of his comrades. Home address: Mrs. Lucy E. Hutchison (mother), Route 12, Vistar Road, Richmond, Virginia.

First Sergeant R. B. KEARBY, 38082313, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action at Tanahmerah Bay and Delta, Dutch New Guinea, from 22 April to 14 June 1944. During this period Sergeant Kearby performed the duties of first sergeant of a rifle company. He effectively maintained an efficient command post, and willingly sacrificed his time and energy to make conditions better for his men. He went on many patrols and on one, when acting as first scout, the patrol ambushed eleven Japs. Four of them fled to nearby high grass and fired on the patrol. Alone he charged the enemy, all probably hidden, and killed all four of them. Sergeant Kearby's courage and resourcefulness under fire was an inspiration to all of his men and reflect great credit on himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Ina Mae Kearby (mother), Weatherford, Texas.

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Private First Class MIKE V. MARTINEZ, 38075964, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Poobaim, Dutch New Guinea on 15 May 1944. Private Martinez was a member of an outpost when another member of the outpost was seriously wounded by a Japanese sniper. The wounded soldier was covered by the enemy's fire making it impossible for him to be evacuated. Private Martinez approached the Jap from the flank and with complete disregard for his own safety, rushed within two paces of the Jap and killed him, thereby making it possible to evacuate the wounded man. Private Martinez's outstanding display of courage reflects great credit on himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Natalie Martinez (mother), 212 San Fernando Street, San Antonio, Texas.

Private First Class WALTER F. STOCKTON, 13026472, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy at Moif, Dutch New Guinea on 5 May 1944. Private Stockton was a member of a patrol investigating the presence of six armed Japanese Marines at Moif, Dutch New Guinea. The enemy was discovered resting along the beach and their strength and position were confirmed. The officer in charge posted Private Stockton on guard and returned to the patrol to plan the attack. Shortly after taking his position, Private Stockton's presence was detected by the enemy. He and the enemy opened fire simultaneously, resulting in the killing of one Japanese Marine instantly. The remaining five attempted to take cover in the brush but were cut off by Private Stockton and forced out on the open beach. Two more of the enemy were killed in the process, and the remainder were pinned down by his accurate fire until the patrol closed in and killed the remaining Japanese. Private Stockton displayed remarkable courage and aggressiveness, and his performance of duty reflects credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mr. Joseph Stockton (brother), 2926 Almon Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

✓ Staff Sergeant LAWRENCE C. THOMPSON, 37143626, Infantry United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy at Berap, Dutch New Guinea on 7 May 1944. The patrol of which Sergeant Thompson was a member encountered a force of approximately twenty armed Japanese as they approached the village of Berap. The enemy occupied a well fortified position overlooking the bridge which was the only means of entering the village. Sergeant Thompson was assigned to lead his squad in the assault on the enemy. During the action that followed Sergeant Thompson received a severe wound in the face by enemy fire. He, nevertheless, continued the assault, thereby enabling the patrol to clear the enemy from the village. Sergeant Thompson's outstanding courage and devotion to duty was an inspiration to all the members of the patrol, and reflect credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Fern B. Thompson (wife), Declo, Idaho.



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III. **SOLDIER'S MEDAL** — By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved 2 July 1926, (Bull. 8, WD, 1926) a Soldier's Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 24th Infantry Division, to the following enlisted man:

Sergeant **ROY NAGEL**, 38090282, Infantry, United States Army. For heroism at Humbolt Bay, Dutch New Guinea, on 14 July 1944. A soldier with whom Sergeant Nagel was working fell into the water between two LCTs. Seeing that the soldier was unable to swim and that he was in grave danger of being crushed by the bucking together of the two ships caused by a high surf, Sergeant Nagel, with complete disregard for his own safety, jumped into the water and prevented the soldier from drowning or being injured until help was rendered from one of the ships. Home address: Mr. Walter E. Nagel (father), Route #1, Box 78, Round Top, Texas.

IV. **BRONZE STAR MEDAL** — By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sec. II, 301.3, WD, 1944), a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 24th Infantry Division, to the following-named personnel:

First Lieutenant **CATHER BLAIR**, 01283366, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in the performance of outstanding services from 15 June to 20 August 1942. During this period Lieutenant Blair, in his spare time and in addition to his normal duties designed and perfected sighting devices for three weapons. One sight for use on the 1903 Springfield rifle, increased the accuracy of the 19 AT grenade. The others were illuminated sights facilitating the accurate night firing of the 75mm gun and the 67mm and 81mm mortars. Lieutenant Blair, by his inventive ability, resourcefulness, and the unselfish contribution of his time and talents to improve the effectiveness of basic weapons, has made a material contribution to the armed forces. Home address: Mr. Henry Blair (father), Hudson, Kentucky.

Private **HENSCHEL B. DOWLING**, 38096157, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Tanshaerah Bay and Dumta, Dutch New Guinea, from 22 April 1944 to 21 June 1944. Home address: Mrs. Carrie C. Dowling (mother), 212 Burke Avenue, Lufkin, Texas.

Staff Sergeant **JOSEPH J. FRENK**, 10016143, Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Tanshaerah Bay, Dutch New Guinea, 24 April 1944 to 27 April 1944. Home address: Mr. Thomas Frenk (father), 403 Chestnut Street, Peckville, Pennsylvania.

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Staff Sergeant BRUNO J. KRASOWSKI, 22146820, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations on 18 June 1944 in Biak, Schouten Islands. Sergeant Krasowski, seeing his company commander wounded and disabled, with complete disregard for his own life, went through an intense enemy mortar barrage to help carry the wounded officer to safety. Sergeant Krasowski's coolness and courage under fire are worthy of the highest traditions of the military service. Home address: Mrs. Catherine Krasowski (mother), 108 Richmond Street, Lodi, New Jersey.

Private First Class GEORGE J. LARNER, 32010834, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Biak, Schouten Islands on 19 June 1944. As a member of a platoon ordered to withdraw from an area subjected to heavy mortar fire from the enemy, Private Larner, on his own initiative, remained in position to cover the evacuation of a wounded officer. Private Larner's courage under heavy fire was an inspiration to his fellow men and a credit to the armed services. Home address: Mr. James Larner (father), 100 Centre All, Brooklyn, New York.

Staff Sergeant JOHN D. SLUSHER, 19015428, Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Tanahmerah Bay, Dutch New Guinea, 24 April 1944 to 27 April 1944. Home address: Mrs. Margaret Slusher (mother) Dufur, Oregon.

By command of Major General IRVING:

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I. SILVER STAR.--By direction of the President, under the provisions of the act of Congress approved 9 July 1916 (Bull. S, MD, 1916), the Silver Star is posthumously awarded by the Commanding General, 24th Infantry Division, to the following-named enlisted men:

Private ARLEN (Pvt) BRACKNELL, 34100476, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Kantome, Dutch New Guinea on 23 April 1944. When the order was given for his company to cross an unnamed creek near the village of Kantome, Dutch New Guinea, Private Bracknell, as lead scout of his platoon, hacked his way through the underbrush down to the creek, ran across the creek and about twenty feet of clear ground on the other side under fire. As he reached the jungle on the other side, he was fired upon at close range and mortally wounded by a concealed machine gun. In spite of his wounds, he emptied his rifle into the machine gun position, silencing it. As he fell, he called to the others not to cross because of the presence of other enemy pillboxes, thereby saving the lives of some of his comrades. His outstanding conduct in the performance of duty reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Lora Bracknell (mother), Route 1, Box 7, Irondale, Alabama.

Staff Sergeant NICHOLAS A. DISTASI, 6981050, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Kantome Village, Dutch New Guinea, 23 April 1944. When intense enemy machine gun fire had pinned down his squad, Sergeant Distasi with complete disregard for his own personal safety, crawled forward alone and destroyed one enemy machine gun position. While advancing to a second enemy position, Sergeant Distasi was mortally wounded. His exemplary courage in giving his life to save the lives of his men above and beyond the call to duty and the rugged aggressiveness exhibited by him to complete the mission of his company reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mr. Frank Distasi (father), Spaton and Helton Road, Oakridge, New Jersey.

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Technical Sergeant EDWARD A. DLUGOKINSKI, 20128404, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action at Biak, Schouten Islands on 29 June 1944. On this day when his company was pinned down by heavy enemy automatic fire, Technical Sergeant Dlugokinski located a machine gun nest on the right flank. He proceeded to creep up to the position and although mortally wounded by the heavy fire, he continued his forward movement, designating by his rifle fire the exact location of the enemy position. Technical Sergeant Dlugokinski's gallant action and supreme sacrifice for his country led to the reduction of the enemy position and will serve as an everlasting inspiration to his fellow men. Home address: Mrs. Martha Dlugokinski (mother), 46 Pulver Street, Torrington, Connecticut.

II. SILVER STAR.--By direction of the President, under the provisions of the act of Congress approved 9 July 1918 (Bull. 43, WD, 1918), the Silver Star is awarded by the Commanding General, 24th Infantry Division, to the following-named officers and enlisted men:

Colonel WILLIAM W. JENNA, 08642, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action at Biak, Schouten Islands, on 26 and 29 June 1944. On 26 June 1944, Colonel Jenna personally led his regiment through dangerous territory into action against the enemy. At one time he passed within 100 yards of a known enemy stronghold. On 29 June 1944, he went to the foremost elements of his regiment to investigate the situation in that area. Upon arrival, he and the troops were pinned down by heavy enemy automatic fire. Very quickly grasping the situation, Colonel Jenna, with utter disregard for his personal safety, crawled out under almost continuous enemy fire to an artillery liaison officer to make arrangements for bringing artillery fire down upon the enemy positions. Colonel Jenna's display of fearless courage under fire had a very noticeable and profound effect in raising the morale of the numerous soldiers of his command who witnessed these acts and reflects the greatest credit upon himself and the armed services. Home address: Mrs. Maude Jenna (wife), West Point, New York.

Lieutenant Colonel JAMES F. PEARSALL, JR., 020774, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action at Biak, Schouten Islands on 29 June 1944. A battalion commanded by Colonel Pearsall was attacking an enemy stronghold when the advance was halted by heavy machine gun fire by the enemy. Sensing the imminence of a withdrawal by his men, Colonel Pearsall made his way through the intense enemy fire to the front lines where his presence and steadying influence quickly rallied the men. Although pinned down, he continued to direct his men and through his able leadership made possible an outflanking maneuver against the enemy. Later, he personally led a section through a hazardous area subjected to heavy enemy mortar fire to a position from which our own mortar fire could be placed on this enemy position which had been preventing the evacuation of our wounded. Colonel Pearsall's inspiring leadership and fearless courage under fire was a vital factor in the success of this mission and is worthy of the highest traditions of the military service. Home address: Mrs. Virginia S. Pearsall (wife), 21 Ingraham Boulevard, Hempstead, Long Island, New York.

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Technical Sergeant MAX RIEGLER, 32011010, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action at Biak, Schouten Islands on 29 June 1944. On that day, Sergeant Riegler, platoon sergeant, led his men in an assault against the enemy. While crossing a knoll in front of the objective, a ridge, he killed two enemy machine gunners, who threatened to hold up the advance. His platoon left eleven enemy dead and then continued to their objective with Sergeant Riegler leading the way. At this point, he personally killed fifteen or more of the enemy and several times saved the lives of men in his platoon. He constantly moved about, exposed to enemy fire, directing his men to better positions, being under sniper fire while so doing. Sergeant Riegler's brave action, with complete disregard for his own safety, was an inspiration to his men and a credit to the armed services. Home address: Mrs. Jennie Riegler (mother), 434 Georgia Avenue, Brooklyn, New York.

III. SOLDIER'S MEDAL.--By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved 2 July 1926, (Bull.3, WD, 1926) a Soldier's Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 24th Infantry Division, to the following-named officer:

Lieutenant Colonel HENRY A. MUCCI (then Major) 020374, Infantry, United States Army. For heroism at Waianae, Oahu, T.H. on 7 March 1943. During the morning of 7 March 1943 a group of men were stranded in an LCM, the motor of which had failed about  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile offshore, while undergoing amphibious training near Waianae, Oahu, T.H. Colonel Mucci was an observer of the operation from the shore. Private Louis Berghammer, together with the other men aboard the LCM, all of whom had life jackets, were ordered to swim ashore. Private Berghammer could not swim and soon lagged behind the others. His life jacket rapidly absorbing water, he shouted for help. Colonel Mucci hearing the call for assistance swam approximately  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile offshore without hesitating to discard his clothing. Heavier by his wet clothing, heavy with water, and at the risk of his own life he towed Private Berghammer to shore against strong currents and rough waves. Private Berghammer's life jacket no longer held his head above water, and it was only through Colonel Mucci's quick action and disregard of the danger to his own life, that Private Berghammer was saved from drowning. Home address: Mrs. Marion I. Mucci (w.fo), 1035 Spencer Street, Honolulu, T. H.

IV. BRONZE STAR MEDAL.--By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sec., II, Bull.3, WD 1944), a Bronze Star Medal is posthumously awarded by the Commanding General, 24th Infantry Division, to the following-named enlisted man:

Private JAMES (N II) CRAZYBULL, JR., 39615965, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Biak, Schouten Islands, on 25 June 1944. Private Crazybull and two men were in a fox hole guarding a trail junction when attacked by an enemy patrol. Although the other two soldiers withdrew under the heavy fire, Private Crazybull, at the risk of his life, remained in position and returned the enemy fire. His courageous action was in a large measure responsible for the failure of the enemy attack. Hearing no noise from his own troops within the

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perimeter, Private Crazybull, thinking that they had been forced to withdraw, himself withdrew to the platoon CP. Upon arrival he learned that no orders for withdrawal had been given. Without waiting for orders he immediately returned to his position and remained there for the rest of the night. Private Crazybull's conduct was an inspiration to the entire company and a credit to the military service. Home address: Mrs. Marcellino Crazybull (wife), Poplar, Montana.

V. **BRONZE STAR MEDAL.** --By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sec. II, Bull. 3, WD, 1944), a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 24th Infantry Division to the following-named officer and enlisted men.

Captain DONALD E. CAMERON, 622712, Medical Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Hollandia, Dutch New Guinea, from 24 April 1944 to 2 May 1944. Home address: Mrs. Helen L. Cameron (mother), Box 53, Calhoun, Kentucky.

Technician Fourth Grade ROBERT B. ERTOL, 32034473, Medical Department, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Hollandia, Dutch New Guinea, from 25 April 1944 to 3 May 1944. Home address: Mr. Fred Ertol (father), RFD #2, Lancaster, New York.

Technical Sergeant BRACHER M. FLOER, 16015076, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Doma, Dutch New Guinea, from 22 April to 14 June 1944. Home address: Mrs. Wilma Floer (mother), Hannah City, Illinois.

Sergeant CLARENCE C. HIBNER, 20943844, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Passangrain, Dutch New Guinea, on 3 May 1944. Home address: Mr. Alvin C. Hibner (father), General Delivery, Estancia, New Mexico.

~~★ Private First Class GEORGE J. LARNOR, 32010834 Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Baka, Schouten Islands on 19 June 1944. As a member of a platoon ordered to withdraw from an area subjected to heavy mortar fire from the enemy, Private Larnor, on his own initiative, remained in position to cover the evacuation of a wounded officer. He did not leave the area until his wounded officer had reached safety. Private Larnor's courage under heavy fire was an inspiration to his fellow men and a credit to the armed services. Home address: Mr. James Larnor (father), 180 Centre Mall, Brooklyn, New York.~~

Technician Fourth Grade ELDRIDGE M. LEE, 34139321, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Doma, Dutch New Guinea, from 22 April to

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7 June 1944. In his capacity as a cook, Sergeant Lee showed outstanding devotion to duty in that he continually served hot meals and coffee to the men on patrol. In addition to his duties as cook, Sergeant Lee participated in several combat patrols. On 20 May 1944, he was a member of a patrol which contacted the enemy in the vicinity of Gonjon, Dutch New Guinea. Subsequent to the initial fight, he and one other man proceeded to comb the brush in an effort to locate more of the enemy. The two men were fired upon and Sergeant Lee's companion fell wounded, whereupon, with complete disregard for his own safety, he immediately closed in on the enemy destroying him. Sergeant Lee's aggressiveness and skill reflect credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Nollie Lee (mother), Route 1, Pittsboro, Mississippi.

Private FRANK D. MORRIS, 38123300, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Serrini, Dutch New Guinea, on 4 June 1944. Private Morris was lead scout of a patrol when he was suddenly confronted with three armed Japanese on the trail at a distance of approximately twenty yards. Private Morris reacted quickly, firing his Garand rifle from the hip and killing all three of the enemy with only one having an opportunity to return fire. His alertness and deadly accuracy undoubtedly saved the members of the patrol from possible injury or death had the enemy had time to return fire. Home address: Mrs. Nora L. Morris (wife), General Delivery, Wright City, Oklahoma.

Private First Class RAY J. ROUSSEL, 36197549, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on 10 May 1944 at Tanaharak Bay, Dutch New Guinea. Private Roussel was the lead scout of a patrol which encountered four armed Japanese. Without hesitation and with complete disregard for his own safety, Private Roussel rushed forward and opened fire on the enemy. He instantly killed one and wounded two of the enemy. His quick thinking and outstanding courage prevented the enemy from successfully hindering the patrol. Private Roussel's aggressiveness and courage are worthy of the finest traditions of the military service. Home address: Mrs. Lucretia Roussel (mother), Litcher, Louisiana.

Technical Sergeant TABLES MCGUIRE, 15043743, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations at Biak, Schouten Islands, on 25 June 1944. Home address: Mr. Dick McGuire (father), Prestonburg, Kentucky.

Staff Sergeant CLARENCE R. ONEY, 6955184, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Lilly Pad Point on Lake Rombobai, Dutch New Guinea, from 19 May to 27 July 1944. Home address: Mrs. Rowena V. Oney (mother), 1000 5th Avenue, Apartment 4, Fort Worth, Texas.

Technical Sergeant JAMES H. CIMMIOTTI, 36125955, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Biak, Schouten Islands, on 20 June 1944. Home address: Mrs. Mildred Cimmiotti (mother), Kimberly, Oregon.

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Private First Class HARVIN W. SMOTHERS, 37505492, Infantry, United Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Sokanto River, Dutch New Guinea, on 5 June 1944. Private Smothers was a member of a patrol operating in enemy territory. When the patrol reached the swift flowing and crocodile infested Sokanto River, he voluntarily swam the river and scouted the opposite bank. He then managed to get a vine across the river, enabling the rest of the patrol to cross. Private Smothers again volunteered to be a scout and proceeded to guide the patrol into a position from which an enemy strongpoint was reduced. In this action, he accounted for two of the enemy. Private Smother's fearless action was in a large measure responsible for the success of the mission and reflects much credit upon the armed services. Home address: Mrs. W. Smothers (mother), New Franklin, Missouri.

VI. AIR MEDAL.--By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9150, 11 May 1942 (Bull. 25, WD, 1942), as amended by Executive Order No. 9242-A, 11 September 1942 (Bull. 49, WD, 1942), an Air Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 24th Infantry Division, to the following-named officer:

Second Lieutenant AUGUST L. GUILD, 01175129, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights between 26 April and 30 May 1944 as liaison pilot for artillery elements of a combat infantry division. Lieutenant Guild exhibited exceptional professional skill and resourcefulness during the successful operations by our forces in the Hollandia-Tenaherah sector, Dutch New Guinea. In remarkably short time following the initial amphibious landings in this section, he supervised the construction of landing strips. On numerous occasions he made extensive reconnaissance over enemy territory to discover suitable artillery targets and to drop ammunition, medical supplies, and radio equipment to isolated infantry patrols while well within view of the enemy and within range of small arms fire. These services reflect the highest credit on the military service. Home address: Mrs. Pearl Guild (mother), 209 S. Muskogee, Claremore, Oklahoma.

By command of Major General IRVING:

RICHARD H. LAWSON  
Lieut. Colonel, G. S. C.,  
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I. ANNOUNCEMENT OF STAFF OFFICER.--First Lieutenant KENNETH C. KINKEL,  
01283444, Corps of Military Police, Military Police Platoon, 24th Infantry  
Division, is announced as Division Provost Marshal, vice Major HOWARD G.  
SALISBURY, 0343365, Corps of Military Police, relieved.

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II. BRONZE STAR ~~Revocation of Award~~.--So much of Section IV, General  
Orders Number 25, this Headquarters, 9 October 1944, as pertains to Private  
First Class George J. Lerner, 32010834, Infantry, U. S. Army, is revoked.

By command of Major General WOODRUFF:

RICHARD H. LAWSON,  
Lieut, Colonel, G. S. C.,  
Chief of Staff.

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/t/ WALTER CUNNINGHAM,  
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I. SILVER STAR.—By direction of the President, under the provisions of the act of Congress approved 9 July 1918 (Bull. 8, WD, 1918), the Silver Star is posthumously awarded by the Commanding General, 24th Infantry Division, to the following named enlisted men:

Private First Class JERRY LANIK, 33153760, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action at Palo, Leyte, Philippine Islands on 22 October 1944. Private Lanik was machine gunner when his position was attacked by an unknown number of Japanese. A Japanese ammunition dump was located to the left of the position and when the Japs ran for the dump Private Lanik fired on the dump, destroying it and killing approximately twelve of the enemy. A nearby building caught fire sending flames over his head. He was wounded by rifle fire yet he remained with his gun until mortally wounded by a hand grenade. Through his gallant efforts the Japanese attack was repulsed. Private Lanik's fearless performance, beyond the call of duty, and his spirit of self-sacrifice is worthy of the highest traditions of the military service. Next of kin: Mr. Vince Lanik (father), Route #2, Finlayville, Pennsylvania.

Private First Class HOMER McCLURE, 34140091, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action at Mainit River, Leyte, Philippine Islands on 28 October 1944. On this day the enemy was strongly entrenched on the northwest bank of Mainit River, holding the bridge on Highway No. 2 and covering the road with intense automatic fire. A company of infantry made an envelopment of the enemy's left flank and overcame all opposition until an enemy machine gun at the northwest end of the bridge halted the advance with deadly accurate fire. Private McClure, seeing the enemy machine gun had pinned down a portion of his platoon and had caused some casualties, worked his way forward to a position from which he could observe the enemy emplacement. He raised himself to a kneeling position and fired his rifle at a range of 30 yards into the machine gun position. After exhausting one clip of ammunition he fell to the ground mortally wounded. His heroic attempt to destroy the one remaining position holding up the company's advance made possible a flanking maneuver by several other men which destroyed the position. Private McClure's bravery and disregard for his personal survival are worthy of the highest traditions of the military service. Next of kin: Mrs. Lou Bryant (mother), 2001 Morningside Avenue, Chattanooga, Tennessee.

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Staff Sergeant HAROLD L. SCHMIDT, 3716073, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action at Pastran, Leyte, Philippine Islands on 26 October 1944. Sergeant Schmidt was a member of a rifle company which was attacking four enemy pillboxes. One soldier was seriously wounded at a position about twenty yards in front of the pillboxes. Sergeant Schmidt, with complete disregard for his own safety, crawled fifty yards in the face of heavy enemy machine gun and rifle fire in order to administer medical treatment to the wounded man. He then carried the wounded soldier back to safety. Sergeant Schmidt's display of courage at the risk of his own life reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Next of kin: Mrs. Essie Schmidt (mother), Route #2, Ortonville, Minnesota.

II. SILVER STAR.—By direction of the President; under the provisions of the act of Congress approved 9 July 1918 (Bull. 43, WD, 1918), the Silver Star is awarded by the Commanding General, 24th Infantry Division, to the following-named officers and enlisted men:

Private JAMES B. BAGLEY, JR., 35893823, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action at Palo, Leyte, Philippine Islands on 22 October 1944. Private Bagley was number two gunner in a position which was attacked by an undetermined number of Japanese soldiers. Most of the rifle protection was drawn away from the position by enemy fire. When the Japs attacked, Private Bagley remained with the gun and continued to fire on the attacking force. He was wounded by rifle fire and grenades, but he kept the gun in action against the enemy. When he could no longer operate the gun because of his wounds, he remained with his rifle to protect the gun position. Private Bagley's extraordinary heroism reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Rosalie R. Bagley (wife), Route #4, Kokomo, Indiana.

First Lieutenant EDWARD A. DEVLIN, JR., 01297171, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on Leyte, Philippine Islands, during the period 26 October 1944 to 5 November 1944. Lieutenant Devlin was a member of a regiment that advanced some thirty miles against enemy opposition from the vicinity of Palo to Pinamopan. The enemy, fighting a bitter retrograde action, heavily mined the route of advance. Lieutenant Devlin, company executive officer, volunteered to remove these mines. Accompanied by one non-commissioned officer, he disarmed over two hundred anti-tank mines and innumerable anti-personnel mines of all types frequently being under heavy hostile automatic and small arms fire while so doing. On 27 October 1944, under machine gun fire, he removed a demolition arrangement located under an ammunition dump. This charge was activated by an intricate system of pull wires and pressure release firing devices, calling for extraordinary coolness and a thorough knowledge of enemy equipment. That same day, he voluntarily proceeded in advance of the regiment through enemy occupied territory and, although again subjected to enemy small arms fire, disarmed many mines which could have seriously hampered the regimental advance. During the last few days

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of the campaign he was stricken with a high fever, but repeatedly ignored requests of his regimental commander to be hospitalized, and continued to perform his hazardous duties. Lieutenant Devlin's voluntary and heroic actions, with complete disregard for his personal safety, greatly facilitated the advance of his regiment and reflect the highest credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Margaret Devlin (mother), 1629 South Tanoy Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Private First Class ALFRED L. DIETZMAN, 38100446, Medical Department, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Pastrana, Leyte, Philippine Islands on 26 October 1944. The company to which Private Dietzman was attached as aid man was pinned down by fire from an enemy pillbox and the two lead scouts were wounded and were partially exposed to fire from the pillbox. Private Dietzman, with utter disregard for his own safety, crawled approximately twenty yards in the face of enemy machine gun and sniper fire to administer medical treatment to the wounded men. Upon arrival he found one man dead, so he began administering aid to the other. During this time he was wounded in the leg, but he continued to administer aid to the wounded man and withdrew only when his work was complete. Private Dietzman's extraordinary heroism and devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Edith G. Dietzman (mother), 1246 Pierce Street, Phoenix, Arizona.

Technician Fifth Grade WILLIAM DUFF, 39113505, Medical Department, United States Army. For gallantry in action at Pastrana, Leyte, Philippine Islands on 26 October 1944. While attacking four enemy pillboxes a soldier was seriously wounded about 20 yards to the front of the pillboxes. With complete disregard for his own safety, Technician Duff advanced under enemy fire and administered medical treatment to the wounded man. He then brought the wounded soldier back to safety in order that he might be evacuated. Technician Duff's outstanding display of courage and devotion to duty at the risk of his life reflects great credit on himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Alex Duff (father), 200 Clark Street, Crockett, California.

Private First Class DEAN K. ENGLISH, 16014065, Field Artillery, United States Army. For gallantry in action at Palo, Leyte, Philippine Islands on 25 October 1944. Private English, with the aid of another soldier, voluntarily exposed himself to the danger of exploding small arms ammunition and artillery shells in a burning ammunition dump fifty yards from his position to carry a wounded man to the aid station. He was fully aware of the danger from the exploding ammunition and of the fact that the fire illuminated him as a target to enemy snipers active in the area. His quick thinking, initiative, and courage made possible the saving of this man's life. Private English's display of heroism reflects the highest credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mr. Claude English (father), 301 South Gorman Street, Jackson, Michigan.

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Private HERMAN R. GENDRON, 36869643; Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Palo, Leyte, Philippine Islands, on 20 October 1944. Private Gendron was a member of a rifle platoon advancing on two enemy pillboxes when the platoon received heavy machine gun and sniper fire. A member of the platoon was wounded and fell into the fire lane. Private Gendron, with complete disregard for his own safety, crawled out into the lane in the face of heavy enemy fire and helped carry the wounded soldier to cover. Private Gendron's outstanding display of courage in unhesitatingly risking his life to save a fellow soldier reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Margaret Gendron (wife), 11680 Wyoming, Detroit, Mich.

Major ELMER C. HOWARD, 0309440, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action at San Pedro Bay, Leyte, Philippine Islands on 20 October 1944. While leading his battalion in establishing a beachhead, he repeatedly, without regard for his own safety, exposed himself to enemy fire beyond that normally expected of him, in order to direct and coordinate the actions of his companies. His courage and leadership were an inspiration to the officers and men of his battalion. Major Howard's outstanding example of coolness, fortitude, and devotion to duty at the risk of his life are in accord with the highest traditions of the military service. Home address: Mrs. Dorothy M. Howard (wife), 25 High Street, New Haven, Connecticut.

Private HENRY JACKSON, 38188053, Medical Department, United States Army. For gallantry in action at Palo, Leyte, Philippine Islands on 24 October 1944. While advancing through a coconut grove about ten members of the company to which Private Jackson was attached were wounded. With complete disregard for his own safety Private Jackson in the face of heavy enemy machine gun and sniper fire ran from one wounded man to another administering first aid. During the course of his heroic acts, his first aid pack was shot from his back, but he continued his aid to the wounded men. Private Jackson's courageous actions in risking his life to save his fellow soldiers is worthy of the highest military traditions and reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mr. James Jackson (father), General Delivery, Gilliam, Arkansas.

Private MARTIN P. KNOWLTON, 14107444, Medical Department, United States Army. For gallantry in action at Pastrana, Leyte, Philippine Islands on 27 October 1944. On this date, Private Knowlton, with complete disregard for his own personal safety and in line with heavy enemy sniper fire, administered medical aid to approximately ten wounded men. This act required Private Knowlton to expose himself repeatedly as a target to the enemy snipers and, despite the fact that bullets were striking near him and the fact that one bullet penetrated his jungle pack, he continued administering first aid. Private Knowlton's daring and fearless courage exhibited in this feat is worthy of the highest traditions of the army and reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. M. P. Knowlton (wife), 2005 Walton Avenue, New York City, New York.

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Technician Fifth Grade **STANLEY LAWUKIEWICZ**, 37147406, Medical Department, United States Army. For gallantry in action at Pastrana, Leyte, Philippine Islands on 27 October 1944. While advancing against heavy machine gun fire from an enemy strong point, the company to which Technician Lawrukiewicz was attached as aid man suffered several casualties. With complete disregard for his own safety, he advanced three times under heavy enemy fire to administer medical treatment and to evacuate the wounded men. Technician Lawrukiewicz' outstanding display of courage in risking his life to save his fellow soldiers reflects the highest credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Mary Lawrukiewicz (wife), 472 South 7th Street, Kansas City, Kansas.

Private First Class **CHESTER M. LEDFORD**, 37414898, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Palo, Leyte, Philippine Islands on 20 October 1944. Private Ledford was advancing with other members of his company toward two heavily fortified enemy pill boxes. During the engagement one of the company officers was seriously wounded and lay helpless in the enemy fire lane. In the face of this enemy fire, and with utter disregard for his own safety, Private Ledford ran out into the fire lane and assisted another soldier in carrying the officer to safety. Private Ledford's heroic actions at risk of his life reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Ida Bell Peep (mother), Route 1, Perry, Missouri.

Private First Class **WILLIAM L. LESSARD**, 35565564, Medical Department United States Army. For gallantry in action at Pastrana, Leyte, Philippine Islands on 27 October 1944. With complete disregard for his own personal safety, Private Lessard, on three different occasions, advanced under heavy enemy machine gun and sniper fire to administer aid to the wounded. The acts required him to crawl for distances up to sixty yards under heavy enemy fire in order to reach the wounded men. Private Lessard's courageous conduct in the performance of his duties while risking his own life reflects the highest credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Philomene Lessard (mother), 341 East 7th Street, Gary, Indiana.

Private First Class **NORBUT J. MAIER**, 35871183, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Palo, Leyte, Philippine Islands on 20 October 1944. The company of which Private Maier is a member was pinned down by enemy machine gun and sniper fire from a well fortified pillbox. Two men were wounded and were exposed to enemy fire. They called for an aid man, but none were available. Private Maier, at the risk of his own life, crawled approximately 15 yards in the face of enemy sniper fire to assist the wounded men to safety and to administer first aid. Private Maier's outstanding courage displayed in saving the lives of his comrades, reflects highest credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Margaret Maier (wife), 2329 Norwood Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio.

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Staff Sergeant NICHOLAS L. MARASCO, 32135528, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Jaro, Leyte, Philippine Islands on 30 October 1944. A company of infantry was attacked by a numerically superior enemy force inflicting many casualties. Sergeant Marasco, squad leader, exposed himself to the intense hostile fire to place his men in positions from which they could cover the evacuation of the wounded. When this was accomplished, he personally evacuated wounded men under enemy fire. After all the casualties had been safely evacuated, Sergeant Marasco moved to an exposed position from which he could effectively cover the withdrawal of his men, leaving only when the last of his men had reached safety. Sergeant Marasco's able leadership and fearless courage is worthy of the highest traditions of the military service. Home address: Mrs. Angelina Marasco (mother), Papermill Street, Honeye, New York.

Second Lieutenant EDWIN A. MARMON, 0524139, Field Artillery, United States Army. For gallantry in action 1800 yards northeast of Limon, Leyte, Philippine Islands, 11 - 12 November 1944. Lieutenant Marmon demonstrated the highest traits desired in an officer, by moving beyond the infantry front line, under fire, and directing artillery successfully against the enemy. He was wounded, but remained at his post for approximately 17 hours and continued to adjust the greatly needed artillery fire, and left his post only after having been ordered to return to the rear for medical attention. Lieutenant Marmon's utter disregard for his personal safety and high devotion to duty, reflect the greatest credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Marie C. Marmon, (mother), 713 Norris Avenue, Springfield, New Jersey.

Sergeant THOMAS McPETERS, 37383804, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action at Leyte, Philippine Islands, during the period 26 October 1944 to 5 November 1944. Sergeant McPeters, mine platoon squad leader, was a member of a regiment that advanced some thirty miles from the vicinity of Palo to Pinamopoan. The enemy, fighting a bitter retrograde action, heavily mined the route of advance. Sergeant McPeters, accompanied by his platoon leader, disarmed over two hundred anti-tank and anti-personnel mines during this advance. This was accomplished in most instances under the automatic and small arms fire of the enemy. On 27 October 1944, he assisted in removing a demolition arrangement located under an ammunition dump. This charge was activated by an intricate system of pull wires and pressure release firing devices, calling for extraordinary coolness and a thorough knowledge of enemy equipment. Enemy machine gun fire further complicated this dangerous assignment. That same day, he again assisted his platoon leader in the removal of demolition charges under the Mainit River bridge. This bridge was subjected to intense hostile automatic fire at the time, and it therefore required the highest courage on the part of Sergeant McPeters to complete this task. During the entire regimental advance, he repeatedly exposed himself to enemy fire while carrying out his duties. The high degree of courage and devotion to duty displayed by Sergeant McPeters, reflects the highest credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mr. Ernest McPeters (father), Route #1, Bragg City, Missouri.

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Technician Fifth Grade HOWARD M. McVEAN, 38096661, Medical Department, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Palo, Leyte, Philippine Islands on 20 October 1944. While advancing on two well fortified pillboxes four members of the platoon to which Technician McVean was attached were wounded and lay directly in the enemy fire lanes. With complete disregard for his own safety, and of his own volition, Technician McVean advanced in the face of heavy enemy fire to administer first aid to the wounded men and to evacuate them to safety. Technician McVean's outstanding display of courage at the risk of his life reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mr. Alexander M. McVean (father), General Delivery, Eritton, Texas.

Private First Class JOHN M. MILLER, 12058808, Field Artillery, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Limon, Leyte, Philippine Islands on 17 November 1944. Private Miller was in the vicinity of a man who had been wounded in action and was calling for help. The wounded man was down on his hands and knees, being unable to crawl to a fox hole, thereby offering an easy target for enemy machine gun and rifle fire, which was in progress. Private Miller left his place of safety, ran twenty yards in the face of heavy enemy fire, and dragged his wounded comrade to a place of safety. His quick thinking and initiative saved the life of this man. Private Miller's fearless action, without regard for his own life or safety, reflects the highest credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mr. Francis Miller, (father), 3100 Heath Avenue, Bronx, New York.

First Lieutenant WILLIE F. MONDAY, 01183931, Field Artillery, United States Army. For gallantry in action between Palo and Pinamopan, Leyte, Philippine Islands, from 24 October 1944 to 10 November 1944. During this period Lieutenant Monday voluntarily flew as liaison pilot over enemy territory in spite of awareness that liaison aircraft are slow, extremely vulnerable, and not ordinarily intended for such flights, and that enemy planes and anti-aircraft fire were active in the area. Flying from short, hazardous fields, he was not able to take an observer with him but was nevertheless able to make accurate and skilled adjustments of artillery fire and make valuable reconnaissance reports. By his outstanding courage and willingness to meet military necessities beyond the call of his normal duties, Lieutenant Monday conducted himself in a manner worthy of the highest traditions of the military service. Home address: Mrs. Grace A. Monday (wife), Box 266, Angier, North Carolina.

Technician Fourth Grade CHARLES R. MOTT, 37247606, Field Artillery, United States Army. For gallantry in action at Palo, Leyte, Philippine Islands on 25 October 1944. Technician Mott, with the aid of another soldier, voluntarily exposed himself to the danger of exploding small arms ammunition and artillery shells in a burning ammunition dump 50 yards from his position, to carry a wounded man to the aid station. He was fully aware of the danger from the exploding ammunition and of the fact that the fire illuminated him as a target to enemy snipers active in the area. His quick thinking, initiative, and courage made possible the saving of this man's life. Technician Mott's display of heroism reflects



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the highest credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Harriet V. Mott (wife), 2508 Shady Brook Lane, Wichita, Kansas.

Private First Class GEORGE A. MUNRO, 36871187, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Jaro, Leyte, Philippine Islands on 30 October 1944. During an engagement with the enemy, Private Munro, assisted by a fellow soldier, located an enemy 40mm gun crew whose fire was preventing the withdrawal of our forces. They moved to an exposed position from which they were able to place covering fire upon the enemy emplacement, thus permitting their comrades to withdraw. Throughout this action they were under the aimed fire of the enemy. When this was accomplished they proceeded under hostile automatic fire to the aid of a seriously wounded soldier and evacuated him. Private Munro exhibited the highest courage in this engagement and his heroism reflects the highest credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mr. George Munro (father), 702 Vine Street, St. Clair, Michigan.

Technical Sergeant ANDREW E. PRISTAS, 13022573, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Pinamopan, Leyte, Philippine Islands on 5 and 6 November 1944. On 5 November 1944, Sergeant Pristas was commanding a platoon of heavy .30 caliber machine guns, when two companies of the battalion were cut off by the enemy. In the face of enemy fire and with complete disregard for his own personal safety, Sergeant Pristas went from machine gun to machine gun of his platoon, checking on ammunition and targets, steadying, and instilling confidence in his men. When withdrawal was ordered after three enemy attacks on the night 5 - 6 November 1944, he remained behind with one section of his machine guns to cover the withdrawal of his company, firing upon the advancing enemy for fully one-half hour and successfully carrying out his mission. His outstanding courage and devotion to duty in the face of enemy fire is worthy of the highest traditions of the military service. Home address: Mrs Anna Pristas (mother), RFD #4, Conneautville, Pennsylvania.

Lieutenant Colonel ERIC P. RAMSEY, 019961, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Pinamopan, Leyte, Philippine Islands on 5 and 6 November 1944. On the afternoon of 5 November 1944 Colonel Ramsey had gone on reconnaissance preparatory to the committing of his battalion into combat. At this time a nearby artillery forward observer party was assaulted by Japanese infantry. Colonel Ramsey immediately ordered a rifle platoon to the rescue. When the enemy assault proved to be an attack in force, he committed another reinforced rifle company and took personal command of the forces involved. As the attack progressed, the enemy employed machine guns, mortars, and field artillery with telling effect. However, Colonel Ramsey, with great skill and cool-headed bravery, conducted the defense in such a manner as to inflict the maximum casualties on the enemy while suffering minimum losses to his own forces. Due almost entirely to his efforts, the enemy attack was repulsed and when it became necessary to withdraw on the morning of 6 November 1944, Colonel Ramsey although practically out off, and harassed by pursuing enemy, executed a masterful withdrawal by a circuitous route, thereby

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succeeding in evacuating all wounded men without sustaining further losses. Colonel Fames's exemplary conduct throughout this entire engagement was an inspiration to his fellow officers and men, and is in accord with the highest traditions of the military service. Home address: Mrs. Eric P. Fames (wife), 51 Belmont Avenue, Northampton, Massachusetts.

Private First Class CLINTON C. SHORT, 35212048, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action at Mainit River, Leyte, Philippine Islands on 28 October 1944. Private Short was an acting squad leader during the attack against a strong enemy force at the Mainit River bridge on Highway #2. The enemy was strongly entrenched on the northwest bank of the Mainit River and covered the bridge and highway approaching it. The strength of their position made necessary an enveloping movement by a company of infantry, which crossed the river 500 yards northeast of the bridge and then turned southwest along Highway #2 to assault the left flank of the enemy. Private Short led his squad toward the enemy under a heavy fire from their emplacements. Early in the assault his helmet was blown off his head by a sniper's bullet, but he continued to advance, calling to his men and indicating targets for them. He observed a knee mortar position and engaged with rifle and bayonet, killing the gunner. At one time he walked boldly down the road in full view of the enemy in order to have better observation in directing his men forward. His fearless leadership and outstanding devotion to duty inspired his platoon and company to complete the 500 yard assault which paved the way for a general regimental advance the following day. Private Short's heroism, which resulted in his being wounded and evacuated during the final assault, is worthy of the highest traditions of the military service. Home address: Mr. Morris Short (father), 1114 3rd Street, Parkersburg, West Virginia.

Private First Class WILFORD R. STONE, 20152327, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action at Pastrana, Leyte, Philippine Islands on 20 October 1944. Private Stone's squad was attacking a large enemy fortification and the leading scout was seriously wounded when only thirty yards from the fortification. At the risk of his own life Private Stone crawled through increasingly heavy enemy fire from machine guns, rifles, and knee mortars, and brought the wounded soldier back to cover and safety. Private Stone's courageous action in risking his life to save a fellow soldier is worthy of the highest traditions of the service. Home address: Mrs. Minnie Barckoski (sister), 1609 Second Avenue, Waterlot, New York.

First Lieutenant CLARENCE J. STUBBS, 01303273, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action at Jaro, Leyte, Philippine Islands on 31 October 1944. Lieutenant Stubbs was a platoon leader in a company leading the regimental advance along the Jaro-Darigaura road. A strong enemy force entrenched on a ridge overlooking the road suddenly subjected them to a heavy concentration of artillery, mortar, automatic and small arms fire. When the company commander was wounded and evacuated in this action, Lieutenant Stubbs assumed command of the company. The intensity of the hostile fire made the position untenable and an immediate withdrawal was ordered. During this withdrawal, Lieutenant Stubbs was twice

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wounded, but refused to be evacuated and continued to direct his men. Throughout this action, with utter disregard for his personal safety, he exposed himself to the hostile fire to effect a successful withdrawal. Lieutenant Stubbs displayed daring initiative, fearless leadership and courage, inspiring his men and lifting their morale at a time when strong leadership was urgently needed. Home address: Mrs. Mildred Stubbs (wife), 12 Barton Avenue, S.E., Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Private First Class JAMES P. SULLIVAN, 20251425, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Jaro, Leyte, Philippine Islands on 30 October 1944. Private Sullivan voluntarily returned to a battle area after his platoon had withdrawn, to administer first aid and to evacuate a seriously wounded soldier. This was accomplished under intense small arms fire from enemy positions. Private Sullivan exhibited the highest courage, and his gallant action in risking his life to save a comrade reflects the highest credit upon himself and the armed services. Home address: Mr. John Sullivan (father), 1445 St. Lawrence Avenue, Bronx, New York.

Private First Class JOHN R. TEBAULT, 13116938, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Pale, Leyte, Philippine Islands on 20 October 1944. Private Tebault was advancing with other members of his company toward two heavily fortified enemy pillboxes. During the engagement one of the company officers was seriously wounded and Private Tebault with utter disregard for his personal safety immediately crawled to the wounded officer, although the enemy fire continued unabated. He reached the wounded officer and carried him to safety while continually under fire from the enemy. Private Tebault displayed rare courage and initiative and through his gallant efforts saved the life of the officer. Private Tebault's heroic actions reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Elmira I. Tebault (mother), 815 West 47th Street, Norfolk, Virginia.

Private First Class ENOC E. TORSCH, 36127314, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Jaro, Leyte, Philippine Islands on 30 October 1944. During an engagement with the enemy, Private Torsch, assisted by a fellow soldier, located an enemy 40mm gun crew whose fire was preventing the withdrawal of our forces. They moved to an exposed position from which they were able to place covering fire upon the enemy emplacement, thus permitting their comrades to withdraw. Throughout this action they were under the aimed fire of the enemy. When this was accomplished they proceeded under hostile automatic fire to the aid of a seriously wounded soldier and evacuated him. Private Torsch exhibited the highest courage in this engagement and his heroism reflects the highest credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Lena Torsch (mother), RFD #2, Lachine, Michigan.

Staff Sergeant RALPH E. TRANK, 6958779, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Jaro, Leyte, Philippine Islands on 30 October 1944. Sergeant Trank voluntarily returned to a battle area, after his

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platoon had withdrawn, to administer first aid and to evacuate a seriously wounded soldier. This was accomplished under intense small arms fire from enemy positions. Sergeant Trank exhibited the highest courage, and his gallant action in risking his life to save a comrade reflects the highest credit upon himself and the armed services. Home address: Mrs. Myrtle Trank (mother), 1210 Niagra Street, Houston, Texas.

Second Lieutenant GEORGE R. WHITNEY, ORO35993, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Palo, Leyte, Philippine Islands on 20 October 1944. While advancing upon two enemy pillboxes, a member of Lieutenant Whitney's platoon was wounded and fell into the fire lane. With complete disregard for his own safety, Lieutenant Whitney, together with another soldier, went out into the open fire lane under heavy enemy fire and carried the wounded man to safety. Lieutenant Whitney's outstanding display of courage in unhesitatingly risking his life to save one of his men reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Bertha L. Whitney (mother), 845 Paris Street, San Francisco, California.

Technician Fifth Grade ANGELO VOLPE, 16003910, Medical Department, United States Army. For gallantry in action 300 yards west of the center of Red Beach I, Leyte, Philippine Islands on 25 October 1944. At 0215, the perimeter of the headquarters battery of a field artillery battalion was infiltrated by about ten armed Japanese. A private of the battery was wounded and dragged into the G.P. tent. An aid man was called and, although it was necessary to crawl across an open area from the aid station to the G.P. tent; a distance of approximately thirty yards, under enemy machine gun fire, Technician Volpe answered the call. After rendering first aid to the wounded soldier, Technician Volpe found that additional morphine was necessary to ease the pain of the patient. Although cautioned that the wound would not be fatal and it was not necessary at that time to risk his life to obtain the morphine, Technician Volpe, with utter disregard for his own safety, left the G.P. tent under enemy machine gun fire, located the morphine, and returned to administer it to the patient. Technician Volpe's gallant action and superior devotion to duty reflect the highest credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Dorothy I. Volpe (wife), 148 Shaftsbury Road, Eastwood, New South Wales, Australia.

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III. BRONZE STAR ~~NSA~~ By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sec. II, Bull. 3, WD, 1944), a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 24th Infantry Division, to the following-named officers and enlisted men:

Private ALBERT M. BASKIN, 33563886, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Palo, Leyte, Philippine Islands on 20 October 1944. Private Baskin with utter disregard for his own safety exposed himself to enemy fire in order to engage an enemy pillbox, and to protect his Company Commander at the same time. In the action he killed a Japanese First Lieutenant in the pillbox and received a wound himself. This action gave our forces the location of the enemy pillbox, enabling the heavy weapons

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to destroy it, giving his unit command of the objective. Private Baskin's courageous conduct under fire contributed greatly to the success of the operation and reflects credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Anna Baskin (mother), 2020 East Fairmount Avenue, Baltimore, Maryland.

Private DONALD E. BELL, 37251185, Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Sagkahan, Leyte, Philippine Islands on 1 November 1944. While a member of a forward observation party adjusting artillery fire, Private Bell observed two enemy soldiers lying face down in a vine concealed ditch about two yards away, holding grenades in their hands. Private Bell, who was unarmed at the time, quickly seized his rifle, which was lying several yards away, and opened fire, killing one instantly and forcing the other to run for better cover, thereby killing him without difficulty. Private Bell's initiative and aggressiveness, in disregarding his own safety, prevented the enemy from inflicting casualties to members of the forward observation party. Home address: Mrs. Veva Farno Bell (mother), Route #2, Wollman, Iowa.

Technician Third Grade EARL K. CRESSMAN, 37147756, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Palo, Leyte, Philippine Islands on 24 October 1944. Technician Cressman, with utter disregard for his own safety, exposed himself to enemy fire and fire from our own troops in order to render first aid to his fellow soldiers. When the call for first aid men came after an attack on a regimental perimeter at about 0400 hours he passed through heavy enemy and friendly fire to give first aid and plasma to the wounded. He also evacuated the wounded under fire. The actions of Technician Cressman, reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mr. Walter L. Cressman (father), Horriek, South Dakota.

Sergeant JOSEPH G. DAWSON, 13001600, Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Malirong, Leyte, Philippine Islands on 27 October 1944. Sergeant Dawson, a member of an artillery reconnaissance party, sighted a group of enemy approximately fifteen feet away. On his own initiative he quickly advanced and closed with the enemy, killing one of them who was attempting to throw grenades. Sergeant Dawson's action contributed to the saving of the lives of others in the party and to the successful accomplishment of its mission. Home address: Mrs. Grace L. Dawson (mother), Linden, Virginia.

Private JAMES A. DENOFF, 13034730, Quartermaster Corps, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Palo, Leyte, Philippine Islands on 24 October 1944. Private Denoff, under danger of enemy fire, voluntarily extinguished a truck fire which had been started by enemy troops and which endangered

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large Quartermaster supply dumps. While scouting, he encountered a Japanese soldier whom he killed with his carbine. Private Denoff's quick action and utter disregard for his personal safety reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mr. Jack Denoff (father), RFD #1, Cedar Bluff, Virginia.

Private JAMES J. GILGEN, 36763191, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Palo, Leyte, Philippine Islands on 21 October 1944. The platoon of which Private Gilgen was a member was advancing toward Palo and was under an artillery attack from the enemy. As a result of the attack two members of the platoon were wounded and unable to move from the area. Private Gilgen, with complete disregard for his own safety, voluntarily remained to help care for the wounded man, and then later carry them to cover. Private Gilgen's courageous action reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Maude B. Gilgen (mother), 1406, 65th Place, East, Chicago, Illinois.

Corporal BRUCE C. GRANLEY, 13003760, Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Malirong, Leyte, Philippine Islands on 27 October 1944. Corporal Granley, a member of an artillery reconnaissance party sighted a group of enemy approximately fifteen feet away. On his own initiative he quickly advanced and closed with the enemy, killing one of them who was attempting to throw grenades. Corporal Granley's action contributed to the saving of the lives of others in the party and to the successful accomplishment of its mission. Home address: Mrs. Edna Fay Granley (mother), 2585 Riverside Drive, Du Bois Town, Pennsylvania.

Private First Class STANLEY M. HARVEY, 38084530, Quartermaster Corps, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Palo, Leyte, Philippine Islands on 24 October 1944. Private Harvey on learning that Medical Corps men, after being called, had not come to the aid of two soldiers injured by the Japanese, voluntarily ran to the dugout of the Medical Corps men and escorted them back to the wounded men. Private Harvey's courageous action in venturing into the open, under danger of enemy fire, reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mr. Ben C. Harvey (father), RFD #4, Grand Junction, Colorado.

Staff Sergeant JOHN A. HUEY, 13013621, Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Malirong, Leyte, Philippine Islands on 27 October 1944. Sergeant Huey, a member of an artillery reconnaissance party, sighted a group of enemy approximately fifteen feet away. On his own initiative he quickly advanced and closed with the enemy, killing two of them who were attempting to throw grenades. Sergeant Huey's action contributed to the saving of the lives of others in the party and to the successful accomplishment of its mission. Home address: Mr. Raymond L. Huey (father), R.D. #2, Warren Road, Franklin, Pennsylvania.

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Corporal JOHN R. HUTCHINSON, 31139367, Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Malirong, Leyte, Philippine Islands, on 27 October 1944. Corporal Hutchinson, a member of an artillery reconnaissance party, sighted a group of enemy approximately fifteen feet away. Without hesitation, he opened fire on the group, killing three of the enemy, and firing until other members of the party closed with the Japanese. Corporal Hutchinson's action contributed to the saving of the lives of others in his party, and to the successful accomplishment of its mission. Home address: Mr. George M. Hutchinson (father), 40 Rutland Square, Boston, Massachusetts.

Staff Sergeant JOHN E. JABLONSKI, 35517412, Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Malirong, Leyte, Philippine Islands on 27 October 1944. Sergeant Jablonski, a member of an artillery reconnaissance party sighted a group of enemy approximately fifteen feet away. On his own initiative he quickly advanced and closed with the enemy, firing his carbine against the enemy who were attempting to throw grenades. Sergeant Jablonski's action contributed to the saving of the lives of others in the party and to the successful accomplishment of its mission. Home address: Mrs. Katherine Jablonski (mother), 8308 Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio.

Captain JAMES B. JONES, 0390567, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Pastrana, Leyte, Philippine Islands on 27 October 1944. Captain Jones, S-3 of an Infantry Regiment, went forward to the front lines on his own initiative and with utter disregard for his own safety, in order to coordinate the actions of two battalions storming the town of Pastrana. Although painfully wounded he continued his mission. Captain Jones' exemplary initiative and courage contributed greatly to the success of the operation and reflect worthy credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mr. John D. Jones (father), 35 Main Street, Buffalo, South Carolina.

Private First Class EDWARD E. McCALLISTER, 35211732, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Palo, Leyte, Philippine Islands on 24 October 1944. The platoon of which Private McCallister was a member, was dug in for the night and was attacked by a group of Japanese soldiers that infiltrated into the city and set up a machine gun directly across the street. From this position the Japs opened fire causing the entire platoon to be pinned down. Realizing the situation, Private McCallister, with complete disregard for his own life and safety, crawled out of his fox hole and from a more advantageous position threw hand grenades into the Japanese position, which was completely silenced. Private McCallister's courageous conduct in the performance of his duties reflects high credit upon himself and upon the military service. Home address: Mrs. Betty McCallister (mother), McCorkle, West Virginia.

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Technician Third Grade **ROBERT W. MELLON**, 35286722, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Palo, Leyte, Philippine Islands on 24 October 1944. At about 0400 hours, with complete disregard for his own safety, Technician Mellon proceeded for a distance of approximately 125 yards through enemy fire in order to administer aid and to evacuate the wounded. Technician Mellon's heroism and disregard for his own safety are a credit to himself and to the military service. Home address: Mr. Frank M. Mellon (father), 483 Buckeye Street, Clyde, Ohio.

Private **HARVEY F. MERRITT**, 33227296, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Palo, Leyte, Philippine Islands on 21 October 1944. The rifle platoon to which Private Merritt was attached was hit by enemy artillery and two members of the platoon were wounded. When the platoon moved forward to escape the barrage, Private Merritt, with complete disregard for his own safety, remained behind to administer medical treatment and to evacuate the wounded men. Private Merritt's outstanding display of courage reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Geneva Merritt (wife), Route #1, Box 131, Lake Village, Arkansas.

Private First Class **JOHN MOISAN**, 32016266, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Red Beach, Leyte, Philippine Islands on 20 October 1944. Stern enemy opposition was encountered during the establishment of the initial beachhead on Leyte, the enemy being strongly entrenched in dugouts and pillboxes in a coconut grove just beyond the beach. Private Moisan, member of the assault company, voluntarily proceeded in advance of his platoon and assisted in destroying two enemy dugouts and mopping up the remaining enemy in the vicinity. This was accomplished in the face of heavy hostile automatic and small arms fire. Private Moisan's gallant action facilitated the advance of the assault company and reflects the highest credit to himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Elisabeth Moisan (mother), Cold Spring Harbor, New York.

First Sergeant **ALEXANDER T. PIETROWSKI**, 3023999, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Passangrahn, Dutch New Guinea, on 3 May 1944. Sergeant Pietrowski was platoon sergeant with a combat patrol, consisting of two rifle platoons and a light machine gun section when contact was made with an enemy force of about 40 riflemen reinforced with three automatic weapons. It was raining hard; the terrain was thick jungle, peculiar to Dutch New Guinea. Sergeant Pietrowski led five men to the right flank to intercept and kill three of the enemy. He then crossed the trail to the left flank to destroy a machine gun nest which was holding up one of the platoons. When Sergeant Pietrowski and his five men advanced toward the enemy position, the machine gun crew fled. As they



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returned to the trail two Japanese with a machine gun emerged from an emplacement on the trail. Sergeant Pietrowski killed them both and then another enemy machine gun opened fire from the same position. While another man diverted the attention of the enemy, Sergeant Pietrowski crawled closer to the enemy position and threw eight grenades, seven of which landed in the enemy position and resulted in the killing of the machine gun crew. Sergeant Pietrowski then put out security to protect the evacuation of the wounded. For his courage and aggressive leadership throughout the action, Sergeant Pietrowski has earned the admiration and respect of all men of his unit. Home address: Mrs. Clara C. Pietrowski (mother), Box 175, Secretary, Maryland.

Private First Class FRANCIS P. RANDALL, 31368469, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Palo, Leyte, Philippine Islands on 23 October 1944. The platoon of which Private Randall was a member was hit by enemy artillery, and two members of the platoon were wounded. When the platoon moved forward to escape the barrage, Private Randall volunteered to remain behind to administer first aid and to evacuate the wounded men. Private Randall's heroism, with complete disregard for his own safety, reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Josephine P. Randall (mother), 19 Cottage Street, Saugus, Massachusetts.

Private First Class THEODORE G. SHARPE, 13027801, Quartermaster Corps, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Palo, Leyte, Philippine Islands on 24 October 1944. Private Sharpe, under danger of enemy fire, went to the rescue of two men who had been attacked by the Japanese. He found them injured and guarded them until Medical Corps men arrived. Private Sharpe then opened fire on the Japanese crossing the bridge only a few feet away, killing one. He then volunteered to act as bodyguard for an officer, who was preparing to cross the bridge to investigate the action. Private Sharpe killed another Japanese soldier while with the officer. Private Sharpe's courageous performance of duty reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Margaret B. Sharpe (mother), 4515 Conley Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

First Lieutenant ANTHONY J. SICILIANO, 01165258, Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Palo, Leyte, Philippine Islands on 22 October 1944. Lieutenant Siciliano, an Artillery Liaison Officer, demonstrated leadership, coolness, sound judgment and an excellent knowledge of artillery capabilities while adjusting artillery fire on the enemy during a counter-attack against the perimeter of an infantry battalion located in Palo. During the attack he placed himself in a position of danger in order more accurately to adjust artillery fire, without regard for his personal safety. Lieutenant Siciliano's integrity and devotion to duty without regard for his own safety materially contributed to the successful repelling of the enemy counter-attack. Home address: Mrs. Marianna Siciliano (mother), 1207 4th Avenue, Asbury Park, New Jersey.

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Private First Class WILBER A. SPOONHOUR, 33514 382, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Jaro, Leyte, Philippine Islands on 30 October 1944. A company of infantry was attacked by a numerically superior enemy force employing artillery, mortars, automatic weapons and small arms. Private Spoonhour, first scout, proceeded through the forward elements of the enemy and, although subjected to intense fire, secured valuable information concerning the enemy's deployment. He then fought his way back to his lines with the information which enabled his organization to cope more successfully with the enemy. Private Spoonhour's initiative and courage served as an inspiration to all members of the command. Home address: Mrs. Anna Spoonhour (mother), RFD #6, Chambersburg, Penna.

Private WLADYSLAW E. SWARTER, 12012267, Quartermaster Corps, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Palo, Leyte, Philippine Islands on 24 October 1944. Private Swarter, under danger of enemy fire, voluntarily assisted in guarding an officer while he crossed the bridge over the Palo River to investigate enemy action. Private Swarter seeing an American shot on the river bank, immediately went over the wall after a Japanese soldier, opened fire and killed the Japanese. He then remained at the bridge until the officer returned. Private Swarter's courageous performance of duty reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Anna Swarter (mother), 732 W. Second Street, Wilmington, Delaware.

Lieutenant Colonel LIVINGSTON N. TAYLOR, JR., 021853, Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy between Palo and Pinaropoa, Leyte, Philippine Islands during the period October 22nd and November 9th 1944. Colonel Taylor, S-3, Division Artillery, made many reconnaissances into exposed areas and visited infantry front line command posts to ascertain that artillery fires were being used advantageously. On several of these occasions he was subjected to enemy fire but continued in complete disregard to his own personal safety. Colonel Taylor's gallant conduct served as an inspiration to others. Home address: Mrs. Jim M. Taylor (wife), 324 Taxodo Avenue, San Antonio, Texas.

Private ROBERT N. TOUGAS, 36522681, Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Kalirong, Leyte, Philippine Islands on 27 October 1944. Private Tougas, a member of an artillery reconnaissance party sighted a group of enemy approximately fifteen feet away. On his own initiative, he quickly advanced and closed with the enemy, killing one of them who was attempting to throw grenades. Private Tougas' action contributed to the saving of the lives of others in the party and to the successful accomplishment of its mission. Home address: Mrs. Ruth Tougas (mother), 20124 San Juan Street, Detroit, Michigan.

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Private First Class FRANCIS J. VANN, 32010701, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Palo, Leyte, Philippine Islands on 27 October 1944. On this day a company of infantry attacking an enemy held ridge encountered heavy enemy small arms fire. Private Vann, observing a wounded comrade lying helpless, remained by his side with a flame thrower as his only protection. This made possible his comrade's safe evacuation by litter bearers, but resulted in Private Vann's isolation from the rest of his company. He then proceeded through heavy hostile fire and rejoined his comrades in the assault. Private Vann exhibited the highest courage in this action. Home address: Mrs. Margaret Vann (mother), 401 West 30th Street, New York City, New York.

Private JOHN H. WOLF, 36699181, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Jaro, Leyte, Philippine Islands on 30 October 1944. On this day a company of infantry attacked a high ridge occupied by enemy troops. The company commander requested that a radio and an operator be sent forward to him. Private Wolf proceeded through intense hostile automatic and small arms fire with a radio strapped to his back. Although wounded by the enemy fire before reaching his destination, he continued forward and upon arrival refused to be evacuated until another man was brought up to replace him. He then refused assistance and returned to the aid station alone. Private Wolf's gallant devotion to duty reflects the highest credit on himself and the armed services. Home address: Mrs. Bertha Harper Wolf (mother), Route #2, Box 392, Des Plaines, Illinois.

Technician Third Grade DALLAS L. YORK, 36385615, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Palo, Leyte, Philippine Islands, on 24 October 1944. Technician York, with utter disregard for his own safety, exposed himself to enemy fire in order to render first aid to his fellow soldiers. When the call for first aid men came after an attack on a regimental perimeter at about 0400 hours, he passed through enemy fire within a few yards of an enemy machine gun. At the same time our own troops were firing upon the enemy and there was danger of being hit by one of our bullets, yet Technician York did not hesitate to get to the wounded and administer first aid and give plasma, reflecting great credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Artie York (wife), Omaha, Illinois.

Private ANDREW ZUBAL, 20203860, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Jaro, Leyte, Philippine Islands on 30 October 1944. Private Zubal, a member of an assault platoon, was in a large measure responsible for the successful evacuation of casualties from an area covered by enemy fire. He proceeded through hostile machine gun fire to an exposed position from which he was able to place covering fire upon the enemy machine gun crew, permitting other members of his platoon to evacuate the wounded. Private Zubal's undaunted courage and outstanding devotion to duty reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mr. George Zubal (father), RFD #2, Waterliss, New York.

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IV. BRONZE STAR (OAK-LEAF CLUSTER).--By direction of the President, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal awarded to Chaplain (Capt.) Harry G. Griffiths by the Commanding General, 24th Infantry Division as published in Section II, General Orders No. 13, Headquarters 24th Infantry Division, dated 8 July 1944, a Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to him by the Commanding General, 24th Infantry Division, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944, (Bull. 3, WD, 1944).

Chaplain (Capt.) HARRY G. GRIFFITHS, 0435023, Chaplains Corps, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Pastrana, Leyte, Philippine Islands on 27 October 1944. When a message was received at the Battalion Command Post that two soldiers were seriously wounded on the front lines and help was needed to evacuate them, Chaplain Griffiths, with utter disregard for his own safety, proceeded directly to the front lines under heavy enemy fire in order to assist in evacuating the wounded men. Chaplain Griffiths' outstanding courage reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Harry G. Griffiths (wife), 111 Cherry Street, Clyde, Ohio.

By command of Major General WOODRUFF:

RICHARD H. LAWSON,  
Lieut. Colonel, U. S. G.,  
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UNIT CITATION

As authorized by Executive Order No. 9396 (Sec. 1, Bull. 22, WD, 1943), superseding Executive Order No. 9075 (Sec III, Bull. 11, WD, 1942) and under the provisions of section IV, Circular No. 339, War Department 1943, a unit citation is awarded by the Commanding General, 24th Infantry Division, to the Second Battalion, 19th Infantry Regiment, as follows:

"The Second Battalion, 19th Infantry Regiment, is cited for conspicuous gallantry and the accomplishment of an extremely hazardous mission in action against armed Japanese military forces in the LEYTE ISLAND OPERATION of the PHILIPPINE LIBERATION CAMPAIGN, 10 to 23 November 1944. On 10 November, this battalion, entering its twenty-first day of continuous combat, with only six hundred and ninety-two men, was ordered to move from Hill 1525 into the ORMOG VALLEY and drive a wedge between two enemy regiments already at the northern end of the valley and reinforcements moving up from ORMOG. It fought its way through the enemy screen over difficult mountain terrain, despite heavy rain and high winds, and on the 15th drove strongly entrenched forces from a dominating hill and severed the enemy line of communications. For five days, surrounded, attacked repeatedly, unable to evacuate its wounded, and with ever increasing attrition from hunger and exposure, the battalion held. It broke up four enemy truck columns, dispersed three strong foot columns, neutralized four field pieces, and artillery observers directed devastating fire on numerous concentrations. Enemy supply was reduced to sporadic runs of a few light tanks and enemy reinforcements limited to infiltrations by small parties. Withdrawal was ordered on 19 November. At daylight 20 November, a Japanese "Banrai" attack of an estimated battalion was repulsed as was a second attack thirty minutes later. The evacuation was a running fight over rugged terrain, during which the battalion protected a party which had been sent to carry out wounded and sick. Many of the carrying party themselves were wounded, and some of those already wounded were wounded again or killed. Litters had to be passed from hand to hand in moving up and down steep slopes. One blinded casualty and the soldier leading him were killed by snipers. Appropriately, first elements of the battalion arrived at PINAPOAN on Thanksgiving Day, the remainder on 24 November, to begin staging immediately for another operation. Unit morale, including that of attached troops was high throughout the thirteen day mission. The battalion had completely out-fought elements of the Japanese First Infantry Division, hardened veterans of fighting in Manchuria and China. With a loss of thirty-one killed, all of whom were buried with religious services, and two missing, the unit had killed at least six hundred and six enemy troops, a ratio of twenty of the enemy to one of its own. It successfully evacuated fifty-five wounded, and although two hundred and forty one men were hospitalized for skin disorders, sore feet and fatigue, it was not until they had seen the action through. The establishment and maintenance of this block of enemy communications contributed decisively to cracking of the strong Japanese defense of "BREAKNECK RIDGE" and paved the way for the advance of our troops toward ORMOG. The men of the Second Battalion, 19th Infantry Regiment, by their outstanding courage, fortitude and tactical skill, have written a stirring chapter in American military history.

By command of Major General WOODRUFF:

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The First Battalion, 34th Infantry Regiment, is cited for conspicuous valor and outstanding performance of a hazardous combat mission against Japanese military forces in the **LEYTE ISLAND OPERATION** of the **PHILIPPINE LIBERATION CAMPAIGN** during the period 10 November to 4 December 1944. On 10 November, this battalion, entering its twenty-first day of continuous combat, with five hundred and sixty-five men advanced rapidly, with its artillery observer's party, around the west flank of a strong Japanese force south of **BREAKNECK RIDGE** and seized **KILAY RIDGE**, a long ridge three thousand yards behind the enemy front and dominating the vital **ORMOC VALLEY ROAD**. This maneuver enabled small arms fire and effective artillery fires to be placed in the enemy's rear areas as well as on his vital supplies and reinforcements moving northward from **ORMOC**. The battalion accomplished its mission so rapidly that the enemy was unaware of the threat until it was too late to occupy the very positions which he had prepared for the defense of the ridge. Patrols successfully gained contact with another of our battalions east of the **ORMOC ROAD** even though the enemy remained strongly entrenched between these two battalions. Ten major and seventeen minor engagements took place during the next fourteen days as the Japanese made desperate attempts to retake **KILAY RIDGE**. Many of these were fought hand to hand. Elements of the battalion were cut off four different times but fought their way out and regained contact with our own troops. Three times the battalion gave ground, but by prompt counterattacks regained the lost positions. The battalion received frequent artillery fire and was under almost constant small arms fire. Heavy rains and shortages of food and ammunition accentuated their difficulties. Combat losses combined with sickness and jungle infections reduced the strength of the battalion to three hundred and ninety men by 27 November. Two enemy field pieces were destroyed and four others were neutralized. Two Japanese ammunition dumps were also destroyed. The night of 28 November, the enemy made a desperate "Banzai" charge, attacking from three sides in battalion strength but were repulsed. Reinforced by another battalion, 29 November, the battalion, in spite of its long continued activities prior to that date with the attendant losses, launched a co-ordinated attack which drove the enemy from all important points on **KILAY RIDGE** and captured three enemy artillery pieces, six heavy machine guns, seventeen light machine guns and thirteen mortars. Relieved 4 December, the First Battalion, 34th Infantry had brought to a close another vital phase of the battle for **LEYTE ISLAND**. The battalion had killed more than nine hundred Japanese soldiers of the Japanese First Infantry Division with a loss of only twenty-six killed, one hundred and one wounded and two missing in action. All of its wounded and sick were evacuated. The bold and determined action of the First Battalion, 34th Infantry in maintaining for twenty-four days its hazardous position behind the enemy lines, then courageously participating in an attack, so harassed the enemy that he was unable to withstand our main attack southward through **LIMON**. This outstanding demonstration of courage, fortitude and skill in combat is worthy of the highest traditions of the United States Army."

By command of Major General WOODRUFF:

RICHARD H. LAWSON,  
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I. SILVER STAR.--By direction of the President, under the provisions of the act of Congress approved 9 July 1918 (Bull. 8, WD, 1918), the Silver Star is posthumously awarded by the Commanding General, 24th Infantry Division, to the following-named enlisted men:

Staff Sergeant JOSEPH BARTNICHAK, 32062168, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Pawing, Leyte, Philippine Islands, on 21 October 1944. On this day his company attacked a steep ridge occupied by the enemy. Sergeant Bartnichak led his squad to the crest of the ridge, at which point heavy hostile machine gun fire from an adjoining ridge pinned down his men. While in this position they were attacked by a squad of the enemy coming from the reverse slope of the ridge and armed with hand grenades and rifles. Sergeant Bartnichak, in close combat, killed two of the enemy, but was overpowered by a third who fired at point blank range, killing Sergeant Bartnichak. There was evidence in the vicinity of the bodies clearly portraying the violent hand-to-hand struggle and heroic stand of Sergeant Bartnichak. Rather than withdraw in the face of the overwhelming attack, he chose to defend his position in the face of almost certain death. His supreme sacrifice for his country and his gallant devotion to duty will serve as an everlasting inspiration to his fellow soldiers and officers. Next of kin: Mr. John Bartnichak (brother), 72 President Street, Passaic, New Jersey.

Private WALTER J. PETROWSKI, 31069949, Field Artillery, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Palo, Leyte, Philippine Islands, on 24 October 1944. A patrol, of which Private Petrowski was a member, was pinned down by enemy sniper fire from a heavily wooded area. One man was seriously wounded and fell in an area clearly visible to the enemy. He called for an aid man, but none was available. Private Petrowski, upon hearing this call, voluntarily, with utter disregard for his own life, ran to the aid of the wounded man. In his attempt to aid his comrade, he was killed. Private Petrowski's fearless performance, beyond the call of duty, and his spirit of self-sacrifice are worthy of the highest traditions of the military service. Next of kin: Mrs. Mary Ociepa (mother), 161 Cushing Street, Lowell, Massachusetts.

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II. SILVER STAR.—By direction of the President, under the provisions of the act of Congress approved 9 July 1918 (Bull. 43, WD, 1918), the Silver Star is awarded by the Commanding General, 24th Infantry Division, to the following-named officers and enlisted men:

*Rise by Lt #2 - Jan. 9, 1945*  
~~\* Captain JOHN A. BRADY, JR., O117056, Field Artillery, United States Army. For gallantry in action between Palo and Finamopon, Leyte, Philippine Islands from 23 October to 3 November 1944. During this period Captain Brady voluntarily made flights in a liaison plane over enemy territory in which enemy Zero planes were active, despite his awareness of the fact that liaison planes are slow, unarmed, unarmored, extremely vulnerable, and not ordinarily intended for such flights. On one of these flights he was attacked by three Zero planes and shot down inside enemy lines. Captain Brady's unusual courage and willingness to meet the call of military necessity, even at the risk of his own life, are worthy of the highest traditions of the military service. Home address: Mrs. Clarissa C. Brady (mother), 76 Watson Street, East Orange, New Jersey.~~

Private First Class WILLIAM A. BRINKERT, 39308500, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action at Lake Rombebai, Dutch New Guinea, on 31 July 1944. Private Brinkert, together with six other men, was sent on a mission to protect a secret radio station operated by three Australian soldiers at Lake Rombebai, Dutch New Guinea. At 0330 on the seventy-first day at the outpost, the position was attacked by forty Japanese soldiers. Private Brinkert engaged the Japs in hand-to-hand combat and was seriously wounded by shrapnel in his left side. Even though in great pain, he took his automatic rifle and fought his way to his position, and by skillful use of his weapon the Japanese attack was repulsed. He then remained at his post until dawn, even refusing to leave to receive medical treatment. Private Brinkert's outstanding performance of duty with utter disregard for his personal safety reflects highest credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Elsie E. Brinkert (mother), Grass Valley, Oregon.

Private First Class SALVATORE F. CRIMACHI, 13008679, Field Artillery, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Palo, Leyte, Philippine Islands, on 24 October 1944. A patrol of which Private Crimachi was a member was pinned down by enemy sniper fire from a well-fortified position. Another member of this patrol was wounded and fell in an area clearly visible to the enemy, and called for help. No aid man being available, Private Crimachi crawled approximately fifteen yards in the face of enemy sniper fire to assist the wounded man to safety where he administered first aid. Private Crimachi's outstanding courage reflects the highest credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Catherine Crimachi (mother), 1114 South Alder Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

First Lieutenant HOLLISTER G. DEMOTTS, 02036472, Field Artillery, United States Army. For gallantry in action between Palo and Finamopon, Leyte, Philippine Islands, from 23 October to 17 November 1944.



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During this period Lieutenant DeMotts voluntarily made flights as liaison pilot over enemy territory in which enemy Zero planes were active and enemy ground fire was directed at our planes when they were over enemy territory, despite his awareness of the fact that liaison planes are slow, unarmed, unarmored, extremely vulnerable, and not ordinarily intended for such flights. On one of these flights his plane was hit by enemy ground fire, finally being forced down behind our lines. Lieutenant DeMotts' unusual courage and willingness to risk his life to meet military necessities are worthy of the highest traditions of the military service. Home address: Mrs. Dorothy DeMotts (wife), 1920 Post Street, San Francisco, California.

Private First Class ALBERT DENNIS, 19058979, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action at Lake Rombebai, Dutch New Guinea, on 31 July 1944. Private Dennis, together with six other men, was sent on a mission to protect a secret radio station operated by three Australian soldiers at Lake Rombebai, Dutch New Guinea. On the seventy-first day at the outpost the position was attacked by forty Japanese soldiers. The strength of the attacking force was determined by actual count of the enemy dead. At about 0330 Private Dennis, upon investigating a noise near his post, encountered two Japs. He threw one through the air and made the other run for cover. In hand-to-hand combat he fought off two Japs who attacked one of his men and was successful in breaking up their first attack. He then returned to his position, and with his weapon and ammunition, fired upon the attacking Japs. Private Dennis' outstanding display of courage in the face of the enemy reflects highest credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Margaret Filoy (half-sister), 917 Pacific Street, St. Joseph, Missouri.

Captain JOHN F. DUDNEY, 0331031, Air Corps, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Jaro, Leyte, Philippine Islands, on 9 November 1944. On this date, Captain Dudney advanced into enemy-held territory to recover parts from an enemy aircraft of a type about which little was known at that time. He was subjected to intermittent sniper fire, and, when he arrived at the fallen aircraft, was fired upon by a group of enemy estimated to be four or five in number. They had set the plane afire and withdrawn about 200 yards. Although alone, Captain Dudney proceeded with his mission, despite continued sniper fire and imminent danger of explosion of the burning plane. He removed two .50 caliber machine guns and two 20mm cannon, which he returned to friendly positions, making three separate trips. Since he was attached to an infantry division as air liaison officer, this act was beyond his normal call of duty, and carried out voluntarily through his high sense of responsibility as an army officer. Captain Dudney's fearlessness and willingness to risk his life to further the operations against the enemy reflect the highest credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. John F. Dudney (wife), Echo, Rapides Parish, Louisiana.

Technical Sergeant MODESTER B. DUNCAN, 14005995, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Jaro, Leyte, Philippine Islands, on 30 October 1944. Sergeant Duncan voluntarily returned to a battle area to administer first aid and to evacuate a seriously

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wounded soldier after his platoon had withdrawn. This was accomplished under intense small arms fire from enemy positions. Sergeant Duncan exhibited the highest courage, and his gallant action in risking his life to save a comrade reflects the highest credit upon himself and the armed services. Home address: Mrs. Bama Duncan (mother), Mooresbridge, Alabama.

Second Lieutenant RICHARD FISH, O1178794, Field Artillery, United States Army. For gallantry in action between Palo and Pinamopoan, Leyte, Philippine Islands, from 23 October to 17 November 1944. During this period Lieutenant Fish voluntarily made flights as liaison pilot over enemy territory, in which enemy Zero planes were active and enemy anti-aircraft fired on our liaison planes, despite his awareness that liaison planes are slow, unarmed, unarmored, extremely vulnerable, and not ordinarily intended for such flights. By his outstanding courage and willingness to meet military necessities beyond the call of his normal duties, Lieutenant Fish conducted himself in a manner worthy of the highest traditions of the military service. Home address: Mrs. Margaret D. Fish (wife), 91 South Second Street, Leavenworth, Kansas.

Technician Fifth Grade (then private first class) LOUIS C. GRILLI, 32505676, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action at Lake Rombelai, Dutch New Guinea, on 31 July 1944. Technician Grilli, together with six other men, was sent on a mission to protect a secret radio station operated by three Australian soldiers on Lake Rombelai, Dutch New Guinea. On the seventy-first day at the position they were attacked by forty Japanese. When the attack began Technician Grilli ran from the radio shack and threw himself into the struggle. He shot one of the enemy who was about to kill one of his own men. He carried the injured soldier back to the shack to administer first aid, and then went back to join the fight. He stumbled across another wounded soldier, and repeated the same act. During this time he was wounded in the left eye by grenade fragments. Even though he was wounded, he continued to administer aid to the wounded men for approximately nine hours, and only after all others had been cared for, did he administer aid to himself. Technician Grilli's outstanding display of courage with complete disregard for his own physical limitations reflects highest credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mr. Mano Grilli (father), 49 Park Hill Ave, Yonkers, New York.

First Lieutenant AUGUST L. GUILD, O1175139, Field Artillery, United States Army. For gallantry in action between Palo and Pinamopoan, Leyte, Philippine Islands, from 23 October to 17 November 1944. During this period Lieutenant Guild voluntarily made flights as a liaison pilot over enemy territory in which enemy Zero planes and enemy ground fire were active, despite his awareness of the fact that liaison planes are slow, unarmed, unarmored, extremely vulnerable, and not ordinarily intended for such flights. On two of these flights he was fired on by enemy ground fire. Lieutenant Guild's high courage and willingness to risk his life in meeting the necessities of military operations are worthy of the highest traditions of the military service. Home address: Mrs. Pearl Guild (mother), 209 South Muskogee, Claremore, Oklahoma.

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Private First Class CLIFFORD A. HOLMES, 33376001, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action at Lake Rombebai, Dutch New Guinea, on 31 July 1944. Private Holmes, together with six other soldiers was sent on a mission to protect a secret radio station operated by three Australian soldiers on Lake Rombebai, Dutch New Guinea. On their seventy-first day at the position they were attacked by forty Japanese. Private Holmes was attacked by three Japanese and received a bayonet wound in the hand, causing him to lose his rifle. He fought the Japanese off with his bare hands. He remembered that there were some flares in the radio shack and started crawling to the shack for them. While doing so he was hit in the back by shrapnel from a grenade. He obtained the flares and a Very pistol and returned to the scene of the attack. He fired the flares, thus causing the Japanese to freeze in their tracks and making them an easy target for the other men. Private Holmes' quick thinking and utter disregard for his own personal safety made it possible for the men to repulse the attack and reflects highest credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Violet A. Holmes (mother), Route 5, Elkton, Maryland.

Captain GEORGE F. C. IWEN, 01167041, Field Artillery, United States Army. For gallantry in action 1800 yards northeast of Limon, Leyte, Philippine Islands, on 8 and 9 November 1944. Captain Iwen, serving as an artillery forward observer, demonstrated the highest traits desired in an officer by directing artillery fire for a period of approximately 24 hours after having been wounded. During the entire period he repeatedly exposed himself to enemy fire in order to adjust artillery fire accurately, and refused to be evacuated until he collapsed from loss of blood. Captain Iwen's skill and devotion to duty, without regard for his own personal safety, materially contributed to the successful repelling of an enemy counter-attack and are worthy of the highest traditions of the military service. Home address: Mr. John Iwen, Sr. (father), 200 Warren Street, Watertown, Wisconsin.

First Lieutenant RICHARD A. KELLER, 01175763, Field Artillery, United States Army. For gallantry in action 1800 yards northeast of Limon, Leyte, Philippine Islands, on 13 November 1944. At 1315 Lieutenant Keller, artillery forward observer, was seriously wounded in the left eye while adjusting artillery fire against the enemy. Although blinded in one eye and suffering great pain, Lieutenant Keller refused to be given morphine, stating that it might leave him in a dazed condition and render him unable to conduct the much-needed artillery fire. He remained at his post, continuing to adjust the fire of the battalion, against the advice of the medical officer present, for approximately five hours after having been wounded. When it became apparent to him that he could no longer see well enough to adjust artillery fire close to friendly troops, Lieutenant Keller would not leave until he had placed defensive artillery fire around the perimeter of one company and given detailed instructions to the company commander as to the proper method of calling for this fire if needed. Lieutenant Keller's utter disregard for his personal safety and superior devotion to duty, reflect the highest credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Grace M. Keller (wife), 160 Mount Rose Place, St. Paul, Minnesota.

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First Lieutenant FRANK L. KENNEDY, 0572245, Air Corps, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Capeocan, Leyte, Philippine Islands, on 8 November 1944. Lieutenant Kennedy, an air liaison officer, volunteered to go forward of friendly front lines to obtain parts from a crashed enemy bomber. Those parts were desired for technical data. Since roads were in enemy hands, the trip was made by LVT to a point on the beach near the crashed plane. During the trip by water, scattered sniper fire was received without effect, and, while Lieutenant Kennedy was stripping radio parts and guns from the aircraft, a small group of enemy continued firing from a distance of about 150 yards. When the LVT started back, they were again fired upon, and Jap mortar fire was brought down on the wrecked plane, destroying it. By his intrepid and voluntary action he recovered important ordnance items, which were turned over to Air Technical Intelligence. Lieutenant Kennedy's performance, beyond the call of his assigned duties, and without regard for his personal safety, is indicative of his high sense of personal responsibility as an officer of the army, and reflects highest credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Frank L. Kennedy (wife), 242 East Ogden Avenue, Hinsdale, Illinois.

Private First Class LUKE L. MAGLIARO, 32466820, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action at Lake Rombobai, Dutch New Guinea, on 31 July 1944. Private Magliaro, together with six other men, was sent on a mission to protect a secret radio station operated by three Australian soldiers at Lake Rombobai, Dutch New Guinea. On the seventy-first day at the outpost the position was attacked by forty Japanese soldiers. When the attack started Private Magliaro grabbed his BAR and started for a pre-arranged position. He was attacked by a Japanese armed with a bayonet and, after a hand to hand fight he disposed of the Japanese, and continued to his post. After setting up his weapon, a Japanese grenade exploded nearby, inflicting severe eye and leg wounds. Although suffering great pain, he remained at his post until the attack was repulsed before consenting to leave to receive medical treatment. Private Magliaro's undaunted courage and fearless fighting under fire reflects highest credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Angelina Magliaro (mother), South Orange, New Jersey.

Private First Class STANLEY RENFROE, 34344570, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action at Lake Rombobai, Dutch New Guinea, on 31 July 1944. Private Renfroe, together with six other men, was sent on a mission to protect a secret radio station operated by three Australian soldiers at Lake Rombobai, Dutch New Guinea. On the seventy-first day at the outpost the position was attacked by forty Japanese soldiers. During the early part of the attack Private Renfroe was seriously wounded by grenade fragments. Although in great pain, he continued to fight until the attack was thrown back. He was given medical treatment and then he returned to fight until the last of the Japs were annihilated. The daring and fearless courage displayed by Private Renfroe is worthy of the highest military traditions and reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Aris D. Renfroe (mother), Clinton, Mississippi.

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Corporal ANGELO G. ROMEO, 12020731, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action at Lake Rombebai, Dutch New Guinea, on 31 July 1944. Corporal Romeo, together with six other men, was sent on a mission to protect a secret radio station operated by three Australian soldiers at Lake Rombebai, Dutch New Guinea. On the seventy-first day at the outpost, the position was attacked by forty Japanese soldiers. When the Japs attacked Corporal Romeo waited for them to close in on him before he attempted to fire his sub-machine gun. His gun failed to fire, and he was wounded several times by bayonets. The Japs were beaten off by another soldier, and Corporal Romeo crawled to another position and directed the defense of the area. He was again wounded by two grenades, one of which exploded almost on top of him, but he remained at his post and issued orders to his men until he became unconscious because of loss of blood. Corporal Romeo's undaunted courage and fearless leadership under fire was an inspiration to his men and reflects highest credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mr. James Romeo (father), Scarsdale, New York.

III. SILVER STAR (OAK-LEAF CLUSTER).--By direction of the President, in addition to the Silver Star awarded to First Lieutenant Richard E. Luthy, by the Commanding General, 24th Infantry Division as published in Section II, General Orders No. 19, Headquarters 24th Infantry Division, 22 August 1944, a Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to him by the Commanding General, 24th Infantry Division under the provisions of the act of Congress approved 9 July 1918 (Bull. 43, WD, 1918). The citation is as follows:

First Lieutenant RICHARD F. LUTHY, 01175495, Field artillery, United States Army. For gallantry in action between Palo and Pinamopon, Leyte, Philippine Islands, from 23 October to 17 November 1944. During this period Lieutenant Luthy voluntarily made flights as liaison pilot over enemy territory, in which enemy Zero planes were active and enemy anti-aircraft fired on our liaison planes, despite his awareness that liaison planes are slow, unarmed, unarmored, extremely vulnerable, and not ordinarily intended for such flights. On one of these occasions his plane was hit several times by enemy ground fire. By his outstanding courage and willingness to meet military necessities beyond the call of his normal duties, Lieutenant Luthy conducted himself in a manner worthy of the highest traditions of the military service. Home address: Mrs. Mary M. Luthy (wife), 1224 West 39th Street, Kansas City, Missouri.

IV. BRONZE STAR <sup>MEDAL (for Ser # 7-24 Jan. 45)</sup> --By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sec. II, Bull. 3, WD, 1944), a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 24th Infantry Division, to the following named officers and enlisted men:

Lieutenant Colonel GEORGE C. ABERT, 021337, Quartermaster Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Hollandia, Dutch New Guinea, and Leyte, Philippine Islands from 10 October to 15 November 1944. Home address: Mrs. Marjorie J. Abert (wife), 57 Broad Street, Plattsburg, New York.

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Captain NEWTON F. BROWNING, 01283372, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Pinamopoan, Leyte, Philippine Islands, from 5 November to 17 November 1944. Home address: Mrs. Alice Browning (mother), R.R. Box 52, Merryville, Louisiana.

Staff Sergeant THOMAS J. BURKE, 16046926, Air Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Leyte, Philippine Islands, from 20 October to 14 November 1944. Home address: Mrs. Emma Burke (wife), 1115 W. 5th Street, Appleton, Wisconsin.

Private First Class ALBERT V. CLEMENT, 11030719, Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Limon, Leyte, Philippine Islands, on 11 November 1944. Home address: Mrs. Mary Clement (mother), 123 Flint Street, Fall River, Massachusetts.

First Lieutenant DAVID I. CONNELLY, 02036592, Military Intelligence Service, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, Philippine Islands, from 20 October to 20 November 1944. Home address: Mrs. David I. Connelly (wife), 140 Union Street, Rockland, Massachusetts.

First Lieutenant DOUGLAS G. CROWLEY, 01311986, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Leyte, Philippine Islands, from 20 October to 29 October 1944. Home address: Mrs. Marion A. Crowley (mother), 3867 Howe Street, Oakland, California.

Sergeant HAROLD R. CYRUS, 37164104, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Hollandia, Dutch New Guinea and Leyte, Philippine Islands, from 10 September to 21 November 1944. Home address: Mrs. Agnes G. Cyrus (wife), 424 3d Avenue East, Grand Rapids, Minnesota.

Major WILLIAM V. DAVIDSON, 0306519, Infantry, (General Staff Corps), United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Leyte, Philippine Islands, from 20 October to 20 November 1944. Home address: Mr. James J. Davidson, Jr. (father), Swedesboro, New Jersey.

Captain (then first lieutenant) DALLAS DICK, 01289705, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Leyte, Philippine Islands, from 20 October to 23 October 1944. Home address: Mr. Karl E. Dick (father), 1352 2nd Street, New Brighton, Pennsylvania.

Technical Sergeant MODESTER B. DUNCAN, 14005995, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Pinamopoan, Leyte, Philippine Islands, on 3 November 1944. Sergeant Duncan, platoon sergeant, was a member of a company which made an amphibious landing on a hostile shore

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with the purpose of outflanking enemy positions. The initial landing met with little resistance, but strong opposition was encountered after gaining the first ridge. Numerically superior enemy forces placed intense automatic and small arms fire on the landing party. Sergeant Duncan immediately placed his men in positions from which effective fire could be brought to bear upon the enemy and then directly exposed himself to the aimed fire of the enemy to place a heavy machine gun in an advantageous location. When this was accomplished, he proceeded through enemy fire to an exposed position from which he directed artillery fire on the hostile forces. A large number of the enemy was destroyed in the ensuing action. Sergeant Duncan exhibited fearless courage and daring initiative and was in a large measure responsible for the operation's success. Home address: Mrs. Bama Duncan (mother), Mooresbridge, Alabama.

Second Lieutenant RAYMOND J. FORD, 02036925, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy between the beach near Palo and Breakneck Ridge near Pinamopon, Leyte, Philippine Islands, between 20 October and 19 November 1944. Home address: Mr. John C. Ford (father), 70 Westminister Avenue, Watertown, Massachusetts.

Technician Fourth Grade HOWARD F. GILMORE, 35354141, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Leyte, Philippine Islands, from 25 October to 4 December 1944. Home address: Mrs. Olive Johnson (sister), 324 North Montgomery Street, Spencer, Indiana.

Staff Sergeant CHARLES L. GREGG, 7003486, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Panday, Leyte, Philippine Islands, on 21 October 1944. Home address: Mrs. Charley Gregg (mother), 1730 West 25th Street, Cleveland, Ohio.

Corporal WILBER A. GULL, 37235719, Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Lison, Leyte, Philippine Islands, on 11 November 1944. Home address: Mrs. Flora B. Gull (mother), Route #1, Centerville, Kansas.

First Lieutenant HARRY R. HACK, 01104805, Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Lison, Leyte, Philippine Islands, on 11 November 1944. Home address: Mrs. Marjorie Hack (wife), 527 3rd Avenue, San Francisco, California.

Captain THOMAS A. HENSON, 0336906, Medical Corps, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Palo, Leyte, Philippine Islands, during the night of 23-24 October 1944. Voluntarily, Captain Henson, with utter disregard for his personal safety, during an enemy attack at about 0230 hours, climbed out on the roof of a building, rescuing a wounded soldier and bringing him and several other wounded men to a place of safety,

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where he gave them first aid. By his initiative, unusual courage, and devotion to duty Captain Henson brought distinct credit to the Medical Department of the Army. Home address: Mrs. Thomas A. Henson (mother), ~~Spartanburg~~ ~~North Carolina~~, North Carolina.

Staff Sergeant VANNOY M. HERFURTH, 13023238, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Leyte, Philippine Islands from 20 October to 28 October 1944. Home address: Mrs. Bertha C. Herfurth (mother), 7 East Custis Avenue, Alexandria, Virginia.

Captain WILLIAM J. HERMAN, 01283427, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Leyte, Philippine Islands, from 20 October to 21 October 1944. Home address: Mrs. Daniel Herman, Sr. (mother), 103 South Main Street, South Norwalk, Connecticut.

First Lieutenant CHARLES R. HOLLOWAY, 01 77544, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Leyte, Philippine Islands, from 20 October to 1 November 1944. Home address: Mrs. Stella B. Holloway (wife), 1247 Everett Avenue, Louisville, Kentucky.

Private LEROY F. HOWE, 31379071, Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Limon, Leyte, Philippine Islands, on 11 November 1944. Home address: Mrs. Ida Howe (mother), 18 Liberty Street, Hartford, Connecticut.

Captain WALTER W. HOWITT, 01283433, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Hollandia, Dutch New Guinea, from 28 September to 17 October 1944. Home address: Mrs. Helen M. Howitt (mother), Conesus, New York.

Private First Class WILLIAM R. HULL, 36330637, Medical Department, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Pimasopan, Leyte, Philippine Islands, on 12 November 1944. Home address: Mrs. Alice Grace Thiessen (mother), 1319 6th Avenue, Rock Island, Illinois.

Technician Fourth Grade WILLIAM J. KANE, 13055965, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy 1800 yards northeast of Limon, Leyte, Philippine Islands, from 9 to 11 November 1944. Home address: Mr. John Kane (father), 106 N. Cameron Avenue, Scranton, Pennsylvania.

First Lieutenant FRANK L. KENNEDY, 0572245, Air Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Limon, Leyte, Philippine Islands, on 11 November 1944. Home address: Mrs. Robin Kennedy (wife), 242 East Ogden Avenue, Mundelein, Illinois.



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Private RICHARD J. KREUTZER, 37725287, Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Limon, Leyte, Philippine Islands, on 11 November 1944. Home address: Mr. Alvie Kreutzer (father), Route #2, Marionthal, Kansas.

Technician Fourth Grade ARNOLD R. KUYPER, 37432100, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Hollandia, Dutch New Guinea; Blak, Schouten Islands; and Leyte, Philippine Islands, from 24 April to 7 November 1944. Home address: Mr. Guy Kuyper (father), West Bend, Iowa.

Private FRANK L. LAMANNA, 33392996, Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Limon, Leyte, Philippine Islands, on 11 November 1944. Home address: Mrs. Elizabeth Lamanna (mother), Box 752, Dawson, Pennsylvania.

Private First Class ALBERT J. MARTINO, 39030339, Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Limon, Leyte, Philippine Islands, on 11 November 1944. Home address: Mrs. Virginia Martino (mother), 429 Belden Street, Monterey, California.

Sergeant JOHN P. McMURRAY, 39135159, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Palo, Leyte, Philippine Islands, from 20 to 28 October 1944. Home address: Mrs. Amy C. McMurray (mother), 2357 La Conte Avenue, Berkeley, California.

Technician Fifth Grade MANUEL P. MENDIOLA, 39270267, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Kilay Ridge, Leyte, Philippine Islands, from 10 November to 25 November 1944. Home address: Mrs. Concepcion Mendiola (mother), 1930 Trinity Street, Los Angeles, Calif.

Technician Fourth Grade WARREN B. MILLER, 39108902, Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Limon, Leyte, Philippine Islands, on 11 November 1944. Home address: Mrs. Jennie Miller (mother), Route #2, Box #76, Los Gatos, California.

First Lieutenant WALTER S. PAGE, Jr., 01307918, Aide-de-Camp, (Infantry), United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Hollandia, Dutch New Guinea, from 22 September to 17 October 1944 and at Leyte, Philippine Islands, from 20 October to 23 October 1944. Home address: Mrs. Eva Johnson Page (wife), Mount Airy, North Carolina.

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Private First Class MATTHEW PALKA, 33580469, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Leyte, Philippine Islands, during the period 20 October to 19 November 1944. Home address: Mrs. Anna Palka (mother), 2815 S. Pacific Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Technician Fifth Grade DELEBERT R. PAUGH, 39005738, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Palo, Leyte, Philippine Islands, on 22 October 1944. Home address: Mrs. Georgia Paugh (mother), PO Box 14483, Lakesport, California.

Private First Class MICHAEL F. REBEY, 36702184, Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Limon, Leyte, Philippine Islands, on 11 November 1944. Home address: Mrs. Anna Rebey (mother), 1410 North Artesian Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

First Lieutenant CHARLES A. ROUSE, 01305473, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Hollandia, Dutch New Guinea, and at Leyte, Philippine Islands, from 26 September to 30 October 1944. Home address: Mr. Charles R. Rouse (father), Albany, Georgia.

Staff Sergeant JOHN J. SAVAGE, 31068792, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Palo, Leyte, Philippine Islands, on 22 October 1944. Home address: Mrs. Alice Leverone (mother), 132 Pearson Road, West Scarsville, Massachusetts.

First Lieutenant WARREN A. SCHAEFER, 02035381, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, Philippine Islands, during the period 20 October to 16 November 1944. Home address: Mrs. J. H. Schuler (mother), 12674 Clover Lane 1, Detroit Michigan.

Private LOUIS P. SHAW, 27334996, Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Limon, Leyte, Philippine Islands, on 11 November 1944. Home address: Mrs. Nora M. Deering (mother), 416 South 6th Street, Montrose, Colorado.

Major (then captain) HUGH B. TAYLOR, 0224418, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Leyte, Philippine Islands, from 20 October to 16 November 1944. Home address: Mrs. Gertrude Taylor (wife), 3801 North Vista, RFD 5, Spokane, Washington.

First Lieutenant WILLIAM L. WATKINS, 01174736, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Hollandia, Dutch New Guinea, and from Palo to Colasion Point, Leyte, Philippine Islands, from 20

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September to 19 November 1944. Home address: Mrs. Frances S. Watkins (wife), 579 Boulevard, Anderson, South Carolina.

Technical Sergeant MINOR M. WHITE, 39307917, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Hollandia, Dutch New Guinea, and Leyte, Philippine Islands, from 20 September to 24 October 1944. Home address: Mrs. Florence E. George (mother), 2324 Harriet Avenue South, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

First Lieutenant JACK S. WHITTAKER, 0334758, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Leyte, Philippine Islands, from 24 October to 19 November 1944. Home address: Mr. Ramon J. Whittaker (father), 1201 North Detroit Street, Los Angeles, California.

Major ENE A. WILSON, 0401310, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Leyte Valley, Leyte, Philippine Islands, during the period 20 October to 10 November 1944. Home address: Mrs. Elizabeth L. Wilson (wife), 208 West Adair Street, Louisville, Kentucky.

V. BRONZE STAR (OAK-LEAF CLUSTER).—By direction of the President, in addition to the Bronze Star awarded to Captain Richard B. Goetas, by the Commanding General, 24th Infantry Division, as published in Section V, General Orders No. 12, Headquarters 24th Infantry Division, 24 June 1944, a Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to him by the Commanding General, 24th Infantry Division under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sec. II, Bull. 3, WD, 1944). The citation is as follows:

Captain RICHARD B. GOETAS, 01581147, Quartermaster Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Hollandia, Dutch New Guinea, and on Leyte, Philippine Islands, from 18 September to 16 November 1944. Home address: Mrs. Margarito G. Goetas (wife), 915 Green Street, Honolulu, Territory of Hawaii.

By direction of the President, in addition to the Bronze Star awarded to Captain Jack W. Hellman by the Commanding General, 24th Infantry Division, as published in Section II, General Orders No. 13, Headquarters 24th Infantry Division, 8 July 1944, a Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to him by the Commanding General, 24th Infantry Division, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sec. II, Bull. 3, WD, 1944). The citation is as follows:

Captain JACK W. HELLMAN, 01573272, Quartermaster Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Leyte, Philippine Islands, from 24 October to 18 November 1944. Home address: Mrs. Chris Hellman (mother), Hickman Mills, Missouri.

By direction of the President, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal awarded to Master Sergeant (then staff sergeant) Albert P. Jungblut, Jr., by the Commanding General, 24th Infantry Division, as published in Section II,

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General Orders No. 13, Headquarters 24th Infantry Division, 8 July 1944, a Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to him by the Commanding General, 24th Infantry Division, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sec. II, Bull. 3, WD, 1944). The citation is as follows:

Master Sergeant (then staff sergeant) ALBERT P. JUNGLUT, JR., 20226396, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Leyte, Philippine Islands, during the period 20 October to 19 November 1944. Home address: Mrs. Emma Junglut (mother), 625 Broad Street, Beverly, New Jersey.

By direction of the President, in addition to the Bronze Star awarded to Lieutenant Colonel Almon W. Manlove by the Commanding General, 24th Infantry Division, as published in Section V, General Orders No. 12, Headquarters 24th Infantry Division, 24 June 1944, a Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to him by the Commanding General, 24th Infantry Division, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sec. II, Bull. 3, WD, 1944). The citation is as follows:

Lieutenant Colonel ALMON W. MANLOVE, 019413, Ordnance Department, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Hollandia, Dutch New Guinea, and Leyte, Philippine Islands, from 1 October to 15 November 1944. Home address: Mrs. Marion W. Manlove (wife), 416 Washington Street, Fayetteville, Arkansas.

By direction of the President, in addition to the Bronze Star awarded to Captain Nicholas E. Sloan by the Commanding General, 24th Infantry Division, as published in Section II, General Orders No. 13, Headquarters 24th Infantry Division, 8 July 1944, a Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to him by the Commanding General, 24th Infantry Division, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sec. II, Bull. 3, WD, 1944). The citation is as follows:

Captain NICHOLAS E. SLOAN, 038048, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Pinamopoen, Leyte, Philippine Islands, from 5 November to 17 November 1944. Home address: Mrs. Kathryn G. Sloan (wife), R.F.D. #3, Hoopston, Illinois.

By direction of the President, in addition to the Bronze Star awarded to Master Sergeant David H. Steinberg by the Commanding General, 24th Infantry Division, as published in Section V, General Orders No. 12, Headquarters 24th Infantry Division, 24 June 1944, a Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to him by the Commanding General, 24th Infantry Division, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sec. II, Bull. 3, WD, 1944). The citation is as follows:

Master Sergeant DAVID H. STEINBERG, 15069339, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Leyte, Philippine Islands from 24 October to 24 November 1944. Home address: Mr. abc Steinberg (father), Phillips, Wisconsin.

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By direction of the President, in addition to the Bronze Star awarded to Major Jesse A. Sullivan by the Commanding General, 24th Infantry Division, as published in Section II, General Orders No. 13, Headquarters 24th Infantry Division, 8 July 1944, a Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to him by the Commanding General, 24th Infantry Division, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sec. II, Bull. 3, WD, 1944). The citation is as follows:

Major JESSE A. SULLIVAN, 0505100, Quartermaster Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Leyte, Philippine Islands, from 20 October to 4 November 1944. Home address: Mrs. Loretta M. Sullivan (wife), 886 18th Avenue, SE, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

By direction of the President, in addition to the Bronze Star awarded to Lieutenant Colonel Frederick R. Weber by the Commanding General, 24th Infantry Division, as published in Section II, General Orders No. 13, Headquarters 24th Infantry Division, 8 July 1944, a Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to him by the Commanding General, 24th Infantry Division, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sec. II, Bull. 3, WD, 1944). The citation is as follows:

Lieutenant Colonel FREDERICK R. WEBER, 018148, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Pinamopan Ridge, Leyte, Philippine Islands, from 7 November to 17 November 1944. Home address: Mrs. Katharine K. Weber (wife), c/o Colonel R. W. Kingman, Homestead, Florida.

VI. PURPLE HEART.—Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, a Purple Heart is awarded by the Commanding General, 24th Infantry Division, to the following-named officer and enlisted men:

Lieutenant Colonel GEORGE C. ABERT, 021337, Quartermaster Corps, United States Army. For wounds received in action at San Pedro Bay, Leyte, Philippine Islands, on 20 October 1944. Home address: Mrs. Marjorie J. Abert (wife), 57 Broad Street, Plattsburg, New York.

Corporal EUGENE L. ADKINS, 15015503, Quartermaster Corps, United States Army. For wounds received in action near Palo, Leyte, Philippine Islands, on 20 October 1944. Home address: Mrs. Madeline E. Adkins (mother), T. d., West Virginia.

Private First Class RUDOLPH E. BETTE, 35592722, Ordnance Department, United States Army. For wounds received in action at Pinamopan, Leyte, Philippine Islands, on 14 November 1944. Home address: Mrs. Helen Bette (mother), Route #2, Louisville, Ohio.

Private WILLIAM H. WADSTEN, 42003755, Finance Department, United States Army. For wounds received in action near Palo, Leyte, Philippine Islands, on 24 October 1944. Home address: Mrs. Phebe Wadsten (wife), 38 South Walnut Street, East Orange, New Jersey.

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By command of Major General WOODRUFF:

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Lieut. Colonel, G. S. C.,  
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I. SILVER STAR.—By direction of the President, under the provisions of the act of Congress approved 9 July 1918 (Bull. 8, WD, 1918), the Silver Star is posthumously awarded by the Commanding General, 24th Infantry Division, to the following-named enlisted men:

Staff Sergeant BRUNO J. KRASOWSKI, 32146810, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Jaro, Leyte, Philippine Islands, on 30 October 1944. Sergeant Krasowski was a member of a company which encountered heavy hostile mortar, automatic and small arms fire. He made his way through this fire to a forward exposed position from which he was able to direct mortar fire on the enemy positions. This gallant action, accomplished under the aimed automatic fire of the enemy led to the reduction of their position, but cost Sergeant Krasowski his life. Sergeant Krasowski's spirit of self-sacrifice served as an inspiration and guide to his fellow men and is worthy of the highest traditions of the military service. Next of kin: Mrs. Catherine Krasowski (mother), 108 Richmond Street, Lodi, New Jersey.

Sergeant HOWARD J. RITCHIE, 35129426, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action at Paving, Leyte, Philippine Islands, on 21 and 22 October 1944. On the morning of 21 October 1944 a company of infantry situated in a defensive position came under heavy mortar, machine gun, and rifle fire from elements of a strong enemy force. Sergeant Ritchie, light machine gun section leader, grasped the gravity of the situation and opened fire on the enemy positions. His section immediately was subjected to an intense mortar barrage, but continued to place fire on the enemy. When the ammunition supply was nearly exhausted, Sergeant Ritchie made his way through hostile machine gun fire to a nearby unit and procured a resupply. His section was then able to fire effectively for over three hours, accounting for at least thirty enemy dead. On 23 October 1944, Sergeant Ritchie was in a defensive position

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on a ridge and was being subjected to short range enemy sniper fire. He raised himself to an exposed position and made a brave effort to eliminate the sniper with his machine gun, but was killed while so doing. Sergeant Ritchie's gallant performance of duty and supreme sacrifice for his country was and will remain an inspiration to his officers and fellow soldiers. Next of kin: Mrs. Elsie Ritchie (mother), RR #1, Carlisle, Kentucky.

II. SILVER STAR.--By direction of the President, under the provisions of the act of Congress approved 9 July 1918 (Pub. L. 43, 40, 1918), the Silver Star is awarded by the Commanding General, 24th Infantry Division, to the following-named officers and enlisted men:

1st Lieutenant WILLIS L. CHILCOTE, 01166934, Field Artillery, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Calasian, Leyte, Philippine Islands, on 18 November 1944. During an intense shelling of his battery position by Japanese artillery in which one of the gun sections received a direct hit and a pile of powder charges were set afire, Lieutenant Chilcote, the battery executive, with utter disregard for his own safety took a leading part in evacuating casualties and extinguishing the fire. Despite the fact that enemy shells were falling continuously within the area, sometimes within twenty-five yards of him, and small arms ammunition had become ignited in the spreading fire, he entered the burning gun pit and carried badly wounded members of the section to safety. Thereafter, he remained near the gun pit and helped direct fire fighting until the fire was brought under control. His initiative and outstanding leadership unquestionably saved the lives of several men of his battery, and prevented further loss of material. Lieutenant Chilcote's exemplary conduct was an inspiration to all those with whom he came in contact and reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mr. Ralph M. Chilcote (brother), 83 Ingram Avenue, Ingram, Pennsylvania.

Lieutenant Colonel THOMAS H. COMPERE, 0237205, Infantry (then General Staff Corps), United States Army. For gallantry in action at Leyte, Philippine Islands, from 20 October to 31 October 1944. Colonel Compere, as Assistant Chief of Staff, G-1, of a division landing team, in charge of an advance landing team headquarters party, was directed to select and lay out the command post prior to the arrival of the operational staff for each move throughout the operation. He performed this duty in a highly efficient manner, although he repeatedly came under enemy light artillery, mortar, machine-gun and sniper fire during his reconnaissances. On 20 October, Colonel Compere's party approached the Palo Landing Beach 50 minutes after H-hour under intense enemy light artillery, mortar, and automatic weapons fire. One of the landing craft, carrying part of the advance party, was sunk by a direct hit and one man was killed and ten to fifteen were wounded. On arrival at the beach and while still under fire, Colonel Compere, with complete disregard for his own safety and at the risk of his life, proceeded to assemble his scattered party from along the beach and continued on

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his mission. In the early afternoon of 21 October, Colonel Caspere, anticipating a move of the division command post took his advance party on reconnaissance along the only beach exit road. Following close behind the leading assault troops and six self-propelled mounts, he passed by an apparently unoccupied Japanese pillbox. Though an enemy machine-gun opened fire from that pillbox on the section of road he had just traversed and a sharp fire-fight, including anti-tank fire, developed to his front and right flank, Colonel Caspere calmly completed his reconnaissance. One of the self-propelled mounts received a direct hit within fifteen yards of Colonel Caspere and sprayed the area with shell fragments. On 30 October, Colonel Caspere again came under artillery fire while laying out a command post site in the vicinity of Jara; at which time, one man was killed and eight were wounded, within fifteen yards of where he stood. He immediately took charge of the situation, procured medical treatment for and evacuated the wounded, then continued his duties. His gallant conduct and leadership, above and beyond the call of duty in carrying out his reconnaissance missions while under fire, enabled the landing team command echelons to keep up with the rapidly advancing troops with a minimum of lost motion at each move of the command post. Colonel Caspere's exemplary conduct under fire and his tenacity of purpose despite difficulties were an inspiration to his men, and in keeping with the highest military traditions. Home address: Mrs. Elise Caspere (wife), Portland, Arkansas.

Brigadier General KENNETH F. CRAMER, 0166429, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Sabron, Dutch New Guinea, on 25 April 1944. General Cramer was the senior member of a group of division headquarters personnel consisting of four officers and five enlisted men enroute to join the assault regiment of the division, a distance of fifteen miles by trail. The trail was bordered by heavy undergrowth and visibility was limited to a few yards on each side. Upon hearing the sound of rifle fire from several hundred yards ahead, General Cramer, without hesitation or thought of avoiding an engagement, chose to lead the group rapidly forward as a combat patrol and clear up the situation. Arriving at the location from which the firing had evidently come, he came upon an enemy patrol covering the trail from a position in a stream bed, and one American soldier firing at them. General Cramer promptly ordered two men to attack the rear of the enemy and to cut off escape, while the remainder of the group engaged the enemy who returned the fire with automatic weapons. He personally directed and joined in this fire-fight in which two of the enemy patrol were killed and the rest forced to withdraw. His fearless and vigorous leadership inspired his inexperienced men with such confidence and enthusiasm that the group functioned as a cohesive and well-organized patrol comparable to an experienced infantry patrol. General Cramer's aggressive and courageous leadership, without regard for his personal safety or for his senior military grade are in keeping with the high traditions of the military service. Home address: Mrs. Ruth Cramer (wife), 75 Center Street, Wethersfield, Connecticut.

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Technician Fifth Grade ANGELO F. DERAGO, 32069160, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Pawing, Leyte, Philippine Islands, on 21 October 1944. Technician Derago, mail clerk, was a member of a company attacked by an estimated 150 enemy troops. He and another man, armed with rifle and sub-machine gun respectively, volunteered to reduce an enemy machine gun position that was holding up the company's counter-attack. He proceeded across an open field exposed to the aimed fire of the enemy and unaided by any other fire succeeded with the aid of his comrade in eliminating the hostile strongpoint. Technician Derago's voluntary act of heroism, performed at the risk of his life, was largely responsible for the failure of the enemy attack and reflects the highest credit to himself and the military service. Home address: Mr. Anthony Derago (father), 2014 Cooper Street, Camden, New Jersey.

Sergeant CAMERON E. HALE, 36871543, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Palo, Leyte, Philippine Islands, on 20 October 1944. On this day a platoon of infantry was pinned down by heavy fire from enemy pillboxes and trenches. Sergeant Hale, without waiting for orders, advanced alone at a great personal risk across exposed marshy ground to a flank position from which he was able to bring covering fire with his automatic weapon, enabling his platoon to advance to its objective with comparatively few casualties. He showed daring initiative and complete disregard for his personal safety in exposing himself to aimed enemy fire in order to facilitate the advance of his platoon. Sergeant Hale's courageous performance and devotion to duty are in accord with the high traditions of the military service. Home address: Mrs. Mabel Hale (mother), Route #3, Box 536, Port Huron, Michigan.

Private First Class JAMES E. LACEFIELD, 35129650, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action at Mainit River, Leyte, Philippine Islands, on 28 October 1944. Private Laceyfield was a member of a platoon leading the battalion assault on a strongly entrenched enemy force holding the bridge over the Mainit River. He charged in the advance under heavy machine gun and knee mortar fire for the entire 500 yards of the assault and reached the bridge where he was wounded in the back. In spite of his wounds he returned to the mortar section and directed its fire on enemy positions. Only then did he request to be treated for his wounds. Private Laceyfield's bravery earned for him the admiration and respect of all members of his organization and reflects the greatest credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mr. William Laceyfield (father), 2324 Banks Street, Louisville, Kentucky.

Private First Class WILLIAM S. MAIURRO, 32647678, Medical Department, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Palo, Leyte, Philippine Islands, on 20 October 1944. The platoon to which Private Maiurro was attached as aid man was pinned down by enemy machine gun and rifle fire and six men who were in an open field

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were wounded. With complete disregard for his own safety, he went forward under heavy enemy fire to administer medical treatment and to evacuate the wounded men. Private Maiurro's outstanding courage in risking his life to save his wounded comrades reflects the highest credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Mary Maiurro (mother), 2232 East 12th Street, Brooklyn, New York.

Private First Class HARVEY H. PERRY, 15018552, Medical Department, United States Army. For gallantry in action at Breakneck Ridge, Leyte, Philippine Islands, on 16 November 1944. On this day Private Perry, a medical aid man for an engineer working party found it necessary to render first aid to men from other organizations who were without medical assistance. He rendered the required aid quickly and efficiently without regard for his personal safety. Later a man from his own unit was hit and the entire party pinned down by enemy machine gun fire. Private Perry went fearlessly to his aid. In doing so his first aid pouches were ripped from his back by machine gun fire. He continued his errand of mercy, however, and evacuated the wounded man safely. On this as well as on numerous other occasions, Private Perry's conduct was a heroic example for the other men of his organization and the armed forces of his country. Home address: Mr. George H. Perry (father), Burnwell, West Virginia.

Second Lieutenant THEODORE D. TULIPANE, 0573621, Air Corps, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Curigara, Leyte, Philippine Islands, on 16 November 1944. Lieutenant Tulipane volunteered to lead a party of enlisted men to the scene of a crash-landed American aircraft in an attempt to rescue the pilot and to prevent the parts of the plane from falling into enemy hands. The aircraft was about five miles from the nearest known friendly troops and in an area believed to be controlled by the enemy. Upon arriving at the scene of the crash, he found the pilot alive and had him evacuated, while he and some of the enlisted men remained to salvage parts of the aircraft. He removed the guns, sights, and radio, the latter being regarded as top secret equipment. While working on the aircraft, he was fired upon by snipers apparently 200-300 yards away. The fire was not accurate, but the fuselage of the plane was hit. Lieutenant Tulipane demonstrated high courage and devotion to duty in removing the radio, since it has a built-in detonator that should have exploded when the aircraft crashed. He is not trained for that type of work, and his assigned duties at the time did not require his performing the service. He was assigned to an air liaison party with an infantry division, and his entire action was voluntary, and motivated by his high sense of responsibility as an officer of the army. Lieutenant Tulipane's act of gallantry reflects the greatest credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. T. D. Tulipane (wife), 22 First Street, Yonkers, New York.

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Colonel WILLIAM J. VERBECK, 016852, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Pinamopon, Leyte, Philippine Islands, on 11 November 1944. The infantry regiment which Colonel Verbeck was commanding had been held up for five days by a determined Japanese force of infantry and artillery. The enemy were strongly entrenched in the gulches and on the reverse slopes of a commanding ridge about two thousand yards southwest of Pinamopon. They were fresh first-line troops, equipped with a high percentage of automatic weapons. At this critical time Colonel Verbeck organized a striking force consisting of one platoon of medium tanks, protected by the regimental intelligence and reconnaissance platoon and one engineer mine-detector squad, and personally led it on foot to the crest of the ridge, from which point the infantry and tanks were, for the first time, able to advance and hold ground. The turning point had been reached. From then on our troops were able to move steadily forward. Colonel Verbeck's example of bravery and energy had inspired his troops with the drive needed to overcome an aggressive well-trained enemy force and is in keeping with the highest of military traditions. Home address: Mrs. Margaret Verbeck (wife), 68 Montague Street, Brooklyn, New York.

First Lieutenant JACK D. WELLS, 01175611, Field Artillery, United States Army. For gallantry in action between Palo and Pinamopon, Leyte, Philippine Islands, between 23 October and 17 November 1944. Lieutenant Wells flew missions over the enemy lines in an artillery liaison plane often in the same area in which enemy fighter aircraft were present, and on three occasions was fired upon by enemy aircraft weapons. These missions were flown, despite the fact that liaison type aircraft are slow, unarmed, unarmored, extremely vulnerable, and not ordinarily intended to fly beyond our front line elements. Two of the division artillery liaison type aircraft were shot down, one by enemy fighter aircraft and one by enemy ground fire, during this period. Lieutenant Wells' courageous devotion to duty, beyond the call of his normal duties, and at the risk of his life, reflect the highest credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Ella Wells (wife), Owenton, Kentucky.

First Lieutenant JAMES H. HILL, 0404504, Field Artillery, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Colasian, Leyte, Philippine Islands, on 18 November 1944. During an intense shelling of the battery position by Japanese artillery in which one of the gun sections received a direct hit and a pile of powder charges were set afire, Lieutenant Hill, the battery commander, with utter disregard for his own safety displayed great initiative and outstanding leadership in evacuating casualties and bringing the fire under control. Despite the fact that enemy shells were falling continuously near him, sometimes within twenty-five yards, and small arms ammunition which had become caught in the spreading fire was exploding intermittently, he entered the burning gun pit

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and carried badly wounded members of the section to safety. Thereafter, he remained near the gun pit and took active charge of extinguishing the fire. His cool, efficient and outstanding conduct unquestionably saved the lives of several of his men and prevented further damage to materiel. Lieutenant Will's exemplary performance of these acts was an inspiration to all those who witnessed it, and reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mr. Henry P. Will, Sr. (father), 21 North West 11th Street, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Lieutenant Colonel FREDERICK R. ZIERATH, 019211, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Palo, Leyte, Philippine Islands, on 20 October 1944. By outstanding leadership, example and gallantry in action Colonel Zierath led his battalion in the capture of Hill 522, the critical terrain feature in the division zone of action. Upon landing he was faced with the problem of complete revision of plans, in that the leading battalion as well as his own was landed south of the planned beach, placing strong enemy forces and emplacements to his north flank. The original plan was to move behind the entrenchments to the north, to bypass them, and to secure Hill 522 before the Japs could man it. With initiative and foresight he probed for and found a weak point in the enemy center and by personal and outstanding leadership took his battalion through. By his own gallantry and disregard of personal danger he led his men to the objective, arriving there as the enemy were attempting to man their prepared positions. This hill was extremely well fortified and had it not been for the bold and aggressive leadership of Colonel Zierath, it is probable that his battalion would not have secured the objective prior to its occupation by the defending forces. Had this been the case the entire plan of battle for the division would have been greatly slowed down if not seriously jeopardized. Colonel Zierath's bold and aggressive leadership, with complete disregard for his personal safety, is worthy of the highest of military traditions. Home address: Mrs. Alma C. Zierath (wife), 818 South 15th Street, Sheboygan, Wisconsin.

III. SILVER STAR (OAK-LEAF CLUSTER)--By direction of the President, in addition to the Silver Star awarded to Brigadier General Kenneth F. Cramer, by the Commanding General, 24th Infantry Division as published in Section II, General Orders No. 33, Headquarters 24th Infantry Division, 25 December 1944, a Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to him by the Commanding General, 24th Infantry Division, under the provisions of the act of Congress, approved 9 July 1918 (Bull. 43, WD, 1918). The citation is as follows:

Brigadier General KENNETH F. CRAMER, 0166429, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Jaro, Leyte, Philippine Islands, on 1 November 1944. During the Leyte Island Operation of the Philippine Liberation Campaign, General Cramer, assistant commander of an infantry division landing team, by his gallant

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and intrepid conduct rendered invaluable assistance to the division commander during a critical phase of the battle in the vicinity of Jaro, Leyte. Without regard for his senior military grade, and at the risk of his life, he accompanied the division commander to the most forward elements of the assault regiment to observe the progress of the attack. During this reconnaissance, General Cramer was exposed to intense enemy light artillery, mortar, machine-gun, and rifle fire. He thus gained an accurate knowledge of the terrain, the enemy's disposition and the existing tactical situation which enabled him to offer several valuable suggestions to facilitate the execution of the division commander's decision to by-pass the strongly entrenched enemy force at Jaro and to strike in flank another enemy force at Glagsan. General Cramer's intrepid conduct and clear thinking in the face of enemy fire contributed materially to the success of the attack and inspired the troops around him. Home address: Mrs. Ruth F. Cramer (wife), 75 Center Street, Wethersfield, Connecticut.

IV. BRONZE STAR.—By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sec. II, Bull. 3, WD, 1944), a Bronze Star Medal is posthumously awarded by the Commanding General, 24th Infantry Division, to the following-named enlisted man:

Private First Class PAUL W. VALENTINE, 36557527, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Leyte, Philippine Islands, from 20 October to 14 November 1944. During this period Private Valentine volunteered as first scout on numerous patrols. He was at all times very aggressive and furnished information needed to set up a defense or plan an attack in sufficient time to accomplish assigned missions. His aggressive spirit was excelled only by his good judgement and common sense. On 14 November the platoon of which he was a member was attacking a hill and he was acting as first scout. He was the first member of the platoon to reach the top of the hill. When it was determined that it was impossible to hold the hill he covered the withdrawal of his squad which was covering the withdrawal of his platoon. During this engagement he received wounds which ultimately caused his death. Private Valentine's bold and aggressive actions with complete disregard for his own personal safety reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Next of kin: Mrs. Mary Valentine (mother), Route 2, Morenci, Michigan.

V. BRONZE STAR <sup>MEDAL - (see #7 - 2 June 45)</sup>—By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sec. II, Bull. 3, WD, 1944), a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 24th Infantry Division, to the following-named officers and enlisted men:

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Technical Sergeant HENRY ANDRZEJCZYK, 32062149, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Leyte, Philippine Islands, from 20 October through 11 November 1944. Home address: Mrs. Louise Andrzejczyk (mother), 23 Essex Street, Passaic, New Jersey.

Technician Fourth Grade JOHN W. BACON, 32251073, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Sabron, Dutch New Guinea, on 25 April 1944, during the Hollandia-Tanumeah Campaign. Technician Bacon was a member of a group of Division Headquarters personnel consisting of four officers and five enlisted men enroute to join the assault regiment of the division, a distance of fifteen miles by trail. The trail was bordered by heavy undergrowth and visibility was limited to a few yards on each side. Upon hearing the sounds of rifle fire several hundred yards ahead, the group, without hesitation, moved rapidly forward as a combat patrol to clear up the situation. Arriving at the location from which the firing apparently had come, they came upon an enemy patrol covering the trail from a position in a stream bed, and one American soldier firing at them. The patrol promptly and vigorously attacked the enemy group, who returned the fire with automatic weapons. Two of the enemy were killed and the rest dispersed. Despite the fact that the headquarters group had little combat training and no actual combat experience as riflemen, each member took part with enthusiasm and creditable skill. Technician Bacon's unhesitating participation in combat, with complete disregard for his personal safety, and his display of courage and individual efficiency, reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Lena Bacon (mother), 103 Park Street, Binghamton, New York.

First Lieutenant MERLAN BAILEY, 01283190, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Hollandia, Dutch New Guinea and Leyte, Philippine Islands, during the period 24 September to 24 November 1944. Home address: Mrs. I. Bailey (mother), 223 Romano Avenue, Atlanta, Georgia.

Master Sergeant PATRICK A. BEHAN, 12018406, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Hollandia, Dutch New Guinea and Leyte, Philippine Islands, from 16 September to 16 November 1944. Home address: Mrs. Anna Behan (mother), 326 - 58th Street, Brooklyn, New York.

Captain VICTOR L. BOLINO, 0376800, Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Colasian, Leyte, Philippine Islands, on 18 November 1944. During an intense shelling of one

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of the battery positions by Japanese artillery, Captain Boling, the Battalion assistant S-3, upon hearing that an ammunition <sup>can</sup> and one of the gun sections had been hit, immediately rushed to the battery area several hundred yards away to assist in bringing the fire under control. Displaying great initiative, and with utter disregard for his own safety, he remained in the area and materially assisted in extinguishing the spreading fire, despite the fact that enemy shells were falling within fifty yards of him and small arms ammunition was exploding intermittently nearby. Captain Boling's outstanding leadership and exemplary conduct were greatly responsible for preventing further casualties and damage to the material, and reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Dorothy M. Boling (wife), 1009 Beech Street, Duncan, Oklahoma.

Technician Fifth Grade WILLIAM C. BOYD, 13144460, Medical Department, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Lison, Leyte, Philippine Islands, from 16 November to 23 November 1944. Home address: Mrs. Catherine Boyd (mother), 2303 53d Avenue, SE, Washington, D. C.

Lieutenant Colonel ERNEST D. BROCKETT, JR., 0316510, Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Palo, Leyte, Philippine Islands, from 20 October to 28 October 1944. Home address: Mrs. Ernest D. Brockett, Jr. (wife), 1010 Devitt Street, Fort Worth, Texas.

Private SAMUEL F. BURRIER, 37336134, Medical Department, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Lison, Leyte, Philippine Islands, from 16 November to 23 November 1944. Home address: Mrs. Helene G. Johnston (sister), 4151 South Acoma Street, Englewood, Colorado.

Sergeant WILLIAM M. BYESS, 34100917, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Jaro, Leyte, Philippine Islands, on 31 October 1944. Sergeant Byess, squad leader, led his men in an attack upon an enemy machine gun position. This gun was emplaced under a shack in an open field. Sergeant Byess moved out in advance of his men into the intense fire, setting an example that inspired his men to follow him and successfully reduce the hostile strongpoint. Sergeant Byess' fearless courage reflects the highest credit upon himself and the armed services. Home address: Mrs. Nucie Sharp (mother), Chatsworth, Illinois.

Sergeant CHARLES W. CAPPIS, 19050418, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Leyte, Philippine Islands, from 24 October to 16 November 1944. Home address: Mrs. Jennie F. Cupps



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(mother), 312 South 2d Avenue, Upland, California.

Staff Sergeant THOMAS S. CHAMPINE, 15017329, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Sabron, Dutch New Guinea, on 25 April 1944, during the Hollandia-Tanauerah Campaign. Sergeant Champine was a member of a group of Division Headquarters personnel consisting of four officers and five enlisted men enroute to join the assault regiment of the division, a distance of fifteen miles by trail. The trail was bordered by heavy undergrowth and visibility was limited to a few yards on each side. Upon hearing the sounds of rifle fire several hundred yards ahead, the group, without hesitation, moved rapidly forward as a combat patrol to clear up the situation. Arriving at the location from which the firing apparently had come, they came upon an enemy patrol covering the trail from a position in a stream bed, and one American soldier firing at them. The patrol promptly and vigorously attacked the enemy group, who returned the fire with automatic weapons. Two of the enemy were killed and the rest dispersed. Despite the fact that the headquarters group had little combat training and no actual combat experience as riflemen, each member took part with enthusiasm and creditable skill. Sergeant Champine's unhesitating participation in combat, with complete disregard for his personal safety, and his display of courage and individual efficiency, reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Miss Mildred M. Champine (sister), 1314 Massachusetts Avenue N.W., Washington, D. C.

First Lieutenant HARLEY E. CLAYTON, 01633127, Signal Corps, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Leyte, Philippine Islands, from 20 October to 20 November 1944. During this period Lieutenant Clayton served in the capacity of a signal company commander and an assistant division signal officer. He demonstrated leadership, coolness, and sound judgement in planning and organizing the signal company personnel and equipment for the operation, and in supervising the installation of signal communications throughout the operation. Lieutenant Clayton landed early on A-Day with the division advance party and selected the sites for and supervised the installation of initial signal communications. During the landing, and while reconnoitering for a suitable site for the command post, he was exposed to enemy artillery and small arms fire. In spite of the loss of three signal men during the landing, and with utter disregard for his personal safety, he continued on his mission. When the commanding general was ready to assume command of troops ashore, communications had been established. On four occasions during the operation Lieutenant Clayton went forward to front line units as a member of the division advance party, reconnoitering for command post sites. On each occasion the party came under enemy fire, and on one occasion artillery fire killed one and wounded eight of the party. Lieutenant Clayton's devotion to duty, calm and sound judgement amid initial confusion on the beach, and later under

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hazardous conditions, reflect credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Ethyl M. Clayton (mother), 356 Brain Avenue, Belleville, Michigan.

Private IRA C. COLLINS, 39909396, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Sabron, Dutch New Guinea, on 25 April 1944, during the Hollandia-Tanahmerah Campaign. Private Collins was a member of a group of Division Headquarters personnel consisting of four officers and five enlisted men enroute to join the assault regiment of the division, a distance of fifteen miles by trail. The trail was bordered by heavy undergrowth and visibility was limited to a few yards on each side. Upon hearing the sounds of rifle fire several hundred yards ahead, the group, without hesitation, moved rapidly forward as a combat patrol to clear up the situation. Arriving at the location from which the firing apparently had come, they came upon an enemy patrol covering the trail from a position in a stream bed, and one American soldier firing at them. The patrol promptly and vigorously attacked the enemy group, who returned the fire with automatic weapons. Two of the enemy were killed and the rest dispersed. Despite the fact that the headquarters group had little combat training and no actual combat experience as riflemen, each member took part with enthusiasm and creditable skill. Private Collins' unhesitating participation in combat, with complete disregard for his personal safety, and his display of courage and individual efficiency, reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Evelyn S. Collins (wife), 126 N. Second Street, Las Vegas, Nevada.

Private JAMES E. COYNE, 31429899, Medical Department, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Limon, Leyte, Philippine Islands, from 16 November to 23 November 1944. Home address: Mrs. Ellen Coyne (mother), 15 Richard Street, Clinton, Massachusetts.

Private HOLLAND M. CROED, 37730070, Medical Department, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Limon, Leyte, Philippine Islands, from 16 November to 23 November 1944. Home address: Mrs. Velma E. Croed (wife), Route 2, Latham, Kansas.

Sergeant EDWIN B. CURTISS, 36279138, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Leyte, Philippine Islands, from 20 October to 16 November 1944. Home address: Mrs. Ruth A. Curtiss (wife), 202 South Fifth Street, Stroughton, Wisconsin.

Major WILSON A. DABRUO, 0343454, Signal Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Leyte, Philippine Islands, from 20 October to 2 December 1944. Home address: Mrs. Lucille

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Daberko (wife), 74 North Water Street, Uhrichville, Ohio.

Major (then captain) GEORGE W. DICKERSON, 0408407, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Hollandia, Dutch New Guinea, and Leyte, Philippine Islands, from 25 September to 4 December 1944. Home address: Mrs. B. C. Dickerson (mother), 322 Culpeper Street, Warrenton, Virginia.

Private First Class WILLIAM G. DILLMAN, 20531012, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy south of Hill 1525 near Pinanopcan, Leyte, Philippine Islands, on 22 December 1944. Private Dillman was a member of an infantry regiment which was participating for the first time in action against the enemy. On the morning of 22 December the small patrol of which he was the lead scout, encountered the enemy on three occasions. In each instance the enemy was discovered by Private Dillman who conducted himself in a manner befitting a battle experienced soldier. In addition to having the distinction of being the first member of his regiment to destroy the enemy, Private Dillman's courage and aggressive action in the face of the enemy will serve as an inspiration to his fellow soldiers. Home address: Mrs. Dora Dillman (mother), 123 E. Warren Street, Peru, Indiana.

Technical Sergeant EDWARD J. DOBOSZ, 12027461, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Palo, Leyte, Philippine Islands, on 23 October 1944. Home address: Mrs. Mary Dobosz (mother), 162 Dupont Street, Brooklyn, New York.

Technician Third Grade JAMES F. DONNELLY, 12029453, Medical Department, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Limon, Leyte, Philippine Islands, from 16 November to 23 November 1944. Home address: Mr. John H. Donnelly (uncle), 84 Fountain Avenue, Brooklyn, New York.

Staff Sergeant WILLIAM F. DOWNEY, 6659059, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Pawing, Leyte, Philippine Islands, on 21 October 1944. Sergeant Downey, platoon guide, accompanied a rifle squad in a flanking attack upon a strongly entrenched enemy position. To reach the enemy it was necessary to cross an open field in full view of the enemy. While crossing the field, the squad leader was killed by hostile automatic fire. Sergeant Downey immediately assumed command and, although the intensity of the opposing fire made control difficult, he maintained such a collect control over his squad's fire and maneuver that the enemy position was reduced. Sergeant Downey's able leadership and fearless courage under fire proved to be an inspiration to all members of the

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squad. Home address: Mrs. Kate E. Downey (mother), Box 138, Divernon, Illinois.

Major WILLIAM H. DOYLE, 0314193, Medical Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Hollandia, Dutch New Guinea, and Leyte, Philippine Islands, from 22 April 1944 to 30 November 1944. Home address: Mrs. Louise S. Doyle (wife), 622 Forrest Court, St. Louis, Missouri.

First Lieutenant HERBERT D. ERP, JR., 01175700, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Leyte, Philippine Islands, from 20 October to 19 November 1944. Home address: Mr. Herbert D. Erp (father), Box 44, Overton, Texas.

Technician Fourth Grade ALBERT R. FOURNIER, 6145228, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Sabron, Dutch New Guinea, on 25 April 1944, during the Hollandia-Tanumaran Campaign. Technician Fournier was a member of a group of Division Headquarters personnel consisting of four officers and five enlisted men enroute to join the assault regiment of the division, a distance of fifteen miles by trail. The trail was bordered by heavy undergrowth and visibility was limited to a few yards on each side. Upon hearing the sounds of rifle fire several hundred yards ahead, the group, without hesitation, moved rapidly forward as a combat patrol to clear up the situation. Arriving at the location from which the firing apparently had come, they came upon an enemy patrol covering the trail from a position in a stream bed, and one American soldier firing at them. The patrol promptly and vigorously attacked the enemy group, who returned the fire with automatic weapons. Two of the enemy were killed and the rest dispersed. Despite the fact that the headquarters group had little combat training and no actual combat experience as riflemen, each member took part with enthusiasm and creditable skill. Technician Fournier's unhesitating participation in combat, with complete disregard for his personal safety, and his display of courage and individual efficiency, reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. D. Alda Fournier (mother), Box 175, Baldwinville, Massachusetts.

Technical Sergeant JOHN B. FREELAND, JR., 3900258, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Leyte, Philippine Islands, from 20 October to 30 November 1944. Home address: Mrs. Effie Freeland (mother), RR #2, Morton, Texas.

Technician Fifth Grade ERWIN H. FUTSCHIK, 38159606, Medical Department, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Lison, Leyte, Philippine Islands, from 16 November to 23 November 1944.

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Home address: Mrs. Alwina Futschik (mother), Route 4, Yoakum, Texas.

Private First Class EUGENE GARNER, 34256112, Medical Department, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Linon, Leyte, Philippine Islands, from 16 November to 23 November 1944. Home address: Mr. Lennie Garner (brother), Route 1, Seagrove, North Carolina.

Major ALBERT W. GASPER, 0307842, Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Hollandia, Dutch New Guinea and near Palo, Leyte, Philippine Islands, from 1 October to 28 October 1944. Home address: Mrs. Lily Ann Gasper (wife), 6403 South Winchester Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

Major WILLIAM D. GNAU, 0336055, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Hollandia, Dutch New Guinea and Leyte, Philippine Islands, from 1 October to 18 November 1944. Home address: Mrs. Henrietta Gnau (mother), 2044 Alta Avenue, Louisville, Kentucky.

Technician Fifth Grade FLOYD K. GULBRANSON, 37321117, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Breakneck Ridge, Leyte, Philippine Islands, from 12 November to 18 November 1944. As medical aid man for an engineer working party, Technician Gulbranson was the only medical man in the vicinity. He rendered quick and efficient aid to wounded infantrymen as well as his own unit. He was constantly under fire from enemy snipers, but carried out his work calmly and effectively. Technician Gulbranson's conduct under fire reflects greatest credit on himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Tom Gulbranson (mother), Sparta Location, Gilbert, Minnesota.

Sergeant HARRY E. GUYSELMAN, 16119115, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Leyte, Philippine Islands, from 20 October to 17 November 1944. Home address: Miss Margaret Guyseلمان (sister), 312 Broadwell Avenue, Albion, Michigan.

Private OSCAR A. HELLE, 31175706, Medical Department, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Linon, Leyte, Philippine Islands, from 16 November to 23 November 1944. Home address: Mrs. Claudia Helle (mother), 161 Seawall Avenue, Manchester, New Hampshire.

Captain BERNARD R. HUETTER, JR., 01100601, Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with

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military operations against the enemy near Palo, Leyte, Philippine Islands, from 20 October to 28 October 1944. Home address: Mr. Bernard R. Huetter, Sr. (father), United States Engineer Office, St. George, Bermuda.

Private First Class JAMES H. JOHNSON, 34089412, Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Breakneck Ridge, Leyte, Philippine Islands, on 10 November 1944. As driver of a truck carrying tools and bridge material, Private Johnson made two trips to the bridge site through heavy enemy sniper fire thereby facilitating the completion of the bridge and the advancement of our troops. Private Johnson's extraordinary courage and coolness under fire are in the highest traditions of the service. Home address: Mrs. Ethel R. Johnson (mother), Route #1, Helena, Alabama.

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~~Communications Fifth Grade, W. T. JAMES, 33132655, Field Artillery,~~  
United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Palo, Leyte, Philippine Islands, on 20 October 1944. Home address: Mrs. Janie James (mother), Route #3, Galax, Virginia.

Private ARNOLD D. KRUGMAN, 42035938, Medical Department, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Limon, Leyte, Philippine Islands, from 16 November to 23 November 1944. Home address: Mr. Eugene Krugman (father), 2116 East 9th Street, New York, New York.

First Lieutenant CHARLES W. LEWIS, 01167088, Signal Corps, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Leyte, Philippine Islands, from 21 October to 20 November 1944. On 21 October 1944, Lieutenant Lewis, as a member of a division advance party, with a six man signal detachment left the division command post and went forward to the command post of an infantry battalion. This battalion, with attached tanks, was just preparing to attack, and as the attack jumped off Lieutenant Lewis, with the party, followed the infantry and tanks. The party was within about 200 yards of the forward elements when it was pinned down by enemy small arms fire and anti-tank or mortar fire. Lieutenant Lewis, with complete disregard for his personal safety, continued on his mission, until ordered to return to the division command post. Again on 30 October 1944, with a signal detachment, he went with the division advance party to reconnoiter for an advance command post. Shortly after the site was chosen, artillery shells fell in the area, killing one and wounding eight of the party. On four other occasions during the operation, he went forward to front line units as a member of the division advance party. On each occasion the party came under enemy fire. Lieutenant Lewis' coolness, courage, and outstanding devotion to duty under hazardous conditions, reflect the greatest credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Virgil Lewis (wife), Cavalier, North Dakota.

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First Lieutenant WILLIAM H. LINGLE, JR., O1633370, Signal Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Hollandia, Dutch New Guinea, and Leyte, Philippine Islands, from 1 October to 20 November 1944. Home address: Mrs. William H. Lingle, Jr. (wife), Bahia Linda, Mar East, Tiburon, California.

Major LAMAR W. LITTLE, O245135, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Pinamporan, Leyte, Philippine Islands from 10 November to 18 November 1944. Home address: Mrs. Anne C. Little (wife), 117 South Broadway Street, Suffolk, Virginia.

Lieutenant Colonel SEYMOUR E. MADISON, O19265, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Pinamporan, Leyte, Philippine Islands from 7 November to 18 November 1944. Home address: Mrs. Marion B. Madison (wife), 6415 East 14th Avenue, Denver, Colorado.

Private First Class SAM MAGGID, 36529360, Medical Department, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Limon, Leyte, Philippine Islands, from 16 November to 23 November 1944. Home address: Mrs. Tillie Maggid (mother), 1423 South Street, Louis Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

Private First Class RALPH MANZANARES, 38085038, Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Breakneck Ridge, Leyte, Philippine Islands on 10 November 1944. As driver of a truck, carrying tools and bridge material, Private Manzanares made two trips to the bridge site through heavy enemy sniper fire, thereby facilitating the completion of the bridge and the advancement of our troops. Private Manzanares' extraordinary courage and coolness under fire are in the highest traditions of the service. Home address: Mrs. Maraina Manzanares (mother), General Delivery, Hoahne, Colorado.

Private First Class HALBERT E. MASTERSON, 37384141, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Leyte, Philippine Islands, from 20 October to 6 November 1944. Home address: Mr. Harry S. Mastersen (father), Route #3, Rogersville, Missouri.

Captain HUGH S. McCHESNEY, O939107, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Leyte, Philippine Islands from 20 October to 12 November 1944. Home address: Mrs. Alice M. McChesney (wife), Manteo, North Carolina.

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Technician Fifth Grade JAMES B. McDEVITT, 33079497, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Leyte, Philippine Islands from 20 October to 12 November 1944. Home address: Mrs. Anna McDevitt (mother), 731 Map Street, Reading, Pennsylvania.

Sergeant CLIFFORD C. MCGOWAN, 37160642, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Palo, Leyte, Philippine Islands, on 20 October 1944. The company of which Sergeant McGowan was a member was pinned down by heavy enemy machine gun and sniper fire. Sergeant McGowan, in the face of this heavy fire and with complete disregard for his own personal safety, crawled forward of the front lines and directed mortar fire at the machine guns seventy-five to one hundred yards from his position. By his expert directions the mortars were able to knock out the enemy machine guns thus allowing the company to reorganize and take action which was instrumental in the success of the battalion's mission. Sergeant McGowan's heroic actions reflect high credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Freda McGowan (mother), West Concord, Minnesota.

Technician Fifth Grade DON G. NEHMER, 36279632, Medical Department, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Lison, Leyte, Philippine Islands from 16 November to 23 November 1944. Home address: Mr. Walter Nehmer (father), 1632 Quincy Avenue, Racine, Wisconsin.

Corporal ANDY PANCYZYN, 31142694, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Leyte, Philippine Islands, from 20 October to 18 November 1944. Home address: Mrs. Mary Pancyzyn (mother), 1114 Seventh Avenue, Ford City, Pennsylvania.

Private CHARLES W. R. PAULEY, 33659659, Medical Department United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Lison, Leyte, Philippine Islands from 16 November to 23 November 1944. Home address: Mrs. Minie Pauley (wife), Rose Hill, Virginia.

Technician Fourth Grade ARTHUR J. PEDERSEN, 36242897, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Leyte, Philippine Islands from 20 October to 19 November 1944. Home address: Mrs. La Pedersen (mother), 1110 Blaine Avenue, Racine, Wisconsin.

Staff Sergeant LAURICE G. PENISTEN, 20531035, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy south of Hill 1525 near Pinnacopan, Leyte, Philippine Islands, on 22 December 1944. Sergeant Penisten



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was a member of an infantry regiment which was participating for the first time in action against the enemy. On three occasions during the morning of 22 December a patrol of which Sergeant Penister was the leader encountered the enemy, armed with rifles and grenades. On each encounter Sergeant Penister advanced to the position of his lead scout, personally observed the situation and directed the disposition of his patrol in a manner befitting a battle experienced soldier. By personal example he instilled confidence and an aggressive spirit in his men. In the three encounters Sergeant Penister's patrol killed six of the enemy, the first enemy casualties inflicted by their regiment, without casualty to any man of the patrol. Sergeant Penister demonstrated leadership ability in the face of the enemy that reflects much credit upon himself and upon the military service. Home address: Mr. John H. Penister (father), 304 Indiana Street, Wabash, Indiana.

Captain GERALD E. PETERSON, 01101992, Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Red Beach, Leyte, Philippine Islands during the period 20 October to 28 October 1944. Home address: Mr. Charley J. Peterson (father), Blomming Prairie, Minnesota.

Private First Class ROBERT L. PILLON, 36637914, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Leyte, Philippine Islands from 27 October to 7 November 1944. Home address: Mrs. Florence Pillon (mother), 10113 Avenue L, Chicago, Illinois.

Private First Class CARL E. PLOUVIER, 35108358, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Pawing, Leyte, Philippine Islands, on 21 October 1944. Private Plouvier, automatic rifleman, became separated from the rest of his squad during an attack upon an enemy position. During this time he was subjected to relentless enemy automatic fire. He chose to remain in position and kept up a steady stream of fire upon the enemy position with his automatic weapon. Bandoliers of ammunition were thrown to him from the nearest friendly position some distance away. Private Plouvier's heroic action was a vital factor in the eventual destruction of the enemy position. Home address: Mrs. Lania Bradley (mother), Howardstown, Kentucky.

Sergeant RALPH A. RECKERS, 39401356, Medical Department, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Liacn, Leyte, Philippine Islands, from 16 November to 23 November 1944. Home address: Mrs. Sadie Reckers (mother), P. O. Box 185, Maxwell, California.

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\* First Lieutenant CLAUDE A. REESE, 11288619, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Sabrou, Dutch New Guinea, on 25 April 1944, during the Hollandia-Tanasserah Campaign. Lieutenant Reese was a member of a group of Division Headquarters personnel consisting of four officers and five enlisted men enroute to join the assault regiment of the division, a distance of fifteen miles by trail. The trail was bordered by heavy undergrowth and visibility was limited to a few yards on each side. Upon hearing the sounds of rifle fire several hundred yards ahead, the group, without hesitation, moved rapidly forward as a combat patrol to clear up the situation. Arriving at the location from which the firing apparently had come, they came upon an enemy patrol covering the trail from a position in a stream bed, and one American soldier firing at them. The patrol promptly and vigorously attacked the enemy group, who returned the fire with automatic weapons. Two of the enemy were killed and the rest dispersed. Despite the fact that the headquarters group had little combat training and no actual combat experience as riflemen, each member took part with enthusiasm and creditable skill. Lieutenant Reese's unhesitating participation in combat, with complete disregard for his personal safety, and his display of courage and individual efficiency, reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. C. A. Reese (mother), 2010 Trenton Avenue, Fort Worth, Texas.

Major MICHAEL J. REICHEL, 01010055, Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Palo, Leyte, Philippine Islands, during the period 20 October to 28 October 1944. Home address: Mrs. Jewell L. Reichel (wife), 908 North Kameah Street, Hanford, California.

Major HARRY N. RISING, JR., 024002, Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Palo, Leyte, Philippine Islands during the period 20 October to 28 October 1944. Home address: Mrs. Harriet L. Rising (mother), Park View Apartments, Memphis, Tennessee.

Sergeant PAUL H. ROBILIARD, 20129099, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Sabrou, Dutch New Guinea, on 25 April 1944, during the Hollandia-Tanasserah Campaign. Sergeant Robiliard was a member of a group of Division Headquarters personnel consisting of four officers and five enlisted men enroute to join the assault regiment of the division, a distance of fifteen miles by trail. The trail was bordered by heavy undergrowth and visibility was limited to a few yards on each side. Upon hearing the sounds of rifle fire several hundred yards ahead, the group, without hesitation, moved rapidly forward as a combat patrol to clear up the situation.

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Arriving at the location from which the firing apparently had come, they came upon an enemy patrol covering the trail from a position in a stream bed, and one American soldier firing at them. The patrol promptly and vigorously attacked the enemy group, who returned the fire with automatic weapons. Two of the enemy were killed and the rest dispersed. Despite the fact that the headquarters group had little combat training and no actual combat experience as riflemen, each member took part with enthusiasm and creditable skill. Sergeant Robillard's unhesitating participation in combat, with complete disregard for his personal safety, and his display of courage and individual efficiency, reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. James Mahoney (sister), 207 George Street, Bridgeport, Connecticut.

Corporal JAMES J. SHAMANY, 33368240, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Colasion, Leyte, Philippine Islands on 18 November 1944. Corporal Shamany helped in collecting, giving first aid, and evacuating wounded personnel of a field artillery battalion during heavy enemy artillery fire. Corporal Shamany, through his calmness, initiative and utter disregard for his own safety undoubtedly helped materially to save the lives of badly wounded men. Home address: Mrs. Elizabeth Shamany (mother), West Pine Street, Shepton, Pennsylvania.

Staff Sergeant RAY E. SHONE, 38082407, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, Philippine Islands from 20 October to 12 November 1944. During this period Sergeant Shone served as platoon guide. His ability to locate enemy snipers and covered enemy positions was outstanding. He was continually well in advance of the patrols which he accompanied and during engagements with the enemy he moved about under enemy fire to give advice and to assist other members of the patrol. On 12 November the platoon was advancing up a ridge and was stopped by enemy fire. Sergeant Shone worked his way around the enemy's flank and killed five Japs located at the base of a large tree. He was later wounded by enemy sniper fire while attempting to remove a wounded man to cover. Sergeant Shone's bold and aggressive actions reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mr. Ray E. Shone, Sr. (father), 1231 Sears Street, Denison, Texas.

Private ROSCOE O. SIDERS, 37328015, Medical Department, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Limon, Leyte, Philippine Islands from 16 November to 23 November 1944. Home address: Mrs. Marie E. Siders (wife), 2835 West 11th Avenue, Denver, Colorado.

Private THADDEUS STERODINSKI, 95540513, Medical Department, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Limon, Leyte, Philippine

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Islands, from 16 November to 23 November 1944. Home address: Mr. Paul Cyaler (friend), 316 Pearl Street, Toledo, Ohio.

Private PAUL J. SIMPERS, 32751629, Medical Department, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Linon, Leyte, Philippine Islands from 16 November to 23 November 1944. Home address: Mrs. Margaret Simpser (mother), 154 Main Street, E., Newark, Delaware.

Technician Fifth Grade GEORGE SKUHIA, JR., 32062166, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Leyte, Philippine Islands from 20 October to 7 November 1944. Home address: Elizabeth Miller (friend), 82 Hope Avenue, Passaic, New Jersey.

Captain (then first lieutenant) OTIS C. THOMPSON, 01288047, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Leyte, Philippine Islands, from 20 October to 16 November 1944. Home address: Mrs. Isabel M. Thompson (wife), 79 West Market Street, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania.

First Lieutenant WILLIAM P. TOTINO, 0452087, Signal Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Hollandia, Dutch New Guinea and Leyte, Philippine Islands, from 20 September to 20 November 1944. Home address: Mrs. William P. Totino (wife), 1607 Columbia Street, Brooklyn, New York.

Staff Sergeant JOSEPH M. TREBONYAK, 13022850, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Leyte, Philippine Islands, from 20 October to 17 November 1944. Home address: Mrs. Mary Trebonyak (mother), Cairnbrook, Pennsylvania.

Private First Class JOSEPH H. MADE, 42005895, Medical Department, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Linon, Leyte, Philippine Islands, from 16 November to 23 November 1944. Home address: Mrs. Eleanor M. Made (mother), Ethelwood, P. O. Box 123, Morristown, New Jersey.

Captain JAMES T. WALKER, 01102106, Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Palo, Leyte, Philippine Islands, from 20 October to 28 October 1944. Home address: Mrs. Joe Walker (mother), 565 North Lincoln, Marshall, Missouri.

Major JAMES B. WALLIN, 0356265, Medical Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Leyte, Philippine Islands, from

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20 October to 30 November 1944. Home address: Mrs. Esther E. Waller (wife), Maroa, Illinois.

First Lieutenant JOHN E. HARD, 02034999, Chemical Warfare Service, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Hollandia, Dutch New Guinea, and Leyte, Philippine Islands, from 1 October to 30 November 1944. Home address: Mrs. Zenie W. Hard (aunt), Darling, Mississippi.

Private: First Class LLOYD J. WINDLE, JR., 37086917, Medical Department, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Idon, Leyte, Philippine Islands, from 16 November to 23 November 1944. Home address: Mr. Lloyd J. Windle (father), Powell, Wyoming.

VI. BRONZE STAR (OAK-LEAF CLUSTER).—By direction of the President, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal awarded to Captain Robert F. Munch, by the Commanding General, 24th Infantry Division, as published in Section IV, General Orders No. 19, Headquarters 24th Infantry Division, 22 August 1944, a Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to him by the Commanding General, 24th Infantry Division, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944, (bull. 3, WD, 1944). The citation is as follows:

Captain ROBERT F. MUNCH, 0420730, Medical Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Leyte, Philippine Islands, from 20 October to 19 November 1944. Home address: Dr. Frederick E. Munch (father), 8016 South Peoria Street, Chicago, Illinois.

By direction of the President, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal awarded to First Lieutenant Walter S. Page by the Commanding General, 24th Infantry Division, as published in Section IV, General Orders No. 32, Headquarters 24th Infantry Division, 22 December 1944, a Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to him by the Commanding General, 24th Infantry Division, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944, (bull. 3, WD, 1944). The citation is as follows:

First Lieutenant WALTER S. PAGE, JR., 01307918, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Sabron, Dutch New Guinea, on 25 April 1944, during the Hollandia-Tanahmerah Campaign. Lieutenant Page was a member of a group of Division Headquarters personnel consisting of four officers and five enlisted men enroute to join the assault regiment of the division, a distance of fifteen miles by trail. The trail was bordered by heavy undergrowth and visibility was limited to a few yards on each side. Upon hearing the sounds of rifle fire several hundred yards ahead, the group, without hesitation, moved rapidly forward as a combat patrol to clear up the situation. Arriving at the location from which the firing apparently had come, they came upon an enemy patrol covering

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the trail from a position in a stream bed, and one American soldier firing at them. The patrol promptly and vigorously attacked the enemy group, who returned the fire with automatic weapons. Two of the enemy were killed and the rest dispersed. Despite the fact that the headquarters group had little combat training and no actual combat experience as riflemen, each member took part with enthusiasm and creditable skill. Lieutenant Page's unhesitating participation in combat, with complete disregard for his personal safety, and his display of courage and individual efficiency, reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Eva Johnson Page (wife), Mount Airy, North Carolina.

By direction of the President, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal awarded to Technical Sergeant (then staff sergeant) Emanuel E. Weixelman, by the Commanding General, 24th Infantry Division, as published in Section IV, General Orders No. 19, Headquarters 24th Infantry Division, 22 August 1944, a Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to him by the Commanding General, 24th Infantry Division, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944, (Bull. 3, WD, 1944). The citation is as follows:

Technical Sergeant EMANUEL E. WEIXELMAN, 37143556, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Leyte, Philippine Islands, from 20 October to 19 November 1944. Home address: Mr. Eph Yantz (uncle), Route 1, St. George, Kansas.

By direction of the President, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal awarded to Lieutenant Colonel Lester L. Wheeler, by the Commanding General, 24th Infantry Division, as published in Section V, General Orders No. 12, Headquarters 24th Infantry Division, 24 June 1944, a Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to him by the Commanding General, 24th Infantry Division, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944, (Bull. 3, WD, 1944). The citation is as follows:

Lieutenant Colonel LESTER L. WHEELER, 019951, Infantry (General Staff Corps), United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Sabron, Dutch New Guinea, on 25 April 1944, during the Hollandia-Tanasserah Campaign. Colonel Wheeler was a member of a group of Division Headquarters personnel consisting of four officers and five enlisted men enroute to join the assault regiment of the division, a distance of fifteen miles by trail. The trail was bordered by heavy undergrowth and visibility was limited to a few yards on each side. Upon hearing the sounds of rifle fire several hundred yards ahead, the group, without hesitation, moved rapidly forward as a combat patrol to clear up the situation. Arriving at the location from which the firing apparently had come, they came upon an enemy patrol covering the trail from a position in a stream bed, and one American soldier firing at them. The patrol promptly and vigorously attacked the enemy group, who returned the fire with automatic weapons. Two of the enemy were killed and the rest dispersed.

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Despite the fact that the headquarters group had little combat training and no actual combat experience as riflemen, each member took part with enthusiasm and creditable skill. Colonel Wheeler's unhesitating participation in combat, with complete disregard for his personal safety, and his display of courage and individual efficiency, reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Dorothy H. Wheeler (wife), 150 26th Avenue, North Saint Petersburg, Florida.

By direction of the President, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal awarded to Lieutenant Colonel Lester L. Wheeler by the Commanding General, 24th Infantry Division, as published in Section V, General Orders No. 12, Headquarters 24th Infantry Division, 24 June 1944, and the Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster as awarded above, an additional Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to him by the Commanding General, 24th Infantry Division, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944, (Bull. 3, 10, 1944). The citation is as follows:

Lieutenant Colonel LESTER L. WHEELER, 019951, Infantry (then General Staff Corps), United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Leyte, Philippine Islands from 20 October to 16 November 1944. Home address: Mrs. Dorothy H. Wheeler (wife), 150 26th Avenue, North Saint Petersburg, Florida.

VII. PURPLE HEART.—Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, a Purple Heart is awarded by the Commanding General, 24th Infantry Division, to the following-named enlisted men:

Technician Fifth Grade PALMINO A. MEOLA, 32235308, Signal Corps, United States Army. For wounds received in action at Jaro, Leyte, Philippine Islands on 30 October 1944. Home address: Mrs. Anna Meola (mother), 734 North 7th Street, Newark, New Jersey.

Technician Fifth Grade HAROLD W. BAINES, 1 1085856, Signal Corps, United States Army. For wounds received in action at Jaro, Leyte, Philippine Islands on 29 October 1944. Home address: Mrs. Bessie A. Brazil (mother), RFD #1, Crescent, Oklahoma.

VIII. PURPLE HEART (OAK-LEAF CLUSTER)—By direction of the President, in addition to the Purple Heart awarded to Technician Fifth Grade Palmino A. Meola by the Commanding General, 24th Infantry Division, as published in Section VII, above, a Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to him by the Commanding General, 24th Infantry Division, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45. The citation is as follows:

Technician Fifth Grade PALMINO A. MEOLA, 32235308, Signal Corps, United States Army. For wounds received in action near Palo, Leyte, Philippine Islands on 12 November 1944. Home address: Mrs. Anna Meola (mother), 734 North 7th Street, Newark, New Jersey.

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By command of Major General WOODRUFF:

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Lieut. Colonel, G. S. C.,  
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So much of General Orders 33, Headquarters 24th Infantry Division dated 25 December 1944, as pertains to the award of the Bronze Star Medal to Robert L. Pillion, 36 637 914, which reads Bronze Star Medal is amended to read First Oak-Leaf Cluster.

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:

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PURPLE HEART - - Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45 as amended, a Purple Heart is awarded by the Commanding General, 24th Division Artillery to the following named enlisted men:

1. Technician Fifth Grade STEPHEN SCAGLIONE, (12056158) Field Artillery, United States Army. For wounds received in action near Jaro, Island of Leyte, Philippine Islands on 30 October 1944. Home Address: Mrs. Fannie Scaglione, Mother, 927 Emerson Avenue, Syracuse, New York.
2. Private First Class CARL G. SIGNALT, (6364592) Field Artillery, United States Army. For wounds received in action near Jaro, Island of Leyte, Philippine Islands on 30 October 1944. Home Address: Mrs. Hilda E. Dayton, Niece, 3037 Chiala Avenue, Memphis, Tennessee.

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PURPLE HEART - - Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45 as amended, a Purple Heart is awarded by the Commanding General, 24th Division Artillery to the following named officer:

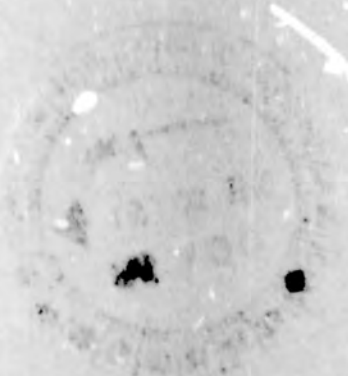
✓ Major KEMUEL K. BLACKER, O-366224, Field Artillery, United States Army. For wounds received in action at Tolacion Point, Island of Leyte, Philippine Islands on 24 November 1944. Home Address: Mrs. Agnes S. Blacker (wife), 2664 Kaipu Street, Honolulu, Oahu, T.H.

W. R. JUDER,  
Brigadier General, U. S. Army,  
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PURPLE HEART - - Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45 as amended, a Purple Heart is awarded by the Commanding General, 24th Division Artillery to the following named enlisted men:

Private CLETUS F. E. BUEHLER, 36765738, Field Artillery, United States Army. For wounds received in action at Talomo, Island of Mindanao, Philippine Islands on 15 May 1945. Home Address: Mrs. Frieda Dushler (mother), Red Bud, Illinois.

HUGH CORT,  
Brigadier General, U. S. Army,  
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Award of PURPLE HEART

PURPLE HEART - - Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45 as amended, a Purple Heart is awarded by the Commanding General, 24th Division Artillery to the following named enlisted men:

Private First Class RICHARD L. MCELROY, 14013920, Field Artillery, United States Army. For wounds received in action at Talomo, Island of Mindanao, Philippine Islands on 15 May 1945. Home Address: Mrs. Pearl Bellamy (mother), Lady Lake, Florida.

Private First Class FORREST D. LYNCH, 37363005, Field Artillery, United States Army. For wounds received in action at Talomo, Island of Mindanao, Philippine Islands on 15 May 1945. Home Address: Mrs. Lora Jean Lynch (wife), Box 14, Dawson, New Mexico.

Private ARNOLD R. BROW, 39132185, Field Artillery, United States Army. For wounds received in action at Talomo, Island of Mindanao, Philippine Islands on 15 May 1945. Home Address: Mrs. Ella I. Smith (mother), Box 371, Colorado St., Aurora, California.

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I. BRONZE STAR MEDAL.--By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sec. II, Bull. 3, 'D, 1944), a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 24th Infantry Division, to the following named officers and enlisted men:

Chief Warrant Officer WILLIAM H. LITTLE, W2110642, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Mindanao, Philippine Islands from 17 April to 4 August 1945. Home address: Mr. Richard W. Little (son), Delta, Iowa.

First Sergeant BERNARD L. LOVE, 36028754, Ordnance Department, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the Southwest Pacific Area from 24 February to 30 June 1945. Home address: Mr. Edward Love (father), 1816 South Washington Street, Shelbyville, Illinois.

Private First Class ROBERT L. LUCE, 32830344, Air Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Mindanao, Philippine Islands from 17 April to 15 May 1945. Home address: Mrs. Maggie Luce (grandmother), Onoville, New York.

Captain JOHN J. PLACE, 0110345, Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Mindanao, Philippine Islands from 17 April to 30 June 1945. Home address: Mrs. Florence Place (mother), 528 83rd Street, Brooklyn, New York.

*Citation amended by HQ 24th Inf Aug 29, 1945* *Citation amended by HQ 24th Inf Sept 1, 1945 No 117-3 Sept 1945*  
 Technician Fourth Grade CHARLES M. SCHOCK, 06646810, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Hollandia, Dutch New Guinea, and Leyte, Philippine Islands, during the period 18 March 1944 to 7 MARCH 1945. Home address: Mrs. Catherine V. Schock (mother), 2703 Adams Street, Chicago 12, Illinois.

Technician Fifth Grade HUBERT SCHWARZ, 32969264, Ordnance Department, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the Southwest Pacific Area from 24 January 1944 to 31 July 1945. Home address: Mr. Hyman Rothenberg (uncle), 929 East 169th Street, New York City, New York.

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**II. BRONZE STAR MEDAL (OAK-LEAF CLUSTER).**--1. By direction of the President, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal awarded to First Lieutenant Fred W. Druflin by the Commanding General, 24th Infantry Division, as published in General Orders No. 19, Headquarters 24th Infantry Division, 22 August 1944, a Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to him by the Commanding General, 24th Infantry Division, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sec. II, Bull. 3, WD, 1944). The citation is as follows:

First Lieutenant FRED W. DRUFLIN, 01309049, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Leyte and Luzon, Philippine Islands from 10 January to 6 February 1945. Home address: Mrs. A. B. Druflin (mother), 3648 North Laramie Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

2. By direction of the President, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal awarded to Captain Albert K. Roehrig, by the Commanding General, 24th Infantry Division, as published in General Orders No. 13, Headquarters 24th Infantry Division, 8 July 1944, a Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to him by the Commanding General, 24th Infantry Division, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sec. II, Bull. 3, WD, 1944). The citation is as follows:

Captain ALBERT K. ROEHRIG, 01165202, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Mindanao, Philippine Islands from 17 April to 4 August 1945. Home address: Mrs. Ruth M. Roehrig (wife), 130 Washington Street, Wellesley Hills, Massachusetts.

**III. AIR MEDAL.**--By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9158, 11 May 1942 (Bull. 25, WD, 1942), an Air Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 24th Infantry Division, to the following named officers:

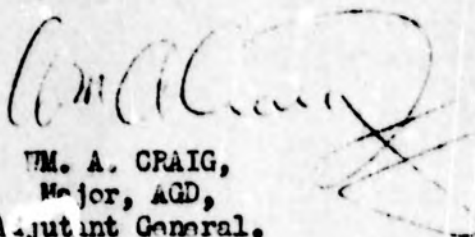
Brigadier General HUGH CORT, 011592, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights from 17 April to 23 August 1945 on Mindanao, Philippine Islands. Brigadier General Cort, a division artillery commander, made 21 observations, reconnaissance and inspection flights totaling 24 hours 45 minutes in an unarmed L-4 type airplane. These flights enabled Brigadier General Cort to observe personally the enemy lines and to obtain first hand information for the most effective employment of the division artillery. The inspection of battalions at a considerable distance from his headquarters was greatly expedited by his use of the airplane. Many of the flights were particularly hazardous, as the Japanese anti-aircraft fire could reach into friendly territory and take the artillery observation planes under fire. Too, the possibility always existed of attack by enemy aircraft. Nearly all of the terrain over which the flights were made was of such a rough, heavily forested character that an emergency landing was impossible without very serious results. The example established by a general officer undertaking missions so fraught with the element of personal hazard was a great morale factor to the officers and men of the division artillery and encouraged the making of many valuable reconnaissance flights by battalion and battery commanders. Home address: Mrs. Mildred A. Cort (wife), 362 Tuxedo Avenue, San Antonio 2, Texas.

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I. SILVER STAR.--By direction of the President, under the provisions of the act of Congress, approved 9 July 1918 (Bull. 43, WD, 1718), a Silver Star is awarded by the Commanding General, 24th Infantry Division, to the following named enlisted men:

Private First Class RALPH E. ARNOLD, 31400152, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action in the vicinity of Galinan, Mindanao, Philippine Islands on 17 June 1945. Private First Class Arnold was acting as lead scout of a platoon whose mission was to flank a strongly fortified enemy position, consisting of mutually supporting pillboxes, connecting trenches, and individual foxholes which were holding up the progress of an entire battalion. The clear weather made it very difficult to gain the element of concealment. Private First Class Arnold led the platoon around the right flank through a swamp and entered a thick banana grove where visibility was extremely limited. When he came to several single foxholes, he unhesitatingly crept forward to see if they were occupied. Finding them empty, Private First Class Arnold moved approximately 100 yards through the banana grove until he sighted the enemy. There he halted the platoon and opened fire on a Jap who was located at the edge of the banana grove. As Private First Class Arnold opened fire the Jap shouted, warning the enemy, who immediately opened heavy fire on the platoon and forced it to withdraw. Private First Class Arnold refused to withdraw, and crawling forward under the heavy enemy fire threw a grenade into the pillbox killing its two occupants. This enabled the platoon to advance past the strong point and continue its mission. On 20 June 1945, Private First Class Arnold again acted as lead scout for his platoon and came under enemy mortar fire. One shell exploded nearby and the concussion knocked him down. One shell fragment smashed the magazine of his sub-machine gun, but he continued to lead the platoon down the road on its mission. Private First Class Arnold's heroic devotion to duty and initiative under enemy fire, reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Florence Arnold (mother), 10 Glendon Street, Portland, Maine.

Sergeant ROBERT A. CRAMER, 12193882, Cavalry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on Mindanao, Philippine Islands from 17 April to 13 May 1945. Sergeant Cramer was in charge of a mechanized cavalry reconnaissance section which patrolled to the front and flanks

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of an infantry regiment throughout the drive across Mindanao, from Parang to Davao, covering hundreds of miles along previously un-  
reconnitered roads and trails. In that drive, Sergeant Cramer's  
platoon ran into ten enemy ambushes. On about 5 June 1945, near the  
Telomo River, Sergeant Cramer led a dismounted patrol forward to  
scout a deep ravine and struck a Jap ambush. He immediately ordered  
a withdrawal while he remained behind with one other man and covered  
with rifle fire, so accurate and sustained that the Japs were unable  
to get into action a light machine gun which could have killed all  
members of the patrol. An hour later, Sergeant Cramer's section came  
upon a road block and the fire of a Jap light machine gun. Sergeant  
Cramer immediately shot the gunner through the head. Four other Japs  
tried to reach the gun, but were also killed by Sergeant Cramer.  
While moving along a paved highway north of Davao, the section came  
to cables and wires arranged to detonate two 150 pound bombs.  
Sergeant Cramer and several men crawled through the cables and wires  
to protect the bomb-removal experts. Before the bombs had been  
removed, the enemy opened a fire which became so intense that a  
withdrawal was ordered. Again, he was the last man to leave.  
Throughout the march across Mindanao, Sergeant Cramer's reconnaissance  
section acted as point of the platoon. He organized and directed  
all withdrawals. His leadership was so outstanding that he extricated  
his men from each of these highly dangerous situations without  
suffering a single casualty in his section. His unselfish devotion  
to duty and disregard for personal safety are worthy of the highest  
traditions of the military service. Home address: Mr. Henry Cramer  
(father), 40 Spruce Street, Cedarhurst, New York.

Private First Class W. C. HOGLAND, 37615933, Infantry, United  
States Army. For gallantry in action at Mindanao, Philippine Islands  
on 19 June 1945. Private First Class Hogland was lead scout of the  
platoon leading an infantry company through territory known to be  
held by the enemy, near Calinan. Despite the cloudy sky which re-  
stricted observation, it was found that enemy positions consisting  
of pillboxes and foxholes, interconnected by a system of trenches,  
were located in the midst of the thick banana groves where visibility  
was extremely limited. Private First Class Hogland, from his forward  
position, saw fresh tracks leading up a small trail, and immediately  
stepped the platoon and notified the platoon leader. Suddenly heavy  
enemy machine gun fire came from a hidden position up the trail, and  
mortar fire forced the platoon to withdraw. Private First Class  
Hogland crawled forward through the mortar fire toward the source  
of the enemy machine gun fire and killed the Jap who was operating  
the gun. Moving to within ten feet of the pillbox, he again opened  
fire, killing two more of the enemy. The platoon was then able to  
advance and killed the two Japs manning the mortar, thus enabling  
the company to effect a junction with the battalion on its right  
and bring the mission to a successful conclusion. Private First  
Class Hogland's outstanding courage and initiative under enemy fire  
reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Home  
address: Mrs. Mattie B. Hogland (mother), General Delivery, Arbyrd,  
Missouri.

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**Sergeant WOODROW JENSEN, 35575871, Infantry, United States Army.** For gallantry in action near Calinan, Mindanao, Philippine Islands on 20 June 1945. Sergeant Jensen, an assistant squad leader, was protecting with his squad, the right flank of a company which was going forward in relief of an engaged element. The day was clear and cover sparse on the flat plateau over which the movement was being made. Sergeant Jensen led his men into a thick banana grove which was thought to be cleared of the enemy, and placed them in advantageous positions, taking up his own position of the right flank. From that position he saw the muzzle of a gun and a Jap soldier appear suddenly and prepare to open fire. Sergeant Jensen fired two shots and killed the man with the gun. Another Jap sprang to reach the gun but was killed by Sergeant Jensen. At that moment, the man was killed who had been covering his movements from the thick undergrowth. Sergeant Jensen immediately killed the remaining Jap, and then seized the silenced Jap machine gun and its ammunition and left the banana grove. By his quick thinking and courageous actions, Sergeant Jensen killed three of the enemy and captured 2000 rounds of ammunition and a machine gun which had been emplaced to delay the battalion's advance. Sergeant Jensen's outstanding courage and devotion to duty are in accordance with the highest traditions of the military service. Home address: Mrs. Elizabeth Jensen (mother), 328 East Seaman's Street, Dwight, Illinois.

**Staff Sergeant PAUL W. PRICE, 39165182, Infantry, United States Army.** For gallantry in action in the vicinity of Davao Province, Mindanao, Philippine Islands on 19 June 1945. At approximately 1100 hours, Staff Sergeant Price's platoon, which was acting as point for an infantry company advancing on a vital road junction, came under heavy enemy small arms and machine gun fire which was rendered more deadly by hard light of the late morning sun. Staff Sergeant Price, acting as platoon leader, quickly deployed his men, and ordered up two light machine guns which were attached to his platoon. These he placed in such position that their fire soon neutralized one of the enemy strongpoints that had held up the advance. The remainder of the enemy force laid a heavy mortar barrage on the area, and Staff Sergeant Price, realizing that his men were in an untenable position, skillfully withdrew them for reorganization. No casualties were suffered in the withdrawal. Approximately two hours later, two tanks came forward to attack the remaining enemy strong point and were opposed by intense enemy mortar fire. Flying shell fragments forced the tank crews to close their turret tops thus limiting their observation. Staff Sergeant Price realized that effective fire could be placed on the enemy position only if proper directions could be given the tank crews and leaped upon the leading tank to establish telephone communications with the tank commander. Under his skillful direction the remaining enemy position was destroyed by the tanks. Staff Sergeant Price's excellent leadership and outstanding courage are in accordance with the highest traditions of the military service. Home address: Mrs. Norma C. Price (mother), 2464 Lincoln Avenue, Altadena, California.



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**II. BRONZE STAR MEDAL.--1.** By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sec. II, Bull. 3, WD, 1944), a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 24th Infantry Division, to the following named officer and enlisted men:

Private First Class NOLAN BENOIT, 38617367, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Calinan, Mindanao, Philippine Islands on 18 June 1945. Private First Class Benoit was acting as lead scout of a platoon guiding a company through a drizzling rain and haze around the right flank of a strongly fortified enemy position. The strongpoint which was holding up the advance of an entire battalion, consisted of mutually supporting heavy pillboxes, connecting trenches and individual foxholes, all concealed in heavy abaca growth and situated to command the road and open fields nearby. Private First Class Benoit advanced along the edge of the grove for approximately 150 yards and located four enemy pillboxes about ten yards apart. One of these faced in the direction of the platoon's advance. After halting the platoon, Private First Class Benoit crawled forward to the side of the pillbox and threw a grenade into its aperture, killing its two occupants. A third Jap in a nearby foxhole fired on Private First Class Benoit, who immediately turned and killed him with his sub-machine gun. The platoon then came forward and encircled the pillboxes, allowing the battalion to continue its advance through the area. Private First Class Benoit's heroic actions under enemy fire reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Leona Benoit (mother), c/o Riensi Plantation, Thibodaux, Louisiana.

Major (then Captain) HOWARD L. BROCKMAN, 0514607, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Mindoro and Mindanao, Philippine Islands from 2 March to 18 June 1945. Home address: Mr. Fred F. Brockman (father), Rural Free Delivery, Route #1, Claremore, Oklahoma.

Private NOBELL G. CARTRIGHT, 38570034, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Samal Island from 11 May to 13 May 1945. Home address: Mrs. Lois W. Cartwright (wife), Box 487, Stonewall, Oklahoma.

Technical Sergeant ANDREW H. FENLEY, 38075064, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Mindanao, Philippine Islands on 5 June 1945. Technical Sergeant Fenley's company was attacking west from Ula toward the Calinan Road, supported by two tanks. Technical Sergeant Fenley was scouting ahead of the lead tank. When the leading elements reached a dense abaca thicket, they were stopped by extremely heavy enemy automatic and rifle fire, and several men were wounded. The bright sunlight intensified the enemy fire and prevented aid from coming forward from the rear elements. Technical

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Sergeant Fenley continued to move forward until an enemy mine was thrown under the tank nearest to him. Its explosion knocked out the tank, killed the operator and painfully wounded Technical Sergeant Fenley, who had placed himself directly in front of the tank, and burned the clothes from his body. Despite his injuries and his exposed position, he remained coolly in his position and continued to draw the enemy fire on himself and the disabled tank until all the men previously wounded had been removed to safety. Only then did he withdraw to receive medical aid. Technical Sergeant Fenley's heroic leadership permitted the evacuation of the wounded men of his platoon, and reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Lillie O. Fenley (mother), Rural Free Delivery, Route #1, Pallock, Texas.

Private First Class LUTHER O. HENDRICKSON, 39522437, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Mindanao, Philippine Islands from 17 April to 30 June 1945. Home address: Mrs. Agnes Hendrickson (wife), Belle Fourche, South Dakota.

Staff Sergeant LOUIS K. PAPPAS, 37343715, Air Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Mindanao, Philippine Islands from 17 April to 30 June 1945. Home address: Mrs. Bernice V. Pappas (wife), 1830 Grant Street, Denver, Colorado.

Staff Sergeant CLIFTON PERONIA, 33292183, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Hollandia, Dutch New Guinea, and Leyte, Mindoro, Luzon, and Mindanao, Philippine Islands from April 1944 to July 1945. Home address: Mrs. Inez G. Peronia (wife), Rural Free Delivery, Route #1, Lake City, Arkansas.

Staff Sergeant TROY D. WHITE, 34426930, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Hollandia, Dutch New Guinea and Leyte, Mindoro, Luzon, and Mindanao, Philippine Islands from April 1944 to July 1945. Home address: Mrs. Francis W. White (wife), 335 Church Street, Louisville, Mississippi.

2. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sec. II, Bull. 2, WD, 1944), a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 24th Infantry Division, to the following named enlisted men for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Mindanao, Philippine Islands from 17 April to 30 June 1945:

Sergeant WAYNE W. DICKY, 19106537, Air Corps, United States Army. Home address: Mrs. Daphne A. Dickey (mother), Rancho Diablo, Box 843, Wickenburg, Arizona.

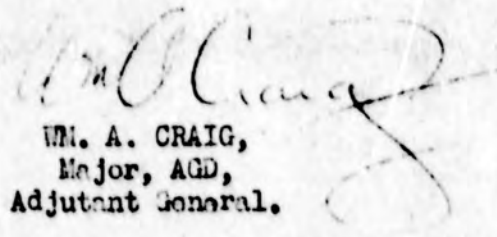
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Staff Sergeant ALFRED J. DUMIT, 32A97027, Air Corps, United States Army. Home address: Mrs. Victoria A. Dumit (wife), 203 Mohican Drive, Southeast, Washington, District of Columbia.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL WOODRUFF:

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BRONZE STAR MEDAL--Awards . . . . .	II

I. SILVER STAR.--By direction of the President, under the provisions of the act of Congress, approved 9 July 1918 (Bull. 43, 'D, 1918), a Silver Star is awarded by the Commanding General, 24th Infantry Division, to the following named officers and enlisted men:

First Lieutenant ALFRED D. BOYER, 02035919, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action at Kilay Ridge, Leyte, Philippine Islands on 21 November 1944. First Lieutenant Boyer was in command of a reinforced platoon occupying a defensive position about 1500 yards in rear of positions occupied by another company. The enemy attacked in strength and succeeded in by-passing and isolating this company. The full weight of the attack was then directed at First Lieutenant Boyer's position. The enemy, supported by machine gun and mortar fire, attacked three times and each time was bloodily repulsed by grenades and bayonets on the very edge of the perimeter. First Lieutenant Boyer continually exposed himself to heavy enemy fire while directing the defense of the position. He supervised the laying of the mortars and directed their fire at the extremely short range of 75 to 100 yards, and distributed ammunition and grenades to his men. In the course of his activities, he was shot through the right lung by rifle fire. Refusing all aid, he ran down one hill and up another in order to render a report to his company commander. Though in extreme pain, he reported the situation before collapsing into unconsciousness. First Lieutenant Boyer's extreme devotion to duty without regard for his personal safety was an inspiration to all and is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Home address: Mrs. Beth Boyer (mother), 624 Winchester Street, Roseburg, Oregon.

Captain (then First Lieutenant) WILLIAM H. GEORGI, 0437794, Medical Corps, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Limon, Leyte, Philippine Islands from 16 November to 22 November 1944. On 16 November a battalion of infantry began its mission of carrying rations and ammunition to a beleaguered battalion cut off behind the enemy lines, and to evacuate their wounded. On 17 November the party was attacked by the enemy, the column split, and several party members were killed and wounded. Captain Georgi, battalion surgeon, immediately took charge and, despite the heavy enemy fire, supervised the consolidation of the column and the

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evacuation of the wounded from the danger zone. On 18 November, the party reached the isolated battalion, gave them the rations and ammunition, and picked up 26 litter cases and 40 walking wounded. From 19 to 22 November, when the party arrived at their starting point, they were under constant enemy attacks. Employing mortars, machine guns and rifles, the enemy inflicted many casualties and succeeded in temporarily disorganizing the column. Throughout the entire action, day and night, Captain Georgi worked heroically, completely disregarding his own personal safety and comfort to administer to the wounded and to contribute materially in reorganizing the party during enemy attacks. Through his efforts many lives were saved and all of the wounded men were safely evacuated. Captain Georgi's intrepid devotion to duty was a constant source of inspiration to the party and was in accord with the highest traditions of the Medical Corps. Home address: Mr. Oscar F. Georgi (father), 400 Ashland Avenue, Buffalo, New York.

Captain GEORGE W. MORRISSEY, 0431936, Medical Department, United States Army. For gallantry in action at Kilay Ridge, Leyte, Philippine Islands from 10 November to 4 December 1944. Captain Morrissey commanded a battalion medical detachment. During a battalion operation throughout this period, due to his selfless devotion to duty, tireless energy, and surgical skill, Captain Morrissey successfully treated and evacuated all of the casualties sustained during the harrowing 24 days and nights of conflict. Working under the most difficult conditions, often without food or water, always under small arms fire and intermittent artillery fire, Captain Morrissey ran a medical service that was an inspiration to the entire force, and resulted in an alleviation of suffering and loss of life that can never be estimated adequately. His medical duties often required his exposure to direct fire. Working at night by flashlight, he frequently made of himself a visible target to snipers who infiltrated into the perimeter. Captain Morrissey's heroic devotion to duty was an inspiration to all and a credit to the highest traditions of the Medical Corps. Home address: Mr. L. N. B. Morrissey (father), 505 Kahl Building, Davenport, Iowa.

Private First Class OTIS OUTLAW, JR., 38677987, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Bancal Road, Mindanao, Philippine Islands on 8 May 1945. Private First Class Outlaw was part of an assault team which destroyed a group of enemy pillboxes which were located in rugged terrain. These pillboxes, situated on commanding ground, were well camouflaged and no cover was available as the assault team worked its way up to them. Private First Class Outlaw saw that one particular pillbox had to be reduced first in order to enable the rest of the assault team to work its way up to the area. Directing the other men to fire into the pillbox, he voluntarily crawled forward under heavy enemy fire to grenade range and threw grenades into the pillbox, killing a Jap and stunning four others. Realizing that if he waited too long after the grenades were thrown, the Japs would get back to their weapons before the other members of the assault team could come up, he dashed forward

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firing his sub-machine gun. When he reached the entrance, a Jap tried to throw a last grenade, but Private First Class Outlaw killed him and the remaining enemy in the position, thus securing it and opened a way for the rest of the team to work their way forward and complete their mission. Private First Class Outlaw's courage and devotion to duty paved the way for the ultimate destruction of the remaining enemy pillboxes and reflected great credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Emma M. Outlaw (wife), Box 322, Yoakum, Texas.

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Lieutenant Colonel (then Major) **TONY SUBER**, 0292657, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Mintal, Mindanao, Philippine Islands from 4 May to 25 May 1945. Lieutenant Colonel Suber exhibited exceptional ability and qualities of leadership in commanding his battalion. While attacking up the road toward Mintal, the enemy had superior observation from a hill outside the battalion sector to the right flank. From this high ground, the enemy constantly subjected the troops to mortar, automatic weapons, artillery and anti-tank fire. Through the skillful tactical disposition of his men, Lieutenant Colonel Suber kept casualties at a minimum while continuing to drive forward. During the attack he was constantly with the front line rifle companies, under enemy observation, often subjecting himself to small arms and mortar fire in order to maintain complete control of his troops. His extreme coolness under fire, even while members of his command group were wounded around him, his disregard for his own personal safety, and his determination to accomplish his mission, gave his officers and men complete confidence in his leadership. His tactical decisions were always sound and well directed. On 25 May 1945, while with one of his assault companies, Lieutenant Colonel Suber was wounded three times by an enemy machine gun. Some of his men attempted to evacuate him but he would not permit them to submit themselves to the fire, and dragged himself to safety even though seriously injured and in great pain. Lieutenant Colonel Suber's courage, determination and devotion to duty are a credit to himself and the military service. Home address: Mr. Zack H. Suber (father), Whitmore, South Carolina.

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Technical Sergeant **HARRY D. GRIFFIN**, 33631870, Ordnance Department, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Daliac, Mindanao, Philippine Islands from 29 April to 14 July 1945. Home address: Mrs. Grace Griffin (wife), 3904 Nontrose Avenue, Richmond, Virginia.

Technician Fifth Grade **ROLAND A. HENZE**, 37664226, Ordnance Department, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Daliac, Mindanao, Philippine Islands from 29 April to 14 July 1945. Home address: Mrs. Mary Henze (wife), 604 East State Street, Marshalltown, Iowa.