

General Orders Number 18, headquarters 17th Airborne Division, APO 452, U. S. Army,  
14 April 1945, continued:

DISTRIBUTION

- Plus 3 copies - The Adjutant General, Washington 25, D. C.
- 2 copies - European Theater of Operations, APO 887, U. S. Army.
- 1 copy - Commanding General, First Allied Airborne Army, APO 740, U. S. Army.
- 1 copy - Commanding General, Ninth United States Army, APO 339, U. S. Army.
- 22 copies - Commanding General, XVIII Corps (Airborne), APO 109, U. S. Army.
- 2 copies - Commanding General, XVI Corps, APO 197, U. S. Army.

*Typeset Here*  
5-5-45

HEADQUARTERS 17TH AIRBORNE DIVISION  
APO 452, U. S. ARMY

GENERAL ORDERS )  
NUMBER 19 )

ORIGINAL ORDER

15 April 1945.

Rescission	Section I
Award of Silver Star (Posthumous)	Section II
Award of Silver Star	Section III
Award of Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster to Silver Star	Section IV
Award of Bronze Star Medal (Posthumous)	Section V
Award of Bronze Star Medal (Missing In Action)	Section VI
Award of Bronze Star Medal (VOCG)	Section VII
Award of Bronze Star Medal	Section VIII

I. RESCISSION -- Section I, General Orders Number 18, this Headquarters, dated 14 April 1945, is hereby rescinded.

II. AWARD OF SILVER STAR (Posthumous) -- Under the provisions of AR 600-45 22 September 1943, as amended, and pursuant to authority contained in Memorandum Number 34, Headquarters Ninth United States Army, dated 8 September 1944, the Silver Star is awarded posthumously to:

Captain John H. Featherston, Jr., 025691, Field Artillery, for gallantry in action against the enemy near Heiderott, Germany, on 24 March 1945. After landing by glider, Captain Featherston quickly assembled available elements of his battery and moved to the predesignated position area where his battery came under intense small arms fire from an enemy strong point. Captain Featherston immediately organized an attack, firing on the house with one of his howitzers. He personally led a final assault on the enemy position. His aggressive and gallant action permitted artillery units to gain their positions with a minimum of casualties and deliver immediate supporting fire to the airborne crossing of the Rhine River.

Technician Fourth Grade Harold E. Lotze, 39169521, for gallantry in action against the enemy near Dulmen, Germany, on 29 March 1945. Technician Fourth Grade Lotze was supervising the evacuation of wounded from an area under extremely heavy enemy fire from both small arms positions and self-propelled guns when a soldier was wounded within fifteen yards of an enemy held house. With complete disregard for his personal safety, Technician Fourth Grade Lotze went across an open field to the aid of his wounded comrade. He gave his life attempting to drag the wounded man to a place of protection. His unhesitating courage and self-sacrifice were in keeping with the highest traditions of the armed forces. Entered military service from California.

Private First Class Noble L. Helfor, 36480554, for gallantry in action against the enemy near Wesel, Germany, on 24 March 1945. With complete disregard for his own personal safety, Private First Class Helfor exposed himself to enemy fire on the landing zone to administer aid to a wounded officer. Leaving the shelter afforded by a wrecked glider, he made his way across open terrain to reach the wounded man. He administered aid but was unable to return. His supreme sacrifice was in keeping with the highest standards of military conduct. Entered military service from Illinois.

General Orders Number 19, Headquarters 17th Airborne Division, AFO 452, U. S. Army, 15 April 1945, continued:

III. AWARD OF SILVER STAR -- Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and pursuant to authority contained in Memorandum Number 34, Headquarters Ninth United States Army, dated 8 September 1944, the Silver Star is awarded to:

Captain Thomas W. Alley, 0365116, Infantry, for gallantry in action against the enemy at Fluren, Germany, on 24 March 1945. Captain Alley assumed command of an infantry company after its commander had been hurt on a parachute landing. Despite an unfamiliar command, he brilliantly led an attack on heavily fortified and well concealed enemy positions. He was wounded in the attack, but in spite of this handicap, he repeatedly exposed himself to enemy fire in the attempt to locate enemy emplacements and to direct fire against them. His gallant action was in keeping with the highest standards of military conduct. Entered military service from Louisiana.

Private First Class Edward J. McGrath, 33621874, for gallantry in action against the enemy near Hammenkeln, Germany, on 24 March 1945. After landing by glider in enemy territory, Private First Class McGrath moved about over the landing field checking glider loads and equipment preparatory to his unit going into action. In so doing, he gave aid to wounded men and made several attempts to rescue a wounded officer laying in a position exposed to direct enemy fire. Only a direct order by a superior officer prevented him from risking his life in making another attempt. His action was inspiring and in accordance with the highest traditions of military conduct. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

IV. AWARD OF BRONZE OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO SILVER STAR -- Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and pursuant to authority contained in Memorandum Number 34, Headquarters Ninth United States Army, dated 8 September 1944, the Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster to Silver Star is awarded to:

Colonel Edson D. Raff, 019261, Infantry, for gallantry in action against the enemy in the vicinity of Wesel, Germany, on 24 March 1945. Colonel Raff led the first stick of paratroopers in the lead element of the airborne attack on German soil. Upon landing, Colonel Raff immediately assembled the troops of one battalion and led them on to the regimental objective. His disregard for personal safety and his gallant leadership inspired his men to high achievement which resulted in the winning of the regimental objective. His actions were in keeping with the highest standards of the airborne forces. Entered military service from New York.

V. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL (Posthumous) -- Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and pursuant to authority contained in Memorandum Number 34, Headquarters Ninth United States Army, dated 8 September 1944, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded posthumously to:

Sergeant Robert J. Frankenstein, 37510107, for heroic action against the enemy near Flamierge, Belgium, on 7 January 1945. Sergeant Frankenstein was acting as lead scout for his unit during the approach march prior to the attack on the town of Flamierge. Reconnoitering ahead, during a short halt, he encountered an enemy armored vehicle going into a defensive position. Although in an area under heavy artillery and small arms fire, Sergeant Frankenstein maneuvered into firing position and destroyed the vehicle with rifle grenades. His cool courage and aggressive action were in keeping with the highest standards of military conduct. Entered military service from Missouri.

General Orders Number 19, Headquarters 17th Airborne Division, APO 452, U. S. Army, 15 April 1945, continued:

Private First Class Lee W. Allen, 13003297, for heroic action against the enemy at Flamierge, Belgium, on 8 January 1945. Private First Class Allen was a bazooka gunner in position at Flamierge when the enemy launched a heavy counter-attack supported by tanks. Although under heavy artillery and tank fire, Private First Class Allen left his protected position to gain a better field of fire on the approaching enemy tanks. Calmly letting the tanks approach to within very close range, he opened such an effective fire that the enemy formation was disrupted. His courageous stand in the face of such formidable odds reflects highly upon himself and was in keeping with the highest standards of the armed forces. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

VI. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL (Missing In Action) -- Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and pursuant to authority contained in Memorandum Number 34, Headquarters Ninth United States Army, dated 8 September 1944, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded missing in action to:

Private John Vafides, 14115687, for heroic action against the enemy at Flamierge, Belgium, on 8 January 1945. Private Vafides was a bazooka gunner during a heavy counter-attack by enemy infantry supported by tanks. Although the odds were almost overwhelming, Private Vafides and his companion held their position engaging the enemy tanks with such an effective fire that their formation was broken and they were forced to withdraw. His heroic actions reflect high credit on himself and his unit and were in keeping with the highest standards of military service. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

VII. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL (VOCG) -- VCG 29 March 1945 is hereby confirmed and made of record: Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and pursuant to authority contained in Memorandum Number 34, Headquarters Ninth United States Army, dated 8 September 1944, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to:

Chief Warrant Officer John P. Eaker, W2114177, USA, for meritorious achievement during the period 21 March 1945 to 25 March 1945. While serving as motor officer of a convoy of approximately 2,000 vehicles of the land tail of the Division during the airborne operation across the Rhine River, his technical knowledge, his prompt and clear decisions, and distinct and direct orders in all cases of emergency, resulted in the column being moved through France, Belgium, Holland and into Germany over approximately 200 miles of roads heavily used by both British and American military traffic without substantial deviation from schedule. His superior performance delivered the attached units, the rear echelon, and service units of the Division to the main body with the loss of but four vehicles and within less than 24 hours after the airborne landing near Wesol, Germany.

VIII. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL -- Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and pursuant to authority contained in Memorandum Number 34, Headquarters Ninth United States Army, dated 8 September 1944, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to:



General Orders Number 19, Headquarters 17th Airborne Division, APO 452, U.S. Army, 15 April 1945, continued:

Lieutenant Colonel Robert L. Ashworth, 021308, Infantry, for heroic action against the enemy in the campaign beginning near Wesel, Germany, during the period 24 March 1945 to 31 March 1945. Lieutenant Colonel Ashworth exhibited unusual leadership and complete disregard for his own safety during the above cited period. In a determined effort to aid his battalion in gaining its objectives, he frequently exposed himself to enemy fire. Under his skillful leadership, his battalion attained all its assigned objectives with a high degree of combat efficiency. His keen recognition of critical situations and his sound application of tactical principles reflect highly on himself and upon the armed forces. Entered military service from Montana.

Lieutenant Colonel Frank L. Barnett, 0322963, Infantry, for heroic action against the enemy in the campaign beginning near Wesel, Germany, during the period 24 March 1945 to 31 March 1945. Lieutenant Colonel Barnett exhibited unusual leadership and personal bravery during the period cited above. He repeatedly exposed himself to enemy fire in leading his battalion on its objectives. By his aggressive leadership and sound application of tactical principles, his unit attained a high degree of combat efficiency. His actions were in keeping with the highest standards of military service. Entered military service from Mississippi.

Major Roger H. Bachman, 022226, Infantry, for meritorious achievement during action against the enemy during the period 24 March 1945 to 4 April 1945. During the period cited Major Bachman's unflinching attention to duty and his intelligent planning of administrative details and movements in combat have been invaluable to the fighting efficiency of the battalion. His superior direction of an attack on Necklenbeck, Germany, resulted in the capture of approximately 200 prisoners without loss of any of his own troops. His service has been in keeping with the highest standards of military conduct. Entered military service from Tennessee.

Private First Class Fred A. Bergman, 37483757, for heroic action against the enemy at Flemierge, Belgium, on 8 January 1945. Private First Class Bergman was a member of a bazooka team on outpost at Flemierge when the enemy heavily counter-attacked with infantry reinforced by tanks. Holding their position against almost overwhelming odds, Private First Class Bergman and his companion engaged five enemy tanks and delivered such an effective fire that the enemy formation was broken and forced to withdraw. His actions called for high courage and staunch fortitude and were in keeping with the highest standards of military service.

By command of Major General HILEY:

W. K. LIEBEL,  
Colonel, GSC,  
Chief of Staff.

OFFICIAL:

*Gabe W. Lewis, Jr.*  
GABE W. LEWIS, JR.,  
Lt. Col., AGD,  
Adjutant General.

DISTRIBUTION

- Plus 3 copies - The Adjutant General, Washington 25, D. C.  
2 copies - European Theater of Operations, APO 887, U. S. Army.  
1 copy - Commanding General, First Allied Airborne Army, APO 740, U. S. Army.  
1 copy - Commanding General, Ninth United States Army, APO 339, U. S. Army.  
2 copies - Commanding General, XVIII Corps (Airborne), APO 109, U. S. Army.  
2 copies - Commanding General, XVI Corps, APO 197, U. S. Army.

R-E-S-T-R-I-C-T-E-D

HEADQUARTERS 17TH AIRBORNE DIVISION  
APO 452, U. S. ARMY

GENERAL ORDERS )

NUMBER 20 )

16 April 1945.

ORIGINAL ORDER

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

I. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL --- Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and pursuant to authority contained in Memorandum Number 34, Headquarters Ninth United States Army, dated 8 September 1944, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to:

Captain Edward H. Geiger, 0431744, Field Artillery, for heroic action against the enemy near Heiderott, Germany, on 24 March 1945. Immediately upon landing by glider during the airborne operation across the Rhine River, Captain Geiger, the artillerymen with him and the glider pilots were surrounded and pinned down by enemy small arms fire. Only through his cool courage, leadership and resourcefulness was this small force organized so that it could fight its way out of the encirclement. Captain Geiger's actions were inspiring to the men with him and were in keeping with the highest standards of military conduct. Entered military service from Oklahoma.

Captain John T. Stewart, 01170212, Quartermaster Corps, for meritorious achievement during the initial phases of the Airborne operation across the Rhine River beginning 24 March 1945. Landing via glider near Wesol, Germany, Captain Stewart took immediate action to assemble and account for all his men and transportation while under enemy fire. He made quick reconnaissance of the area, established contact with the Division and other units, and established the initial quartermaster service. Due to his leadership he maintained a high state of morale and efficiency within the unit, and during the initial rapid build-up of ground supply, was untiring in his efforts to attain and insure the efficient operation of the quartermaster company and attached troops. Entered military service from Minnesota.

Captain Lester Q. Stewart, 0506790, Medical Corps, for meritorious achievement during the airborne operation across the Rhine River beginning 24 March 1945. After landing by glider near Heiderott, Germany, Captain Stewart's leadership and organizational ability made possible the speedy establishment of an aid station which treated and cleared more than one hundred casualties in the first few hours. His superior performance under difficult tactical conditions enabled many men to receive medical attention in a minimum of time. Captain Stewart's aid to a wounded officer while under enemy fire typified his high sense of duty and personal courage. His actions were in keeping with the highest standards of military conduct. Entered military service from Connecticut.

First Lieutenant Peter K. White, 0496746, Infantry, for meritorious achievement during the period 19 March 1945 to 4 April 1945. Prior to and during the airborne crossing of the Rhine River, First Lieutenant White's thorough and intelligent planning and his diligence in duty throughout the operation contributed materially to the success of his unit in combat. His exacting coordination of attacking echelons has been a service resulting in great success of the units of his battalion. His service was in keeping with the highest standards of military conduct. Entered military service from New York.

R-F-S-T-R-I-C-T-E-D

General Orders Number 20, Headquarters 17th Airborne Division, APO 452, U. S. Army, 16 April 1945, continued:

Captain Jack M. Wygle, 01169802, Field Artillery, for heroic action against the enemy near Wescl, Germany, on 24 March 1945. Landing by parachute in enemy territory with an advanced detachment of his unit, Captain Wygle and his men came under heavy machine gun and rifle fire during the drop and on landing. With complete disregard for his own safety, he moved about under heavy machine gun and rifle fire, exhibiting the utmost coolness and leadership in gaining control of his detachment and directing their efforts in such a manner as to assure their effective continuance on their mission. His actions were in accordance with the highest standards of military conduct. Entered military service from Oklahoma.

First Lieutenant Arthur G. Clark, 0527781, Infantry, for heroic action against the enemy during the airborne crossing of the Rhine River beginning 24 March 1945. First Lieutenant Clark assumed command of an infantry company after its commanding officer became a casualty. His diligent attention to duty and aggressive leadership in battle have been invaluable to the fighting efficiency and success of the company as well as a highly important factor in the operation of the battalion. His superior performance in combat reflects the highest credit on himself and on the armed forces. Entered military service from Oklahoma.

First Lieutenant Richard E. Cosner, Jr., 01203030, Infantry, for heroic action against the enemy during the airborne crossing of the Rhine River beginning 24 March 1945. First Lieutenant Cosner distinguished himself by his diligent attention to duty and intelligent leadership of his men during combat. His efforts resulted in a high degree of combat efficiency of his troops which contributed materially to the success of his battalion. His actions were in accordance with the highest standards of military service. Entered military service from Arkansas.

First Lieutenant Albert C. Zimmerman, 01177260, Field Artillery, for heroic action against the enemy near Hamminkeln, Germany, on 24 March 1945. First Lieutenant Zimmerman landed by glider on a field under enemy small arms, machine gun, and direct artillery fire. At the risk of his life, he crossed the open field, located one of his own artillery pieces, supervised its unloading from a glider, improvised a gun section and brought fire on the enemy gun. After firing several rounds, a muzzle burst from his own gun wounded several of his crew. His firing drew the fire of the enemy artillery and he and his crew eventually had to abandon their weapon. His heroic action, however, enabled other troops to capture the enemy gun and permitted gliders coming in on the field to be unloaded unmolested. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

First Sergeant Thomas V. Carl, 14099515, for heroic action against the enemy near Wescl, Germany, on 24 March 1945. Immediately upon landing by glider in enemy territory, First Sergeant Carl alone cleared three houses of enemy who were firing on gliders coming into the landing zone. Using prisoners he had captured to clear the glider loads, he then assembled the men in his vicinity and directed them in fighting their way to the Division assembly area. His heroic actions were in keeping with the highest standards of military conduct. Entered military service from Louisiana.

Technical Sergeant Thomas R. Norsworthy, 33788461, for meritorious achievement during the period 19 January 1945 to 4 April 1945. As sergeant major of an infantry battalion during the period cited, Technical Sergeant Norsworthy's diligence in duty has contributed materially to the efficiency of his battalion. His

R-E-S-T-R-I-C-T-E-D

General Orders Number 20, Headquarters 17th Airborne Division, APO 452, U. S. Army, 16 April 1945, continued;

performance of duty has been outstanding and his conduct both in garrison and in combat has been in keeping with the highest standards of military conduct. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Staff Sergeant Tom Kluge, Jr., 18104012, for heroic action against the enemy near Wesel, Germany, on 24 March 1945. During the Airborne attack across the Rhine River, Staff Sergeant Kluge, by searching several landing fields, aided in assembling sufficient personnel to organize a combat group to clear houses of snipers near the glider landing zone and to clear the way to the Division assembly area. Acting as lead scout, he approached and crossed a railroad that was under direct enemy mortar fire. He then covered this crossing with his fire so that other members of the headquarters group could cross without casualties. His actions were in keeping with the highest traditions of military conduct. Entered military service from Texas.

Sergeant Floyd G. Tillman, 32836496, for heroic action against the enemy near Wesel, Germany, on 24 March 1945. After landing by glider during the airborne operation across the Rhine River, Sergeant Tillman and his group were fired on from an enemy emplacement in a house while they were moving to their assembly area. After dragging one wounded man to cover, Sergeant Tillman on his own initiative maneuvered into firing position and neutralized the enemy fire with bazooka and carbine until artillery fire could be summoned to destroy the enemy position. His action was in keeping with the highest traditions of the armed forces. Entered military service from New York.

Technician Fourth Grade Lyle W. Slizowski, 36280122, for heroic action against the enemy near Wesel, Germany, on 24 March 1945. Upon landing by parachute during the airborne operation across the Rhine River, Technician Fourth Grade Slizowski with a detachment of his unit were pinned down by rifle and machine gun fire in an open field. Instead of working his way out of the enemy fire, he worked his way about the field locating equipment and dragging it to a point from which it could be moved to the assembly area. Although wounded by rifle fire he continued to expose himself until ordered to a place of safety for medical aid. His actions were an inspiration to all who saw him and in accordance with the highest standards of military conduct. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

Corporal Ivan L. Regis, 32930541, for heroic action against the enemy near Hamminkeln, Germany, on 24 March 1945. Corporal Regis went into the airborne operation across the Rhine River by parachute. Immediately upon landing, he led an assault on an enemy strong point that was inflicting casualties upon other parachutists coming in on the drop zone. His heroic action eliminated the enemy strong point and was in keeping with the highest standards of military conduct. Entered military service from New York.

Technician Fifth Grade Gerald J. Grott, 37182129, for heroic action against the enemy near Wesel, Germany, on 24 March 1945. After landing by glider during the airborne operation across the Rhine River, Technician Fifth Grade Grott exposed himself to direct enemy mortar fire to retrieve important papers and equipment from a glider located in an open field. Upon exposing himself, he drew enemy mortar fire, one round of which hit the glider while he was attempting to secure the equipment. His courageous act was in keeping with the highest standards of military conduct. Entered military service from Missouri.

R-E-S-T-R-I-C-T-E-D

General Orders Number 20, Headquarters 17th Airborne Division, APO 452, U. S. Army, 16 April 1945, continued:

Technician Fifth Grade (then Private First Class) Urban E. Hoffman, 37557531, for heroic action against the enemy near Wesel, Germany, on 24 March 1945. Technician Fifth Grade Hoffman landed by parachute with a detachment of his unit in an area under extensive small arms, machine gun, and mortar fire. After obtaining the equipment for which he was responsible, he joined in a search for a radio badly needed for communicating with other elements of the command. Upon discovering the radio in a field under small arms and mortar fire, he voluntarily went on the field and, with the aid of another, retrieved the radio at the risk of his life. His actions were in accordance with the highest standards of military conduct. Entered military service from Minnesota.

Technician Fifth Grade Fred A. Obley, 33693017, for heroic action against the enemy near Buldern, Germany, on 30 March 1945. While supervising first aid and evacuation of wounded during intense house to house fighting, Technician Fifth Grade Obley, with complete disregard for his personal safety repeatedly exposed himself to direct enemy fire to reach and treat wounded men. His diligent efforts unquestionably resulted in saving several lives and his high courage was in keeping with the highest standards of military conduct. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Technician Fifth Grade Albert E. Zeitler, 32581267, for heroic action against the enemy near Flamierge, Belgium, on 7 January 1945. Technician Fifth Grade Zeitler displayed outstanding courage and complete disregard for his personal safety in administering needed aid to wounded who could not be evacuated from battalion aid stations due to intense enemy action. In carrying out his duties, he was subjected to heavy enemy artillery and machine gun fire, but continued his zealous work which resulted in the subsequent safe evacuation of many casualties to rear aid stations. His action was in keeping with the highest standards of military conduct. Entered military service from New York.

Private First Class Marion L. Brush, 39146713, for heroic action against the enemy near Fluren, Germany, on 24 March 1945. In the assault on the initial objective after landing in the airborne operation across the Rhine River. Private First Class Brush saw one of his comrades hit by the heavy enemy fire and fall in a position exposed to the enemy. With complete disregard for his own safety, he rushed to the stricken man's aid. Knowing that the aid men with his detachment were engaged with other wounded, he heroically gave aid to his wounded comrade. His action was in keeping with the highest standards of military conduct. Entered military service from California.

Private First Class Vernon H. Byers, 39330581, for heroic action against the enemy near Wesel, Germany, on 24 March 1945. Upon landing by glider during the airborne operation across the Rhine River, Private First Class Byers immediately set about locating equipment necessary for his unit to go into action. Although subjected to rifle and machine gun fire, his initiative and aggressiveness set an example that was followed by other members of his unit. As a result of his fine example, the detachment was organized and equipment assembled in a minimum of time which contributed materially to the success of the operation. His actions were in accordance with the highest standards of military conduct. Entered military service from Oregon.

Private First Class Joseph R. Vaughan, Jr., 33632041, for heroic action against the enemy near Wesel, Germany, on 24 March 1945. Upon landing by glider



R-E-S-T-R-I-C-T-E-D

General Orders Number 20, Headquarters 17th Airborne Division, APO 452, U. S. Army, 16 April 1945, continued:

in enemy territory, Private First Class Vaughan helped to search several landing fields in the attempt to assemble combat groups preparatory to moving to the Division assembly area. Without regard for his own safety, he helped to clear houses surrounding the landing zone of snipers. Acting as scout for a group moving to the assembly area, he crossed a railroad fill while under enemy fire and then helped to neutralize the enemy fire so that the remainder of the group could cross without casualties. His actions were in keeping with the highest standards of military conduct. Entered military service from Virginia.

Private Armen Abrahamian, 39705853, for heroic action against the enemy at Flamierge, Belgium, on 8 January 1945. During a determined enemy counter-attack consisting of approximately two companies of infantry reinforced by fifteen tanks, Private Abrahamian, a rifleman, left his covered position to man a bazooka. He ran to a forward position to bring maximum effective fire on an enemy tank, and succeeded in knocking out the vehicle. By his high courage and alertness, Private Abrahamian aided materially in disrupting and turning back the enemy attack. His action was in keeping with the highest standards of military conduct. Entered military service from California.

Private Carl M. Norris, 36530969, for heroic action against the enemy near Haltern, Germany, on 30 March 1945. On his own initiative and unmindful of the danger involved, Private Norris alone scouted into enemy territory for nearly a mile. While on this patrol, he captured an enemy anti-tank gun with a crew of twelve, eleven of whom he took prisoner. Forcing his prisoners to destroy their gun, he marched them back to his own lines. His heroic action not only silenced one enemy gun, but gained information as to the location of other enemy artillery. His actions were in keeping with the highest standards of military conduct. Entered military service from Ohio.

Private James W. Thoburn, 15077608, for heroic action against the enemy at Flamierge, Belgium, on 8 January 1945. While his platoon was defending one of the approaches to the village, Private Thoburn and three other men set up an out-guard some distance from the main body. When the enemy launched a strong counter-attack, Private Thoburn manned an enemy machine gun and held the enemy advance while his companions withdrew to the main line of defense. He was able later to make his own way back to safety. By his high courage and tenacity, he contributed materially to the disruption of the enemy attack. His actions were in keeping with the highest standards of military conduct. Entered military service from Ohio.

II. AWARD OF CERTIFICATE OF MERIT -- Under the provisions of Memorandum Number 34, Headquarters Ninth United States Army, dated 8 September 1944, the Certificate of Merit is awarded to the following personnel for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy:

*Recd. BY GPO # 33 -- May 8 1945*

<del>CAPTAIN (THEN FIRST LIEUTENANT)</del>	<del>HAROLD E. KANLEY</del>	01577400	416 -
<del>FIRST LIEUTENANT</del>	<del>JOSEPH J. ABBEY</del>	01000701	ACT
Technician Fifth Grade	LaVerno G Bakeman	37668063	

R-E-S-T-R-I-C-T-E-D

General Orders Number 20, Headquarters 17th Airborne Division, APO 452, U. S. Army,  
16 April 1945, continued:

By command of Major General MILEY:

W. K. LIEBEL,  
Colonel, GSO,  
Chief of Staff.

OFFICIAL:

*Gabe W. Lewis Jr.*  
GABE W. LEWIS, JR.,  
Lt. Col., AGD,  
Adjutant General.

DISTRIBUTION

- Plus 3 copies - The Adjutant General, Washington 25, D. C.  
2 copies - European Theater of Operations, APO 887, U. S. Army.  
1 copy - Commanding General, First Allied Airborne Army, APO 740, U. S. Army.  
1 copy - Commanding General, Ninth United States Army, APO 339, U. S. Army.  
2 copies - Commanding General, XIII Corps (Airborne), APO 109, U. S. Army.  
2 copies - Commanding General, XVI Corps, APO 197, U. S. Army.  
1 copy - Commanding General, Twelfth Army Group, Attn: 37th IIRU.

-6-

R-E-S-T-R-I-C-T-E-D

FORM NO. 107, 1-45



HEADQUARTERS 117TH AIRBORNE DIVISION  
APO 152, U. S. ARMY

GENERAL ORDERS )

NUMBER 22 )

ORIGINAL ORDER

19 April 1945.

Award of Silver Star (Posthumous)	Section I
Award of Silver Star	Section II
Award of Bronze Star Medal	Section III
Award of Certificate of Merit	Section IV

I. AWARD OF SILVER STAR (Posthumous) -- Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and pursuant to authority contained in Memorandum Number 34, Headquarters Ninth United States Army, dated 8 September 1944, the Silver Star is awarded posthumously to:

Captain Jacob I. Stahl, 01065452, Field Artillery, for gallantry in action against the enemy near Hamminkeln, Germany, on 24 March 1945. Immediately upon landing by glider in enemy territory, Captain Stahl and his men were subjected to intense enemy fire. By his courage and determined leadership, he was responsible for unloading sixteen gliders and for the assembly of their personnel and equipment preparatory to going into action. In the midst of this heroic action, he paused to give aid to two wounded men. While doing so, he was hit by enemy mortar fire. He gave his life in service which was in keeping with the highest standards of military conduct. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

Second Lieutenant Daniel J. Scott, 01321218, Infantry, for gallantry in action against the enemy near Hamminkeln, Germany, on 24 March 1945. Enroute to an assembly area following a parachute landing in enemy territory, Second Lieutenant Scott and his men were held up by enemy tanks. A British tank that was accompanying the unit was hit and part of its crew reached safety in dug-in positions. One tanker, however, lay wounded and exposed to enemy fire. Second Lieutenant Scott, without regard for his own safety, went to the aid of the British tanker and dragged him to safety. His gallant action in aiding an ally was in accordance with the highest standards of military conduct. Entered military service from Maryland.

Second Lieutenant John H. Sterner, 01304621, Infantry, for gallantry in action against the enemy near Hamminkeln, Germany, on 24 March 1945. Upon landing by parachute in enemy territory, Second Lieutenant Sterner led his men in the attack of an enemy strong point. His inspiring and determined leadership in the face of a stubbornly resisting and well entrenched enemy was worthy of the highest praise. His dauntless courage and staunch fortitude in leading a charge against intense enemy fire was in accordance with the highest standards of military conduct. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

II. AWARD OF SILVER STAR -- Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and pursuant to authority contained in Memorandum Number 34, Headquarters Ninth United States Army, dated 8 September 1944, the Silver Star is awarded to:

Colonel Willard K. Liebel, 015723, General Staff Corps, for gallantry in action against the enemy near Wesol, Germany, on 24 March 1945. Colonel Liebel organized and led personnel from glider landing areas to the predesignated command post area. During the movement, the enemy was firing direct lay with antiaircraft weapons, mortars, machine guns and other small arms. Colonel Liebel fearlessly

General Orders Number 22, Headquarters 17th Airborne Division, APO 452, U. S. Army, 19 April 1945, continua:

directed the organization of the group under this heavy fire and led it through continued heavy close range fire to the division command post location. Entered military service from Texas.

Staff Sergeant Cornelius J. Keane, 20247420, for gallantry in action against the enemy near Wesel, Germany, on 24 March 1945. During the airborne operation across the Rhine River, Staff Sergeant Keane, a member of the overland party, together with another member of his unit, crossed the river by climbing through the wreckage of a blown railroad bridge. The crossing was made in the face of intense enemy fire from the opposite bank. As a result of this gallant act, telephone communication was established between the airborne and overland elements of the division. His action was in keeping with the highest standards of military service. Entered military service from New York.

Sergeant Harold B. Samples, 35174317, for gallantry in action against the enemy near Wesel, Germany, on 24 March 1945. During the airborne operation across the Rhine River, Sergeant Samples, a member of the overland party, together with another member of his unit, crossed the river by climbing through the wreckage of a blown railroad bridge. The crossing was made in the face of intense enemy fire from the opposite bank. As a result of this gallant act, telephone communication was established between the airborne and overland elements of the division. His action was in keeping with the highest standards of military service. Entered military service from Ohio.

Private First Class Robert E. Dodd, 37668343, for gallantry in action against the enemy near Wesel, Germany, on 24 March 1945. Private First Class Dodd courageously manned his machine gun in the face of a numerically superior enemy attack. During the action his machine gun was knocked out by enemy fire and two men with him were wounded. Dauntlessly he held his position continuing to fire his rifle, and the rifles of his two wounded comrades until the enemy formation retreated in disorder. His unflinching defense was in keeping with the highest standards of military service. Entered military service from Iowa.

III. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL -- Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and pursuant to authority contained in Memorandum Number 34, Headquarters Ninth United States Army, dated 8 September 1944, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to:

Lieutenant Colonel Gabe W. Lewis, Jr., 0271260, Adjutant General Department, for meritorious service from 1 January 1945 to 15 April 1945. Lieutenant Colonel Lewis has consistently served in a superior manner as adjutant of this division. His excellence of the administrative work of this unit is largely attributable to his mature judgment, diligent efforts, and superb ability to attain the maximum cooperation from his staff and from the administrative personnel of the lower echelons. His supervisory work in developing an outstanding system of casualty reporting has contributed materially to the enviable record made by this division during recent operations. Entered military service from Texas.

Major Lawrence L. Lynch, 0451715, Infantry, for heroic action against the enemy near Wesel, Germany, on 24 March 1945. Major Lynch displayed superb courage in patrol action during the movement of headquarters personnel from landing zones

General Orders Number 22, Headquarters 17th Airborne Division, APO 452, U. S. Army, 19 April 1945, continued:

to the command post area following the airborne landing in enemy territory. Upon arriving at the command post, Major Lynch, observing a wounded man in an open field under direct observation and fire by the enemy, went to his aid and succeeded in evacuating him. His actions were in accordance with the highest standards of military conduct. Entered military service from Ohio.

First Lieutenant James W. Gray, 01061119, for heroic action against the enemy near Wesel, Germany on 24 March 1945. Lieutenant Gray, as platoon leader, was assigned the mission of holding a roadblock. His small unit was attacked by a numerically superior enemy force, but due to his courageous leadership and the stubborn spirit of his men, heavy casualties were inflicted and the enemy formation withdrew in disorder. Lieutenant Gray's coolness and sound judgment under fire was worthy of the highest praise. His actions were in accordance with the highest standards of military conduct. Entered military service from New York.

First Lieutenant John E. Shorn, 01635327, for meritorious service during the period 21 March 1945 to 25 March 1945. Prior to and during the airborne operation of 24 March 1945 near Wesel, Germany, First Lieutenant Shorn directed the establishment of a complete communications system for the overland echelon of the division. He supervised the establishment of a vital communications link between the overland and airborne elements which required the crossing of the Rhine River over the ruins of a demolished railroad bridge. His actions were exemplary of the highest traditions of the armed forces. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

First Lieutenant Raymond H. Stem, 01580371, Infantry, for heroic action against the enemy near Wesel, Germany 24 March 1945. Upon landing by parachute in enemy territory, Lieutenant Stem immediately set about organizing his men and assembling equipment despite the intense small arms fire sweeping the field. Heroically he and his men fought off the enemy with small arms and bayonets, clearing all resistance from their immediate vicinity. Improvising transportation, he moved the equipment for which he was responsible to a pre-designated assembly area. His aggressive action contributed materially to the success of his unit in the early hours of the airborne operation. His action was in keeping with the highest standards of military conduct. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

*Award AMED BY GO# 46 - 7 June 1945 - Read*  
 \*Technical Sergeant Paul E. Pachowka, 33315853, for heroic action against the enemy near Miersdorf, Germany on 24 March 1945. Upon landing in enemy territory, a group of approximately twenty-five parachutists were surrounded and trapped by a numerically superior enemy force. Under the heroic leadership of Technical Sergeant Pachowka, the group was able to fight its way free of the encirclement and join their fellow designated assembly areas. Technical Sergeant Pachowka's superior personal courage and marked aggressiveness were in keeping with the highest standards of military conduct. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Technical Sergeant Harold D. Russell, 33631699, for heroic action against the enemy near Wesel, Germany on 24 March 1945. Soon after landing by glider in enemy territory, Technical Sergeant Russell heard a call for help from a glider located in an open field exposed to direct enemy fire. Unmindful of his own safety, he exposed himself to the enemy fire and aided in evacuating a wounded comrade. His action was in keeping with the highest standards of military conduct. Entered military service from Virginia.

Staff Sergeant Robert C. Elliott, 13063751, for heroic action against the enemy near Wesel, Germany on 28 March 1945. Staff Sergeant Elliott, completely disregarding his own safety, led a combat patrol through intense enemy small arms fire resulting in heavy casualties to the enemy forces and in the capture of twenty-nine prisoners. Through his meritorious leadership, the patrol contributed materially to the successful operation of the battalion. His action was in keeping with the highest standards of military conduct. Entered military service from Virginia.

General Order Number 24, Headquarters 17th Airborne Division, AFO 452, U. S. Army, 19 April 1945, continued:

Staff Sergeant Louis W. Stearns, 20750424, for heroic action against the enemy near Wesel, Germany on 24 March 1945. Staff Sergeant Stearns was platoon sergeant for a small unit holding a road block when the enemy attacked with superior forces. His cool leadership and unquestionable personal courage did much to help the platoon maintain its heroic stand against the determined enemy attack. As a result of this brave action the enemy was turned back in disorder after heavy casualties were inflicted. The conduct of Staff Sergeant Stearns was in keeping with the highest standards of military service. Entered military service from Minnesota.

Technician Third Grade Serryl D. Couch, 12059486, for heroic action against the enemy on 24 March 1945 near Hamminkeln, Germany. In the early hours of the airborne operation across the Rhine River an enemy medical installation was captured. Technician Third Grade Couch, a medical technician, immediately organized the station so that it could continue to operate in a highly efficient manner. Without thought for his own safety, he helped evacuate wounded from the drop zones to this station where, with the aid of the German staff, competent medical attention was given to both allied and enemy wounded. The actions of Technician Third Grade Couch were in keeping with the highest standards of military conduct. Entered military service from New York.

Sergeant Robert B. Allen, 6580037, for heroic action against the enemy near Wesel, Germany on 24 March 1945. Sergeant Allen was a member of a patrol whose mission was to reconnoiter a route to the division command post. Enroute, the patrol encountered heavy enemy resistance and sustained casualties. Sergeant Allen aided in the rescue of the casualties by covering fire and then entered a building and took twelve enemy prisoners. His heroic action was in keeping with the highest standards of military conduct. Entered military service from California.

Sergeant Abraham Goldstein, 32649123, for heroic action against the enemy near Wesel, Germany on 24 March 1945. Upon landing by glider in an open field in enemy territory, Sergeant Goldstein was pinned to the ground by heavy fire from across the field. Three other men who had been in the glider with him were met by the same fire when they exposed themselves and all three were wounded. With complete disregard for his own safety, and although badly wounded himself, Sergeant Goldstein tried to reach his comrades and evacuate them to safety. His heroic efforts were in keeping with the highest standards of military conduct. Entered military service from New York.

Sergeant Fred B. Halow, 33759777, for heroic action against the enemy at Wulfen, Germany on 26 March 1945. Sergeant Halow voluntarily participated in a combat patrol which led to the capture of twenty-nine enemy prisoners and inflicted further casualties on enemy forces. As assistant patrol leader, Sergeant Halow showed great personal heroism and aggressive leadership. His actions were in keeping with the highest standards of military conduct. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Sergeant William S. Zdonczyk, 35375319, for heroic action against the enemy near Wesel, Germany on 24 March 1945. Sergeant Zdonczyk was injured when landing by parachute in enemy territory. Despite his injury, he courageously attacked an enemy machine gun position firing his own machine gun from the hip. His untiring courage permitted other men coming in on the landing zone to be assembled with a minimum of casualties. Sergeant Zdonczyk refused evacuation for medical



General Orders Number 22, Headquarters 17th Airborne Division, AFO 452, U. S. Army,  
19 April 1945 continued:

aid, but continued on his mission with his squad. His actions were in keeping with the highest traditions of military service.

Technician Fourth Grade Wayne H. Golden, 15047396, for heroic action against the enemy near Wesel, Germany on 24 March 1945. Technician Fourth Grade Golden was a member of a patrol whose mission was to reconnoiter a route to the division command post. The patrol came under heavy enemy resistance and sustained casualties. By his heroic action, he aided in the rescue of the wounded men and, in the action, captured four enemy prisoners. His actions were in accordance with the highest standards of military service. Entered military service from Kentucky.

Technician Fourth Grade Ivan V. Greenfield, 32849389, for heroic action against the enemy near Wesel, Germany on 24 March 1945. Upon landing by glider in enemy territory, Technician Fourth Grade Greenfield heard a call for help from another glider located in an open field under direct enemy fire. Without regard for the enemy fire, he made his way to the glider and helped evacuate a seriously wounded comrade. His actions were in keeping with the highest standards of military conduct. Entered military service from New York.

Corporal Jack T. Ellis, 38603052, for heroic action against the enemy near Munster, Germany on 5 April 1945. In an intense action against the enemy, Corporal Ellis assisted in the capture of fifteen enemy prisoners. Then with two other men he entered a woods where enemy numbers and disposition was unknown. After a sharp engagement, this small patrol captured more than one hundred prisoners, several artillery pieces, and numerous other weapons. The actions of Corporal Ellis and his comrades were in keeping with the highest standards of military conduct. Entered military service from Arkansas.

Technician Fifth Grade William F. Bailey, 33597384, for heroic action against the enemy near Wesel, Germany on 24 March 1945. While manning the defense of a road block, Technician Fifth Grade Bailey was wounded in an enemy attack. Despite his wounds, he remained at his post and, although unable to fire, loaded rifles for his comrade until the enemy attack was beaten off. His conduct was in keeping with the highest standards of military service. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Private First Class William R. Baulkwill, 42068454, for heroic action against the enemy near Wesel, Germany on 24 March 1945. Private First Class Baulkwill was a member of a machine gun crew manning a road block when the enemy launched an attack. Shell-fire knocked out the gun and wounded Baulkwill and one man with him. Although unable to fire, he remained at his post loading rifles for his comrade until the attack was beaten off. His conduct was in accordance with the highest standards of military conduct. Entered military service from New York.

Private First Class Henry Clay Jr., 35657210, for heroic action against the enemy near Munster, Germany on 5 April 1945. Private First Class Clay was a member of a patrol that entered a woods where enemy numbers and disposition were unknown. After a sharp engagement the patrol succeeded in capturing over one hundred prisoners, several artillery pieces, and many other weapons. The actions of Private First Class Clay were in keeping with the highest standards of military service. Entered military service from West Virginia.

General Orders Number 22, Headquarters 17th Airborne Division, APO 452, U. S. Army, 19 April 1945, continued:

Private First Class Joseph P. Elias, 37094492, for heroic action against the enemy at U rsten, Germany on 28 March 1945. Private First Class Elias was riding into combat on a tank with the mission of capturing intact a bridge on a vital road. Coming to the bridge, he jumped off the tank, ran across under intense small arms fire and set up covering fire while the wires to the demolition charges on the bridge could be removed. His action was in keeping with the highest standards of military service. Entered military service from Minnesota.

Private First Class Eugene R. Ott, 36899445, for heroic action against the enemy near Munster, Germany on 5 April 1945. Private First Class Ott was a member of a patrol searching for enemy reported to be in the area. Entering a woods, the patrol encountered fire and, after a short engagement, captured over one hundred enemy, several artillery pieces, and numerous other weapons. The action of Private First Class Ott and his comrades was in keeping with the highest standards of military service. Entered military service from Michigan.

Private First Class Louis V. Shippe, 33719096, for heroic action against the enemy near Munster, Germany on 5 April 1945. Private First Class Shippe was a member of a patrol searching for enemy reported to be in the area. Entering a woods, the patrol encountered fire and, after a short engagement, captured over one hundred enemy, several artillery pieces, and numerous other weapons. The action of Private First Class Shippe and his comrades was in keeping with the highest standards of military service. Entered military service from Maryland.

Private First Class Stanley J. Zolinski, 35058394, for heroic action against the enemy near Munster, Germany on 5 April 1945. Private First Class Zolinski was a member of a patrol searching for enemy reported to be in the area. Entering a woods, the patrol encountered fire and, after a short engagement, captured over one hundred enemy, several artillery pieces, and numerous other weapons. The action of Private First Class Zolinski and his comrades was in keeping with the highest standards of military service. Entered military service from Ohio.

Private Walter E. Nephum, 32844736, for heroic action against the enemy near Hamminkeln, Germany on 24 March 1945. Immediately upon landing by glider in enemy territory during the airborne operation across the Rhine River, Private Nephum and the men in his immediate vicinity were fired on by the enemy. Despite the enemy fire, Private Nephum remained calm and organized the unloading of the gliders. By his cool action, equipment was assembled in a minimum of time preparatory to his unit going into action. His action was in keeping with the highest standards of military conduct. Entered military service from New York.

Private Richard A. Patterson, 37583227, for heroic action against the enemy near Wesel, Germany on 24 March 1945. During the airborne operation across the Rhine River one of Private Patterson's comrades landed in a tree and was unable to reach his weapon. With his sub-machine gun, Private Patterson fought his way to his helpless comrade and stood guard for him until the parachute harness could be freed. His action was in keeping with the highest standards of military service. Entered military service from Minnesota.

General Orders Number 22, Headquarters 17th Airborne Division, APO 452, U. S. Army, 19 April 1945, continued:

IV. AWARD OF CERTIFICATE OF MERIT -- Under the provisions of Memorandum Number 34, Headquarters Ninth United States Army, dated 8 September 1944, the Certificate of Merit is awarded to the following personnel for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy:

\* ~~CAPTAIN~~ *Rev. by G.O. 33-8 May 45* ~~AUGUSTUS SELVESNER~~ ~~01001257~~ ~~AGE~~

Staff Sergeant  
Private

John H Sumner  
Robert A Starnos

14119675  
38041605

By command of Major General MILEY:

W. K. LIEBEL,  
Colonel, GSO,  
Chief of Staff.

OFFICIAL:

*Gabe W. Lewis, Jr.*

GABE W. LEWIS, JR  
Lt. Col., AGD,  
Adjutant General.

DISTRIBUTION

- 1us 3 copies - The Adjutant General, Washington 25, D. C.
- 2 copies - European Theater of Operations, APO 887, U. S. Army.
- 1 copy - Commanding General, First Allied Airborne Army, APO 740, U. S. Army.
- 1 copy - Commanding General, Ninth United States Army, APO 339, U. S. Army.
- 2 copies - Commanding General, XVIII Corps (Airborne), APO 109, U. S. Army.
- 2 copies - Commanding General, XVI Corps, APO 197, U. S. Army.
- 1 copy - Commanding General, Twelfth Army Group, Attn: 37th MRG.



*Received by  
J. H. Kaplan*

*Typed  
11/15/45  
L.S.*

R-E-S-T-R-I-C-T-E-D

HEADQUARTERS 17TH AIRBORNE DIVISION  
APO 452, U. S. ARMY

GENERAL ORDERS )  
NUMBER 23 )

ORIGINAL ORDER

22 April 1945.

AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and pursuant to authority contained in Memorandum Number 34, Headquarters Ninth United States Army, dated 8 September 1944, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to:

Colonel Maurice G. Stubbs, 07520, Infantry, for meritorious service in military operations against the enemy in Belgium and Luxembourg from 3 January 1945 to 12 February 1945. Colonel Stubbs' skill and ability in handling his troops was a great factor in the splendid achievement made by his organization under the most trying combat conditions. His superior performance of duty reflects high credit upon himself and was in keeping with the highest standards of military conduct.

By command of Major General MILEY:

W. K. LIEBEL,  
Colonel, GSC,  
Chief of Staff.

OFFICIAL:

*Melvin L. Upchurch*  
MELVIN L. UPCHURCH,  
WOJG, U. S. A.,  
Asst Adj Gen.

DISTRIBUTION  
SECTION

- Plus 3 copies - The Adjutant General, Washington 25, D. C.
- 2 copies - European Theater of Operations, APO 887, U. S. Army.
- 1 copy - Commanding General, First Allied Airborne Army, APO 740, U. S. Army.
- 1 copy - Commanding General, Ninth United States Army, APO 339, U. S. Army.
- 2 copies - Commanding General, XVIII Corps (Airborne), APO 109, U. S. Army.
- 2 copies - Commanding General, XVI Corps, APO 197, U. S. Army.
- 1 copy - Commanding General, Twelfth Army Group, Attn: 37th MRU.

R-E-S-T-R-I-C-T-E-D

11  
14  
R-E-S-T-R-I-C-T-E-D

HEADQUARTERS 17TH AIRBORNE DIVISION  
APO 452, U. S. ARMY

GENERAL ORDERS )

23 April 1945.

NUMBER 24 )

Award of Silver Star (Posthumous)	Section I
Award of Silver Star	Section II
Award of Bronze Star Medal (Posthumous)	Section III
Award of Bronze Star Medal	Section IV
Award of Certificate of Merit	Section V

I. AWARD OF SILVER STAR (Posthumous) -- Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and pursuant to authority contained in Memorandum Number 34, Headquarters Ninth United States Army, dated 8 September 1944, the Silver Star is awarded posthumously to:

Second Lieutenant Irving S. Brenner, 01058195, Coast Artillery Corps, for gallantry in action against the enemy near Wesel, Germany, on 24 March 1945. During the airborne landing across the Rhine River, Second Lieutenant Brenner went across a hundred yards of open field to the aid of four men who had been wounded by small arms fire when their glider landed. Headless of continuing fire, he administered aid and moved the men to a safer location behind the glider. As he was working over the last man, he was hit and killed by enemy fire. His heroic sacrifice was in keeping with the highest standards of military service. Entered military service from New York.

Private Ludie L. Smythe, 19012779, for gallantry in action against the enemy near Buldern, Germany, on 29 March 1945. During the attack on the town of Buldern, Private Smythe, a machine gunner, courageously continued to man his gun after being wounded by enemy fire. His dauntless stand in remaining at his post delivering supporting fire for the attack contributed materially to the success of the maneuver. His actions were in keeping with the highest traditions of military service. Entered military service from California.

II. AWARD OF SILVER STAR -- Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and pursuant to authority contained in Memorandum Number 34, Headquarters Ninth United States Army, dated 8 September 1944, the Silver Star is awarded to:

Major Wilbur L. Barnes, 0359109, Coast Artillery Corps, for gallantry in action against the enemy near Wesel, Germany, on 24 March 1945. Major Barnes upon arriving at his battalion headquarters assembly area found it under heavy small arms fire which had already killed two and wounded six of his men in the vicinity. Major Barnes deployed men to establish a base of fire and with one man flanked and closed to within forty yards of the enemy position. Obtaining fire superiority with grenades and sub-machine guns at this close range, he was able to neutralize the enemy position until reinforcements arrived. His action demonstrated courageous and aggressive leadership and was in keeping with the highest traditions of military conduct. Entered military service from California.

First Sergeant Michael T. Stankiewicz, 13055727, for gallantry in action against the enemy near Wesel, Germany, on 24 March 1945. Upon landing by parachute in enemy territory, First Sergeant Stankiewicz took two men with him to silence an enemy artillery piece that was firing at point-blank range onto the landing zone.

-1-

R-E-S-T-R-I-C-T-E-D

R-E-S-T-R-I-C-T-E-D

General Orders Number 24, Headquarters 17th Airborne Division, APO 452, U. S. Army, 23 April 1945, continued:

Under his determined leadership, the small party advanced on the enemy position inflicting casualties on the enemy gun crew and taking twenty-one prisoners. His immediate and aggressive action prevented heavy casualties to troops coming on the landing zone. His action was in keeping with the highest standards of military service. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Sergeant Loran G. Hendren, 37667862, for gallantry in action against the enemy near Wesel, Germany, on 24 March 1945. After landing by glider during the airborne operation across the Rhine River, Sergeant Hendren observed small arms fire coming from a house near the landing area. Courageously he attacked the house alone, but was driven back by enemy fire. He then obtained a bazooka and, after firing several rounds into the house, attacked again with the aid of one other man. When the man with him was hit, he remained exposed to the enemy fire to give his comrade aid. The gallant action of Sergeant Hendren drew the enemy fire from other troops on the landing area and permitted the enemy position to be flanked and eventually reduced. His action was in accordance with the highest traditions of military service. Entered military service from Iowa.

III. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL (Posthumous) -- Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and pursuant to authority contained in Memorandum Number 34, Headquarters Ninth United States Army, dated 8 September 1944, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded posthumously to:

Technician Fifth Grade Henry G. Koczur, 31031035, for heroic action against the enemy near Wesel, Germany, on 27 March 1945. With complete disregard for his own personal safety, Technician Fifth Grade Koczur left his covered position to lead an advance on an enemy machine gun nest. With unwavering courage, he continued his advance until stopped by intense enemy fire. The example of supreme courage and aggressiveness in attack set by Technician Fifth Grade Koczur inspired his comrades to completely overcome all enemy resistance in the sector. His action was in keeping with the highest traditions of military service. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

IV. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL -- Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and pursuant to authority contained in Memorandum Number 34, Headquarters Ninth United States Army, dated 8 September 1944, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to:

Captain Arthur M. Hetzer, 0419443, Medical Corps, for heroic action against the enemy near Blockmannshof, Germany, on 24 March 1945. Upon landing by glider during the airborne crossing of the Rhine River, Captain Hetzer immediately assembled his medical unit and proceeded to the area previously selected for a clearing station. In route the party had to traverse a woods from which the enemy had not been cleared. Leaving his party in a covered position, Captain Hetzer alone reconnoitered ahead spotting enemy positions. When the route had been cleared, he led his unit to the predesignated position and established an aid station and was ready to receive casualties within less than an hour from the time of landing. His action was in keeping with the highest standards of military conduct. Entered military service from New York.

Captain Philip O. Nice, 0444931, Medical Corps, for heroic action against the enemy near Hamminkeln, Germany, on 24 March 1945. In the fierce fighting on the parachute drop zone, Captain Nice repeatedly exposed himself to intense enemy fire

R-E-S-T-R-I-C-T-E-D

General Orders Number 24, Headquarters, 17th Airborne Division, APO 452, U. S. Army, 23 April 1945, continued:

to administer medical aid to allied wounded. He quickly established a central point for medical treatment and directed the removal of wounded to locations of cover. Captain Nice's highly efficient performance of this vital function unquestionably saved many lives and his courage was in keeping with the highest standards of military service. Entered military service from Colorado.

First Lieutenant DeVries, 01046146, Field Artillery, for heroic action near Wesel, Germany, on 24 March 1945. Immediately upon landing by glider during the airborne operation across the Rhine River, First Lieutenant Jones and his party of three were assigned a liaison mission with British forces. In accomplishing this mission, the party made their way on foot through enemy territory and returned safely through the cool courage and resourceful leadership of First Lieutenant Jones. It was the party able to complete its task. His action was in keeping with the highest standards of military service. Entered military service from New Jersey.

First Lieutenant DeVries, 01546950, Medical Corps, for heroic action against the enemy near Wesel, Germany, on 24 March 1945. By undaunted courage and able leadership, First Lieutenant DeVries was highly instrumental in the successful evacuation of many casualties in the early hours of the airborne operation across the Rhine River. With his ambulances he fearlessly traversed territory lightly held against the enemy and in which pockets of enemy resistance remained. On one occasion he and his men were fired on by a machine gunner. After directing his men to cover, First Lieutenant DeVries went forward alone and established the identity of his men as medics. His actions were clearly above and beyond the call of duty and in keeping with the highest standards of military conduct. Entered military service from New Jersey.

First Lieutenant Karl W. Lillge, 01289760, Infantry, for heroic action against the enemy near Diersfordt, Germany, on 24 March 1945. Immediately after landing in enemy territory during the airborne operation across the Rhine River, First Lieutenant Lillge organized a small group of paratroopers and started to clear the drop zone of enemy personnel. With complete disregard for his own safety, he led the small group in capturing twenty-four enemy prisoners and in inflicting heavy casualties on other enemy groups. His aggressive and heroic leadership was clearly beyond the call of duty and in keeping with the highest standards of military service. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

First Lieutenant Kenneth H. Palmer, 01047284, for heroic action against the enemy near Wesel, Germany, on 24 March 1945. Upon landing in a glider during the airborne operation across the Rhine River, First Lieutenant Palmer assembled his section while under heavy enemy fire and led it to the predesignated outpost position. Upon arriving at the position, he found it heavily defended by the enemy. Only through skillful and resourceful leadership was First Lieutenant Palmer able to withdraw his men and report the enemy location to stronger forces. His aggressive action was in accordance with the highest standards of military conduct. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

First Lieutenant James P. Webb, 01636787, Infantry, for heroic action against the enemy near Wesel, Germany, on 24 March 1945. When the advance of his platoon was held up by machine gun and rifle fire from an enemy position located in a house on his right flank, First Lieutenant Webb exposed himself without thought of his

R-E-S-T-R-I-C-T-E-D

General Orders Number 24, Headquarters 17th Airborne Division, APO 452, U. S. Army, 23 April 1945, continued:

own safety to rush the enemy position. His heroic action led to the capture of nineteen prisoners and eliminated the threat to the flank of his position. His action was in keeping with the highest standards of military service. Entered military service from Mississippi.

Second Lieutenant Olin P. Merrett, 01016919, Infantry, for heroic action against the enemy near Krudenburg, Germany, on 27 March 1945. Second Lieutenant Merrett led a combat patrol to secure a bridge across a canal. On approaching the canal the unit encountered heavy machine gun and rifle fire. With utter disregard for his own safety, Second Lieutenant Merrett personally knocked out the machine gun nest with grenades. He was then able to take the bridge intact. His heroic action led to the capture of twenty-three prisoners and greatly aided the rapid advance of troops through the area. His conduct was in keeping with the highest traditions of military service.

V. AWARD OF CERTIFICATE OF MERIT -- Under the provisions of Memorandum Number 34, Headquarters Ninth United States Army, dated 8 September 1944, the Certificate of Merit is awarded to the following personnel for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy:

Staff Sergeant	Robert L. Vannatter	15115137
Sergeant	Edwin D. Baudoux	36755934
Technician Fifth Grade	Victor F. Raphael	39244554
Private First Class	Charles E. Gordon	34089580
Private First Class	LeRoy J. Johns	33464173
Private	Joseph S. Simitz	13126290

By command of Major General LILEY:

W. K. LIEBEL,  
Colonel, GSC,  
Chief of Staff.

OFFICIAL:

GABE W. LEWIS, JR.,  
Lt. Col., AGD,  
Adjutant General.

DISTRIBUTION

- Plus 3 copies - The Adjutant General, Washington 25, D. C.  
2 copies - European Theater of Operations, APO 887, U. S. Army.  
1 copy - Commanding General, First Allied Airborne Army, APO 740, U. S. Army.  
1 copy - Commanding General, Ninth United States Army, APO 339, U. S. Army.  
2 copies - Commanding General, XVIII Corps (Airborne), APO 109, U. S. Army.  
2 copies - Commanding General, XVI Corps, APO 197, U. S. Army.  
1 copy - Commanding General, Twelfth Army Group, Attn: 37th IIW.

-4-

R-E-S-T-R-I-C-T-E-D



R-E-S-T-R-I-C-T-E-D

HEADQUARTERS 17TH AIRBORNE DIVISION  
APO 452, U. S. ARMY

GENERAL ORDER )

NUMBER 25 )

24 April 1945.

AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and pursuant to authority contained in Memorandum Number 34, Headquarters Ninth United States Army, dated 8 September 1944, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to:

First Sergeant George W. Hughes, 14073924, for heroic action against the enemy near Diesfordt, Germany, on 24 March 1945. First Sergeant Hughes parachuted into enemy territory during the airborne crossing of the Rhine river. With complete disregard for his personal safety, he set up a machine gun in an open field on the drop zone and brought fire on enemy troops who had been inflicting casualties on parachutists coming in on the landing fields. His prompt and aggressive action was in keeping with the highest standards of military conduct. Entered military service from North Carolina.

Staff Sergeant Grant L. Bishop, 39212331, for heroic action against the enemy in Buldern, Germany, on 30 March 1945. During street fighting in the town, a platoon operating near Staff Sergeant Bishop's position had sustained casualties among whom was the platoon leader. Staff Sergeant Bishop immediately assumed command of the patrol and brilliantly led it throughout the action. His initiative and unhesitating assumption of leadership when necessity demanded were in keeping with the highest standards of military conduct. Entered military service from Washington.

Staff Sergeant Joseph F. Lupoli, 11072188, for heroic action against the enemy near Wesol, Germany, on 24 March 1945. Immediately after landing by parachute in enemy territory, Staff Sergeant Lupoli quickly assembled his medical section and established an aid station. Unmindful of enemy fire he repeatedly exposed himself to reach and aid wounded men and to help evacuate them. On one occasion he went to the aid of three men in an exposed position under direct enemy small arms fire. His actions were above and beyond the call of duty and in keeping with the highest standards of military conduct. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

Technician Third Grade Harold D. Austin, 17049291, for heroic action against the enemy near Jastogne, Belgium, on 4 January 1945. During intense action the enemy shelled a woods in which a forward aid station was located. In spite of the enemy shelling Technician Third Grade Austin worked heroically to evacuate the wounded to rear areas and remove them from danger. Due to the intense cold and enemy action, it was imperative that the wounded receive prompt and continuous attention. Technician Third Grade Austin's courageous service undoubtedly alleviated much suffering on the part of our wounded. His action was in keeping with the highest standards of military conduct. Entered military service from Minnesota.

Sergeant Thad E. Blanchard, 39805813, for heroic action against the enemy near Wesol, Germany, on 24 March 1945. Sergeant Blanchard was advancing through a wooded area with his platoon when they received fire from an enemy mortar position. Immediately and on his own volition, he led an assault on the position firing as he closed with the enemy. His heroic action resulted in the elimination of the

-1-

R-E-S-T-R-I-C-T-E-D

R-E-S-T-R-I-C-T-E-D

General Orders Number 25, Headquarters 17th Airborne Division, APO 452, U. S. Army, 24 April 1945, continued:

enemy pocket. His actions were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Utah.

Sergeant Henry H. Powell, 7001211, for heroic action against the enemy near Fluren, Germany, on 24 March 1945. Sergeant Powell and his assistant gunner placed their weapon in front of outpost positions so as better to fire on enemy tanks that were impeding the advance of his unit. His courageous action in exposing himself resulted in the destruction of two enemy tanks and the routing of two others. The action of Sergeant Powell was in keeping with the highest standards of military service. Entered military service from Florida.

Sergeant John F. Queenan, 31031272, for heroic action against the enemy near Wesel, Germany, on 24 March 1945. Upon assembling after their parachute landing in enemy territory, Sergeant Queenan's unit advanced on a wooded area held by the enemy. Sergeant Queenan's machine gun section delivered fire on an enemy held house, but failed to dislodge the enemy troops. He then walked across an open field in full view of the enemy, approached the position and demanded its surrender. Twelve of the enemy garrison capitulated and were evacuated to the rear. His audacious act resulted in the elimination of the enemy pocket which permitted the battalion to advance without fear of flanking fire. His action was clearly beyond the call of duty. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

Sergeant Richard G. Shaffer, 35277626, for heroic action against the enemy near Munster, Germany, on 4 April 1945. As a reconnaissance scout for a tank destroyer unit, Sergeant Shaffer discovered an allied civilian laying wounded in a position exposed to direct enemy fire. The civilian had been wounded while pointing out enemy gun positions. Without regard for his own safety, he succeeded in reaching the wounded man and in evacuating him to an aid station. His heroic action in saving an allied civilian who had risked his life to aid in the common cause was in keeping with the highest standards of military conduct. Entered military service from Ohio.

42023179

Sergeant William J. Visneau, for heroic action against the enemy near Diersfordt, Germany, on 24 March 1945. Upon landing by parachute in enemy territory, Sergeant Visneau organized a group of men from various units into a fighting force and led them off the drop zone in the face of heavy enemy fire. Sergeant Visneau himself led the unit and with hand grenades, small arms fire and a rocket launcher, inflicted heavy casualties on the enemy. Thus clearing the landing zone, he was able to join his own unit and organize his own unit to accomplish its primary mission. His action was in keeping with the highest standards of military conduct. Entered military service from New York.

Sergeant David E. Welch, 36320380, for heroic action against the enemy near Munster, Germany, on 4 April 1945. Sergeant Welch's unit was halted in column along a road when they came under enemy shell fire. Unmindful of his own safety, Sergeant Welch did not seek cover but calmly went up and down the column giving aid to the wounded. His cool conduct under fire was in keeping with the highest standards of military conduct. Entered military service from Michigan.

Technician Fourth Grade Robert A. Harris, 38070550, for heroic action against the enemy near Munster, Germany, on 4 April 1945. Technician Fourth Grade Harris courageously exposed himself to enemy fire to rescue a wounded civilian. His heroic act in saving a human life in the face of enemy fire was in keeping with

-2-

R-E-S-T-R-I-C-T-E-D



R-E-S-T-R-I-C-T-E-D

General Orders Number 25, Headquarters 17th Airborne Division, APO 452, U. S. Army, 24 April 1945, continued:

the highest standards of military conduct. Entered military service from Arizona.

Technician Fourth Grade Elmer R. Keshell, 34005660, for heroic action against the enemy near Wesel, Germany, on 24 March 1945. Upon landing by glider in enemy territory, Technician Fourth Grade Keshell at the risk of his own life, entered a wrecked and burning glider to release and evacuate a wounded man. This action took place under direct enemy artillery fire. His courageous act was in keeping with the highest traditions of military conduct. Entered military service from Louisiana.

Corporal John F. Fleming, 32284801, for heroic action against the enemy near Essen, Germany, on 13 April 1945. A bridge, heavily mined and under close range small arms and surveyed artillery fire, was holding up the advance of the unit to which Corporal Fleming belonged. Corporal Fleming took three men with him to clear the bridge. On nearing the obstacle, he warned the men with him to remain back and proceeded alone onto the bridge in the darkness marking and neutralizing each mine and trip wire. His patient skill and high courage was in accordance with the highest standards of military conduct. Entered military service from New York.

Technician Fifth Grade Trinidad P. Cantu, 38454582, for heroic action against the enemy near Wesel, Germany, on 24 March 1945. Technician Fifth Grade Cantu was a member of a three man patrol detailed to clear the enemy from a house. While engaged in this mission, the patrol found an enemy artillery piece firing on to the assembly area at close range. In spite of heavy enemy action, the patrol advanced on the enemy position inflicting casualties and eventually capturing the enemy gun and twenty-one prisoners. The action of Technician Fifth Grade Cantu was in keeping with the highest traditions of the armed forces. Entered military service from Texas.

Private First Class Melvin Fontenot, 39210927, for heroic action against the enemy at Flamierge, Belgium, on 8 January 1945. Throughout the battle at Flamierge, Belgium, Private First Class Fontenot distinguished himself by outstanding devotion to duty under the most trying combat conditions. His aggressive action in helping to defend the town was beyond the call of duty and his fearless and efficient aid to the wounded during an artillery barrage was in accordance with the highest standards of military conduct.

Private First Class Carlton R. Guthrie, 34854832, for heroic action against the enemy at Pondenburg, Germany, on 28 March 1945. Private First Class Guthrie was on guard at a prisoner of war enclosure when the area was subjected to enemy shell fire. In spite of the enemy fire, he courageously remained at his post preventing the escape of a large number of prisoners being held there. His calm action in remaining at his post in the face of danger was in keeping with the highest standards of military conduct. Entered military service from North Carolina.

Private First Class John Karpowich, Jr., 32066615, for heroic action against the enemy at Pondenburg, Germany, on 28 March 1945. Private First Class Karpowich was on guard at a prisoner of war enclosure when the area was subjected to enemy shell fire. In spite of the enemy fire, he courageously remained at his post preventing the escape of a large number of prisoners being held there. His calm action in remaining at his post in the face of danger was in keeping with the highest standards of military conduct. Entered military service from New Jersey.

R-E-S-T-R-I-C-T-E-D

General Orders Number 25, Headquarters 17th Airborne Division, APO 152, U. S. Army, 24 April 1945, continued:

Private First Class Louis R. Herlovich, 18133869, for heroic action against the enemy near Wesol, Germany, on 24 March 1945. While making an advance through a wooded area, Private First Class Herlovich's platoon came under fire from enemy positions. Unhesitatingly he charged the enemy position, firing as he went, and succeeded in eliminating the pocket of resistance. His courageous act was in accordance with the highest standards of military service. Entered military service from Louisiana.

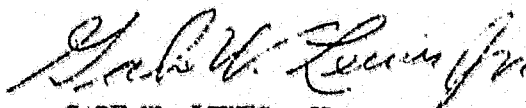
Private First Class Fred M. Strohm, 16110598, for heroic action against the enemy near Sahnbock, Germany, on 27 March 1945. When the advance of the company was held up by enemy fire from riflemen and flak guns as well as fire from friendly tanks, Private First Class Strohm volunteered to carry a message over open terrain exposed to enemy and friendly fire to reach the tank force pointing out the location of friendly troops and the enemy flak guns. ~~With complete disregard for his safety,~~ he delivered the message to the tank commander. His action was in accordance with the highest standards of military conduct. Entered military service from Michigan.

Private John W. Klemm, 36829217, for heroic action against the enemy at Flamierge, Belgium, on 7 January 1945. During heavy action on a hill near the town, Private Klemm's unit was held up by enemy tanks as well as artillery and small arms fire. To bring more effective fire on the tanks, he fearlessly exposed himself moving up the hill to within one hundred yards of the enemy vehicle. His accurate fire from a machine gun forced the tank to withdraw permitting the unit to continue its advance. Entered military service from Illinois.

Private George L. Lumm, 38652996, for heroic action against the enemy at Fluren, Germany, on 24 March 1945. Pvt Lumm and his squad leader placed their anti-tank rifle in an exposed position in front of the most forward positions so as better to fire at enemy tanks. They were attacked by four enemy tanks and in the ensuing battle Private Lumm and his sergeant destroyed two of them and routed the other two. Their courageous stand against enemy armor was in keeping with the highest standards of military conduct. Entered military service from Missouri.

By command of Major General MILEY:

OFFICIAL:



GABE W. LEWIS, JR.,  
Lt. Col., AGD,  
Adjutant General.

W. K. LIEBEL,  
Colonel, GSQ,  
Chief of Staff.

DISTRIBUTION

- Plus 3 copies - The Adjutant General, Washington 25, D.C.
- 2 copies - European Theater of Operations, APO 887, U. S. Army.
- 1 copy - Commanding General, First Allied Airborne Army, APO 740, U. S. Army.
- 1 copy - Commanding General, Ninth United States Army, APO 339, U. S. Army.
- 2 copies - Commanding General, XVIII Corps (Airborne), APO 109, U. S. Army.
- 2 copies - Commanding General, XVI Corps, APO 197, U. S. Army.
- 1 copy - Commanding General, Twelfth Army Group, Attn: 37th MRU.

R-E-S-T-R-I-C-T-E-D

HEADQUARTERS 17TH AIRBORNE DIVISION  
APO 452, U. S. ARMY

GENERAL ORDERS )  
NUMBER 27 )

25 April 1945.

Recision Section I  
Award of Bronze Star Medal Section II

I. RECISSION -- General Orders Number 20, this Headquarters, dated 25 April 1945, is hereby rescinded.

II. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL -- Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and pursuant to authority contained in Memorandum Number 34, Headquarters Ninth United States Army, dated 8 September 1944, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to:

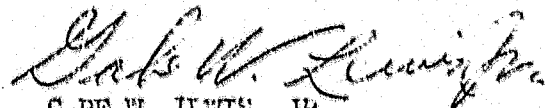
Brigadier General Josiah T. Dalbey, O12440, U. S. A., for heroic action against the enemy near Wesel, Germany, on 24 March 1945. Because of his insistence that he would be better qualified to command The Airborne Center if he participated in an airborne operation against the enemy, Brigadier General Dalbey obtained authority to jump with parachute troops during the airborne crossing of the Rhine River. Not content to act merely as an observer, he actively and heroically participated in some of the most intense fighting of the entire campaign. After initial positions had been secured, Brigadier General Dalbey aided in the evacuation of the Glider Pilots and in the transfer of approximately 3000 Prisoners of War. His actions clearly were above and beyond the call of duty and in keeping with the highest standards of military conduct.

Brigadier General Ridgely Gaither, O15970, U. S. A., for heroic action against the enemy near Wesel, Germany, on 24 March 1945. As commander of The Parachute School, Brigadier General Gaither insisted on participating in an airborne operation against the enemy so as to be better able to train parachutists and to command The Parachute School. Not content to remain an observer, he jumped into combat with the leading elements and conducted himself heroically in some of the most intense fighting of the entire operation. After the initial objectives were taken, he aided in the evacuation of the Glider Pilots and in the transfer of approximately 3000 Prisoners of War. His conduct was clearly above and beyond the call of duty and in accordance with the highest standards of military service.

By command of Major General HILEY:

W. K. LIEBEL,  
Colonel, GSC,  
Chief of Staff.

OFFICIAL:



GABE W. LEWIS, JR.,  
Lt. Col., AGD,  
Adjutant General.

DISTRIBUTION  
"SPECIAL"

- Plus 3 copies - The Adjutant General, Washington 25, D. C.
- 2 copies - European Theater of Operations, APO 887, U. S. Army.
- 1 copy - Commanding General, First Allied Airborne Army, APO 740, U. S. Army.
- 1 copy - Commanding General, Ninth United States Army, APO 339, U. S. Army.
- 2 copies - Commanding General, XVIII Corps (Airborne), APO 109, U. S. Army.
- 2 copies - Commanding General, XVI Corps, APO 197, U. S. Army.

-1-  
R-E-S-T-R-I-C-T-E-D

R-E-S-T-R-I-C-T-E-D

HEADQUARTERS 17TH AIRBORNE DIVISION  
APO 452, U. S. ARMY

*Ans  
OK  
5/25/45*

GENERAL ORDERS )  
NUMBER 28 )

2 May 1945.

Award of Silver Star (Posthumous)	Section I
Award of Silver Star	Section II
Award of Soldier's Medal	Section III
Award of Bronze Star Medal (Posthumous)	Section IV
Award of Bronze Star Medal (Missing In Action)	Section V
Award of Bronze Star Medal	Section VI

I. AWARD OF SILVER STAR (Posthumous) -- Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and pursuant to authority contained in Memorandum Number 21, Headquarters Fifteenth United States Army, dated 4 March 1945, the Silver Star is awarded posthumously to:

Staff Sergeant Joe I. Gonzales, 18016760, for gallantry in action against the enemy near Diersfordt, Germany, on 24 March 1945. Staff Sergeant Gonzales was a squad leader in an attack on enemy positions when the platoon was pinned down by an enemy concealed machine gun. In complete disregard for his own safety, he made a dash to the flank and opened fire on the enemy. His action attracted the enemy fire on himself enabling the remainder of the platoon to continue its advance. His gallant action and self-sacrifice was in accordance with the highest traditions of the armed forces. Entered military service from New Mexico.

Sergeant LeRoy Haynes, 20514968, for gallantry in action against the enemy near Wosol, Germany, on 24 March 1945. Immediately after landing by parachute in enemy territory, Sergeant Haynes quickly led his gun crew in the assembly of their howitzer. The crew delivered fire on an enemy hold house, but failed to dislodge the enemy troops. Realizing the importance of getting his gun into position to deliver effective artillery fire, he ordered his men to wait until he had silenced the enemy fire. Despite the fact that he had to go 200 yards across an open field, he advanced without hesitation. He had worked his way within 25 yards of the house when he was mortally wounded by enemy fire. His action was clearly beyond the call of duty. Entered military service from Ohio.

Private First Class Lowell N. Beard, 35895403, for gallantry in action against the enemy near Wosol, Germany, on 24 March 1945. Upon landing by parachute in the airborne operation over the Rhine River, Private First Class Beard, a member of a howitzer gun crew, discovered that parts of his weapon were on an exposed ridge swept by enemy machine gun and small arms fire. He retrieved one piece to the gun and carried it to a defiladed position. Upon returning for another piece, Private First Class Beard was mortally wounded. His heroic action was an inspiration to all who saw it and was in accordance with the highest standards of military conduct.

Private First Class Joseph S. Brennan, 12025695, for gallantry in action against the enemy near Diersfordt, Germany, on 24 March 1945. Private First Class Brennan was a machine gunner in his platoon when it was pinned down by fire from a concealed enemy machine gun. He quickly set up his machine gun and remained in an exposed position to lay down a field of fire, thus enabling the rest of his platoon to reach the safety of an embankment. His courageous action saved the

R-E-S-T-R-I-C-T-E-D

General Orders Number 28, Headquarters 17th Airborne Division, AFO 452, U. S. Army, dated 2 May 1945, continued:

lives of his comrades although being mortally wounded himself. His actions were in accordance with the highest standards of the armed forces. Entered military service from California.

Private Edward J. Lehman, 42034074, Company 11, Infantry in action against the enemy near Diersfordt, Germany, on 24 January 1945. Private Lehman was an assistant mortarman in his platoon when it was pinned down by a concealed enemy machine gun. Without regard for his own safety he made a dash to the flank and opened fire on the enemy, thus drawing fire on himself and enabling the rest of the platoon to gain the safety of a jutting bank. Although his chances for survival were small, he persevered to take this action so that the remainder of his platoon might secure their objective. His gallant action and self-sacrifice were in accordance with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from New York.

Private William Thompson, 11003807, for gallantry in action against the enemy near Lande St Etienne, Belgium, on 5 January 1945. Private Thompson, upon hearing a call for medical aid from two wounded comrades of his platoon, without regard for his own personal safety, advanced under heavy enemy fire to administer first aid. Upon reaching the wounded men, the enemy opened fire on his position using tracer bullets. Unable to drag the severely wounded to safety, he placed his own body between them and the enemy fire. By his action the two wounded men were saved. The gallantry of Private Thompson was in accordance with the proudest tradition of military service. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

II. AWARD OF SILVER STAR -- Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and pursuant to authority contained in Memorandum Number 24, Headquarters Fifteenth United States Army, dated 4 March 1945, the Silver Star is awarded to:

Colonel James J. Gaults, O18875, Infantry, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany from 14 March 1945 to 2 April 1945. Colonel Gaults led the first stack of paratroopers in the lead element of the airborne operation across the Rhine River. Through personal bravery and command leadership he was able to provide excellent unity, to give a constant demonstration based on unity of his command and to maintain excellent discipline in the most difficult situation predominate in the campaign. On one occasion he was wounded by a mortar fragment while planning a display of fox and was severely wounded during movement from a forward observation post near Lutzerath, Germany. Although wounded, he refused evacuation and the success of his recovery was assured. This was resulted in the collapse of the enemy's right flank, opening the route to Lutzerath. His actions were in accordance with the highest standards of military conduct. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

*See # Aminal byls # 38 - May 12, 1945*

Private Owen A. Feder, O51098, Medical Corps, for gallantry in action against the enemy near Lutzerath, Germany, on 14 March 1945. Immediately after landing by parachute as enemy machine gun fire was being given medical aid on the drop zone. He was severely wounded by a mortar fragment. Facing this action he was painfully wounded by a mortar fragment. He refused evacuation for his personal safety and to provide medical aid to the wounded. He remained to supervise the evacuation of the wounded and to provide medical aid to the wounded. Although he was severely wounded, he refused evacuation and to provide medical aid to the wounded. His actions were in accordance with the highest standards of military service. Entered military service from ~~Illinois~~ **TND 1288**.



R-E-S-T-R-I-C-T-E-D

General Orders Number 28, Headquarters 17th Airborne Division, AFO 452, U. S. Army, dated 2 May 1945, continued:

Staff Sergeant Henry Y. Parker, 11002325, for gallantry in action against the enemy near Wesel, Germany, on 24 March 1945. Under heavy small arms fire, Staff Sergeant Parker organized carrying parties to find and carry ammunition bundles to the gun positions. At great risk to his life, he made many trips into the open fields to help remove wounded English soldiers from gliderman to places of safety. His leadership in organizing ammunition parties and evacuation of the wounded was in keeping with the highest traditions of the armed forces. Entered military service from Georgia.

Sergeant James E. Guy, 19004931, for gallantry in action against the enemy near Wesel, Germany, on 24 March 1945. Sergeant Guy, a gunner on a howitzer, assembled the weapon with the aid of his crew under direct enemy small arms fire. He then directed fire on a house where the enemy was located. Even though being wounded, he refused to be evacuated until the enemy fire was neutralized. His devotion to duty and his tenacity in action were in keeping with the highest tradition of the armed forces. Entered military service from Idaho.

Corporal Clyde Thornton, 36856426, for gallantry in action against the enemy near Wesel, Germany, on 24 March 1945. Immediately upon landing by parachute in enemy territory, Corporal Thornton made many trips into open fields under heavy enemy small arms fire to secure equipment needed to assemble a howitzer. The non-commissioned officer of the section was mortally wounded and, although hit by sniper fire himself, Corporal Thornton took charge of the gun crew. Without regard for personal safety, he placed direct fire on a house from which enemy fire was coming. His aggressive leadership and outstanding performance of duty resulted in neutralization of the enemy position. His action was in accordance with the highest traditions of the armed forces. Entered military service from Michigan.

Private First Class Robert H. LiFrieri, 42101678, for gallantry in action against the enemy near Monty, Belgium, on 3 January 1945. When the advance of his section of anti-tank guns was held up by enemy small arms fire, Private First Class LiFrieri volunteered to drive one of the guns 200 yards in advance of the section to set it in position to meet a tank attack which appeared to be eminent. Inspired by his disregard for personal safety and aggressive action, his comrades put another gun in action. The determined show of strength displayed by the section routed the enemy attack. The action of Private First Class LiFrieri was in accordance with the highest standards of military service. Entered military service from New Jersey.

Private Lewis R. Steinmetz, 20513470, for gallantry in action against the enemy near Wesel, Germany, on 24 March 1945. When the advance of his battery was held up by enemy sniper fire from a dugout, Private Steinmetz worked his way to the dugout by crawling over an open field. Approaching within throwing distance, he silenced the enemy position with a grenade. His courageous act made it possible for the battery to proceed to its objective and was in accordance with the highest standards of military conduct. Entered military service from Ohio.

III. AWARD OF SOLDIER'S MEDAL -- Under the provisions of Act 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and pursuant to authority contained in Memorandum Number 17, Headquarters Fifteenth United States Army, dated 4 March 1945, the Soldier's Medal is awarded to the following named personnel for heroic action near Essen, Germany, on 11 April 1945. Upon receiving word that a truck loaded with ammunition had exploded about 50 yards away, the three soldiers rushed to the scene of the

R-E-S-T-R-I-C-T-E-D

General Orders Number 28, Headquarters 17th Airborne Division, APO 452, U. S. Army, dated 2 May 1945, continued:

accident. A soldier and 3 civilians were laying badly wounded near the truck. Without regard for their own safety, they went into the still exploding ammunition giving first aid to the soldier and evacuating him to shelter. They made three more trips to evacuate the civilians. Their action required high courage and reflects credit upon themselves and the service:

Technician Fifth Grade	Dallas F. Bradley	35745737
Private First Class	Morvin S. Crawford	35746006
Private	Charles Farolli	32194355

IV. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL (Posthumous) -- Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and pursuant to authority contained in Memorandum Number 21, Headquarters Fifteenth United States Army, dated 4 March 1945, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded posthumously to:

Captain Earl F. Jennings, O1178201, Field Artillery, for meritorious achievement during the period 25 December 1944 to 24 March 1945. While serving as Supply Officer of a battalion, his initiative and enthusiastic devotion to duty contributed materially to the efficient operation of the battalion during combat. His achievements have been in accordance with the highest standards of military conduct. Entered military service from California.

Technician Fourth Grade Henry B. Fernandez, 20423127, for meritorious achievement during the period 26 December 1944 to 24 March 1945. Technician Fourth Grade Fernandez, as artillery mechanic, maintained the howitzers of his battery in working condition. Through his untiring efforts, the gun crews of his battery always had complete faith in the operation of their weapons. His work, which at times was carried out under the most adverse weather conditions, is in keeping with the highest traditions of the service. Entered military service from Florida.

Corporal Harvey L. Fillback, 16040208, for heroic action against the enemy near Wesol, Germany, on 24 March 1945. Corporal Fillback parachuted into enemy territory during the airborne crossing of the Rhine River. He was wounded in the leg by flak while still in the air and upon landing was advised to go to the aid station. He refused evacuation and continued on his mission of helping to establish the battalion command post. While helping to clear German troops from the area, Corporal Fillback was hit by shell fragments. This heroic action, which caused his death, was an inspiration to all.

Technician Fifth Grade Donald Stanford, 37551278, for heroic action against the enemy near Wesol, Germany, on 24 March 1945. After parachuting into Germany, during the airborne crossing of the Rhine River, Technician Fifth Grade Stanford proceeded in his assigned mission of administering first aid to his wounded comrades. In an open field under intense machine gun fire, he saw a wounded soldier. Leaving the comparative safety of a wooded area, Technician Fifth Grade Stanford tried to reach the stricken man. He was mortally wounded by the machine gun fire. His devotion to duty and heroic action were in accordance with the highest tradition of the armed forces. Entered military service from South Dakota.

V. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL (Missing In Action) -- Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and pursuant to authority contained in Memorandum Number 21, Headquarters Fifteenth United States Army, dated 4 March 1945, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded missing in action to:



R-E-S-T-R-I-C-T-E-D

General Orders Number 28, Headquarters First Airborne Division, APO 452, U. S. Army, dated 2 May 1945, continued:

Technician Fifth Grade Frank G. [Name], 32849463, for heroic action against the enemy near Monte St Etienne, France, from 5 January 1945 to 8 January 1945. By courage and skill during a period of extremely heavy enemy action and adverse weather conditions, Technician Fifth Grade [Name] succeeded in saving many lives. Without regard for his own safety, he gave first aid to many wounded comrades under intense enemy fire. His superior performance of duty reflects high credit upon himself and was in keeping with the highest standards of military service. Entered military service from New York.

Private First Class Edward H. Callahan, 32844196, for heroic action against the enemy near Monte St Etienne, France, from 5 January 1945 to 8 January 1945. Private First Class Callahan, a battery aid man, exposed himself on numerous occasions to enemy mortar and small arms fire to aid and carry wounded men through deep snow to places of safety. His actions saved many lives and served as an inspiration to his comrades. Private First Class Callahan's actions were clearly above and beyond the call of duty and were in keeping with the highest traditions of the armed forces. Entered military service from New York.

VI. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL. - Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and pursuant to authority contained in Department Order 21, Headquarters Fifteenth United States Army, dated 4 March 1945, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to:

Captain (then First Lieutenant) Charles H. Brown, Jr., 01822249, Field Artillery, for meritorious service during the Battle of France, from 12 June 1944 to 24 March 1945, in France, Belgium, Luxembourg and Germany. Throughout the arduous campaign and in preparation for the airborne crossing of the Rhine River, Captain Brown demonstrated exceptional leadership and devotion to duty. He acted most effectively in the accomplishments of his battalion. His aggressive leadership and high conduct were in keeping with the highest standards of the military service. Entered military service from Oklahoma.

Technical Sergeant Joseph P. Flanagan, 32592504, for heroic action against the enemy near Wosel, Germany, on 23 March 1945. Technical Sergeant Flanagan parachuted into enemy territory during the assault crossing of the Rhine River. Immediately upon landing, he and his fellow paratroopers formed a perimeter defense around an enemy military piece. Cutting out of his harness, and with the assistance of his fellow soldiers, Technical Sergeant Flanagan dashed toward the enemy firing his sub-machine gun. This action so surprised the enemy that he was able to capture the gun, its crew and six prisoners. The gun was then used against the enemy. His actions were clearly above and beyond the call of duty and in keeping with the highest traditions of the armed forces. Entered military service from New York.

Staff Sergeant Donald W. Gato, 32592036, for meritorious and heroic action against the enemy near Wosel, Germany, on 23 March 1945. Staff Sergeant Gato captured down his company's machine gun, and with the assistance of his fellow soldiers, he captured his platoon leader. He demonstrated exceptional leadership and devotion to duty. His actions were clearly above and beyond the call of duty and in keeping with the highest standards of the military service. Entered military service from Oklahoma.

R-E-S-T-R-I-C-T-E-D

General Orders Number 28, Headquarters 17th Airborne Division, AF 452, U. S. Army, date: 2 May 1945, continued:

Staff Sergeant Clifford A. Davis, 16097349, for heroic action against the enemy near Rexel, Germany, on 31 March 1945. While acting as radio operator on a night patrol, Staff Sergeant Davis demonstrated high courage and devotion to duty when the patrol came under enemy fire. With complete disregard for his own safety, he succeeded in keeping his patrol leader in contact with other members of the patrol and also with the battalion commanding officer. His movements were all accomplished under enemy fire, but this did not deter him from his vital task. When the enemy fled into a nearby woods, Staff Sergeant Davis pursued them and assisted in their capture. His courageous actions reflect highly upon himself and his organization. Entered military service from Illinois.

Staff Sergeant Kenneth G. Sirmernan, 39463804, for heroic action against the enemy near Wesel, Germany, on 24 March 1945. Staff Sergeant Sirmernan parachuted into enemy territory during the airborne crossing of the Rhine River. After landing, he worked under heavy small arms fire to search adjoining fields for ammunition bundles to supply the howitzers of his battery. With utter disregard for his own safety, Staff Sergeant Sirmernan helped remove many wounded American and British glidermen from the open fields to places of safety. The calmness and cool bravery of Staff Sergeant Sirmernan in the face of danger were a credit to himself and the service. Entered military service from Washington.

Technician Third Grade Arthur D. Stringer, Jr., 35500148, for meritorious achievement during the period 24 March 1945 to 25 March 1945, near Wesel, Germany. During the first hours following the airborne crossing of the Rhine River, Technician Third Grade Stringer worked unceasingly to provide medical care for those who had been wounded. Disregarding personal comfort and safety, he succeeded in saving the lives of many seriously wounded soldiers. His superior performance of duty reflects credit on himself and was in accordance with the highest standards of the military forces. Entered military service from Ohio.

By command of Major General MILLY:

OFFICIAL:

*Gabe W. Lewis, Jr.*

GABE W. LEWIS, JR.,  
Lt. Col., AGD,  
Adjutant General.

W. K. LIEBEL,  
Colonel, GSC,  
Chief of Staff.

DISTRIBUTION

- Plus 3 copies - The Adjutant General, Washington 25, D. C.  
2 copies - European Theater of Operations, AF 887, U. S. Army.  
1 copy - Commanding General, First Allied Airborne Army, AF 740, U. S. Army.  
1 copy - Commanding General, Fifteenth United States Army, AF 408, U. S. Army.  
2 copies - Commanding General, XVIII Corps (Airborne), AF 109, U. S. Army.  
2 copies - Commanding General, XXII Corps, AF 250, U. S. Army.  
1 copy - Commanding General, Twelfth Army Group, attn: 37th IAB.

R-E-S-T-R-I-C-T-E-D

HEADQUARTERS 17TH AIRBORNE DIVISION  
APO 452, U. S. ARMY

GENERAL ORDERS )

NUMBER 29 )

3 May 1945.

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

I. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL -- Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and pursuant to authority contained in Memorandum Number 21, Headquarters Fifteenth United States Army, dated 4 March 1945, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to:

*Amend to read 100C to BSM by S.O.#32-8 May 45*

Staff Sergeant James W. Thoburn, 15077608, for heroic action against the enemy near Wesel, Germany, on 24 March 1945. Staff Sergeant Thoburn dropped by parachute between the enemy and a friendly artillery battalion. Seeing that the enemy fire was directed against the artillery men, he immediately engaged the enemy by organizing a series of diversionary attacks on the enemy positions. In this action, Staff Sergeant Thoburn personally knocked out a German half track towing an 88 mm gun. Accompanied by another man, he then crawled across an open field under intense enemy small arms fire to attack another 88mm gun, but was wounded and forced to withdraw. His courageous and competent actions averted many casualties to the artillery group and were in keeping with the highest standards of military forces. Entered military service from West Virginia.

Technician Third Grade Albin F. Noval, 35058234, for meritorious achievement during the period 24 March 1945 to 25 March 1945, near Wesel, Germany. After the airborne landing across the Rhine River, Technician Third Grade Noval assisted in the organization of a medical operative tent. His superior ability of reaching a diagnosis and his execution of treatment were contributory to the saving of countless lives who otherwise would have perished due to lack of medical care. Even though the station was under enemy fire, Technician Third Grade Noval did not hesitate in his task, but continued to function in a superior manner. His initiative and devotion to duty typified the highest traditions of the armed forces. Entered military service from Ohio.

*2d Lt. O-201112 # Grade & Serial # amended by S.O.#35 8 May 45*  
Sergeant Leroy A. O'Laughlin, 33436570, for heroic action against the enemy near Fando St Etienne, Belgium, on 6 January 1945. Sergeant O'Laughlin was a member of a forward artillery observer party attached to an infantry company. In the early hours of the morning while manning his observation post under heavy shelling, he observed about 25 of the enemy crawling toward his position. By his alertness and quick thinking he acted to cover the company front. Sergeant O'Laughlin constantly exposed himself to the enemy shelling in order to gain observation. His actions were in accordance with the highest standards of military service. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Sergeant Jurray Rosen, 32612381, for heroic action against the enemy near Wesel, Germany, on 24 March 1945. After landing by parachute during the airborne operation across the Rhine River, Sergeant Rosen and a comrade returned to the drop zone three times under heavy enemy small arms fire searching for ammunition and equipment that had been dropped by aerial re-supply. On one occasion, he rescued a group of comrades pinned down by fire from nearby houses. Unhesitatingly, Sergeant Rosen and his comrade went to their rescue by clearing one house of ten enemy soldiers and two others from an adjacent house. His actions were in keeping with the highest traditions of the armed forces. Entered military service from New York.

R-E-S-T-R-I-C-T-E-D

General Orders Number 29, Headquarters 17th Airborne Division, APO 452, U. S. Army, 3 May 1945, continued:

Sergeant Elmer C. Rosenthal, 19066539, for heroic action against the enemy near Wesel, Germany, on 24 March 1945. Upon landing by parachute during the airborne operation across the Rhine River, Sergeant Rosenthal found that his gun crew was unable to assemble its howitzer due to heavy enemy machine gun and small arms fire. Without regard for his own safety, he worked his way across an open field to locate a bazooka. Using the weapon to good effect, he helped to clear the enemy from the vicinity. His heroic action was in keeping with the highest standards of military conduct. Entered military service from California.

Sergeant Paul Zeprowski, 32836449, for heroic action against the enemy near Monty, Belgium, from 4 January 1945 to 6 January 1945. Sergeant Zeprowski deliberately and continuously exposed himself to heavy enemy artillery, mortar and small arms fire to maintain efficient operation of his anti-tank gun section. On one occasion, he advanced in front of the line to bring back a comrade who had been wounded, administered first aid and evacuated him. His actions were in accordance with the highest standards of military service. Entered military service from New York.

Technician Fourth Grade Gilbert Elscina, 32621493, for heroic action against the enemy near Wesel, Germany, on 24 March 1945. Technician Fourth Grade Elscina was a member of a patrol whose mission was to clear a house near a woods where the battalion was assembling. After the enemy strong point was liquidated he advanced across an open field and attacked and neutralized an artillery piece and machine gun. His heroic action was an inspiration to all who saw it and was in accordance with the highest standards of military conduct. Entered military service from New York.

Technician Fourth Grade Alphonse L. Krycinski, 6832239, for heroic action against the enemy near Wesel, Germany, on 24 March 1945. After landing by parachute during the airborne operation across the Rhine River, Technician Fourth Grade Krycinski was unable to find the officer in charge of his forward observer party. He immediately took charge of collecting his party, getting the radio in operation and attached himself to an infantry unit in order to give it artillery support. His unflinching attention to duty and aggressive leadership in battle was invaluable to the fighting efficiency and success of the infantry unit. His superior performance in combat reflects the highest credit on himself and on the armed forces. Entered military service from Alabama.

Technician Fourth Grade James V. Sesto, 35610056, for heroic action against the enemy near Monty, Belgium, from 4 January 1945 to 6 January 1945. Technician Fourth Grade Sesto displayed outstanding courage, coolness, and complete disregard for his personal safety in administering first aid to the wounded of his own and adjacent units when heavy casualties had reduced the medical aid ranks materially. His actions while under enemy fire typified his high sense of duty and were in keeping with the highest standards of military conduct. Entered military service from Ohio.

Corporal Samuel Brown, 18904810, for heroic action against the enemy near Wesel, Germany, on 24 March 1945. Upon landing by parachute during the airborne operation across the Rhine River, Corporal Brown volunteered for a mission to secure some equipment that had dropped into territory still held by enemy forces. During this mission he was twice wounded by small arms fire and was unable to proceed. Nevertheless he persuaded his comrade to leave him and to secure the equipment vital to the operation. His courageous action was in keeping with



R-E-S-T-R-I-C-T-E-D

General Orders Number 29, Headquarters 17th Airborne Division, APO 452, U. S. Army, 3 May 1945, continued:

the highest traditions of the armed forces. Entered military service from Oklahoma,

Corporal Luis J. Hurtado, 19066782, for heroic action against the enemy near Wesel, Germany, on 24 March 1945. After landing by parachute during the airborne operation across the Rhine River, Corporal Hurtado and a comrade returned to the drop zone three times under heavy enemy small arms fire searching for ammunition and equipment that had been dropped by aerial re-supply. On one occasion, he noticed a group of comrades pinned down by fire from nearby houses. Unhesitatingly, Corporal Hurtado and his comrade went to their rescue by clearing one house of ten enemy snipers and two others from an adjacent house. His actions were in keeping with the highest standards of military service. Entered military service from California.

Corporal Edwin C. Segars, 14019846, for heroic action against the enemy near Wesel, Germany, on 24 March 1945. Immediately upon landing by glider during the airborne operation across the Rhine River, Corporal Segars spotted an enemy artillery piece firing point blank onto the landing field. Under heavy small arms fire he quickly maneuvered to the flank of the enemy piece neutralizing it completely. His heroic action enabled gliders coming in on the field to be unloaded without molestation. Entered military service from South Carolina.

Corporal (then Private First Class) James R. Lefler, 32144109, for heroic action against the enemy near Wesel, Germany, on 24 March 1945. The glider in which Corporal Lefler entered the trans-Rhine operation landed in strange territory behind enemy lines. Although it was damaged on landing, Corporal Lefler unloaded his jeep and made his way to a point designated for the battalion aid station delivering badly needed medical equipment. He then returned to the drop zone under heavy enemy small arms fire to evacuate wounded. His courageous act was in keeping with the highest standards of military conduct. Entered military service from New York.

Corporal Raymond W. Taylor, 35754798, for heroic action against the enemy near Balthern, Germany, on 30 March 1945. While on patrol behind the enemy lines, a German machine gun opened fire seriously wounding Corporal Taylor's companion. He was forced to withdraw under the heavy fire. Reporting to his platoon leader, he then guided another patrol to recover the body of his wounded companion. After rendering first aid, he attempted to carry the man across open ground, but heavy small arms fire pinned him down. Upon discovering that his comrade had died, he made his way to safety. His heroic action was in accordance with the highest traditions of the armed forces. Entered military service from West Virginia.

Technician Fifth Grade (then Private) Levi Bales, 20759673, for heroic action near Wesel, Germany, on 24 March 1945. Technician Fifth Grade Bales parachuted into enemy territory during the airborne crossing of the Rhine River. He landed between two enemy anti-aircraft positions and was under intense fire from both sides. Without thought of personal safety, he worked forward into an advantageous position and fired a rifle grenade, destroying one gun. His actions drew fire away from friendly troops who had been pinned down. This display of courage was in keeping with the highest standards of the military service. Entered military service from Kansas.



R-E-S-T-R-I-C-T-E-D

General Orders Number 29, Headquarters 17th Airborne Division, APO 452, U. S. Army, 3 May 1945, continued:

Technician Fifth Grade William A. Beveridge, 35289154, for heroic action against the enemy near Wesel, Germany, on 24 March 1945. With complete disregard for his own safety, Technician Fifth Grade Beveridge moved across open terrain under enemy artillery, machine gun and small arms fire to aid two wounded men lying helpless in an exposed position. Through his courage and devotion to duty, he saved the life of one of the men. His actions were in accordance with the highest traditions of the service. Entered military service from Ohio.

Technician Fifth Grade Jack Champagne, 37050831, for heroic action against the enemy near Wesel, Germany, on 24 March 1945. After landing by parachute during the airborne crossing of the Rhine River, Technician Fifth Grade Champagne came under heavy machine gun and small arms fire. Instead of seeking shelter and with complete disregard for his own safety, he crawled around an open field giving first aid to six wounded comrades. Later, he came under an intense mortar barrage as he attempted to furnish aid to four other stricken men. His heroic action was an inspiration to all men with him. Entered military service from California.

Private First Class Ralph L. Albart, 35146931, for heroic action against the enemy near Weinberge, Germany, on 2 April 1945. Private First Class Albart drove a jeep back and forth across open terrain under direct fire from the enemy, bringing up needed ammunition to his platoon. His courageous action under enemy fire enabled his platoon to eliminate an enemy strong point and was in keeping with the highest traditions of the armed forces. Entered military service from Indiana.

Private First Class Rudolph Allison, 34570320, for heroic action against the enemy near Wesel, Germany, on 24 March 1945. Private First Class Allison, as a cannoneer of a howitzer crew, parachuted into enemy territory during the airborne crossing of the Rhine River. Equipment, vital to the howitzer, was in a parachute that had become lodged in a tree. In spite of enemy fire and without thought of personal danger, Private First Class Allison climbed the tree and cut the parachute loose. His heroic action was in keeping with the highest standards of the military service. Entered military service from Georgia.

Private First Class Edward R. Lantz, 20734420, for heroic action against the enemy near Wesel, Germany, on 24 March 1945. When the two lead scouts of his patrol became casualties, Private First Class Lantz, without orders and on his own initiative, assumed the position vacated by his fallen comrades. As an automatic rifleman of the patrol, he advanced to maintain contact with the enemy and to obtain a field of fire for his weapon. Although his rifle had jammed, Private First Class Lantz continued to advance until given an order to withdraw. His actions were in accordance with the highest traditions of the armed forces. Entered military service from Kansas.

Private First Class Irvin E. Lawson, Jr., 33821480, for heroic action against the enemy near Wesel, Germany, on 24 March 1945. Private First Class Lawson, while a member of a combat patrol whose mission was to reconnoiter a route to a command post, was seriously wounded in the stomach and leg. While in the open and exposed to enemy fire, he continued using his weapon effectively and covered the advance of other members of the patrol. This action resulted in the capture of four enemy soldiers and permitted the patrol to reach a more secure position without further casualties. His heroism was in keeping with the highest and proudest traditions of the armed forces. Entered military service from Virginia.

R-E-S-T-R-I-C-T-E-D

General Orders Number 29, Headquarters 17th Airborne Division, APO 452, U.S. Army, 3 May 1945, continued:

Private First Class Alfred Martinez, 18001141, for heroic action against the enemy near Wesel, Germany, on 24 March 1945. As a member of a howitzer crew, Private First Class Martinez helped assemble a howitzer under direct enemy machine gun and small arms fire. He exposed himself continuously to intense enemy fire so that the gunner could properly sight the howitzer on an enemy strong point. His courageous action was in accordance with the highest standards of the military service. Entered military service from Nebraska.

Private First Class Donald W. Quinn, 36732423, for heroic action against the enemy near Lunster, Germany, on 4 April 1945. While evacuating wounded during the attack on Lunster, Private First Class Quinn went as far forward as possible with his jeep. When the terrain became too rough for the jeep, he procured a horse and wagon and advanced under heavy mortar and sniper fire and evacuated the casualties to his jeep. Private First Class Quinn's high sense of duty and initiative under enemy fire enabled a number of wounded men to receive proper medical attention. His actions reflected credit on himself and his unit. Entered military service from Illinois.

Private First Class Erwin W. Ripple, 19067291, for heroic action against the enemy near Wesel, Germany, on 24 March 1945. Upon landing in a glider during the airborne crossing of the Rhine River, Private First Class Ripple came under intense enemy machine gun fire. With complete disregard for his own safety, he returned to his glider, secured medical equipment and administered first aid to four of his seriously wounded comrades. He then organized and led a raiding party and neutralized the enemy machine gun which had been firing on them since landing. His expert leadership and his courage were in accordance with the proudest traditions of the armed force. Entered military service from California.

Private First Class (then Private) William S. Roane, 33718555, for heroic action against the enemy near Wesel, Germany, on 24 March 1945. As cannoner on a howitzer crew, he helped assemble a howitzer under enemy machine gun and small arms fire. The howitzer had been placed in position behind a hedge row to place direct fire on an enemy strong point. The ammunition for the howitzer was in an open field fifty yards away. Private First Class Roane left his protected position on five successive times to secure ammunition. His heroic action was in keeping with the highest tradition of the service. Entered military service from Maryland.

Private Minyard E. Irvin, 14043866, for heroic action against the enemy near Wesel, Germany, on 24 March 1945. While parachuting into enemy territory during the airborne crossing of the Rhine River, Private Irvin was severely wounded in the back. He refused to leave the drop zone for aid, but insisted in helping his section assemble its howitzer and move it into position. He stayed with his section until forced by his condition to report for aid. The actions of Private Irvin called for high courage and great fortitude.

Private Allison Yates, 38608006, for heroic action against the enemy in Germany, on 9 April 1945. While driving to his company command post with a companion, Private Yates became lost and found himself in an enemy ambush. While trying to escape, he noticed that his companion had been wounded. Unselfish of his own safety, he returned to give aid to the man and assist him into a cellar of a building. He administered first aid and then elected to remain with his

R-E-S-T-R-I-C-T-E-D

General Orders Number 29, Headquarters 17th Airborne Division, APO 452, U. S. Army, 3 May 1945, continued:

wounded companion rather than seek a more secure position for himself. The soldiers came from their position the following morning when friendly troops overran their position. Entered military service from Texas.

II. AWARD OF CERTIFICATE OF MERIT -- Under the provisions of Memorandum Number 21, Headquarters Fifteenth United States Army, dated 1 March 1945 the Certificate of Merit is awarded to the following personnel for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy:

Sergeant	Peter Biorgiovanni	35609968
Sergeant	Reinhold A. Scherrer	20644240
Technician Fourth Grade	Robert F. Bocchino	12152108

By command of Major General MILEY:

W. K. LIEBEL,  
Colonel, GSC,  
Chief of Staff.

OFFICIAL:

*Gabe W. Lewis, Jr.*  
GABE W. LEWIS, JR.,  
Lt. Col., AGD,  
Adjutant General.

DISTRIBUTION

"E"

- Plus 3 copies - The Adjutant General, Washington 25, D. C.
- 2 copies - European Theatre of Operations, APO 887, U. S. Army.
- 1 copy - Commanding General, First Allied Airborne Army, APO 740, U. S. Army
- 1 copy - Commanding General, Fifteenth United States Army, APO 408, U.S. Army.
- 2 copies - Commanding General, XVIII Corps (Airborne), APO 109, U. S. Army.
- 2 copies - Commanding General, XXII Corps, APO 250, U. S. Army.
- 1 copy - Commanding General, Twelfth Army Group, Attn: 37th IRU.

R-E-S-T-R-I-C-T-E-D

HEADQUARTERS 17TH AIRBORNE DIVISION  
APO 452, U. S. ARMY

GENERAL ORDERS )

NUMBER 30 )

8 May 1945

Award of the Silver Star (Posthumous) Section I  
Award of the Silver Star Section II

I. AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR (Posthumous) -- Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and pursuant to authority contained in Memorandum Number 21, Headquarters Fifteenth Army, dated 4 March 1945, the Silver is awarded posthumously to:

First Lieutenant Charles E. Alford, 01182317, Field Artillery, for gallantry in action against the enemy near Wesel, Germany, on 24 March 1945. Landing by parachute in enemy territory, First Lieutenant Alford immediately organized a patrol of men in his vicinity and attacked a well entrenched enemy machine gun that had been firing on the landing zone. When the gun was silenced, he proceeded with his men to their assembly area, but again came under enemy fire. Unable definitely to locate the gun, he instructed his men to remain in cover while he exposed himself to seek out the enemy position. Because of his fearless and gallant action the gun was located and destroyed thereby averting further casualties among his men. His actions were in keeping with the highest standards of military conduct. Entered military service from Ohio.

Second Lieutenant Earl A. Goodman, 02011077, Corps of Engineers, for gallantry in action against the enemy near Wesel, Germany on 24 March 1945. After landing behind enemy lines during the airborne crossing of the Rhine River, Second Lieutenant Goodman and his men came under heavy enemy fire. One of his men was laying wounded very near an enemy held position. With utter disregard for his own safety, Second Lieutenant Goodman attempted to rescue the man, but the enemy fire proved too intense to be overcome. His actions were in accordance with the highest standards of military service. Entered military service from Minnesota.

Technical Sergeant Forris R. Patty, 37667851, for gallantry in action against the enemy near Wesel, Germany on 26 March 1945. Technical Sergeant Patty was ordered to utilize his platoon to close a gap between the left flank of an adjacent company and the right flank of another. He quickly moved a group of his men out to accomplish this mission. Due to the heavy enemy and friendly fire, he was badly wounded. He ordered his platoon back to a safe position and he alone continued to crawl forward. After numerous attempts the mission was ultimately completed. His gallant efforts to complete the mission although mortally wounded were in keeping with the highest standards of military service. Entered military service from Iowa.

Private First Class Edward A. Knox, 6268696, for gallantry in action against the enemy near Wesel, Germany on 24 March 1945. Upon landing behind enemy lines in the airborne operation across the Rhine River, Private First Class Knox, with great gallantry and utter disregard for his own safety, attempted to rescue a wounded comrade from an exposed position very near an enemy held house. Although the attempt was unsuccessful, his unselfish action exemplified the highest sense of duty and was in keeping with the highest standards of military conduct. Entered military service from Texas.

-1-

R-E-S-T-R-I-C-T-E-D

R-E-S-T-R-I-C-T-E-D

General Orders Number 30, Headquarters 17th Airborne Division, APO 452, U. S. Army, 8 May 1945, continued:

Private First Class Kenneth L. Stewart, 32142478, for gallantry in action against the enemy near Wesel, Germany, on 24 March 1945. During the action immediately following the airborne landing across the Rhine River, Private First Class Stewart and a group of men from his unit were attempting to make their way to their assigned assembly area. Enroute they were halted by enemy resistance. Unable to reach their objective, Private First Class Stewart alone charged the enemy positions attempting to divert the enemy fire long enough for his comrades to make their escape. Gallantly he ran toward the enemy firing his rifle as he ran. His action exemplified the high standard of aggressive driving attack that characterizes the airborne forces. Entered military service from New York.

II. AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR -- Under the provisions of AR 600-15, 22 September 1943, as amended, and pursuant to authority contained in Memorandum Number 21, Headquarters Fifteenth United States Army, dated 4 March 1945, the Silver Star is awarded to:

Lieutenant Colonel Paul F. Oswald, 020160, Field Artillery, for gallantry in action against the enemy near Wesel, Germany on 24 March 1945. On the glider landing zone, under heavy enemy small arms, machine gun and artillery fire, Lieutenant Colonel Oswald, with complete disregard for his own safety and never seeking cover, directed and assisted in unloading gliders. He took personal charge of the reduction of enemy strong points surrounding the landing zone and by his gallant and intrepid leadership, organized his battalion in position to fire in an incredibly short time. His gallantry and action under fire were an inspiration to his battalion and in accordance with the highest standards of military service. Entered military service from Texas.

Major Lorgan A. Brakonecke, 0359463, Infantry, for gallantry in action against the enemy near Wesel, Germany on 24 March 1945. Major Brakonecke was one of the first parachutists to land behind enemy lines during the airborne crossing of the Rhine River. Against determined enemy resistance he assembled the men in his vicinity and directed them in reducing enemy strong points. With complete disregard for his personal safety, he repeatedly exposed himself to enemy fire in leading his men to accomplish their objective. His aggressive and fearless conduct under fire inspired his command to overcome all resistance and to attain all objectives assigned. His gallant leadership was in keeping with the highest standards of military conduct. Entered military service from Michigan.

First Lieutenant George A. Dyslin, 01179844, Field Artillery, for gallantry in action against the enemy near Wesel, Germany on 24 March 1945. In the early phase of the airborne operation across the Rhine River, First Lieutenant Dyslin assembled his men and equipment and moved them to their assembly area through enemy resistance. Although painfully wounded he personally made reconnaissance and on several occasions inspired and directed his group in repulsing enemy counter attacks. Throughout the action his skillful and aggressive leadership inspired his men. His actions were in keeping with the highest standards of military conduct. Entered military service from Illinois.

First Lieutenant Joseph H. Hudcock, 01796090, Corps of Military Police, for heroic action against the enemy near Hiltorn, Germany on 1 April 1945. During an unexpected enemy counter-attack on the flank of the Division positions, one of the men from a patrol had become wounded and lay in a position exposed to enemy



R-E-S-T-R-I-C-T-E-D

General Orders Number 30, Headquarters 17th Airborne Division, APO 452, U.S. Army.  
8 May 1945, continued:

fire. With complete disregard for his own safety, First Lieutenant Hudcock made his way to the man, administered first aid and carried him to safety across an open field under direct enemy observation and fire. First Lieutenant Hudcock then returned to the area and succeeded in capturing eight enemy prisoners. His gallant action was in keeping with the highest standards of military conduct. Entered military service from Virginia.

First Lieutenant Thomas McInley, 0116032, Infantry, for gallantry in action against the enemy near Wesel, Germany on 24 March 1945. During the intense action in the early hours of the airborne operation across the Rhine River, an enemy strong point manned by approximately one hundred soldiers was discovered. First Lieutenant McInley with four of his men crawled to a position very near this enemy position and, with grenades, forced the enemy into the basement of the building. From this position they could not effectively return the fire of the lieutenant and his small group and their capture was easily effected. First Lieutenant McInley's heroic action without regard for his personal safety was in keeping with the highest standards of military conduct. Entered military service from Kentucky.

First Lieutenant John F. Stacy, 01049366, Field Artillery, for gallantry in action against the enemy near Wesel, Germany on 24 March 1945. First Lieutenant Stacy and his men landed near a four-gun enemy anti-aircraft battery that had engaged him and his men both in the air and on the ground. With aggressiveness and utter disregard for his personal safety, First Lieutenant Stacy led an assault on the enemy position. In addition to this heroic action, he fearlessly moved about the landing zone checking and assembling equipment and men preparatory to moving his battery into firing positions. His calmness under fire and his intrepid leadership were in keeping with the highest standards of military conduct. Entered military service from California.

Second Lieutenant Arthur D. Mickerson, 0192251, Infantry, for gallantry in action against the enemy near Wesel, Germany on 24 March 1945. Upon landing by glider during the airborne operation across the Rhine River, Second Lieutenant Mickerson and several of his men assaulted a house that was serving as an enemy fortification. To reach the enemy position, Second Lieutenant Mickerson crossed a bridge under direct enemy observation so as to reach a point within bazooka range of the position. His gallant action resulted in neutralizing the enemy position and in saving a bridge that had been mined for destruction. His actions reflect the highest traditions of the armed forces. Entered military service from New York.

Technical Sergeant Marshall J. Serrin, 35269945, for gallantry in action against the enemy near Kellmünster, Germany on 29 March 1945. On an advance Technical Sergeant Serrin's company was delayed by small arms fire from prepared enemy positions. Upon realizing that his own machine guns were not getting into action quickly enough, Technical Sergeant Serrin dashed across an open field in direct view of the enemy to reach his own guns. Without regard for his own safety he quickly set up one of his own machine guns and delivered such an effective fire that the enemy action was neutralized. His action was in keeping with the highest standards of military conduct. Entered military service from Ohio.

R-E-S-T-R-I-C-T-E-D

General Orders Number 30, Headquarters 17th Airborne Division, APO 452, U.S. Army  
8 May 1945, continued:

Staff Sergeant Walter L. Lukens, Jr., 32074356, for gallantry in action against the enemy near Wesel, Germany on 24 March 1945. During the action immediately following the airborne landing across the Rhine River, Staff Sergeant Lukens and four of his men engaged an enemy strong point that was delivering fire on the battalion assembly area. Leading his men to within fifteen yards of the enemy held house, he then headed their assault on the position. In the action twelve of the enemy were wounded and about fifty captured. The gallant action of Staff Sergeant Lukens was in keeping with the highest standards of military service. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Staff Sergeant Clarence G. Thomasson, 34353690, for gallantry in action against the enemy near Wesseln, Germany on 31 March 1945. Staff Sergeant Thomasson, with brilliant and aggressive leadership, directed his platoon in clearing a wooded section of enemy positions that were holding up his battalions advance. Without regard for his personal safety, he continually exposed himself to enemy fire in directing his men to effective firing positions. Although twice wounded in the action, he continued to lead his men until the entire enemy held area had been cleared. His intrepid leadership and gallant action was in keeping with the highest standards of military service. Entered military service from Georgia.

Technician Fourth Grade Allison J. Trigg, 33720306, for gallantry in action against the enemy near Mussermushof, Germany on 24 March 1945. During the airborne operation across the Rhine River, Technician Fourth Grade Trigg's glider landed outside its designated landing zone. Immediately, however, Technician Fourth Grade Trigg set up an aid station and began treating both American and British wounded. Despite the enemy small arms and mortar fire in the area, his work was carried out effectively and efficiently. On one occasion he dashed across an open field exposed to direct enemy fire to reach a crashed glider and to give aid to the wounded man in it. His actions are heroic beyond the call of duty and in keeping with the highest standards of military conduct. Entered military service from Maryland.

Technician Fifth Grade John F. Albee, 3336165, for gallantry in action against the enemy near Mussermushof, Germany on 24 March 1945. Upon landing by glider outside his pre-designated landing zone, Technician Fifth Grade Albee set up an aid station while under heavy enemy small arms and automatic weapons fire and rendered first aid to American and British casualties. Later in the day, he dashed across an open field covered by heavy small arms and mortar fire to a glider that had crashed and rendered first aid to the injured men. His devotion to duty by exposing himself to great danger undoubtedly saved many lives and upholds the highest traditions of the service. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Technician Fifth Grade Richard C. Shaw, 32944680, for gallantry in action against the enemy near Mussermushof, Germany on 24 March 1945. Although his glider landed outside the designated landing zone, Technician Fifth Grade Shaw immediately set about his duties of establishing and operating an aid station despite heavy enemy fire in the area. Reportedly he exposed himself to enemy fire to give aid to both British and American wounded. His gallantry in carrying on in the area of intense enemy action undoubtedly saved the lives of many Allied soldiers that day. His actions are in accordance with the highest standards of military conduct. Entered military service from New York.

R-E-S-T-R-I-C-T-E-D

General Orders Number 30, Headquarters 17th Airborne Division, APO 452, U.S. Army  
8 May 1945, continued:

Private First Class Raymond J. Kelly, 31373350, for gallantry in action against the enemy near Wassel, Germany on 24 March 1945. Although seriously injured when the glider in which he was riding crashed during the airborne crossing of the Rhine River, Private First Class Kelly refused evacuation or treatment and fought with his platoon in overcoming initial enemy resistance. He conducted himself gallantly in battle until on the verge of collapse as a result of his injury. Only then did he submit to treatment and evacuation. His fighting spirit and unselfish devotion to duty was in keeping with the highest standards of military service. Entered military service from New Hampshire.

Private First Class Arne H. Lundgren, 37559304, for gallantry in action against the enemy near Wassel, Germany on 25 March 1945. Private First Class Lundgren was a radio operator with an artillery forward observation party attached to the attacking platoon of an infantry unit. When the platoon was pinned down by enemy fire, he alone advanced across an open field in order to better adjust fire for their support. In this position he was seriously wounded by shrapnel. Although in great suffering, he refused to be evacuated and continued with the attack. His gallant action gave the infantry continuous fire support and was in keeping with the highest standards of military conduct. Entered military service from Minnesota.

Private First Class John E. Moore, 37519110, for gallantry in action against the enemy near Wirstein, Germany on 8 April 1945. While advancing along a highway, Private First Class Moore discovered an enemy truck loaded with ammunition and an enemy artillery piece. Aggressively he brought the enemy vehicle under fire and as a result the ammunition box started to burn and explode. This blocked the road so that four other enemy trucks, each pulling an artillery piece, could not escape. As a result of his intrepid action, the platoon was able to capture the entire enemy battery. His conduct was in keeping with the highest standards of military service. Entered military service from Missouri.

Private First Class Alvin C. Ormsby, 37521134, for gallantry in action against the enemy near Wassel, Germany on 25 March 1945. During an enemy counter-attack on 25 March 1945, Private First Class Ormsby could not effectively fire his machine gun because of the harassing fire from a German machine gun located in a more advantageous position. Continuous observation disclosed the enemy weapon to be in a house about fifty yards from his position. With complete disregard for his personal safety, Private First Class Ormsby crawled up to the enemy position and silenced the gun with grenades. His action was in keeping with the highest standards of military conduct. Entered military service from Kansas.

Private First Class Williford E. Varner, 39137795, for gallantry in action against the enemy near Wulfen, Germany on 23 March 1945. On his own initiative and with complete disregard for his personal safety, Private First Class Varner crawled across an open field under intense and accurate enemy machine gun and artillery fire to retrieve ammunition left by casualties from an anti-tank platoon. Returning across the field, he helped to man an anti-tank gun and succeeded in routing an enemy tank that had inflicted heavy casualties on his unit. His fearless and aggressive action was in keeping with the highest traditions of the armed forces. Entered military service from California.

R-E-S-T-R-I-C-T-I-O-N

General Orders number 30, Headquarters 17th Airborne Division, APO 452, U.S. Army, 8 May 1945, continued:

Private First Class Louis Zarby, 35340305, for gallantry in action against the enemy near Amwinkeln, Germany on 24 March 1945. Upon landing in enemy territory during the airborne crossing of the Rhine River, the unit to which Private First Class Zarby belonged sustained heavy casualties from direct enemy fire. One wounded Zarby was lying within forty yards of an enemy held house and exposed to direct enemy fire. Private First Class Zarby and two other men attempted a rescue. Two of the men were killed and Private First Class Zarby was seriously wounded in the attempt. His unselfish action was in keeping with the highest traditions of the Armed Forces. Entered military service from Ohio.

Private David C. Watkins, (354169, for gallantry in action against the enemy near Wesell, Germany on 24 March 1945. During an attack against an enemy position, the two lead squads of Private Watkins' platoon were pinned down by crossfire from two enemy machine guns. Private Watkins' squad, which was in reserve, moved up to flank the enemy guns. Although he was under fire and was wounded, Private Watkins continued to try to bring his automatic rifle into action permitted the rest of the platoon to attack and destroy the enemy without loss of a single man. His heroic action was in keeping with the highest standards of the Armed Forces. Entered military service from Tennessee.

By command of Major General MILES:

W. K. LIEBEL,  
Colonel, GSO,  
Chief of Staff.

OFFICIAL:

*Gabe J. Lewis, Jr.*  
GABE J. LEWIS, JR.,  
Lt. Col., ASD,  
Adjutant General.

DISTRIBUTION  
0311

- Plus 3 copies - The Adjutant General, Washington 25, D. C.
- 2 copies - European Theatre of Operation, APO 887, U. S. Army
- 1 copy - Commanding General, First Allied Airborne Army, APO 740, U.S. Army
- 1 copy - Commanding General, Fifteenth United States Army, APO 408, U.S. Army
- 2 copies - Commanding General, XVIII Corps (Airborne), APO 102, U.S. Army.
- 2 copies - Commanding General, XXII Corps, APO 250, U. S. Army.
- 1 copy - Commanding General, 17th Army Group, Attn: 37th IAW.

R-E-S-T-R-I-C-T-E-D

HEADQUARTERS 17TH AIRBORNE DIVISION  
APO 452, U. S. ARMY

GENERAL ORDERS )  
NUMBER 31 )

8 May 1945

Award of Bronze Star Medal (Posthumous) Section I  
Award of Bronze Star Medal Section II

I. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL (Posthumous) --- Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and pursuant to authority contained in Memorandum Number 21, Headquarters Fifteenth United States Army, dated 4 March 1945, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded posthumously to:

First Sergeant Edmund L. Kissinger, 20759824, for heroic action against the enemy near Wesel, Germany, on 24 March 1945. After landing by parachute during the airborne operation across the Rhine River, First Sergeant Kissinger, upon arriving at the pre-designated command post, came under heavy enemy artillery, mortar and small arms fire. Exposing himself with complete disregard for his own safety, he attempted to reach a position from which he could direct fire on the enemy. During this action he was mortally wounded. First Sergeant Kissinger's courageous act was in keeping with the highest traditions of the armed forces. Entered military service from Kansas.

II. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL --- Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and pursuant to authority contained in Memorandum Number 21, Headquarters Fifteenth United States Army, dated 4 March 1945, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to:

Lieutenant Colonel William A. Kuhn, 0357704, Infantry, for heroic action against the enemy near Wesel, Germany, on 24 March 1945. Lieutenant Colonel Kuhn, although his right arm was rendered useless by injury in the glider landing, organized and led the glider serial from the landing area to the pre-designated command post. During this period of organization and movement the landing zone was covered with enemy small arms and anti-aircraft fire. With complete disregard for his own safety, he moved from glider to glider directing the unloading of supplies and equipment, assembling and organizing the men into an efficient fighting force. His actions were in accordance with the highest standards of military service. Entered military service from Wyoming.

Captain Joseph J. Davis, 01173920, Field Artillery, for heroic action against the enemy near Wesel, Germany, on 24 March 1945. Upon landing by glider during the airborne operation across the Rhine River, Captain Davis unloaded his glider while under enemy small arms and artillery fire and assisted in unloading other gliders in his immediate vicinity. He then organized the men who had landed with him and led them to the selected command post area. Finding it occupied by the enemy, Captain Davis personally led an assault which cleared three houses occupied by snipers. His actions were an inspiration to all who witnessed them and were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Louisiana.

Captain Russell H. Fairbanks, 0523690, Field Artillery, for heroic action against the enemy near Issenheim, Germany, on 24 March 1945. After landing by glider during the airborne operation across the Rhine River, Captain Fairbanks, with complete disregard for his own personal safety, led a small group of men



R-E-S-T-R-I-C-T-E-D

General Orders Number 31, Headquarters 17th Airborne Division, APO 452, U. S. Army  
8 May 1945, continued.

across 300 yards of enemy swept terrain to the predesignated command post. He immediately organized the artillery fire direction center and working tirelessly and without relief he conducted all fires in support of the infantry during the entire day. His heroic action was in keeping with the highest standards of military service. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

Captain Frederick G. Hoffine, Jr., O1313745, Infantry, for heroic action against the enemy near Deuten, Germany, on 28 March 1945. Captain Hoffine placed a mortar in action while under heavy enemy artillery fire. Without regard for personal safety, he adjusted its fire forcing the withdrawal of a German self-propelled gun that was firing direct at three friendly tanks. By his courageous act, Captain Hoffine succeeded in saving one of the tanks that was mined in an open field. His action was in accordance with the highest standards of the armed forces. Entered military service from California.

Captain Charles H. Jones, O386576, Field Artillery, for heroic action against the enemy near Wesol, Germany, on 24 March 1945. Immediately after landing by parachute in enemy territory during the airborne operation across the Rhine River, Captain Jones organized a small group of men into an effective fighting force. Moving under heavy enemy fire, Captain Jones and his party succeeded in flanking an enemy dugout and capturing eight enemy soldiers. He then reorganized his group and attacked an enemy strong point capturing approximately thirty prisoners. His leadership and courageous action were in keeping with the highest standards of military service. Entered military service from Ohio.

Captain Horace T. Lavelly, Jr., O1725452, Medical Corps, for heroic action against the enemy near Wesol, Germany, on 24 March 1945. After the airborne landing across the Rhine River, Captain Lavelly, with complete disregard for his own safety, moved about on the landing field under intense enemy fire giving first aid to wounded soldiers. He continued his duties during the entire day despite fatigue and heavy enemy action. His concern in caring for the wounded was in keeping with the highest traditions of the armed forces. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Captain Vernon L. Martin, O431746, Field Artillery, for heroic action against the enemy near Mussachshof, Germany, on 24 March 1945. Upon landing by glider during the airborne operation across the Rhine River, Captain Martin proceeded under heavy enemy fire across open terrain and assisted in capturing the predesignated command post. He then assumed his duties as communications officer and, despite enemy action, installed wire communications to all batteries and to the supported infantry. His complete disregard for personal safety and devotion to duty were a major contribution to the success of his unit. His action was in keeping with the highest standards of military conduct. Entered military service from Oklahoma.

Captain Loran B. Morgan, O515568, Medical Corps, for heroic action against the enemy near Wesol, Germany, on 24 March 1945. After landing by parachute during the airborne operation across the Rhine River, Captain Morgan's leadership and organizational ability made it possible to speedily establish an aid station which treated and cleared over a hundred casualties in the first few hours. Since many of the enlisted personnel of his medical detachment were missing, it was only through his superior performance and leadership under difficult tactical conditions that many men were able to receive medical attention in a minimum of time. His actions were in accordance with the highest standards of military service. Entered military service from Minnesota.

R-E-S-T-R-I-C-T-E-D

General Orders Number 31, Headquarters 17th Airborne Division, APO 452, U. S. Army  
8 May 1945, continued.

Captain Katsuni Nakadate, 0386714, Medical Corps, for heroic and meritorious action against the enemy near Wessli, Germany, on 24 March 1945. Captain Nakadate was painfully wounded by shrapnel before his glider landed. Without regard for his own wound, he immediately began giving first aid to the men around him, working tirelessly throughout the entire day. Only upon arrival of a replacement and under direct order of his unit commander was he evacuated. His devotion to duty while experiencing extreme pain was an inspiration to all men of his command. His action was in keeping with the highest standards of military conduct. Entered military service from Indiana.

Captain David R. Sellers, 0252593, Infantry, for heroic action against the enemy near Wessli, Germany, on 24 March 1945. Upon landing by glider during the airborne operation across the Rhine River, Captain Sellers immediately organized the glider load and began the movement of the group to the Battalion assembly area. On one occasion, Captain Sellers alone made a reconnaissance of a building known to contain enemy soldiers. By his sound tactical judgment and courageous actions, he caused the surrender of approximately twenty-five enemy soldiers. His aggressive and heroic leadership was in keeping with the highest standards of military service. Entered military service from North Carolina.

Captain James B. Thompson, 01170227, Tank Destroyer (Field Artillery), for heroic action against the enemy near Hunster, Germany, on 2 April 1945. Captain Thompson exhibited outstanding leadership and initiative by volunteering to engage an enemy pocket of resistance containing approximately 100 men, artillery and antiaircraft guns, several machine guns and other automatic weapons. He courageously led his force with a group of his own men, successfully neutralizing the enemy strong point despite the heavy enemy fire. During this action he evacuated a wounded Russian civilian lying in front of his own lines and under direct observation and fire by the enemy. His actions were in accordance with the highest standards of military service. Entered military service from Tennessee.

Captain William H. Underfer, 0306272, Field Artillery, for heroic action against the enemy near Wessli, Germany, on 24 March 1945. Immediately upon landing by glider during the airborne operation across the Rhine River, Captain Underfer organized a small group of his men and proceeded to the unit assembly area. During this act they were pinned down by intense enemy small arms and automatic weapons fire from a house. Captain Underfer then directed the movement to cover his group, organized base fire to neutralize the enemy strong point and then proceeded alone in search of reinforcements. Procuring a 75mm howitzer and crew he returned with them and reduced the enemy pocket. His heroic actions under fire inspired all who witnessed them and were in accordance with the highest standards of military service. Entered military service from Iowa.

Captain Thomas A. Walden, 0394093, Field Artillery, for heroic action against the enemy near Wessli, Germany, on 24 March 1945. After landing by glider during the airborne operation across the Rhine River, Captain Walden quickly assembled his battery under heavy small arms and automatic weapons fire and proceeded to the unit assembly area. En route to this area the battery was in need of supporting fire. Without regard for his personal safety, he made a hasty occupation of position and gave them the needed help. His skillful handling of the situation and coolness under fire was an inspiration to all men of his command. His action was in keeping with the highest standards of military service. Entered military service from Indiana.

R-E-S-T-R-I-C-T-E-D

General Orders Number 31, Headquarters 17th Airborne Division, APO 452, U. S. Arm  
8 May 1945, continued.

Captain Albert G. Wing, 0407212, Infantry, for heroic action against the enemy near Buldern, Germany, on 30 March 1945. Captain Wing unquestionably demonstrated courage above and beyond the call of duty in the attack on Buldern. He voluntarily entered the town as an observer for his company. His fortitude in advancing with the leading rifle elements reflects highly on himself and his unit. In making an early reconnaissance to familiarize himself with the layout a terrian of the town, Captain Wing was twice wounded. His action was in accordance with the highest traditions of military conduct. Entered military service from Mississippi.

Captain Allen R. Wright, 0316491, Field Artillery, for heroic and meritorious action against the enemy near Hussmanshof, Germany, on 24 March 1945. Upon landing by glider during the airborne operation across the Rhine River, Captain Wright calmly assembled his battery although subjected to heavy small arms, automatic weapons and artillery fire. Under his supervision all gliders were unloaded and enemy resistance overcome throughout the immediate area. Within two hours after landing his battery was firing in support of the Infantry. His action was in accordance with the highest standards of the military service. Entered military service from Texas.

First Lieutenant Stanley L. Ardziejewski, 0439594, Infantry, for heroic action against the enemy near Essen, Germany, on 14 April 1945. With complete disregard for his personal safety, First Lieutenant Ardziejewski led two squads across a bridge which was under automatic weapons and artillery fire. He then personally guided the men to concealed positions from which they could repel any enemy counter-attack. When ammunition ran low he again crossed the bridge and returned with more supplies. His actions and leadership were in keeping with the highest standards of military service. Entered military service from Michigan.

First Lieutenant David A. Blunt, 01844885, Infantry, for heroic action against the enemy near Munster, Germany, on 3 April 1945. First Lieutenant Blunt with complete disregard for personal safety, organized and led three separate bayonet assaults through a hail of small arms fire on an enemy artillery strong point which was manned by a force of enemy fanatics. His courage and leadership resulted in complete destruction of the enemy held position. First Lieutenant Blunt's action was in accordance with the highest traditions of the armed forces. Entered military service from Texas.

First Lieutenant Allie L. Cantley, 01316881, Infantry, for heroic action against the enemy near Buldern, Germany, on 30 March 1945. During the attack on the town of Buldern, First Lieutenant Cantley took charge of his company upon evacuation of the company commander. To affect maximum coordination in bitter house to house fighting, he exposed himself on numerous occasions to intense enemy fire in crossing streets to maintain close contact with the attacking echelons. His courage and leadership under such trying conditions reflect high credit upon himself and his organization. Entered military service from Washington.

General Orders Number 31, Headquarters 17th Airborne Division, APO 452, U. S. Army  
8 May 1945, continued.

First Lieutenant Edward C. Dennis, 01055575, Infantry, for heroic and meritorious action against the enemy near Munster, Germany, on 3 April 1945. On a night assault against an enemy strong point manned by a force of fanatics, First Lieutenant Dennis showed superior leadership and tactical skill. Upon successfully reaching his platoons objective, after working his way across open ground under heavy mortar and small arms fire, he quickly realized that the enemy bunker could not be taken with the weapons available. He then coolly reorganized his group and executed an orderly withdrawal thereby keeping casualties to a minimum. His actions were in accordance with the highest standards of military service. Entered military service from Ohio.

First Lieutenant Hillard S. Durr, 01180172, Field Artillery, for heroic action against the enemy near Hussmanshof, Germany, on 24 March 1945. First Lieutenant Dura was executive of a battery which landed about 400 yards behind an enemy artillery battery. Enemy personnel, other than the gun crews, were concealed in a farmhouse a few yards away directing small arms fire against our forces causing heavy casualties. First Lieutenant Dura went forward to his first howitzer section. Finding the gunner corporal was not available, he immediately assumed the duties of gunner and effectively fired into the enemy strongpoint. His aggressive leadership was an inspiration to all who saw him and was in accordance with the highest traditions of the armed forces. Entered military service from Illinois.

First Lieutenant Max E. Freeman, 01184048, Field Artillery, for heroic action against the enemy near Wesel, Germany, on 24 March 1945. Upon landing by glider during the airborne operation across the Rhine River, First Lieutenant Freeman immediately unloaded his glider and supervised the unloading of others in the vicinity while under heavy small arms and artillery fire. He then proceeded with three howitzers to the predesignated assembly area and within two hours had the battery ready to fire missions in support of the infantry. His cool disregard for personal safety while under fire inspired all who witnessed the act and was in accordance with the highest standards of military service. Entered military service from Michigan.

First Lieutenant Thomas F. Magner, 0177067, Field Artillery, for heroic action against the enemy near Wesel, Germany, on 24 March 1945. After landing by glider during the airborne operation across the Rhine River, First Lieutenant Magner unloaded his glider under small arms and artillery fire. Without regard for his personal safety he checked all the glider in his area to assure himself that all wounded were cared for and all equipment assembled. He then personally led his battery to its predesignated area, capturing intact a lightly held enemy artillery battery. His actions were in accordance with the highest standards of military service. Entered military service from New York.

First Lieutenant Martin C. McKenzie, 0341259, Infantry, for heroic and meritorious service against the enemy in Belgium and Luxembourg, from 7 January 1945 to 3 February 1945. First Lieutenant McKenzie, although wounded by artillery fire, refused evacuation and continued with his duties despite heavy enemy action and bitter winter weather. He acted as battalion supply officer throughout the operation, and performed his duty at all times in a superior manner. His dauntless



H-E-S-T-R-I-C-T-E-D

General Orders Number 31, Headquarters 17th Airborne Division, APO 452, U. S. Arm.  
8 May 1945, continued.

courage and staunch fortitude in continuing his work, although wounded, was in accordance with the highest standards of military service. Entered military service from South Carolina.

*award ANNOUNCED BY GO# 36 -- 10 May 1945 to read C.O.*

\*First Lieutenant Don R. Mort, O1923857, Infantry, for heroic action against the enemy near Dorsten, Germany, on 29 March 1945. Without regard for personal safety, First Lieutenant Mort maintained close machine gun support for attacking infantry units. On one occasion a platoon was pinned down by enemy machine gun fire. Upon receiving permission from his company commander, he assisted his gun crew in moving their weapon to a new position. He and his men exposed themselves to enemy fire so as to bring effective fire on the enemy strong point. This act resulted in knocking out the German position. His actions were in accordance with the highest standards of military service. Entered military service from New York.

First Lieutenant Frank H. Poole, O536907, Field Artillery, for heroic action against the enemy near Wesel, Germany, on 24 March 1945. Upon landing by glider during the airborne operation across the Rhine River, First Lieutenant Poole learned that his battery commander had been mortally wounded. He immediately took over command and proceeded to occupy a position under enemy small arms fire. He organized the clearing of scattered snipers and personally led a squad to clear snipers from the left flank of his position. First Lieutenant Poole's coolness and disregard for personal safety were an inspiration to all who witnessed his acts and were in accordance with the highest traditions of the armed forces. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

First Lieutenant Paul W. Robison, O1543489, Medical Administrative Corps, for heroic action against the enemy near Wesel, Germany, on 24 March 1945. Immediately after landing by glider during the airborne operation across the Rhine River, First Lieutenant Robison succeeded in collecting a medical section and led them to suitable cover where an aid station was established. By his alertness, aggressiveness, disregard for personal safety and accurate estimate of the situation, he inspired the medical section to quickly gather and treat a large number of casualties. His actions were in accordance with the highest standards of military service. Entered military service from Michigan.

First Lieutenant Victor R. Zappettini, O1822848, Tank Destroyer (Field Artillery) for heroic and meritorious action against the enemy from Wesel to Munster, Germany, during the period 27 March 1945 to 4 April 1945. First Lieutenant Zappettini repeatedly exhibited outstanding leadership and initiative by volunteering to undertake tasks involving great risk and courage. At Munster he placed his reconnaissance platoon preceding the forward elements of the armored-motorized attack. By quick aggressive action, he located enemy positions and without infantry support, took ten prisoners. On one other occasion he found a road which had been by-passed by the column and voluntarily eliminated all enemy positions in the area taking twenty more prisoners. His outstanding courage and initiative were in keeping with the highest traditions of the armed forces. Entered military service from California.



General Orders Number 31, Headquarters 17th Airborne Division, APO 452, U. S. Army  
8 May 1945, continued.

First Lieutenant Edward C. Dennis, 01055575, Infantry, for heroic and meritorious action against the enemy near Munster, Germany, on 3 April 1945. On a night assault against an enemy strong point manned by a force of fanatics, First Lieutenant Dennis showed superior leadership and tactical skill. Upon successfully reaching his platoons objective, after working his way across open ground under heavy mortar and small arms fire, he quickly realized that the enemy bunker could not be taken with the weapons available. He then coolly reorganized his group and executed an orderly withdrawal thereby keeping casualties to a minimum. His actions were in accordance with the highest standards of military service. Entered military service from Ohio.

First Lieutenant Hillard S. Dura, 01180172, Field Artillery, for heroic action against the enemy near Husemanshof, Germany, on 24 March 1945. First Lieutenant Dura was executive of a battery which landed about 400 yards behind an enemy artillery battery. Enemy personnel, other than the gun crews, were concealed in a farmhouse a few yards away directing small arms fire against our forces causing heavy casualties. First Lieutenant Dura went forward to his first howitzer section. Finding the gunner corporal was not available, he immediately assumed the duties of gunner and effectively fired into the enemy strongpoint. His aggressive leadership was an inspiration to all who saw him and was in accordance with the highest traditions of the armed forces. Entered military service from Illinois.

First Lieutenant Max E. Freeman, 01184048, Field Artillery, for heroic action against the enemy near Wesel, Germany, on 24 March 1945. Upon landing by glider during the airborne operation across the Rhine River, First Lieutenant Freeman immediately unloaded his glider and supervised the unloading of others in the vicinity while under heavy small arms and artillery fire. He then proceeded with three howitzers to the predesignated assembly area and within two hours had the battery ready to fire missions in support of the infantry. His cool disregard for personal safety while under fire inspired all who witnessed the act and was in accordance with the highest standards of military service. Entered military service from Michigan.

First Lieutenant Thomas F. Wagner, 01177067, Field Artillery, for heroic action against the enemy near Wesel, Germany, on 24 March 1945. After landing by glider during the airborne operation across the Rhine River, First Lieutenant Wagner unloaded his glider under small arms and artillery fire. Without regard for his personal safety he checked all the glider in his area to assure himself that all wounded were cared for and all equipment assembled. He then personally led his battery to its predesignated area, capturing intact a lightly held enemy artillery battery. His actions were in accordance with the highest standards of military service. Entered military service from New York.

First Lieutenant Martin C. McKenzie, 0341259, Infantry, for heroic and meritorious service against the enemy in Belgium and Luxembourg, from 7 January 1945 to 3 February 1945. First Lieutenant McKenzie, although wounded by artillery fire, refused evacuation and continued with his duties despite heavy enemy action and bitter winter weather. He acted as battalion supply officer throughout the operation, and performed his duty at all times in a superior manner. His dauntless

R-E-S-T-R-I-C-T-E-D

General Orders Number 31, Headquarters 17th Airborne Division, APO 452, U. S. Arm  
8 May 1945, continued.

courage and staunch fortitude in continuing his work, although wounded, was in accordance with the highest standards of military service. Entered military serv. from South Carolina.

*award AMEND. BY GO# 36 -- 16 May 1945 to read etc.*

\* First Lieutenant Don R. Mort, 01323857, Infantry, for heroic action against the enemy near Dorsten, Germany, on 29 March 1945. Without regard for personal safety, First Lieutenant Mort maintained close machine gun support for attacking infantry units. On one occasion a platoon was pinned down by enemy machine gun fire. Upon receiving permission from his company commander, he assisted his gun crew in moving their weapon to a new position. He and his men exposed themselves to enemy fire so as to bring effective fire on the enemy strong point. This act resulted in knocking out the German position. His actions were in accordance with the highest standards of military service. Entered military service from New York.

First Lieutenant Frank H. Poole, 0536987, Artillery, for heroic action against the enemy near Wesel, Germany, on 24 March 1945. Upon landing by glider during the airborne operation across the Rhine River, First Lieutenant Poole learned that his battery commander had been mortally wounded. He immediately took over command and proceeded to occupy a position under enemy small arms fire. He organized the clearing of scattered snipers and personally led a squad to clear snipers from the left flank of his position. First Lieutenant Poole's coolness and disregard for personal safety were an inspiration to all who witnessed his acts and were in accordance with the highest traditions of the armed forces. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

First Lieutenant Paul W. Robison, 01543489, Medical Administrative Corps, for heroic action against the enemy near Wesel, Germany, on 24 March 1945. Immediately after landing by glider during the airborne operation across the Rhine River, First Lieutenant Robison succeeded in collecting a medical section and led them to suitable cover where an aid station was established. By his alertness, aggressiveness, disregard for personal safety and accurate estimate of the situation, he inspired the medical section to quickly gather and treat a large number of casualties. His actions were in accordance with the highest standards of military service. Entered military service from Michigan.

First Lieutenant Victor H. Zappettini, 01822848, Tank Destroyer (Field Artillery) for heroic and meritorious action against the enemy from Wesel to Munster, Germany, during the period 27 March 1945 to 4 April 1945. First Lieutenant Zappettini repeatedly exhibited outstanding leadership and initiative by voluntarily undertaking tasks involving great risk and courage. At Munster he placed his reconnaissance platoon preceding the forward elements of the armored-motorized attack. By quick aggressive action, he located enemy positions and without infantry support, took ten prisoners. On one other occasion he found a road which had been by-passed by the column and voluntarily eliminated all enemy positions in the area taking twenty more prisoners. His outstanding courage and initiative were in keeping with the highest traditions of the armed forces. Entered military serv. from Florida.

R-E-S-T-R-I-C-T-E-D

General Orders Number 31, Headquarters 17th Airborne Division, APO 452, U. S. Army  
8 May 1945, continued.

Second Lieutenant Woodrow W. Jorgensen, 01185282, Field Artillery, for heroic action against the enemy near Hussmanshof, Germany, on 24 March 1945. Upon landing by glider during the airborne operation across the Rhine River, Second Lieutenant Jorgensen immediately assisted in capturing the predesignated command post. He then assumed his duties as assistant communications officer and under heavy enemy fire installed wire communications to all batteries and to the supported infantry. His complete disregard for personal safety and devotion to duty were a major contribution to the success of his unit and in accordance with the highest standards of military service. Entered military service from Illinois.

Second Lieutenant James H. McClurkin, 0532145, Field Artillery, for heroic action against the enemy near Wesel, Germany, on 24 March 1945. Immediately upon landing by parachute during the airborne operation across the Rhine River; Second Lieutenant McClurkin, under intense enemy small arms and machine gun fire, directed the assembly and firing of a 75mm howitzer onto enemy machine guns and snipers. His aggressive conduct of fire enabled numerous hostile positions to be neutralized and friendly units to gain their positions with a minimum of casualties. His actions were in accordance with the highest standards of military service. Entered military service from Alabama.

Second Lieutenant Robert A. Salewski, 0886869, Infantry, for heroic action against the enemy near Basballain, Belgium on 24 January 1945. Second Lieutenant Salewski was standing by a jeep that struck a mine. The explosion mortally wounded the driver and a piece of steel struck Second Lieutenant Salewski in the eye rendering him temporarily unconscious. Upon regaining consciousness, disregarding his own wound and the fact that the locality was heavily mined and booby trapped, he loaded the wounded driver into a passing vehicle and guided it over three miles to an aid station. His heroic act was carried out in spite of a painful and profusely bleeding wound which rendered him partially blind. Entered military service from Illinois.

By command of Major General MILEY:

OFFICIAL:

*Gabe W. Lewis, Jr.*  
GABE W. LEWIS, JR.,  
Lt. Col., AGD,  
Adjutant General.

W. K. LIEBEL;  
Colonel, GSC,  
Chief of Staff.

DISTRIBUTION

"E"

- Plus 3 copies - The Adjutant General, Washington 25, D.C.
- 2 copies - European Theater of Operations, APO 887, U. S. Army.
- 1 copy - Commanding General, First Allied Airborne Army, APO 740, U. S. Army
- 1 copy - Commanding General, Fifteenth United States Army, APO 408, U.S. Army
- 2 copies - Commanding General, XVIII Corps (Airborne), APO 109, U. S. Army.
- 2 copies - Commanding General, XXII Corps, APO 250, U. S. Army.
- 1 copy - Commanding General, Twelfth Army Group, Attn: 37th MRU.

*Annual report*  
*[Handwritten signature]*

R E S T R I C T E D

HEADQUARTERS 17TH AIRBORNE DIVISION  
APO 452, U. S. ARMY

GENERAL ORDERS )  
NUMBER 32 )

8 May 1945

Award of the Bronze Star Medal	Section I
Award of the Bronze Star Medal (Posthumous)	Section II
Award of the Bronze Star Medal	Section III
Amendment	Section IV
Amendment	Section V

I. AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL-- Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and pursuant to authority contained in Memorandum Number 21, Headquarters Fifteenth United States Army, dated 4 March 1945, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to:

First Sergeant Basil W. Simmons, 34027437, for heroic action against the enemy near Wesel, Germany on 24 March 1945. After landing by parachute in enemy hold territory, First Sergeant Simmons, quickly assembled his howitzer under intense enemy small arms and machine gun fire. He organized and personally directed the fire against enemy positions that had been inflicting casualties on parachutists landing on the drop zones. His fearless action and aggressive leadership were in keeping with the highest standards of military conduct. Entered military service from South Carolina.

Second Lieutenant (then Technical Sergeant) James C. Cox, 02016411, Infantry, for heroic action against the enemy from 28 March 1945 to 2 April 1945 in northwestern Germany. During the period cited, Second Lieutenant Cox's intrepid leadership and his sound and aggressive application of tactical principles contributed materially to the successful combat operations of his unit. Through personal heroism and untiring zeal, he was able rapidly and effectively to support attacking infantry units with his heavy weapons. His good judgment and inspiring leadership were in keeping with the highest standards of military conduct. Entered military service from Oklahoma.

Technical Sergeant Edward S. Harlow, 35043770, for heroic action against the enemy near Wesel, Germany on 24 March 1945. Although severely injured in the airborne landing across the Rhine River, Technical Sergeant Harlow courageously led his depleted detachment in the establishment of an aid station and the treatment of casualties. During the early hours of the operation when casualties were heavy, he continued his duties without rest or relief. His selfless devotion to duty saved many lives and prevented much suffering. His conduct was in keeping with the finest traditions of the armed forces. Entered military service from Indiana.

Technical Sergeant O'Hara I. Near, 36145577, for heroic and meritorious action against the enemy near Hussmanshof, Germany on 26 March 1945. As battalion operations sergeant, Technical Sergeant Near thoroughly trained his section so that they operated smoothly and efficiently in the critical hours of combat. Upon landing in enemy territory during the airborne crossing of the Rhine River, he assumed his duties in a very superior manner despite the intense enemy action. His efficiency and good leadership contributed materially to the speed with which the battalion was assembled and ready to fire in support of the infantry. His conduct was in keeping with the highest standards of military service. Entered military service from Michigan.



R-E-S-T-R-I-C-T-E-D

General Orders Number 32, Headquarters 17th Airborne Division, APO 452, U. S. Army  
8 May 1945, continued:

Technical Sergeant Matias C. Ransom, 18104300, for heroic action against the enemy near Schornbeck, Germany, on 27 March 1945. When the advance of his company was halted by an enemy tank, Technical Sergeant Ransom, with complete disregard for his own safety, crossed an open field to reach an American tank and to direct its fire against the enemy vehicle. Through his courageous action, the enemy tank was destroyed. He then directed the tank fire against enemy motor vehicles loaded with troops. His aggressive and fearless action contributed materially to the unqualified success of his unit in combat operations. His actions were in keeping with the highest standards of the armed forces. Entered military service from Texas.

Technical Sergeant Joseph J. Repich, 3203354, for heroic action against the enemy near Wesel, Germany, on 24 March 1945. During the airborne attack across the Rhine River, Technical Sergeant Repich was a member of a party of ten men moving from the parachute drop zone to the assembly area. During the movement, the party came under heavy fire from an enemy field house. With another man, Technical Sergeant Repich rushed the house and secured the position from the enemy. He then used the building as an observation post from which he could direct artillery fire against enemy batteries. His heroic action was in accordance with the highest standards of military conduct. Entered military service from New York.

~~Staff Sergeant~~ Lesley D. Coddington, 17010360, for heroic action against the enemy near Wesel, Germany, on 24 March 1945. While deep behind enemy lines, Staff Sergeant Coddington found a wounded soldier who had apparently been blown away from his designated landing zone during the airborne landing. Unmindful of his own safety, Staff Sergeant Coddington returned to his unit, procured a jeep and returned for his wounded comrade. His heroic action despite intense enemy activity throughout the area was worthy of the highest praise. His conduct was in accordance with the highest traditions of the armed service. Entered military service from Arkansas.

Staff Sergeant Perry W. Cory, 36070664, for heroic action against the enemy near Munster, Germany, on 2 April 1945. During a stiff fire fight with the enemy, Staff Sergeant Cory was delivering ammunition to his company. The right flank of the company's zone of action was open and the only approach was a road parallel to the exposed flank. Although the road was under fire, Staff Sergeant Cory made four trips supplying not only his own company but adjacent ones as well. Only through his action was sufficient ammunition made available to repulse an enemy counter attack. His actions were exemplary of the highest traditions of the armed forces. Entered military service from Illinois.

Staff Sergeant Thomas G. Halbert, 38530979, for heroic action against the enemy near Brunen, Germany, on 25 March 1945. During his company's initial mission of clearing a woods, Staff Sergeant Halbert's platoon moved slightly ahead of the adjacent platoon and encountered a canal obstructing their advance. Although the enemy disposition on the other side of the canal was unknown, Staff Sergeant Halbert unhesitatingly waded across, climbed the far bank and engaged two enemy soldiers at very close range. Inspired by his example, the remainder of the platoon effected a crossing and won positions on the opposite bank. Staff Sergeant Halbert's unhesitating courage and aggressiveness were in keeping with the highest tradition of the armed forces. Entered military service from Texas.

Staff Sergeant Kay A. McFarland, 37518905, for heroic action against the enemy during the period 24 March 1945 to 13 April 1945 in northwestern Germany. Staff Sergeant McFarland assumed command of his platoon when his platoon leader became



R-E-S-T-R-I-C-T-E-D

General Orders Number 32, Headquarters 17th Airborne Division, APO 452, U. S. Army  
8 May 1945, continued:

casualty on D-day, 24 March 1945. He organized the platoon, led it in the attack, and successfully reached all objectives assigned even though enemy resistance was stubborn. Staff Sergeant McFarland's superior personal courage and aggressive leadership were in keeping with the highest standards of military service. Entered military service from Kansas.

Staff Sergeant Leo O. Moore, 16017302, for heroic action against the enemy near Wesel, Germany, on 24 March 1945. During the airborne attack across the Rhine River, Staff Sergeant Moore conducted himself with heroism by carrying out his duties of establishing communications in spite of intense enemy small arms and artillery fire. As a result of his dauntless courage and high sense of duty, our own artillery was enabled to deliver fire in support of the attack in an extremely short time after the airborne landing. His service was in accordance with the highest standards of military conduct. Entered military service from Illinois.

Staff Sergeant Arnold H. Severson, 16033248, for heroic action against the enemy near Hussmanshof, Germany, on 24 March 1945. Although landing approximately two miles from his designated landing zone, Staff Sergeant Severson immediately directed the men under him in establishing an aid station. In spite of the intense enemy small arms and mortar fire, they were able to render first aid to a large number of American and British troops. The efficiency and coolness under fire of Staff Sergeant Severson was an inspiration to all who saw him and undoubtedly resulted in saving many lives. His devotion to duty and determination to render aid exemplified the highest traditions of the armed forces. Entered military service from Illinois.

Staff Sergeant Frank T. Tomascin, 35221600, for heroic action against the enemy near Hussmanshof, Germany, on 24 March 1945. During the airborne crossing of the Rhine River, Staff Sergeant Tomascin exposed himself to intense enemy small arms fire to give aid to a wounded comrade. His inspiring leadership throughout the action and his unusual personal courage were worthy of the highest praise. His conduct was soldierly in the highest degree and in keeping with the best traditions of the armed forces. Entered military service from Ohio.

Second Lieutenant (then Staff Sergeant) Paul E. Totten, 02011110, Medical Administrative Corps, for heroic action against the enemy near Wesel, Germany, on 24 March 1945. Acting as a medical technician during the airborne operation across the Rhine River, Second Lieutenant Totten conducted himself with distinction by rendering first aid to many wounded under intense enemy action. On one occasion he dashed across an open field under direct enemy fire to reach a wounded man. On another he was hit and wounded slightly and the patient on whom he was working was hit. His dauntless courage and efficiency were in keeping with the highest traditions of the armed forces. Entered military service from West Virginia.

Sergeant James W. Beard, 33720497, for heroic action against the enemy near Hussmanshof, Germany, on 24 March 1945. After landing by glider under heavy small arms, tank, and artillery fire, he and another soldier returned to the damaged glider to retrieve vital signal equipment that later proved the means of communication for dispersing an assembly of German self-propelled guns and infantry assembling for a counter-attack. His high sense of duty in exposing himself to secure the equipment that he knew to be essential in prosecuting the attack, reflects credit upon himself and his unit. Entered military service from Washington, D. C.

R-E-S-T-R-I-C-T-E-D

General Orders Number 32, Headquarters 17th Airborne Division, AFO 452, U. S. Army  
8 May 1945, continued:

Technician Fourth Grade Adasaus Karwasa, 6134666, for heroic action against the enemy near Wesel, Germany, on 24 March 1945. Technician Fourth Grade Karwasa, with his chief of section missing and while under intense enemy machine gun and small arms fire, exposed himself with complete disregard for his own safety to direct the assembly of his howitzer and to direct its fire on enemy positions on the perimeter of the landing field. His unhesitating courage and aggressive action enabled artillery units to complete assembling of other howitzers and gain position with a minimum of casualties and in a minimum of time. His action was in keeping with the highest standards of military service. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

Corporal Donald L. Blinling, 35140534, for heroic action against the enemy near Hussmanshof, Germany, on 24 March 1945. Upon landing by glider in enemy held territory, Corporal Blinling was the only one of only one other man, succeeded in unloading a jeep containing a valuable radio set. Although continuously under fire, he drove the vehicle about the perimeter of the headquarters area where it was used in establishing contact with other units during the early critical hours of the airborne operation. His actions had much to do with the success of his unit and were in accordance with the highest standards of military conduct. Entered military service from Indiana.

Corporal Kermit A. DeLorse, 10071724, for heroic action against the enemy near Hamminkeln, Germany, on 24 March 1945. Corporal DeLorse, an aid man, crossed an open field under heavy small arms and mortar fire, without regard for his personal safety, in order to give first aid to a man who was badly wounded. His prompt action saved the man from bleeding to death. This unhesitating action in the face of heavy fire was an inspiration to all who witnessed it and was in accordance with the highest standards of military conduct. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

Corporal William H. Goodwin, 36744347, for heroic action against the enemy near Wesel, Germany, on 24 March 1945. Corporal Goodwin showed great courage and initiative during the airborne operation across the Rhine River by immediately starting the job of unloading a howitzer and ammunition from gliders on the landing field. When the gun crew had been assembled, he led the movement to the selected position. Finding it under enemy fire, he courageously headed a reconnaissance party which accurately located enemy positions and brought them under artillery fire. Corporal Goodwin's cool leadership and aggressiveness throughout the action were in keeping with the highest standards of military conduct. Entered military service from Michigan.

Corporal Robert E. Gray, 35140269, for heroic action against the enemy near Hussmanshof, Germany, on 24 March 1945. Corporal Gray performed with particular brilliance during the airborne crossing of the Rhine River by keeping his battery supplied with ammunition. Supplies that had been dropped by parachute and landed by glider were widely scattered and were frequently in areas covered by enemy fire. In spite of this, Corporal Gray, with initiative and aggressiveness, assembled sufficient ammunition for his battery to maintain supporting fire for the infantry. His actions were in accordance with the highest standards of military conduct. Entered military service from Indiana.

II. AWARD OF BROUZE STAR MEDAL (Posthumous) -- Under the provisions of AR 600-15, 22 September 1943, as amended, and pursuant to authority contained in Memorandum

R-E-S-T-R-I-C-T-E-D

General Orders Number 32, Headquarters 17th Airborne Division, APO 452, U. S. Army  
8 May 1945, continued:

Number 21, Headquarters Fifteenth United States Army, dated 4 March 1945, the  
Bronze Star Medal is awarded posthumously to:

Major James R. Dickerson, 0371084, Infantry, for meritorious service during  
the period 1 January 1945 to 15 February 1945. Entered military service from  
Wisconsin.

Captain George J. Roper, 01288449, Infantry, for meritorious service during  
the period 30 July 1944 to 11 February 1945. Entered military service from  
Massachusetts.

III. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL:-- Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 Sep-  
tember 1943, as amended, and pursuant to authority contained in Memorandum Number  
21, Headquarters Fifteenth United States Army, dated 4 March 1945, the Bronze Star  
Medal is awarded to:

Lieutenant Colonel Clark H. Bailey, 015839, Infantry, for meritorious service  
during the period 20 March 1945 to 1 May 1945. Entered military service from  
Pennsylvania.

Lieutenant Colonel Lewis R. Good, 0259321, General Staff Corps, for meritorio  
service during the period 1 January 1945 to 1 May 1945. Entered military service  
from Pennsylvania.

Lieutenant Colonel Raymond H. Tiffany, 020348, Quartermaster Corps, for  
meritorious service during the period 15 February 1945 to 1 April 1945. Entered  
military service from New York.

Major Glenn R. Aytos, 0324655, Infantry, for meritorious service during the  
period 2 January 1945 to 9 February 1945. Entered military service from Tennessee

Major Robert R. Corey, 0382063, General Staff Corps, for meritorious service  
during the period 15 February 1945 to 24 March 1945. Entered military service fr  
Kansas.

Major John D. Gray, 0397802, Adjutant General Department, for meritorious  
service during the period 1 January 1945 to 1 May 1945. Entered military service  
from Oregon.

Captain Herman W. Alford, 01294669, Adjutant General Department, for meri-  
torious service during the period 24 March 1945 to 1 May 1945. Entered military  
service from Mississippi.

Captain Carl A. Davis, 01042541, Coast Artillery Corps, for meritorious  
service during the period 15 April 1943 to 1 May 1945. Entered military service  
from Louisiana.

Captain Turner A. Fuss, 01283237, Infantry, for meritorious service during  
the period 4 January 1945 to 10 February 1945. Entered military service from  
Georgia.

Captain Walter S. Robinson, Jr., 01293698, Infantry, for meritorious service

R-E-S-T-R-I-C-T-E-D

General Orders Number 32, Headquarters 17th Airborne Division, APO 452, U. S. Army  
8 May 1945, continued:

during the period 24 March 1945 to 23 April 1945. Entered military service from North Carolina.

Captain Sigvard J. Tysko, 0104083, Coast Artillery Corps, for meritorious service during the period 24 March 1945 to 26 April 1945. Entered military service from Oregon.

First Lieutenant Joseph V. Drulis, 01289461, Infantry, for meritorious service during the period 24 March 1945 to 23 April 1945. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Staff Sergeant Donald R. Carr, 35273736, for meritorious service during the period 4 January 1945 to 5 April 1945. Entered military service from Indiana.

Staff Sergeant Joseph R. ... 33552536, for meritorious service during the period 24 March 1945 to 5 April 1945. Entered military service from Maryland.

Sergeant Billie C. Curvanchan, 6560549, for meritorious service during the period 24 March 1945 to 5 April 1945. Entered military service from Washington.

Sergeant Arlie G. Hopkins, 33780097, for meritorious service during the period 24 March 1945 to 5 April 1945. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

*OK* IV. AMENDMENT --- So much of Section I, General Orders Number 29, this Headquarters, dated 3 May 1945, as pertains to Staff Sergeant James W. Thornburn, 15077608, reading, "the Bronze Star Medal", is amended to read, "the Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal".

*OK* V. AMENDMENT --- So much of Section I, General Orders Number 29, this Headquarters, dated 3 May 1945, as reads, "Sergeant LeRoy A. O'Laughlin, 33436570", is amended to read, "Second Lieutenant (then Sergeant) LeRoy A. O'Laughlin, 02011112".

By command of Major General LILEY:

W. K. LIEBEL,  
Colonel, GSC,  
Chief of Staff.

OFFICIAL:

*George W. Lente, Jr.*  
GEORGE W. LENTE, JR.,  
Lt. Col., AF,  
Adjutant General.

DISTRIBUTION

- 1 us 3 copies - The Adjutant General, Washington 25, D. C.
- 2 copies - European Theatre of Operations, APO 887, U. S. Army.
- 1 copy - Commanding General, First Allied Airborne Army, APO 740, U. S. Army
- 1 copy - Commanding General, Fifteenth United States Army, APO 408, U. S. Army
- 2 copies - Commanding General, XIII Corps (Airborne), APO 109, U. S. Army.
- 2 copies - Commanding General, XIII Corps, APO 250, U. S. Army.
- 1 copy - Commanding General, Twelfth Army Group, Attn: 37th IIRU.

R-E-S-T-R-I-C-T-E-D

HEADQUARTERS 17TH AIRBORNE DIVISION  
APO 452, U. S. ARMY

GENERAL ORDERS )  
NUMBER 33 )

8 May 1945.

Award of Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster to	
Bronze Star Medal	Section I
Award of Bronze Star Medal	Section II
Award of Bronze Star Medal	Section III
Recision	Section IV
Recision	Section V
Award of Bronze Star Medal	Section VI

I. AWARD OF BRONZE OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO BRONZE STAR MEDAL -- Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and pursuant to authority contained in Memorandum Number 21, Headquarters Fifteenth United States Army, dated 4 March 1945, the Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster to Bronze Star Medal is awarded to:

Technician Fifth Grade Alfonso H. Arredondo, 37520941, for heroic action against the enemy near Hussenshof, Germany, on 24 March 1945. Upon landing by glider during the airborne operation across the Rhine River, Technician Fifth Grade Arredondo and the men about him were subjected to heavy small arms, flak and artillery fire. He and another soldier immediately entered a damaged glider to retrieve vital signal equipment. This equipment later proved the means of communications by which artillery support was delivered to the infantry. The actions of Technician Fifth Grade Arredondo were in accordance with the highest standards of military service. Entered military service from Kansas.

Technician Fifth Grade Walter O. Hierisch, 37610883, for heroic action against the enemy near Wesol, Germany, for the period 24 March 1945 to 27 March 1945. Immediately upon landing by glider during the airborne operation across the Rhine River, Technician Fifth Grade Hierisch took over the job of section leader in the absence of his non-commissioned officer. He then assembled his vehicles and proceeded to the predesignated clearing station. Technician Fifth Grade Hierisch supervised two trips collecting casualties before the officer in charge arrived. His outstanding leadership was in accordance with the highest standards of military service. Entered military service from Missouri.

II. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL -- Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and pursuant to authority contained in Memorandum Number 21, Headquarters Fifteenth United States Army, dated 4 March 1945, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to:

Corporal George J. Leon, 33399411, for heroic action against the enemy near Hammeln, Germany, on 24 March 1945. After landing by glider during the airborne operation across the Rhine River, Corporal Leon unloaded his piece and acted as gunner in direct fire on a German gun which was systematically destroying gliders as they landed on the field. After firing several rounds he was wounded by a muzzle burst. Despite his wounds he remained with his unit to continue the fight until later ordered to report to the aid station. His actions were an inspiration to all who witnessed them and were in accordance with the highest standards of military service. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Corporal Nathan L. McCoy, 33631921, for heroic action against the enemy near

-1-

R-E-S-T-R-I-C-T-E-D



R-E-S-T-R-I-C-T-E-D

General Orders Number 33, Headquarters 17th Airborne Division, APO 452, U. S. Army, 8 May 1945, continued:

Stockhausen, Germany, on 11 April 1945. After being pinned down by heavy enemy small arms, flak, and direct fire from both artillery and tanks, Corporal McCoy, with utter disregard for his personal safety, maintained constant and effective communication back to his base radio while directing artillery fire. This act materially aided in the routing of enemy tanks and infantry opposing our own forces and thus reducing casualties. His action was in accordance with the highest traditions of the armed forces. Entered military service from Virginia.

Technician Fifth Grade Joseph J. Deutsch, 13059365, for heroic action against the enemy near Wesel, Germany, on 24 March 1945. Upon landing by parachute during the airborne crossing of the Rhine River, Technician Fifth Grade Deutsch, with utter disregard for his own safety, began giving first aid to the wounded while under heavy enemy small arms fire. He worked continuously until all the men in the vicinity were given aid and moved to safety. He then assisted in setting up the battalion aid station and caring for the wounded until they were cleared from the aid station. His actions were in accordance with the highest standards of military service. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Technician Fifth Grade Ernest W. Elder, 39408204, for heroic action against the enemy near Dorsten, Germany, on 28 March 1945. Technician Fifth Grade Elder was a jeep ambulance driver for the battalion medical section. He unhesitatingly volunteered to drive a medical officer through enemy lines to bring back three of our wounded. In doing so he was fully aware of the hazards involved, but carried on with complete disregard for his own safety. This act resulted in safely recovering the wounded men to our own lines. His courage was indeed above and beyond the call of duty and was in accordance with the highest standards of military service. Entered military service from California.

Technician Fifth Grade Albert P. Gillespie, 20817361, for heroic action against the enemy near Wesel, Germany, on 24 March 1945. During the airborne attack, Technician Fifth Grade Gillespie advanced with a party of ten men from the drop zone to a pre-designated command post under heavy artillery, mortar and small arms fire. With complete disregard for enemy fire, he helped service a telephone line from an observation post to the battery howitzer position of his own battalion. His courage was in keeping with the highest standards of military service. Entered military service from Texas.

Technician Fifth Grade Everett G. Grimmett, 35383736, for heroic action against the enemy near Wesel, Germany, on 24 March 1945. Upon landing by parachute during the airborne operation across the Rhine River, Technician Fifth Grade Grimmett advanced with a party of ten men from the drop zone to a preselected command post under heavy artillery, mortar and small arms fire. With complete disregard for his own safety he carried a switchboard which was later used as a telephone for conduct of fire between the observation post and battery howitzer positions. His heroic action was in keeping with the highest standards of the armed forces. Entered military service from West Virginia.

Technician Fifth Grade John R. Miglin, 32597352, for heroic action against the enemy near Wesel, Germany, on 24 March 1945. Upon landing by glider during the airborne operation across the Rhine River, Technician Fifth Grade Miglin without regard for his personal safety and under heavy enemy sniper fire, took a jeep to locate a medical officer and medical equipment necessary for proper care of casualties. He accomplished this mission under hazardous conditions and in so doing greatly facilitated the proper care of a large number of casualties. His

R-E-S-T-R-I-C-T-E-D

General Orders Number 33, Headquarters 17th Airborne Division, APO 452, U. S. Army, 8 May 1945, continued:

actions were in keeping with the highest standards of military conduct. Entered military service from New Jersey.

Technician Fifth Grade John Snurkowski, 20134118, for heroic action against the enemy near Wulfen, Germany, on 28 March 1945. With complete disregard for his personal safety, Technician Fifth Grade Snurkowski moved about among the men of the platoon giving aid to and removing five seriously wounded men from the field of fire. During this action he was constantly under heavy enemy machine gun, artillery and mortar fire. His courageous action saved the lives of these men and contributed greatly to the morale of our men. His actions were in keeping with the highest traditions of the armed forces. Entered military service from Connecticut.

Private First Class Isaac J. Abouaf, 32700864, for heroic action against the enemy near Wesel, Germany, on 24 March 1945. Upon landing by parachute during the airborne operation across the Rhine River, Private First Class Abouaf immediately began to render first aid to the wounded while under intense enemy fire with utter disregard for his own personal safety. He worked continuously until the wounded were cared for. He then assisted in setting up the battalion aid station and worked tirelessly, caring for the wounded and gathering vitally needed supplies until the aid station was cleared. His unhesitating courage and self-sacrifice were in keeping with the highest traditions of the armed forces. Entered military service from New York.

Private First Class William H. Alford, 34815670, for heroic action against the enemy near Wesel, Germany, on 24 March 1945. Although wounded himself, Private First Class Alford continued his duties of giving first aid to other wounded. Uncomplainingly and tirelessly he worked throughout the night administering aid. Not until his work was complete did he turn himself into the clearing station for treatment of his own wounds. His devotion to duty was in keeping with the highest standards of the military service. Entered military service from Alabama.

Private First Class John R. Cade, 36707149, for heroic action against the enemy near Wesel, Germany, on 26 March 1945. Private First Class Cade went forward as an observer to contact another company of his regiment. Only knowing the general location, he and a comrade went forward to where they heard heavy fire. The radio he was carrying made a large target drawing enemy fire, but he continued on his mission. During this action, the two men captured five enemy soldiers. Relaying information by radio as they proceeded, he was personally responsible for the accurate artillery fire brought on enemy strong points. Private First Class Cade's superior personal courage and marked aggressiveness were in keeping with the highest standards of military conduct. Entered military service from Illinois.

Private First Class William L. Chambers, 20347975, for heroic action against the enemy near Wesel, Germany, on 24 and 25 March 1945. Upon landing by glider during the airborne operation across the Rhine River, Private First Class Chambers was wounded. After having the wound dressed by another soldier, he assisted in giving first aid to others around him and then proceeded to the aid station. Instead of being evacuated, he remained and worked with the casualties even though he was told to stop work because of the serious nature of his own wound. He helped save many lives even though he realized that such actions on his part would probably result in great harm to himself. His actions were in accordance with the highest standards of military service. Entered military service from Maryland.

R-E-S-T-R-I-C-T-E-D

General Orders Number 33, Headquarters 17th Airborne Division, AFO 452, U. S. Army  
8 May 1945, continued:

Private First Class Jack E. Chapman, 36985024, for heroic action against the enemy near Munster, Germany, on 2 April 1945. When the advance of his company was held up by enemy small arms and bazooka fire from a strong point located in a trench, Private First Class Chapman and a comrade advanced across the road without regard for their own personal safety lobbing grenades into the enemy position. This action resulted in the capture of twenty-three prisoners and neutralizing the strong point. His action demonstrated courageous and aggressive leadership and was in keeping with the highest standards of military service. Entered military service from Illinois.

Private First Class Robert J. Dunham, 33745101, for heroic action against the enemy near Munster, Germany, on 2 April 1945. When the advance of the company was held up by enemy small arms and bazooka fire from a strong point located in a trench, Private First Class Dunham and a comrade advanced across the road without regard for their own personal safety, lobbing grenades into the trench. This action resulted in the capture of twenty-three prisoners and neutralizing the strong point. His action was courageous and aggressive and was in keeping with the highest standards of military service. Entered military service from California.

Private First Class Ermitt L. Kaul, 33364815, for heroic action against the enemy near Wesal, Germany, on 24 March 1945. When the glider landed in which Private First Class Kaul was a passenger, it was immediately fired on by the enemy. Being nearest the door, he rushed out to set up his machine gun and return the fire. His prompt and brave act caused the enemy to seek cover long enough for the other personnel to leave the glider. His courage was in accordance with the highest standards of military conduct. Entered military service from Oklahoma.

Private First Class Thomas Mancini, 33669655, for heroic action against the enemy near Hamminkeln, Germany, on 24 March 1945. Upon landing by glider during the airborne operation across the Rhine River, Private First Class Mancini immediately unloaded his own glider and assisted in unloading several others. Under heavy enemy small arms fire he unhesitatingly gave first aid to wounded comrades. His actions throughout the day were unusually courageous and gave added impetus and inspiration to all who witnessed his acts. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Private First Class George H. Nelson, 36701059, for heroic action against the enemy near Bultern, Germany, on 30 March 1945. In the attack on the town, Private First Class Nelson's platoon was suddenly pinned down by intense sniper and small arms fire. With complete disregard for his personal safety, he crawled forward to obtain better observation for his platoon and fired at their fire. In addition, he riddled an automatic rifle mortally wounding the enemy snipers thus enabling his platoon to continue their advance. His actions were in accordance with the highest standards of military service. Entered military service from Illinois.

Private Grady L. Alexander, 38600302, for heroic action against the enemy near Wesal, Germany, on 24 March 1945. During the airborne attack, Private Alexander advanced with a party of ten men from the drop zone to a pre-designated command post under heavy artillery, mortar and small arms fire. With complete disregard for his own safety, he helped service a telephone line from the observation post to a battery howitzer position of his own battalion. His courage while under fire was in accordance with the highest standards of military service. Entered military service from Arkansas.

R-E-S-T-R-I-C-T-E-D

General Orders Number 33, Headquarters 17th Airborne Division, AF 452, U. S. Army  
8 May 1945, continued:

Private Clayton D. Simmons, 38012908, for heroic action against the enemy near Hussmanshof, Germany, on 24 March 1945. Upon landing by glider during the airborne operation across the Rhine River, Private Simmons noticed that a glider containing a 75mm howitzer from his battery had landed several hundred yards in front of an enemy strong point. Without regard for his personal safety, he crossed an open field in full view of the strong point to notify the occupants of the enemy position. He skillfully directed the howitzer section to its pre-designated location. His skill and aggressiveness greatly speeded the establishment of artillery in support of the infantry units. His actions were in accordance with the highest standards of military service. Entered military service from Texas.

III. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL -- Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and pursuant to authority contained in Memorandum Number 21, Headquarters Fifteenth United States Army, dated 14 March 1945, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to:

First Lieutenant James L. Holmanara, 01325509, Infantry, for meritorious service during the period 24 March 1945 to 15 April 1945. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

First Lieutenant John R. VanSyckle, 01318627, Infantry, for meritorious service during the period 6 January 1945 to 12 February 1945. Entered military service from New Jersey.

First Lieutenant Phillip H. Toaver, 0405162, Infantry, for meritorious service during the period 24 March 1945 to 1 May 1945. Entered military service from Nebraska.

Warrant Officer Junior Grade Melvin L. Unchurch, 72127983, US1, for meritorious service during the period 1 January 1945 to 3 May 1945. Entered military service from Virginia.

Master Sergeant Gurnoy W. Grant, 33631526, for meritorious service during the period 24 March 1945 to 1 May 1945. Entered military service from Virginia.

Master Sergeant Frank L. Trochianerna, 6712956, for meritorious service during the period 7 January 1945 to 1 May 1945. Entered military service from New Jersey.

Master Sergeant Donald B. Mathews, 30610405, for meritorious service during the period 1 January 1945 to 30 April 1945. Entered military service from Illinois.

Master Sergeant Kenneth L. McAferty, 38110958, for meritorious service during the period 1 March 1945 to 24 March 1945. Entered military service from Colorado.

Technical Sergeant Richard A. Kuehl, 32479336, for meritorious service during the period 1 February 1945 to 30 April 1945. Entered military service from New York.

Technical Sergeant Alvah J. Littlego, 15065397, for meritorious service during the period 1 January 1945 to 1 May 1945. Entered military service from Kentucky.

R-E-S-T-R-I-C-T-E-D

General Orders Number 33, Headquarters 17th Airborne Division, APO 452, U. S. Army  
8 May 1945, continued:

Technician Third Grade Gaylord L. Bland, 37478105, for meritorious service during the period 24 March 1945 to 1 May 1945. Entered military service from Nebraska.

Sergeant Charles H. Kirsh, 33631553, for meritorious service during the period 24 March 1945 to 15 April 1945. Entered military service from Virginia.

Sergeant Victor L. Krzasinski, 33597060, for meritorious service during the period 15 April 1945 to 1 May 1945. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Technician Fourth Grade Andrew J. Nowton, 39088849, for meritorious service during the period 6 March 1945 to 27 March 1945. Entered military service from California.

Technician Fifth Grade Sidney Bender, 33599161, for meritorious service during the period 24 March 1945 to 1 April 1945. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Private First Class Vincent O. Ramirez, 39081508, for meritorious service during the period 24 March 1945 to 1 April 1945. Entered military service from California.

Private First Class Ernest J. Trombley, 36561261, for meritorious service during the period 28 March 1945 to 3 April 1945. Entered military service from Michigan.

Private Gilbert E. Stokes, 15069502, for meritorious service during the period 24 March 1945 to 2 April 1945. Entered military service from Indiana.

OK IV. REVISION -- So much of Section IV, General Orders Number 22, this Headquarters, dated 19 April 1945, as pertains to Captain Augustus Sylvester, 0100125, Adjutant General Department is hereby rescinded.

OK V. REVISION -- So much of Section II, General Orders Number 20, this Headquarters, dated 16 April 1945, as pertains to the following personnel is hereby rescinded:

Captain (then First Lieutenant)	<u>Harold L. Kerbley</u>	01577400	Q10
First Lieutenant	<u>Joseph J. Audloy</u>	01000701	Q10

VI. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL -- Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and pursuant to authority contained in Memorandum Number 21, Headquarters Fifteenth United States Army, dated 4 March 1945, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to:

Captain Augustus Sylvester, 01001257, Adjutant General Department, for meritorious service during the period 13 February 1945 to 15 April 1945. Entered military service from New York.

Captain (then First Lieutenant) Harold L. Kerbley, 01577400, Quartermaster Corps, for meritorious service during the period 31 January 1945 to 12 February 1945 and 24 March 1945 to 4 April 1945.



R-E-S-T-R-I-C-T-E-D

General Orders Number 33, Headquarters 17th Airborne Division, APO 452, U. S. Army,  
8 May 1945, continued:

First Lieutenant Joseph J. Audley, 01000701, Adjutant General Department, for  
meritorious service during the period 24 March 1945 to 3 April 1945. Entered  
military service from Kansas.

By command of Major General KILLEY:

W. K. LIEBEL,  
Colonel, GSC,  
Chief of Staff.

OFFICIAL:

*George W. Liffey*  
GEORGE W. LIFFEY, JR.,  
Lt. Col., AGD,  
Adjutant General.

DISTRIBUTION

- Plus 3 copies - The Adjutant General, Washington 25, D. C.  
2 copies - European Theater of Operations, APO 887, U. S. Army.  
1 copy - Commanding General, First Allied Airborne Army, APO 740, U. S. Army.  
1 copy - Commanding General, Fifteenth United States Army, APO 408, U. S. Army.  
2 copies - Commanding General, XVIII Corps (Airborne), APO 109, U. S. Army.  
2 copies - Commanding General, XXII Corps, APO 153, U. S. Army.  
1 copy - Commanding General, Twelfth Army Group, attn: 37th IHQ.

R-E-S-T-R-I-C-T-E-D -

HEADQUARTERS 17TH AIRBORNE DIVISION  
APO 452, U. S. Army

GENERAL ORDERS )

NUMBER 34 )

9 May 1945

Award of Silver Star (Posthumous)	Section I
Award of Silver Star	Section II
Award of Bronze Star Medal (Posthumous)	Section III
Award of Bronze Star Medal	Section IV

I. AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR (Posthumous) -- Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended and pursuant to authority contained in Memorandum Number 21, Headquarters Fifteenth United States Army, dated 4 March 1945, the Silver Star is awarded posthumously to:

Second Lieutenant James L. Davidson, 01320602, Infantry, for gallantry in action against the enemy near Mande St. Etienne, Belgium on 7 January 1945. Second Lieutenant Davidson was leading his platoon in an attack when they were pinned down by intense enemy machine gun, small arms and artillery fire. The platoon was sustaining many casualties. Despite the intense enemy resistance, Second Lieutenant Davidson led his men in a charge on the enemy positions, engaged them in hand to hand conflict and emerged victorious. His gallant leadership in the face of great odds was in keeping with the highest traditions of military service. Entered military service from

Staff Sergeant Henry W. Dunn, 33632173, for gallantry in action against the enemy near Mande St. Etienne, Belgium on 7 January 1945. During an attack against bitter enemy resistance, Staff Sergeant Dunn led his company across 300 yards of terrain under heavy enemy shell fire. On coming to a clearing, the company was pinned down by machine gun fire. Gallantly Staff Sergeant Dunn, advanced on the enemy positions and was preparing to throw a grenade when he was fatally wounded. His during heroism and undaunted courage was an inspiration to all his men. His efforts reflect the highest credit upon himself and upon the service. Entered military service from

Sergeant Walter Thomas, 32844742, for gallantry in action against the enemy near Wesol, Germany on 24 March 1945. Sergeant Thomas was putting his anti-tank gun into position when an enemy patrol was seen approaching. As the patrol approached, he crawled out to meet it and engaged it in combat. Heroically he dispersed the patrol and captured two of its members. Upon returning the prisoners one of them dropped a live grenade that fatally wounded Sergeant Thomas. His aggressive action and effective conduct in battle was in keeping with the highest standards of military service. Entered military service from New York.

Sergeant Richard N. Anderson, 39134969, for gallantry in action against the enemy near Strickhardt, Germany on 12 April 1945. During an extremely heavy enemy barrage, Sergeant Anderson's company was pinned down and were suffering casualties. They were receiving direct fire from two 80 mm anti-aircraft weapons. Sergeant Anderson, with complete disregard for his own safety, moved about on the battlefield to aid the wounded. After treating several men, he was making his way to another when struck by enemy shell fire and mortally wounded. His

R-E-S-T-R-I-C-T-E-D

General Orders Number 34, Headquarters 17th Airborne Division, GPO 452, U. S. Army  
3 May 1945, continued.

gallantry and selfless action was in accordance with the highest military standards. Entered military service from California.

II. AWARD OF SILVER STAR -- Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1944, as amended, and pursuant to authority contained in Memorandum Number 21 Headquarters Fifteenth United States Army, dated 4 March 1945, the Silver Star is awarded to:

Captain Dudley G. Hill, 01178831, Field Artillery, for gallantry in action against the enemy near Wesel, Germany on 24 March 1945. During the air operation across the Rhine River, Captain Hill was given the mission of contacting the British commando units that had crossed the river in assault boats the night before. With his small group of men, Captain Hill made his way to the outpost positions where he was told that it would be impossible to get through to the British units. Ordering his men to take cover, he proceeded alone under heavy enemy fire. Eventually reaching the British units, he established the first liaison between the airborne and ground forces. His doubtless courage in fulfilling his mission in spite of the danger involved was in keeping with the highest standards of military service. Entered military service from Texas.

Captain Walter W. Grigati, 0410914, Infantry, for gallantry in action against the enemy near Bucholz, Germany on 27 March 1945. While leading his company in an attack, one platoon was pinned down by heavy fire from well entrenched enemy positions. The platoon leader was injured and the platoon was sustaining increasing casualties. To keep the company from slowing down its advance, Captain Grigati, with complete disregard for his own safety, moved to the platoon under heavy fire and led them forward. The strong points were stormed and eliminated with heavy casualties being inflicted upon the enemy. His aggressiveness, outstanding courage, fearless leadership and sound knowledge of tactics reflect great credit upon himself and the service. Entered military service from New York.

First Lieutenant James E. Dunn, 0545579, Infantry, for gallantry in action against the enemy near Wesel, Germany on 25 March 1945. During the action following the airborne drop across the Rhine River, a platoon, failing to receive proper instructions, became trapped by enemy forces and was under intense enemy fire. Realizing the situation, First Lieutenant Dunn left his own platoon to the next in command and made his way to the trapped unit. He delivered the necessary orders to the unit and helped in its withdrawal to friendly lines. Through his daring and unhesitating action, the platoon was relieved and moved to safety without sustaining a single casualty. His actions were in accordance with the highest standards of the armed forces. Entered military service from South Dakota.

Technician Fourth Grade Thomas R. George, Jr., 33506779, for gallantry in action against the enemy near Wesel, Germany on 24 March 1945. During the airborne crossing of the Rhine River many gliders landed in open fields under enemy fire. In one such instance, Technician Fourth Grade George heroically exposed himself to enemy fire to reach and treat wounded. Tirelessly he aided and directed the assembly and evacuation of wounded to the aid stations. With complete disregard for enemy action and his personal safety, he carried out his duties in a gallant manner. His actions were in keeping with the proudest traditions

General Orders Number 34, Headquarters 17th Airborne Division, APO 452, U. S. Army, 9 May 1945, continued.

of the armed forces. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

III. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL (Posthumous) -- Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and pursuant to authority contained in Memorandum Number 21, Headquarters Fifteenth United States Army, dated 4 March 1945, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded posthumously to:

First Lieutenant John E. Blanton, Jr., 01313709, Infantry, for heroic action against the enemy near Med. St. Etienne, Belgium on 7 January 1945. First Lieutenant Blanton was serving as company executive officer during the intense fighting of the Ardennes Campaign. When casualties became so heavy that aid men could not handle them all, he fearlessly and without regard for his own safety, went forward to help evacuate wounded. Unmindful of enemy fire, he worked unceasingly to aid his men, to treat their wounds and to get them back to the clearing stations. His selfless devotion to his men was in keeping with the proudest traditions of military conduct. Entered military service from Virginia.

Private First Class Kenneth E. Young, 37520752, for heroic action against the enemy near Wesel, Germany, on 24 March 1945. Private First Class Young's platoon was momentarily held up by enemy machine gun fire from a pill box. Alone he courageously moved forward, firing his rifle, and at the same time drawing enemy fire. Through his heroic action the enemy position was located and destroyed. Private First Class Young's undaunted determination and staunch fortitude made possible the platoon's advance. His actions were in keeping with the proudest traditions of the armed forces.

IV. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL -- Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and pursuant to authority contained in Memorandum Number 21, Headquarters Fifteenth United States Army, dated 4 March 1945, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to:

Captain Roy L. Strang, 01312995, Infantry, for heroic action against the enemy near Munster, Germany on 2 April 1945. In the attack on Munster, Captain Strang's company was advancing on the right flank of the battalion. As the company advanced across a ridge line approaching the enemy, it was immediately pinned down by fire from small arms, automatic weapons, flak guns and artillery. Captain Strang, without regard for his personal safety, moved across open ground under heavy fire from both the front and flank. Reaching the head of his troops he personally led the assault that overcame all enemy resistance. His courage in action was in accordance with the highest standards of military service. Entered military service from California.

First Lieutenant Vincent G. Deritis, Jr., 0559087, Infantry, for heroic action against the enemy near Wesel, Germany on 24 March 1945. During the airborne operation across the Rhine River, First Lieutenant Deritis, with his small party, was moving from the landing area to the command post location when he discovered an enemy artillery piece firing on friendly troops. Without thought of the superior numbers and firepower, the small party engaged the enemy and succeeded in routing the troops and capturing the field piece. The unhesitating action on the part of First Lieutenant Deritis and his men was heroic in accordance with the highest standards of military conduct. Entered military service from New York.

General Orders Number 34, Headquarters 17th Airborne Division, APO 452, U. S. Arm  
9 May 1945, continued.

First Lieutenant Michael Kopenits, O1056645, Infantry, for heroic action against the enemy near Wesel, Germany on 24 March 1945. Immediately upon landing during the airborne crossing of the Rhine River, First Lieutenant Kopenits formed remnants of his platoon into an effective force although harassed by intense enemy machine gun fire. Courageously he led his men to their predesignated positions obscuring the enemy from houses and prepared positions en route. Alone he entered one house and captured several prisoners. The deed with which he acted and the aggressive and courageous leadership he showed was in keeping with the highest standards of military service. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Master Sergeant Walter L. Eichenhainer, 3807576, for heroic action against the enemy near Wesel, Germany on 24 March 1945. Upon landing by glider during the airborne crossing of the Rhine River, Master Sergeant Eichenhainer and a small group of men were ordered to meet command post when they discovered an enemy field piece firing on friendly troops. In spite of superior numbers and fire power, this small party engaged the enemy, routed them and captured the gun. Master Sergeant Eichenhainer's heroic conduct, and that of the men with him, was in keeping with the highest standards of military service. Entered military service from New York.

Staff Sergeant Daniel Reid, 37820091, for heroic action against the enemy near Wesel, Germany on 24 March 1945. On entering the airborne operation across the Rhine River, Staff Sergeant Reid's squad leader was wounded by flak and he assumed command of the squad. Upon landing, he organized his men under intense enemy fire and led them in an assault on a heavily defended enemy command post. Under his aggressive and daring leadership, the small group captured the German commanding officer, his staff and approximately 150 German soldiers. His heroic leadership reflects credit not only on himself, but on his men and the service as well. Entered military service from Missouri.

Staff Sergeant Charles E. Thompson, 36290586, for heroic action against the enemy near Dierdorf, Germany on 3 April 1945. Staff Sergeant Thompson, in the absence of the battalion surgeon, took charge of four medical vehicles and twelve men traveling in convoy apart from the foot troops. The convoy was attacked by the enemy with machine gun and flak fire. Through good leadership, Staff Sergeant Thompson disposed his men to covered positions and treated four of them who had received wounds. When the five vehicles were lifted, he directed his men to a selected location and efficiently established an aid station. His good judgment and seamanship under fire reflected great credit on himself and was in keeping with the finest traditions of the armed forces.

Staff Sergeant Ronald S. Warden, 33406148, for heroic action against the enemy near Wesel, Germany on 24 March 1945. During the night, an enemy patrol infiltrated and attacked the positions of Staff Sergeant Warden's squad. In the sharp engagement that followed, the enemy patrol was repulsed. Staff Sergeant Warden immediately organized a patrol to pursue the fleeing enemy. He returned with forty-six prisoners. His leadership and gallantry in the face of overwhelming odds enabled his unit to retain its vital positions at a critical time, and was in keeping with the highest standards of military conduct. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.



R-E-S-T-R-I-C-T-E-D

General Orders Number 34, Headquarters 17th Airborne Division, APO 452, U. S. Army, 9 May 1945, continued.

Sergeant Joe H. Hall, 7080359, for heroic action against the enemy near Wesel, Germany on 24 March 1945. Upon landing by glider during the airborne crossing of the Rhine River, Sergeant Hall and his men came under heavy enemy fire from a house located at the edge of the landing field. In spite of the enemy fire, he and a comrade worked their way to a position near the house and fired several bazooka rounds. Firing continued from the house, so they exposed themselves to reach a point in rear of the building from which they fired two more rounds. The heroic aggressive action of Sergeant Hall and his companion neutralized the enemy position and averted many casualties among troops landing in the vicinity. The action was in keeping with the highest standards of military service. Entered military service from Alabama.

Sergeant Paul J. Pogozielski, 33670064, for heroic action against the enemy near Hende St. Etienne, Belgium on 7 January 1945. During an engagement, Sergeant Pogozielski's company became separated from the battalion and was suffering severe casualties from both friendly and enemy artillery and small arms fire. Sergeant Pogozielski volunteered to cross open terrain to contact friendly troops and have the fire lifted. Without regard for his safety, he moved through deep snow drifts and over ground pockmarked with shell craters to attain his objective. His brave action prevented many casualties to his unit and was in keeping with the highest standards of military conduct. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Sergeant Thaddeus Jankowski, 35058485, for heroic action against the enemy near Hussmanshof, Germany on 24 March 1945. During the airborne crossing of the Rhine River, the glider carrying Sergeant Jankowski, his howitzer and crew landed nearly a mile from its designated area. Although hampered by enemy fire, Sergeant Jankowski led his crew in unloading their gun. A passing vehicle helped them tow it to its proper location, but upon arriving they found the area under intense enemy fire. With heroic leadership, Sergeant Jankowski managed to set his gun and bring direct fire on the enemy. His leadership and aggressiveness were in keeping with the highest standards of military conduct. Entered military service from Ohio.

Technician Fourth Grade John L. McClanahan, 37668661, for heroic action against the enemy near Wesel, Germany on 24 March 1945. After landing by glider during the airborne invasion of Germany, Technician Fourth Grade McClanahan and a small group with him were making their way from the landing zone to the division command post when they discovered an enemy artillery piece firing on friendly troops. Despite superior numbers and fire power, the group heroically engaged the enemy piece. After a sharp fire fight, the enemy troops were routed and the gun captured. The heroic action of Technician Fourth Grade McClanahan and his comrades was in keeping with the highest standards of military conduct. Entered military service from Iowa.

Technician Fourth Grade Paul L. Hoffman, 33811547, for heroic action against the enemy near Wesel, Germany on 24 March 1945. After landing by glider during the airborne invasion of Germany, Technician Fourth Grade Hoffman and a small group with him were making their way from the landing zone to the division command post when they discovered an enemy artillery piece firing on friendly troops. Despite superior numbers and fire power, the group heroically engaged the enemy piece. After a sharp fire fight, the enemy troops were routed and the

R-E-S-T-R-I-C-T-E-D

General Orders Number 34, Headquarters 17th Airborne Division, APO 452, U. S. Army, 9 May 1945, continued.

gun captured. The heroic action of Technician Fourth Grade Hoffman and his comrades was in keeping with the highest standards of military conduct. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Technician Fourth Grade Fenton W. Miller, 37521198, for heroic action against the enemy near Wesel, Germany on 24 March 1945. After landing by glider during the airborne invasion of Germany, Technician Fourth Grade Miller and a small group with him were making their way from the landing zone to the division command post when they discovered an enemy artillery piece firing on friendly troops. Despite superior numbers and fire power, the group heroically engaged the enemy piece. After a sharp fire fight, the enemy troops were routed and the gun captured. The heroic action of Technician Fourth Grade Miller and his comrades was in keeping with the highest standards of military conduct. Entered military service from Kansas.

*Name amended by G.O. 37-11 May 45: ABRAHAM*  
# Technician Fourth Grade Joseph L. Bernstein, 37668680, for heroic action against the enemy near Wesel, Germany on 24 March 1945. Technician Fourth Grade Bernstein, immediately following the glider landings in Germany, assumed command of a medical detachment in the absence of the medical officer and established a temporary aid station and collecting point for casualties. Although hampered by enemy fire, casualties were being collected and treated under his direction when a medical officer arrived. The site selected was later occupied by enemy troops, but not until all wounded had been cleared from the vicinity. Such prompt unhesitating heroism was in keeping with the highest standards of the armed forces. Entered military service from Iowa.

Private First Class Frank Shipeck, 33678047, for heroic action against the enemy near Wesel, Germany on 24 March 1945. Immediately upon landing by glider in Germany, Private First Class Shipeck and others in his vicinity came under heavy enemy fire. Several men were wounded and Private First Class Shipeck voluntarily exposed himself to give them aid. His unhesitating action in the face of extreme danger enabled the wounded men to receive treatment in a very short time after they were hit. Such heroism was in keeping with the highest standards of military conduct. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Private First Class Williar Paliwoda, 35052321, for heroic action against the enemy near Wesel, Germany on 24 March 1945. While elements of his company were assembling and moving toward their objectives, Private First Class Paliwoda and his comrades were attacked and pinned down by an enemy tank. With complete disregard for his own safety, Private First Class Paliwoda moved to the shelter of a house and waited until the enemy tank approached to within twenty-five yards. With bazooka fire at this close range, he completely destroyed the enemy vehicle and its crew. His staunch fortitude and heroic stand was in keeping with the highest standards of military conduct. Entered military service from Ohio.

Private First Class Hawley D. Smith, 36832118, for heroic action against the enemy near Wesel, Germany on 24 March 1945. While trying to reach their battallion assembly area, Private First Class Smith and others with him were attacked by an enemy tank. Acting as an assistant bazooka gunner, he and the gunner exposed themselves to very close range fire from the tank to reach an

R E S T R I C T E D

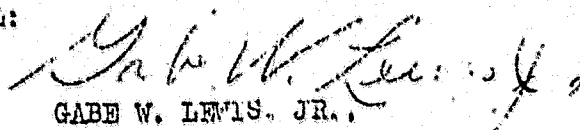
General Orders Number 34, Headquarters 37th Airborne Division, APO 452, U. S. Army, 9 May 1945, continued.

advantageous firing position. As a result of their daring maneuver, they were able to bring the enemy vehicle under fire and completely destroy it. Private First Class Smith is commended for keeping with the finest traditions of the armed forces. Entered military service from Illinois.

By command of Major General MILEY:

W. K. LIEBEL,  
Colonel, GSC,  
Chief of Staff.

OFFICIAL:

  
GABE W. LEWIS, JR.,  
Lt. Col., A. G. D.,  
Adjutant General.

DISTRIBUTION:

- "B"
- Plus 3 copies - The Adjutant General, Washington 25, D. C.
  - 2 copies - European Theater of Operations, APO 887, U. S. Army.
  - 1 copy - Commanding General, First Airborne Division, APO 740, U. S. Army
  - 1 copy - Commanding General, Fifth Air Force, APO 408, US Army
  - 2 copies - Commanding General, 37th Airborne Division, APO 109, U. S. Army
  - 2 copies - Commanding General, 37th Airborne Division, APO 452, U. S. Army.
  - 1 copy - Commanding General, 37th Airborne Division, APO 452, U. S. Army.

R E S T R I C T E D

R-E-S-T-R-I-C-T-E-D

HEADQUARTERS 17TH AIRBORNE DIVISION  
APO 452, U. S. ARMY

GENERAL ORDERS )

NUMBER 35 )

9 May 1945.

*Revised by  
J. S. Kaplan  
5/10/45*

Award of Bronze Star Medal	Section I
Award of Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster to Bronze Star Medal	Section III
Award of Bronze Star Medal	Section III
Award of Air Medal	Section IV
Award of Certificate of Merit	Section V
Amendment	Section VI

I. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL -- Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and pursuant to authority contained in Memorandum Number 21, Headquarters Fifteenth United States Army, 4 March 1945, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to:

Private First Class Larry F. Wymore, 37668745, for heroic action against the enemy near Wesel, Germany, on 25 March 1945. While on outpost duty during the night of 25 March 1945, Private First Class Wymore saw five enemy soldiers with a machine gun crawl within 15 feet of his position. He allowed them to proceed to within 75 yards of his line and then started for his company taking another route to direct artillery fire upon the enemy. This heroic act completely destroyed the enemy gun and the crew. His actions were in accordance with the highest standards of military service. Entered military service from Iowa.

MR Private First Class Albert M. Davis, 33676765, for heroic action against the enemy near Wesel, Germany, on 30 March 1945. Without regard for his personal safety and in the face of heavy enemy small arms fire, Private First Class Davis swam across a canal to procure a small boat and return with it to pick up a wounded comrade. By this heroic act he saved the life of his comrade. It was in accordance with the highest traditions of the armed forces. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

MR Private First Class Robert J. Geist, Jr., 35058434, for heroic action against the enemy near Wesel, Germany, on 24 March 1945. Attempting to reach the battalion assembly area, an element of Private First Class Geist's company became pinned down under enemy tank and machine gun fire. With complete disregard for personal safety, he moved into the open and fired a bazooka round at the tank which resulted in stopping it but not in demolishing its weapons. Crawling closer, he then fired another round which set fire to the tank and destroyed it. His heroic action was in keeping with the highest standards of military conduct. Entered military service from Ohio.

Private First Class Adam B. Huber, 33899845, for heroic action against the enemy near Munster, Germany, on 2 April 1945. Private First Class Huber, noticed that his squad leader was seriously wounded. Although not a medic, Private First Class Huber and a comrade left their protected position and advanced into the open under heavy enemy small arms fire to give first aid to their wounded comrade and evacuate him to the rear. His heroic action helped save the life of his squad leader and was in keeping with the highest traditions of the armed forces. Entered military service from Maryland.

Private First Class Glenn B. Meiers, 33670228, for heroic action against the

R-E-S-T-R-I-C-T-E-D

General Orders Number 35, Headquarters 17th Airborne Division, APO 452, U. S. Army, 9 May 1945, continued:

enemy near Lunster, Germany, on 2 April 1945. Private First Class Hiers, noticed that his squad leader was seriously wounded. Without regard for personal safety, Private First Class Hiers and a comrade left their protected position and advanced into the open under heavy enemy small arms fire to give first aid to their wounded comrade and evacuate him to the rear. His heroic action helped save the life of his squad leader and was in keeping with the highest standards of military service. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Private First Class George E. Wagoner, Jr., 34823337, for heroic action against the enemy near Mando St. Etienne, Belgium, on 7 January 1945. Private First Class Wagoner, a rifleman, volunteered to assist in the organization and administration of first aid to the wounded. Without regard for personal safety and under heavy mortar and artillery fire, he made three trips across exposed ground to reach and aid his comrades. His actions were clearly above and beyond the call of duty and were in accordance with the highest standards of military service. Entered military service from Georgia.

Private First Class Clarence F. Novak, 35058264, for heroic action against the enemy near Lunster, Germany, on 2 April 1945. With complete disregard for personal safety, Private First Class Novak crossed an open field under intense enemy small arms fire carrying a large radio which made protection from concealment or cover almost impossible. This heroic act resulted in maintaining radio communication necessary in directing artillery support for the attacking infantry units. His actions were in accordance with the highest standards of military service. Entered military service from Ohio.

Private First Class Martin E. Fernandez, 39704608, for heroic action against the enemy near Warstein, Germany, on 8 April 1945. Private First Class Fernandez and a comrade were on duty at a listening post when they captured two enemy soldiers. He sent his comrade to the rear with the prisoners. As he lay in position, he spotted two German officers in the vicinity. When he challenged them, they threw up their hands, but as he stepped forward one of them shot him. The bullet pierced his weapon rendering it useless and inflicted a slight wound. Unarmed, he courageously rushed the two Germans, and succeeded in capturing one but the other fled. This heroic act was in accordance with the highest standards of military service. Entered military service from California.

Private First Class Joseph J. Foster, 37478069, for heroic action against the enemy near Hussmanshof, Germany, on 24 March 1945. Upon landing by glider during the airborne operation across the Rhine River, Private First Class Foster organized a small group of men and succeeded in clearing snipers from a nearby house. He then proceeded to a glider that contained wounded and rendered first aid. Unloading a howitzer from the glider, he towed it to the battery position. His aggressiveness and leadership was responsible for the rapid assembly of all the battery and was in accordance with the highest standards of military service. Entered military service from Nebraska.

Private George H. Myers, 37610958, for heroic action against the enemy near Mando St. Etienne, Belgium, on 7 January 1945. Private Myers was a radio operator with a forward observer when they were pinned down by intense enemy machine gun, artillery and mortar fire. Seeking cover in a hole, they found a wounded officer.



R-E-S-T-R-I-C-T-E-D

General Orders Number 35, Headquarters 17th Airborne Division, APO 452, U. S. Army, 9 May 1945, continued:

Several attempts were made to evacuate him, but was impossible because of the intensity of enemy fire. Private Myers remained with the officer for sixteen hours awaiting aid. Later, even though frozen from the hips down, he tediously and painfully crawled to his lines and directed a rescue party to the wounded man. His heroism is worthy of the proudest traditions of the armed forces. Entered military service from Missouri.

Private Harold F. Shields, 42136542, for heroic action against the enemy near Meschede, Germany, on 9 April 1945. Private Shields was a member of a combat patrol whose mission was to destroy enemy machine guns located along the route of his company's sector of attack. While advancing toward the machine gun positions, the patrol was pinned down by intense enemy fire. He courageously and without regard for personal safety volunteered to deliver a message to his company requesting supporting fire and a flanking movement. The results of his actions made possible the elimination of the enemy strong points and enabled the company to move on to its objective. His actions were in keeping with the highest standards of military service. Entered military service from New York.

Private Roy P. White, 33888648, for heroic action against the enemy near Wesel, Germany, on 25 March 1945. Private White and a comrade were laying wire to an outpost approximately 175 yards from their lines. On their route, they observed two German machine guns in position on either side of them. Immediately they reported by phone to their company command post requesting howitzer fire on the position although within 25 yards of their own location. This action resulted in the complete destruction of the enemy strong point. The action of Private First Class White and his comrade was in accordance with the highest tradition of the armed forces. Entered military service from Virginia.

*NR* Private Wallace J. Nelson, 37775044, for heroic action against the enemy near Meschede, Germany, on 9 April 1945. Private Nelson was advancing in the lead elements of his company toward enemy positions when he observed enemy infantry in the act of mounting one of their tanks to escape. Without regard for personal safety, he dashed into an exposed position and opened fire on the enemy, thus drawing fire on himself and revealing other enemy positions. Mortar and artillery fire was directed on these positions which neutralized them completely thus preventing the company from advancing into an intended ambush. His actions were in accordance with the highest standards of military service. Entered military service from South Dakota.

Private Alvin Smith, Jr., 44040785, for heroic action against the enemy near Wesel, Germany, on 25 March 1945. Private Smith and a comrade were laying wire to an outpost approximately 175 yards from their lines. On the route they observed two German machine guns in position on either side of them. They immediately reported by phone to their company command post requesting supporting fire on the position although within 25 yards of their own location. This action resulted in the complete destruction of the enemy strong point. The action of Private Smith and his comrade was in accordance with the highest tradition of the armed forces. Entered military service from Tennessee.

II. AWARD OF BRONZE OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO BRONZE STAR MEDAL -- Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and pursuant to authority contained in Memorandum Number 21, Headquarters Fifteenth United States Army, 4 March 1945, the Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster to Bronze Star Medal is awarded to:

R-E-S-T-R-I-C-T-E-D

General Orders Number 35, Headquarters 17th Airborne Division, AFO 452, U. S. Army.  
9 May 1945, continued:

*it* AMEND. BY GO# 55 16 Aug 45  
\*Colonel Edwin J. Messinger, 018503, General Staff Corps, for meritorious service during the period ~~1 March 1945~~ to ~~1 May 1945~~. Entered military service from New York.  
30 June 1944 14 Feb

Lieutenant Colonel William A. Kuhn, 0357704, Infantry, for meritorious service during the period 30 June 1944 to 30 April 1945. Entered military service from Wyoming.

III. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL -- Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and pursuant to authority contained in Memorandum Number 21, Headquarters Fifteenth United States Army, 4 March 1945, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to:

Colonel Thomas S. Gunby, 011395, Field Artillery, for meritorious service during the period 15 April 1943 to 15 April 1945. Entered military service from Louisiana.

Lieutenant Colonel Floyd L. Campbell, 0332264, Field Artillery, for meritorious service during the period 1 January 1945 to 15 April 1945. Entered military service from Minnesota.

Lieutenant Colonel Lyle N. McAlister, 0362870, General Staff Corps, for meritorious service during the period 1 September 1944 to 1 May 1945. Entered military service from Washington.

Major Morgan A. Brakomecke, 0359483, Infantry, for meritorious service during the period 30 June 1944 to 30 April 1945. Entered military service from Michigan.

Major Lawrence W. Robert III, 0317112, Infantry, for meritorious service during the period 1 August 1944 to 30 April 1945. Entered military service from Georgia.

Major George K. Vollmar, 0372814, Medical Corps, for meritorious service during the period 30 June 1944 to 30 April 1945. Entered military service from California.

Captain George C. Dawson, 0316086, Infantry, for meritorious service during the period 14 March 1945 to 1 May 1945. Entered military service from South Dakota.

Staff Sergeant Averley Brown, 35137291, for meritorious service during the period 24 March 1945 to 18 April 1945. Entered military service from West Virginia.

IV. AWARD OF AIR MEDAL -- Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and pursuant to authority contained in Memorandum Number 21, Headquarters Fifteenth United States Army, 4 March 1945, the Air Medal is awarded to:

First Lieutenant David DeLana, 0376816, Field Artillery, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy involving aerial flight during the period 24 March 1945 to 11 April 1945. Entered military service from Oklahoma.

R-E-S-T-R-I-C-T-E-D

General Orders Number 35, Headquarters 17th Airborne Division, APO 452, U. S. Army.  
9 May 1945, continued:

*NK*  
First Lieutenant Frank H. Pooler, 0536987, Field Artillery, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy involving aerial flight during the periods 22 January 1945 to 11 February 1945 and from 24 March 1945 to 11 April 1945. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

First Lieutenant Jack Reese, 01177260, Field Artillery, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy involving aerial flight during the periods 2 January 1945 to 11 February 1945 and from 24 March 1945 to 11 April 1945. Entered military service from Oklahoma.

First Lieutenant Joan L. Sawyer, 01183408, Field Artillery, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy involving aerial flight during the periods 30 December 1944 to 11 February 1945 and 24 March 1945 to 12 April 1945. Entered military service from Tennessee.

V. AWARD OF CERTIFICATE OF MERIT -- Under the provisions of Memorandum Number 21, Headquarters Fifteenth United States Army, dated 4 March 1945, the Certificate of Merit is awarded to Staff Sergeant Howard L. Haley, 35701151, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy.

*Reese by G.O. #4-28 May 45*  
*OK* VI. So much of section I, General Orders Number 32, this Headquarters, dated 8 May 1945, as pertains to Staff Sergeant LeRoy D. Coddington, 17010369, reading, "the Bronze Star Medal", is amended to read, "the Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster to Bronze Star Medal".

*Order not shown as amended, but shown as amended by G.O. #4, 28 May 45*  
By command of Major General HILLEY:

W. K. LIEBEL,  
Colonel, GSC,  
Chief of Staff.

OFFICIAL:

*Gabe W. Lewis Jr.*  
GABE W. LEWIS, JR.,  
Lt. Col., AGD,  
Adjutant General.

DISTRIBUTION

- Plus 3 copies - The Adjutant General, Washington 25, D. C.  
2 copies - European Theater of Operations, APO 887, U. S. Army.  
1 copy - Commanding General, First Allied Airborne Army, APO 740, U. S. Army.  
1 copy - Commanding General, Fifteenth United States Army, APO 408, U. S. Army.  
2 copies - Commanding General, XVIII Corps (Airborne), APO 109, U. S. Army.  
2 copies - Commanding General, XXIII Corps, APO 250, U. S. Army.  
1 copy - Commanding General, Twelfth Army Group, attn: 37th LRU.

R-E-S-T-R-I-C-T-E-D

HEADQUARTERS 17TH AIRBORNE DIVISION  
AFO 452, U. S. ARMY

GENERAL ORDERS )  
NUMBER 36 )

10 May 1945. *Revised*

Award of Bronze Star Medal (Posthumous)	Section I
Award of Bronze Star Medal	Section II
Award of Bronze Star Medal	Section III
Amendment	Section IV

I. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL (Posthumous) -- Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and pursuant to authority contained in Memorandum Number 21, Headquarters Fifteenth United States Army, dated 4 March 1945, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded posthumously to:

Private First Class John E. Hauck, 20322352, for heroic action against the enemy near Hussmanshof, Germany on 24 March 1945. Immediately upon landing during the airborne crossing of the Rhine River, Private First Class Hauck volunteered to aid three infantrymen to clear a nearby house of enemy snipers. Alone, he charged the house diverting the enemy fire upon himself and permitting the others to accomplish their mission. Although mortally wounded, his heroic action will stand as a tribute to the highest traditions of the armed forces. / Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

II. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL -- Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and pursuant to authority contained in Memorandum Number 21, Headquarters Fifteenth United States Army, dated 4 March 1945, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to:

Major Dantes A. York, 0366833, Field Artillery, for heroic action against the enemy near Hamminkeln, Germany on 24 March 1945. On landing by glider during the airborne crossing of the Rhine River, Major York immediately organized his troops in clearing the landing zones of the enemy. He advanced over a fire swept field, unloaded a howitzer from a glider and fired it on three enemy field pieces that were systematically firing on gliders as they landed. Repeatedly he led small groups of men in clearing out enemy pockets of resistance on the landing zone. His aggressive and inspiring leadership was in keeping with the highest standards of military conduct. Entered military service from Alabama.

Captain Ray W. MacFullen, 0115018, Corps of Engineers, for heroic action against the enemy at Warden, Germany on 12 April 1945. Captain MacFullen voluntarily advanced beyond friendly infantry outposts into enemy territory in order to carry to completion an engineer reconnaissance mission. His unhesitating action helped to gain information vital to the success of military operations in the sector. His aggressiveness and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the armed forces. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

First Lieutenant Fred C. Lanz, Jr., 01554416, for heroic action against the enemy near Wesel, Germany on 24 March 1945. Landing by glider near Wesel, under enemy fire, First Lieutenant Lanz quickly made a reconnaissance and led his men and a group of glider pilots safely to the division command post. Enroute, he organized and supervised the rescue of two glider pilots and two soldiers who had been panned down by enemy fire. By his leadership, he maintained a high state of morale in his men and quickly and efficiently carried out his duties under the

R-E-S-T-R-I-C-T-E-D

General Orders Number 36, Headquarters 17th Airborne Division, AFO 452, U. S. Army, 10 May 1945, continued:

most adverse tactical conditions. Entered military service from Ohio.

First Lieutenant Jack B. Larson, 01180237, Field Artillery, for heroic action against the enemy near Wesel, Germany on 24 March 1945. During the airborne landing across the Rhine River, First Lieutenant Larson, although wounded himself, advanced across an open field in the face of heavy small arms fire to engage an enemy sniper who had been firing on wounded laying exposed on the landing zone. Crawling to within very close range, he engaged the enemy sniper with his pistol. His courage undoubtedly saved the lives of many helpless men. His heroic act was in keeping with the highest standards of military conduct. Entered military service from Ohio.

Staff Sergeant Alvie F. Aldermann, 15069334, for heroic action against the enemy at Essen, Germany on 10 April 1945. Staff Sergeant Aldermann, with three others of his unit, made their way far ahead of friendly front lines to reconnoiter the town of Essen. The information they obtained by advancing deep into the heart of an enemy held city aided materially in the occupation of the city in force a short time later. The initiative and aggressiveness of Staff Sergeant Aldermann and his comrades was in keeping with the highest standards of military conduct. Entered military service from West Virginia.

Staff Sergeant Robert H. Bentzien, 36218690, for heroic action against the enemy at Essen, Germany on 10 April 1945. Staff Sergeant Bentzien, with three others of his unit, made their way far ahead of friendly front lines to reconnoiter the town of Essen. The information they obtained by advancing deep into the heart of an enemy held city aided materially in the occupation of the city in force a short time later. The initiative and aggressiveness of Staff Sergeant Bentzien and his comrades was in keeping with the highest standards of military conduct. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

Staff Sergeant David L. Gerhardt, 12007962, for heroic action against the enemy near Warstein, Germany on 7 April 1945. Staff Sergeant Gerhardt's platoon was attacking an enemy strong point when it was pinned down by withering fire from enemy machine guns, flak and small arms. Thinking only of firmly securing his objective, Staff Sergeant Gerhardt courageously rushed forward, firing his rifle. His fearless actions made possible the capture and destruction of several enemy strong points and the capture of fifteen prisoners. His brave action in the face of heavy enemy fire was in keeping with the highest standards of military conduct. Entered military service from New York.

Staff Sergeant Zigmund S. Kasrowski, 35290710, for heroic action against the enemy near Hussmanshoff, Germany on 24 March 1945. Upon landing by glider during the airborne crossing of the Rhine River, Staff Sergeant Kasrowski found that he was approximately a mile from his pre-designated firing position. Undeterred by enemy sniper and machine gun fire, he managed to get his howitzer and crew unloaded from the glider and moved into position. Through his aggressive leadership, his gun was ready for action against the enemy within an hour after landing. His conduct was in keeping with the highest standards of military service. Entered military service from Ohio.

Sergeant George D. Welling, 33564341, for heroic action against the enemy near Hamminkeln, Germany on 24 March 1945. Upon landing in enemy territory, Sergeant Welling joined other troops in clearing the landing area of the enemy. By



## R-E-S-T-R-I-C-T-E-D

General Orders Number 26, Headquarters 17th Airborne Division, APO 452, U. S. Army, 10 May 1945, continued:

several direct hits with a bazooka, he reduced the opposition in one house. He continued his aggressive action until the immediate vicinity was clear then organized his men to carry out their mission of supplying ammunition to the artillery pieces. His efficient and fearless discharge of duty under intense enemy opposition reflects highly upon himself and upon the armed forces. Entered military service from Maryland.

Sergeant William Wolford, Jr., 35701164, for heroic action against the enemy near Wesel, Germany on 21 March 1945. During the night Sergeant Wolford's position were subjected to a counter attack by approximately 200 enemy troops. With outstanding aggressiveness, Sergeant Wolford moved a mortar into an exposed position from which he had a clear field of fire on the enemy at close range. Firing the mortar without the use of a tripod, he quickly routed the enemy counter attack and inflicted heavy casualties. His actions were above the call of duty and were in accordance with the highest traditions of the armed forces. Entered military service from Kentucky.

Sergeant Ernest S. Wood, 34767902, for heroic action against the enemy near Hussmanshof, Germany on 24 March 1945. During the airborne crossing of the Rhine River, Sergeant Wood displayed unusual leadership and coolness under fire by getting his howitzer and gun section into position and ready for action against the enemy in a minimum of time. This action was accomplished in spite of the fact that his glider landed almost two miles from its designated position. Sergeant Wood and his men moved their howitzer through terrain spotted with rockets of enemy resistance and at times they were under intense enemy fire. His service was in keeping with the highest standards of military conduct. Entered military service from Georgia.

Corporal Kenneth E. McAtee, 35140812, for heroic action against the enemy near Monte, Belgium on 3 January 1945. In his initial combat action, Corporal McAtee distinguished himself by leading a reconnaissance patrol deep into enemy territory during a heavy snow storm. His aggressive action against an alert and determined enemy and under adverse weather conditions reflects high credit upon himself. His thorough patrolling obtained information that was of great value in subsequent operations. His actions were in keeping with the highest standards of military conduct. Entered military service from Indiana.

Technician Fifth Grade Alex J. Sot, 33602344, for heroic action against the enemy near Ruthen, Germany on 7 April 1945. Technician Fifth Grade Sot was a driver for an artillery unit on a mission to reconnoiter a new battery position. While traveling a road in lightly held territory, he and the men with him came under enemy artillery and small arms fire. All members of the party hit the ditch, but when a lull came in the firing, Technician Fifth Grade Sot exposed himself to go for help to rescue the remainder of the party. Unable to obtain sufficient support he returned to the scene of action firing the machine gun mounted on his vehicle and drawing the enemy fire on himself. His heroic action saved the rest of the party and was in keeping with the finest traditions of the armed forces. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Private First Class Thomas J. Florino, 33719748, for heroic action against the enemy near Hussmanshof, Germany on 24 March 1945. After landing by glider during the airborne crossing of the Rhine River, Private First Class Florino observed a glider loaded with ammunition that appeared to be abandoned. Later, on learning

R-E-S-T-R-I-C-T-E-D

General Orders Number 36, Headquarters 17th Airborne Division, APO 452, U. S. Army  
10 May 1945, continued:

that his battery needed ammunition, he took a jeep and returned to the abandoned glider, but found that it was no longer within friendly lines. Without regard for his own safety, he drove his jeep to the glider and returned with the ammunition. His action was in keeping with the highest standards of military conduct. Entered military service from Maryland.

Private First Class Odis D. McCarty, 6956344, for heroic action against the enemy near Hussmanshof, Germany on 24 March 1945. Private First Class McCarty was a radio operator with a forward observation party during the airborne operation across the Rhine River. Under heavy enemy fire he retrieved his radio from his glider and went into action with an infantry unit. During a determined enemy counter-attack, he used his radio to call for artillery fire, it being necessary to zero the fire upon his own observation post in order to break up the attack. This heroic action was in keeping with the highest traditions of the armed forces. Entered military service from Texas.

Private First Class John R. Soloy, 33622879, for heroic action against the enemy near Wesol, Germany on 24 March 1945. During the airborne operation across the Rhine River, Private First Class Soloy was the driver of the only jeep ambulance available for the first few hours. Unhesitatingly he traversed the landing zones evacuating wounded in spite of raking enemy fire. His personal courage under fire, and staunch determination to help his comrades was in accordance with the highest standards of military conduct. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Private First Class William J. Wallace, 3667133, for heroic action against the enemy at Essen, Germany on 13 April 1945. Private First Class Wallace, with three others of his unit, made their way far ahead of friendly front lines to reconnoiter the town of Essen. The information they obtained by advancing deep into the heart of an enemy held city aided materially in the occupation of the city in force a short time later. The initiative and aggressiveness of Private First Class Wallace and his comrades was in keeping with the highest standards of military conduct. Entered military service from Illinois.

Private First Class Robert E. Burns, 33926254, for heroic action against the enemy near Werdon, Germany on 12 April 1945. Private First Class Burns volunteered as a member of an engineer reconnaissance patrol that made its way far ahead of infantry units surveying engineer structures in line of the advance. Although they were subjected to heavy enemy fire, he and his small party heroically carried out their mission. His aggressiveness and unhesitating devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest standards of military conduct. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Private Nobel R. Kontzen, 34703784, for heroic action against the enemy at Essen, Germany on 10 April 1945. Private Kontzen, with three others of his unit, made their way far ahead of friendly front lines to reconnoiter the town of Essen. The information they obtained by advancing deep into the heart of an enemy held city aided materially in the occupation of the city in force a short time later. The initiative and aggressiveness of Private Kontzen and his comrades was in keeping with the highest standards of military conduct. Entered military service from Alabama.

Private Woodley T. Ray, 18126433, for heroic action against the enemy near Werdon, Germany on 12 April 1945. Private First Class Ray volunteered as a member of an engineer reconnaissance patrol that made its way far ahead of infantry units surveying engineer structures in line of the advance. Although they were subjected

R-E-S-T-R-I-C-T-E-D

General Orders Number 36, Headquarters 17th Airborne Division, APO 452, U. S. Army  
10 May 1945, continued:

to heavy enemy fire, he and his small party heroically carried out their mission. His aggressiveness and unhesitating devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest standards of military conduct. Entered military service from Texas.

III. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL -- Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and pursuant to authority contained in Memorandum Number 21, Headquarters Fifteenth United States Army, dated 4 March 1945, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to:

Lieutenant Colonel Edward S. Branigan, Jr., 0325381, Field Artillery, for meritorious service during the period 11 March 1945 to 24 March 1945. Entered military service from *New York* - *per No 44 - 28 May 45*

Lieutenant Colonel Alton R. Tylor, 0376787, Infantry, for meritorious service during the period 21 March 1945 to 11 May 1945. Entered military service from Mississippi.

Captain George W. Crain, 0419145, Chaplains Corps, for meritorious service during the period 2 January 1945 to 10 February 1945. Entered military service from California.

Captain Edwin W. O'Halla, 01550474, Ordnance Department, for meritorious service during the period 23 December 1944 to 1 April 1945. Entered military service from Ohio.

First Lieutenant Glenn E. Johnson, 01313412, Infantry, for meritorious service during the period 24 March 1945 to 13 April 1945. Entered military service from Oregon.

Second Lieutenant (then Staff Sergeant) Harold D. Hartrich, 02011114, Field Artillery, for meritorious service during the period 7 January 1945 to 15 April 1945. Entered military service from Illinois.

Second Lieutenant (then Master Sergeant) William H. Murray, 02011085, Quartermaster Corps, for meritorious service during the period 1 January 1945 to 1 April 1945. Entered military service from District of Columbia.

Master Sergeant Fred O. Dickson, 34234607, for meritorious service during the period 1 March 1944 to 1 April 1945. Entered military service from Louisiana.

Master Sergeant Sam Mullins, 35137231, for meritorious service during the period 24 March 1945 to 7 April 1945. Entered military service from West Virginia.

OK } IV. AMENDMENT -- So much of Section II, General Orders Number 31, this Headquarters, dated 8 May 1945, as pertains to First Lieutenant Don R. Fort, 01323857, reading, "the Bronze Star Medal", is amended to read, "the Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal".

~~R-E-S-T-R-I-C-T-E-D~~

General Orders Number 36, Headquarters 17th Airborne Division, APO 452, U. S. Army,  
10 May 1945, continued:

By command of Major General MILEY:

W. K. LUBBEL,  
Colonel, GSC,  
Chief of Staff.

OFFICIAL:

*Gabe W. Lewis Jr.*  
GABE W. LEWIS, JR.,  
Lt. Col., AGD,  
Adjutant General.

DISTRIBUTION

"E"

- Plus 3 copies - The Adjutant General, Washington 25, D. C.
- 2 copies - European Theater of Operations, APO 887, U. S. Army.
- 1 copy - Commanding General, First Allied Airborne Army, APO 740, U. S. Army
- 1 copy - Commanding General, Fifteenth United States Army, APO 408, U. S. Army
- 2 copies - Commanding General, XVIII Corps (Airborne), APO 109, U. S. Army.
- 2 copies - Commanding General, XXII Corps, APO 250, U. S. Army.
- 1 copy - Commanding General, Twelfth Army Group, APO 37th ARU.

~~R-E-S-T-R-I-C-T-E-D~~

R-E-S-T-R-I-C-T-E-D

HEADQUARTERS 17TH AIRBORNE DIVISION  
APO 452, U. S. ARMY

GENERAL ORDERS

NUMBER 37 )

11 May 1945.

Award of Silver Star	Section I
Award of Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster to Bronze Star Medal	Section II
Award of Bronze Star Medal	Section III
Award of Bronze Star Medal	Section IV
Award of Air Medal	Section V
Award of Certificate of Merit	Section VI
Amendment	Section VII
Detail in General Staff Corps	Section VIII

1. AWARD OF SILVER STAR -- Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and pursuant to authority contained in Memorandum Number 21, Headquarters Fifteenth United States Army, dated 4 March 1945, the Silver Star is awarded to:

Captain James P. Lyke, 01297220, Infantry, for gallantry in action against the enemy near Wesel, Germany on 24 March 1945. Acting as jump master for the lead plane of the division headquarters serial during the airborne operation across the Rhine River, Captain Lyke's efficient calmness gave everyone in his plane a feeling of confidence. Immediately upon landing he oriented those near him and directed their movement to the assembly area against hostile resistance. His calmness under fire and knowledge of the ground was an inspiration to those around him. Entered military service from New York.

Captain John W. Marr, 01282552, Infantry, for gallantry in action against the enemy near Wesel, Germany, on 24 March 1945. Immediately after landing in enemy territory during the airborne crossing of the Rhine River, Captain Marr assembled a group of about fifty men and led them in clearing enemy positions around the dry zones. With complete disregard for his own safety, he led his men in an attack on five enemy field pieces. Through his gallant and inspiring leadership, approximately 120 prisoners were taken and an additional 30 casualties inflicted on the enemy. His actions were in accordance with the highest standards of military conduct. Entered military service from West Virginia.

Second Lieutenant Kenneth E. McManamy, 01321225, Infantry, for gallantry in action against the enemy near Wesel, Germany on 24 March 1945. After landing by parachute during the airborne crossing of the Rhine River, Second Lieutenant McManamy assembled the available men of his platoon and led them to their designated sector. On approaching their objective, they came under enemy small arms and automatic weapons fire. With complete disregard for his personal safety, Second Lieutenant McManamy led an assault against the enemy positions. The aggressive spirit and courageous leadership displayed, was largely responsible for the capture of enemy positions. His actions were in keeping with the highest standards of military conduct. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Staff Sergeant Harvin F. Troutman, 13020509, for gallantry in action against the enemy near Wesel, Germany on 24 March 1945. Immediately after landing on the parachute mission in Germany, Staff Sergeant Troutman assembled a small group of



R-E-S-T-R-I-C-T-E-D

General Orders Number 37, Headquarters 17th Airborne Division, APO 152, U. S. Army  
11 May 1945, continued:

men and led them against the enemy entrenched in a woods near the landing zone. With superb personal courage, he led the charge into the woods in the face of intense enemy small arms and machine gun fire. Running out of ammunition for his own weapon, he picked up an enemy rifle and used it as a club in hand to hand fighting. Although wounded, he refused evacuation until all enemy resistance was crushed. His courage in the face of the enemy and his gallant leadership were in keeping with the highest standards of military conduct. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

II. AWARD OF BRONZE OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO BRONZE STAR MEDAL -- Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and pursuant to authority contained in Memorandum Number 21, Headquarters Fifteenth United States Army, dated 4 March 1945, the Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster to Bronze Star Medal is awarded to:

Technician Fourth Grade Theodore R. Harnoss, 39175762, for heroic action against the enemy near Germany on 8 April 1945. Technician Fourth Grade Harnoss volunteered to lead a four-man patrol across a canal into enemy occupied territory during daylight hours to locate missing members of a combat patrol. Almost immediately the patrol came under enemy fire and two members were wounded. Realizing that the more seriously wounded man needed medical attention immediately, Technician Fourth Grade Harnoss exposed himself to the enemy fire to evacuate him. The devotion to duty, initiative and aggressiveness in the face of danger on the part of Technician Fourth Grade Harnoss was in keeping with the highest standards of military service. Entered military service from Washington.

III. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL -- Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and pursuant to authority contained in Memorandum Number 21, Headquarters Fifteenth United States Army, dated 4 March 1945, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to:

Captain Humilius P. Solund, 0545789, Chaplains Corps, for heroic action against the enemy near Germany on 24 March 1945. Although not an experienced parachutist, Captain Solund unhesitatingly jumped into combat with his men during the airborne invasion of Germany. After landing, he proceeded with complete disregard for his personal safety to give all possible assistance to the wounded on the drop zone while under enemy fire. His cheerfulness and courageous behavior was a source of courage to all the men near him. The assistance given by Captain Solund in aiding and evacuating the wounded materially aided the unit and gave them added confidence. His actions reflect great credit on himself, his regiment and on the arm forces. Entered military service from Missouri.

Captain Fred McGoldrich, 0345378, Infantry, for heroic action against the enemy near Germany on 24 March 1945. During the airborne operation across the Rhine River, it was imperative that tank destroyers be dispatched to the regiments as rapidly as they could be moved by ferry and bridge across the river. Captain McGoldrich worked aggressively and efficiently all through the night following D-Day to expedite the movement of the heavy guns to the support of front line troops. His mission repeatedly took him through woods and over terrain not entirely cleared of the enemy. Only through his cool courage and resourceful leadership was the task successfully accomplished. The conduct of Captain McGoldrich was in keeping with the highest standards of military service. Entered military service from Kentucky.

First Lieutenant William H. Harvill, 01287347, Infantry, for heroic action against the enemy near Germany on 24 March 1945. Upon landing in the airborne invasion of Germany, First Lieutenant Harvill organized a group of men and led

R-E-S-T-R-I-C-T-E-D

General Orders Number 37, Headquarters 17th Airborne Division, APO 452, U. S. Army  
11 May 1945, continued:

them through enemy resistance to the assembly area. Voluntarily and with complete disregard for his personal safety, he led his men in establishing a road block to protect his battalion area. During the action his small group inflicted 48 casualties on the enemy. His actions were in accordance with the highest standards of military conduct. Entered military service from Alabama.

First Lieutenant Ross H. Howard, 01010410, Infantry, for heroic action against the enemy near Wesel, Germany on 24 March 1945. Immediately after landing in the airborne operation against Germany and while under enemy fire, First Lieutenant Howard assembled a group of men and moved to the company assembly area. He formed an assault platoon and proceeded to clear part of the area. With complete disregard for his personal safety, he led an assault on enemy machine gun positions located in a building. His unflinching courage and superior leadership were a source of inspiration to his men and were largely responsible for the capture and destruction of the enemy positions. Entered military service from Texas.

First Lieutenant Willard E. Chambers, 01302429, Infantry, for heroic action against the enemy near Wesel, Germany on 24 March 1945. With complete disregard for his personal safety, First Lieutenant Chambers led an assault on enemy machine gun positions following the drop into enemy territory during the crossing of the Rhine River. Courageously he and his men stormed the enemy positions inflicting heavy casualties. The unflinching courage and superior leadership of First Lieutenant Chambers was an inspiration to his men. His actions were in keeping with the highest standards of military conduct. Entered military service from Ohio.

First Sergeant Walter W. Fragnowski, 35282923, for heroic action against the enemy near Munster, Germany on 2 April 1945. During the attack on the city of Munster, the need for ammunition became acute in First Sergeant Fragnowski's company. The shortest route to the rear was over a highway exposed to direct enemy artillery and mortar fire. With utter disregard for his personal safety, First Sergeant Fragnowski drove over this exposed road to obtain the needed ammunition in the shortest possible time. His daring, courage and resourcefulness contributed materially to the early capture of the city. Entered military service from Ohio.

Technical Sergeant Albert J. Stutz, 6148490, for heroic action against the enemy near Warstein, Germany on 7 April 1945. Technical Sergeant Stutz was leading his platoon in an attack when they came under intense enemy artillery, machine gun and rifle fire. Realizing the intensity of the enemy resistance, Technical Sergeant Stutz went forward firing his rifle and urging his men to follow. By his dauntless courage and aggressive leadership, the enemy resistance was crushed and the attack moved forward. This action warrants the highest praise and was in keeping with the highest standards of military conduct. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

Staff Sergeant Stanley J. Lehnick, 1576826, for heroic action against the enemy near Wesel, Germany on 24 March 1945. With complete disregard for his own safety, Staff Sergeant Lehnick organized a small group of men under heavy enemy fire and directed them in the assembly of the equipment of a mortar platoon. Working in open terrain and under intense enemy fire, all equipment was procured and the mortar placed in action in a minimum of time. His actions were in accordance with the highest standards of military service. Entered military service from West Virginia.

Staff Sergeant Whitney Garrish, 31015652, for heroic action against the enemy near Huelshausen, Germany on 8 April 1945. Staff Sergeant Garrish participated in a

R-E-S-T-R-I-C-T-E-D

General Orders Number 37, Headquarters 17th Airborne Division, APO 452, U. S. Army.  
11 May 1945, continued:

combat patrol that was forced to occupy a group of houses when it was unable to return to friendly territory. The small patrol heroically repulsed one strong enemy counter attack. During a subsequent attack, Staff Sergeant Gerrish was knocked unconscious by a near miss from enemy artillery. Upon regaining control of his faculties a few minutes later, he stubbornly returned to the fight and aided materially in beating off the second attack. His actions were in keeping with the highest standards of military conduct. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

Staff Sergeant Delmo Mitchell, 38082462, for heroic action against the enemy near Flumen, Germany on 24 March 1945. Immediately upon landing by parachute during the airborne operation across the Rhine River, Staff Sergeant Mitchell came under heavy enemy machine gun and flak fire. With marked aggressiveness and dauntless courage, he led the men near him in storming the enemy positions. His disregard for personal safety and aggressive leadership were largely responsible for the elimination of the enemy position. His heroic actions were in keeping with the highest standards of military service. Entered military service from Texas.

Staff Sergeant Kermit L. Racey, 33540593, for heroic action against the enemy near Hofsfordt, Germany on 24 March 1945. In the early hours of the airborne invasion of Germany, a company of infantry came under heavy fire from an enemy tank. With calm disregard for his own safety, Staff Sergeant Racey exposed himself to the tank fire so as to bring the vehicle under fire of his own anti-tank weapon. Heroically he stood and fired at the tank, drawing its fire on himself, until his fire disabled the vehicle and it was crew abandoned it and fled. The courage and devotion to duty of Staff Sergeant Racey were in keeping with the highest standards of military conduct. Entered military service from Virginia.

Staff Sergeant Lawrence A. Brothers, 10097420, for heroic action against the enemy near Wesel, Germany on 24 March 1945. After organizing a small combat group while under intense enemy small arms fire, Staff Sergeant Brothers, with complete disregard for his personal safety, led an assault on an enemy artillery position. His bravery and leadership carried the four-man patrol to the enemy position where thirteen prisoners were captured and several other casualties inflicted on the enemy forces. Staff Sergeant Brothers' actions were in keeping with the highest standards of military conduct. Entered military service from Arizona.

Staff Sergeant (then Sergeant) William A. Giles, Jr., 32232822, for heroic action against the enemy near Wesel, Germany on 24 March 1945. Immediately after landing in the airborne attack on Germany, Sergeant Giles joined a small group of men and assaulted enemy artillery positions. After being wounded in the head, he refused evacuation and remained with the unit until the action was finished. After treatment by an aid man, he again refused to be evacuated, but led an assault on another enemy position. Spurred by his determined example, the men around him fought gallantly in overcoming the initial enemy resistance. His actions were in keeping with the highest standards of military service. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Sergeant Stanley Drexler, 32227394, for heroic action against the enemy near Munster, Germany on 1 April 1945. Sergeant Drexler was a member of a patrol that had penetrated deep into enemy held territory on a reconnaissance mission. Upon being discovered by the enemy, the patrol was forced into a fire fight with numerally superior forces. The weapons of some of the patrol members became jammed and

R-E-S-T-R-I-C-T-E-D

General Orders Number 37, Headquarters 17th Airborne Division, APO 452, U. S. Army  
11 May 1945, continued:

Sergeant Drapala deliberately exposed himself to the enemy fire in order to cover their retreat. After the others had made good their escape, he had to withdraw without the aid of covering fire. His heroic action was in keeping with the highest standards of military conduct. Entered military service from New York.

Technician Fifth Grade Walter E. Wrzeszczynski, 33597077, for heroic action against the enemy near Lunster, Germany on 2 April 1945. During the attack on Lunster, eight men were seriously wounded when a company was pinned down by heavy enemy mortar and machine gun fire. Technician Fifth Grade Wrzeszczynski, heedless of the continuing fire, moved across open ground to administer first aid to the wounded men. His courageous action was instrumental in saving the lives of these eight men. Such action above and beyond the normal call of duty was in keeping with the highest standards of military service. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Private First Class Harry W. Bollos, 32930162, for heroic action against the enemy near Warstein, Germany on 7 April 1945. During an attack, Private First Class Bollos' company was pinned down by intense enemy mortar and artillery fire. Two men who attempted to cross an open field were seriously wounded. Private First Class Bollos, heedless of the continuing fire, twice ran into the open and moved the men to safety. His actions were credited with saving their lives. This daring action was in keeping with the highest standards of military conduct. Entered military service from New York.

Private First Class Chester J. Borkowski, 35058576, for heroic action against the enemy near Warstein, Germany on 7 April 1945. During a sharp battle, three men from Private First Class Borkowski's company were unaccounted for and Private First Class Borkowski volunteered to search for them. He found them wounded in an open field exposed to direct enemy fire. In spite of the enemy fire, he crawled to them, administered first aid, and then moved each man back to a point from which they could be evacuated. This voluntary action in the face of great danger was definitely above and beyond the call of duty and in keeping with the highest standards of military conduct. Entered military service from Ohio.

Private First Class Joseph W. Tichonor, 35810712, for heroic action against the enemy near Oberhausen, Germany on 8 April 1945. With complete disregard for his personal safety and while under intense machine gun, mortar and panzerfaust fire, Private First Class Tichonor occupied and defended a position at which three men had been wounded. Although suffering from concussion and shrapnel wounds, he fired from his position effectively beating off a determined enemy attack. His stubborn and tenacious stand in the face of the enemy was in keeping with the highest standards of military conduct. Entered military service from Kentucky.

IV. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL -- Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and pursuant to authority contained in Memorandum Number 21, Headquarters Fifteenth United States Army, dated 4 March 1945, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to:

Lieutenant Colonel Albert S. Wisnby, 0103566, Judge Advocate General Department, for meritorious service during the period 1 September 1944 to 1 January 1945. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

*Citation Amend by Lt # 40 - May 14, 1945*  
\*Major Alonzo F. Green, 0293719, General Staff Corps, for meritorious service during the period 15 April 1945 to 1 May 1945. Entered military service from Florida.



R-E-S-T-R-I-C-T-E-D

General Orders Number 37, Headquarters 17th Airborne Division, AFO 452, U. S. Army  
11 May 1945, continued:

Captain James I. Lyke, 01297220, Infantry, for meritorious service during the period 1 March 1945 to 24 March 1945. Entered military service from Florida.

Master Sergeant John L. Carr, 15076290, for meritorious service during the period 1 January 1945 to 1 May 1945. Entered military service from Ohio.  
*AMEND. BY GOF 46 -- 7 June 45 to read one to BSM.*

\*First Sergeant William H. Lindsey, 6395526, for meritorious service during the period 24 March 1945 to 1 May 1945. Entered military service from South Carolina.

V. AWARD OF AIR MEDAL -- Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1944 as amended and pursuant to authority contained in Memorandum Number 21, Headquarters Fifteenth United States Army, dated 4 March 1945, the Air Medal is awarded to:

Lieutenant Colonel William G. Forwood, 0349513, Air Corps, for heroic and meritorious action against the enemy involving aerial flight on 24 March 1945. Lieutenant Colonel Forwood volunteered as co-pilot and navigator for the ship bearing the Division Commander and his staff in the airborne invasion of Germany. His skill and courage resulted in dropping not only his plane load, but the entire aerial in the exact location planned. His service has been in keeping with the highest traditions of military conduct. Entered military service from New Jersey.

VI. AWARD OF CERTIFICATE OF MERIT -- Under the provisions of Memorandum Number 21, Headquarters Fifteenth United States Army, dated 4 March 1945, the Certificate of Merit is awarded to:

FIRST LIEUTENANT	PROSPERO DeBOIA	01292667	INFANTRY
Technical Sergeant	Grady C. Bragg	14114128	
Technical Sergeant	Herschel Duncan	15114251	
Staff Sergeant	Joseph G. Higgs	34306311	
Technician Fourth Grade	Vincent Brophy	3222056	
Technician Fourth Grade	Sidney Hausch	12063248	
Technician Fifth Grade	Alexander L. DiSanto	33466937	
Private First Class	Paul Gitts	39217439	
Private First Class	Thomas E. McKool	14074005	

OK VII. AMENDMENT -- So much of Section IV, General Orders Number 34, this Headquarters, dated 9 May 1945, as reads, "Technician Fourth Grade Joseph L. Bernstein 37668680", is amended to read, "Technician Fourth Grade Abraham J. Bernstein, 37668680".

VIII. DETAIL IN GENERAL STAFF CORPS -- Pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45, the following officer is detailed in the General Staff Corps with troops:

MAJOR	GLENN R. LYLES	0324655	INFANTRY
-------	----------------	---------	----------

By command of Major General KILEY:

OFFICIAL:

*Gabe W. Lewis, Jr.*  
GABE W. LEWIS, JR.,  
Lt. Col., AG,  
Adjutant General.

W. K. LIEBEL,  
Colonel, GSC,  
Chief of Staff.



R-E-S-T-R-I-C-T-E-D

General Orders Number 37, Headquarters 17th Airborne Division, APO 452, U. S. Army  
11 May 1945, continued:

DISTRIBUTION

"E"

- Plus 3 copies - The Adjutant General, Washington 25, D. C.
- 2 copies - European Theater of Operations, APO 887, U. S. Army.
- 1 copy - Commanding General, First Allied Airborne Army, APO 740, U. S. Army.
- 1 copy - Commanding General, Fifteenth United States Army, APO 408, U. S. Army.
- 2 copies - Commanding General, XVIII Corps (Airborne), APO 109, U. S. Army.
- 2 copies - Commanding General, XXII Corps, APO 250, U. S. Army.
- 1 copy - Commanding General, Twelfth Army Group, APO 37th ARU.

ORIGINAL COPY

R-E-S-T-R-I-C-T-E-D

HEADQUARTERS 17TH AIRBORNE DIVISION  
APO 452, U. S. ARMY

*6/1/45*

GENERAL ORDERS )

NUMBER 38 )

12 May 1945.

Award of Silver Star (Posthumous)	Section I
Award of Silver Star	Section II
Award of Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster to Silver Star	Section III
Award of Soldier's Medal	Section IV
Award of Bronze Star Medal (Posthumous)	Section V
Award of Bronze Star Medal	Section VI
Award of Bronze Star Medal	Section VII
Award of Air Medal	Section VIII
Award of Certificate of Merit	Section IX
Amendment	Section X

I -- AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR (POSTHUMOUS) -- Under the provisions of AR 600-22 September 1943, as amended, and pursuant to authority contained in Memorandum Number 21, Headquarters Fifteenth United States Army, dated 4 March 1945, the Silver Star is awarded posthumously to:

Second Lieutenant Herman Lomberger, 01184095, Field Artillery, for gallantry in action against the enemy near Pothoff, Germany on 24 March 1945. Immediately after landing by glider during the airborne crossing of the Rhine River, Second Lieutenant Lomberger dashed through heavy enemy small arms fire to render first aid to five wounded men. After helping the wounded men to a place of safety, he joined his battery as a forward observer. He moved to the farthest infantry outpost to obtain the best possible observation to meet an expected enemy counter attack. His location was in such close proximity to the enemy lines, that the noise from his radio disclosed his position and brought enemy fire upon him. While trying to direct fire upon an enemy tank, Second Lieutenant Lomberger was mortally wounded. His gallant action and self-sacrifice were in accordance with the highest traditions of the armed forces. Entered military service from New York.

Private First Class Jack Cook, 42006641, for gallantry in action against the enemy near Pothoff, Germany on 30 March 1945. As Private First Class Cook's company advanced across an open field, while clearing a route for a squadron of accompanying tanks, intense enemy fire was encountered from a group of houses directly in the line of advance. Private First Class Cook voluntarily and with complete disregard for his own safety, advanced through deadly fire to engage the enemy at close range. His courage and aggressiveness were directly responsible for knocking out one enemy machine gun position and the surrender of approximately forty riflemen. Private First Class Cook was mortally wounded in this engagement; but he aided his company to advance and capture an important objective. His noble self-sacrifice is worthy of the highest traditions of the armed forces. Entered military service from New York.

II -- AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR -- Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and pursuant to authority contained in Memorandum Number 21, Headquarters Fifteenth United States Army, dated 4 March 1945, the Silver Star is awarded to:

R-T-S-T-R-I-C-T-E-D

General Orders Number 28, Headquarters 17th Airborne Division, PO 452, U. S. Army  
12 May 1945, continued:

Brigadier General John L. Whitlaw, 012357, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy near Wentz, Belgium on 4 January 1945. During the initial hours of an attack against stubbornly determined enemy forces, one unit had become stopped by intense enemy fire. With calm disregard for his own safety Brigadier General Whitlaw went forward to the farthest outposts, leading and encouraging until the attack was again progressing smoothly. He then walked the entire length of the unit front, checking positions and encouraging the men to heroic endeavor in the face of discouraging odds. Brigadier General Whitlaw's calm presence in the front line positions, in spite of the direct observed enemy fire, was inspiring to every man in the unit. Entered military service from New York.

Brigadier General Joseph V. Phelps, 012279, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy near Wesel, Germany on 24 March 1945. During the air borne crossing of the Rhine River, Brigadier General Phelps landed by parachute in an area that had not been secured by any previous landing of our troops. With utter disregard for intense enemy rifle and machine gun fire, he moved about the drop zone to direct the assembly of men and equipment. The superb leadership displayed by Brigadier General Phelps inspired high efficiency from those in his command. His gallant action and calmness under fire were in accordance with the highest standards of military conduct. Entered military service from Missouri.

Second Lieutenant Frank Pierce, Jr., 01060071, Infantry, for gallantry in action against the enemy near Wesel, Germany on 7 April 1945. Second Lieutenant Pierce was assigned the mission of establishing a bridgehead across the Rhine-Herne Canal. With complete disregard for his own safety, he led his patrol against two enemy machine gun and rifle positions. With unflinching courage, he knocked out one machine gun with carbine fire and grenades while his troops captured the other position. His gallant action in the face of direct enemy fire was in keeping with the highest standards of the military service. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

Staff Sergeant Willie E. Moore, 34276626, for gallantry in action against the enemy near Wesel, Germany on 7 April 1945. While crossing the Rhine-Herne Canal, Staff Sergeant Moore's squad came under heavy enemy machine gun and small arms fire with the utmost courage, he deployed his men and led the advance on a machine gun position. Although wounded while advancing, he crawled in and knocked out the gun. His gallant action resulted in the capture of the machine gun position and six casualties. His superb personal courage and leadership were in accordance with the highest traditions of the armed forces. Entered military service from Mississippi.

III -- AWARD OF BRONZE OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO SILVER STAR -- Under the provision of AR 600-45, 23 September 1943, as amended, and pursuant to authority contained in General Order Number 21, Headquarters Fifteenth United States Army, dated 4 March 1945, the Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster to Silver Star is awarded to:

First Lieutenant Joseph H. Hullock, 01796090, Corps of Military Police, for gallantry in action against the enemy near Wesel, Germany on 24 March 1945. While on a reconnaissance mission, a patrol led by First Lieutenant Hullock encountered heavy enemy fire which resulted in two members of the patrol being seriously wounded. First Lieutenant Hullock, with complete disregard for his own safety, made his way across an open field toward the wounded men. While fully exposed to enemy air aircraft and small arms fire, he crawled approximately two hundred yards to drag

R-T-S-T-R-I-C-T-D

General Orders Number 38, Headquarters 17th Airborne Division, APO 452, U. S. Army, 12 May 1945, continued:

of the wounded men to safety. He then repeated this gallant action to rescue the second wounded man. During this time, the enemy opposition had succeeded in partially encircling the patrol's position. First Lieutenant Pullock reconnoitered a route of escape and led his patrol to safety while carrying the more seriously wounded man in his arms. His great personal courage and devotion to duty were in accordance with the precepts traditions of the armed forces. Entered military service from Virginia.

IV -- AWARD OF SOLDIER'S MEDAL -- Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and pursuant to authority contained in Memorandum Number 21, Headquarters Fifteenth United States Army, dated 4 March 1945, the Soldier's Medal is awarded to:

Technician Fifth Grade Grever O. Brown, Jr., 7007924, for heroic action near Arnburg, Germany on 11 April 1945. While opening a gasoline can, a soldier was splashed on the face and hands with gasoline. The gasoline immediately burst into flame from an unknown cause and the man, dazed and disoriented, started to run. Technician Fifth Grade Brown caught the burning man, threw him to the ground and smothered the flames with a jacket. He then administered first aid to the injured soldier before having his own burns treated. This spontaneous heroic action saved the man from serious injury or possible death. His actions merit the highest praise. Entered military service from Georgia.

V -- AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL (POSTHUMOUS) -- Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and pursuant to authority contained in Memorandum Number 21, Headquarters Fifteenth United States Army, dated 4 March 1945, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded posthumously to:

Staff Sergeant Bernard P. Doan, 35657271, for heroic action against the enemy near Hubertmont, Belgium on 7 January 1945. Upon meeting superior enemy fire power it became necessary for Staff Sergeant Doan to withdraw his platoon. The enemy suddenly opened fire on each flank and pinned the platoon down. Without regard for his own safety, Staff Sergeant Doan moved into the open to draw the enemy's fire so that his platoon could recover positions of safety. He remained behind until the withdrawal was complete, engaging the enemy with his sub-machine gun. Such sacrifice and uncounted courage were in keeping with the highest traditions of the service. Entered military service from West Virginia.

Sergeant Paul R. Stotler, 33758085, for heroic action against the enemy near Langschode, Germany on 12 April 1945. In an advance against stiff enemy resistance Sergeant Stotler's squad was pinned down by intense enemy machine gun and anti-aircraft fire. Disregarding his own safety, he moved around under this heavy fire in an effort to find a safe place for his men. At the same time he set up his machine gun to return the enemy fire. In accomplishing this mission, Sergeant Stotler was mortally wounded. His courageous sacrifice and devotion to duty were an inspiration to his men. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

VI -- AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL -- Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and pursuant to authority contained in Memorandum Number 21, Headquarters Fifteenth United States Army, dated 4 March 1945, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to:

R-T-C-E-R-I-C-T-E-D

General Orders Number 38, Headquarters 17th Airborne Division, APO 452, U. S. Army, 12 May 1945, continued:

Technical Sergeant Edward Woodward, 20524667, for heroic and meritorious achievement during the period 27 March 1945 to 5 April 1945 in northwestern Germany after the airborne crossing of the Rhine River, Technical Sergeant Woodward assembled and took command of his platoon in the absence of the platoon leader. He led the platoon during the assault; organized with such heroism and courage that all missions were completed and with such skill that casualties were at a minimum. His conduct was in keeping with the highest standards of the military service. Entered military service from Kentucky.

Staff Sergeant Gordon S. Dodge, 37663046, for heroic action against the enemy near Mosel, Germany from 27 March 1945. Immediately upon landing after the airborne crossing of the Rhine River, Staff Sergeant Dodge planned an attack on an enemy command post. Although wounded and under heavy enemy fire, he led his squad into position. When he could advance no farther because of his wounds, he covered his men by his fire as they went forward. His aggressive and determined spirit was an inspiration to all his men. Entered military service from Iowa.

Corporal Peter F. Perock, 38496101, for heroic action against the enemy near Mosel, Germany on 24 March 1945. While on guard at a gun position during the night he noticed two men coming up a nearby road. When his command to halt was ignored, he left his position and moved toward the two men. Upon discovering that these men were enemy soldiers, Corporal Perock fired and hit both of them. These shots alerted the entire friendly force to enemy activity. A few minutes later, as a result of Corporal Perock's alertness, the enemy was repelled with heavy loss. His action was in keeping with the highest standards of the service. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

VII -- AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL -- Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and pursuant to authority contained in Memorandum Number 21, Headquarters Fifteenth United States Army, dated 4 March 1945, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to:

Lieutenant Colonel Edward Sierafous, 020414, Medical Corps, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy during the period 1 January 1945 to 15 April 1945. Entered military service from Michigan.

Major Pleasant W. Corbin, 0290218, Infantry, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy during the period 1 January 1945 to 28 February 1945. Entered military service from Georgia.

Captain Donald E. Fay, 0376444, Infantry, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy during the period 1 March 1945 to 1 April 1945. Entered military service from Montana.

VIII -- AWARD OF THE AIR MEDAL -- Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and pursuant to authority contained in Memorandum Number 21, Headquarters Fifteenth United States Army, dated 4 March 1945, the Air Medal is awarded to:

First Lieutenant Oscar T. Breithaupt, 0110445, Field Artillery, for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight as pilot of an observation plane over Germany during the period 24 March 1945 to 27 April 1945. First Lieutenant Breithaupt completed thirty five missions, very under enemy fire and all under constant danger of attack from enemy aircraft. On one occasion he was shot down by machine gun fire. Through his many missions, his observers were able to get



R-E-S-T-R-I-C-T-E-D

General Orders Number 38, Headquarters 17th Airborne Division, APO 452, U. S. Army  
12 May 1945, continued:

and report information on the enemy not otherwise obtainable and to adjust artillery fire on targets not visible to ground observers. His superior performance of duty added to the efficiency of his unit's operation against the enemy. Entered military service from Louisiana.

Second Lieutenant John Horant, 0535614, Field Artillery, for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight in field artillery air observation over Belgium during the period 19 January 1945 to 26 January 1945 and over Germany during the period 30 March 1945 to 15 April 1945. Second Lieutenant Horant completed thirty nine sorties, including both reconnaissance and fire missions, many under enemy ground fire and all under constant danger of attack by enemy fighter aircraft. In spite of these dangers, Second Lieutenant Horant enabled his unit, through his observations, to gain valuable knowledge of the enemy and to bring accurate and effective artillery fire against the enemy. Entered military service from New Jersey.

IX -- BOARD OF CERTIFICATE OF MERIT -- Under the provisions of Memorandum Number 21, Headquarters Fifteenth United States Army, dated 4 March 1945, the Certificate of Merit is awarded to:

Master Sergeant	William H. Hayner	35291617
Master Sergeant	Severin F. Killech	35043601
Technical Sergeant	Howard N. Kautz	35533982
Staff Sergeant	Harold E. Hokale	32930113
Sergeant	Bert S. Wooly	34255324

X -- AMENDMENT -- So much of Section II, General Orders Number 28, this Headquarters, dated 2 May 1945, as reads, "Captain Oscar A. Fodor, 0516098, Medical Corps, ... Entered military service from New York" is amended to read, "Captain Oscar A. Fodor, 0511098, Medical Corps, ... Entered military service from Indiana".

By command of Major General NILEY:

OFFICIAL:

*Gabriel Lewis, Jr.*  
GABRIEL LEWIS, JR.,  
Lt. Col., AFM,  
Adjutant General.

W. K. LINDSEY,  
Colonel, GSC,  
Chief of Staff.

DISTRIBUTION

- Plus 3 copies - The Adjutant General, Washington 25, D. C.  
2 copies - European Theatre of Operations, APO 987, U. S. Army.  
1 copy - Commanding General, First Allied Airborne Army, APO 740, U. S. Army.  
1 copy - Commanding General, Fifteenth United States Army, APO 408, U. S. Army.  
2 copies - Commanding General, XVIII Corps (Airborne), APO 109, U. S. Army.  
2 copies - Commanding General, XXII Corps, APO 250, U. S. Army.  
1 copy - Commanding General, Twelfth Army Group, Station: 37th ARU.

201 ORIGINAL ORDER

HEADQUARTERS 17TH AIRBORNE DIVISION  
APO 452, U. S. ARMY

CWL/rbw

GENERAL ORDERS )

NUMBER 39 )

13 May 1945.

Award of the Purple Heart (Germany)	Section I
Award of the Purple Heart (Belgium)	Section II
Award of the Purple Heart (Luxembourg)	Section III
Award of the Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster to the Purple Heart (Germany)	Section IV
Award of the Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster to the Purple Heart (Belgium)	Section V

I—AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART (GERMANY)— Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22, September 1943, as amended, the Purple Heart is awarded to the following named personnel for wounds received in action against the enemy in Germany on the dates indicated:

Lieutenant Colonel	EDWARD SICHELKOS	020414	24 March 1945
Lieutenant Colonel	LEWIS R GOOD	0295321	24 March 1945
Major	ARTHUR L HESSIN	0493737	24 March 1945
Master Sergeant	Sam Collins	35137231	24 March 1945
Staff Sergeant	Jacrell D Weaver	34192418	31 March 1945
Private First Class	Valentine J Pozzati	32971279	11 April 1945
Private	Thomas E Whelan	37461896	2 April 1945
Captain	ALLAN S PRITCHARD	0509751	24 March 1945
Corporal	Peter Pareso	11119685	24 March 1945
Technician Fifth Grade	Edward G Zimmerman	33721800	26 March 1945
Private	Vear Lynch	35660395	24 March 1945
Captain	FRANK F BERDMAN	01313224	14 April 1945
First Lieutenant	LEROY V MUTH	01312421	25 March 1945
First Lieutenant	GILBERT S GUSLAND	01294455	29 March 1945
First Lieutenant	WALTER W SMITH	01345005	24 March 1945
First Lieutenant	ROBERT J SHEEHY	01325067	4 April 1945
First Lieutenant	ROBERT L RICHARDS	0522255	10 April 1945
First Lieutenant	FERDINAND H W HOEFKE	01061977	10 April 1945
First Lieutenant	JOHN L ANDERSON JR	0507976	24 March 1945
Second Lieutenant	HARRY L WILLIAMS	01330132	7 April 1945
Second Lieutenant	ARTHUR G BENNETT	01316724	7 April 1945
First Sergeant	John Katz	15112470	25 March 1945
Technical Sergeant	Esber D Bentley	35135971	25 March 1945
Technical Sergeant	Thomas M Diviano	32035705	25 March 1945
Technical Sergeant	Edward S Barlow	35043770	24 March 1945
Technical Sergeant	Joe Baxter	35500476	23 March 1945
Staff Sergeant	John J Dobransky	35058389	26 March 1945
Staff Sergeant	Harry L Fox	37610697	29 March 1945
Staff Sergeant	John J Charles	33622994	10 April 1945
Sergeant	Willard L Faddler	33436829	24 March 1945
Sergeant	Miller C Champion	34273027	24 March 1945
Sergeant	Louis F Koski	33671683	29 March 1945
Sergeant	Earl J Shamp	33679354	24 March 1945

-1-

R-E-S-T-R-I-C-T-E-D

General Orders Number 39, Headquarters 17th Airborne Division, APO 452, U. S. Army dated 13 May 1945, continued.

Sergeant	John M Markuszka	35058214	4 April 1945
Sergeant	Harry C Field	35140234	14 April 1945
Sergeant	William C Hisle	37521612	7 April 1945
Sergeant	William D Ulshafer	37521546	26 March 1945
Sergeant	Carey G Elsea	20360018	9 April 1945
Technician Fourth Grade	Joseph F Sabatella	33603027	24 March 1945
Corporal	Robert W Hall	39544552	12 April 1945
Technician Fifth Grade	John T Merkel	33597644	9 April 1945
Private First Class	Charles C Walker	37520720	24 March 1945
Private First Class	Thomas F Gwyn	3752174	24 March 1945
Private First Class	Earl S Beares Jr	33719072	25 March 1945
Private First Class	William I Short	33733428	26 March 1945
Private First Class	James L Calloway	34607461	25 March 1945
Private First Class	Gordon L Glanman	37559169	25 March 1945
Private First Class	Edwin K Tibbitts	34583856	25 March 1945
Private First Class	Joseph W Oscar	32776256	28 March 1945
Private First Class	James R Fairpott	33089721	24 March 1945
Private First Class	Clayton A Rozinski	35058443	24 March 1945
Private First Class	Joseph J Juan	32930256	1 April 1945
Private First Class	John F Hall	37478005	2 April 1945
Private First Class	William E Brown	35299064	3 April 1945
Private First Class	Joseph G Reid	32930196	2 April 1945
Private First Class	Fate Smolovich	36718055	4 April 1945
Private First Class	Kenneth J Miesch	32934553	12 April 1945
Private First Class	Arthur S Bliss	33732547	16 April 1945
Private First Class	Delbert L Bucklew	35216958	12 April 1945
Private First Class	Louis J Kadlubowski	33602997	24 March 1945
Private First Class	Robert F Kellagher	33621877	7 April 1945
Private First Class	Lee B Huffman	39928745	7 April 1945
Private First Class	John F Russell	37522879	28 March 1945
Private First Class	Oris Maddox	35798475	30 March 1945
Private First Class	John R Phelps	37611040	29 March 1945
Private First Class	James W Sarver Jr	34192733	12 April 1945
Private First Class	Joseph R Oliviero	36957815	12 April 1945
Private	Kenneth J Lintner	35170752	24 March 1945
Private	Buel Springer	37611508	24 March 1945
Private	Willard A F Ramirez	37521759	7 April 1945
Private	Harold E Horn	37521755	9 April 1945
Private	Richard F Muse	34583990	24 March 1945
Private	Cloyce P Smith	34581220	29 March 1945
Private	Patrick L Wilmot	37364397	7 April 1945
First Lieutenant	JOSEPH W RELEHRAD	0407234	25 March 1945
First Lieutenant	JOHN W HUSBY	01048030	24 March 1945
First Lieutenant	PHILLIP KATZ	0430360	27 March 1945
First Lieutenant	WILLIAM R ANDERSON JR	01041278	28 March 1945
First Lieutenant	KENNETH W ULLGE	01289760	28 March 1945
First Lieutenant	EDWARD B WICH	01997760	27 March 1945
Second Lieutenant	MORRIS T HAMSETH	01081046	6 April 1945
Second Lieutenant	SIDNEY KANER	01313055	30 March 1945
Staff Sergeant	Walter C Fluta	32303039	27 March 1945



R-E-S-T-R-I-C-T-E-D

General Orders Number 39, Headquarters 17th Airborne Division, APO 452, U. S. Army dated 13 May 1945, continued:

Private	Lucky Hedgepeth	7009104	27 March 1945
Private	Thomas L McCausland	33779802	28 March 1945
Private	Esthban Gutierrez	39859937	1 April 1945
Private	Clifford Hamill	31371220	6 April 1945
Private	Clyde Chandler	39588628	30 March 1945
Private	Joseph E Wysocki	36947877	10 April 1945
Private	Mervin R. <del>Narvin</del> Lampley	39588710	24 March 1945
Private	Richard R Gauldin	39270703	26 March 1945
Technician Fourth Grade	James V Sesto	35220056	24 March 1945
Corporal	Albert J Matto	33033016	28 March 1945
Technician Fifth Grade	Graydon G Dressel	33723449	26 March 1945
Private First Class	Dominic A Taello	33677940	24 March 1945
Private	Anthony E Twardowski	33742444	28 March 1945
Corporal	Joseph Kaliko	33622878	10 April 1945
Private First Class	Bert L Robertson	39423471	24 March 1945
Captain	VICTOR D MILLON	0409348	24 March 1945
Second Lieutenant	ARTHUR E CHILDS	01645617	24 March 1945
Staff Sergeant	Paul E Touten	35266507	24 March 1945
Sergeant	Henry Gatewood	33631880	24 March 1945
Sergeant	Kenneth A Myers	33757363	14 April 1945
Private First Class	William H Alford	34815670	24 March 1945
Private First Class	William J Wallace	36677133	24 March 1945
Private First Class	Eugene R Ott	36899445	5 April 1945
Private First Class	Lawrence W Burnette	33632014	4 April 1945
Private First Class	Joseph A Scalco Jr	33632064	14 April 1945
Private First Class	Pleas E Brewer	37661278	14 April 1945
Private First Class	Marvin W Dickey	38642370	7 April 1945
First Lieutenant	KENNETH M PALMER	01047284	24 March 1945
Technician Fifth Grade	Clarence H Bair	35679772	19 April 1945
Sergeant	Tom B Rankin	6387726	24 March 1945
Private First Class	Raoul D Cardin	31013033	24 March 1945
Private	Jack G Taylor	33525048	24 March 1945
Private	James A Cessario	33135112	24 March 1945
Private	John R Davis	12134342	24 March 1945
Captain	EDWARD H GEIGER	0431744	24 March 1945
Corporal	Lawrence Corpus	37611023	18 April 1945
Technician Fifth Grade	Leon L Egua	38226929	9 April 1945
Corporal	Edward F Keenan	33067331	24 March 1945
Private First Class	Vincent Huntsalong	37543837	24 March 1945

II—AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART (BELGIUM)— Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Purple Heart is awarded to the following named personnel for wounds received in action against the enemy in Belgium on the dates indicated:

Private	John Karpa	33676894	8 January 1945
Private First Class	Odell Payne	17008934	5 January 1945
Private	Robert Wagner	39048934	7 January 1945
Private First Class	Robert E Milne	39918195	10 January 1945
Staff Sergeant	Reginald Hall	35759082	8 January 1945
Sergeant	Marvin R Sael	36889419	10 January 1945



R-T-S-T-R-I-C-T-D

General Orders Number 39, Headquarters 17th Airborne Division, APO 452, U. S. Army dated 13 May 1945, continued.

III--AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART (LUXEMBOURG)-- Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Purple Heart is awarded to the following named personnel for wounds received in action against the enemy in Luxembourg on the dates indicated:

*Amend. BY GO# 41 -- 15 May 1945 to read as follows.*

* Captain	CHESTER B McCOID	01286160	31 January 1945
First Lieutenant	GUY D MILLER	01313436	25 January 1945

IV--AWARD OF THE BRONZE OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO THE PURPLE HEART (GERMANY)-- Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster to the Purple Heart is awarded to the following named personnel for wounds received in action against the enemy in Germany on the dates indicated:

Private First Class	Chester W Kostro	30752116	24 March 1945
Private	Vernon H Adcock	30752337	24 March 1945
Sergeant	John N C Katagian	30752335	30 March 1945
Private First Class	Edward A P Ysbrand	37701008	13 April 1945
Sergeant	Richard A Smith	35701279	10 April 1945
Private First Class	Clifford O Soderberg	32670192	10 April 1945
Private First Class	Lund F Nelson	35732441	30 March 1945
Private First Class	Earl C Frankecke	37442195	18 April 1945
Lieutenant Colonel	CHARLES J STEINIS	0264300	30 March 1945
First Lieutenant	RICHARD MCINTOSHSON	0309210	28 March 1945
First Sergeant	George S Miller	15114215	27 March 1945
Second Lieutenant	MARVIN T BUSH	01081046	6 April 1945
Staff Sergeant	Grant L Bishop	39212331	30 March 1945
Sergeant	David Stanford	39136512	24 March 1945
Technician Fifth Grade	Robert T Kelly	16088587	24 March 1945
Private First Class	Stanley J E Larson	37609246	24 March 1945
Private First Class	Harvin L Baker	37557797	19 April 1945
Private First Class	<del>Leo H Clendenen</del>	<del>39410976</del>	<del>11 April 1945</del>
Private First Class	Martin R Fernandez	39704608	9 April 1945

REV BY GO# 41  
52 July 45

V--AWARD OF THE BRONZE OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO THE PURPLE HEART (BELGIUM)-- Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster to the Purple Heart is awarded to the following named personnel for wounds received in action against the enemy in Belgium on the dates indicated:

Corporal	Adrien M Corbin	35865000	8 January 1945
Private First Class	Carl H Pataer	32802120	18 January 1945
Private First Class	William J Melton	37513588	8 January 1945

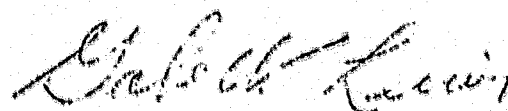
R-E-S-T-R-I-C-T-E-D

General Orders Number 39, Headquarters 17th Airborne Division, APO 452, U.  
13 May 1945, continued.

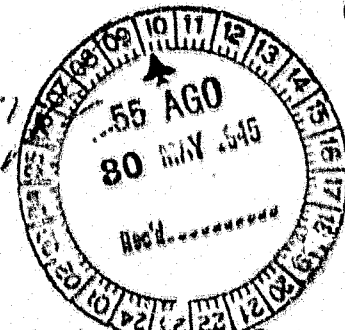
By command of Major General MILEY:

W. K. LIEBEL,  
Colonel, GSC,  
Chief of Staff.

OFFICIAL:



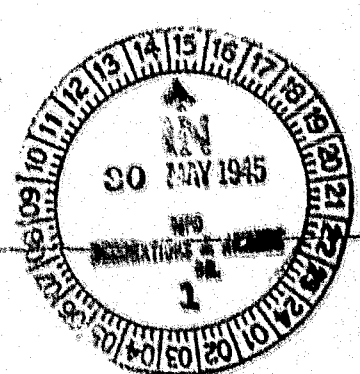
GABE W. LEWIS, JR.,  
Lt. Col., AGD  
Adjutant General.



DISTRIBUTION

"EU"

- Plus 3 copies - The Adjutant General, Washington 25, D. C.
- 2 copies - European Theater of Operations, APO 887, U. S. Army.
- 1 copy - Commanding General, First Allied Airborne Army, APO 740, U. S. Army
- 1 copy - Commanding General, Fifth United States Army, APO 408, U. S. Army
- 2 copies - Commanding General, XVIII Corps (Airborne), APO 109, U. S. Army.
- 2 copies - Commanding General, XXII Corps, APO 250, U. S. Army.
- 1 copy - Commanding General, Twelfth Army Group, Attn: 37th MRU.



R-E-S-T-R-I-C-T-E-D

AGRO-SA 201 Fareso, Peter S.  
11 110 685 (21 Jan 55)

24 February 1955

SUBJECT: Letter Orders - Amendment of General Orders

TO: Mr. Peter S. Fareso  
4 Fareso Road  
Milford, Massachusetts

So much of General Orders 39, Headquarters 17th Airborne Division, dated 13 May 1945, as pertains to the award of the Purple Heart to Peter S. Fareso, service number 11 110 685, which reads "Peter Fareso" is amended to read "Peter S. Fareso".

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:

Adjutant General

35  
ORIGINAL ORDER

R-E-S-T-R-I-C-T-E-D

HEADQUARTERS 17TH AIRBORNE DIVISION  
APO 452, U. S. ARMY

GENERAL ORDERS )

NUMBER 40 )

14 May 1945.

Award of Silver Star (Posthumous) Section I  
Award of Silver Star (Missing in Action) Section II  
Award of Silver Star Section III  
Award of Bronze Star (Posthumous) Section IV  
Award of Bronze Star Section V  
Award of Bronze Star Section VI  
Award of Certificate of Merit Section VII  
Award of Purple Heart Section VIII  
Amendment Section IX

I -- AWARD OF SILVER STAR (POSTHUMOUS) -- Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and pursuant to authority contained in Memorandum Number 21, Headquarters Fifteenth United States Army, dated 4 March 1945, the silver star is awarded posthumously to:

Captain Harry Kenyon, 025346, Infantry, for gallantry in action against the enemy near Wesely, Germany on 24 March 1945. Captain Kenyon parachuted into enemy territory during the airborne crossing of the Alme River. With a few of his men, he landed in a heavily fortified enemy position. With complete disregard for his own safety, he led his small group of men in a gallant charge through intense small arms fire to destroy a German anti-aircraft and machine gun. Never faltering he accounted for several snipers in his courageous dash to the gun positions where he disposed of the crew members with his pistol. His immediate and inspiring action unquestionably averted many casualties to his fellow soldiers. His service at all times was in keeping with the highest traditions of the armed forces. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Private First Class Thomas J. Balice, 31116595, for gallantry in action against the enemy near Wesely, Germany on 25 March 1945. Private First Class Balice was on a lightly defended sector of his platoon line when the enemy attack with about thirty-five men. By crawling along a hedgerow, the enemy managed to get within twenty yards of Private First Class Balice's position. Disregarding heavy sniper and machine gun fire, Private First Class Balice rose from his protected position and fired round after round with a bazooka directly at the enemy. He continued firing until mortally wounded by sniper fire. His courage and self-sacrifice were an inspiration to all men of his unit. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

II -- AWARD OF SILVER STAR (MISSING IN ACTION) -- Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and pursuant to authority contained in Memorandum Number 21, Headquarters Fifteenth United States Army, dated 4 March 1945, the silver star is awarded missing in action to:

First Lieutenant John J. Leary, 0349622, Infantry, for gallantry in action against the enemy near Wesely, Germany on 9 February 1945. First Lieutenant Leary volunteered to lead a patrol across the Our River with the mission of establishing a bridgehead in the face of heavily fortified enemy positions. With superb leadership, he maneuvered his men safely across the river despite intense mortar and machine gun fire from the enemy. After crossing, the patrol stormed a well defended enemy bunker and destroyed it. In this action First Lieutenant Leary was

R-E-S-T-R-I-C-T-E-D

General Orders Number 40, Headquarters 17th Airborne Division, APO 452, U. S. Army, 14 May 1945, continued:

seriously wounded by fire from an adjacent bunker and the balance of the patrol was pinned down. When it became necessary for the patrol to withdraw, First Lieutenant Leary faced death and possible capture to cover the withdrawal by fire from his sub-machine gun. His courageous gesture of self-sacrifice in protecting his men undoubtedly saved many lives and was in keeping with the highest tradition of the service. Entered military service from New York.

III — AWARD OF SILVER STAR — Under the provisions of AG 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and pursuant to authority contained in Memorandum Number 21, Headquarters Fifteenth United States Army, dated 4 March 1945, the Silver Star is awarded to:

Staff Sergeant Robert Gallardo, 12089113, for gallantry in action against the enemy near Juel, Germany on 21 March 1945. Staff Sergeant Gallardo and his squad were assigned the mission of crossing a broad yard of open field to engage an undetermined number of enemy known to be located in the woods beyond. About half way to his destination, at a point where no cover could be secured, his squad was fired upon by enemy machine guns, bazookas and rifles. Maintaining superb control of his men, he succeeded, by fire and maneuver, in getting them into a trench within thirty yards of the enemy. He then ordered his men to fix bayonets, and with an "Eppur si muove" that was magnificent, assaulted the position, knocking out the machine gun and scattering the enemy. With grim determination, Staff Sergeant Gallardo pursued the fleeing enemy. Throughout the entire mission, Staff Sergeant Gallardo's unquenchable courage, ability and excellent leadership inspired his men to a point that they never once faltered in their mission. Entered military service from New York.

Sergeant Marvin H. Marrow, 14053023, for gallantry in action against the enemy near Juel, Germany on 21 March 1945. During the airborne invasion of Germany, Sergeant Marrow landed and met intense enemy fire that was causing heavy casualties on one platoon. Determining the source of the fire, Sergeant Marrow and a comrade crept within range of the enemy strong point and attacked with their automatic weapon and rifle. By rapidly changing their firing positions, they gave the impression of being a large number of troops. While his comrade kept up his fire, Sergeant Marrow broke into the strong point and forced the surrender of the enemy. Using the same technique, Sergeant Marrow and his comrade captured an additional thirty-five prisoners a few hours later. Such prompt, unhesitating heroism was in keeping with the highest standards of the armed forces. Entered military service from Alabama.

Private First Class Leonard P. Dieckrichs, 37596710, for gallantry in action against the enemy near Juel, Germany on 21 March 1945. While parachuting into enemy territory during the airborne crossing of the Rhine River, Private First Class Dieckrichs' descent was hampered by a log bundle causing him to crash through a barn roof. In the crash, he lost his rifle. As the barn was subjected to intense enemy fire, he picked up an enemy rifle from the floor and ran towards a nearby farmhouse from which the enemy was firing. Forcing his way into the house, he succeeded in capturing twenty-five of the enemy. His superb personal courage and gallant action were in accordance with the highest traditions of the service. Entered military service from Minnesota.

Private First Class John P. Gillin, 37443374, for gallantry in action against the enemy near Juel, Germany on 21 March 1945. During the airborne invasion of Germany, Private First Class Gillin landed and met intense enemy fire that was





R-E-S-T-R-I-C-T-E-D

General Orders Number 40, Headquarters 17th Airborne Division, APO 452, U. S. Army.  
14 May 1945, continued:

1945. During this period, Private First Class McNeill's company was located in a heavily wooded area which was under direct enemy observation and almost continuous enemy artillery and mortar fire. His platoon sustained severe casualties, one of which was the company medical aid man. On his own initiative and without regard for his own safety, Private First Class McNeill left his position on numerous occasions to administer first aid and evacuate the wounded. He was also instrumental in keeping his platoon supplied with food and ammunition in the face of intense enemy fire. Throughout the entire period, his heroic actions were in accordance with the highest traditions of the armed forces. Entered military service from Minnesota.

V -- AWARD OF BRONZE STAR -- Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and pursuant to authority contained in Memorandum Number 21, Headquarters Fifteenth United States Army, dated 4 March 1945, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to:

Staff Sergeant Edl B. Nave, 37520877, for heroic action against the enemy near Mosel, Germany on 25 March 1945. Staff Sergeant Nave and his squad were on an outpost when they were attacked by a strong party supported by armored vehicles. In the face of this overwhelming opposition, Staff Sergeant Nave, and his squad tenaciously held their position and prevented the enemy from reaching the rear of his company's defenses. His undaunted courage and devotion to duty were worthy of the highest praise. Entered military service from Missouri.

Staff Sergeant George Barale, 6889671, for heroic action against the enemy near Kallenstark, Germany on 6 April 1945. After his platoon sergeant had become wounded, Staff Sergeant Barale led the platoon into an attack upon the heavily defended town of Kallenstark. When he observed the enemy attempting to place an anti-aircraft gun into action, Staff Sergeant Barale, with complete disregard for his own safety, moved forward and by accurate rifle and grenade firing, forced the enemy to surrender. His personal bravery and disregard for enemy sniper and machine gun fire contributed materially to winning the town. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Private First Class Wilbur H. Barton, 34211100, for heroic action against the enemy near Mosel, Germany on 25 March 1945. During the airborne invasion of Germany, Private First Class Barton was an aid man in a battery that had parachuted into enemy territory and had landed under intense mortar, machine gun and small arms fire. When one of his officers was wounded in an open field, Private First Class Barton braved the heavy enemy fire to reach the wounded man. Disregarding his own safety, he thoroughly examined the officer. Only upon discovering that aid to the officer was of no avail, did he crawl away from his exposed position. Private First Class Barton's devotion to duty was an inspiration to all men of his battery. Entered military service from South Carolina.

Private First Class (then Private) Benjamin V. Smith, 7007044, for heroic action against the enemy near Mosel, Germany on 25 March 1945. After parachuting into enemy territory during the airborne crossing of the Rhine River, Private First Class Smith helped man a howitzer that was placing direct fire on an enemy strong point. When more ammunition was needed, he volunteered to go onto an open field to secure a parachute containing ammunition. Without hesitation he started across the field. Heavy enemy machine gun fire forced him to take cover behind the parachute and set ablaze the harness of the container. When the enemy fire slackened,

R-E-S-T-R-I-C-T-E-D

General Orders Number 40, Headquarters 17th Airborne Division, APO 452, U. S. Army, 14 May 1945, continued:

Private First Class Smith tore the harness loose and dragged the badly needed ammunition to the howitzer. His daring action and determination were a credit to himself and to the service. Entered military service from Georgia.

Private First Class Ellis Stoops, 37675429, for heroic action against the enemy near Wesel, Germany on 26 MARCH 1945. During the airborne invasion of Germany, Private First Class Stoops was wounded in the leg by shrapnel while still in the air. Upon landing, his right leg was immediately pinned down by intense fire originating from an enemy combat post. Regarding his own wound, he advanced against the enemy fire, and together with the other members of his group, flanked and eliminated the enemy opposition. Private First Class Stoops refused to be evacuated and continued to perform his duties as lead scout throughout the operation. His courage and staunch fortitude were in keeping with the highest traditions of the armed forces. Entered military service from Iowa.

Private First Class Pablo Galindro, 38579887, for heroic action against the enemy near Haltern, Germany on 26 MARCH 1945. Private First Class Galindro was riding a lead tank with the mission of capturing a bridge, south of Haltern. As they approached the bridge, the enemy fired a flare followed by intense small arms fire. Glimpsing the demolition charge by the light of the flare, he dashed for the bridge and as he did so the enemy blew two other bridges in the area. Fully aware that the bridge might be blown under him, Private First Class Galindro continued his rush, crossed the bridge and routed the enemy covering force while a comrade cut the demolition charge. His unflinching courage in the face of such hazardous possibilities is worthy of the highest praise. Entered military service from Texas.

Private Richard D. Hicks, 14173182, for heroic action against the enemy near Warstein, Germany on 7 APRIL 1945. When his patrol was held up, Private Hicks and a companion undertook a reconnaissance several hundred yards ahead of the main body. In doing so, he surprised and captured an enemy rifleman. He turned the prisoner over to his comrade to be taken to the patrol leader. While continuing alone, he heard rifle fire to his rear and realized that the prisoner had either escaped or had drawn an undetected weapon upon his guard. Private Hicks crawled back to find that the German with an automatic pistol had pinned down the entire patrol. With complete disregard for his own safety, Private Hicks crawled rapidly to a position from which he could see the prisoner and mortally wounded him. By his alert action, he saved the patrol from possible heavy casualties. Entered military service from Alabama.

VI -- AWARD OF BRONZE STAR -- Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and pursuant to authority contained in Memorandum Number 21, Headquarters Fifteenth United States Army, dated 4 March 1945, the Bronze Star is awarded to:

Colonel James R. Pierce, O14979, Infantry, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy during the period 24 March 1945 to 15 April 1945. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Lieutenant Colonel Joseph A. Keating, O19800, Field Artillery, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy during the period 2 January 1945 to 18 April 1945. Entered military service from District of Columbia.

R-E-S-T-R-I-C-T-E-D

General Orders Number 40, Headquarters 17th Airborne Division, APO 452, U. S. Army  
14 May 1945, continued:

*Citation AMEND. BY GO# 46 -- 7 June 1945*

\* Lieutenant Colonel Kenneth L. Booth, 024519, Field Artillery, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy during the period 26 December 1944 to ~~15 February 1945~~ <sup>5 April 1945</sup>. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

*Citation AMEND. BY GO# 46 -- 7 June 45*

\* Major Carl A. Peterson, 0354163, Infantry, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy during the period 1 January 1945 to 15 April 1945. Entered military service from ~~Nebraska~~, Montana.

Major Frederick G. Buckwalter, 0343431, Infantry, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy during the period 26 February 1945 to 15 April 1945. Entered military service from Oklahoma.

Captain Norman M. York, 0315299, Infantry, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy during the period 4 January 1945 to 15 April 1945. Entered military service from North Carolina.

Captain Charles F. Golyer, 0402513, Infantry, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy during the period 26 February 1945 to 15 April 1945. Entered military service from North Carolina.

Captain Gilbert D. Harrison, Jr., 01313401, Infantry, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy during the period 1 January 1945 to 15 April 1945. Entered military service from Maine.

Captain William R. Hunter, 01312934, Infantry, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy during the period 1 January 1945 to 15 April 1945. Entered military service from California.

*AMEND. BY GO# 41 -- 15 May 45*

\* First Lieutenant <sup>R.</sup> Raymond R. Rowland, 0363242, Infantry, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy during the period 15 August 1944 to 31 December 1944. Entered military service from Mississippi.

Technical Sergeant Walter A. Ashill, 35111091, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy during the period 24 March 1945 to 12 April 1945. Entered military service from Illinois.

VII -- AWARD OF CERTIFICATE OF MERIT -- Under the provisions of Memorandum Number 21, Headquarters Fifteenth United States Army, dated 4 March 1945, the Certificate of Merit is awarded to:

Sergeant                      Heniz G. Schaorf                      36706770

VIII -- AWARD OF PURPLE HEART -- Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Purple Heart is awarded to the following named personnel for wounded received in action against the enemy in Germany on the dates indicated:

Lieutenant Colonel	Wilson Thomas	0234021	24 March 1945
First Lieutenant	Vernon J. Claudio	01002594	24 March 1945
Staff Sergeant	Andrew J. Fox	39308117	24 March 1945
Technician Fourth Grade	Oscar F. Finkle	35439318	24 March 1945
Private	Robert C. Mathis	32844560	28 March 1945

R-E-S-T-R-I-C-T-E-D

General Orders Number 40, Headquarters 17th Airborne Division, APO 452, U. S. Army,  
14 May 1945, continued:

*WJF* IX -- AMENDMENT -- So much of Section IV, General Orders Number 37, this  
Headquarters, dated 11 May 1945, as pertains to Major Alonzo F. Green, 0393719,  
General Staff Corps, as reads "15 April 1945" is amended to read "15 April 1943".

By command of Major General ITTM:

W. K. LIEBEL,  
Colonel, GSC,  
Chief of Staff.

OFFICIAL:

*Gabe W. Liebel*  
GABE W. LIEBEL, Lt.,  
Lt. Col., AGC,  
Adjutant General.

DISTRIBUTION

- Plus 3 copies - The Adjutant General, Washington 25, D. C.  
2 copies - European Theater of Operations, APO 887, U. S. Army.  
1 copy - Commanding General, First Allied Airborne Army, APO 740, U. S. Army  
1 copy - Commanding General, Fifteenth United States Army, APO 408, U.S. Army  
2 copies - Commanding General, XVIII Corps (Airborne), APO 109, U. S. Army.  
2 copies - Commanding General, XXIV Corps, APO 250, U. S. Army.  
1 copy - Commanding General, 1st Air Army Group, Attn: 37th MAU.

-7-

R-E-S-T-R-I-C-T-E-D



Lantz 6/18  
7

ORIGINAL ORDER

R-E-S-T-R-I-C-T-E-D

HEADQUARTERS 17TH AIRBORNE DIVISION  
APO 452, U. S. ARMY

GENERAL ORDER )  
NUMBER 141 )

15 May 1945.

- |   |              |
|---|--------------|
| Award of Silver Star (Posthumous)                     | Section I    |
| Award of Silver Star                                  | Section II   |
| Award of Bronze Star Medal (Posthumous)               | Section III  |
| Award of Bronze Star Medal                            | Section IV   |
| Award of Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster to Bronze Star Medal | Section V    |
| Award of Bronze Star Medal                            | Section VI   |
| Award of Certificate of Merit                         | Section VII  |
| Amendment   | Section VIII |
| Amendment   | Section IX   |

I -- AWARD OF SILVER STAR (POSTHUMOUS) -- Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and pursuant to authority contained in memorandum Number 21, Headquarters Fifteenth United States Army, dated 4 March 1945, the silver star is awarded posthumously to:

Private First Class Justin Kisis, 31334030, for gallantry in action against the enemy near Warden, Germany on 15 April 1945. Private First Class Kisis was in a defensive position near the Warden Bridge over the Ruhr River when an enemy counter-attack was made. With the aid of a concentrated artillery and mortar barrage, the enemy made a sharp penetration of the left flank of this position. With complete disregard for his own safety, Private First Class Kisis left his covered position and rushed toward the threatened area with a machine gun. Despite the intense enemy fire, he continued to advance until hit by an enemy artillery shell. His courage and daring inspired his men to fight with renewed determination. His gallant action and self-sacrifice were in keeping with the highest traditions of the armed forces. Entered military service from Connecticut.

II -- AWARD OF SILVER STAR -- Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and pursuant to authority contained in memorandum Number 21, Headquarters Fifteenth United States Army, dated 4 March 1945, the Silver Star is awarded to:

First Lieutenant Thomas J. Jones, 01043067, Infantry, for gallantry in action against the enemy near Warden, Germany on 15 April 1945. Disregarding an intense enemy mortar and artillery barrage, First Lieutenant Jones led his platoon across the Warden Bridge of the Ruhr River and placed his men in the best possible defensive positions. When an enemy counter-attack was made, First Lieutenant Jones, despite the heavy fire, moved from one flank to the other instructing his men. When a machine gun was knocked out, he personally brought forward a new gun to the position. After repulsing the counter-attack, First Lieutenant Jones led his men through a steady stream of sniper and small arms fire to attack and clear the enemy positions. His devotion to duty and courageous action were an inspiration to his men. Entered military service from New York.

Private First Class Walter H. Campbell, 35077765, for gallantry in action against the enemy near Warden, Germany on 14 April 1945. After his unit had secured a bridgehead across the Ruhr River in the face of intense enemy fire, all communications to the main forces were broken out by artillery fire. Private First Class Campbell volunteered to take information to his rear command post. Although the bridge across the river and its approaches were under heavy artillery,

R-E-S-T-R-I-C-T-E-D

General Orders Number 11, Headquarters 17th Airborne Division, APO 452, U. S. 1945,  
15 May 1945, contain:

automatic weapons and sniper fire, Private First Class Campbell unhesitatingly saved the Ruhr River and delivered vital information to the command post. Through his courageous action, necessary reinforcements were sent forward to expand and secure the bridgehead. Entered military service from Ohio.

III -- BRONZE STAR MEDAL (POSTHUMOUS) -- Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and pursuant to authority contained in Memorandum Number 21, Headquarters 17th Airborne Division, United States Army, dated 4 March 1945, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded posthumously to:

Private First Class Alfred J. [Name], 1167430, for heroic action against the enemy near Wesel, Germany on 20 March 1945. Private First Class Sander and a companion voluntarily moved across an open field for a distance of two hundred yards to rescue a wounded comrade. Although the terrain to be crossed was covered by enemy small arms and mortar fire as well as friendly fire, they were not deterred from their mission. Regardless of the continuing fire, Private First Class Sander and his companion reached the wounded man, administered first aid and carried him to safety. The heroic action of Private First Class Sander reflects the highest credit upon the service. Entered military service from [State].

IV -- BRONZE STAR MEDAL -- Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and pursuant to authority contained in Memorandum Number 21, Headquarters 17th Airborne Division, United States Army, dated 4 March 1945, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to:

First Lieutenant [Name], 01318538, Infantry, for heroic action against the enemy near Wesel, Germany on 24 March 1945. After landing by glider during the airborne invasion of Germany, First Lieutenant [Name] assembled his glider load and started toward his company objective. Although he came upon two platoons that were pinned down by enemy small arms fire coming from a nearby building, without regard for his own safety, First Lieutenant [Name] crossed an open field, entered and neutralized the enemy strong point. His action demonstrated courageous and aggressive leadership and was in keeping with the highest traditions of military conduct. Entered military service from New Hampshire.

First Sergeant Paul V. Bechtold, 32124370, for heroic action against the enemy near Wesel, Germany on 24 March 1945. First Sergeant Bechtold landed by glider in enemy territory during the airborne crossing of the Ruhr River. Disregarding heavy enemy fire, he proceeded on his assigned mission of contacting the British forces. Within one hour after landing, First Sergeant Bechtold had moved through enemy pockets of resistance, contacted the British and returned with much vital information. His devotion to duty and heroic actions were in accordance with the highest traditions of the armed forces. Entered military service from New York.

Technical Sergeant Arthur W. Waterloo, 3669837, for heroic action against the enemy near Wesel, Germany on 24 March 1945. Technical Sergeant Waterloo and a companion voluntarily moved across an open field for a distance of two hundred yards to rescue a wounded comrade. Although the terrain to be crossed was covered by enemy small arms and mortar fire as well as friendly fire, they were not deterred from their mission. Regardless of the continuing fire, Technical Sergeant Waterloo and his companion reached the wounded man, administered first aid and carried him to safety. The heroic action of Technical Sergeant Waterloo reflects the highest credit upon the service. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

General Orders Number 11, Headquarters 17th Airborne Division, APO 452, U. S. Army, 15 May 1945, continue:

automatic weapons and sniper fire, Private First Class Campbell unhesitatingly swam the Ruhr river and delivered vital information to the command post. Through his courageous actions, necessary reinforcements were sent forward to expand and secure the bridgehead. Entered military service from Ohio.

III -- Private First Class Alfred Sander, 3267433, for heroic action against the enemy near Wesel, Germany on 24 March 1945. Pursuant to authority contained in Memorandum Number 21, Headquarters 17th United States Army, dated 4 March 1945, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to:

Private First Class Alfred Sander, 3267433, for heroic action against the enemy near Wesel, Germany on 24 March 1945. Private First Class Sander and a companion voluntarily moved across an open field for a distance of two hundred yards to rescue a wounded comrade. Although the terrain to be crossed was covered by enemy small arms and mortar fire as well as friendly fire, they were not deterred from their mission. Regardless of the continuing fire, Private First Class Sander and his companion reached the wounded comrade, administered first aid and carried him to safety. The heroic action of Private First Class Sander reflects the highest credit upon the services rendered in military service from Texas.

IV -- Private First Class Harold E. Gray, 01318558, for heroic action against the enemy near Wesel, Germany on 24 March 1945. Pursuant to authority contained in Memorandum Number 21, Headquarters 17th United States Army, dated 4 March 1945, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to:

Private First Class Harold E. Gray, 01318558, Infantry, for heroic action against the enemy near Wesel, Germany on 24 March 1945. After landing by glider during the airborne invasion of Germany, First Lieutenant Gray assembled his glider load and started toward their company objective. En route, he came upon two platoons that were pinned down by enemy small arms fire coming from a nearby building. Without regard for his own safety, First Lieutenant Gray crossed an open field, entered and neutralized the enemy strong point. His action demonstrated courageous and aggressive leadership and was in keeping with the highest traditions of military conduct. Entered military service from New Hampshire.

First Sergeant Paul V. Bechtold, 32124330, for heroic action against the enemy near Wesel, Germany on 24 March 1945. First Sergeant Bechtold landed by glider in enemy territory during the airborne crossing of the Rhine River. Disregarding heavy enemy fire, he proceeded on his assigned mission of contacting the British forces. Within one hour after landing, First Sergeant Bechtold had moved through enemy pockets of resistance, contacted the British and returned with such vital information. His devotion to duty and heroic actions were in accordance with the highest traditions of the armed forces. Entered military service from New York.

Technical Sergeant Arthur L. Waterloo, 32099837, for heroic action against the enemy near Wesel, Germany on 24 March 1945. Technical Sergeant Waterloo and a companion voluntarily moved across an open field for a distance of two hundred yards to rescue a wounded comrade. Although the terrain to be crossed was covered by enemy small arms and mortar fire as well as friendly fire, they were not deterred from their mission. Regardless of the continuing fire, Technical Sergeant Waterloo and his companion reached the wounded comrade, administered first aid and carried him to safety. The heroic action of Technical Sergeant Waterloo reflects the highest credit upon the services rendered in military service from Pennsylvania.

General Order Number 41, Headquarters 17th Airborne Division, APO 452, U. S. Army  
15 May 1945, confidential.

Staff Sergeant Earl J. McMillian, 3300364, for heroic action against the enemy near Germany on 14 April 1945. Staff Sergeant McMillian led his squad across a bridge over the Ruhr River that was subjected to intense enemy sniper and artillery fire with the risk of a caving and preventing the enemy from blowing the bridge. Although wounded by the fire, Staff Sergeant McMillian personally placed each man in a defensive position from which they repulsed heavy enemy counter-attacks. He remained with his men, reemploying them to meet changing situations, until reinforcements were brought forward. His bravery, courage and leadership were an inspiration to his men and contributed materially to the success of this mission. Entered military service from Maryland.

Sergeant Harlin A. Hatch, 3751194, for heroic action against the enemy in Germany during the period 24 March 1945 to 7 May 1945. While performing the duties of squad leader, Sergeant Hatch occasionally exposed himself to enemy fire that his squad might function more effectively. Once when the squad was pinned down by an enemy machine gun, he led them to a place of safety. On another occasion, his squad was clearing obstacles for a bridge across the Ruhr River when they were placed under heavy fire from an enemy tank. Despite this fire, Sergeant Hatch continued at his task until his work was completed. His devotion to duty and inspirational leadership were in accordance with the highest traditions of the armed forces. Entered military service from Minnesota.

Sergeant Ralph J. Hunter, 3946009, for heroic action against the enemy near Fullam, Germany on 14 April 1945. During the attack on Fullam, Sergeant Hunter was assigned the task of leading his platoon against an enemy strong point. The route of advance to this enemy position was blocked with numerous fences and hedge-rows and rather than avoid his platoon through so uncertain a route, Sergeant Hunter personally went out to reconnoiter. In doing so, he was shot in the chest by sniper fire but with courageous determination, he stumbled back to his men and gave them the proper directions. Inspired by his courage, the platoon assaulted and successfully neutralized the enemy position. This heroic action of Sergeant Hunter was worthy of the highest praise. Entered military service from Idaho.

Corporal Marion E. Foreman, 3755102, for heroic action against the enemy in Germany during the period 24 March 1945 to 7 May 1945. Corporal Foreman, an assistant squad leader with inspiring courage and devotion to duty, continuously set an outstanding example. On one occasion when it was necessary for his squad to withdraw, Corporal Foreman exposed himself to enemy machine gun fire to protect the men until they reached new positions. His gallantry and leadership resulted in the efficient working of his squad and contributed materially to the success of its military operations. Entered military service from Ohio.

Technician Fifth Grade Joe H. Potts, 3 532743, for heroic action against the enemy near Germany on 24 March 1945. During the airborne crossing of the Rhine River, Technician Fifth Grade Potts landed by glider in an area that was under intense enemy small arms fire. Without regard for his own safety, he exposed himself to administer first aid to seriously wounded comrades. Later he helped to evacuate this and other men from the landing area. His devotion to duty and gallantry under fire were in accordance with the highest traditions of the armed forces. Entered military service from Virginia.

Technician Fifth Grade Harry H. Ellis, 11072526, for heroic action against the enemy near Germany on 24 March 1945. After landing by glider during the airborne crossing of the Rhine River, Technician Fifth Grade Ellis immediately engaged an enemy position. Two of the enemy were killed and were captured by Technician Fifth Grade Ellis. He then returned to the enemy strong point with the

General Orders Number 21, Headquarters 17th Airborne Division, APO 452, U. S. Army, 15 May 1945, continued:

two prisoners and convinced sixteen other German soldiers to surrender themselves and their arms, carried being of four anti-aircraft guns, sub-machine guns and other infantry weapons. The gallantry, heroism and initiative displayed by Technician Fifth Grade Ellis are in keeping with highest standards of the armed forces. National military service from Massachusetts.

Private First Class Robert L. Nichols, 3122673, for heroic action against the enemy near Bastogne, Germany on 15 April 1945. After his company had secured a bridgehead across the main river, Private First Class Nichols, through ceaseless efforts, maintained radio communication between the bridgehead and the main force. Despite heavy sniper and small arms fire, Private First Class Nichols continued to repair the wire after every enemy artillery barrage. By his continuous repair to this only source of communication, it was possible for the infantry and the artillery to coordinate fire to repulse a very heavy counter-attack. The devotion to duty and gallantry under fire of Private First Class Nichols materially aided the securing of the bridgehead. National military service from Rhode Island.

Private First Class Charles V. Kuhlwey, 3322458, for heroic action against the enemy near Bastogne, Germany on 21 December 1944. After landing by glider during the airborne invasion of Germany, Private First Class Kuhlwey was pinned down by intense enemy fire. The glider in which he landed had been set afire by enemy incendiary bullets, and a course of gas running from this glider abled with gasoline. Private First Class Kuhlwey, despite the heavy enemy fire and without regard for his own safety, rescued and returned his wounded comrade. He caught the burning man, threw him to the ground and rolled him under his burning clothing. Although Private First Class Kuhlwey was hit twice by enemy fire, he moved the wounded man to a place of safety and administered first aid. His heroic action under fire was in accordance with the highest military standards. National military service from Pennsylvania.

Private First Class James J. Hyman, 14000394, for heroic action against the enemy near Aachen, Germany on 17 February 1945. Private First Class Hyman was a volunteer member of a patrol with the mission of entering the district to gain information and take prisoners. Heavy fire from an enemy pillbox wounded Private First Class Hyman and one of his comrades. Despite the intense enemy fire and his own injury, Private First Class Hyman returned the enemy position and successfully neutralized it. His courageous action was worthy of the highest praise and was an inspiration to the other men of his patrol. National military service from Kentucky.

Private First Class Edward G. Cobb, 3317235, for heroic action against the enemy near Bastogne, Germany on 2 February 1945. Private First Class Cobb was a member of a reconnaissance patrol that had penetrated far in advance of their own lines. Heavy fire was encountered and the patrol members were wounded. Despite the intense enemy fire, Private First Class Cobb managed himself to return with one of the wounded men. He then led another patrol into the enemy lines to evacuate his other wounded comrade. His heroic actions in keeping with the highest traditions of the armed forces. National military service from New York.

Private Richard Elsey, 4371225, for heroic action against the enemy near Aachen, Germany on 6 April 1945. Private Elsey volunteered to investigate the presence of German soldiers in his vicinity. When he reached the crest of a ridge, he was observed by a six-man enemy patrol. Realizing that the enemy had seen him, Private Elsey used his rifle to engage the enemy. After a short struggle, he drove the enemy back to the foot of the hill and then crawled back to the crest of the hill. He then fired at the enemy from the crest of the hill, Private Elsey opened fire and continued firing until he had eliminated the entire enemy



General Order Number 44, Headquarters 17th Airborne Division, APO 452, U. S. Army, 1 May 1945, contains:

patrol. His resourcefulness and aggressive action reflects the highest credit upon the service. Entered military service from Maryland.

Private James E. Wilson, 34930944, for heroic action against the enemy near Bulmen, Germany on 29 March 1945. To avoid exposing his platoon's position, Private Wilson exhibited high personal courage in single handedly assaulting an enemy machine gun position. Although Private Wilson was wounded in this action, his initiative enabled his platoon to maneuver into a more favorable assault position and to knock out the enemy strong point. His aggressive and determined spirit of Private Wilson was worthy of the highest traditions of the armed forces. Entered military service from Florida.

V -- BROWN OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO BROWN STAR MEDAL -- Under provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and pursuant to authority contained in General Order Number 21, Headquarters Fifteenth United States Army, dated 4 March 1945 the Brown Oak Leaf Cluster to the Brown Star Medal is awarded to:

Captain (then First Lieutenant) Frederick F. Waffin, Jr., 01313745, Infantry, for heroic action against the enemy in Palawan during the period 7 January 1945 to 30 January 1945. When his company commander became a casualty, Captain Waffin took command under the most adverse combat conditions and quickly reorganized the company into an effective fighting force. He repeatedly exposed himself to intense enemy fire to keep his company's weapons in action. Once he took up an advanced position to adjust mortar fire and in spite of continuous enemy artillery fire, carried out his mission until forced from the field by wounds. Throughout the entire operation, Captain Waffin displayed a courageous and tenacious spirit that was an inspiration to all his men. Entered military service from Philadelphia.

VI -- BROWN OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO BROWN STAR MEDAL -- Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and pursuant to authority contained in General Order Number 21, Headquarters Fifteenth United States Army, dated 4 March 1945, the Brown Star Medal is awarded to:

Captain Paul G. Miller, 0466010, (formerly in park), for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy during the period 23 December 1944 to 10 March 1945. Entered military service from Texas.

Captain James N. Pedrony, Jr., 01028877, Coast Artillery Corps, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy during the period 6 January 1945 to 31 April 1945. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

Captain (then First Lieutenant) [Name], 01047879, Coast Artillery Corps for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy during the period 6 January 1945 to 30 April 1945. Entered military service from [Location].

AMEN BY GO# 44 28 May 45 2  
\* Chief warrant officer [Name], [Rank], [Branch], United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy during the period 1 January 1945 to 7 [Month] 1945. Entered military service from District of Columbia.

Staff Sergeant [Name], 18171197, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy during the period 25 December 1944 to 1 May 1945. Entered military service from New York.

General Orders Number 41, Headquarters 17th Airborne Division, APO 452, U. S. Army, 15 May 1945, continued:

VII -- AWARD OF CERTIFICATE OF MERIT -- Under the provisions of Memorandum Number 21, Headquarters Fifteenth United States Army, dated 4 March 1945, the Certificate of Merit is awarded to:

Warrant Officer Junior Grade	Harvin R. Schwartz	42106381	United States Army
Technical Sergeant	Carl W. Garner	35289163	
Technical Sergeant	John H. Forrest	32836157	

OK VIII -- AMENDMENT -- So much of Section III, General Orders Number 39, this Headquarters, dated 13 May 1945, as pertains to Captain Chester B. McGeid, 01286160 Infantry, reading "...the Purple Heart..." is hereby amended to read "...the Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster to the Purple Heart..."

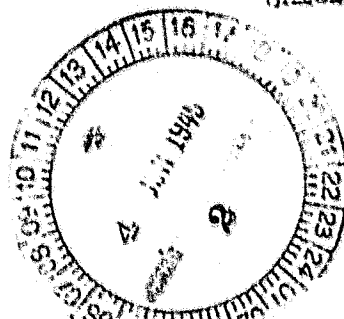
OK IX -- AMENDMENT -- So much of Section VI, General Orders Number 40, this Headquarters, dated 14 May 1945, as reads "...First Lieutenant Raymond E. Rowland, 0363242, Infantry..." is hereby amended to read "... First Lieutenant Raymond R. Rowland, 0363242, Infantry..."

By command of Major General KELLY:

A. K. LIEBEL,  
Colonel, GSC,  
Chief of Staff.

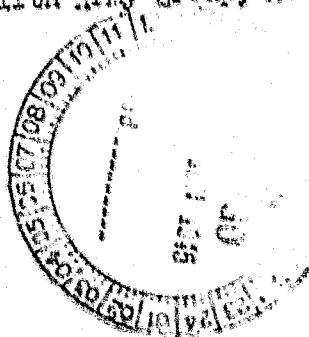
COPY:

*John W. Lewis*  
JOHN W. LEWIS, JR.,  
Lt. Col., AGD,  
Adjutant General.



DISTRIBUTION

- Plus 3 copies - The Adjutant General, Washington, D. C.
- 2 copies - European Theater of Operations, APO 307, U. S. Army.
- 1 copy - Commanding General, First United Airborne Army, APO 740, U. S. Army
- 1 copy - Commanding General, Fifteenth United States Army, APO 408, U. S. Army
- 1 copy - Commanding General, XVIII Corps (Airborne), APO 109, U. S. Army.
- 1 copy - Commanding General, VIII Corps, APO 250, U. S. Army.
- 1 copy - Commanding General, Fifth Army Group, Attn: 37th DIV.



R E S T R I C T E D

Hq 13th Abn Div, APO 333, US Army, OO # 46, 27 July 1945, cont'd

II -- AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL (POSTHUMOUS) -- Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, 22 September 1943, and pursuant to authority contained in Memorandum Number 35, Headquarters XVI Corps, 25 June 1945, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded posthumously to the following named enlisted man for heroic achievement in action against the enemy of the United States.

Private William F. Thorng, 6 145 127, 517th Parachute Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in action near La Muy, France, 15 August 1944. Heavily laden with ammunition and personal equipment, Private Thorng, as a member of a pathfinder team, parachuted into Southern France in advance of the main airborne invasion force. Their mission was to mark drop zones and landing areas for incoming parachute and glider units. While moving toward their designated drop zone, three miles distant, Private Thorng and his comrades were attacked by an enemy company. The outnumbered group withdrew to a wooded area from which it returned the fire, inflicting heavy casualties and compelling the enemy to withdraw. During this action one of the group was killed. Pushing on, Private Thorng and his comrades ambushed a German patrol and killed all five of its members. On reaching the drop zone, the group marked the area and set up radar equipment, enabling the main invasion force to land safely. Private Thorng's determined courage and devotion to duty reflect great credit on himself and on the military service. Entered the military service from South Barre, Massachusetts.

II -- AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL -- Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, 22 September 1943, and pursuant to authority contained in Memorandum Number 35, Headquarters XVI Corps, 25 June 1945, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following named personnel for heroic achievement in action against the enemy of the United States.

*Award given by para 60 -- words to read on*  
Sergeant Jack Burns, 37 512 061, 517th Parachute Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in action near Freyneaux, Belgium, 25 and 26 December 1944. After repulsing two strong armor supported German drives, Sergeant Burns' outnumbered company was surrounded by the enemy. Volunteering to search for a route of withdrawal Sergeant Burns with three comrades set out on this venture. When they had progressed 800 yards the patrol encountered a company of German infantry, supported by tanks. Observing that the enemy was moving to attack a nearby town, Sergeant Burns and his comrades returned to the company position with the information, enabling the artillery to disperse the attack. In the course of the next 24 hours the group completed ten more patrol missions, encountering enemy opposition on each one. Through the information gathered, often in face of great danger, Sergeant Burns and the patrol discovered a route over which a successful withdrawal subsequently was made. The resolute and daring devotion to duty of Sergeant Burns enabled a battalion of infantry and armor to escape annihilation. Entered the military service from Kansas City, Missouri.

Private First Class Edwin P. Johnson, 35 099 752, 517th Parachute Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in action near Freyneaux, Belgium, 25 and 26 December 1944. After repulsing two strong armor supported German drives, Private First Class Johnson's outnumbered company was surrounded by the enemy. Volunteering to search for a route of withdrawal Private First Class Johnson with three comrades set out on this venture. When they had progressed 800 yards the patrol encountered a company of German infantry, supported by tanks. Observing that the enemy was moving to attack a nearby town, Private First Class Johnson and his comrades returned to the company position with the information, enabling the artillery to disperse the attack. In the course of the next 24 hours the group completed ten more patrol missions, encountering enemy opposition on each one. Through the information gathered, often in face of great danger, Private First Class Johnson and the patrol discovered a route over which a successful withdrawal subsequently was made. The resolute and daring devotion to duty of Private First Class Johnson enabled a battalion of infantry and armor to escape annihilation. Entered the military service from Indianapolis, Indiana.

R E S T R I C T E D

Hq 13th Abn Div, APO 333, US Army, OO #46, 27 July 1945, Cont'd

a battalion of infantry and armor to escape annihilation. Entered the military service from Tacoma, Washington.

Corporal Wayne S. Jackson, 39 128 197, 517th Parachute Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in action near Freyneaux, Belgium, 25 and 26 December 1944. After repulsing two strong armor supported German drives, Corporal Jackson's outnumbered company was surrounded by the enemy. Volunteering to search for a route of withdrawal Corporal Jackson with three comrades set out on this venture. When they had progressed 800 yards the patrol encountered a company of German infantry, supported by tanks. Observing that the enemy was moving to attack a nearby town, Corporal Jackson and his comrades returned to the company position with the information, enabling the artillery to disperse the attack. In the course of the next 24 hours the group completed ten more patrol missions, encountering enemy opposition on each one. Through the information gathered, often in face of great danger, Corporal Jackson and the patrol discovered a route over which a successful withdrawal subsequently was made. The resolute and daring devotion to duty of Corporal Jackson enabled a battalion of infantry and armor to escape annihilation. Entered the military service from Harrison, Arkansas.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL CHAPMAN:

HUGH F. HARRIS,  
Colonel, G.S.C.,  
Chief of Staff.

OFFICIAL:

*S. A. Lewis*  
S. A. LEWIS, B.M.C.  
Lt Col, A.G.D.,  
Adjutant General.

DISTRIBUTION: "B" plus "Special"

- 3 -

R E S T R I C T E D

RESTRICTED

ORIGINAL ORDER

HEADQUARTERS 13TH AIRBORNE DIVISION  
APO 333, U. S. ARMY

GENERAL ORDERS )

27 July 1945

NUMBER 47 )

Award of Bronze Star Medal (Posthumous)-----	Section I
Award of Bronze Star Medal-----	Section II
Award of Bronze Star Medal-----	Section III

I - AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL (POSTHUMOUS) -- Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, 22 September 1943, and pursuant to authority contained in Memorandum Number 35, Headquarters XVI Corps, 25 June 1945, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded posthumously to the following named officer for heroic achievement in action against the enemy of the United States:

First Lieutenant Charles V. Whitley, O 530 914, 517th Parachute Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in action in Belgium. On 3 January 1945 Company "E" was assigned the mission of attacking the enemy held town of Mont de Fosse, Belgium. When the frontal assault by the first and third platoons was halted by intense enemy fire, the second platoon was ordered to attack from the flank. On reaching a point close to the enemy lines, the platoon was subjected to a severe concentration of fire. Observing that his platoon leader was wounded, Lieutenant Whitley immediately took command and ordered his greatly outnumbered force to fall back. Aware that the withdrawal order would have to be passed on to the forward scouts, Lieutenant Whitley, rather than jeopardize the lives of any of his men, set out on this mission himself. Alternately dashing and crawling through the withering hail of enemy machine gun bullets he courageously moved forward until he was mortally wounded. Lieutenant Whitley's noble and inspiring devotion to duty, enabling his platoon to reach a covered position, exemplifies the finest traditions of the military service. Entered the military service from Zebulon, North Carolina.

II - AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL -- Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, 22 September 1943, and pursuant to authority contained in Memorandum Number 35, Headquarters XVI Corps, 25 June 1945, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following named personnel for heroic achievement in action against the enemy of the United States:

Staff Sergeant Raymond E Bunco (then Private First Class), 33 602 968, 517th Parachute Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in action near St. Vith, Belgium, 27 January 1945. While leading a reconnaissance patrol, Staff Sergeant Bunco detected a German ambush of approximately thirty riflemen and one machine gun. Although outnumbered five to one, he moved aggressively forward, signaling his patrol to follow. With a few well placed bursts from his sub-machine gun, Staff Sergeant Bunco killed two of the enemy machine gun crew and wounded the other. Discovering that his weapon had jammed, Staff Sergeant Bunco promptly dashed to the enemy weapon and placed it in action. His devastating fire killed and wounded fifteen more of the enemy and forced the remainder to flee. Staff Sergeant Bunco's daring and devotion to duty reflect great credit on himself and on the military service. Entered the military service from Scranton, Pennsylvania.

*AWARD BY GO# 51 - 51945 from DSM to 10LC to BSM*  
 \* Sergeant Allen H Douglas, 14 096 798, 517th Parachute Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in action at Col de Braus, France, 9 September 1944. Acting as lead scout for his platoon, Sergeant Douglas noticed an enemy attack forming on his unit's flank and crawled through a withering fire to inform his platoon leader. The platoon leader told Sergeant Douglas it would be necessary to have the platoon to withdraw but before the order could be given the platoon leader was killed. Sergeant Douglas immediately took charge of the platoon and ordered the withdrawal. Then he noticed two wounded comrades lying in an exposed position. Without hesitation and with complete disregard for his own safety, Sergeant Douglas crawled out, and, under heavy enemy fire, assisted both men to a pillbox being used as an aid station. The enemy attack made evacuation of the aid station necessary but Sergeant Douglas voluntarily stayed behind with the two wounded men. To get the men needed medical aid, he carried one man on his back and assisted the other over four hundred yards of open terrain under intense enemy mortar and small arms fire. Sergeant Douglas' actions were instrumental in saving the lives of these men and his complete disregard for his own safety was an inspiration to all his comrades. Entered the military service from Savannah, Georgia.

RESTRICTED



R E S T R I C T E D

Hq 13th Abn Div, APO 333, U. S. Army, GO # 47, 27 July 1945, continued.

Second Lieutenant Billy H. Fann (then First Sergeant), O2 011 098, 517th Parachute Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in action near Bergstein, Germany, 8 February 1945. When a platoon leader was wounded while his platoon was moving into position to repulse an enemy counterattack, Lieutenant Fann realized the seriousness of the situation and assumed command of the platoon. Disregarding the heavy enemy mortar and artillery fire, he quickly reorganized the confused platoon and, upon orders, led the platoon forward to meet the counterattack. When the leading elements of his platoon were pinned down by intense enemy machine gun and rifle fire, Lieutenant Fann, with no regard for his own safety, stood up and moved to the head of the platoon. Inspired by this courageous action, his men moved forward and completed their assigned mission. Still under deadly fire, Lieutenant Fann then directed his platoon to a defensive position, which aided materially in repulsing the enemy counterattack. Lieutenant Fann's display of coolness, courage and leadership was an inspiration to those who witnessed it and to the other officers and men with whom he served. Entered the military service from Alabama City, Alabama.

Private First Class Louis A. Faria, 31 296 630, 517th Parachute Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in action near Sospol, France, 13 November 1944. Private First Class Faria was a member of a communications group which successfully stalled and maintained wire lines despite mountainous terrain and severe fire from enemy positions. On one occasion, while repairing a vital line, Private Faria was subjected to intense fire from an enemy outpost. Disregarding his own safety he remained in this area until repairs were effected and information sent to an adjacent platoon enabling it to eliminate the enemy position. As Private First Class Faria was returning to his company, one of his comrades was severely wounded during a heavy barrage. Although himself dazed and shaken, Private First Class Faria administered aid, and, still under intense fire, assisted the injured man to the aid station. The courageous devotion to duty demonstrated by Private First Class Faria is in keeping with the finest traditions of the military service. Entered the military service from Seaton, Massachusetts.

First Lieutenant Frank J. Kiovit, O1 691 943, 517th Parachute Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in action near Manhay, Belgium. On 28 December 1944 the light machine gun platoon of Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, was attached to Company "H", which was occupying defensive positions in the village of Manhay, Belgium. As Lieutenant Kiovit, commander of the machine gun platoon, was making an inspection of his platoon's gun positions, a heavy enemy artillery barrage and mortar concentration began landing in his sector. An enemy shell landed near one of the gun emplacements. With utter disregard for his own safety, Lieutenant Kiovit rushed through the devastating enemy fire to the position, to discover that two of the men had been killed and the third man very seriously wounded. Lieutenant Kiovit, carrying the wounded soldier, made his way through the deadly enemy fire to the battalion aid station, a distance of approximately four hundred yards. This prompt act was instrumental in the saving of the wounded man's life. Lieutenant Kiovit's inspiring and courageous devotion to duty exemplifies the finest traditions of the military service. Entered the military service from Passaic, New Jersey.

Private First Class James R. McWilliams, 39 129 361, 517th Parachute Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in action near Trois Pents, Belgium, 3 January 1945. During an attack by his company, Private First Class McWilliams was given the mission of delivering an important message to the commanding officer of another company. To accomplish this it was necessary to cross one thousand yards of open terrain exposed to heavy enemy fire. While crossing this area, Private First Class McWilliams was wounded in the leg, but despite his severe pain, he pushed on and delivered the message. Although considerably weakened and despite the heavy fire, he started the hazardous trip to his company to report the completion of his mission. On the return trip he was again wounded but continued on his mission until ordered to seek cover. Private First Class McWilliams' daring and determined devotion to duty reflects great credit on himself and on the military service. Entered the military service from Santa Rosa, California.

- 2 -

R E S T R I C T E D

R E S T R I C T E D

Hq 13th Abn Div, APO 333, U. S. Army, GO # 47, 27 July 1945, continued.

Technician Fourth Grade Louis T. Scaringi (then Corporal), 33 783 720, 517th Parachute Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement near Trois Ponts, Belgium, 3 January 1945. Technician Fourth Grade Scaringi was serving as radio operator for his battalion commander when it was discovered that the battalion's right flank was being mistakenly subjected to the small arms fire of another friendly unit, which had come up in the rear. Operating difficulties made contact by radio with this unit impossible and Technician Fourth Grade Scaringi volunteered to go to the unit's forward elements and stop the fire upon his comrades. Under heavy enemy artillery, mortar and small arms fire, plus the small arms fire of the friendly unit, he traveled to the unit's advance line and halted its fire upon his battalion's right flank. His action undoubtedly saved the lives of some of his comrades and was an inspiration to all who witnessed it. Entered the military service from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Private First Class Molvin G. Schiers, 39 913 796, 517th Parachute Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in action near Trois Ponts, Belgium, 3 January 1945. Private First Class Schiers, runner, volunteered to carry an urgent message to a company which was cut off and surrounded by superior enemy forces at a point approximately one and one-half miles distant. Carrying out this mission under heavy enemy mortar fire, he was wounded by shrapnel in the leg, back and arm and also suffered severe shock. After temporarily recovering from the shock and without medical aid, he continued the remaining distance of about nine hundred yards, which included about five hundred yards of enemy positions, infiltrating successfully through these positions. Only after completing his mission did he request medical aid. Private First Class Schiers' action denoted outstanding courage, devotion to duty and disregard for his personal safety. Entered the military service from Hogan, Utah.

Private First Class Charles Trucano, 36 760 337, 517th Parachute Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in action near Sospel, France, 13 November 1944. Private First Class Trucano was a member of a communications group which successfully installed and maintained wire lines despite mountainous terrain and severe fire from enemy positions. On one occasion, while repairing a vital line, Private First Class Trucano was subjected to intense fire from an enemy outpost. Disregarding his own safety, he remained in this area until repairs were effected and information sent to an adjacent platoon enabling it to eliminate the enemy position. As Private First Class Trucano was returning to his company, one of his comrades was severely wounded during a heavy barrage. Although himself dazed and shaken, Private First Class Trucano administered aid, and, still under intense fire, assisted the injured man to the aid station. The courageous action and devotion to duty demonstrated by Private First Class Trucano is in keeping with the finest traditions of the military service. Entered the military service from Chicago, Illinois.

Private First Class Stanley J. Zylowski, 35 064 809, 517th Parachute Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in action, 21 January 1945. As Private First Class Zylowski's company was making an attack through the Auf de Kurdt Woods, near Dienenberg, Belgium, it became necessary to send a message back to the Battalion command post. The radio had failed several minutes before and the enemy fire was becoming more intense. Private First Class Zylowski, realizing that the message had to be sent, immediately volunteered to take it. Just as he arrived at the command post after going through an intense mortar and artillery barrage, he found that it was also being heavily shelled and that one man was injured. After delivering the message Private First Class Zylowski gave first aid to the wounded man. He then carried the casualty to a foxhole and lay on top of him to protect him from the shells. Private First Class Zylowski was later hit by an exploding shell and was taken back to the Battalion aid station. It was subsequently learned that Private First Class Zylowski had saved the life of his comrade by giving him prompt first aid. The high standards of courage and loyalty to duty displayed by Private First Class Zylowski exemplify the highest traditions of the military service. Entered the military service from Cleveland, Ohio.

R E S T R I C T E D

Hq 13th Abn Div, APO 333, U. S. Army; CO # 47, 27 July 1945, continued.

III - AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL - Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, 22 September 1943, and pursuant to authority contained in Memorandum Number 35, Headquarters XVI Corps, 25 June 1945, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following named personnel for meritorious service in action against the enemy of the United States:

Private First Class Robert J. Amerlain, 36 662 678, 517th Parachute Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious achievement during military operations near Bergstein, Germany, 8 and 9 February 1945. Entered the military service from Chicago, Illinois.

First Sergeant George W. Hopkins, 6 945 018, 517th Parachute Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in action in Italy, France, Germany and Belgium from 1 June 1944 to 9 February 1945. Entered the military service from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Lieutenant Colonel Robert E. McElahan (then Major), 022 137, 517th Parachute Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in action near Borgeval, Belgium, 6 January 1945. Entered the military service from the United States Military Academy.

First Lieutenant Frederick H. Zavattaro, 01 101 298, 129th Airborne Engineer Battalion, for meritorious achievement near Nice, France, 15 September 1944 to 21 October 1944. Entered the military service from Berkeley, California.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL CHAPMAN:

HUGH P. HARRIS,  
Colonel, G.S.O.,  
Chief of Staff.

OFFICIAL:

*S. A. Lewis*  
S. A. LEWIS, *Enc*  
Lt. Col., A.C.D.,  
Adjutant General.

DISTRIBUTION: "D" plus "Special"

R E S T R I C T E D

HEADQUARTERS 13TH AIRBORNE DIVISION  
APO 333, U. S. Army

ORIGINAL DEL. 11/15

*Per. Col. R. B. ...*  
8/11/45

GENERAL ORDERS )

27 July 1945

NUMBER 48 )

Award of Silver Star Medal (Oak-Leaf Cluster) (Posthumous)	-----	Section I
Award of Silver Star Medal	-----	Section II
Award of Silver Star Medal (Posthumous)	-----	Section III
Award of Bronze Star Medal (Oak-Leaf Cluster)	-----	Section IV
Award of Bronze Star Medal	-----	Section V
Award of Bronze Star Medal	-----	Section VI

**I -- AWARD OF SILVER STAR MEDAL (OAK-LEAF CLUSTER) (POSTHUMOUS)**

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, 22 September 1943, and pursuant to authority contained in Memorandum Number 35, Headquarters XVI Corps, 25 June 1945, in addition to the Silver Star Medal previously awarded, a Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded posthumously to the following named enlisted man:

Corporal Jack W. Dallas, 39 041 302, 517th Parachute Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action near Zorkall, Germany, 8 February 1945. When the lead scouts of an attacking force inadvertently tripped enemy flares, they were immediately subjected to intense enemy machine gun and mortar fire. Corporal Dallas promptly led his machine gun section forward and opened counter fire. When one of the gun positions received a direct hit, wounding all of the crew members, Corporal Dallas started crawling through the intense fire to the unmanned gun. Although wounded in the legs and back he continued forward. Reaching the weapon, he opened fire and kept the enemy immobilized. After the entire crew of another gun was severely injured by enemy fire, the company was ordered to withdraw. Although wounded again, and bleeding profusely, Corporal Dallas remained in position providing covering fire throughout the slow process of evacuating the wounded. With the full fury of the enemy's fire concentrated upon him, Corporal Dallas stood steadfastly by his weapon and nobly sacrificed his life so that his comrades might reach safety. Corporal Dallas demonstrated great courage and gallantry in keeping with the finest traditions of the military service. Entered the military service from Daly City, California.

**II -- AWARD OF SILVER STAR MEDAL --** Under the provisions of Army Regulations AR 600-45, as amended, 22 September 1943, and pursuant to authority contained in Memorandum Number 35, Headquarters XVI Corps, 25 June 1945, the Silver Star Medal is awarded to the following named personnel for gallantry in action against the enemy of the United States:

Second Lieutenant Fred P. Hughes, O1 691 940, 517th Parachute Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action near Bergstein, Germany, 8 February 1945. In order to hold an important position, Second Lieutenant Hughes voluntarily exposed himself to the heavy enemy barrage in order to direct mortar fire on the enemy. Undeterred by the concentration of mortar and artillery shells on his observation post, Second Lieutenant Hughes remained in position, transmitting information back to the Battalion Command Post until the defending force was ordered to withdraw. Observing one of his men fall seriously wounded, Second Lieutenant Hughes and another volunteer crawled to the casualty and remained with him as the outnumbered company fell back. Under heavy fire and assisted by the other man, Second Lieutenant Hughes carried the casualty five hundred yards over the slippery, dangerous terrain of a minefield to a point from which evacuation was accomplished. Second Lieutenant Hughes' unhesitating and courageous actions in endangering his own life to save a fellow soldier exemplify the highest traditions of the military service. Entered the military service from High Point, North Carolina.

R E S T R I C T E D



Private First Class Michael J. Kane, 33 470 295, 517th Parachute Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action near Medell, Belgium, 21 January 1945. Private First Class Kane, with his rocket launcher, was sent out with a patrol from Company "D" to make a reconnaissance and install a roadblock in front of the company's position. Upon sighting an approaching enemy armored column, Private First Class Kane rushed to within twenty-five yards of the lead tank and crippled it with one round from his weapon. He then attacked the two following tanks and, damaging them, caused them to retreat under a hail of small arms fire from the patrol. Private First Class Kane then attacked two armored half-tracks with such accuracy of fire that one was forced to retreat and the other had to be abandoned. Another tank entered the action but was struck in the hull by another of Private First Class Kane's rounds causing it to retreat. A Royal Tiger tank then attacked the platoon's position with machine guns blazing in a final effort to wipe out the patrol. Private First Class Kane's final round damaged the tank's motor causing the tank to withdraw. Private First Class Kane's courage, aggressiveness and superb skill with his weapon caused six enemy armored vehicles to be destroyed or damaged which resulted in many casualties to the enemy and afforded security to a patrol in a precarious position. Entered the military service from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

RESC. BY GOA 51 - 27 July 45

~~Private~~ First Lieutenant Henry R. Kleinendorst, 01 305 436, 517th Parachute Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action near Soy, Belgium, 25 December 1944. During an attack on a strong German position, First Lieutenant Kleinendorst and his two scouts were fired upon by an enemy rifleman. Rising to a kneeling position, First Lieutenant Kleinendorst fired, killing the enemy soldier. Advancing another seventy-five yards, the three men came upon a German machine gun delivering flanking fire in an attempt to break up the frontal attack. Unhesitatingly, First Lieutenant Kleinendorst led his scouts on the emplacement, knocking out one machine gun and killing two riflemen before being located by the enemy. Under a hail of small arms fire which knocked off his helmet and kicked up the ground about him, First Lieutenant Kleinendorst crawled back to his platoon and led it in an assault on the position. Working his way forward, he knocked out another machine gun with a hand grenade. Then, with utter disregard for his own safety, he led the platoon forward at a run. This bold action resulted in the capture of the objective. The enemy, completely routed, left twenty-three dead. First Lieutenant Kleinendorst demonstrated outstanding gallantry and devotion to duty in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered the military service from Grand Rapids, Minnesota.

Private Arthur L. Markle, 36 593 047, 517th Parachute Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action, near Bergstein, Germany, 7 February 1945. In the absence of any noncommissioned officers, Private Markle volunteered to lead an advance patrol over open, mixed terrain under enemy observation. After successfully accomplishing this Private Markle and his patrol forced the enemy to withdraw and then continued to advance until halted by fire from an enemy machine gun. With complete disregard for the hazards involved, Private Markle crossed a minefield to reach the rear of the enemy emplacement where, with grenades and rifle fire, he destroyed the machine gun, killing eight of the enemy. Later while still leading the attack, Private Markle was severely wounded but, refusing to be evacuated, he assisted with the removal of other casualties. Private Markle demonstrated outstanding courage, devotion to duty and consideration for his comrades in keeping with the finest traditions of the military service. Entered the military service from Detroit, Michigan.

Private First Class Edmund Zygnowicz, 16 065 037, 517th Parachute Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in Belgium. On 11 January 1945, Company "I" was assigned the mission of advancing to and securing the town of Hort, Belgium and the surrounding ground which overlooked the position of a bridge that was under construction. This bridge was urgently needed for troops and supplies to cross the river. Private First Class Zygnowicz, acting as lead scout, was advancing along the narrow road into the town when a heavy burst of machine gun fire barely missed him and passed into the main body. Unobserved, Private First Class Zygnowicz crawled to the



Hq 13th Abn Div. AP, 333, US Army, GO #48, 27 July, 1945, cont'd.

side of the road and advanced toward the enemy position. With one well aimed shot from his rifle-grenade launcher he killed four of the enemy, allowing the platoon to continue its advance with a minimum of delay. As the unit continued into the town severe house to house fighting ensued and Private First Class Zygnowicz displayed great courage and skill in driving the enemy from the stronghold. Heavy concentrations of rifle and machine gun fire from one particular house forced the unit to hesitate, reorganize and prepare a flank movement, but Private First Class Zygnowicz, still in advance of his platoon, continued to move on the house. After firing several grenades into the building he rushed the house from the rear and so surprised the enemy that eleven of them surrendered without further opposition. In this action Private First Class Zygnowicz exhibited aggressive and courageous devotion to duty in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered the military service from Detroit, Michigan.

III — AWARD OF SILVER STAR MEDAL (POSTHUMOUS) — Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, 22 September 1943, and pursuant to authority contained in Memorandum Number 35, Headquarters XVI Corps, 25 June 1945, the Silver Star is awarded posthumously to the following named enlisted man for gallantry in action against the enemy of the United States:

Sergeant George Mills, 13 083 638, 517th Parachute Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action, 19 January 1945. Volunteering to flush out sniper infested buildings obstructing his battalion's advance near Potteaux, Belgium, Sergeant Mills successfully led his squad across a river and on to a minefield before the objective. By nightfall, Sergeant Mills and his squad, after securing the objective and taking prisoners, set up defensive positions which were later subjected to intensely accurate enemy artillery fire. When two of his outpost men were wounded in this action, Sergeant Mills, braving the withering barrage, removed them to safety. Although mortally wounded while carrying the second man, he refused medical aid until both his wounded comrades had been treated. Sergeant Mills died later while being evacuated. Sergeant Mills' noble and courageous actions exemplify the finest traditions of the military service. Entered the military service from Olyner, Pennsylvania.

IV — AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL (OAK-LEAF CLUSTER) — Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, 22 September 1943, and pursuant to authority contained in Memorandum Number 35, Headquarters XVI Corps, 25 June 1945, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal previously awarded, a Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to the following named personnel:

Staff Sergeant Bruce R. Guy, 39 334 264, 460th Parachute Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in action near Manhay, Belgium, 29 December 1944. Staff Sergeant Guy volunteered to be a member of a crew which was assigned the dangerous mission of laying and maintaining a telephone line to defensive positions set up by his unit inside the town of Manhay. In the face of enemy bullets and fire from enemy tanks and self propelled guns, the wire laying crew was the first group to enter the town by vehicle; wire was strung and maintained under most hazardous conditions. The final securing of the town was aided to a large extent by the information gained through this communication line. Staff Sergeant Guy's demonstration of coolness under fire and disregard for his own safety was an inspiration to the other members of the crew and the officers and men with whom he served. Entered the military service from Portland, Oregon.

First Lieutenant Howard E. Henaleigh, O 526 649, 517th Parachute Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in action. On 6 February 1945 the Third Battalion launched an attack against the enemy east of Bergstein, Germany. The forward platoon of the assault company soon was pinned down by enemy small arms and

R E S T R I C T E D

Hq 13th Abn Div. APO 333, US Army, OO #48, 27 July 1945, cont'd.

mortar fire. First Lieutenant Hensleigh, Battalion S-2, promptly obtained an SCR 300 radio and with complete disregard for his own safety made his way forward and directed counter-fire on the enemy emplacements, thus enabling the assault company to move forward. After advancing four hundred yards, the assault company was again immobilized in a minefield by five enemy machine guns, a number of riflemen and extremely heavy mortar and artillery fire. Many casualties resulted, several men falling in an area exposed to direct small arms fire. First Lieutenant Hensleigh, despite a hail of fire, cut a path through barbed wire so that the men could be evacuated. The fire in this area was so intense that over half of the assault company was killed or wounded. When the artillery liaison officer was killed by mortar fire, First Lieutenant Hensleigh took over his radio and directed fire on the enemy for over eleven hours, many times making his way forward to the leading elements for better observation. In one particularly heavy enemy attack First Lieutenant Hensleigh courageously remained in his position when death or capture seemed imminent. His expert fire direction was instrumental in breaking up the attack. In these gruelling hours First Lieutenant Hensleigh's heroism was an inspiration to all those serving with him. His resolute actions saved the lives of many of his men and were instrumental in inflicting heavy casualties on the enemy. Entered the military service from Des Moines, Iowa.

Technician Fifth Grade Elmer D. Kendrick (then Private First Class), 39 912 615, 460th Parachute Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in action near Manhay, Belgium, 29 December 1944. Technician Fifth Grade Kendrick volunteered to be a member of a crew which was assigned the dangerous mission of laying and maintaining a telephone line to defensive positions set up by his unit inside the town of Manhay. In the face of enemy bullets and fire from enemy tanks and self propelled guns the wire laying crew was the first group to enter the town by vehicle; wire was strung and maintained under most hazardous conditions. The final securing of the town was aided to a large extent by the information gained through this communication line. Technician Fifth Grade Kendrick's demonstration of coolness under fire and disregard for his own safety was an inspiration to the other members of the crew and the officers and men with whom he served. Entered the military service from Springdale, Arkansas.

Technician Fifth Grade Maurice L. White, 33 526 156, Medical Corps, United States Army, for heroic achievement in action. On 7 February 1945, Company "H", 517th Parachute Infantry, had the mission of attacking and securing high ground to the south of Bergstein, Germany. During the initial attack, which was through a very dense enemy mine field, the lead scout of Company "H" was badly wounded by enemy machine gun fire. He was lying in an exposed area, the approaches to which were mined and swept by enemy fire. Technician Fifth Grade White, aware of the casualty's grave condition, volunteered to go to him and administer first aid. Completely disregarding the heavy enemy fire which was coming within inches of him as he crawled approximately one hundred yards through the mine field, Technician Fifth Grade White reached the wounded man safely and treated his injuries. Realizing that the man's life depended on immediate evacuation, Technician Fifth Grade White dragged him approximately fifty yards over the minefield and through the withering enemy fire to a relatively safe position. Here Technician Fifth Grade White administered additional aid to the wounded man before traveling approximately one hundred yards to the rear for a litter team to evacuate the casualty. Technician Fifth Grade White's noble and courageous actions were instrumental in saving the man's life and reflect great credit on himself and on the military service. Entered the military service from Richmond, Virginia.

- 4 -

R E S T R I C T E D

R E S T R I C T E D

Hq 13th Abn Div, APO 333, US Army, GO #48, 27 July 1945, cont'd.

V -- AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL -- Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, 22 September 1943, and pursuant to the authority contained in Memorandum Number 35, Headquarters, XVI Corps, 25 June 1945, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following named enlisted men for heroic achievement in action against the enemy of the United States:

Private First Class Bernard E. Coyne, 39 202 322, 517th Parachute Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in action near Freyneaux, Belgium, 25 and 26 December 1944. After repulsing two strong armor supported German drives, Private First Class Coyne's outnumbered company was surrounded by the enemy. Volunteering to search for a route of withdrawal Private First Class Coyne with three comrades set out on this venture. When they had progressed 800 yards the patrol encountered a company of German infantry, supported by tanks. Observing that the enemy was moving to attack a nearby town, Private First Class Coyne and his comrades returned to the company position with the information, enabling the artillery to disperse the attack. In the course of the next 24 hours the group completed ten more patrol missions, encountering enemy opposition on each one. Through the information gathered, often in face of great danger, Private First Class Coyne and the patrol discovered a route over which a successful withdrawal subsequently was made. The resolute and daring devotion to duty of Private First Class Coyne enabled a battalion of infantry and armor to escape annihilation. Entered the military service from Tacoma, Washington.

Corporal Fred E. Brown, 38 422 085, 460th Parachute Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in action near Manhay, Belgium, 29 December 1944. Corporal Brown volunteered to be a member of a crew which was assigned the dangerous mission of laying and maintaining a telephone line to defensive positions set up by his unit inside the town of Manhay. In the face of enemy bullets and fire from enemy tanks and self propelled guns, the wire laying crew was the first group to enter the town by vehicle; wire was strung and maintained under most hazardous conditions. The final securing of the town was aided to a large extent by the information gained through this communication line. Corporal Brown's demonstration of coolness under fire and disregard for his own safety was an inspiration to the other members of the crew and the officers and men with whom he served. Entered the military service from Port Arthur, Texas.

Technician Fifth Grade Cecil Park, (then Private First Class) 35 730 770, 460th Parachute Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in action near Manhay, Belgium 29 December 1944. Technician Fifth Grade Park volunteered to be a member of a crew which was assigned the dangerous mission of laying and maintaining a telephone line to defensive positions set up by his unit inside the town of Manhay. In the face of enemy bullets and fire from enemy tanks and self propelled guns, the wire laying crew was the first group to enter the town by vehicle, and strung and maintained wire under most hazardous conditions. The final securing of the town was aided to a large extent by the information gained through this communication line. Technician Fifth Grade Park's demonstration of coolness under fire and disregard for his own safety was an inspiration to the other members of the crew and the officers and men with whom he served. Entered the military service from Paducah, Kentucky.

Captain Wallace R. Beulow, O 407 997, 460th Parachute Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious service from 17 June 1944 to 15 February 1945. During the period 17 June 1944 to 26 June 1944, in Italy, Captain Beulow, Battalion Supply Officer, by his energetic and able supervision overcame the handicaps of mountainous terrain and lack of supply routes in expediting the supply of food

R E S T R I C T E D

R E S T R I C T E D

Hq 13th Abn Div. APO 333, US Army, GO #48 27 July 1945, cont'd.

and ammunition to his rapidly advancing unit. Later, prior to the invasion of Southern France, Captain Beulow with characteristic efficiency disposed of the many logistical problems involved in an airborne operation and so contributed materially to its success. Throughout three months of continuous combat, and despite frequently over-extended supply lines, he maintained a high degree of efficiency within the battalion by his ceaseless efforts to keep it supplied. During a later period from 18 December 1944 to 15 February 1945, in Belgium and Germany, demonstrating consistent initiative, he surmounted the obstacles of severe weather and harassing enemy action in directing a regular flow of supplies to his advancing battalion. Captain Beulow's superb organizational ability and untiring devotion to duty reflect great credit on himself and on the military service. Entered the military service from Atwood, Kansas.

Technician Third Grade Victor A. Miskimins, 35 111 207, 460th Parachute Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in France, Belgium, and Germany from 15 August 1944 to 20 February 1945. As artillery aircraft mechanic and chief of ground crew for the planes of his unit, Technician Third Grade Miskimins displayed outstanding ability, tireless devotion to duty and exemplary courage. Under his supervision the battalion planes were kept in constant readiness and performed all missions assigned them. During the Ardennes campaign, Technician Third Grade Miskimins personally checked, on foot, all new landing field sites before they were used by the planes and showed superior organizational ability in having necessary supplies on hand at the proper times. On another occasion he drove a vehicle, loaded with gasoline and equipment, over mined roads and through enemy held territory to reach an advance landing strip. Through his tireless energy and mechanical skill, the three planes on this strip were kept in flying condition and contributed greatly to the success of the unit's mission. Entered the military service from Valparaiso, Indiana.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL CHAPMAN:

HUGH P. HARRIS,  
Colonel, G.S.C.,  
Chief of Staff.

OFFICIAL:

*S. A. Lewis*  
S. A. LEWIS, *gwd*  
Lt. Col., A.G.D.,  
Adjutant General.

DISTRIBUTION: "B" plus "Special"

GENERAL ORDERS )  
NUMBER 49 )Rev. C. Brewster  
8/11/45

27 July 1945

Award of Silver Star Medal (Posthumous)-----Section I  
 Award of Silver Star Medal (Oak-Leaf Cluster)-----Section II  
 Award of Silver Star Medal-----Section III  
 Award of Bronze Star Medal (Posthumous)-----Section IV  
 Award of Bronze Star Medal (Oak-Leaf Cluster)-----Section V  
 Award of Bronze Star Medal-----Section VI

I -- AWARD OF SILVER STAR MEDAL (POSTHUMOUS) -- Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, 22 September 1943, and pursuant to authority contained in Memorandum Number 35, Headquarters XVI Corps, 25 June 1945, the Silver Star Medal is awarded posthumously to the following named enlisted men for gallantry in action against the enemy of the United States:

Corporal Frank L. Timinski, 33 338 584, 517th Parachute Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action near Soy and Hotton, Belgium, 22 December 1944. Moving out of Soy, the First Battalion met strong and aggressive opposition and received heavy mortar and artillery fire. In addition it was opposed by several tanks and self propelled guns. In order to bring effective fire on a tank approaching the position, Corporal Timinski volunteered to accompany a comrade with a rocket launcher through an intense concentration of self propelled gun and mortar fire to reach a small house, apparently empty. Unknown to Corporal Timinski or his comrade, this house was occupied by an enemy outpost patrol, which opened fire as the men approached. In the ensuing fire fight Corporal Timinski's comrade was seriously wounded. Disregarding the heavy enemy fire, Corporal Timinski carried his wounded comrade back to the aid station. He then returned to obtain the rocket launcher, essential to the defense of the battalion, and moved to a position slightly uphill from the house. Disregarding the enemy fire, Corporal Timinski delivered effective fire on the tank, causing it to withdraw, before he was killed by enemy fire from the house. The fearless devotion to duty displayed by Corporal Timinski was a great factor in repelling the tank attack and aiding the battalion to successfully accomplish its mission. Entered the military service from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Private Harold B. Weaver, 34 605 421, 517th Parachute Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action near Bergstein, Germany, 6 February 1945. In an attack through enemy held territory Private Weaver was acting as lead scout for the first platoon of Company "H". Using excellent judgment in selecting a favorable route, he led the platoon across the open terrain in the darkness. Approaching the edge of the first wooded area Private Weaver, suspecting the presence of mines, halted his comrades. Leaving the platoon, he and one companion went forward to investigate the wooded area. The darkness and rough terrain made it impossible to detect the well concealed mines. Deliberately, and with disregard for his own safety, Private Weaver proceeded forward. He had gone but a few yards when he was fatally wounded by an exploding mine. By his gallant action and unfaltering sense of duty Private Weaver gave his own life to discover the minefield. He demonstrated gallantry and devotion to duty in the highest traditions of the military service. Entered the military service from Rowan, North Carolina.

II -- AWARD OF SILVER STAR MEDAL (OAK-LEAF CLUSTER) -- Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, 22 September 1943, and pursuant to authority contained in Memorandum Number 35, Headquarters XVI Corps, 25 June 1945, in addition to the Silver Star Medal previously awarded, a Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to following named officers:

- 1 -

R E S T R I C T E D



R E S T R I C T E D

Hq 13th Abn Div. APO 333, US Army, GO #49, 27 July 1945, cont'd.

Lieutenant Colonel Forest S. Paxton, O 303 027, 517th Parachute Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action near Manhay, Belgium, 26 and 27 December 1944. During the German counter-offensive in the Ardennes, the Third Battalion, commanded by Lieutenant Colonel Paxton, was ordered to take Manhay, spring-board for an anticipated enemy drive and a main enemy supply point. Lieutenant Colonel Paxton undertook the almost suicidal task of making a daylight reconnaissance of the town's approaches. Although at times almost blinded by shell smoke and flying debris, he penetrated the fierce enemy barrage to complete his survey. Because of failure of previous attempts by other units, he decided to launch his attack from enemy controlled territory. Throughout the ensuing furious engagement, Lieutenant Colonel Paxton intrepidly moved about, checking positions and encouraging officers and men to greater tenacity and endurance. By his superb leadership and daring, Lieutenant Colonel Paxton accomplished an outstanding tactical feat. Entered the military service from San Francisco, California.

III -- AWARD OF SILVER STAR MEDAL -- Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, 22 September 1943, and pursuant to authority contained in Memorandum Number 35, Headquarters XVI Corps, 25 June 1945, the Silver Star is awarded to the following named officers for gallantry in action against the enemy of the United States:

First Lieutenant Ludlow Gibbons, O1 291 976, 517th Parachute Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action near Bergstein, Germany, 6 and 7 February 1945. First Lieutenant Gibbons was leader of one platoon of a company which was completely surrounded by the enemy and had no contact with other friendly forces. Advancing with his scouts, he killed a German sentry and gained sufficient information to permit the company to go into a strong defensive position. At dawn the next morning the company was attacked from three sides. The enemy, taking advantage of the concealment offered by the undergrowth, advanced to within several yards of the defensive positions. Ordered to direct a covering action for the company's withdrawal, First Lieutenant Gibbons rose to his feet and despite the concentrated, deadly short range enemy fire, directed his men in this action. When his superior officers were wounded, he assumed command of the company until contact with friendly forces was made. First Lieutenant Gibbons' conduct, during a period of violent action, showed outstanding courage, exemplary devotion to duty and disregard for personal safety and proved an inspiration to all who witnessed it. Entered the military service from Danerast, New Jersey.

Captain George E. Giuchici, (then First Lieutenant), O1 305 571, 517th Parachute Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action near Medell, Belgium, 25 January 1945. Captain Giuchici's company was given the mission of attacking high ground near Medell. To accomplish this, the unit had to advance across approximately 2500 yards of open terrain waist deep in snow. Though smoked cover proved ineffective, the company started across the terrain and was soon under heavy enemy machine gun and artillery fire. Despite this fire, Captain Giuchici boldly moved among his men and kept the attack from bogging down. When an enemy flank attack threatened the company, Captain Giuchici again disregarded his own safety and organized an effective counterattack. When the flank attack had been repulsed he reorganized the entire company and led it forward to accomplish its mission. Captain Giuchici, by his bravery, tireless energy and outstanding leadership, enhanced his company's ability to complete its task and inspired all with whom he served. Entered the military service from Lapeer, Michigan.

Captain Erlo E. Ehly, O1 307 383, 517th Parachute Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action near Soy, Belgium, 23 December 1944. During an attack, Captain Ehly, company commander of Headquarters Company, First Battalion was one of the first to be

wounded by the enemy artillery fire. Although painfully wounded in the legs, Captain Ehly was still able to walk. As he continued the attack he noticed one of his men lying wounded in an area which was exposed to enemy artillery fire. With complete disregard for his own personal safety and despite his own wounds, Captain Ehly went to the rescue of the wounded man. He had nearly succeeded in getting the injured man to a ditch when a shell burst close by, again wounding Captain Ehly in the leg. The artillery shifted to follow the advancing troops in the attack and the First Battalion litter bearers removed Captain Ehly and the other casualty to the battalion aid station. Although he was suffering from his own wounds, Captain Ehly's first concern was for the other wounded men. When the Battalion Surgeon wanted to administer blood plasma, Captain Ehly requested that it be saved for other casualties and would not except it until he was shown the large supply of plasma on hand. Captain Ehly demonstrated unfailing concern for the welfare of his men and gallantry in action in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered the military service from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

IV -- AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL (POSTHUMOUS)-- Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, 22 September 1943, and pursuant to authority contained in Memorandum Number 35, Headquarters XVI Corps, 25 June 1945, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded posthumously to the following named enlisted man for heroic achievement in action against the enemy of the United States:

*Amended to read OLC by GPO # 36, Oct 23, 1945*  
Staff Sergeant David M. Hines, 19 090 249 517th Parachute Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in action near Sospel, France, 3 January 1945. While on a mission to establish a road block, Staff Sergeant Hines, leading his patrol, reached a point five miles behind enemy lines. Bravely exposing himself to enemy fire several times, Staff Sergeant Hines successfully led his men back to friendly lines after inflicting casualties on the enemy. Later, during an attack in Belgium, both of Staff Sergeant Hines' platoon leaders were injured. Staff Sergeant Hines promptly reorganized the platoon and moved on to take its assigned objective. By doing so, he relieved the pressure from two other platoons of his company and allowed them to move forward, thereby taking the company objective. Later, on noticing an enemy force attempting an outflanking movement, Staff Sergeant Hines took up an exposed position from which he could best fire on the enemy. From this position Staff Sergeant Hines killed the leaders and caused the remainder of the enemy to flee. Staff Sergeant Hines was killed in this action by a shell from an enemy tank. The supreme courage and resolute devotion to duty demonstrated by Staff Sergeant Hines exemplify the finest traditions of the military service. Entered the military service from San Jose, California.

V -- AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL (OAK-LEAF CLUSTER) -- Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, 22 September 1943, and pursuant to authority contained in Memorandum Number 35, Headquarters XVI Corps, 25 June 1945, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal previously awarded, a Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to the following named enlisted Personnel:

Staff Sergeant Paul R. Ewing, 36 804 363, 517th Parachute Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in action. On 22 and 23 January 1945 the Second Battalion attacked and occupied Hannange, Belgium. During this operation supply routes could not be established because of deep snow and blown out bridges. The forward medical aid station ran short of medical supplies and equipment urgently needed to treat casualties. In response to radio appeals, repeated unsuccessful attempts were made to deliver supplies. The following day a very urgent request for medical supplies was received. Knowing that the only road was blocked by enemy tanks and infantry, Staff Sergeant Ewing volunteered to lead a small party through enemy held woods under cover

R E S T R I C T E D

Hq 13th Abn Div APO 353, US Army GO #49, 27 July 1945 cont'd.

of darkness to the last reported location of the forward aid station. The only possible route was through deep untraveled snow and dense woods. Despite this formidable terrain, in which it was necessary to twice take cover because of enemy patrols, Staff Sergeant Ewing and his unarmed party finally reached their objective. As a result of this heroic action much suffering on the part of the wounded soldiers was avoided and at least one man's life was saved by the timely arrival of blood plasma. Staff Sergeant Ewing's display of courage and determination reflects great credit on himself and on the military service. Entered the military service from Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

First Lieutenant Thomas J. Priest, O1 315 614, 517th Parachute Infantry United States Army, for heroic achievement near Bergstein, Germany, 6 February 1945. After the Third Battalion had been repulsed by a savage German counterattack, an exhausted soldier staggered into the aid station reporting that a direct hit had demolished a house burying a number of his comrades. Upon hearing this, First Lieutenant Priest volunteered to take command of a detail of medical aid men in an attempt to rescue the wounded. They set out through the intense fire and reached a road fork where the Germans were concentrating a particularly heavy barrage. At this point it was necessary to make a slow movement forward and then dash for the comparative safety of a house. Only one man at a time could get past this point, so First Lieutenant Priest led the way and then beckoned for the rest to come through one at a time. First Lieutenant Priest led his men to the wrecked house and began to administer first aid to the wounded and to supervise the rescue work. As a result of his action, the wounded received aid before shock had set in and the morale of the troops was raised by this evidence of prompt medical attention. First Lieutenant Priest's prompt and unflinching devotion to duty exemplifies the finest traditions of the military service. Entered the military service from Hazleton, Pennsylvania.

Private First Class William J. Cude, 34 736 943, 460th Parachute Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in action near Patteaux, Belgium, 19 January 1945. Private First Class Cude was a member of a forward observation party supporting the Third Battalion, 517th Parachute Infantry. When the observer's radio was rendered inoperative by enemy action, it became imperative to rely on telephone communication with the battalion Fire Direction Center. During an enemy counterattack communications were disrupted by enemy fire. Private First Class Cude, securing a roll of wire, voluntarily left the comparative safety of his position and crawled through the intense mortar and small arms fire to successfully repair the line. Private First Class Cude demonstrated bravery and courage under fire in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered the military service from Franklin, Tennessee.

VI -- AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL -- Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, 22 September 1943, and pursuant to authority contained in Memorandum Number 35, Headquarters XVI Corps, 25 June 1945, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following named personnel for heroic achievement in action against the enemy of the United States:

Private Malcolm D. Tennant, 36 857 877, 517th Parachute Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in action near Bergstein, Germany, on the night of 6 February 1945. Proceeding fearlessly despite the darkness and the danger of mined terrain, Private Tennant and a fellow scout advanced ahead of their attacking platoon until they reached the edge of a wooded area. Suspecting the presence of enemy mines, he and his comrade, halting the platoon, moved forward to investigate. Due to the poor visibility, the other scout stepped on a mine which exploded, killing him and wounding

Reg. 13th Abn Div. APO 333, US Army, 27 July 1945, GS #12, cont'd.

Private Tennent. Determining that his comrade was dead, Private Tennent, despite his pain, crawled back to his platoon and reported the location of the mined area. Private Tennent demonstrated courage and resolute devotion to duty in keeping with the finest traditions of the military service. Entered the military service from Detroit, Michigan.

Staff Sergeant John W. Chism, 39 043 957, Medical Department, United States Army, for heroic achievement in action near Bergstein, Germany, 5 February 1945. Staff Sergeant Chism, on learning that one of a mortar crew was seriously wounded, volunteered to go to his aid. Knowing that the time which would be lost by bringing the wounded man into the aid station might cost him his life, he procured a bottle of blood plasma and set out with the Battalion Surgeon. Before reaching the man he was fired upon by a sniper, but pushed on. Continued sniper fire forced Staff Sergeant Chism and the Battalion Surgeon to lie on the ground and take turns holding the plasma bottle in the air while administering aid. Staff Sergeant Chism's actions exemplify the highest traditions of the Medical Department. Entered military service from Berkeley, California.

*Amended BY GSA 51 - 27 July 45 Army OSM to 10LC to OSM*  
 \* Private First Class Robert F. Jennings, 32 833 977, 517th Parachute Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in action near Bergeval, Belgium, 4 January 1945. Private First Class Jennings was a volunteer member of a patrol assigned to penetrate one thousand yards of enemy held territory to contact the friendly unit adjoining his own. After covering one-half of the distance the patrol was fired upon by an enemy automatic weapon. With complete disregard for his own safety, Private First Class Jennings crawled forward seventy-five yards through deep woods and then, with cool deliberation, stood erect and tossed a hand grenade directly on the enemy position and then delivered accurate fire with his rifle. Two of the enemy were killed and another wounded. This courageous deed permitted his patrol to continue on its mission and return safely to its own unit with needed information. Private First Class Jennings' actions were an inspiration to his comrades and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Norwich, New York.

Private First Class Fred R. Wampler, 13 033 862, 517th Parachute Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in action. On 13 January 1945 Company "G", launched an attack south of Stavelot, Belgium. Private First Class Wampler, noticing a machine gun nest about three hundred yards distant crawled into the face of intense fire to within fifty yards of the enemy emplacement. Springing to his feet, he rushed the position, completely surprising the two Germans manning the gun. Both were captured. Later, he braved enemy fire by crawling over an exposed area to the window of a house from which heavy enemy fire was being received. He threw a white phosphorous grenade in the front of the house, raced to the rear of the building and forced seven Germans to surrender as they came out. Private First Class Wampler demonstrated courage and determined devotion to duty in the finest traditions of the military service. Entered the military service from Richmond, Virginia.

Private First Class Elam J. Cronquist, 39 913 525, 517th Parachute Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in action near Trois Fontaines, Belgium, 3 January 1945. During an attack Private First Class Cronquist rushed forward through the intense machine gun and mortar fire to the aid of a wounded comrade. After dragging the man to cover and administering first aid, Private First Class Cronquist received permission to assist the wounded and blinded soldier to the Battalion aid station. While so doing, Private First Class Cronquist was also wounded and over his protests was given aid, but only after he was sure that his comrade was in a safe position. After a bandage had been hastily applied to his wound, Private First Class Cronquist returned to the wounded man and resumed his journey to the aid station, where he turned him over to medical personnel for treatment and evacuation. Private First Class Cronquist's quick thinking undoubtedly saved his comrade's life. Private First Class Cronquist's resolute devotion to duty is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from North Logan, Utah.

First Lieutenant Gerald V. Woodard, 01 289 004, 517th Parachute Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in action against the enemy near Hourt, Belgium, 11 January 1945. During an attack on the heavily fortified town of Hourt, the attacking platoon ran into intense enemy fire which caused many casualties and



R E S T R I C T E D

In 13th Abn Div. APO 333, US Army, GO #49, 27 July 1945, cont'd.

wounded the platoon leader. From his post at company headquarters, First Lieutenant Woodard advanced, took charge of the platoon and in the face of deadly enemy machine gun and sniper fire moved from man to man to reorganize the attack. When an enemy machine gun pinned down the platoon again, he advanced alone over exposed terrain and, disregarding the hail of bullets, reached a point from which, with a single round from a rocket launcher, he destroyed the gun and killed five of the enemy. First Lieutenant Woodard's platoon played an important part in the successful attack on the town. First Lieutenant Woodard's extraordinary heroism, coolness under fire and exceptional determination was an inspiration to all men and officers with whom he served. Entered the military service from Waco, Texas.

First Lieutenant Maxwell T. James, OI 314 395, 517th Parachute Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in action near Soy, Belgium, 22 December 1944. When the platoon leader of the second platoon, Company "A", was wounded, First Lieutenant James, assistant platoon leader, assumed command. The platoon, acting as a delaying force, was surrounded by the enemy. First Lieutenant James ordered his men to prepare for a withdrawal. In order to make certain that his instructions were understood, he constantly exposed himself to the intense fire in personally contacting each member of his platoon. While issuing his orders, First Lieutenant James was wounded in the leg. After placing a sergeant in charge of his platoon, First Lieutenant James, with three volunteers, deployed to fight a delaying action. Boldly exposing himself he talked in a loud voice to attract the enemy's fire on his position, and thus enabled his platoon to affect a successful withdrawal. First Lieutenant James' bold and inspiring leadership is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered the military service from San Francisco, California.

First Lieutenant Edward H. Athey, OI 325 466, 517th Parachute Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in action near St. Cezaire, France, 24 August 1944. When his platoon was forced to take cover by enemy machine gun fire during an attack to secure a vital bridge, First Lieutenant Athey, assistant platoon leader, undertook to silence the enemy gun. Taking advantage of available cover, he eventually located the enemy position. Crawling to within fifty yards of the emplacement, First Lieutenant Athey opened fire, surprising and routing the enemy. First Lieutenant Athey's daring action, which enabled his platoon to accomplish its mission without losing a man, reflects great credit on himself and on the military service. Entered the military service from Tucson, Arizona.

Corporal James H. Wyatt, Jr., 13 064 265, 517th Parachute Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in action near Bergstein, Germany, 2 February 1945. When communications between a mortar section and its observation post were disrupted by enemy fire, Corporal Wyatt dashed from the cover of his position to repair the line. After reestablishing communications he started back to his position under an intense barrage of enemy fire. An artillery shell demolished a nearby building occupied by a number of his comrades. Without hesitation, Corporal Wyatt ran to the building and, extricating the casualties from the debris, removed them to a nearby cellar. Still under fire, he made his way to the battalion aid station where he procured a quantity of blood plasma. Returning to the cellar, he assisted the medical aid man who accompanied him. Corporal Wyatt's fearless devotion to duty is in keeping with the finest traditions of the military service. Entered the military service from Richmond, Virginia.

Private George W. Cortez, 14 071 481, 517th Parachute Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in action near St. Cezaire, France, 24 August 1944. When his platoon was forced to take cover by enemy machine gun fire during an attack to secure a vital bridge, Private Cortez undertook to silence the enemy gun. Taking advantage of available cover, he eventually located the enemy position. Crawling to within fifty yards of the emplacement, Private Cortez opened fire, surprising and routing the enemy. Private Cortez's daring action, which enabled his platoon to accomplish its mission without losing a man, reflects great credit on himself and on the military service. Entered the military service from Clayton, Alabama.



R E S T R I C T E D

Hq 13th Abn Div; APO 333, US Army, GO #49, 27 July 1945, cont'd.

First Lieutenant Richard Mascuch, O 462 030, 517th Parachute Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in action near Draguinan, France, 16 August 1944. When Lieutenant Mascuch's platoon was pinned down by fire from an enemy machine gun position, he selected a man to accompany him and continued the advance. Attacking frontally with speed and daring, Lieutenant Mascuch advanced to within ten yards of the enemy position and, firing his carbine, killed the enemy gunner and another crew member. Nine other enemy soldiers immediately surrendered, thus reducing enemy resistance in the area in front of Lieutenant Mascuch's position. This action closed the east flank of the enemy position holding up the battalion's advance. Through Lieutenant Mascuch's gallantry and courage, his platoon was able to attack the remainder of the enemy's positions from the flank, take sixteen more prisoners, including two captains, and allowed the rest of his company to occupy the objective without opposition. Lieutenant Mascuch displayed inspiring leadership and aggressive courage in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered the military service from South Orange, New Jersey.

*Command file #100 and file #16, Dec 21, 1940*  
Private Euel E. Putnam, 34 774 881, 517th Parachute Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in action near Dasse Bodeux, Belgium, 2 January 1945. When orders were received to move the Second Battalion to a point north of Brume and prepare to launch an attack, Private Putnam and a comrade volunteered to reconnoiter a route through deep snow and heavily wooded areas to a forward assembly area. After a map reconnaissance, Private Putnam and his comrade started out at 2300 hours to find a trail. At this time German patrols were known to be in the area. On two occasions they were forced to take cover to allow enemy patrols to pass. Nevertheless, Private Putnam and his comrade pushed forward in the face of possible ambush or capture. For four hours the two men, without previous knowledge of the terrain, marked a five mile trail through enemy territory and then returned to their unit. During the return trip they were endangered by both friendly and enemy artillery concentrations. Upon arrival at the command post Private Putnam and his comrade immediately were called upon to guide the leading companies along the trail. A successful attack was launched at the appointed hour due in part to the devotion to duty and disregard for personal safety of Private Putnam and his companion. Entered the military service from Winston Salem, North Carolina.

Staff Sergeant James W. Vascho, 35 117 541, 517th Parachute Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in action near Dasse Bodeux, Belgium, 2 January 1945. When orders were received to move the Second Battalion to a point north of Brume and prepare to launch an attack, Staff Sergeant Vascho and a comrade volunteered to reconnoiter a route through deep snow and heavily wooded areas to a forward assembly area. After a map reconnaissance, Staff Sergeant Vascho and his comrade started out at 2300 hours to find a trail. At this time German patrols were known to be in the area. On two occasions they were forced to take cover to allow enemy patrols to pass. Nevertheless, Staff Sergeant Vascho and his comrade pushed forward in the face of possible ambush or capture. For four hours the two men, without previous knowledge of the terrain, marked a five mile trail through enemy territory and then returned to their unit. During the return trip they were endangered by both friendly and enemy artillery concentrations. Upon arrival at the command post Staff Sergeant Vascho and his comrade immediately were called upon to guide the leading companies along the trail. A successful attack was launched at the appointed hour due in part to the devotion to duty and

R E S T R I C T E D

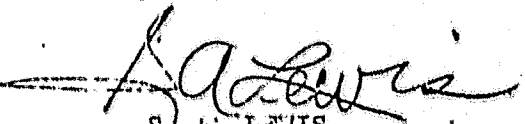
Hq 13th Abn Div. APO 333, US Army GO #49, 27 July 1945, cont'd.

disregard for personal safety of Staff Sergeant Vascho and his companion. Entered the military service from Hamilton, Ohio

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL CHAFIN:

HUGH P. MARRIS,  
Colonel, G.S.C.,  
Chief of Staff.

OFFICIAL:

  
S. A. LEWIS,  
Lt. Col., A.G.D.,  
Adjutant General.

DISTRIBUTION: "B" plus "Special"

- 8 -  
R E S T R I C T E D

AGRS-DA 201 Cude, William J.  
M 736 943

17 October 1949

AMENDMENT OF GENERAL ORDER

So much of General Order 49, Headquarters 13th Airborne Division dated 27 July 1945 as pertains to the award of an Oak-Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal to Private First Class William J. Cude, M 736 943, for action on 19 January 1945 is amended to read "Bronze Star Medal" inasmuch as this was the first award of the Bronze Star Medal.

The Oak-Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal has been awarded for action from 7-10 February 1945 by General Order 6, Headquarters 13th Airborne Division dated 2 April 1945 as amended by Adjutant General's Office Letter Order dated 17 October 1949.

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:

*W. A. Leary*  
Adjutant General

COPIES FURNISHED:  
Strength Accounting Branch, AGO  
D & A Section, DPMB, St. Louis, Mo.

*9-20-49 Files*

27 July 1945

GENERAL ORDERS )  
NUMBER 50 )

27 July 1945

Award of Silver Star Medal (Posthumous)-----Section I  
Award of Bronze Star Medal-----Section II

I -- AWARD OF SILVER STAR MEDAL (POSTHUMOUS) -- Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, 22 September 1943, and pursuant to authority contained in Memorandum Number 35, Headquarters XVI Corps, 25 June 1945, the Silver Star Medal is awarded posthumously to the following named Officer for gallantry in action against the enemy of the United States.

First Lieutenant Harry D. Allingham, O1 319 592, 517th Parachute Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action near Soy, Belgium, 23 December 1944. When First Lieutenant Allingham's platoon was advancing through dense underbrush it was halted by intense enemy fire. Aware that hesitation would invite disaster, First Lieutenant Allingham, placing himself at the head of his platoon, resumed the advance. Crawling through a steady stream of bullets he led his men forward until stopped by fire from an enemy machine gun directly ahead. In an effort to locate the enemy weapon, First Lieutenant Allingham crept twenty yards along a nearby ditch. Sighting the enemy gun, he moved forward and, before falling fatally wounded by a burst from a machine pistol, indicated the location of the enemy weapon. Inspired by their leader's gallant efforts, First Lieutenant Allingham's men rose and overran the enemy position. First Lieutenant Allingham's noble and inspiring action, exemplifying gallant and courageous leadership, is in keeping with the traditional bravery of the American soldier under fire. Entered the military service from Escanaba, Michigan.

II -- AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL -- Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, 22 September 1943, and pursuant to authority contained in Memorandum Number 35, Headquarters XVI Corps, 25 June 1945, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following named personnel for meritorious service in action against the enemy of the United States.

First Lieutenant Ellsworth J. Hansen (then Second Lieutenant), O1 262 727, 517th Parachute Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious achievement during military operations in Italy, France, Belgium and Germany, 15 July 1944 to 9 February 1945. Entered the military service from Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Major Edward G. Frank, Junior, O 422 918, 160th Parachute Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Italy, France, Belgium and Germany during the period from 17 June 1944 to 15 February 1945. Entered the military service from Evanston, Illinois.

Sergeant Jasper K. Horne, Jr. (then Corporal), 34 765 601, 517th Parachute Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in action 18 January 1945. Entered the military service from Albany, Georgia.

Private First Class Elmer E. Brown, 36 804 736, 517th Parachute Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in action 18 January 1945. Entered the military service from Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL CHAPMAN:

HUGH P. LARUS,  
Colonel, U.S.A.,  
Chief of Staff.

OFFICIAL:  
*[Signature]*  
S. D. LEWIS,  
Lt. Col., A.G.D.,  
Adjutant General.

DISTRIBUTION: "R" plus "Special"

28  
RESTRICTED

HEADQUARTERS 13TH AIRBORNE DIVISION  
APO 333, U. S. Army

GENERAL ORDERS )

27 July 1945

NUMBER 51 )

ORIGINAL ORDER

Award of Silver Star Medal (Posthumous) ----- Section I  
Award of Silver Star Medal ----- Section II  
Award of Bronze Star Medal (Oak-Leaf Cluster) ----- Section III  
Award of Bronze Star Medal (Posthumous) ----- Section IV  
Award of Bronze Star Medal ----- Section V  
Award of Bronze Star Medal ----- Section VI  
Amendment to Award of Silver Star Medal ----- Section VII  
Amendment to Award of Bronze Star Medal ----- Section VIII

I -- AWARD OF SILVER STAR MEDAL (POSTHUMOUS) -- Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, 22 September 1943, and pursuant to authority contained in Memorandum Number 35, Headquarters XVI Corps, 25 June 1945, the Silver Star is awarded posthumously to the following named enlisted man for gallantry in action against the enemy of the United States:

Sergeant John B. Comer, 32 755 731, 517th Parachute Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action near Bergstein, Germany. On 7 February 1945, Sergeant Comer and his squad were given the mission of advancing ahead of the first platoon of Company "H". The attack was against a strongly fortified hill from which the enemy was delaying the advance with well directed fire. It was necessary to attack over an area which had been only partially cleared of mines. Advancing with the forward scouts, Sergeant Comer led his squad along the path previously marked by the engineers. While so proceeding, the squad was subjected to enemy machine gun fire and Sergeant Comer received wounds in both legs. Despite his wounds, he continued to lead his squad forward. To reach a better point of observation, he crawled forward until he was beyond the cleared path. Disregarding the danger of the mine strewn terrain, he continued moving until he sighted the enemy gun. While directing fire he was wounded so seriously that he was unable to move. As he was being lifted to a litter he was again hit and killed. Sergeant Comer's noble action, at the cost of his life, enabled the enemy machine gun to be eliminated. Sergeant Comer demonstrated courage, gallantry and fidelity to duty in keeping with the finest traditions of the military service. Entered the military service from Neptune, New Jersey.

II -- AWARD OF SILVER STAR MEDAL -- Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, 22 September 1943, and pursuant to authority contained in Memorandum Number 35, Headquarters XVI Corps, 25 June 1945, the Silver Star Medal is awarded to the following named enlisted man for gallantry in action against the enemy of the United States:

Private First Class Richard E. Hoegar, 42 120 891, 517th Parachute Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action near Bergstein, Germany, 6 February 1945. Private First Class Hoegar, first scout, led his company on its mission of clearing a path through a large mine field. The field was surrounded by dense woods and undergrowth and was dotted with strongly fortified machine gun emplacements supported by riflemen and other small arms. When two attempts at direct assault were repulsed, Private First Class Hoegar, displaying initiative and courage, chose an alternate route which exposed him to great personal risk. During this action he encountered a seven man enemy patrol. Courageously moving into an exposed position, he killed every man in the patrol with rifle fire, thereby erasing a serious threat to the success of the mission. Although wounded in this encounter, he continued forward, laying a trail of tape through the minefield to insure safe passage for his unit. Just short of completion of the mission, he encountered an enemy machine gun nest. Daringly, he crept forward, using available cover, and eliminated the machine gun with a hand grenade. Private First Class Hoegar's intrepid actions contributed

- 7 -

RESTRICTED



R E S T R I C T E D

Hq 13th Abn Div, APO 333, US Army, GC #51, 27 Jul 45, cont'd.

greatly to the success of an important mission and reflects great credit on himself and on the military service. Entered the military service from Potadam, New York.

III — AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL (OAK-LEAF CLUSTER) — Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-445, as amended, 22 September 1943, and pursuant to authority contained in Memorandum Number 35, Headquarters XVI Corps, 25 June 1945, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal previously awarded, a Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to the following named personnel for heroic achievement in action against the enemy of the United States:

Captain Charles E. La Chaussee, OI 314 153, 517th Parachute Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in action near Bergeval, Belgium, 4 January 1945. During an attack on outposts protecting enemy held houses, Captain La Chaussee's company was immobilized by heavy enemy fire. Springing to his feet, Captain La Chaussee began shouting words of encouragement and urging his men forward. Moving to the head of his company, he led the charge against the outposts and captured or killed all of the occupants. Captain La Chaussee then directed an attack on the heavily defended houses. He continually moved across the front of the company while coordinating the assault and pointing out targets. Throughout this entire action, Captain La Chaussee was physically leading the attack. His splendid example of outstanding leadership, coolness, and courage under fire so inspired his men that the houses were secured and one hundred eighteen enemy soldiers and two officers were captured. Entered the military service from Bergenfield, New Jersey.

First Lieutenant Joseph Gressaffi, OI 691 953, (then Second Lieutenant) 517th Parachute Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in action. On 3 January 1945, near Trois Ports, Belgium, Lieutenant Gressaffi's platoon was assigned the mission of contacting a company which was defending the town and in danger of being isolated by an enemy maneuver. Before setting out on the mission, Lieutenant Gressaffi undertook a lone reconnaissance. While moving to high ground overlooking the town, he was subjected to heavy mortar fire. Nevertheless, he completed his survey. Returning to his men, he led them forward, under cover, to the edge of an exposed area. Crossing the area on six separate occasions, always under deadly mortar fire, Lieutenant Gressaffi led his platoon across, squad by squad. Reorganizing his men, he proceeded forward to the isolated force. On his own initiative, he attached two of his squads to the besieged company and led the remaining squad through devastating enemy fire to the Battalion Command Post, where he informed the Battalion Commander of the situation. Ordered to guide a reserve company into the town, he did so without the loss of a single man. Lieutenant Gressaffi's courage, disregard for his own safety in performing his mission and his outstanding initiative and leadership under heavy enemy fire exemplify the highest traditions of the military service. Entered the military service from Benoit, Mississippi.

Technician Fifth Grade James H. Rainer, 38 SHO 282, 460th Parachute Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in action near Pattonus, Belgium, 19 January 1945. Technician Fifth Grade Rainer was a member of a Forward Observation party directing artillery support fire for the Third Battalion of the 517th Parachute Infantry. During the attack on the town of Pattonus the telephone line from the Forward Observation position to the Artillery Fire Directing Center was covered by intense shelling. Technician Fifth Grade Rainer voluntarily left his position of comparative safety and located and repaired the break in the line, thus enabling the infantry battalion to continue to receive supporting artillery fire. Technician Fifth Grade Rainer displayed courage and initiative in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered the military service from Warren, Texas.

First Lieutenant Rudolph E. Winton, O IAF 310, 517th Parachute Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in action near Patis, Belgium, 11 January 1945. When an attacking company was repulsed in an attempt to capture the town of Patis, Lieutenant Winton and his unit undertook the mission. Under

R E S T R I C T E D

Hq 13th Abn Div, APO 333, US Army, GO #51, 27 Jul 45, cont'd.

the covering fire from an attached machine gun section, Lieutenant Renton, with one squad, advanced on the right flank of the town. Reaching a point twenty yards from an enemy held building, Lieutenant Renton signalled for the supporting fire to cease. Immediately, an enemy machine gun opened fire. Lieutenant Renton, throwing a grenade into the window from which the fire emanated, killed the machine gunner. Ordering his men to follow, he dashed into the town. As his men searched the houses, Lieutenant Renton led two men to the other side of the town to cut off the enemy's escape route. On his way back to his squad Lieutenant Renton encountered three Germans running toward him. Opening fire with his sub-machine gun, he killed two of the enemy and caused the other to surrender. After the town was captured it was found that the squad, due to Lieutenant Renton's superior guidance, had killed eleven Germans and captured eight. His heroism in the face of the enemy exemplifies the highest traditions of the military service. Entered the military service from Tuckahee, New York.

IV -- AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL (POSTHUMOUS) -- Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, 22 September 1943, and pursuant to authority contained in Memorandum Number 35, Headquarters XVI Corps, 25 June 1945, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded posthumously to the following named enlisted man for heroic achievement in action against the enemy of the United States:

Private First Class Thomas G. Rose, 38 345 102, 517th Parachute Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in action in Belgium, January 1945, in the Auf der Hardt Woods near Deldenberg, Private First Class Rose, a member of a rocket launcher team of Headquarters Company, advanced with his unit to set up a road block near the edge of the woods. Enemy mortar and machine gun fire was extremely heavy. After two hours of continuous enemy fire, during which two of his comrades were wounded, he moved to a more tenable position. Later, Private First Class Rose again exposed himself to the heavy fire to assist the two wounded men to the aid station. Upon returning to his position he was mortally wounded by enemy machine gun fire. Private First Class Rose displayed courage and unselfish devotion to his comrades in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered the military service from Lubbock, Texas.

V -- AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL -- Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, 22 September 1943, and pursuant to authority contained in Memorandum Number 35, Headquarters XVI Corps, 25 June 1945, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following named personnel for heroic achievement in action against the enemy of the United States:

First Sergeant Clifford Alexander, 6 397 725, 517th Parachute Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in action near Bergstein, Germany, 7 February 1945. During a fierce engagement with the enemy, First Sergeant Alexander and several other men were completely cut off from their company and completely surrounded. Taking charge, First Sergeant Alexander ordered the men to fight a withdrawing action on a parallel route to that being followed by his company. Without regard for his personal safety, he constantly exposed himself to heavy enemy fire to circulate among the small group and direct the action. As the enemy advanced to within 30 yards, First Sergeant Alexander personally killed, or wounded, four of the enemy. Under his leadership, the small group rejoined the company. First Sergeant Alexander's courage, initiative and leadership were instrumental in keeping all of the men in the group from being annihilated. Entered the military service from Thomaston, Georgia.

Private James H. Chandler, 34 364 769, 517th Parachute Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in action. On 23 December 1944, in the vicinity of Soy, Belgium, Private Chandler and another soldier were left flank security for the leader platoon of Company "E", 517th Parachute Infantry. In an advance through a densely wooded area the platoon was halted by intense enemy small arms fire. In the ensuing fire fight, a soldier received a severe shoulder wound, became panicky, and started running toward the enemy. Private Chandler immediately left his covered position and, though exposing himself to heavy fire, caught the soldier throwing him to the ground as a machine gun opened up on them.

R E S T R I C T E D

In 13th Abn Div, APO 333, US Army, CO #51, 27 Jul 45 cont'd.

Private Chandler, by crawling, assisted the wounded man to cover. Private Chandler's quick thinking and splendid behavior under fire was in keeping with the highest traditions of the service. Entered the military service from Chattanooga, Tennessee.

Private First Class Mace B Cohen, 39 291 950, 517th Parachute Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in action near Diodenberg, Belgium, 21 January 1945. During the attack in the Auf der Hardt Woods, Company "E", 517th Parachute Infantry, was held up by a German machine gun, that was inflicting casualties on the attackers. Private First Class Cohen and a comrade volunteered for the hazardous task of silencing the enemy gun. Disregarding his own personal safety, Private First Class Cohen crawled toward the enemy position. The heavy snow and the lack of cover and concealment made the approach extremely dangerous. Reaching a vantage point, the two men opened fire and killed two of the enemy and caused a third soldier to withdraw. Pursuing the escaping German deeper into enemy territory, Private First Class Cohen saw the escaping enemy soldier join a group of riflemen. Crawling to a position near the group, the two men surprised the enemy and took six prisoners. Private First Class Cohen's display of aggressiveness and heroism are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered the military service from Los Angeles, California.

Private First Class Billic F Davis, 39 436 777, 517th Parachute Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in action near St. Jacques, Belgium, 3 January 1945. During an enemy attack Private First Class Davis observed an enemy tank approaching his platoon's right flank. Picking up his rocket launcher, he dashed toward a position which would place him five yards from the oncoming tiger tank. With skillful timing, he fired his first round into the rear of the tank. Swiftly reloading, he fired several rounds. His deadly fire from close range forced the heavy tank to withdraw. The initiative and courage of Private First Class Davis was instrumental in repulsing the attacking force and compelling them to withdraw with heavy casualties. Private First Class Davis demonstrated judgment and coolness under fire in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered the military service from Yakima, Washington.

Private Tom W Davis, 34 547 310, 517th Parachute Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in action near Basse Bodeaux, Belgium, 3 January 1945. Private Davis, a member of the Regimental Supply Section, entered a house which had been captured from the Germans a few hours before. An enemy squad, believing that the area was still German held, approached the house. Private Davis, acting promptly, surprised and captured the entire squad. On being interrogated, the prisoners revealed that there was a machine gun, manned by the enemy, five hundred yards from the house. Taking one of the prisoners with him and leaving the remainder in custody of a comrade, Private Davis started out toward the enemy emplacement. Following his prisoner to the gun position, Private Davis forced him to tell his comrades that they were surrounded and demanded their surrender. By his bravery and coolness he was able to eliminate a serious enemy threat. Private Davis exhibited great courage and devotion to duty in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered the military service from Pahokee, Florida.

Staff Sergeant William T. Elliot, 35 867 142, 517th Parachute Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in action near Basse Bodeaux, Belgium, 3 January 1945. When fierce enemy resistance resulted in many casualties, Staff Sergeant Elliot volunteered to lead a litter team through a mine field to the wounded man. Despite a heavy concentration of fire in the area, he moved across the open, dangerous terrain and reached his wounded comrades. Under constant enemy fire, he administered first aid treatment and assisted in the evacuation of the casualties. Returning again and again, he succeeded in evacuating all the wounded men. Serving as a courageous example for his comrades, Staff Sergeant Elliot's display of fearlessness and coolness under fire was an inspiration to all who served with him. Entered the military service from Columbus, Ohio.

Hq 13th Abn Div, APO 333, U. S. Army, OC # 51, 27 July 1945, continued.

Technician Fifth Grade Harvey H. Epley (then Private First Class), 37 473 593, 460th Parachute Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in action near Mount Ventebrun, France, 24 September 1944. During an enemy counterattack, heavy mortar and artillery fire cut all communications between friendly artillery and the forward observation party of which Technician Fifth Grade Epley was a member. Without hesitation, Technician Fifth Grade Epley crawled forward to the break in the telephone line and, under intense enemy fire and in full view of the enemy, made the necessary repairs. Through his courageous act communications were restored and the enemy counterattack was repulsed. His cool courage was an inspiration to those with whom he served. Entered the military service from Pawnee City, Nebraska.

Private First Class Paul Fedock (then Private), 33 507 850, 517th Parachute Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in action at Trois Pontois, Belgium, 3 January 1945. When the battalion of which Private First Class Fedock was a member was caught in a surprise concentration of enemy fire, about fifty casualties resulted. Private First Class Fedock crawled forward through intense enemy mortar and machine gun fire to aid his wounded comrades. For nine hours he continued his assistance to the wounded. Private First Class Fedock's initiative, coolness under fire, and disregard for his own safety aided in saving the lives of some of the men and served as an inspiration to his comrades. Entered the military service from Kulpsont, Pennsylvania.

Private First Class William H. Ford, 14 138 455, 517th Parachute Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in action. On the night of 6 February 1945, near Bergstein, Germany, Private First Class Ford volunteered to reconnoiter a route through a mine field. The night was very dark, the terrain extremely rough and slippery. Private First Class Ford, while leading the patrol, exposed himself to great danger by choosing a path that led within inches of enemy mines. The hazard was intensified by enemy flares. While he led the patrol over this hazardous area, he mentally recorded the details of the terrain. After an exhaustive survey of the area, he led his patrol out of the mine field, over the same dangerous route, to the Company Command Post. His brave action enabled the Company to traverse the mine field in a successful dawn attack. Private First Class Ford demonstrated courage and devotion to duty in keeping with the highest traditions of the armed forces. Entered the military service from Fort McPherson, Georgia.

Private First Class Louis P. Holzworth, 36 667 437, 517th Parachute Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in action near St. Jacques, Belgium, 2 January 1945. Although having been wounded in the left wrist and knee the previous day, Private First Class Holzworth volunteered for a patrol to search for enemy tanks. After the patrol had penetrated well into enemy territory, the lead scout of the patrol stepped on a mine and the blast wounded the patrol leader in the throat and Private First Class Holzworth in both feet. Although unable to walk, Private First Class Holzworth assisted in bandaging the patrol leader's wounds and volunteered to remain with him while help was obtained. For eight hours Private First Class Holzworth constantly cared for his wounded comrade. In addition to the wounds caused by the mine, both of Private First Class Holzworth's feet were frozen during the period of waiting. Private First Class Holzworth's display of courage and devotion to duty was an inspiration to all who served with him. Entered the military service from Chicago, Illinois.

Staff Sergeant Norman D. Kearns (then Sergeant), 37 558 903, 517th Parachute Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in action near Diodenburg, Belgium. At daybreak, 21 January 1945, the enemy launched an attack on the right flank of Company "D", 517th Parachute Infantry. Sergeant Kearns, defending his position, withheld fire until the enemy was within close range. Taken by surprise the enemy force scattered in confusion, leaving many casualties. Sergeant Kearns then lifted the light machine gun and, firing from his hip, moved toward the enemy. His aggressive action split the enemy into small groups and resulted in the capture of several prisoners. As Sergeant Kearns was returning with twelve prisoners he had captured, two of them attempted to overpower him. He killed them and held the remainder until he was relieved by men from his company. The prompt and heroic actions of Sergeant Kearns in breaking up an enemy attack exemplify the highest traditions of the military service. Entered the military service from Melt, North Dakota.



R E S T R I C T E D

Hq 13th Abn Div, APO 333, U. S. Army, GO # 1, 27 Jul 45, cont'd.

Private First Class Christopher J. Kelly, Jr., 33 602 098, 517th Parachute Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in action near Manhay, Belgium, 26 and 27 December 1944. Prior to an attack on the enemy-held town of Manhay by the Third Battalion, Private First Class Kelly acting as runner and bodyguard for his battalion commander, went forward to make a reconnaissance. Despite warnings by other officers, the two advanced more than four hundred yards in front of friendly lines and, even though a terrific artillery barrage was being laid down by the enemy, remained there until the necessary information was gained. That night, during the successful attack, Private First Class Kelly remained steadfastly at his officer's side. By his loyalty, courage and devotion to duty, he rendered invaluable help to his battalion commander in the successful fulfillment of the unit's missions. Entered the military service from Wilkes Barre, Pennsylvania.

Private First Class Frank Gren, 15 080 785, 517th Parachute Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in Belgium. On 3 January 1945, while Company "H" was attacking the high ground near the village of Bergeval, Belgium, Private First Class Gren exposed himself to enemy fire to help evacuate one of his wounded comrades. An examination disclosed that the casualty had to be taken to an aid station quickly. After making a hurried reconnaissance of the area, Private First Class Gren decided to take the shortest way, though so doing entailed crossing in full view of the enemy. He carried the wounded man three hundred yards through the mortar, artillery and sniper fire to the comparative safety of the collar of a house, where he remained with the casualty until evacuation was effected. This courageous action was an inspiration to all who served with him and is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered the military service from Cleveland, Ohio.

Sergeant James T. Lee, 34 803 030, 517th Parachute Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in action near Trois Pontois, Belgium, 3 January 1945. Sergeant Lee, a runner, volunteered for duty as a litter bearer. The troops had suffered heavy casualties and were under continual mortar and artillery fire. As Sergeant Lee moved to the wounded, he was subjected to accurate sniper, small arms and artillery fire. Without weapons and lacking a brassard to identify his mission, he moved forward to exposed positions and evacuated the wounded to an ambulance eight hundred yards to the rear. Sergeant Lee's heroic action was an outstanding example of courage and consideration for his comrades and is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered the military service from Ensley, Alabama.

Private First Class Stanley P. Magielnicki, 32 913 903, 517th Parachute Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in action. On 14 January 1945, Company "G" was attacking near Britay, Belgium. While crossing an open field in the face of a heavy enemy barrage, the second platoon sustained many casualties. Private First Class Magielnicki, with a comrade, bravely exposed himself to go to the aid of a severely injured man. After removing the casualty to safety, he observed that the enemy was concentrating fire on a number of wounded men nearby. Private First Class Magielnicki, disregarding the terrific intensity of the enemy fire and the apparent hopelessness of the situation, moved among the casualties aiding and encouraging the injured men. With the aid of another man Private First Class Magielnicki evacuated the casualties and saved the lives of several men. Private First Class Magielnicki demonstrated courage and devotion to duty in keeping with the finest traditions of the military service. Entered the military service from Jersey City, New Jersey.

Sergeant Harvey O'Brien, 39 293 627, (then Private) 517th Parachute Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in action near Trois Pontois, Belgium, 3 January 1945. During an attack on the enemy held town of Trois Pontois, Belgium, Company "F" was subjected to intense enemy fire which caused many casualties. Sergeant O'Brien's rocket launcher was put out of action by a shrapnel burst. On his own initiative and without regard for his own safety, Sergeant O'Brien crawled through the intense enemy fire to the wounded men to



give first aid and drag them to safety. In accomplishing this he received minor wounds but continued evacuation of the wounded. Later, he enlisted the aid of riflemen nearby and began to evacuate the litter cases. He continued this work until nightfall when medical aid men arrived and relieved him of his self appointed duties. Sergeant O'Brien demonstrated outstanding courage and resolute devotion to duty in keeping with the finest traditions of the military service. Entered the military service from Salt Lake City, Utah.

Private First Class Edward D. Pawlowski, 32 913 974, 517th Parachute Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in action. On 14 January 1945, Company "G" was attacking near Butay, Belgium. While crossing an open field in the face of a heavy enemy barrage, the second platoon sustained many casualties. Private First Class Pawlowski, with a comrade, bravely exposed himself to go to the aid of a severely injured man. After removing the casualty to safety, he observed that the enemy was concentrating fire on a number of wounded men nearby. Private First Class Pawlowski, disregarding the terrific intensity of the enemy fire and the apparent hopelessness of the situation, moved among the casualties aiding and carrying the injured men. With the aid of another man, Private First Class Pawlowski evacuated the casualties and saved the lives of several men. Private First Class Pawlowski demonstrated courage and devotion to duty in keeping with the finest traditions of the military service. Entered the military service from Jersey City, New Jersey.

*Amended by DOT 16, Feb 21/45 to read 102C*  
Private First Class Burton L. Stadler, 36 856 151, 517th Parachute Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in action near Diedenberg, Belgium, 21 January 1945. During the attack in the Auf der Hardt Woods, Company "E" was held up by a German machine gun that was inflicting heavy casualties on the attackers. Private First Class Stadler volunteered for the hazardous task of silencing the enemy gun. Disregarding his personal safety, Private First Class Stadler and a comrade crawled toward the enemy position. The heavy snow and the lack of cover and concealment made the approach extremely dangerous. Reaching a vantage point, the two men opened fire, killing two of the enemy crew and causing a third soldier to flee. Pursuing the escaping German deeper into enemy territory, Private First Class Stadler saw him join a group of enemy riflemen. Crawling to a position near the group, the two men surprised the enemy and took six prisoners. Private First Class Stadler's display of aggressiveness and heroism are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered the military service from Clinton, Michigan.

Technician Fifth Grade James G. Ward, 34 805 923, 460th Parachute Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in action near Les Ares, France, 16 August 1944. When an infantry patrol was assigned the mission of penetrating an enemy held town, Technician Fifth Grade Ward, radio operator of an artillery liaison section, voluntarily accompanied it in order to relay a request for artillery support, should the necessity arise. Before reaching its objective the outnumbered patrol was compelled to withdraw in face of a strong enemy force. The enemy launched an attack in company strength, supported by intensely concentrated mortar fire. Technician Fifth Grade Ward, to obtain better observation, carried his radio set forward under the withering fire. Reaching a vantage point, he directed the artillery fire of his battalion on the enemy force forcing it to retreat. Technician Fifth Grade Ward demonstrated efficiency and cool courage under fire in keeping with the finest traditions of the military service. Entered the military service from Carrollton, Alabama.

Private First Class Lark I. Washburn, 39 912 643, 460th Parachute Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement near Bergstein, Germany, 7 February 1945. Returning from his forward position, Private First Class Washburn noticed a wounded comrade lying in an open field. Disregarding the intense small arms fire directed at him, he crawled one hundred fifty yards across the field to the wounded man. He administered first aid and carried him, unaided, for more than one thousand yards over a route that passed through a mine field and was under continual mortar fire. Private First Class Washburn's prompt and fearless action undoubtedly saved the life of the man and was an inspiration to all with whom he served. Entered the military service from Blanding, Utah.

R E S T R I C T E D

Hq 13th Abn Div, APO 333, US Army, GO #51, 27 Jul 45, cont'd.

VI -- AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL -- Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, 22 September 1943, and pursuant to authority contained in Memorandum Number 35, Headquarters XVI Corps, 25 June 1945, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following named officer for meritorious achievement in action against the enemy of the United States:

Captain William C. Hale, O 444 610, (then First Lieutenant) 517th Parachute Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in Southern France, 6 August 1944, to 3 September 1944. Entered the military service from New Brunswick, New Jersey.

VII -- AMENDMENT TO AWARD OF SILVER STAR MEDAL -- So much of Section II, General Orders Number 48, this Headquarters, current series, as pertains to First Lieutenant Henry R. Kleinendorfer, O1 305 436, 517th Parachute Infantry, is hereby rescinded.

VIII -- AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL (OAK-LEAF CLUSTER) -- So much of Section II, General Orders Number 47, this Headquarters, current series, pertaining to Sergeant Allen H. Douglas, 14 036 778, 517th Parachute Infantry, as reads: "Award of Bronze Star Medal" is amended to read: "Award of Bronze Star Medal (Oak-Leaf Cluster)".


So much of Section VI, General Orders Number 49, this Headquarters, current series, pertaining to Private First Class Robert T. Jennings, 32 838 977, 517th Parachute Infantry, as reads: "Award of Bronze Star Medal" is amended to read: "Award of Bronze Star Medal (Oak-Leaf Cluster)".

So much of Section II, General Orders Number 16, this Headquarters, current series, pertaining to Corporal (then Technician Fifth Grade) Harold C. Johnson, 37 558 629, 556th Airborne Engineer Company, (presently assigned 17th Airborne Engineer Battalion) as reads: "Award of Bronze Star Medal" is amended to read: "Award of Bronze Star Medal (Oak-Leaf Cluster)".

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL CHAFMAN:

HUGH P. HARRIS,  
Colonel, G.S.C.,  
Chief of Staff.

OFFICIAL:

  
S. A. LEWIS,  
Lt. Col., A.G.D.,  
Adjutant General.

DISTRIBUTION: "B" plus "Special"

- 8 -

R E S T R I C T E D



AGRS-DA 201 Jennings, Robert T.  
32 838 977

22 April 1950

WITHDRAWAL OF GENERAL ORDERS

So much of General Orders 51, Headquarters 13th Airborne Division, dated 27 July 1945, which amends General Orders 49, Headquarters 13th Airborne Division, dated 27 July 1945, as pertains to the award of the First Oak-Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal to Robert T. Jennings, 32 838 977, is withdrawn.

The First Oak-Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to subject individual by General Orders 38, Headquarters 13th Airborne Division, dated 24 July 1945, amended by Adjutant General's Office Letter Order, dated 25 April 1950.

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:

*W.A. Leary*  
Adjutant General

Copies Furnished:  
D & A Rec Unit Files  
Strength and Accounting  
D & A Rec Unit GO Files  
201 File

FV/RN

HEADQUARTERS 13TH AIRBORNE DIVISION  
APO 333, U. S. Army

GENERAL ORDERS )

NUMBER 52 )

GENERAL ORDER

27 July 1945

Award of Silver Star Medal----- Section I  
Award of Bronze Star Medal (Oak Leaf Cluster)----- Section II  
Award of Bronze Star Medal----- Section III  
Award of Bronze Star Medal----- Section IV

I -- AWARD OF SILVER STAR MEDAL -- Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, 22 September 1943, and pursuant to authority contained in Memorandum Number 35, Headquarters XVI Corps, 25 June 1945, the Silver Star Medal is awarded to the following named officer for gallantry in action against the enemy of the United States:

Captain Sylvester G. Weller (then First Lieutenant), O1 179 241, 460th Parachute Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for gallantry in action, 7 February 1945, near Bergstein, Germany. While the Second Battalion, 517th Parachute Infantry was attacking toward the Roer River, it met heavy resistance in the form of concentrated mortar, artillery and small arms fire, in addition to the obstacle of four extensive mine fields. Noting that the only point of observation was an exposed hill top between friendly and enemy front lines, Captain Weller, rather than endanger his men, crawled three hundred yards, alone, through heavy enemy fire, stringing telephone wire behind him. Disregarding the possibility of mines, and aware that he was under enemy observation, he proceeded boldly forward until he reached the hill. With mortar shells landing within twenty-five yards, Captain Weller directed artillery fire on the enemy mortar positions. For thirty minutes, under concentrated fire, he remained resolutely in position until the enemy weapons were silenced. Captain Weller demonstrated coolness under fire, steadfast devotion to duty and superb courage in keeping with the finest traditions of the military service. Entered the military service from Fort Leavenworth, Kansas.

II -- AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL (OAK-LEAF CLUSTER) -- Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, 22 September 1943, and pursuant to authority contained in Memorandum Number 35, Headquarters XVI Corps, 25 June 1945, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal previously awarded, a Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to the following named officer for meritorious achievement in action against the enemy of the United States:

Captain Richard O. Roberts (then First Lieutenant), O 436 444, 460th Parachute Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in France and Belgium from 1 September 1944 to 9 February 1945. Entered the military service from Lubbock, Texas.

III -- AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL -- Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, 22 September 1943, and pursuant to authority contained in Memorandum Number 35, Headquarters XVI Corps, 25 June 1945, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following named personnel for heroic achievement in action against the enemy of the United States:

Sergeant Cornelius M. Driscoll, 37 559 247, 596th Airborne Engineer Company, United States Army, for heroic achievement in action, on 6 February 1945, near Bergstein, Germany. Sergeant Driscoll and two comrades crawled into enemy held territory and removed approximately sixty Schmines, thereby providing a safe lane through which infantry could attack enemy positions. After breaching the field and marking the gap, while under mortar and automatic weapons fire from fortified enemy positions, Sergeant Driscoll and his comrades remained with the attacking infantry. The following morning another anti-personnel minefield was encountered. This field was covered by enemy mortar and automatic weapons fire. Sergeant Driscoll assisted in removing twenty-five Schmines from the field. Stretcher bearers could evacuate a seriously wounded officer. Sergeant Driscoll's demonstration of disregard for his own safety, gallant courage and leadership and practical knowledge of enemy mines reflects the highest credit to himself and is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered the military service from Moorhead, Minnesota.

(-1-)

R E S T R I C T E D

R E S T R I C T E D

Hq, 13th Abn Div, APO 333, U. S. Army, GO # 52, 27 July 1945, continued.

Private First Class Mike F. Kovach, 36 801 802, 596th Airborne Engin. Company, United States Army, for heroic achievement in action, on 6 February 1945, near Bergstein, Germany. Private First Class Kovach and two comrades crawled in enemy held territory and removed approximately sixty Schmines, thereby providing a safe lane through which infantry could attack enemy positions. After breaching the field and marking the gap, while under mortar and automatic weapons fire from fortified enemy positions, Private First Class Kovach and his comrades remained with the attacking infantry. The following morning another anti-personnel minefield was encountered. This field was covered by enemy mortar and automatic weapons fire. Here Private First Class Kovach assisted in removing twenty-five Schmines from the field so that stretcher bearers could evacuate a seriously wounded officer. Private First Class Kovach's demonstration of disregard for his own safety, gallant courage under fire and practical knowledge of enemy mines reflects the highest credit upon himself and is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered the military service from Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Captain Richard C. Roberts (then First Lieutenant), O 436 444, 460th Parachute Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in action near Potteaux, Belgium, 20 January 1945. As a liaison officer, Captain Roberts was a member of a five man patrol that left the First Battalion position to contact the Third Battalion. The terrain between the two battalions was open, sparsely wooded and covered knee-deep with snow. The entire area was under direct enemy observation. As the patrol advanced into the open, the enemy opened fire, wounding the first man of the patrol. Disregarding the intense enemy fire, Captain Roberts rose, dashed into the open field to the exposed position of the wounded man, and carried the wounded soldier one hundred yards to cover. This outstanding display of courage undoubtedly saved the life of the wounded man. Captain Roberts' high devotion to duty while under fire was highly inspiring and in keeping with the highest traditions of the armed forces. Entered the military service from Lubbock, Texas.

Private First Class Davis S. Valadez, 39 398 538, 596th Airborne Engineer Company, United States Army, for heroic achievement in action, on 6 February 1945, near Bergstein, Germany. Private First Class Valadez and two comrades crawled into enemy held territory and removed approximately sixty Schmines, thereby providing a safe lane through which infantry could attack enemy positions. After breaching the field and marking the gap, while under mortar and automatic weapons fire from fortified enemy positions, Private First Class Valadez and his comrades remained with the attacking infantry. The following morning another anti-personnel minefield was encountered. This field was covered by enemy mortar and automatic weapons fire. Here Private First Class Valadez assisted in removing twenty-five Schmines from the field so that stretcher bearers could evacuate a seriously wounded officer. Private First Class Valadez's demonstration of disregard for his own safety, gallant courage under fire and practical knowledge of enemy mines reflects the highest credit upon himself and is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered the military service from Sacramento, California.

IV - AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL - Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, 22 September 1943, and pursuant to authority contained in Memorandum Number 35, Headquarters XVI Corps, 25 June 1945, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following named officers for meritorious achievement in action against the enemy of the United States:

Captain William Pencak, O1 301 534, 517th Parachute Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in action in Belgium and Germany, 18 January 1945 to 9 February 1945. Entered the military service from Binghamton, New York.

Captain Silvester G. Moller (then First Lieutenant), O1 179 241, 460th Parachute Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in France and Belgium from 6 September 1944 to 22 January 1945. Entered the military service from St. Joseph, Missouri.

(-2-)

R E S T R I C T E D



R E S T R I C T E D

Hq, 13th Abn Div, APO 333, U. S. Army, GO # 52, 27 July 1945, continued.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL CHAPMAN:

HUGH P. HARRIS,  
Colonel, G.S.C.,  
Chief of Staff.

OFFICIAL:



S. A. LEWIS,  
Lt. Col., A.G.D.,  
Adjutant General.

DISTRIBUTION: "B" plus "Special"

(-3-)

R E S T R I C T E D

R E S T R I C T E D

HEADQUARTERS 13TH AIRBORNE DIVISION  
APO 333, U. S. ARMY

ORIGINAL ORDER

*20 Aug 45*

GENERAL ORDER )

NUMBER 53 )

4 August 1945

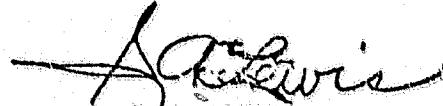
AWARD OF PURPLE HEART

Under the provisions of AR 600-45 and changes thereto, the Purple Heart is hereby awarded to Mr. Gordon T Jackson, Field Director, American Red Cross, for wounds received as result of enemy action at Anzio, Italy on 26 January 1944.

By command of MAJOR GENERAL CHAPMAN:

HUGH P. HARRIS,  
Colonel, G.S.C.,  
Chief of Staff.

OFFICIAL:



S. A. LEWIS,  
Lt. Col., A.G.D.,  
Adjutant General.

DISTRIBUTION: "B" Plus "Special"

R E S T R I C T E D

HEADQUARTERS 13TH AIRBORNE DIVISION  
Fort Bragg, North Carolina

GENERAL ORDERS)

NUMBER 56) **7**

23 October 1945

AMENDMENT TO AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL (POSTHUMOUS)-----Section I  
AMENDMENT TO AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL-----Section II

**OK** I -- AMENDMENT TO AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL (POSTHUMOUS) --  
So much of Section II, General Orders Number 19, this Headquarters, current series, pertaining to Private Doyle E. Gray, 39 696 265, 517th Parachute Infantry, as reads "Award of Bronze Star Medal (Posthumous)" is amended to read "Award of Bronze Star Medal (Oak-Leaf Cluster) (Posthumous)".

**OK** So much of Section II, General Orders Number 29, this Headquarters, current series, pertaining to Private Joseph F. Van Ness, 6 273 776, 517th Parachute Infantry, as reads "was killed in this action" is amended to read "was killed in action on 31 August 1944".

**OK** Section I, General Orders Number 42, this Headquarters, current series, as pertains to the Award of the Bronze Star Medal (Posthumous) to Staff Sergeant Roger J. Bender, 35 142 874, 517th Parachute Infantry, is hereby revoked.

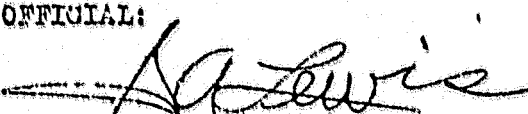
**OK** So much of Section IV, General Orders Number 49, this Headquarters, current series, pertaining to Staff Sergeant David T. Hines, 19 090 249, 517th Parachute Infantry, as reads "Award of Bronze Star Medal (Posthumous)" is amended to read "Award of Bronze Star Medal (Oak-Leaf Cluster) (Posthumous)".

**OK** II -- AMENDMENT TO AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL -- So much of Section I, General Orders Number 41, This Headquarters, current series, pertaining to First Lieutenant James L. Cook, 01 303 269, 517th Parachute Infantry, as reads "Award of Bronze Star Medal" is amended to read "Award of Bronze Star Medal (Oak-Leaf Cluster)".

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL CHAPMAN:

HUGH P. HARRIS,  
Colonel, G.S.C.,  
Chief of Staff.

OFFICIAL:

  
S. A. LEWIS,  
Lt. Col., ...G.D.,  
Adjutant General.

DISTRIBUTION: "B" plus "Special"  
9 - TAG  
1 - CO, 507th Procht Inf  
APO 452, US ARMY

HEADQUARTERS 13TH AIRBORNE DIVISION  
Fort Bragg, North Carolina

GENERAL ORDERS )  
NUMBER 60 )

1 November 1945

AMENDMENT TO AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL ----- Section I

I -- AMENDMENT TO AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL -- So much of Section III, General Orders Number 46, this Headquarters, current series, pertaining to Sergeant Jack Burns, 37 512 001, 517th Parachute Infantry, as reads "Award of Bronze Star Medal" is amended to read "Award of Bronze Star Medal (Oak-Leaf Cluster)".


So much of Section III, General Orders Number 45, this Headquarters, current series, pertaining to Staff Sergeant Orville Stubbs, 35 124 756, 517th Parachute Infantry, as reads "Award of Bronze Star Medal" is amended to read "Award of Bronze Star Medal (Oak-Leaf Cluster)".

So much of Section III, General Orders Number 29, this Headquarters, current series, pertaining to Private First Class John L. Woody, 38 409 854, 517th Parachute Infantry, as reads "gallantry in action" is amended to read "heroic achievement in action".

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL CHAFMAN:

HUGH P. HARRIS,  
Colonel, G.S.C.,  
Chief of Staff.

OFFICIAL:

  
S. A. LEWIS,  
Lt. Col., A.G.D.,  
Adjutant General.

DISTRIBUTION: "B" plus "Special"

ORIGINAL ORDER

File 02 124

HEADQUARTERS 13TH AIRBORNE DIVISION  
Fort Bragg, North Carolina

GENERAL ORDERS )  
NUMBER 61 )

9 November 1945

Award of Bronze Star Medal----- Section I  
Amendment to Award of Bronze Star Medal----- Section II

I -- AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL -- Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, 22 September 1943, and pursuant to authority contained in Weekly Directive Number 38, Headquarters Army Ground Forces, dated 18 September 1945, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following named personnel for heroic achievement in action against the enemy of the United States:

Second Lieutenant George L. Backus, (then Staff Sergeant), O2 008 155, 517th Parachute Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in action near LaMotte, France, 15 August 1944. Second Lieutenant Backus, on making a parachute jump into Southern France as part of the airborne invasion forces, injured his ankle on landing. Rather than handicap his comrades by his inability to travel, he volunteered to proceed alone to the assembly area. Enroute he met and organized into a fighting force five other American parachutists, six British parachutists and twelve French partisans. Under his direction, automatic weapons were secured and a clever ambush laid for a company of enemy troops. In the ensuing engagement two enemy officers and twenty-six men were captured; six of the enemy were killed. Three hours later, when friendly gliders began landing in the vicinity, Second Lieutenant Backus directed his group in aiding injured personnel and setting up an aid station to care for them. Only then did he permit himself to be evacuated. Second Lieutenant Backus' display of leadership, courage and initiative was an inspiration to all who served with him. Entered the military service from Racine, Wisconsin.

Staff Sergeant Albert T. Dushayes (then Corporal), 17 122 774, 517th Parachute Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in action. On 9 September 1944 the second platoon was attacking south of Col de Braus, France. Heavy casualties were sustained. The first platoon was in support of the second, but radio communications had failed. The area between platoons, approximately five hundred yards in width, was subjected to heavy mortar and small arms fire. Staff Sergeant Dushayes and a comrade volunteered to contact the second platoon. Successfully crossing the exposed area, they discovered that the second platoon was facing a numerically superior enemy force and needed immediate support. Recrossing the fire swept ground, the two men informed their platoon leader of the situation. As a result, he moved his platoon forward by infiltration to reinforce the outnumbered platoon. This action by Staff Sergeant Dushayes, in braving intense enemy fire to acquire the desired information, saved many lives by enabling timely assistance to be rendered. Staff Sergeant Dushayes demonstrated outstanding courage and devotion to duty in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered the military service from Lincoln, Nebraska.

Private Charles N. Palm, 37 557 705, 517th Parachute Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in action. On 9 September 1944 the second platoon was attacking south of Col de Braus, France. Heavy casualties were sustained. The first platoon was in support of the second, but radio communication had failed. The area between platoons, approximately five hundred yards in width was subjected to heavy mortar and small arms fire. Private Palm and a comrade volunteered to contact the second platoon. Successfully crossing the exposed area, they discovered that the second platoon was facing a numerically superior enemy force and needed immediate support. Recrossing the fire swept ground, the two men informed their platoon leader of the situation. As a result, he moved his platoon forward by infiltration to reinforce the outnumbered platoon. This action by Private Palm, in braving intense enemy fire to acquire the desired information, saved many lives by enabling timely assistance to be rendered. Private Palm demonstrated outstanding courage and devotion to duty in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered the military service from Detroit Lakes, Michigan.



(Hq 13th Abn Div, Ft Bragg NC, GO #C1, dated 9 Nov 45, cont'd)


Sergeant Ward A. Turner, SS 206 655, 517th Parachute Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in action near Piers Cava, France, 3 September 1944. While leading his patrol to obtain information regarding enemy strength and disposition, Sergeant Turner encountered an enemy outpost consisting of a machine gun and several supporting riflemen. The patrol was immediately subjected to severe and accurate fire. Sergeant Turner, realizing the mission faced possible failure, directed return fire. With bullets cutting trees and brush within inches of his body and spattering rock fragments into his face, Sergeant Turner crawled to the flank of the enemy position. Flattened against the ground, he stealthily maneuvered to within fifteen yards of the emplacement. Quickly and accurately, he threw a hand grenade into the enemy position. After the explosion, he rose and sprayed the emplacement with sub-machine gun fire. The supporting enemy riflemen, seeing their machine gun destroyed, withdrew, abandoning their positions. Sergeant Turner demonstrated aggressive courage and devotion to duty which reflected great credit on himself and on the military service. Entered the military service from Seattle, Washington.

II --- AMENDMENT TO AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL --- So much of Section I, General Orders Number 41, this Headquarters, current series, pertaining to Private Merrill D. Collison, 37 556 102, 517th Parachute Infantry, as words "Merrill" is amended to read "Merle".

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL CHAPMAN:

HUGH P. HARRIS,  
Colonel, G.S.C.,  
Chief of Staff.

OFFICIAL:

  
B. A. LEWIS,  
Lt. Col., A.G.D.,  
Adjutant General.

DISTRIBUTION: "B" plus "Special"

HEADQUARTERS, 15TH AIRBORNE DIVISION  
Fort Bragg, North Carolina

T.A.G.  
M.A.G. P.C.

*S. Maynard*

14 November 1945

*1/9/45*

*Perkyk. G. Galtberg 11/11/45*

GENERAL ORDERS )  
NUMBER 62 )

AWARD OF PURPLE HEART

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, 22 September 1943, the Purple Heart is awarded to the following named personnel for wounds received in action against the enemy of the United States, on dates indicated, in enemy occupied territory:

Private William L. Soto, 19 106 241, 326th Glider Infantry (formerly 513th Parachute Infantry), United States Army, for wounds received in action on or about 28 April, 1945 in Germany.

Sergeant Naurice G. Husbyn, 37 595 197, 517th Parachute Infantry, United States Army, for wounds received in action on 24 March 1945 in Germany.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL CHAFMAN:

HUGH P. HARRIS,  
Colonel, G.S.C.,  
Chief of Staff.

OFFICIAL:

*S. A. Lewis*

S. A. LEWIS,  
Lt. Col., A. G. D.,  
Adjutant General.

DISTRIBUTION: "B" plus "Special"

ORIGINAL ORDER

TYPED BY  
NIELSEN  
25 JAN 46

HEADQUARTERS 13TH AIRBORNE DIVISION  
Fort Bragg, North Carolina

*He ca 1130/100*

GENERAL ORDERS )

20 November 1945

NUMBER 64 )

7

AWARD OF PURPLE HEART

*Amend to read "D.C. to PH" by G.O. 66, 27 Nov 45.*  
\* Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, 22 September 1943, the Purple Heart is awarded to Corporal Cecil E. Samsill, 39 706 510, 517th Parachute Infantry (formerly 513th Parachute Infantry), United States Army, for injuries received in action against the enemy of the United States on or about 6 January 1945.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL CHAPMAN:

HUGH P. HARRIS,  
Colonel, G.S.C.,  
Chief of Staff.

OFFICIAL:



S. A. LEWIS,  
Lt. Col., A.G.D.,  
Adjutant General.

DISTRIBUTION: "B" plus "Special"

ORIGINAL ORDER

HEADQUARTERS 18TH AIRBORNE DIVISION  
Fort Bragg, North Carolina

GENERAL ORDERS )  
NUMBER 65 )

23 November 1945


AWARD OF PURPLE HEART

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, 24 September 1944, the Purple Heart is awarded to Corporal Gerard L. Fontaine, 31 541 479, 150th Airborne Antiaircraft Battalion (formerly Company "A" 185th Airborne Antiaircraft Battalion), United States Army, for injuries received in action against the enemy of the United States on or about 1 April 1945.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL CHAPMAN:

HUGH F. HARRIS,  
Colonel, G.S.C.,  
Chief of Staff,

OFFICIAL:



DON W. DUNN,  
Major, G.S.C.,  
Asst. Adj. Gen.

DISTRIBUTION: "2" plus "Special"

①

INITIAL ORDERS

HEADQUARTERS 13TH AIRBORNE DIVISION  
Fort Bragg, North Carolina

27 November 1945

GENERAL ORDERS )  
NUMBER 66 ) 7

AMENDMENT TO AWARD OF PURPLE HEART


ok 11

So much of General Order Number 64, this Headquarters, current series, pertaining to Corporal Cecil E. Samsell, 39 706 510, 517th Parachute Infantry (formerly 517th Parachute Infantry), as reads "Award of Purple Heart" is amended to read "Award of Purple Heart (Oak-Leaf Cluster)."

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL CHARLES

HUGH F. HARRIS  
Colonel, U.S.G.,  
Chief of Staff.

OFFICIAL:

  
S. H. LEWIS,  
Lt. Col., U.S.G.,  
Adjutant General.

DISTRIBUTION: "B" plus "Special"



GENERAL ORDER

HEADQUARTERS 15TH AIRBORNE DIV. ON  
Fort Bragg, North Carolina

TAG

Wetz 1-22-46  
Dugan  
28 November 1945  
1.16.46  
Washington D.C.

GENERAL ORDERS )

NUMBER 87 )

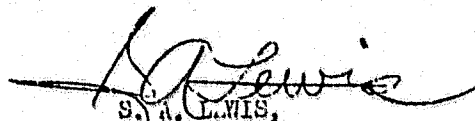
AWARD OF PURPLE HEART

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, 22 September 1943, the Purple Heart is awarded to Sergeant Robert L. Hoffer, 38 757 15, 726th Glider Infantry, United States Army, for injuries received in action against the enemy of the United States on or about 8 January 1945.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL CHAPMAN:

HUGH P. HARRIS,  
Colonel, G.S.C.,  
Chief of Staff,

OFFICIAL:

  
S. A. LEWIS,  
Lt. Col., A.G.D.,  
Adjutant General.

DISTRIBUTION: "B" plus "Special"

HEADQUARTERS 13TH AIRBORNE DIVISION  
Fort Bragg, North Carolina

TYPED BY  
NIELSEN  
20 FEB 46

GENERAL ORDERS )  
NUMBER 70 )

10 December 1945

*File 1/14  
2/21/46*

Award of Bronze Star Medal -----Section I  
Award of Purple Heart (Oak Leaf Cluster) -----Section II

I -- AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL -- Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, 22 September 1943, and pursuant to authority contained in Weekly Directive Number 38, Headquarters Army Ground Forces, dated 18 September 1945, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following named personnel for heroic achievement in action against the enemy of the United States.

Major John M. Kinzler, O23 552, 460th Parachute Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in action in Mont Do Fosse, Belgium, 4 January 1945. Major Kinzler organized and personally led a volunteer patrol consisting of two other officers and four enlisted men who boldly entered the hostile occupied town of Mont Do Fosse; to determine the enemy's strength and disposition. Boldly led by Major Kinzler, the small party, acting with great courage, boldness and initiative, forced the surrender of sixty-five men and one officer. The successful action of this patrol in capturing the town made unnecessary the launching of a coordinated attack which had been planned against that objective. Major Kinzler's personal initiative and courageous leadership reflect great credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from Gainesville, Florida.

Private First Class Jerry W. Smith, 34 670 209, 517th Parachute Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in action against the enemy near Soy, Belgium, during the night of 22 December 1944. The mission of Company "B" was to eliminate the enemy along the Soy-Hotten highway, neutralize a road block at an important crossroad and to insure the uninterrupted advance of the First Battalion, 517th Parachute Infantry. During this action Private First Class Smith continued to fire his machine gun from an advanced position though the other members of the machine gun crew were unable to assist him because of the heavy enemy mortar and small arms fire. His prolonged exposure to the cold in this position resulted in his evacuation with frozen feet. Private First Class Smith's heroic and unselfish action while subjected to heavy enemy fire and exposed to severe cold, enabled his company to accomplish its mission with a minimum number of casualties, and exemplifies the highest traditions of the military service. Entered the military service from Fayetteville, North Carolina.

II - AWARD OF PURPLE HEART (Oak Leaf Cluster) -- Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, 22 September 1943, the Purple Heart is awarded to 1st Lt Donald W. Klaus, O1 036 590, 326th Glider Infantry, United States Army, for injuries received in action against the enemy of the United States on or about 24 March 1945.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL CHIEFMAN:

HUGH F. HARRIS,  
Colonel, G.S.C.,  
Chief of Staff.

OFFICIAL:

*Don W. Dunn*

DON W. DUNN,  
Major, A.G.D.,  
Asst. Adj. Gen.

DISTRIBUTION: "B" Plus Special.

HEADQUARTERS 13TH AIRBORNE DIVISION  
Fort Bragg, North Carolina

13 December 1945

GENERAL ORDERS )

NUMBER 71 )

Award of Bronze Star Medal ----- Section I

I -- AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL -- Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, 22 September 1943, and pursuant to authority contained in Weekly Directive Number 38, Headquarters Army Ground Forces, dated 18 September 1945, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following named enlisted men for heroic achievement in action against the enemy of the United States:

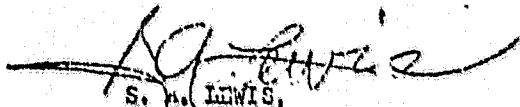
Sergeant Raymond E. Markley, 15 120 546, 517th Parachute Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in action against the enemy near Bergstein, Germany, on 8 February 1945. On the night of 7-8 February 1945 Sergeant Markley was one of two men to volunteer to make a reconnaissance of very unfavorable terrain, known to be heavily mined, over which his company was to attack at dawn. After much interference from enemy flares and at grave personal risk, a path was found through the mine field. At dawn Sergeant Markley and his comrade were leading their company through the mined area when they came upon eleven men, one wounded by a mine, trapped in the mined area. Due to their previous careful reconnaissance they were able to direct these men to safety and continued to lead their company toward the enemy position. After advancing for some distance they were fired on by an enemy machine gun which they aggressively engaged by rifle fire. This enabled their entire company to deploy and attack the enemy position. Sergeant Markley's disregard for his personal safety and his devotion to duty enabled his company to accomplish its mission with a minimum of casualties and exemplifies the highest traditions of the military service. Entered the military service from Cashacton, Ohio.

Staff Sergeant Gilbert G. Sufferidge, 6 269 927, 517th Parachute Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in action against the enemy near Bergstein, Germany, on 8 February 1945. On the night of 7-8 February 1945 Staff Sergeant Sufferidge was one of two men to volunteer to make a reconnaissance of very unfavorable terrain, known to be heavily mined, over which his company was to attack at dawn. After much interference from enemy flares and at grave personal risk, a path was found through the mined area. At dawn Staff Sergeant Sufferidge and his comrade were leading their company through the mined area and came upon eleven men, one wounded by a mine, trapped in the mined area. Due to their previous careful reconnaissance, they were able to direct these men to safety and continued to lead their company toward the enemy position. After advancing for some distance they were fired on by an enemy machine gun which they aggressively engaged by rifle fire. This fire enabled their entire company to deploy and attack the enemy position. Staff Sergeant Sufferidge's disregard for his personal safety and his devotion to duty enabled his company to accomplish its mission with a minimum of casualties and exemplifies the highest traditions of the military service. Entered the military service from Bulan, Kentucky.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL CHAPMAN:

HUGH P. HARRIS,  
Colonel, G.S.C.,  
Chief of Staff.

OFFICIAL:

  
S. A. LEWIS,  
Lt. Col., A.G.D.,  
Adjutant General.

DISTRIBUTION: "B" plus "Special"

HEADQUARTERS 1ST AIRBORNE DIVISION  
Fort Bragg, North Carolina

17 December 1945

GENERAL ORDERS)

NUMBER 73)

AWARD OF PURPLE HEART

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, 22 September 1943, the Purple Heart is awarded to the following named personnel:

Sergeant Floyd K. Crox, 39 517 792, 517th Parachute Infantry (formerly 513th Parachute Infantry), United States Army, for wounds received in action against the enemy of the United States on or about 5 January 1945.

\* Private Walter I. Horn, 16 123 320, 517th Parachute Infantry, United States Army, for wounds received in action against the enemy of the United States on or about 21 January 1945.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL CAMPBELL:

HUGH P. HARRIS,  
Colonel, U.S.A.,  
Chief of Staff.

OFFICIAL:

*S. A. Lewis*

S. A. LEWIS,  
Lt. Col., U.S.A.,  
adjutant General.

DISTRIBUTION: "7" plus "Special"

*Recd*  
SEP 30 1947  
*HM*

File in D & A  
Spec'd Section

Typed by Lotl Thompson, Jan. 28

HEADQUARTERS 13TH AIRBORNE DIVISION  
Fort Bragg, North Carolina

18 December 1945

ORIGINAL ORDER

GENERAL ORDERS )

NUMBER 74 )

*Rev. S. J. G. 1/29*

AWARD OF PURPLE HEART

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600.45, as amended, 22 September 1943, the Purple Heart is awarded to the following named personnel for wounds received in action against the enemy of the United States, on dates indicated, in enemy occupied territory:

Sergeant Elmer Rogers, Jr., 35 753 575, 93d Battalion (formerly 517th Parachute Infantry), United States Army, for wounds received in action on or about 18 September 1944 in Southern France.

First Lieutenant Charlie R. Church, O1 290 716, 515th Parachute Infantry (formerly 501st Parachute Infantry), United States Army, for wounds received in action on or about 27 September 1944 in Holland.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL CHAPMAN:

HUGH P. HARRIS,  
Colonel, G.S.C.,  
Chief of Staff.

OFFICIAL:

*S. A. Lewis*

S. A. LEWIS,  
Lt. Col., A.G.D.,  
Adjutant General.

DISTRIBUTION: "B" plus "Special"



HEADQUARTERS 13TH AIRBORNE DIVISION  
Fort Bragg, North Carolina

20 December 1945

GENERAL ORDERS )  
NUMBER 75 )

Revocation ----- Section I  
Award of Purple Heart with Oak Leaf Cluster ----- Section II  
Amendment ----- Section III

I -- Section II, General Orders Number 70, this Headquarters, dated 10 December 1945, is revoked.

II -- Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, 22 September 1943, the Purple Heart with an Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded to First Lieutenant Donald W. Klaus, O1 O33 590, 326th Glider Infantry, United States Army for injuries received in action against the enemy of the United States on or about 24 March 1945 and again on or about 29 March 1945.

III -- So much of Section I, General Orders Number 71, this Headquarters, dated 13 December 1945, pertaining to Sergeant Raymond E. Markloy, 15 190 546, 517th Parachute Infantry, as reads: "Award of Bronze Star Medal" is amended to read: "Award of Bronze Star Medal (Oak Leaf Cluster)".

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL CHEPLIN:

MUCE I. FARRIS,  
Colonel, G.S.C.,  
Chief of Staff.

OFFICIAL:

*S. A. Lewis*  
S. A. LEWIS,  
Lt. Col., A.G.D.  
Adjutant General.

DISTRIBUTION: "75" plus "Special"

Typed by Lottie Thom 1-Jan. 28

ORIGINAL ORDER

HEADQUARTERS 1ST AIRBORNE DIVISION  
Fort Bragg, North Carolina.

*Hyman*  
*W. V. H. H.*  
24 December 1945

GENERAL ORDERS )

NUMBER 77 )

AWARD OF PURPLE HEART

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, 22 September 1943, the Purple Heart is awarded to Private First Class Albert F. Medura, 33 956 576, 326th Glider Infantry Regiment, (formerly 194th Glider Infantry Regiment) United States Army, for wounds received in action against the enemy of the United States on or about 3 April 1945.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL CHAFFIN:

HUGH F. HARRIS,  
Colonel, G.S.C.,  
Chief of Staff.

OFFICIAL:

*Don W. Dunn*

DON W. DUNN,  
Major, A.G.D.,  
Asst. Adj. Gen.

DISTRIBUTION: "B" plus "Special"

13<sup>th</sup> AIRBORNE DIV

1946

5 ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ 08

HEADQUARTERS 13TH AIRBORNE DIVISION  
Fort Bragg, North Carolina

TAG  
Wash. D.C.

87

GENERAL ORDERS )  
NUMBER 5 )

17 January 1946

*Copy to  
Adjutant General  
25 Feb 46*

ORIGINAL ORDER

AWARD OF PURPLE HEART

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, 22 September 1943, the Purple Heart is awarded to Private First Class William S Drazsnyak, 35 899 900, 517th Parachute Infantry Regiment, (formerly Company "G" 193d Glider Infantry Regiment) United States Army, for wounds received in action against the enemy of the United States on or about 11 January 1945.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL CHAPMAN:

HUGH P. HARTIS,  
Colonel, G.S.C.,  
Chief of Staff.

OFFICIAL:

*S. A. Lewis*  
S. A. LEWIS,  
Lt. Col., A.G.D.,  
Adjutant General.

TYPED BY  
NIELSEN  
25 FEB 46

DISTRIBUTION: "B" plus "Special"

*Handwritten notes and stamps in the bottom right corner, including a circular stamp with illegible text.*

ORIGINAL ORDER

HEADQUARTERS 13TH AIRBORNE DIVISION  
Fort Bragg, North Carolina

TAG PD  
Ward Dept  
18 January 1946

GENERAL ORDERS )  
NUMBER 6 )

AWARD OF PURPLE HEART (OAK-LEAF CLUSTER)

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600.45, as amended, 23 September 1943, the Oak-Leaf Cluster to the Purple Heart is awarded to the following named personnel:

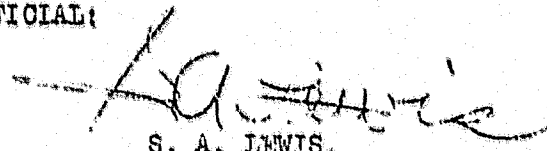
Private First Class Benjamin Thomas, 33 178 051, formerly a member of 517th Parachute Infantry, now a patient at McGuire General Hospital, Richmond, Virginia, for wounds received in action against the enemy of the United States on or about 6 September 1944.

Second Lieutenant James L Shields, 02 016 410, Infantry, 517th Parachute Infantry, formerly 513th Parachute Infantry, for wounds received in action against the enemy of the United States on or about 8 January 1945.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL CHAPMAN:

HUGH P. HARRIS,  
Colonel, G.S.C.,  
Chief of Staff.

OFFICIAL:



S. A. LEWIS,  
Lt. Col., A.G.D.,  
Adjutant General.

DISTRIBUTION: "B" plus "Special"



HEADQUARTERS 13TH AIRBORNE DIVISION  
Fort Bragg, North Carolina

GENERAL ORDERS )  
NUMBER 7 )

19 January 1946

AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

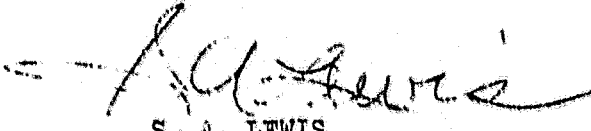
I -- AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL -- Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, 22 September 1943, and pursuant to authority contained in Weekly Directive Number 38, Headquarters Army Ground Forces, dated 18 September 1945, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following named officer for meritorious achievement in action against the enemy of the United States.

Colonel Frederick O. Hartel, O19 254, (then Lieutenant Colonel), Headquarters 13th Airborne Division, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy from 12 February 1945 to 9 May 1945. As Assistant Chief of Staff, G-3, 13th Airborne Division, Colonel Hartel developed the tactical planning for employment of the 13th Airborne Division at Wessels, Worms and Bissingen, Germany, worked long hours in insuring complete coordination of details with the troop carrier command and completed arrangements with the Seventh Army Headquarters to insure complete cohesion in the ground phases of the operation. His devotion to duty under long hours of sustained pressure reflects credit upon himself and on the military service. Entered the military service from West Point, New York.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL CHPAMAN:

OFFICIAL:

HUGH P. HARRIS,  
Colonel, G.S.C.,  
Chief of Staff.

  
S. A. LEWIS,  
Lt. Col., A.G.D.,  
Adjutant General.

DISTRIBUTION: "B" plus "Special"

Typed by ~~Nettie Thompson~~ Feb. 7

*Rev. V. G. ... 3/20*

CD  
ORIGINAL ORDER

HEADQUARTERS 13TH AIRBORNE DIVISION  
Fort Brass, North Carolina

21 January 1946

GENERAL ORDERS )  
NUMBER : )  
9

AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, 22 September 1943, and pursuant to authority contained in Weekly Directive Number 38, Headquarters, Army Ground Forces, dated 18 September 1945, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following named officer for meritorious achievement in action against the enemy of the United States:

Lieutenant Colonel William J. Blythe, General Staff Corps, O 299 929, Headquarters, 13th Airborne Division, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy from 12 February 1945 to 9 May 1945. As Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, 13th Airborne Division, Lieutenant Colonel Blythe developed the intelligence planning for employment of the 13th Airborne Division at Wesel, Worms, and Bissingen, Germany, and worked long hours to insure complete coordination of all intelligence details in the ground phases of the operation. He displayed outstanding initiative in securing the intelligence aids necessary for detailed planning. His leadership and tactful coordination of the attached military intelligence teams (Order of Battle, Interrogation of Prisoners of War, Photo Interpretation, etc.) resulted in highly efficient operation of the G-2 Section in all matters relating to intelligence. His devotion to duty under long hours of sustained pressure reflects credit upon himself and on the military service. Entered the military service from Point Blank, Texas.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL GAVIN:

CHARLES WILLIAMS,  
Colonel, G.S.C.,  
Chief of Staff.

OFFICIAL:

*S. A. Lewis*  
S. A. LEWIS,  
Lt. Col., A.G.D.,  
Adjutant General.

DISTRIBUTION: "B" plus "Special"

13 February 1946

GENERAL ORDERS )

NUMBER 14 )

Award of Bronze Star Medal -----Section I  
Award of Purple Heart (Oak Leaf Cluster) -----Section II  
Award of Purple Heart -----Section III

I -- AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL -- Under the provisions of Army Regulation 600-45, as amended, 22 September 1943, and pursuant to authority contained in Weekly Directive Number 74, Headquarters Army Ground Force, dated 18 September 1945, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following named personnel for heroic achievement in action against the enemy of the United States.

Captain Marshall McDonald, O 379 975, Infantry, Army of the United States, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy as Operations Officer, 517th Parachute Infantry Regiment, from 22 December 1944 to 9 February 1945 in Belgium and Germany. Entered military service from Florida.

II -- AWARD OF PURPLE HEART (Oak Leaf Cluster) -- Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, 22 September 1943, the Purple Heart with an Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded Private Stanley Sawicki, 36 653 095, Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, 505th Parachute Infantry, APO 469, United States Army for wound received on 15 August 1944.

III -- AWARD OF PURPLE HEART -- Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, 22 September 1943, the Purple Heart is awarded to the following personnel:

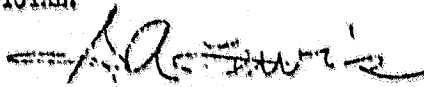
Private John P Fogler, 42 108 422, 517th Parachute Infantry (formerly Co A 194th Glider Infantry of the 17th Airborne Division), United States Army, for frozen feet while on duty in Belgium.

Private First Class James B Deal, 34 948 660, 517th Parachute Infantry, United States Army, for wound received in action against the enemy of the United States on or about 15 April 1945.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL GAVIN:

F. W. FARRELL,  
Colonel, G.S.C.,  
Chief of Staff.

OFFICIAL:



S. A. LEWIS,  
Lt. Col., A.G.D.,  
Adjutant General.

DISTRIBUTION: "B" Plus Special.

13TH AIRBORNE DIV SPECIAL TROOPS

1945

GENERAL ORDERS

~~SECRET~~

J-14

2  
ORIGINAL ORDER

HEADQUARTERS SPECIAL TROOPS  
13TH AIRBORNE DIVISION  
APO #333, Fort Bragg, North Carolina

30 October 1945

GENERAL ORDERS  
NUMBER 15

SECTION I - AWARD OF PURPLE HEART.  
SECTION II - AWARD OF GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL.

SECTION I

1. Under the provisions of AR 600-45, and changes thereto, the Purple Heart is hereby awarded to PFC ROBERT E. BELL, 33 920 350, 222d Airborne Medical Company, for wounds received in action against the enemy in Belgium, 5 January 1945. Entered the service from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

2. Under the provisions of AR 600-45, and changes thereto, the Purple Heart is hereby awarded to PFC MICHAEL ASDOORIAN, 42 071 456, Headquarters 13th Airborne Division, for wounds received in action against the enemy at Huldinger, Belgium, 25 January 1945. Entered the service from New York, New York.

SECTION II

1. Under the provisions of AR 600-68, the following named EM are awarded the Good Conduct Medal:

T Sgt	Ryan A Halloran.	37 159 666	Hq & Hq Co, AGF
Cpl	Curtis H Webster	44 018 321	Hq & Hq Co, AGF

BY ORDER OF LIEUTENANT COLONEL TRICE:

JOSEPH M. SENKO,  
Captain, Infantry,  
Adjutant.

OFFICIAL:

*Joseph M. Senko*  
JOSEPH M. SENKO,  
Captain, Infantry,  
Adjutant.



17 AIRBORNE DIV

1944

~~KOTE~~

J-16

GENERAL ORDER )

NUMBER 4 )

16 September 1944

- Award of Silver Star Section I
- Award of Silver Star (Posthumous) Section II
- Award of Bronze Star Medal Section III
- Award of Bronze Star Medal (Posthumous) Section IV

I -- AWARD OF SILVER STAR -- Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, and pursuant to authority contained in Letter Headquarters XVIII Corps (Airborne), file 200.6 (AG), subject "Authority to Make Certain Awards", dated 31 August 1944, the Silver Star is awarded to the following named personnel for gallantry in action against the enemy in Normandy, France:

Staff Sergeant Edward Hooker 30524667

II -- AWARD OF SILVER STAR (Posthumous) -- Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, and pursuant to authority contained in Letter Headquarters XVIII Corps (Airborne), file 200.6 (AG), subject "Authority to Make Certain Awards", dated 31 August 1944, the Silver Star is awarded posthumously to the following named personnel for gallantry in action against the enemy in Normandy, France:

SECOND LIEUTENANT GERALD O McCONIGLE 01039.03 INF  
Staff Sergeant James H Gammon 32324870

III -- AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL -- Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, and pursuant to authority contained in Letter Headquarters XVIII Corps (Airborne), file 200.6 (AG), subject "Authority to Make Certain Awards", dated 31 August 1944, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following named personnel for heroic and meritorious service in action against the enemy in Normandy, France:

Staff Sergeant Robert E Furman 30280174  
Sergeant Joseph H Keys 12061891  
Sergeant Alexander V Sion 32344291  
Private First Class James G. Beatty 12072466  
Private Jack J. Sellers 34171909

IV -- AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL (Posthumous) -- Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, and pursuant to authority contained in Letter Headquarters XVIII Corps (Airborne), file 200.6 (AG), subject "Authority to Make Certain Awards", dated 31 August 1944, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded posthumously to the following named personnel for heroic and meritorious service in action against the enemy in Normandy, France:

Sergeant Herbert L Bradley 30458694  
Sergeant Albert R Fracott 3066924  
Private Richard A. Tracy 32400143  
Private James F. Millby 3075697  
Private Paul L. Chico 30741254  
Private Kenneth G. Dixon 34204727

General Orders Number 4, Headquarters 175th Airborne Division, AFO 452, U. S. A.  
16 September 1944, continued:

By command of Major General HILKEY:

W. K. LIEBEL,  
Colonel, GSC,  
Chief of Staff.

OFFICIALS:

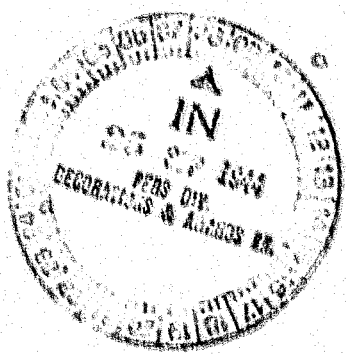
*Handwritten signature: W. K. Liebel*

GEORGE W. LEWIS, JR.,  
Lt. Col., GSC,  
Adjutant General.

1112

DISTRIBUTION

- Plus 3 copies - The Adjutant General, Washington 25, D. C.
- 5 copies - European Theater of Operations, United States Army.
- 1 copy - Central Filing Records Unit, FO 887.
- 1 copy - Commanding General, First Allied Airborne Army.
- 1 copy - Commanding General, VII Corps (Airborne).



20

R-E-S-T-R-I-C-T-I-E-D

HEADQUARTERS 17TH AIRBORNE DIVISION  
APO 452, U. S. ARMY

*Original Order*  
*1/3/44*

GML/gib

GENERAL ORDERS )

NUMBER 5 )

25 September 1944

Award of Silver Star	ORIGINAL ORDER - ETOUSA	Section I
Award of Silver Star (Posthumous)		Section II
Award of Bronze Star Medal		Section III
Award of Bronze Star Medal (Missing in Action)		Section IV
Award of Certificate of Merit		Section V

I -- AWARD OF SILVER STAR -- Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, and pursuant to authority contained in letter Headquarters XVIII Corps (Airborne), file 200.6 (AG), subject "Authority to Make Certain Awards", dated 31 August 1944, the Silver Star is awarded to the following named personnel for gallantry in action against the enemy in Normandy, France:

CAPTAIN	LEROY D BRUNETT	01288001	INF
FIRST LIEUTENANT	GABRIEL T HARLIS	0462355	INF

II -- AWARD OF SILVER STAR (Posthumous) -- Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, and pursuant to authority contained in letter Headquarters XVIII Corps (Airborne), file 200.6 (AG), subject "Authority to Make Certain Awards", dated 31 August 1944, the Silver Star is awarded posthumously to the following named personnel for gallantry in action against the enemy in Normandy, France:

Private First Class	James P Hopkins	12063637
---------------------	-----------------	----------

III -- AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL -- Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, and pursuant to authority contained in letter Headquarters XVIII Corps (Airborne), file 200.6 (AG), subject "Authority to Make Certain Awards", dated 31 August 1944, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following named personnel for heroic and meritorious service in action against the enemy in Normandy, France:

First Sergeant	Alfred A Mazurkowitz	3234615
Master Sergeant	Elysis J Patton	16051469
Staff Sergeant	John C. Fulton	13031082
Sergeant	Robert J Gullidge	32284016
Private First Class	Noland H Daniels	35622170
Private First Class	Clarence R Nixon	13058116
Private First Class	Donald J Onasch	36614736
Private First Class	John R Oxford	34647047
Private First Class	Charles A Terington	32573618
Private First Class	Thomas F Radick	15076809
Private	Carl A Hamrin	39690559
Private	Frederick L Osborne	35590136

IV -- AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL (Missing in Action) -- Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, and pursuant to authority contained in letter Headquarters XVIII Corps (Airborne), file 200.6 (AG), subject "Authority to Make Certain Awards", dated 31 August 1944, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following named personnel, missing in action, for heroic and meritorious service in action against the enemy in Normandy, France:

Private First Class	Shuford S Hurchrice	34123688
---------------------	---------------------	----------

-1-

R-E-S-T-R-I-C-T-I-E-D

General Orders Number 5, Headquarters 17th Airborne Division, APO 452, U. S. Army, 25 September 1944, continued:

V — WARD OF CERTIFICATE OF MERIT — Under the provisions of Letter, 28 June 1944, Headquarters European Theater of Operations, AG 200, subject "Certificate of Merit", and Section III, Paragraph (2), enclosure No. 2, Letter 15 September 1944, Headquarters XVIII Corps (Airborne), GPO (44-1), subject "Administrative Procedure, XVIII Corps (Airborne)", the following personnel are awarded to the following personnel for conspicuous merit as well as outstanding performance of military duty in action against the enemy in Normandy, France:

Sergeant	Carl J. Ehasz	32065009
Technician Fourth Grade	Edward C. Hayward	32065021
Private First Class	John E. [unclear]	35349502
Private	Fred W. Hayward	35349506

By command of Major General HILBY:

W. K. MEREL,  
Colonel, GSC,  
Chief of Staff.

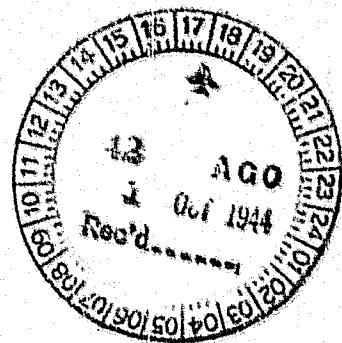
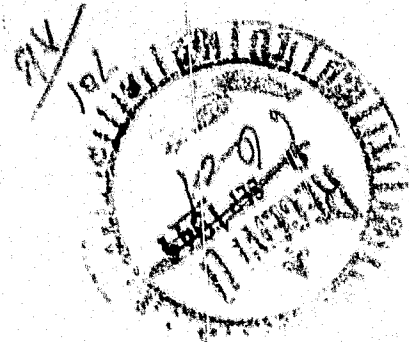
OF TOTAL:

*Richard W. Lewis, Jr.*  
RICHARD W. LEWIS, JR.,  
Lt. Col., AGO,  
Adjutant General.



DISTRIBUTION

- Plus 3 copies - The Adjutant General, Washington 25, D. C.
- 5 copies - European Theater of Operations, United States Army
- 1 copy - Central Machine Records Unit, APO 661
- 1 copy - Commanding General, First Allied Airborne Army.
- 2 copies - Commanding General, XVIII Corps (Airborne).





R-E-S-T-R-I-C-T-E-D

TA - Washington

HEADQUARTERS XVIII AIRBORNE CORPS  
APO 452, U. S. ARMY

GENERAL ORDERS )  
NUMBER 6 )

EXTRA COPY - RET.

Rescission  
Award of Oak Leaf Cluster to  
Bronze Star Medal

Section I  
Section II

I -- RESCISSION -- Paragraph of Section III, General Orders Number 6, this Headquarters, dated 16 September 1944, as pertains to Private Jack J. Sellers, 34171909, is rescinded.

II -- AWARD OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO BRONZE STAR MEDAL -- Under the provisions of AG 600-45, 22 September 1943, and pursuant to authority contained in letter Headquarters XVIII Corps (Airborne), file 200.6 (AG), subject "Authority to Make Certain Awards", dated 31 August 1943, the Oak Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following named personnel for heroic and meritorious service in action against the enemy in Normandy, France:

Private Jack J. Sellers 34171909

By command of Major General MILBY:

W. K. LICHEL,  
Colonel, G33,  
Chief of Staff.

ORIGINAL:

GARRETT W. LEWIS, JR.,  
Lt. Col., (CD),  
Adjutant General.

DISTRIBUTION

- 1 copy - The Adjutant General, Washington 25, D. C.
- 1 copy - European Theater of Operations, United States Army.
- 1 copy - General Machine Records Unit, APO 887.
- 1 copy - Commanding General, First Allied Airborne Army.
- 1 copy - Commanding General, XVIII Corps (Airborne).

R-E-S-T-R-I-C-T-E-D

17<sup>th</sup> Airborne  
Special Orders  
1944

~~KTO~~

K 04

R E S T R I C T E D

90 #6, Hq 13th Abn Div, APO 333, U. S. Army, 2 April 1945, cont'd.

Corporal Ernest C. Herold, 37 314 152, Battery "B", 460th Parachute Field Artillery Battalion, for heroic achievement in action 3 January 1945 near Treis Pons, Belgium. In an observation post under constant enemy artillery, mortar and sniper fire, Corporal Herold observed that a vital communication line had been cut by fire. Without orders he left the comparative safety of his cover and repaired the line under direct enemy observation and resistant sniper fire. When the wire was cut again he again attempted to repair it but was wounded by mortar fire and evacuated. His courage and initiative are a great credit to himself and the military service. Entered Military Service from South Dakota.

Private First Class Meyer Resnikoff, 32 891 715, Battery "B", 460th Parachute Field Artillery Battalion, for heroic achievement in action 3 January 1945 near Treis Pons, Belgium. In company with another enlisted man Private First Class Resnikoff remained in an advance observation post despite heavy enemy artillery, mortar and sniper fire in order to obtain valuable intelligence information. In order to obtain this information, which subsequently materially facilitated an attack by friendly infantry, he and his companion exposed themselves and were both struck by enemy fire, the other man being killed. Despite his wounds Private First Class Resnikoff assured himself that his radio and equipment were taken care of before permitting himself to be evacuated. His courage and devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest standards of the service. Entered Military Service from New York.

Private First Class Richard G. Huffman, 35 723 003, Battery "C", 460th Parachute Field Artillery Battalion, for heroic achievement 6 January 1945 near Borgeval, Belgium. For two hours with attacking infantry pinned down, heavy enemy small arms, automatic weapons and mortar fire threatened to make gains untenable. Private First Class Huffman, radio operator with a forward observer section, contemptuous of mortar and machine pistol fire all around him, carried his SCR 609 radio to a point approximately 500 yards from infantry protection. In this position he succeeded in directing the artillery fire direction center and for almost two hours remained in full view of the enemy relaying vital fire commands to his battalion. His devotion to duty, calmness under fire and determination of purpose enabled his battalion to give close support to attacking units when most needed and reflect great credit on himself and the military service. Entered Military Service from Indiana.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL CHAPMAN:

HUGH P. HARRIS,  
Colonel, U.S.G.,  
Chief of Staff.

OFFICIAL

*H. P. Harris*  
H. P. HARRIS,  
Lt. Col., A.G.D.,  
Adjutant General.

DISTRIBUTION: "B"

- 1 - TAG, Washington, D. C.
- 2 - CG, Hq. ETO, USA, APO 637, U. S. Army.
- 2 - Awards & Decorations Sec., AG ETO, USA, APO 637, U. S. Army.
- 1 - Central MRC, APO 637, U. S. Army.
- 2 - CG XVIII Corps (Abn), APO 132, U. S. Army.
- 2 - Personnel concerned.

Faint, illegible text, possibly a header or address block.

Faint, illegible text, possibly a date or reference number.

*Paul W. King*

Faint, illegible text, possibly a signature or stamp.

10089

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED

DATE 10/15/01 BY SP-6  
[Illegible text]

DATE 10/15/01 BY SP-6  
[Illegible text]

DATE 10/15/01 BY SP-6  
[Illegible text]

DATE 10/15/01 BY SP-6  
[Illegible text]

DATE 10/15/01 BY SP-6  
[Illegible text]







SECRET

SECRET

SECRET

SECRET

SECRET

SECRET



THE  
RECORDS  
OF  
THE  
CITY OF  
NEW YORK  
FOR  
THE  
YEAR  
1898

HEADQUARTERS 17TH AIRBORNE DIVISION  
APO 452, U. S. ARMY

ORIGINAL ORDER

GENERAL ORDERS )

NUMBER 42 )

20 May 1945.

Rescission	Section I
Award of the Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster to the Purple Heart	Section II
Award of the Purple Heart	Section III
Award of the Silver Star	Section IV

I--RESCISION--So much of Section I, General Orders Number 39, this Headquarters, dated 13 May 1945, as pertains to the following personnel is hereby rescinded:

Captain	EDWARD H GEIGER	0431744	24 March 1945
Private	Mervin R Lampley	39588710	27 March 1945.

II--AWARD OF THE BRONZE OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO THE PURPLE HEART--Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster to the Purple Heart is awarded to the following named personnel for wounds received in action against the enemy in Germany on the date indicated:

Private	Mervin R Lampley	39588710	27 March 1945.
---------	------------------	----------	----------------

III--AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART--Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Purple Heart is awarded to the following named personnel for wounds received in action against the enemy in Germany on the dates indicated:

Technician Fifth Grade	James A Basile	35530 33	28 March 1945
Private First Class	James Bakondy	33406 75	24 March 1945.

IV--AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR--Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and pursuant to authority contained in Memorandum Number 21, Headquarters Fifteenth United States Army, dated 4 March 1945, the Silver Star is awarded to:

First Lieutenant Robert J. Sheehy, 01325067, Infantry, for gallantry in action against the enemy near Munster, Germany on 3 April 1945. While leading his platoon in the attack against Munster, First Lieutenant Sheehy exhibited outstanding courage and aggressiveness. After personally having captured twenty prisoners during the advance on the city, he was forced to halt his platoon before well defended enemy positions. He moved forward alone to reconnoiter in the face of accurate enemy fire. After calling for one round of artillery fire on the positions, he moved in and returned with approximately 150 prisoners. Although First Lieutenant Sheehy was wounded in this action, he refused to be evacuated until all enemy resistance in the locality had been crushed. His devotion to duty, great personal courage and gallant leadership so inspired his men that they continued with grimmer determination to carry their objectives. Entered military service from New York.



R-E-S-T-R-I-C-T-E-D

General Orders Number 42, Headquarters 17th Airborne Division, APO 452, U. S. Army, 10 May 1945, continued:

By command of Major General TILLY:

W. H. BERRY,  
Colonel, P-C,  
Chief of Staff.

OFFICERS:

*1st Lt. [unclear]*  
1st Lt. [unclear], Lt.,  
Adjutant General

OFFICERS:

- Plus 2 copies - The Adjutant General, Washington 25, U. S.
- 2 copies - European Theatre of Operations, APO 887, U. S. Army.
- 1 copy - Commanding General, First United Airborne Army, APO 740, U.S. Army.
- 1 copy - Commanding General, 1st Airborne Division, APO 408, U.S. Army.
- 2 copies - Commanding General, IVMI Center (Alabama), APO 109, U. S. Army.
- 2 copies - Commanding General, XXIV Corps, APO 350, U. S. Army.
- 1 copy - Commanding General, 1st Airborne Group, attn: 37th IRU.

R-E-S-T-R-I-C-T-E-D

HEADQUARTERS 17TH AIRBORNE DIVISION  
APO 452, U. S. ARMY

ORIGINAL ORDER

GENERAL ORDERS )

NUMBER 113 )

25 May 1945

Award of the Silver Star	Section I
Award of the Bronze Star Medal (Posthumous)	Section II
Award of the Bronze Star Medal	Section III
Award of the Bronze Star Medal	Section IV
Award of the Certificate of Merit	Section V

I -- AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR -- Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and pursuant to authority contained in Memorandum Number 21, Headquarters Fifteenth United States Army, dated 4 March 1945, the Silver Star is awarded to:

Captain Walter C. Kreider, 01313420, Infantry, for gallantry in action against the enemy near Rechemont, Belgium on 4 and 5 January 1945. Captain Kreider exhibited outstanding courage and great initiative by personally coordinating the effort of his battalion and attached artillery during an attack on a German Panzer division. Although his activities were under the direct observation of enemy tanks and mortar observers who fired at him continually, Captain Kreider repeatedly exposed himself to direct the flow of vehicles in the attack and to administer first aid. His gallant actions in the face of severe enemy fire were an inspiration to all troops in the battalion and he earned the respect and admiration of all officers and men in his unit. His heroism was in keeping with the highest traditions of the service. Entered military service from Illinois.

II -- AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL (POSTHUMOUS) -- Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and pursuant to authority contained in Memorandum Number 21, Headquarters Fifteenth United States Army, dated 4 March 1945, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded posthumously to:

Technical Sergeant Ethmer D. Taylor, 20836595, for heroic action against the enemy near Munster, Germany on 2 April 1945. Displaying great courage and devotion to duty, Technical Sergeant Taylor fought bravely and well during the advance on Munster. His accuracy and aggressiveness destroyed an enemy bazooka team when fire entering the town. When his company was held up by a road block which was protected by enemy snipers, he moved forward and, without regard for his own safety, drove the enemy from cover. In this daring action, Technical Sergeant Taylor was mortally wounded. His outstanding courage and noble self-sacrifice earned the admiration of all who were privileged to witness his heroic deeds and were in keeping with the highest traditions of the armed forces. Entered military service from Oklahoma.

III -- AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL -- Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and pursuant to authority contained in Memorandum Number 21 Headquarters Fifteenth United States Army, dated 4 March 1945, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to:

Major Roland V. Tiede, 0401521, Field Artillery, for heroic action against the enemy near Hande St Etienne, Belgium on 7 January 1945. Major Tiede voluntarily assumed the duty of maintaining a radio relay station during the critical phases of battle. Although frequently under enemy shell fire, he remained at his station and provided the only means for transmitting important orders. His initiative, judgment, coolness under fire and personal bravery were worthy of the highest praise and in keeping with the highest traditions of the armed forces. Entered military

R-E-S-T-R-I-C-T-E-D

General Orders Number 43, Headquarters 17th Airborne Division, APO 452, U. S. Army, 25 May 1945, continued:

service from California.

First Lieutenant Albert G. Olson, 0536984, Field Artillery, for heroic action against the enemy near Husmanhof, Germany on 24 March 1945. During the airborne invasion of Germany, two men had parachuted from their burning plane and were hanging in trees by their parachutes under heavy enemy automatic weapons fire. Disregarding the enemy fire, First Lieutenant Olson went to their aid and daringly effected a rescue. Later, while serving as an artillery forward observer, First Lieutenant Olson was wounded by enemy machine gun fire. Although wounded, he remained at his post and refused to be evacuated until his services were no longer needed in the immediate action. His heroic action and devotion to duty were in accordance with the highest standards of the service. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

First Lieutenant Robert A. Harrsch, 01185047, Field Artillery, for heroic action against the enemy near Wesel, Germany on 28 March 1945. First Lieutenant Harrsch was acting as a forward observer for an infantry battalion when the leading element of the battalion were pinned down by heavy small arms and machine gun fire from an enemy strong point. In attempting to gain a point of observation to adjust artillery fire upon the enemy, he was wounded by sniper fire. Refusing medical attention and without regard for his own safety, he managed to crawl to a vantage point where he succeeded in quickly bringing fire upon the enemy position, thereby destroying it. His courageous action enabled the infantry to continue its advance and was in keeping with the highest standards of the armed forces. Entered military service from New Jersey.

First Lieutenant Eugene S. Crowley, 01823570, Infantry, for heroic action against the enemy near Dulmen, Germany on 29 March 1945. During an attack on an enemy strong point, First Lieutenant Crowley was shot through the leg by enemy small arms fire. Despite his wound, he continued to lead and direct his platoon in the attack on Dulmen. Only when wounded a second time by shrapnel, did he agree to be evacuated. His fortitude and loyalty in remaining with his platoon were an inspiration to all of his men and were in accordance with the highest traditions of the armed forces. Entered military service from New York.

Second Lieutenant Harold E. Rudel, 0538423, Infantry, for heroic action against the enemy near Wesel, Germany on 27 March 1945. At a critical period during the drive to Munster, Second Lieutenant Rudel took command of a platoon and repulsed an enemy counter-attack of battalion strength. His inspired leadership and cool courage under heavy enemy fire proved an invaluable aid in insuring the success of the operation. The heroic action displayed by Second Lieutenant Rudel was worthy of the highest praise and was in accordance with the highest standards of the armed forces. Entered military service from Michigan.

Second Lieutenant Carroll D. Price, 01177594, Field Artillery, for heroic action against the enemy near Wesel, Germany on 24 March 1945. After landing by glider during the airborne invasion of Germany, Second Lieutenant Price took command of a nearby artillery piece and brought three heavy enemy guns under direct fire. After neutralizing the guns, he entered the woods in which the enemy had taken cover and, under intense fire, aided in action that inflicted heavy casualties on the enemy groups. His conduct was in accordance with the highest traditions of the armed forces. Entered military service from New York.

R-E-S-T-R-I-C-T-E-D

General Orders Number 43, Headquarters 17th Airborne Division, APO 452, U. S. Army, 25 May 1945, continued:

AMENDMENT. BY GO# 44 28 May 45 from BSM to 10cc to BSM

\* Staff Sergeant Edwin C. Segars, 14019846, for heroic action against the enemy near Dasburg, Germany during the period 27 January 1945 to 10 February 1945. Staff Sergeant Segars maintained an observation post that was instrumental in securing much valuable information concerning enemy movements. On one occasion, his post was overrun by enemy troops and he had to fight his way to safety. During the entire period, his loyal devotion to duty, under the most adverse weather conditions, contributed materially to the success of the operation. His actions were in accordance with the highest traditions of the armed forces. Entered military service from South Carolina.

Staff Sergeant William N. McCutcheon, Jr., 33789575, for heroic action against the enemy near Dulmen, Germany on 28 March 1945. Accompanied by five men, Staff Sergeant McCutcheon led an assault on a firmly entrenched enemy artillery position that was covering a strategic crossroad. In the face of constant bazooka and grenade fire, Staff Sergeant McCutcheon at the head of his small group coolly and fearlessly stormed and neutralized the enemy strong point. His superior leadership and magnificent courage were worthy of the highest praise and were in keeping with the highest standards of the armed forces. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Staff Sergeant Paul G. Christensen, 36695530, for heroic action against the enemy near Dulmen, Germany on 28 March 1945. While advancing against Dulmen, Staff Sergeant Christensen and his squad were pinned down by fire from a hidden enemy machine gun. This gun threatened the advance of his entire company. With complete disregard for his own safety, Staff Sergeant Christensen exposed himself to draw fire from the enemy gun. In doing so, he was wounded but the position of the gun was disclosed, enabling his comrades to dispose of it and to continue their rapid advance. His gallant self-sacrifice was worthy of the highest traditions of the service. Entered military service from Illinois.

Sergeant John F. Pass, 12156061, for heroic action against the enemy near Dulmen, Germany on 28 March 1945. During the attack against Dulmen, Sergeant Pass displayed exemplary leadership of his squad by exposing himself time and again to enemy fire to point out enemy strong points and to direct the fire of his men. His courageous action was an inspiration to his men and materially aided toward accomplishment of his company's mission. His fearless conduct was in accordance with the proudest traditions of the armed forces. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Corporal Paul T. Stango, 39155651, for heroic action against the enemy near Husemanshof, Germany on 24 March 1945. After landing in enemy territory during the airborne crossing of the Rhine River, Corporal Stango disregarded enemy fire to treat a wounded comrade. Then, securing a bazooka, he destroyed an enemy machine gun nest that had been firing into a wrecked British glider. Corporal Stango's coolness and disregard for personal safety were an inspiration to all who witnessed his act and were in accordance with the highest traditions of the armed forces. Entered military service from California.

Private First Class Royal W. Rosenthal, 36808810, for heroic action against the enemy near Husemanshof, Germany on 24 March 1945. After landing by glider during the airborne invasion of Germany, Private First Class Rosenthal calmly risked his life to retrieve vital signal equipment from a damaged glider. Upon retrieving the equipment, he and another soldier advanced upon a nearby house from which heavy fire was originating and completely neutralized the position. Later, Private First Class Rosenthal, with complete disregard for his own safety, helped rescue the halless crew of his tow plane which had been shot down by anti-aircraft fire. The courageous action displayed by Private First Class Rosenthal was worthy of the

R-E-S-T-R-I-C-T-E-D

General Orders Number 43, Headquarters 17th Airborne Division, APO 452, U. S. Army, 25 May 1945, continued;

highest praise. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

Private First Class James C. McCourt, 32478294, for heroic action against the enemy near Haltern, Germany on 30 March 1945. Private First Class McCourt crossed a bridge and embankment of a canal while under heavy enemy small arms fire to give first aid to a badly wounded man. Then, while still under fire, he assisted the man back across the canal where he could be evacuated to an aid station. Private First Class McCourt's high sense of duty and complete disregard for his own safety were an inspiration to all who saw it. Entered military service from New York.

Private Ward S. Nash, 32026913, for heroic action against the enemy near Arnsberg, Germany on 10 April 1945. While at an observation post under intense enemy fire, Private Nash exposed himself to extreme danger to allow a comrade to retire to a position of safety. Private Nash performed his duty in such a superior manner that, as a result of his efficiency, it was possible to neutralize the strong enemy fire. His conduct was in keeping with the proudest traditions of the armed forces. Entered military service from New York.

IV -- AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL -- Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and pursuant to authority contained in Memorandum Number 21, Headquarters Fifteenth United States Army, dated 4 March 1945, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to:

Lieutenant Colonel Stanley T. B. Johnson, 019743, Corps of Engineers, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy during the period 24 March 1945 to 1 May 1945. Entered military service from Kentucky.

Major Albert T. Cooper, Jr., 0367153, Field Artillery, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy during the period 22 December 1944 to 18 April 1945. Entered military service from Florida.

Captain Harry D. Waters, 0321947, Coast Artillery Corps, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy during the period 1 January 1945 to 30 April 1945. Entered military service from Texas.

Master Sergeant Ota G. Lynn, 34235811, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy during the period 22 December 1944 to 18 April 1945. Entered military service from Louisiana.

Technician Fifth Grade Victor S. Jastrobsky, 33632241, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy during the period 24 December 1944 to 18 April 1945. Entered military service from Virginia.

V -- AWARD OF THE CERTIFICATE OF MERIT -- Under the provisions of Memorandum Number 21, Headquarters Fifteenth United States Army, dated 4 March 1945, the Certificate of Merit is awarded to:

Staff Sergeant  
Sergeant

Glen N. Underhill  
Lewis G. Burgwin

35044448  
32934583



R-E-S-T-R-I-C-T-E-D

General Orders Number 43, Headquarters 17th Airborne Division, APO 452, U. S. Army,  
25 May 1945, continued:

By command of Major General TILLEY:

W. K. LIEBEL,  
Colonel, GSC,  
Chief of Staff.

OFFICIAL:

*Gabe J. Lewis*  
GABE J. LEWIS, Lt.  
Lt. Col., AOD,  
Adjutant General.

DISTRIBUTION

"E"  
Plus 3 copies - The Adjutant General, Washington 25, D. C.  
2 copies - European Theatre of Operations, APO 867, U. S. Army.  
1 copy - Commanding General, First Allied Airborne Army, APO 740, U. S. Army  
1 copy - Commanding General, Fifteenth United States Army, APO 408, U. S. Army  
2 copies - Commanding General, XVIII Corps (Airborne), APO 109, U. S. Army.  
2 copies - Commanding General, XIII Corps, APO 250, U. S. Army.  
1 copy - Commanding General, Twelfth Army Group, APO: 37th ARU.

-5-

R-E-S-T-R-I-C-T-E-D